

# **Welcome to Worship**

## **New Laigh Kirk**

**A caring welcoming church at the heart  
of Kilmarnock reaching out to you  
with the Gospel of Jesus Christ**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023**



**Minister: Rev. David S. Cameron  
Session Clerk: Derek I'Anson  
Live Stream: Douglas Bryson  
Organist: Martin C. Sharp**

## **Welcome**

A very warm welcome to worship this morning from all at New Laigh Kirk. We are delighted you are here today and hope you enjoy worshipping with us. We are delighted to welcome Rev Alastair Symington who leads our worship today. Please make yourself known to those sitting beside you. We invite you to find your welcome place among us, a place to belong, to join in regular worship, to join in the life of our Kirk in whatever capacity and in your own appropriate way.

PLEASE SWITCH YOUR MOBILE PHONE TO SILENT

May God richly bless you in your worship today.

## **Order of service**

Call to worship

Hymn 268

O God of Bethel! by whose hand  
thy people still are fed,  
who through this earthly pilgrimage  
hast all our fathers led:

Our vows, our prayers, we now present  
before thy throne of grace:  
God of our fathers! be the God  
of their succeeding race.

Through each perplexing path of life  
our wandering footsteps guide;  
give us each day our daily bread,  
and raiment fit provide.

O spread thy covering wings around,  
till all our wanderings cease,  
and at our Father's loved abode  
our souls arrive in peace.

Such blessings from thy gracious hand  
our humble prayers implore;  
and thou shalt be our chosen God,  
and portion evermore.

## Prayers of Approach and Lord's Prayer

Time with the children

Hymn 506

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
all this world reveres, and wars to own,  
all I once thought gain I have counted loss;  
spent and worthless now, compared to this:

*Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you,  
there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, you're the best,  
you're my joy, my righteousness,  
and I love you, Lord.*

Now my heart's desire is to know you more,  
to be found in you and known as yours,  
to possess by faith what I could not earn,  
all-surpassing gift of righteousness.

*Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you,  
there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, you're the best,  
you're my joy, my righteousness,  
and I love you, Lord.*

Oh, to know the power of your risen life,  
and to know you in your sufferings,  
to become like you in your death, my Lord,  
so with you to live and never die.

*Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you  
there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, you're the best,  
you're my joy, my righteousness,  
and I love you, Lord.*

Old Testament: Micah 6:6-8 page 934

Video Anthem Love goes on  
Love is patient love is kind  
never ending never ending  
low to anger rich in mercy  
love goes on beyond all time.

Love is faithful love is true  
ever joyful and forgiving  
love endures when life is over  
love is old and love is new.

Love alone has shaped our soul  
and our hearts are always restless  
until love becomes our purpose  
new creation to unfold.

Love our journey, love our goal  
though our faith may move the mountains  
love alone can heal the broken  
only love will make us whole.

Love our saviour's one command,  
love the way that I have loved you,  
with a towel and a basin  
washing feet with servants hands.

There are three gifts that remain  
when all other things have perished  
only faith hope love enduring  
and the greatest gift is love.

New Testament Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 page 1154  
New Testament Gospel: St Matthew 16:21-28 page 983

Hymn 552  
Oh, for a closer walk with God,  
a calm and heavenly frame,  
a light to shine upon the road  
that leads me to the Lamb!

Where is the blessedness I knew  
when first I saw the Lord?  
Where is the soul-refreshing view  
of Jesus and his word?

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!  
How sweet their memory still!  
But they have left an aching void  
the world can never fill.

Return, O Holy Dove! return,  
sweet messenger of rest!  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
and drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known,  
whate'er that idol be,  
help me to tear it from thy throne,  
and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,  
calm and serene my frame;  
so purer light shall mark the road  
that leads me to the Lamb.

### Prayers of Intercession

#### Hymn 125

Lord of all being, throned afar,  
thy glory flames from sun and star;  
centre and soul of every sphere,  
yet to each loving heart how near!

Sun of our life, thy quickening ray  
sheds on our path the glow of day;  
Star of our hope, thy softened light  
cheers the long watches of the night.

Our midnight is thy smile withdrawn,  
our noontide is thy gracious dawn,  
our rainbow arch thy mercy's sign;  
all, save the clouds of sin, are thine.

Lord of all life, below, above,  
whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,  
before thy ever-blazing throne  
we ask no lustre of our own.

Grant us thy truth to make us free,  
and kindling hearts that burn for thee,  
till all thy living altars claim  
one holy light, one heavenly flame.

Sermon

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 512

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*  
*Let the earth hear his voice!*  
*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*  
*Let the people rejoice!*  
*Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,*  
*and give him the glory!*  
*Great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
for every offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*  
*Let the earth hear his voice!*  
*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*  
*Let the people rejoice!*  
*Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,*  
*and give him the glory!*  
*Great things he has done!*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory!  
Great things he has done!*

## Benediction

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## Church Activities

### Hear ye Hear Ye!

All people of the congregation and community

Ann Burley would like to reintroduce a drama group. All interested parties please come along on **Tuesday, 30th May at 7.00pm** to the **New Laigh Kirk Halls**. Further information available by telephoning 07709 676239.

Everyone needed, from on stage to behind the scenes to make it happen.

“O’ YES WE CAN”

Kay Park Church extend an invitation to hear Dr David Liu from Taiwan on **Thursday, 1st June at 7.00pm in Kay Park Church**. He will tell the story of "**Kilmarnock to Formosa (Taiwan)**". The connecting link between these two places was Dr David Landsborough III, who was related to a former minister of the then Henderson Church (now Kay Park Church). In 1896 Dr Landsborough established Changhua Christian Hospital in Formosa. This link with Kilmarnock is very precious to Taiwanese people who continue his work to this day.

**Keswick Ayrshire Convention** takes place at the **Park Hotel, Kilmarnock** on the evenings of **2nd to 4th June at 7.30pm**. The speaker is Paul Mallard and the theme will be "Hearing, Becoming, Serving". This year's event is not ticketed and there is no charge, but an offering will be taken. You can find out more at <https://keswickayrshire.com/>

Our **Summer Club** for all children aged Primary 1-7 is running this year on **Monday, 14th, Tuesday, 15th and Wednesday, 16th August from 6.00pm to 8.00pm**. This will be our first summer club in four years so we want to make it as big and fun filled as possible, with as many people involved as possible too. We encourage anyone who would like to help with our summer club to please contact Amy Tanner ([amy\\_bh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:amy_bh@hotmail.co.uk)). If you would like to register your child(ren) for summer club, please register them to the email address above. Thank you.

### **Back 2 School Bags 2023**

We are looking for **financial donations** to buy schoolbags with supplies for needy children. Further information from Rachel Taylor.

A few copies of the **Order of Service in large print** are available. Please speak to a member of the duty team if you require one.  
There is an **induction loop system** for the hard of hearing.

**New Laigh Kirk** is open to visitors on **Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays** from **12noon to 2.00pm**. If you can spare a couple of hours to maintain the rota, your contribution to this valuable ministry of our church will be much appreciated. Please give your name to Helen Colman.



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