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"A caring welcoming church at the heart of Kilmarnock reaching out to all"

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*Session Clerk: Mr Derek I'Anson*

*Depute Clerk: Mrs Margaret Patterson*

*Community and Families: Amy Tanner*

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### **SUNDAY**

11.00 a.m.  
11.00 a.m.

#### **MORNING WORSHIP**

Crèche (0 to 3 years)  
Ignite Children's Church (Age 4 --Primary 7)  
*Contact: Amy Tanner (07980 665432)*  
TrekkingNG (11-17 years)

5.30 to 7.30 p.m. *See Youth activities programme*

### **MONDAY**

7.15 p.m.

Guild (every second Monday)  
*Contact: Lesley Wright (523039) or Elspeth Dale (01292 541240)*

7.30 p.m.

Highlights (Mondays as per syllabus)  
*Contact: Eileen Murphy (543488)*

### **TUESDAY**

10.15 - 11.15 a.m. Tots Praise (Babies - 4 year olds)

*Contact: Amy Tanner (07980 665432)*

7.00 p.m.

Session Meeting (Dates as arranged)  
*Contact: Mr Derek l'Anson (07989 473142)*

### **WEDNESDAY**

2.00 p.m.

Friendship Group (downstairs second Wednesday of each month)

6.00 to 7.00 p.m. Rainbows

*Contact: Sheena Baillie (07749 617204)*

6.15 to 7.30 p.m. Brownies:

*Contact: Fiona Malcolm (07903 212703)*

7.45 to 9.00 p.m. Guides

*Contact: Mary Dunlop (07519 124548)*

### **THURSDAY**

7.00 p.m.

Vestry  
*Contact: Rev. David S Cameron (525416)/  
Mr Derek l'Anson (07989 473142)*

### **FRIDAY**

6.00 to 7.00 p.m. Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys (5 to 8 years)  
St. Marnock's Halls

*Contact: Mr Stewart Chapman (07745162694)*

7.15 to 9.00 p.m. Boys' Brigade Junior Section (8+ to 11 years)  
St. Marnock's Halls

*Contact: Elaine Park (533464)*

7.00 to 9.30 p.m. Boys' Brigade Company Section (11+ to 18 years)

New Laigh Kirk Hall *Contact: Mr David McDonald (544037)*

Safeguarding Co-ordinators: Ian Anderson

Safeguarding Panel Members: John Dale, Bill Sherry and Ellen Stewart



Hello Folks

‘Alleluia’ for Easter time. With deep and profound sorrow I'm sure, you have been moved to tears with all that is going on in our world. From the front page of the newspaper to the deep, hidden corners of the human heart, a cry is going up. It's the searching, longing cry of a world in crisis.

Where is the hope? Where is the peace? Where is the purpose and meaning for life here and now? Why can't we have peace and security, love and equality throughout the world? Why is ‘man’s inhumanity to man’ consistent in every generation?

Everyone is anxious that social life should be just and fair and friendly; there should be no threat of violence anywhere and nations should live in peace, and where every day subsistence is achievable for all. Until humankind decides to live according to God’s design and standard, there will be evil, there will be inequality, and there will be injustice and poverty – ‘Man’s inhumanity to man’ – not God’s. The cross and resurrection of Easter offers considerable hope in the midst of despair and confusion.

Life is always slipping through the cracks of the world. We need eyes and ears, hearts and minds that are attuned to the signs and songs of life, respond automatically to life’s rhythms and reasons, flow in tears of joy and stumble through tears of grief, resist even the harshest violence and the most devastating disaster, and slowly rise from ashes of destruction and war. They sing in the cry of an infant, and whisper in the sigh of the dying.

God sent his Son. Christ came and lived among us, died for a message of love and reconciliation, and rose again. This is a hope for us at the very heart of Easter. Reflect upon its consequence and maybe even take it to heart. We have hope for the future, something that can steady the world - a fixed principle that men and women and nations

can hold. A message of grace and of redemption, a message of God's love and power, a message for today's broken world.

