



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: Journeying with Jesus

We are well into Lent now and I hope you have found some practice to help as you contemplate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and what that means for you?

Whether following the Lent Reflection booklet or reading a gospel I hope you are finding time to spend with God's word and allowing it to resonate with you as you read it over and over.

March is a joyous month of daffodils, longer days, Mother's Day, the clocks spring forward and, this year, Easter is on the last day.

We are also welcoming new members and celebrating a baptism on the 3rd. This is new life for us indeed. This is what the church is here for, to help people discover God for themselves and choose to live in the way of Jesus. Parents show their commitment by bringing their children for baptism and adults confirm their baptism vows and promise to be part of the church community.

In our five areas we are enjoying seeing the signs of new growth and are excited for what God is doing in each area. As we journey together through happy and not so happy times may our faith grow and mature and may our time together be joyous and fruitful.

It has been a joy to spend Wednesdays travelling around our different areas and I hope to make this a more regular occurrence over the coming months.

If you haven't been with us in person for a while please do come and join us if you can over the coming month, we would love to see you. For those who are housebound or in care please know you are held in our prayers and we think of you often, you are not forgotten but you are missed by your friends.

I hope March brings you joy, peace and hope as we once more remember the wonder and mystery of Easter.

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 21st April after worship

Mid Kintyre and Gigha – Sunday 28th April in Skipness Church after worship

Tarbert Guild



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

4th March – Dan and Jenny Hunt –
Environment Issue

18th March - Lyn Peden – Holiday Part 2

Worship Rotas

Worship Rota March 2024

Sunday Worship	10am Skipness	11.30am Tarbert	10am Clachan	11.30am A'Chleit	11am Gigha
3 rd March	Songs of Praise	Songs of Praise	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden	No service
10 th March	Marion MacDonald	Marion MacDonald	No service	No service	Rev Lyn Peden 12 noon
17 th March	Mr James MacLellan	Mr James MacLellan	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden	No service
24 th March Palm Sunday	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden	No service	No service	No Service
31 st March Easter Sunday	Joint service	Rev Lyn Peden 10am	Rev Lyn Peden 11.30am	Joint service	Joint service

Please note: Clachan Easter Sunday Joint Service preceded by breakfast for all-comers from 10.30am, Service at 11.30am.

Worship Rota April 2024

Sunday Worship	10am Skipness	11.30am Tarbert	10am Clachan	11.30am A'Chleit	11am Gigha
7 th April Lyn on holiday	Songs of Praise	Songs of Praise	Mr James MacLellan	Mr James MacLellan	No service
14 th April Lyn on Study Leave	Mrs Liz Ball	James McLellan	No service	No service	Marion MacDonald
21 st April	Rev Anne McIvor	Rev Anne McIvor	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden	No service
28 th April	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden	No service	No service	Songs of praise

Lent Meetings – Wednesdays at 2pm

6th March – no meeting

13th March – Skipness Church

20th March – A'Chleit Church Hall

The Lent Reflection book has not been as enjoyable as I had hoped and at our recent meetings, we have agreed that we will focus on the bible readings. I'm sorry the booklet has not been as a rich a resource as I had hoped for.

Rev Lyn Peden

Visitors to our Area

Rev Rory MacLeod, our new Presbytery Clerk will be visiting South Argyll from 16-20th March. He will stay with our Minister and visit Mid Argyll on the Sunday, Campbeltown on the Monday, Islay on the Tuesday and Gigha on the Wednesday. He is looking forward to seeing our area and getting to know some of the people.

Rev Dr Shaw Paterson, our next Moderator of the General Assembly has a close connection with Skipness and has holidayed in Kintyre for many years. As part of his new role he will come and preach in St Brendan's, Skipness at 10am on Sunday 26th May, just after the Assembly. Everyone is welcome to the service.

