

**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

## **From the Minister: The Season of Easter**

Easter came early this year and gave Mid Kintyre and Gigha the opportunity to have a joint service with breakfast beforehand.

April is a time for school holidays, a good time for me to be off for some rest and this year I am also taking a week's study leave. I am going to read and explore a new way that many people are trying which connects meeting with young families through outdoor gatherings.

April, I am learning, is also a hectic month for our farmers, as new lambs are born and it is all hands-on-deck. We wish them well and look forward to seeing the lambs gambolling around the fields in days to come.

The 6 weeks after Easter are called the Season of Easter and are a time to explore the stories of the resurrected Jesus appearing to a number of people and for his followers to begin to know him in a new way before the mystery of Pentecost when Jesus ascended to heaven.

We have chosen Pentecost Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, as the day for the five churches to come together for a joint celebration with Communion and a lunch. We hope as many people as possible will come to Tarbert this year and share in the event with us.

As the days lengthen and the sun shines a little more our spirits are lifted. It is easy to see why the Church Fathers chose the northern spring to celebrate Easter as light returns and new life is everywhere.

I hope you are all able to enjoy some spring sunshine and time with friends and family.

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you all.

Lyn Peden

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## Kirk Session Meetings

Our next Session meetings are as follows:

Tarbert and Kilberry – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April after worship

Mid Kintyre and Gigha – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April in Skipness Church after worship

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## Tarbert Guild



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

8<sup>th</sup> April

Rev Anne McIvor

22<sup>nd</sup> April

AGM and Afternoon Tea at  
West Loch House

The Guild stops after this till October.

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## Diary Dates

19<sup>th</sup> May Joint Pentecost service Tarbert 11.30am. Soup & sandwich

30<sup>th</sup> Jun Joint service

Gigha 11.00am. Tea & Coffee

29<sup>th</sup> Sep Joint service

Skipness 11.30am Tea & Coffee

29<sup>th</sup> Dec Joint Carol service

Cleit 11.30am Tea & Coffee

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## Worship Rotas

Gigha returns to 2 services a month from April and  
the time changes back to 11am.

### Worship Rota April 2024

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>10am Skipness</b>	<b>11.30am Tarbert</b>	<b>10am Clachan</b>	<b>11.30am A'Chleit</b>	<b>11am Gigha</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> April Lyn on holiday</b>	<b>Songs of Praise</b>	<b>Songs of Praise</b>	<b>Mr James MacLellan</b>	<b>Mr James MacLellan</b>	<b>No service</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> April Lyn on Study Leave</b>	<b>James McLellan</b>	<b>James McLellan</b>	<b>No service</b>	<b>No service</b>	<b>Marion MacDonald</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Rev Anne McIvor</b>	<b>Rev Anne McIvor</b>	<b>Rev Lyn Peden</b>	<b>Rev Lyn Peden</b>	<b>No service</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Rev Lyn Peden</b>	<b>Rev Lyn Peden</b>	<b>No service</b>	<b>No service</b>	<b>Julie Wilson</b>

### Worship Rota May 2024

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>10am Skipness</b>	<b>11.30am Tarbert</b>	<b>10am Clachan</b>	<b>11.30am A'Chleit</b>	<b>11am Gigha</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>James McLellan</b>	<b>James McLellan</b>	<b>Rev Lyn Peden</b>	<b>Rev Lyn Peden</b>	<b>No service</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Rev Robert MacLeod</b>	<b>Rev Robert MacLeod</b>	<b>No service</b>	<b>No service</b>	<b>Rev Lyn Peden</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost Communion</b>	<b>Joint service</b>	<b>Rev Lyn Peden</b>	<b>Joint service</b>	<b>Joint Service</b>	<b>Joint service</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Rev Lyn Peden Moderator Visit Rev Dr Shaw Paterson</b>	<b>Rev Lyn Peden</b>	<b>No service</b>	<b>No service</b>	<b>Marion MacDonald</b>

## An Easter Poem

As you read this selection from C S Lewis's book 'Mere Christianity' aloud, note the repeated words "nothing" and "look." Observe how they step forward to offer a contrast between man and God so persuasive that it sums up the Easter story in sixteen words.

*Keep nothing back.*

*Nothing that you have not given away will ever be really yours.*

*Nothing in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead.*

*Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay.*

*But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him, everything else thrown in.*



### Baptism in A'Chleit

Fraser Sinclair Johnstone was baptised on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

Pictured here with his parents, Craig and Caragh Johnstone and his God Parents Ian and Catrina Johnstone. Hidden from sight is his brother Marcus!

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March in Clachan we welcomed 2 new

members. Sadly Lyn forgot to get a photo! Sue Thomas joined by profession of faith and Joyce Andrews transferred her lines. A warm welcome was given to all.

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### School Holidays

Easter Holiday Closed

Open

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Close

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Open

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

# Tarbert Church Appeal



## Tarbert Parish church needs your help!!

Storm Isha has damaged the beautiful stained-glass window in this iconic historical building .

The insurance has paid out some of the window repair but we are still asking for your support.

The west-facing wall is sadly in dire need of repair. The wall has original lime mortar {1885} much of this is no longer in place so the rain is seeping into the wall. The water is causing a lot of damage to the interior and the window.

We need to repair this wall and due to the vast area of the wall we need a lot of scaffolding. It is a specialist job requiring a qualified stone mason.

This is a big job – the church still needs to raise £5.000 to help repair this wall.

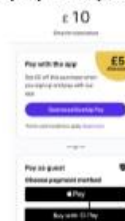
We hope you can donate to this cause

The QR code will lead you directly to the church restoration bank account – 100% of your donation will go to the restoration of this beautiful iconic building.



