

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

Service of Union

St John's Onthank & New Laigh Kirk & Holy Communion 3rd Sept 2023

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A photograph of a communion cup and bread on a wooden surface. The cup is filled with red wine, and a piece of bread is broken and placed next to it. The background is blurred, showing a book and some red flowers.

*Do this
In Remembrance
of Me*

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, especially members and friends of St John's Onthank as we become a new congregation in this special Service of Union. 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.

PLEASE SWITCH YOUR MOBILE PHONE TO SILENT

May God richly bless you in your worship today.

The Table of our Lord is open to any Baptised person who loves the Lord and responds in Faith to the invitation "Take, eat".

Order of service

Call to worship

Hymn 19

Ye gates, lift up your heads on high;
ye doors that last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.
But who of glory is the King?
The mighty Lord is this;
even that same Lord that great in might
and strong in battle is.
even that same Lord that great in might
and strong in battle is.

Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,
doors that do last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.
But who is he that is the King,
the King of glory? who is this?
The Lord of hosts, and none but he,
the King of glory is.

The Lord of hosts, and none but he,
the King of glory is.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Amen, Amen, Amen.

Prayer

Ezekiel 37:15-28 page 869

All Age Address

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)

Reading **Ephesians 2:19-22; 4:4-6 page 1174**

Statement of faith

This creedal statement was approved by the General Assembly of 1992. It is used alongside the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed, ancient creeds of the Church professed at Baptism and Holy Communion.

We believe in one God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

We praise God the Father:

Who created the universe and keeps it in being

He has made us his sons and daughters,

to share his joy, living together in justice and peace.

We proclaim Jesus Christ, God the Son:

Born of Mary, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

He became one of us;

Sharing our life and our death

He made known God's compassion and mercy

Giving hope

and declaring forgiveness of sin

offering healing and wholeness to all.

By his death on the cross and his resurrection

He has triumphed over evil;

Jesus is Lord of life and of all creation

We trust God the Holy Spirit who unites us to Christ

and gives life to the church,

who brings us to repentance

and assures us of forgiveness.

The Spirit guides us

in our understanding of the Bible

renews us in the Sacraments

and calls us to serve God in the world

We rejoice in the gift of eternal life:

We have sure and certain hope of resurrection through Christ.

And we look for his coming again in power and glory,

to judge the world

Then all things will be made new

And creation will rejoice in worshipping the Father,
through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit,
one God blessed forever. Amen.

Promise to serve

Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing:

Christ over all, our undivided aim;
Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,
the will that lacks the courage to be free,
the weary labours, all but unavailing,
to bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the church, we seek a Father's blessing,
a true repentance and a faith restored,
a swift obedience and a new possessing,
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,
unnumbered voices with a single prayer -
the living water for our souls' reviving,
in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

Lord of the church, we long for our uniting,
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;
one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,
one in the truth of Jesus and His word!
So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended,
one church triumphant one new song shall sing,
to praise His glory, risen and ascended,
Christ overall, the everlasting King!

Dedication of New Laigh Kirk Minute Book and Baptismal Register

Hymn 465

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day or the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, be thou my true Word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;

thou my great Father: thine own I would be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Holy Communion

During the Thanksgiving prayer remain seated and sing when the Minister invites you to do so

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he
O Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace
As we receive, we agree, amen
Amen, amen, amen*

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

Hymn 248

'For my sake and the gospel's, go
and tell redemption's story';
his heralds answer, 'Be it so,
and thine, Lord, all the glory!'
They preach his birth, his life, his cross,
the love of his atonement,
for whom they count the world but loss,
his Easter, his enthronement.

Hark! hark! the trump of jubilee
proclaims to every nation,
from pole to pole, by land and sea,
glad tidings of salvation.
Still on and on the anthems spread
of alleluia voices;
in concert with the holy dead,
the warrior Church rejoices.

He comes, whose advent trumpet drowns
the last of time's evangels,
Immanuel, crowned with many crowns,
the Lord of saints and angels.
O Life, Light, Love, the great I AM,
Triune, who changest never,
the throne of God and of the Lamb
is thine, and thine for ever.

Benediction

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Church News and Activities

Irvine and Kilmarnock Guilds Together plan to live-stream The Annual Gathering from Edinburgh on **Saturday, 9th September** to the **Howard Centre, Kilmarnock**, starting at **11.00am**. Lunch break will be from **12.45pm** to **2.00pm**. You may wish to bring a packed lunch as tea and coffee will be available. The event should end about **4.00pm** but you are free to come and go. This is an opportunity to experience this annual event in the company of fellow Guild members at a local venue. Plus, you will be able to witness Rae Lind of Newmilns Guild being installed by her husband, Rev. George Lind, as the new National Convener.

Reachout Together Disability Inclusion Project invites everyone who thinks that churches which want people with disabilities to feel welcome in their churches to come to a **Disability Sunday afternoon service at 3.30pm on Sunday, 17th September in St Marnock's Church halls**. The entrance to the halls is at the side of the church.

The format will include Bible storytelling and opportunities to reflect on the Bible message of the day through various activities. Over refreshments after the service, you can meet people from churches which are trying to remove barriers which people with disabilities may encounter.

Music and Movement will begin on **Tuesday, 19th September** from **2.00pm to 3.00pm** in **lower hall**. The group require someone to lead the weekly sessions of this worthwhile group. If you would like to help the group in this way, please feel free to contact Christine Kinnell, T: 07772 201767.

The Kirk Session will again host our annual coffee morning in aid of **Macmillan Cancer Support** on **Saturday, 30th September**. We plan to have a raffle, bottle stall and home baking, and we need lots of helpers. If anyone would like to help, please give your name to Anne Scullion, Lilian Gillies or Janice Grant.



The Church of Scotland