

# LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 4th September 2022

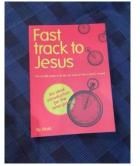
WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICE at 11am MINISTER: REV. G. MACLAUGHLAN M:07507 710 871

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On a visit to some friends in Cumbria recently, I was asked if I knew why some villages in England and Wales were referred to as 'Thankful Villages'. I didn't know but soon learnt that there are 53 Thankful Villages so called because everyone from that village who went off to serve in World War 1 came home again. I have since Googled 'thankful villages in Scotland' but, sadly, it seems there are none. Sometimes, my train of thought has no apparent logic and I began to think of our church becoming a 'thankful community'. Nothing to do with soldiers going off to war but just as being recognised as a place that offers support and comfort for others; somewhere that people are thankful to be able to access. And then I thought of the African proverb 'It takes a village to raise a child' implying that it takes many people to provide a safe, healthy environment for children, where they can develop and flourish. Logie & St. John's (Cross) is not a village but it does sit at the heart of a community and already small shoots of that ability to support others are beginning to appear via the community hub. At the Kirk Session meeting this week we discussed other ways in which we hope to offer support and these will be shared with our congregation in the coming weeks. Much to pray for and to be thankful.

'And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, but encouraging one another' Hebrews 10:24-25

# **SUNDAY SERVICES: 11 am each week**



Grant will lead the service on Sunday.

The scripture reading this week is: MARK 2:v1 -14 (Jesus forgives and heals the paralysed man)

If you would like a pocket-sized version of Mark's Gospel please pick one up in Church on Sunday.

Tea and coffee will be available after the service in the Hall. Please take time to go through and enjoy a chat with fellow worshippers.

# **CONNECT ON A TUESDAY**

The new Tuesday Bible Study returns this week **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September** in the church building. There are two groups available. Either **2pm – 3.30pm or 7.15pm – 8.45pm**. Both groups will follow the same programme 'God's Love'

#### KIRK SESSION MEETING

The Kirk Session met on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022. Amongst the agenda items discussed Grant shared what he has been working on recently.

Remember that Grant's post is a 60/40 split LSJC/Presbytery. He is now overseeing development work in the Northeast of the city which includes the congregations and communities of Fintry, Whitfield, Douglas & Craigiebank for Presbytery. He continues to make links with our local schools and has met with two local counsellors to discuss matters relating to the Community Hub. Work with the Western Group of churches continues, and Grant and his colleagues try to meet weekly.

Dates for the next meetings of the UP, IN and OUT Groups have been arranged and their reports will, once again, be shared in the Newsletter over the next few weeks.

#### SINDERINS COMMUNITY HUB

The next Hub meeting is **Thursday** 8<sup>th</sup> **September 1 – 4pm**. A representative from the Fire Brigade will be at that event giving guidance on fire safety in the home. Again, an invitation is extended to anyone in the community to go along and join

#### THE GUILD



The Guild returns from its summer break on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**, **2pm – 4pm**.

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'Guild Week' starts on 11<sup>th</sup> September and there will be a Guild Dedication Service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

## **WINTER SERVICES**



Those who attend our church regularly will know that in the winter, despite the heating being on the sanctuary can be very cold. With the rise in fuel costs, the Kirk Session are mindful that to try to maintain a relatively comfortable temperature when it's cold outside our heating bills will increase dramatically. So, there is an idea that from mid-November we meet to worship on a Sunday morning in the Hall. Christmas services would be in the sanctuary. Your thoughts around this are important and so if you have a strong opinion one way or another about where we should

meet on Sunday's in the winter please let the Kirk Session know by emailing <u>administrator@logies.org</u> or leaving a note in the box by the door. Grant will say more about this on Sunday.

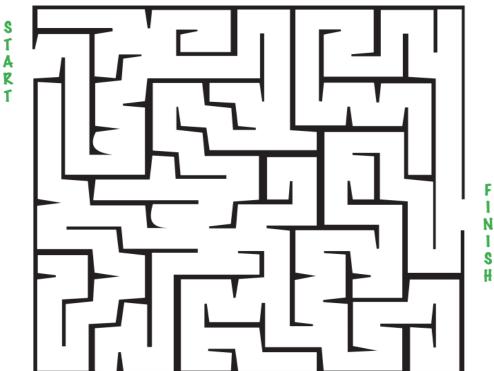
### FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

# Four Friends and a Healing

Four friends once carried a paralyzed friend on a stretcher to be healed by Jesus. When they arrived at the house were Jesus was preaching, there were too many people. The friends opened a hole in the roof and lowered their paralyzed friend to lay him before Jesus. Jesus healed the man.



Help the men find their way through the maze to the house where Jesus is located.



### **PASTORAL CARE**

If you, or anyone you know, needs pastoral care then please contact Grant by mobile: 07507710871 or by email: <a href="mailto:GMaclaughlan@churchofscotland.org.uk">GMaclaughlan@churchofscotland.org.uk</a>

Sometimes, just talking to someone else can be a comfort. Grant is more than happy to listen and chat if that would help.