



Stevenston Livingstone
Church of Scotland



Church Notices

Welcome to any visitors - Please sit in any seat and we hope you will feel at home and at peace as you share worship with us.

Tea and coffee will be served in the small hall after this morning's worship.

The Guild - A visit has been arranged to Lime Tree Larder in Kilbirnie on October 18th. A demonstration and tasting of ice cream and chocolate should be enjoyed by all.

Church Magazine - Articles are now being accepted for the December issue of The Livingstones Herald. These can either be given to Catherine Reid or e-mailed by Sunday 6th November to magazine@livingstonechurch.org.uk

Homelessness in North Ayrshire - A second meeting has been arranged for Thursday 27th Oct in the High Kirk Hall at 7pm. Diane Beckett of Scottish Churches Housing Action will be present.

Come Dine with Me - Wednesday 19th October at 7pm in Ardeer Church Hall. Come along and join in the fun. We would like everyone to come along with an idea of who, from the Bible, you would invite to dinner. It can be someone you admire or someone you think was wrong in what they did and you want to ask them why. It should make for some interesting discussion.

Sunday Smiles: Two peanuts were walking down the street. One was asalted.

Order of Service Recycling - If you don't need this Order of Service leaflet after the service this morning, will you please leave it on the table in the vestibule for use at the Care Home services during the week. Thank you

Fire Alarm - If the fire alarm siren is activated within the Sanctuary or the halls - except if instructed otherwise - the congregation is to proceed to the front doors of the church without delay. Anyone within the halls or kitchen should exit by the side doors.

Intimations - I would ask that all intimations are received by the Wednesday before you would like them in print. E-mail intimations@livingstonechurch.org.uk. If I receive an email I will always send acknowledgement of receipt. Thank you.

Communications: If you wish a visit from the minister or your elder, or if you know of someone who is ill or in hospital, please leave a note on the memo sheets on the table in the vestibule.

Today - Sunday 16 th October		Next Week - Sunday 23 rd October
Mary Munn	Organist	Anne Cochrane
Alan Roy, Joan Smith, Arthur Taylor, Andrew Tomlinson (Bible)	Office Bearers	John Beck, Bobby Bendelow, George White (Bible)
Dorothy Taylor & Maureen Gear	Tea/Coffee	Jean Paterson
Catherine Reid	JAM Club	Helen White

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Welcome to
Livingstone Parish Church
Sunday 16th October 2016 at 10.00am
Preacher: Mr A. P. Tomlinson



Meet with God in silence as the Bible is borne into the church

Approach to God

Opening Verses

Hymn 1 CH4 132

Prayer

The Word of God

Sermon Introduction

Hymn 2 CH3 417

Reading 1

Reading 2

Hymn 3 CH4 189

Sermon Theme

Response to the Word of God

Hymn 4 CH4 96

Offering

Prayer

Hymn 5 CH4 159

Theme: Presence of God

1 Corinthians 3: 16-17

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Approach and Confession

Presence of God

God is always near me

Exodus 13: 17-22

John 2: 13-22

Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Presence of God

You are before me, God, you are behind

Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord, for the years

Benediction

As we approached God in silence, let us give thanks to him in silence as
The Bible is taken from the Sanctuary.

Hymn 1 CH4 132

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessèd, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious,
thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in
might;
thy justice, like mountains,
high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains
of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and
small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish,
but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their
sight.
All praise we would render:
O help us to see
'tis only the splendour
of light hideth thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Hymn 2 CH3 417

God is always near me,
Hearing what I say,
Knowing all my thoughts and deeds,
All my work and play.

God is always near me;
In the darkest night
He can see me just the same
As by mid-day light.

God is always near me,
Though so young and small;
Not a look or word or thought,
But God knows it all.

Philipp Bliss (1838-1876)
The Charm, 1871

Hymn 3 CH4 189

Be still,
for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy one is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found –
we stand on holy ground.

Be still,
for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy one is here;

Be still,
for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight –
our radiant king of light!

Be still,
for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still,
for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace:
no work too hard for him –
in faith receive from him.
Be still,
for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

David J. Evans (b. 1957)

Hymn 4 CH4 96

You are before me, God, you are behind,
and over me you have spread out your
hand;
such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too high to grasp, too great to understand.

Then from your Spirit where, God, shall I
go,
and from your presence where, God, shall I
fly?
If I ascend to heaven you are there,
and still are with me, if in hell I lie.

If I should take my flight into the dawn,
if I should dwell on ocean's farthest shore,
your mighty hand will rest upon me still,
and your right hand will guard me
evermore.

If I should say, 'Let darkness cover me,
and I shall hide within the veil of night',
surely the darkness is not dark to you,
the night is as the day, the darkness light.

Search me, O God, search me and know
my heart,
try me, O God, my mind and spirit try;
keep me from any path that gives you
pain,
and lead me in the everlasting way.

from Psalm 139

Ian Robertson Pitt-Watson (1923-1995)

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Midweek Service

This takes place every Wednesday morning
in the small hall at 10.30am. A warm
invitation is extended to all.

Hymn 5 CH4 159

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our
way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and
provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks
today.

Lord, for that word, the Word of life that
fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls
ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires
us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's
praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and
care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and
nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our
prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and
doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in
pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without
him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ
may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake
us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the
throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)