This QR code will take you directly to the Church bank account designated for the restoration of the Church.

You can pay your donation directly into this account. Scanning this QR code will allow you to pay your donation using the Sumup app, Apple pay, G pay or by credit/debit cards. Example;



## Killean & Kilchenzie Rotas

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Door</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
7 <sup>th</sup> April	<i>Albie Roberts &amp; Tricia Fair</i>	<i>J Hamilton</i>
21 <sup>st</sup> April	<i>Calum Morrison &amp; Jessie MacDougall</i>	<i>Margaret Littleson</i>
5 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Peter Littleson &amp; Jill Lines</i>	<i>M MacArthur</i>
19 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Joint Service in Tarbert</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.*

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## Kilcalmonell Rotas

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Door</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Teas &amp; Coffee</u>	<u>Cleaning</u>
7 <sup>th</sup> April	<i>Sue</i>	<i>Liz</i>	<i>Liz</i>	<i>Sue</i>
21 <sup>st</sup> April	<i>Sue</i>	<i>Liz</i>	<i>Liz</i>	<i>Sue</i>
5 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Anne</i>	<i>Anne</i>	<i>Anne</i>	<i>Anne</i>
19 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Joint Service in Tarbert</i>			

For the joint service, Soup/ sandwich lunch provided, Clachan, Cleit, Gigha & Skipness to provide cakes.

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## C<sub>3</sub>

This group traditionally meets on the first Wednesday of the month, but sometimes the calendar is not kind to us and the first Wednesday coincides with public holidays. This has already happened in January and April of this year, so we had no meetings during these months. The next meeting will be 1<sup>st</sup> May and, despite this being almost another holiday, having washed our faces in the dew at dawn, we will gather at **2pm in Cleit Church Hall.**

The main purpose of this meeting will be to plot a route forward including themes to consider. We will also discuss the Summer Outing. For those who have not yet joined us, this event usually involves visiting a place of interest, often a church, but always involves a meal. Last year, Lyn having just been formally introduced as our new minister, we attended morning worship in Tarbert, then proceeded to The Gather for lunch. We were joined by some ladies from Tarbert and had a whale of a time, proving what we already knew, that you do not have to travel far, because it is the company that counts. If you are considering joining this group, or even if you just fancy a cheery event, this would be a good opportunity to test the water. Information will be in Church Chat once we have decided. Watch this space. *Pat Rawson*

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## GLENBARR HALL COMMITTEE AGM

The Glenbarr Hall AGM will be held in the Hall on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 8:30pm. All welcome to attend.

## Glenbarr Hall – Work Party

Now that all the major works have been completed in Glenbarr Hall it is planned to have a work party on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April to complete a small number of outstanding tasks.

If you are able to assist please come along at 10am or 12:30pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and bring a paint brush and paint pot with you!

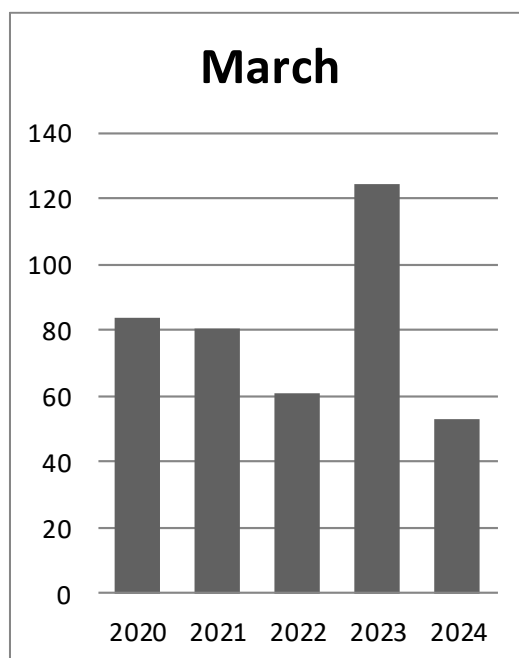
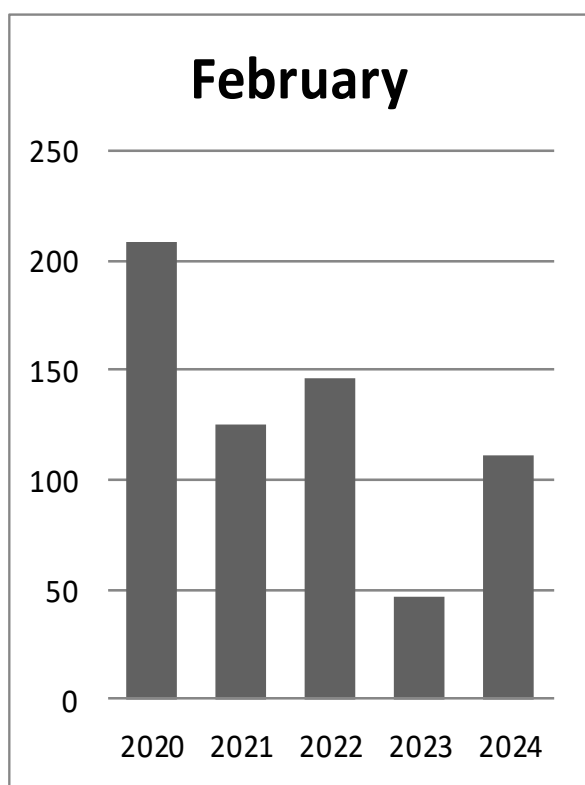
*Anne Littleson*

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

I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host of golden daffodils....

*William Wordsworth*



If you wish to place an article or diary event in **Church Chat** please contact **Peter Simson** on **01880 740255** or, preferably, email [petersimson@btinternet.com](mailto:petersimson@btinternet.com)

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