We need that steadying message, which will surely bring that desired love, peace, security and happiness that we all crave. The good news of Easter is that Jesus Christ, who was crucified, has been raised from the dead. This belief, this truth, this resurrection, changes everything. Cruelty is not the last word. Sin and evil are not the ultimate powers of the world. Death does not get the last say.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Forgiveness and love and life are the final realities of the world.

Jesus Christ is risen today.

And we are set free for love, justice, and peace if we dare to live it everywhere.

Happy Easter to you all.

With every Blessing and prayerful good wish

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin blue rectangular border.

## **Message from the Session Clerk**

Our first two fundraising events were extremely successful. We had the congregational lunch at the end of January which raised over £900 and the Beetle Drive at the end of February which raised over £700. Both these occasions were great social events and the beetle drive in particular had a diverse range of ages who mixed extremely well.

By the time you receive this magazine our Talent/Experience auction being held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March will probably have taken place, therefore we will report on that for the next magazine.

Other event dates are as follows:

### **Saturday 20th April**

Alastair McDonald, Folk Singer – 2.00pm

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Crossroads Community Choir for Christain Aid – 7.30pm

### **Friday 17th May**

Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra – 7.30pm

### **Saturday 9th November**

Quiz

### **Saturday 7th December**

Murder mystery pantomime

### **Saturday 25th January 2025**

Burns Supper

We will run another Beetle Drive in February 2025.

There will be other events to be slotted in for this year, however these have to be confirmed.

Derek

### **Mens' Club**

The Mens' club meet for coffee every six weeks or so and if you feel you would like to join us please give your name and email address to Derek I'Anson or Ken Stewart. There is no set date or venue and when we do meet the chat is good, however sadly we never seem to set the world to rights, but we keep trying.

You will be made very welcome.

Derek



In Burundi, malnourishment and poverty affect more than 70% of the population, making survival a daily struggle. Jobs and food are hard to come by, and those who have homes often have no electricity or running water.

For Aline, life was a constant struggle. She was married young and gave birth to her eldest son, Fisto, when she was just 14 years old. Aline experienced constant abuse at the hands of her violent husband.

A few years later, Aline faced even more devastation. Her husband married another woman, forcing Aline to flee. He prevented her from taking their children with her, and in a further act of cruelty, told the local community that Aline was mentally ill and unable to care for her children.

Hungry, scorned and alone, Aline took her first step towards her new life. She started by participating in a transformative three-day community workshop, funded by Christian Aid.

She was taught how to form a Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) and establish a steady income. VSLAs mean people can save for their future and borrow money to kickstart small rural businesses. With all she had learned, Aline's dream of getting her children back finally felt possible.

A Music for All concert will be held in the church on Thursday, 2nd May with Crossroads Community Choir and a speaker from Christian Aid.

There will be an opportunity to donate to Christian Aid as you leave. A concert was held in April 2023 raising over £1,000. Can we beat that?

Amy Tanner and the Trekkers will also be taking part in some fundraising activities.

Christian Aid Week takes place from 12th to 18th May when we hope to hold a house to house collection in Kilmarnock. Christian Aid envelopes will also be available at Sunday worship. UK taxpayers are encouraged to complete the Gift Aid declaration raising 25% extra for Christian Aid. You may also donate online. Over £2,600 was raised last year and we hope to exceed that sum in 2024!

Further information available online at <http://www.caweek.org>.





## Open Doors



New Laigh Kirk is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 12noon to 2.00pm. The church will be open for those who want to come for a period of solitude or reflection, to see the stained glass windows from the inside or to find out some of the history of the church and town.

As some of our more elderly volunteers have decided to retire, we urgently require some more volunteers during spring and summer, especially on Mondays and Wednesdays, to welcome the visitors, so if you could spare a couple of hours every month to six weeks, we would be delighted to hear from you. There will be the opportunity to volunteer on different days as volunteers are contacted in advance with suggested dates and shifts are arranged to suit people's commitments. This is an ideal opportunity to meet different people as you do not necessarily have to be on duty with the same people every month. We would be grateful if you could spare the time to help at a couple of sessions occasionally if you are unable to help on a monthly rota.

