



The Church of Scotland

**In North Kintyre**

**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

## **From the Minister: A Lenten Journey**

January is finally over! What a long month it always seems. It helped this year that Gordon and I took 2 weeks holiday, 1 week in Tenerife and the rest in Largs. It was lovely to come back to see the snowdrops beginning to bloom and some of the garden plants starting to bud. Spring is on the way. The days are getting longer too, which always helps.

Lent begins on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, which is of course also Valentine's Day! You will see an invite to join me on a Lenten Journey in later pages of chat. Easter being on a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday this year also means that we can join together over 2 services, one in Clachan at 11.30am and one in Tarbert at 10am – please note the time changes!

I always enjoy Lent, I like the 6 weeks we have to prepare for the great mystery of Easter. I'm hoping to share the Godly Play Faces of Easter story with the schools this year and on Good Friday offer you the chance to walk the Way of the Cross with Seiger Koder's pictures. I'm still finalising plans for Maundy Thursday Communion and school services and the final info will be in next month's chat.

As we journey through Lent with Mark's gospel we have an opportunity to once more hear the story of Jesus as he leaves his old life behind and is baptised and sent into the desert for 40 days before beginning a short 3 year ministry gathering disciples and teaching about the love and forgiveness of God and the invitation to follow the way of Jesus and enter a full relationship with God.

For 2000 years men and women have left their old lives behind and chosen to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, they have been changed as they grow in their relationship with God and have drawn others to God by their words and actions. The church, then and now has an ongoing mission to see where God is at work and join in. I wonder where you see God in our communities?

This year we need to look and see and also find ways to join in.

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 25<sup>th</sup> February after worship

Mid Kintyre and Gigha – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

5<sup>th</sup> February – Rev Rodger Crooks at 2.30pm

19<sup>th</sup> February – Home for Good (Project)  
Duncan Shelton

World Day of Prayer – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Tarbert Church Hall 2.30pm

# Worship Rotas

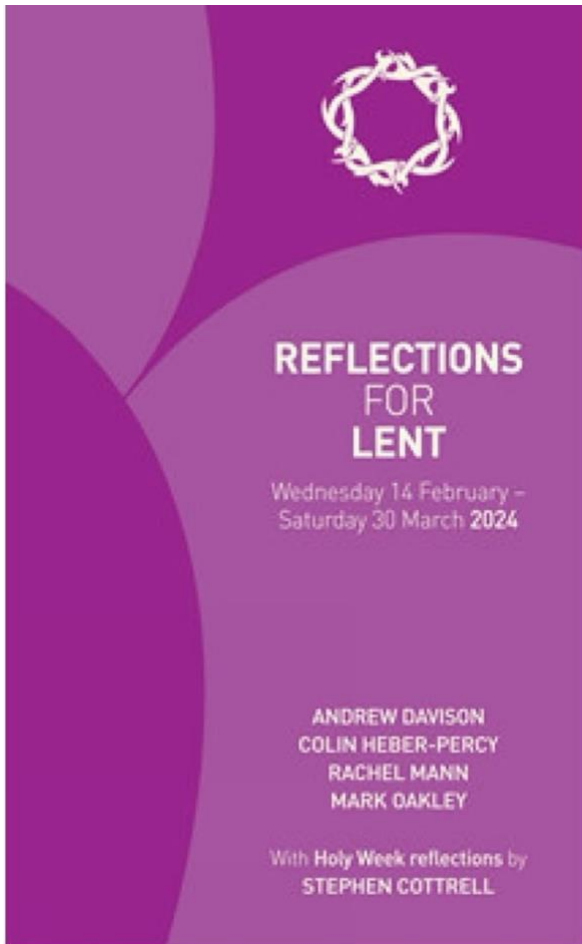
## Worship Rota February 2024

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

## Worship Rota March 2024

Sunday Worship	10am Skipness	11.30am Tarbert	10am Clachan	11.30am A'Chleit	11am Gigha
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Rev Robert MacLeod	Rev Robert MacLeod	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden	No service
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Rev Robert MacLeod	Rev Robert MacLeod	No service	No service	Rev Lyn Peden 12 noon
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Mr James MacLellan	Mr James MacLellan	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden	No service
24 <sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden	No service	No service	No Service
31 <sup>st</sup> March Easter Sunday	Joint service	Rev Lyn Peden 10am	Rev Lyn Peden 11.30am	Joint service	Joint service

## A Lent Invitation



Lyn has bought 20 of these booklets and invites you to join her on a journey through Lent. Each day there are readings and a short reflection taking us from Ash Wednesday to Easter Saturday. During the 6 weeks of Lent Lyn will meet in one of our 5 churches on a Wednesday afternoon from 2pm for a chance to catch up on how folks are getting on and answering any questions about the material.

We start on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at the C3 meeting in A'Chleit church hall at 2pm where Lyn will introduce us to the material and talk a little about lent and hopefully show a couple of

videos to get us going.

Please feel free to use the material on its own or join us when you can: the booklets cost £5 each.

### **Lent Meetings – Wednesdays at 2pm**

14<sup>th</sup> February – Tarbert Church Hall

21<sup>st</sup> February – Clachan Church

28<sup>th</sup> February – Gigha Church

6<sup>th</sup> March – no meeting

13<sup>th</sup> March – Skipness Church

20<sup>th</sup> March – A'Chleit Church Hall

Rev Lyn Peden



A WELCOME FROM

## Clèir Eilean ì: **Highlands and Hebrides**

We're a Presbytery of The Church of Scotland, and we represent over 100 Christian congregations across more than 40% of Scotland's landmass. Clèir Eilean ì was born on 1st January 2024, out of the coming together of nine previous Presbyteries, from the Mull of Kintyre to John O'Groats, and from the Western Isles to West Moray. Island churches, rural churches, town and city churches, all united in mission and ministry. A new way of being church; and a major part of the restructuring of the national Kirk across Scotland.

