

REGENERATION



This booklet seeks to outline the vision, mission and values of Newcraigs Evangelical Church and what the REGENERATION PROJECT is all about.

Loving God - The Passion

This is where it all starts. God shows us his love in Jesus Christ who died to save us and rose from death to give us life. So we want to love God with all that we are, and live for his glory by making much of his Son.

Following Jesus - The Journey

We are called to be disciples of Jesus who make more disciples. We want to follow him in every part of our lives, believing that God wants Jesus to be supreme in everything. We are convinced that true discipleship means being:

- Bible centred - Jesus is the centre of the Bible and we love him
- God dependent - Jesus promised the presence of His Spirit to those who trust him
- Authentic community - Jesus unites people from diverse backgrounds into his family
- Mission focused - those who follow Jesus are also sent out by him

Sharing Hope - The Challenge

We believe that following Jesus is the best way to live, but it doesn't stop with us. God has blessed us through Jesus to make us a blessing to others. He calls us to share this blessing with the world by proclaiming the good news of Jesus, and demonstrating his love in action. We aim to do this within the communities and town of Kirkcaldy, Scotland, as well as working with other churches, locally, nationally and internationally.



INSPIRED by SCRIPTURE



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LOVING GOD - Mark 12:30&31

30 “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” 31 ... “Love your neighbour as yourself”.

FOLLOWING JESUS - Matthew 28:19&20

19 “... go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



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SHARING HOPE - 1 Peter 3:15

15 “...in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that you have.”

THE STORY SO FAR

Newcraigs Church exists to bring the hope of Christ to the hearts of Kirkcaldy, Fife, Scotland and beyond.

The Regeneration project seeks to open a new building to our community where people can experience the love and practical support found In Christ - followers who believe in the gospel.

As plans and provision are made for a new church centre at the heart of our community, Newcraigs remains committed to providing on-going resources and facilities to the local area.

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A small group from Hebron Evangelical Church experienced God's clear leading to step out in faith. The plan was to launch a new gospel initiative to reach the Redcraigs, Blackcraigs, Newliston and Chapel area of Kirkcaldy with a mission focused on the gospel.



In August that year, a first meeting in the Chapel Neighbourhood Centre saw 18 people meet for worship including families and Children. By God's Grace, a local church was formed. It's name was Newcraigs Evangelical Church.

1988 — 1989

The vision continued with a step of faith to purchase a piece of land on Forres Drive. Prayers, plans and provision were made for a building in line with the Church's mission and ministry.



The success came from a congregation that had prayerfully considered the need for a building and had spent the proper time in planning and truly counting the cost. In August 1989 the church moved in to its purpose built facilities.

2015

The church enjoyed many fruitful years of seeing people come to faith, being baptised and disciplined. Over the years we have continued to serve the wider community, sharing the hope of Christ with those who live in Kirkcaldy.

We have always aimed to be a church not defined by physical walls. However, we continue to see our building as vital in supporting the community around us and helping those in the local area come to Christ.

The challenge the leadership now faced was how to provide up-to-date premises which are in line with our vision, fit to support our growing ministries and radically improving our welcome to those outside the church.

In 2015, the leadership once again stepped out in faith and prayerfully launched the Regeneration Project. Since that time, Newcraigs Church has remained committed to being a beacon of grace and hope in our town as we pursue the vision God has given us.

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Each one of us who calls Newcraigs Church ‘home’ has a part to play in turning this vision into a reality.

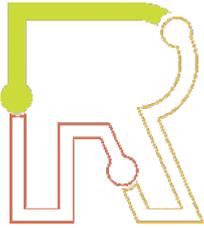
Regeneration is the challenge of how we develop ministries to help our generation hear the hope of the gospel, love God and follow Jesus.

Pastor Adam Broughton

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Reach ●

The atmosphere of the New Testament is one of mission empowered by the Holy Spirit and the proclamation of the gospel. We believe that all people need a relationship with God. In order for that to happen they must hear the good news about Jesus' death for our sins and his resurrection for our hope. God intends his church to be a beacon of hope in a dark world. We serve, love, and speak in the name of Christ so that through us, people may trust Him and find the joy of salvation.