If you would like to be included in the rota, please speak to Helen Colman, or email on [helenmcolman@gmail.com](mailto:helenmcolman@gmail.com)

Remember that the more volunteers that there are, the less often you will be on duty!

The Pastoral Care Group invites you to  
our  
**SPRING AFTERNOON TEA**

Thursday April 25, 2 – 4 p.m.  
at New Laigh Kirk Halls.



To book a place, contact Sheena MacPherson –  
01563-524660  
or return the booking form to Barbara Graham.

# SPRING AFTERNOON TEA

Thursday, 25 April, 2 p.m.

at New Laigh Kirk Halls

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

Transport required?    Yes                      No

Special needs?

Please reply to Barbara Graham, 42 Annanhill Avenue,  
Kilmarnock, KA1 2LQ

Or

Phone Sheena MacPherson at 01563-524660.

## HIGHLIGHTS

At the end of November, we enjoyed our evening of Christmas make-overs, mulled wine and mince pies. Our make-up artist, Samantha, gave us some very good tips in her demonstration, and our 2 lovely models, Margaret and Jane, were delighted with the results of their make-overs. Festive mulled wine and mince pies finished off our evening nicely.



In January we welcomed Alison Hunter (Musicali), who put us through our paces in an evening of Broadway Boogie. What great fun we had, exercising and dancing to wonderful show tunes. I think our smiles say it all!



Our next evening is on 25<sup>th</sup> March, when we will be having a craft workshop with Naomi Hume. We will be making a beautiful gift to take home and we look forward to seeing you all there.

We also look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our charity quiz night, in aid of Ayrshire Cancer Support, which will be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Teams should be made up of 6 – 8 people and the cost of £6, (of which £5 goes directly to the charity), includes admission, prizes and refreshments. There will also be our usual raffle.

Our session finishes on 20<sup>th</sup> May with our visit to Lamlash House in Newmilns for a talk on the history and restoration of the building, a tour and afternoon tea (in the evening!) We are very much looking forward to our visit.

If you are a member of the Highlights, and are not in our WhatsApp group, please contact me with your mobile number and I will be delighted to add you. If you do not use WhatsApp, please let me have your email address so that we can keep in touch.

For more information on the Highlights, please contact me on 543488 or 07887 541651, or any of the committee.

Best wishes,

Eileen Murphy, Chairperson

# We Got Bronze!!!

You know the old saying..... timing is everything? Well, about a week after I wrote and submitted the December bulletin update, New Laigh Kirk welcomed its Eco-Congregation Scotland assessors. We had a lovely time in the sanctuary (during Doors Open, so the church was in use already) and chatted with the assessors, with Charles joining online to support it.

A fortnight after the bulletin was published, I was notified that we had been successful in achieving our Bronze award status. The plaque arrived just before Christmas and is now proudly on display in our vestibule beside the front door:

