#### LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER: 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024

# WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICE at 11am MINISTER: REV. G. MACLAUGHLAN M:07507 710 871

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#### SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2024

Grant will lead worship at 11am. As we continue to consider the Book of James we will be thinking about what shapes the culture of a Christian community. Once again, we will meet in the Hall.

Reading: James 2: 1-13

Please stay afterwards for further fellowship with refreshments.



This week two online newsletters that I subscribe to talked about 2024 being 'boring'. One author was pleading for a calm, ordinary time whilst another compared 'boring' to being consistent. Being consistent is having the ability to be steady, regular, committed and conscientious. And it got me thinking about being a consistent Christian. Is that manageable? Praying, reading scripture, living in a Christ-like way even when you can't be bothered. My challenge for 2024 – and something I don't imagine will be 'boring'.

## THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January: 2pm** "Connect with the Bible" in the Session Room. This block of meetings will study 'Meeting the Spirit'. If you wish to come, please sign the sheet on the table on Sunday morning.

**Wednesday 24**<sup>th</sup> **January: 2 – 4pm.** "Connect with a Cuppa'. Everyone is welcome. **Thursday 25**<sup>th</sup> **January:** 1 – 3pm. Sinderins Community Hub. A place to meet and make friends, a place to find support, a place where there will always be someone to listen to you.

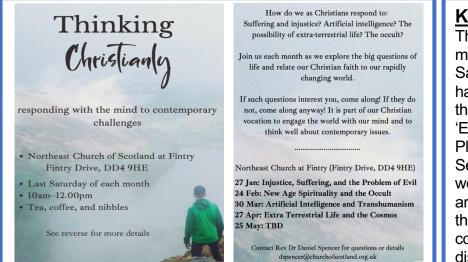
### NEW ELDERS

The Kirk Session is asking the congregation to prayerfully recommend people for eldership. If you have a recommendation please let **both** Mike Duffy, our Session Clerk (<u>mikeduffy33@gmail.com</u>) and Grant (<u>Gmaclaughlan@churchofscotland.org.uk</u>) know by Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

All those recommended will be invited to meet with Grant to discuss eldership. As this is a process of discernment not all who are recommended will necessarily be ordained or admitted in to the Kirk Session. God willing, the Kirk Session hope to have new members by June 2024.

## PASTORAL CARE

If you or someone you know would benefit from pastoral care, please contact Grant. M:07507710871 or E: <u>GMaclaughlan@churchofscotland.org</u>



#### **KIRK SESSION NEWS**

There is no Kirk Session meeting this month but next Saturday they will meet for a half-day conference. The theme of the morning is 'Eldership and Trusteeship'. Please keep the Kirk Session in your prayers this they prepare week as answers to the 'homework' that Grant has asked them to complete to help the discussion.

# FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART Puzzled Over Jealousy

Exodus 34:14 tells us that God is a jealous God. God's jealousy is motivated by His love for us. When people are jealous towards others, it is a sin. When God is jealous it is holy and just because we have chosen to make idols (anything that takes the place of our affection for God) more important than he is.

Key words related to jealousy are hidden below. Words can be found in any direction. Can you find them all?