'COME & SEE'

We want to be an inviting church through connecting events where people can 'come and see' for themselves what Christianity is all about.

We will continue to encourage everyone at Newcraigs to invite friends, family, and neighbours to Sunday meetings, especially at key moments such as Christmas and Easter.

We want to organise a range of events to which people can be invited. Taking the opportunity to ask someone to something they would enjoy is within the reach of many of us.

Some events will just build friendships and facilitate conversations. If we continue

to invite others to connecting events we can expect to see more of an appetite for events which provide a taster for the gospel. Commitment to earlier events will help Newcraigs provide suitable and well attended gospel events.

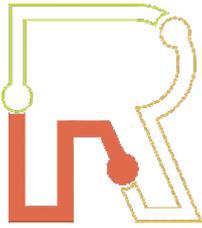
We can trust God to work in the hearts and lives of those invited as the Holy Spirit is always present to connect people to Jesus.



Build

We believe that all Christians are called to grow and become more Christ-like. In large part this happens through living in community with other believers.

As the body of Christ we believe that God has called us to live together in truth and love so that in all things we continue to grow in Christ. In our life together we aim to imitate Christ in speech, love and service in order to nurture one another towards Christian maturity.



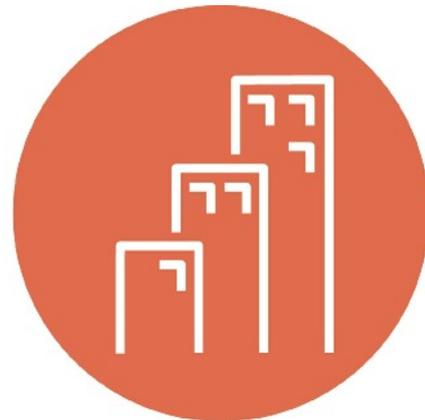
'CARE & SERVE'

We believe that it is part of God's design for us to be a growing community. We enjoy deep friendships, mutual encouragement and care, serving Christ and one another.