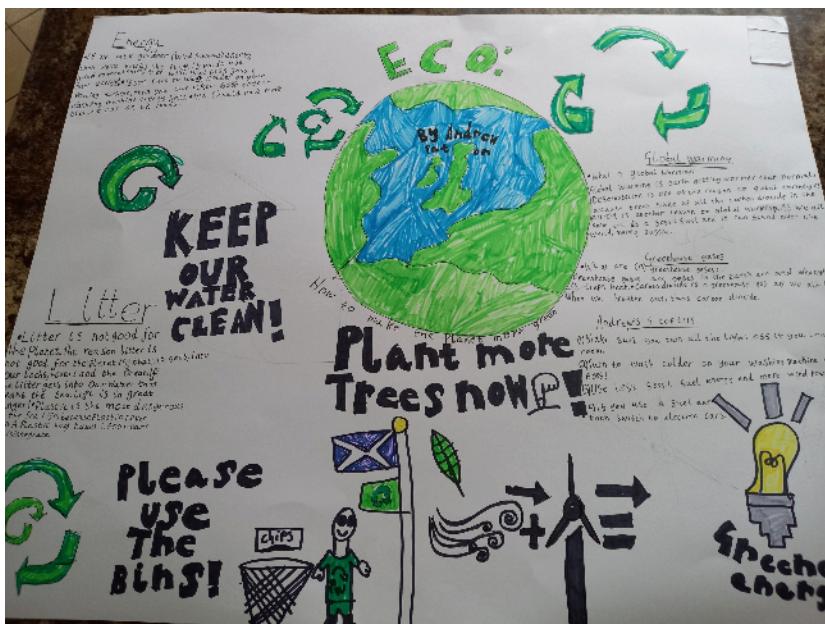


A massive thank you to everyone who has taken part and supported the work so far, but our journey has just begun as we consider our progress to a Silver award. Already there are small, but significant changes visible in the Church or halls, which I hope are being noticed.

We now have separate bins in the halls for different recycling and all users are asked to separate out their waste into paper, plastic and general into the relevant bin. We will be considering an appropriate approach when we upgrade the sanctuary in due course.

For those attending church on a Sunday morning, you may have noticed a change to the paper for the orders of service. We are now using recycled paper, which is not bleached. So, whilst helping to preserve our trees, it is also better for the environment.

Some of our young people are getting involved as well. As part of the P7 submissions for the Kilmarnock Academy citizenship award, one of the Ignite children designed and developed his own energy efficiency poster as part of the climate change contribution. All drawn by hand and an excellent way for him to talk to his peers, school staff and family members about saving energy:



So where do we go from here? The first thing, specifically for the Eco-Congregation work, is to expand our small team. There is a plan to link the Eco-Congregation Scotland work with our Fairtrade ambassadors so if you are interested in either, please get in touch as we would love to have you on board! We try and meet virtually, or in a place where



we will be anyway – helps to reduce our CO use in our vehicles as well as not relying on heating/lighting in the church.

We are also developing an action plan that will be submitted to the Kirk Session at their next meeting. Once approved, this will start to shape the work, in tandem with the renovations in the sanctuary.

Links are starting to be made with other organisations e.g. Clean Green East Ayrshire and we are always on the lookout for other partnerships to support the wider work.

The planning for the renovations within the sanctuary is progressing and we will be installing more energy efficient lighting and improved heating as part of this work. However, the work and the conversation does not stop at the door of the Church in how we protect God's world. We can all do our own bit within our homes as well to help our energy efficiency and reduce our carbon footprint.

Springtime brings new life to our gardens and the world around us; do you have flowers in the garden that can be used on a Sunday floral display? Can the bees get pollen from your garden plants? Do you maximise your recycling or re-purpose articles of clothing or household goods that may still have life in them?

Small changes can make a big difference!

Elaine Paton

On behalf of Eco-Congregation Committee





## Message From Amy

Hello everyone!

Happy 2024! Can you believe we are three months into the year already? Time seems to fly by for us at Ignite and Trekkers, and it must be because we're keeping ourselves super busy.

Firstly, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved in or helped out with our youth based events over the last year. Our kids and youth team leaders, congregation members, parents



and kids/youth too, have all helped to make our youth teams as amazing as they are, so thank you.

Secondly, at Trekkers Reconnect, we've kicked off the year in great style with a social day out at the Garage in Kilmarnock, where we had sixteen kids join in a fun afternoon of mini golf. A couple of weeks later, we travelled to Seagate church in Troon to enjoy an evening of youth led worship, run by Scripture Union Scotland.



We have lots planned for Trekkers Reconnect over the next few months, including Sunday evening social nights, fun days out,

including a trip to Xscape in April to rock climb, our coffee morning and so much more! The Trekkers have also planned, along with Barbara Graham, a mud run event to raise funds for Christian Aid. There's lots

of exciting things coming up and we encourage all youth to come along and get involved!

Thirdly, our Ignite team had an eventful winter season, including a Christmas movie night, Christmas services and some of our Ignite children



took to the stage with the NLK Drama Group in our 2023 Nativity service.



