

In North Kintyre



The Church of Scotland

**Mid Kintyre and Gigha
Linked with
Tarbert Loch Fyne and Kilberry**

Church Chat

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Killean and Kilkenzie Church



Tarbert and Kilberry Church



Gigha and Cara Church



Kilcalmonell Church



St Brendan's Church

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From the Minister: First Anniversary

Is it really a year already since we became the charge of North Kintyre. A union of 4 churches into Mid Kintyre and Gigha linked with Tarbert and Kilberry?

As we say goodbye to 2023 and welcome 2024, I wonder what have been your highlights of the last year?

For many the gathering on Gigha has been a great highlight and has got us planning another opportunity for all 5 churches to gather in May in Tarbert for Pentecost.

We have also planned that on the 5th Sunday of the month the Mid Kintyre and Gigha churches will have a joint service moving around the different buildings. The first of these just happens to fall on Easter Sunday and we will join in Clachan for breakfast from 11am and then share worship from 11.30am. Tarbert will have a service at 10am so that I can take both services.

This first year has been full of challenges around worship and organising the ongoing work of our churches and the administration behind the scenes. I would like to thank our Session Clerks, Treasurers, Property Convenor and Local Parish Teams who have been amazing and a great support to me this first year.

I wonder what 2024 holds for our church communities? I hope that this year will give us some time to gather and pray together and discern our Mission, that is to see where God is at work and help us to plan to join in where we can.

Our new Presbytery has its first meeting on zoom on Tuesday 9th January in the evening. I have been appointed to the Superintendence Committee and look forward to another year of new beginnings and planning as we get to know each other across 40% of Scotland. Please hold our Moderator, Doug McRoberts, Clerk, Rory MacLeod and the new Convenors in your prayers as we begin our new journey together.

Peace be with you all, Lyn Peden

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Kirk Session Meetings

Our next Session meetings are as follows:

Tarbert and Kilberry – Sunday 28th January after worship

Mid Kintyre and Gigha – Sunday 4th February in Clachan Church after worship

Tarbert Guild



We welcome you to join us. We meet on Monday afternoons from 2.30pm in Tarbert Church Hall.

The Guild don't meet in January.

5th February – Rev Rodger Crooks at 2.30pm

Worship Rotas

Worship Rota January 2024

Sunday Worship	10am Skipness	11.30am Tarbert	10am Clachan	11.30am A'Chleit	11am Gigha
7 th January	Rev Robert MacLeod	Rev Robert MacLeod	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden	No service
14 th January LP AL	Rev Robert MacLeod	Rev Robert MacLeod	No service	No service	Worship Team 12 noon
21 st January LP AL	Mr James MacLellan	Mr James MacLellan	Rev Anne McIvor	Rev Anne McIvor	No service
28 th January	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden	No service	No service	No service

*LP AL Lyn Peden: annual leave

Worship Rota February 2024

Sunday Worship	10am Skipness	11.30am Tarbert	10am Clachan	11.30am A'Chleit	11am Gigha
4 th February	Rev Robert MacLeod	Rev Robert MacLeod	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden	No service
11 th February	Mrs Liz Ball	Rev Robert MacLeod	No service	No service	Rev Lyn Peden 12 noon
18 th February	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden	Mr James MacLellan	Mr James MacLellan	No service
25 th February	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden	No service	No service	No service

Happy Retirement to John Morrison (JOLOMO)



John has served our churches faithfully as a Reader for many years. He has decided that it is time to retire and his final service was taken in St Brendan's Skipness on the 17th of December. The congregation presented John with an Acer plant for his garden and held a little gathering after the service to have time to say thank you and share some refreshments. We wish John well in his retirement from the Readership.

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This new group continues to flourish 18 members and guests attended a festive meal at the Argyll Hotel, Bellochantuy on Thursday 7 December 2023. Even by Kintyre standards, the weather was dramatic, but it takes more than torrential rain and howling wind to quench our spirits and we enjoyed the usual high standard of cuisine and exuberant fellowship.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 2pm in the Church Hall at A'Chleit when Lyn will lead us in "A Lent Adventure".