Our new Presbytery has started. The Minister, Pat Mellish, Anne Parkhouse and Susan Allan are our representatives. Our first meeting was held online on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm. We inducted our new Moderator and Clerk (see photos). We shared communion and dealt with the initial business of meeting our new Convenors and hearing a little of their work. Lyn has joined the Superintendence Committee, which is responsible for the Inspection of Records and Local Church Reviews as well as any complaints. There are also Committees for Business, Finance, Mission and Ministry, Property and Safeguarding. Our Clerk is employed full time and we have a Presbytery Support Officer. We are also looking for to employ another couple of people for property and perhaps finance. With over 100 congregations and covering 40% of Scotland it is a very large task. Please hold all who are part of this new Presbytery in your prayers as we go forward together.



**Doug  
McRoberts**

**Moderator**



**Rory McLeod**

**Presbytery Clerk**

The Presbytery has a new website - <https://cei.presbytery.org.uk>  
and is also on facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cleireileani>

### Leprosy Mission, Scotland.

For many years now the Guild and the wider Church has supported the Leprosy Mission, Scotland, most obviously by collecting used stamps. Sadly, the Leprosy Mission has had to discontinue this activity.

Even more regrettably, the Scottish office is closing as from 2024. The Leprosy Mission, UK, will continue to send us information which will be posted in the Church vestibule.

### Used Stamps

As some of you may have read in "The Courier" the Bone Cancer Research Trust has appealed for used stamps so your donations will go to this cause.

The collection box will be in its usual place, on the table in Cleit Church vestibule.

Thank you for your continuing support.

*Pat Rawson*

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### School Holidays

*February week*

*Close Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February*

*Open Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February*

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### Killean & Kilchenzie Rotas

#### Sunday

#### Door

#### Flowers

4<sup>th</sup> Feb *Peter Littleson & Jill Lines* *Margaret Morrison*

18<sup>th</sup> Feb *Kate McKinlay & Joan Grady* *Helen Steel*

3<sup>rd</sup> Mar *Anne Littleson & Pat Rawson* *Tricia Fair*

17<sup>th</sup> Mar *Gordon Caskie & Margaret Littleson* *Kate McKinlay*

*Thank you to those who have agreed to provide flowers and to do Door Duty.*

*If you are unable to do door duty please arrange to swap with someone else.*

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### Kilcalmonell Rotas

#### Sunday

#### Door

#### Flowers

#### Teas & Coffee

#### Cleaning

4<sup>th</sup> Feb *Glynis* *Lori* *Jane*

18<sup>th</sup> Feb *Glynis* *Cathy* *Glynis, Cathy* *Glynis, Cathy*

3<sup>rd</sup> Mar *Cathy* *Tricia* *Liz* *Tricia, Lori*

17<sup>th</sup> Mar *Liz* *Tricia* *Liz* *Tricia*

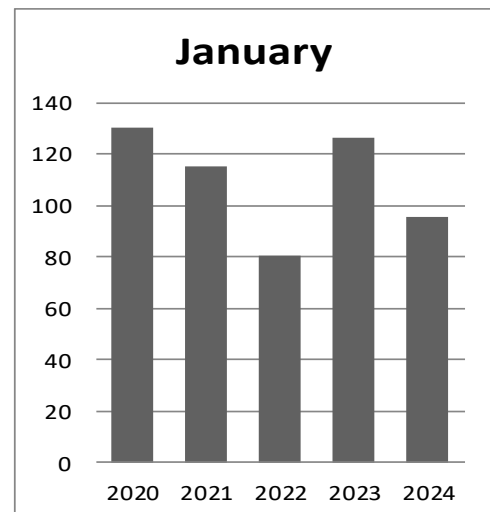
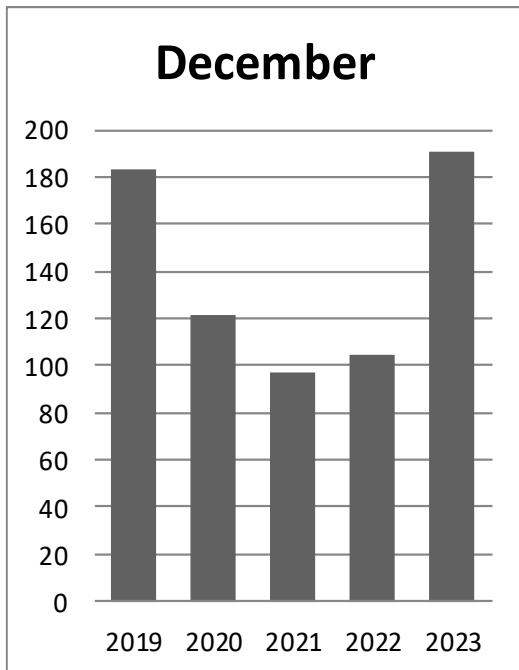
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**RAINFALL FIGURES: *from Peter Simson, Ronachan***

Loving the rituals that keep men close,  
Nature created means for friends apart:  
Pen, paper, ink, the alphabet,  
Signs for the distant and disconsolate heart.

*Palladas (Greek, 4<sup>th</sup> century A.D.)*

*Translated by Tony Harrison*



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