There's lots coming up for our Ignite group and we encourage all children and kids to come along on Sunday mornings to enjoy our family of faith. At Ignite, we are looking forward to some social days, including a halls sleep over and our Coffee Morning, along with the Trekkers, on Saturday May 11th, from 10am until 12pm. Tickets are £2.50 and can be purchased from myself or the kids on Sundays at our services or you can purchase tickets at the door on the day. Our Ignite

and Trekkers coffee morning is not only to raise funds for our Sunday School and youth group, it'll also be to help raise money for Christian Aid. Come along to enjoy some tea/coffee, homemade baking, a raffle, games stall and much more! We are looking for donations of baking, books and raffle prizes for our coffee morning, so if you would like to help on the day or are able to donate any of the above, please contact



me at: [amy\\_bh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:amy_bh@hotmail.co.uk). Thank you.

Lastly, New Laigh Kirk Tot's Group will be up and running again on Tuesday, April 16th from 10am-11am in our church halls on John Finnie Street. Our previous Tots Praise group was forced to stop during the pandemic, however, we now have a team ready to create a new tots group after the Easter holidays. We're looking forward to welcoming all families with children aged 0-4 to our tots group. We are also looking for donations of new toys for our group. If anyone has any donations of new toys for our group, please let me know or please put them on the stage at our church halls. Thank you.

There's lots happening for our children, youth and families over the next few months and we encourage everyone to join in. If you would

like any information about our family work, please contact me on the email above or look our for notices on our social media pages.

Have a wonderful Easter!

Amy.





4/5<sup>th</sup> Kilmarnock teams have excelled and reached two National Finals.

The Table tennis team (pictured right - Charlie Scullion, Nathan Hamilton & Harris Evans) has qualified for the national final for the first time.



Our Masterteam Quiz team (Calum Stewart, Ewan Johnstone, Jack Armstrong & Logan Wallace - pictured left ) won the Scottish final to qualify for the national final.

Both these finals will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> March at the BB HQ at Feldon Lodge near Luton. We will be flying down from Glasgow on the Friday night and back on the Sunday afternoon.

We also have 5 boys representing the Battalion at the National Cross Country Championship, which will be held at Queen Victoria Academy in Dunblane.

On past Friday nights we have had a visit from Jamie Wallace who taught the boys some valuable self defence techniques, the Community

Police were in to talk about the dangers of drugs and we also have a visit to Kilmarnock Fire Station planned for later in the month.

Upcoming events are the Battalion quiz, Cross Country and to the Assault course at Galston.

We have 4 boys attending the Queens (Kings) Badge completion course this year and 4 boys who will be presented with their Presidents Badges at the end of the year.

The Junior Section (pictured below) successfully defended the Battalion Supergroup title against teams from all over Ayrshire This involved Drill, Bible Quiz, General Knowledge quiz as well as lots of physical activities.



The Junior Section are already looking forward to their camp at Largs this Summer!

4/5<sup>th</sup> Kilmarnock BB



## THE GUILD



As I write this, we have just had a successful AGM and are looking forward to our closing lunch at the Salt and Barrel at the college. The second half of our session was interesting and busy! We started off on 8<sup>th</sup> January with a visit from Stewart Shaw, an optician from Cumnock who told us about his regular visits over many years to a small town in India with other health professionals who give freely of their time and talents to bring eye care, dentistry and basic health care to the locals which they do not get from their own government. We realised how lucky we are in this country and we were interested to learn that he is with the same charity as that spoken about by Professor Jason Leach at the Annual Guild Meeting.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> January we were entertained to an evening of music by guitarist and composer, Scott Nicol who shared the story of his faith as well as his musical journey. He had us tapping our toes and singing along.

5th February saw a new venture as we had a joint meeting with St Marnock's guild who hosted us at the Howard Centre. About seventy guild members heard from one of our project partners, Pioneers/Chocolate Heaven. Ruth was a great speaker and we learned that the business set up on an island somewhere in South Asia was more about the Gospel than about the chocolate. Many countries in our world do not accept people who come as 'missionaries' so the only way to gain access is to go and assist the







locals to develop a business, in this case producing chocolate bars for export. She was not able to tell us the exact location or the real names of the couple based there or they might be in danger. Members were so impressed by the story that they gave generously and Ruth was delighted with a donation of £300, as well as selling chocolate bars. We then enjoyed tea, coffee, biscuits



and a pleasant time of fellowship. I am sure we will return the favour next session.