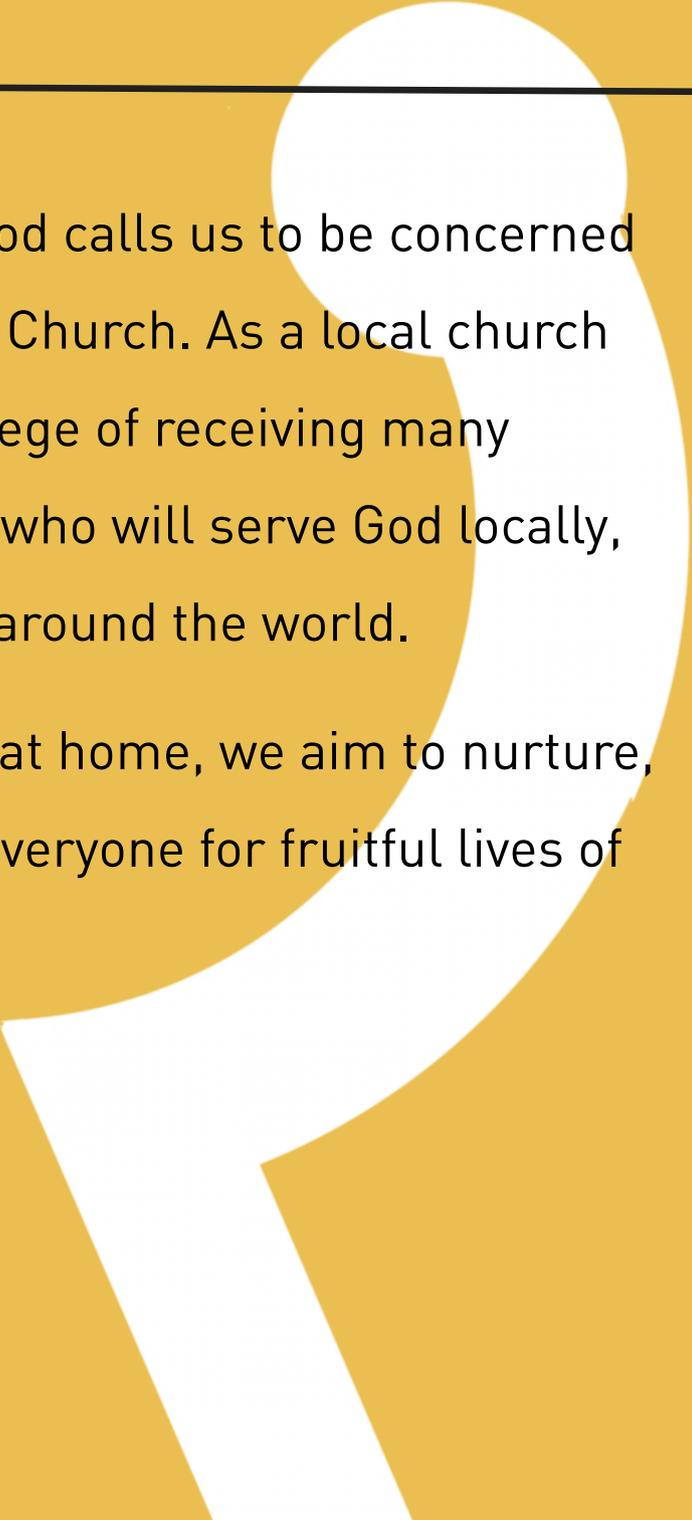
Our vision is to love God, love our neighbour and make disciples. Our vision is to see a growing, contemporary, relevant Christian church, strong in faithful ministry of the Word and known for its deeds of mercy and grace,

Through making disciples of Jesus we hope to bring the hope of Christ to the hearts of Kirkcaldy.

When we share our lives together as Jesus commanded, God's grace is made clear to a watching world.



Send



We believe that God calls us to be concerned for his worldwide Church. As a local church we have the privilege of receiving many Christians; some who will serve God locally, others will serve around the world.

Whether away or at home, we aim to nurture, teach and equip everyone for fruitful lives of service.



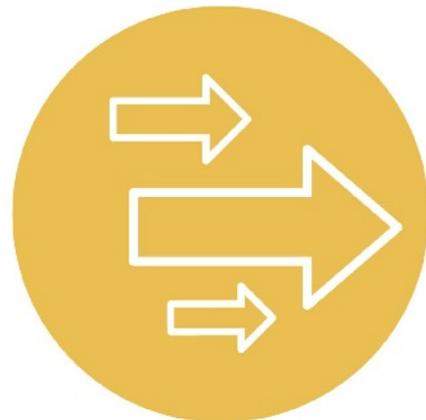
'GO & TELL'

Each of us at Newcraigs has a part to play in fulfilling Jesus' Great Commission to His Church to 'go and make disciples of all nations'

We believe this is the call to the many not the few! With that in mind, we equip every believer to better share their faith.

God is calling Newcraigs to make disciples of Jesus nationally and internationally.

With this in mind, its members have links with a number of churches, mission organisations and relief projects around the world.



MAKING PLANS AND PROVISION

Our current building has served us well for over 30 years; increasingly it is being used nearly everyday of the week. However, it is growing tired and limits our desire to grow beyond its current capacity.

We have one main hall which is used for all of our activities. Due to increasing numbers, we recently installed two portable classrooms to accommodate the children's ministry.

Newcraigs is aware that any new building requires strong physical foundations as well as spiritual. (1 Corinthians 3:11-15).

With this in mind, the church has taken time to prayerfully consider the direction, timing and purpose for a new building.





