

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

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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. Please make yourself known to those sitting beside you. Whether you are a guest or regular attender 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. Tea and coffee will be served immediately after the service. Please join us for a time of friendship and conversation. May God richly bless you in your worship today.

PLEASE SWITCH YOUR MOBILE PHONE TO SILENT

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Come, people of the risen King,
Who delight to bring him praise,
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!

One heart, one voice,

O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change,
And his mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.

Rejoice.....

Come, young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.

Come, those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing,
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age;
Our God is all in all.

Rejoice! (x2)

Prayer

All age Address

Hymn 544

When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?*

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?*

I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?*

When I needed a shelter, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter, were you there?
*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?*

When I needed a healer, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer, were you there?
*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?*

Wherever you travel I'll be there, I'll be there,
Wherever you travel I'll be there.
*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?*

Ignite for children will take place in the hall

Reading: Joel 1:10-12; 2:18-29 page 912

Video Anthem

Love the Lord your God

With all your heart and soul and mind

And love your neighbour as yourself

Love the Lord your God

With all your heart and soul and mind

And love your neighbour as yourself

Let us be known, let us be known

By the way we love

Let us be known, let us be known

By the way we love

Love the Lord your God

With all your heart and soul and mind

And love your neighbour as yourself

Love the Lord your God

With all your heart and soul and mind

And love your neighbour as yourself

Love the Lord your God (Let us be known)

With all your heart and soul and mind (Let us be known)

And love your neighbour as yourself (By the way we love)

Love, love, love, the greatest commandment is

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Love, love, love, the greatest commandment is love

Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 31-32 page 978

Hymn 470

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

does its successive journeys run;

his Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue

declare his love in sweetest song;

and infant voices shall proclaim

their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where Jesus reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blessed.

Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Hymn 706

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Sermon

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 192

All my hope on God is founded,
all my trust he will renew;
safe through change and chance he guides me,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray God's trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness lasts for ever,
deep his wisdom passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore,
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Day by day the mighty Giver
showers gifts on us below;
his desire our souls delight in,
pleasure leads us where we go.
See love stand
at his hand,
joy awaits at his command!

Still from earth to God in heaven
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.

Hear Christ call
one and all:
those who follow shall not fall.

Benediction

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Church News and Activities

Christian Aid Week Volunteers are needed for house to house collections and delivering envelopes which can be returned to Doors Open sessions. Please contact Helen Colman or Graeme Johnstone. There will be a collection at Tesco Extra, West Shaw Street on **Saturday, 20th May**. Please contact Helen Colman if you can help with this. Christian Aid Devotional Guides and envelopes are available when you enter the church.

The money you raise during Christian Aid Week funds projects all over the world. Here's how your money helps us change the lives of people like Esther and Jen.

·£50 could provide pigeon pea seeds and farming tools for a family. You'll be helping them grow enough crops to make a healthy profit.

£70 could buy a bicycle so that an experienced farmer can reach over 100 farmers in remote areas and teach them essential business skills.

£100 could help provide a business training session, helping farmers to secure higher, fairer prices for their crops.

£250 could pay for a cooperative oven, supporting more than 800 people to turn their pigeon peas into profit by baking bread.

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 , O' YES YOU ARE!!

Back 2 School Bags 2023

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

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). If you would like to register your child(ren) for summer club, please register them to the email address above. Thank you.

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**. Volunteers are needed to help keep the church open throughout the year. 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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