Our last speaker of the session was Frank Beattie who spoke about Kilmarnock Picture House, a collection of about 9.000 photographs of our town. He showed us a selection which were of things we had probably walked past many times and never noticed.



As well as enjoying many interesting and enjoyable evenings, the ladies of the guild also stepped up to start New Laigh Kirk's year of fundraising. On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January we catered for a Soup and Pudding Lunch after the church service. We served over one hundred people with a selection of soups, bread and butter, puddings, tea, coffee and biscuits. It was a very busy, indeed hectic, morning for us but highly successful as over £900 was raised. It was also a great social occasion, giving church

members the chance to get together in a relaxed setting and enjoy lunch and a chat.

Although the formal guild session is over, we will again have summer meetings on the last Mondays of June, July and August and details will be in the church intimations. Something to look forward to!  
Happy Easter from all at NLK Guild!

Lesley Wright.



## PRAYER GROUP



The World Day of Prayer took place this year on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March and the Kilmarnock service was held in St Joseph's Church. The worship was prepared by a group of Palestinian Christian women and the theme was, "I beg you...bear with one another in love," based on Ephesians 4:1-7. This was all the more poignant as it was obviously prepared well before the attack by Hamas and the retaliation on Gaza by Israel. It was interesting and moving as it gave the stories of three women which gave some of the background to the ongoing conflict.

They told of the 'Nakba' or catastrophe of 1948 when many Palestinians lost their homes when the Israeli people were granted their homeland. 750,000 people were forced to flee, disperse and become refugees or to remain in restricted areas in difficult circumstances. Their stories were linked to the branches and leaves of the olive trees which grow prolifically in the area. It is also used widely as a symbol of peace and the stories expressed patience, resilience and hope rather than bitterness. Indeed, the words, "Bear with me.." are often used when the people you are speaking to are disagreeing or not listening. You are asking them to take a bit of time to listen and consider your point of view. How much better that would be in many situations in life, not least in the war zones around the world, especially in Gaza.

The service ended, as it often does, with the hymn, "The day thou gavest Lord is ended." Verse 3 sums up the idea of the World Day of Prayer surrounding the world in praise and prayer:

“As o’er each continent and island  
The dawn leads on another day,  
The voice of prayer is never silent  
Nor dies the strain of praise away.”

Let that be an encouragement to us all to be part of the ‘voice of prayer.’

Our minister, David, leads us in a Zoom prayer meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, usually at 6.30pm. A small group also meets in person for Inspire! at 11am on the second Wednesday of the month in the session room at church. Please join us for either of these. There are many things in our church, our town and our world which need our prayers! You don’t even need to speak – just be present and pray silently.

Meanwhile, here are some suggestions for your private prayer times:

- Pray for peace and justice in our world.
- Pray for all the ordinary folk affected by war in places such as Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Gaza, who just want to live ordinary lives, in peace.
- Pray that people, and governments, will learn to ‘bear with each other in love.’
- Pray for the success of the fund-raising activities in our church so that we can worship in a sanctuary which shows how we honour the God who loves us.
- Pray that we will continue to see ways of reaching out to our community and meeting their needs.

And continue to wrap our church, our town and our world in a warm circle of prayerful love!

Wishing you all the blessings of the Easter season!

Lesley Wright.



## EACH

Each person matters

*Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC052257*

*Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained strangers without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2*

‘Entertain strangers’. That’s what we try to do at our Community Friends drop-ins. Everyone is welcome, no-one is judged. Everyone – staff, volunteers, attenders and visitors – feels at home. We have something special.

‘I can’t take this, I can’t afford to shop there’ said one of the kinship carers at Christmas when her social worker gave her a Marks and Spencer voucher and told her to buy cakes and desserts for herself and the children she cares for.