Recently Newcraigs enjoyed a day away to see the newly completed build at St Madoes Church in Perthshire. This multifunctional building was inspiring to see and helped the leadership along with the building team to imagine how the Newcraigs building may look. Our architect, Raymond Angus, presented us with a revised set of plans based on that model.

Following a month of prayer and fasting in July 2018, the leadership and building team issued a questionnaire to gauge the congregations feedback. The majority of the returned forms were helpful in clarifying our vision and giving a sense of all the required elements for a new building.

The resulting plans are for a multifunctional building with better access and amenities for all. The new build will consist of a central entrance which will give access to all areas, and will also lead to excellent facilities for individuals with disabilities.



Stepping over the threshold, each visitor is greeted by a welcoming central area surrounded by the sanctuary, café area and activity rooms. Over time we hope everyone who comes into the building will feel comfortable and familiar with the space.





A THEOLOGY OF FELLOWSHIP (or, 'how coffee changed the church!')

For most of the week, visitors will be welcomed into a light, airy space with ample seating to accommodate a regular café and meeting point. The fully functioning café will be open throughout the week for anyone who wishes to use it. As expected, there will be a selection of hot and cold refreshments as well as Internet access.

Young children will have access to a small soft play area and space will be made available for Newcraigs' members to develop and run various ministries.

Sunday provides a key time to use this area before and after services as it provides an excellent opportunity to grow in fellowship in a relaxed space. The space will also better facilitate Church meals, seeker and discipleship courses as well as arranging one-to-one meet ups between services.

A 'sanctuary' space will provide for a minimum of 250 seats with the option to expand for bigger occasions. As we pray for continual growth, this adaptable space will provide ample room for new people arriving.

The new building will include rooms for administration, toilet and changing facilities, and a dedicated space children and young people can call their own. The planned multi-purpose sports hall with storage will be available for various groups to use



Currently our building has limited functional space usable by outside organisations. The new building will have ample rentable rooms, well suited for organisations to use for meetings or training purposes. As Newcraigs is located close to the main routes into Kirkcaldy, and close to the Fife Retail Park, this should be an attractive offer for external organisations. The rental from these rooms will contribute towards the on going upkeep and cost of the new building.

OUR RESPONSE

PRAY

We now have a responsibility to pray that the LORD would guide us, provide for us, and use us during the whole process. We need to humble ourselves before God, seek his face in repentance, and seek his Spirit's power.

As we throw our lives wide open to him we should be ready to give of our time, our skills and our money sacrificially to make this vision a reality. We are all committing to do two things: pray that God would provide all we need to fulfil this vision, and then pray about what we can give, including our time and skills, not just money.

Pray for wisdom as we take the project to the next level. Pray as we go to pre-planning and continue to refine the building designs to best fit our vision and mission. Pray for the Leadership Team as well as the Building Team as they provide spiritual oversight and guidance.

Pray for continued grace for all of us during this time of development and change. Pray that we will see many more coming to faith and confirming the need for an increased presence in the community through the ministry of Newcraigs.

Let's take time to pray for this very important project in our growth groups, at the monthly prayer meeting, as well as in our family and devotional times.



TURNING VISION INTO A REALITY

Newcraigs is a remarkably generous church, with many giving generously, regularly and sacrificially. The growth and continued impact we have seen thus far would not have happened without it and the future growth and Kingdom impact needs this continued investment.

Regeneration is a single project, based on a single vision to which God is calling us to be committed with our hearts, our prayers, our skills, and our money as we move forward into this exciting new season.

An Annual Faith Target

Going forward we will begin to set a more defined faith target for all of us to participate in achieving and we will provide termly updates on the giving against expenditure. There are two routes to shaping your giving: giving towards the increased annual budget and giving towards the **Regeneration Building Project**.

Newcraigs

Giving to Newcraigs covers all our day-to-day ministries and running costs, supporting both full-time and part-time staff. This includes all our work with children and young people in schools and church, running Sundays, developing disciples, and all our worship, outreach and pastoral care.

Investment to develop ministries and expand our work in the community amongst the schools, amongst families, the poor, the needy, the vulnerable, lonely and the elderly.