Diary Dates

1 st Mar	Tarbert	2.30pm World Day of Prayer
3 rd Mar	Cleit	Baptism
3 rd Mar	Clachan	Welcome to Membership: Mrs Thomas, Mrs Andrews
10 th Mar	Gigha	Welcome to Membership: Mrs York
28 th Mar	Skipness	Maundy Thursday – Communion 6.30pm
29 th Mar	Cleit	Good Friday – Way of the Cross 10am
31 st Mar	Clachan	11.30am Joint Easter Sunday Service (Breakfast for all– 10.30am)
19 th May	Tarbert	11.30am Joint Pentecost service with Communion. Soup & sandwich lunch.
30 th Jun	Gigha	11.00am Joint service. Tea & Coffee
29 th Sep	Skipness	11.30am Joint service Tea & Coffee
29 th Dec	Cleit	11.30am Joint Carol service Tea & Coffee

Killean & Kilchenzie Rotas

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Door</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
3 rd Mar	<i>Anne Littleson & Pat Rawson</i>	<i>Tricia Fair</i>
17 th Mar	<i>Gordon Caskie & Margaret Littleson</i>	<i>Kate McKinlay</i>
7 th April	<i>Albie Roberts & Tricia Fair</i>	<i>J Hamilton</i>
21 st April	<i>Calum Morrison & Jessie MacDougall</i>	<i>Margaret Littleson</i>

*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.*

School Holiday

<u>Easter Holiday</u>	Close	Thursday 28 th March
	Open	Monday 15 th April

Kilcalmonell Rotas

Sunday	<u>Door</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Teas & Coffee</u>	<u>Cleaning</u>
3 rd Mar	<i>Cathy</i>	<i>Tricia</i>	<i>Liz</i>	<i>Tricia, Lori</i>
17 th Mar	<i>Liz</i>	<i>Tricia</i>	<i>Liz</i>	<i>Tricia</i>
31 st Mar	<i>Lori</i>	<i>Joint Service 11.30: preceded by Breakfast</i>		
7 th April	<i>Sue</i>	<i>Liz</i>	<i>Liz</i>	<i>Sue</i>
21 st April	<i>Sue</i>	<i>Liz</i>	<i>Liz</i>	<i>Sue</i>

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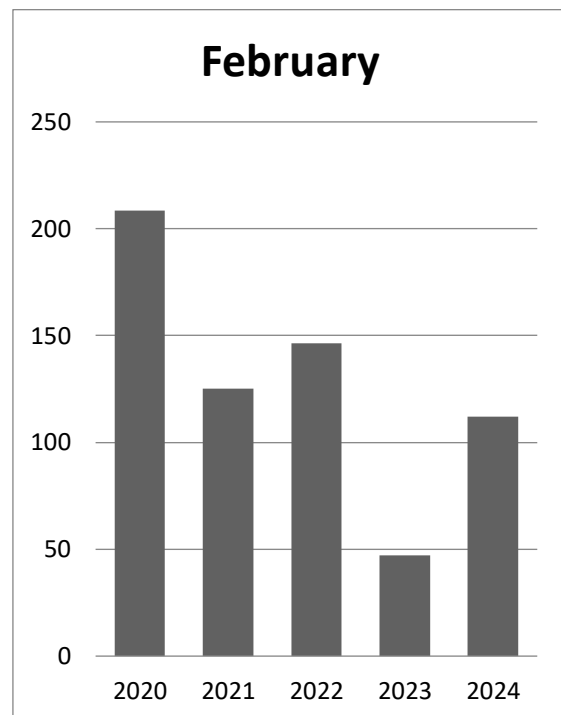
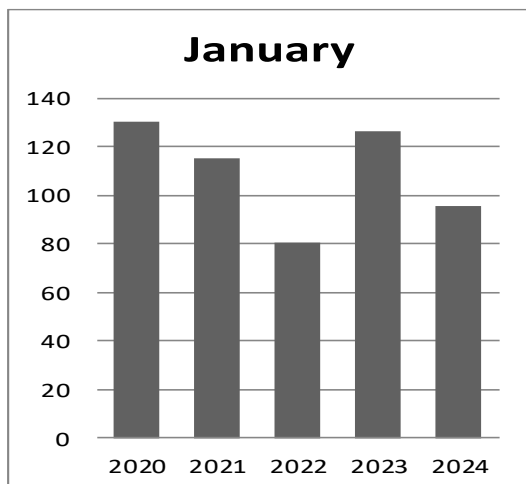
If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.
If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.
If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.
If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.
If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.
If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.
If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.
If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.
If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.
If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.
If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.
If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.
If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.
If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.
If children live with fairness, they learn justice.
If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.
If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.
If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.

Contributed by Lyn

RAINFALL FIGURES: *from Peter Simson, Ronachan*

Fair daffodils, we weep to see
You haste away so soon:
As yet the early-rising sun
Has not attained his noon...

Robert Herrick, 17th c.



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Note the slightly earlier dates than usual!