Due to the generosity of so many kind people, we were able to provide Christmas gifts for around 800 children. Some were the children living in the Women’s refuge, and we were also able to provide vouchers for the mums. ‘This is wonderful, they will be able to buy a new outfit for Christmas’, said a refuge support worker. The responses we received from many of the children’s services are a testament to the difference your gifts made. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

This year we were able to provide a full Christmas dinner for our service users, due to the generosity of some local businesses. Our very talented kitchen staff and volunteers made this a very happy day, with

those attending leaving with well-filled stomachs, and a voucher for a local supermarket.





We now provide a hot lunch every Wednesday, with a constantly changing menu. No matter the dish of the day, everyone is very appreciative, but the day of the fish and chips was a particular success.



Both the fish and the peas were donated, all it cost us to feed around 50 people was £12 for the chips!

We also offer a cooked breakfast on Mondays and Fridays, again well appreciated as people can have a nutritious meal at the start of the day.

As well as offering hot meals, a warm welcome and a safe place to call home, our aim is to offer hope. Everyone who comes along needs help of some kind – whether need for food, advice on housing, benefits or mental or physical health, or simply someone who will listen, without judging, without betraying a trust. We have professional staff on the premises who will help with these issues, sometimes by a simple phone call to the appropriate service.

One young man came in a few weeks ago. He had found our website, and came along saying he needed help. On settling him down with a plate of hot food, and gentle probing, we learned of his situation and during the afternoon he received one-too-one assistance from three different services. He now comes along regularly, he's not out of the woods, but he knows that we provide a place where he will be listened to, and we have people on site who will do their best to help improve his very difficult circumstances.

One example – there is another just like him every week. Our motto, as ever, 'Each Person Matters'.

Thanks to you all for your donations. We appreciate all your support which has continued for many years. Anything you are able to donate – food, toiletries, small household essentials – is very welcome and can be placed in the box at the front door of the church on any Sunday. Just contact any of us to arrange delivery at any other time.

We could not manage without you – and your prayers for our work and the people we support.



We wish you all a very Happy Easter!

Emma Wylie Springer tel 07871 153458

Janice Grant tel 07581 722331



Alan Brown MP visited to meet the staff and see EACHa at work

# Church Register

## Funerals

- 29 Nov 2023 Sheena McDonald 7 Arrothill Drive Kilmarnock
- 11 Dec 2023 Stephen Connell 8 Hillhead Crescent Kilmarnock
- 5 Jan 2024 Marion Kerr (M) 3 Arbuckle Street Kilmarnock
- 16 Jan 2024 Marie Tweedie (M) 6 Baird Place Kilmarnock
- 30 Jan 2024 Daniel Hamilton 54 Kilmaurs Road Kilmarnock
- 5 Mar 2024 Brabara Stutt 46 Hareshaw Drive Kilmarnock
- 19 Mar 2024 Barbara Graham (M) 22 Drumclog Crescent Darvel

### **“Holy Week” by Ann Weems**

*Holy is the week ...*

*Holy, consecrated, belonging to God ...*

*We move from hosannas to horror*

*with the predictable ease*

*of those who know not what they do.*

*Our hosannas sung,*

*our palms waved,*

*let us go with passion into this week.*

*It is a time to curse fig trees that do not yield fruit.*

*It is a time to cleanse our temples of any blasphemy.*

*It is a time greet Jesus as the Lord’s Anointed One,*

*to lavishly break our alabaster*

*and pour perfume out for him*

*without counting the cost.*

*It is a time for preparation ...  
The time to give thanks and break bread is upon us.  
The time to give thanks and drink of the cup is imminent.  
Eat, drink, remember:  
On this night of nights, each one must ask,  
as we dip our bread in the wine,  
"Is it I?"  
And on that darkest of days, each of us must stand  
beneath the tree  
and watch the dying  
if we are to be there  
when the stone is rolled away.  
The only road to Easter morning  
is through the unrelenting shadows of that Friday.  
Only then will the alleluias be sung;  
only then will the dancing begin.*





**Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches**

# **WALK of WITNESS**



**Good Friday, 29 March 2024**

**Meet at the Salvation Army at 10.45 a.m.  
and walk round the town centre to  
Kilmarnock Cross.**

**Join in the Good Friday Vigil  
at New Laigh Kirk from 12 to 3 p.m.**