Regeneration isn't about more staff and activity for its own sake, but so that more and more people can experience God's generous grace in Jesus Christ through us. An Answer Book leaflet on the 'Grace of Giving' is available.

Regeneration Building Project

Giving as we make plans and provision to rebuild on our current site. This isn't ultimately about a building – the church is the body of believers, and building a church should not be confused with building a church building.

However, with the growing number of activities within the church as well as existing ministries the building has become impractical for continued use into the future.

The New Build is estimated to cost up to 1.6 million and we are very aware that this is challenging and will require prayerful and sacrificial giving on the part of many. We have a vision to 'be' the church 24/7 and so we believe this vision of a new building will enable us to extend further, seeing more and more people reached.

A Faith target of £1.6 Million

Our faith target for the Regeneration Building Project is envisaged as follows:

Newcraigs	£600,000
Trust Funds	£600,000
Mortgage	£400,000

Total **£1,600,000**

THE INVITATION

We are inviting everyone associated with Newcraigs to invest in making Regeneration a reality. For some, this will mean relatively small amounts; for others it may mean hundreds or even thousands of pounds. We encourage everyone to seek God and to give generously in accordance with the resources with which He has blessed you.



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Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

Each playing our part

In the light of this new vision, part of our continued worship is to prayerfully consider two things: how you can give towards our year by year faith target for the general fund and what up front gift could you pledge or make to our Regeneration Building project.* We would love to see a significant increase to the Regeneration Building Project fund especially so we can move forward with planning and preparation.

We recognise that your personal circumstances will affect how you are able to give. If this is a difficult time for you financially, please do not feel under any obligation – we believe that you should only give out of what you have. If you are struggling with debt or financial difficulties, please ask for prayer on a Sunday or in your growth group, our leaders can offer you help.

Gift Aid - An extra 25% for free!

If you are a UK taxpayer, we can claim an extra £2.50 from the Inland Revenue for every £10 you give; this comes at no cost to you. Higher rate tax payers can obtain an additional 18% rebate on their annual assessment, reducing personal cost. Please fill out a Gift Aid form via Stewardship if you are a UK taxpayer and have not done so before.

Alternatively you can give online via our website.

Pledge an amount

Please prayerfully consider how much you would be willing to invest. This enables us to budget and make plans and provision through other agencies as well. It may be an advantage to consider giving over two or three years for individual tax planning, or if you would prefer to give immediately, please speak with the leadership.

**We recognise that individual circumstances may well change and in exceptional cases we can of course release donors from their pledge.*

This would be clearly the case in the event of the death of donor. To avoid loss to the church, one option open to all of us is to review the terms of our will to ensure the amount we have pledged is covered. You might want to consider how you could leave a legacy to the church.

Find out more

To understand more about our approach to giving and the different ways you can give, ask one of the leaders. For more information about the Regeneration Project visit [www.newcraigs.co.uk /Regeneration-Project](http://www.newcraigs.co.uk/Regeneration-Project)



FAQ

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How will the new building serve the gospel across Kirkcaldy and Fife?

We envisage a new build to be a hub and centre for gospel ministry. It will be a centre from where we can serve and reach out to the different communities in the area.

2

Do you want me to split my giving equally between Newcraigs and the Regeneration Project?

No – regular giving is always required for the constant upkeep and running of Newcraigs. The Regeneration Project requires a larger investment from everyone in the church.

3

What is the timescale for the new build?

We have always suggested that when we reach a target of £200,000, we will go to pre-planning. We will need to keep up the momentum of raising funds to reach our target of £600,000. As we approach other trusts and agencies we will begin to see this vision realised.

4

How often will we have Gift Days towards the Regeneration Project?

We will take up collections on the first Sunday of each month as part of our worship in the morning Family Service. There is also an opportunity to give online via the website as well as through the giving envelopes. Please consider Gift Aid each time you give.

FAQ



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to the hearts of Kirkcaldy



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