All will be most welcome at this meeting. We offer good tea or coffee, home baking and thought- provoking discussions, so why not give us a try? And we are not just a woman only group!

Pat Rawson

Kirk Session Meeting

There will be a Mid Kintyre and Gigha Kirk Session meeting on Sunday 4th February 2024 in Kilcalmonell Church at 12.30pm (approx). Attending elders are asked to bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Any apologies or items for the agenda should be sent to the Session Clerk: Elizabeth Ball

Christmas Eve Retiral Collection Kilcalmonell

The sum of £200 was raised at the Christmas Eve Service and has been divided equally between CHAS and the Erskine Hospital.

Many thanks to all who contributed.

2024 Calendars

The Church Calendar for 2024 has sold very well. The profit to the end of December is £714, with more money to be collected. We are very grateful to Marilyn for taking the photos and arranging the printing. Thanks also to Marilyn and Maggie for collecting the calendars from Dunoon and for keeping some of the outlets supplied.

We appreciate the help given by the owners of Clachan Filling Station, Big Jessie's Tearoom, Muasdale Stores, Glenbarr Stores, Coorie Doon, Coastal Design and The County Garage. Staff in all these outlets cheerfully handled cash sales on our behalf, without them this type of fundraising would not be possible.

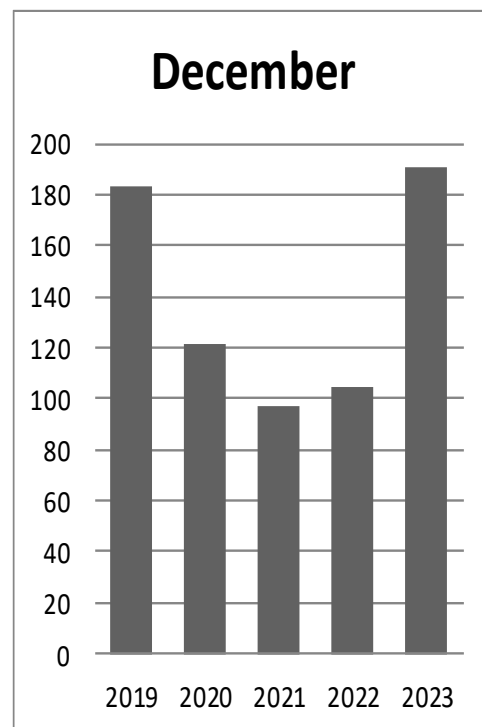
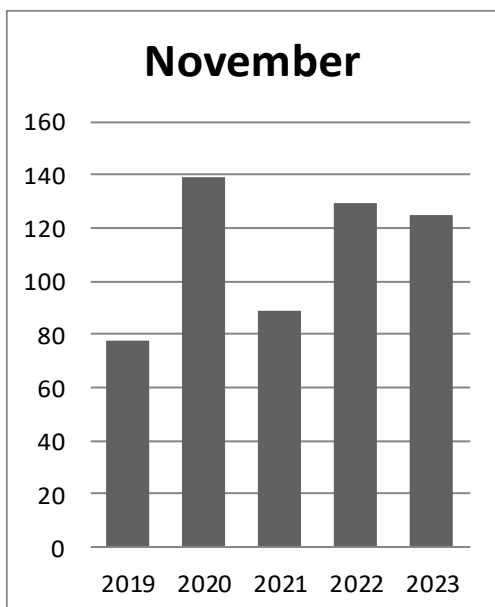
The calendar is still on sale in Muasdale Stores, Coorie Doon and Coastal Design.

Thanks very much, Margaret Littleson

RAINFALL FIGURES: from Peter Simson, Ronachan

The first good world, the blossom, the blowing seed,
The hearth, the steadfast land, the wandering sea,
Not beautiful or rare in every part,
But like yourself, as they were meant to be.

Edwin Muir



Despite all the ups and downs, the rainfall this year was close to the average!

If you wish to place an article or diary event in **Church Chat**
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