



The Church of Scotland In North Kintyre

Church Chat

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**Sunday 19th May
Pentecost
Joint Service
Tarbert Church
At 11.30am**

All 5 congregations will gather and share in worship with Communion followed by lunch in the hall. All Welcome.



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

From the Minister: Annual Gathering

On Sunday 19th May we have chosen to gather all together for Worship, Communion and Lunch. This year we will meet in Tarbert Church but the hope is to move around our 5 buildings each year.

I know that not everyone will travel and others just can't get to church at all and we will miss you. Those who come together will join in song, prayers, bread and wine, words and silence.

After worship we shall gather round tables in the hall and share soup and sandwiches and some home baking. This will be a time to get to know our neighbours, to celebrate our linkage and our shared mission in North Kintyre.

At the end of May, just after the General Assembly, I'm not a commissioner this year; Skipness will be having a visit from the new Moderator, a long term friend of Jean and Duncan Shaw's. All are welcome to join Skipness for this service, check out the rota for details.

In June and July I'm hoping to have a few more get togethers around tables of various sorts with people of all ages. In June we will also be having our AGM's, a chance to give thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who keep the church going through their loyal and dedicated service, to look at our finances and to make plans for where we are seeing God at work and where we can join in during the coming months.

As I write I am coming to the end of a week's Study Leave, where I have been reading a book on Forest Church and pondering different ways of creating fresh expressions of worship in our areas. This is just the beginning of a much longer period of reflection, discussion and research. Our first go at Café Church in Tarbert on Easter Sunday was a success and I hope we can try it again in other places over the summer. Watch this space!

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

Lyn Peden

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Kirk Session Meetings

No dates available at time of printing!
Elders, please keep an eye on your email inbox!

Safeguarding

9 Elders recently completed Trustees Training, a mandatory requirement for all Elders now. It was interesting to see how much responsibility Elders have regarding any Safeguarding issues that may arise. We need all Elders to complete their training ASAP and to check out the Church of Scotland Website Safeguarding Training page and book up on an online course.

Mid Kintyre and Gigha Co Ordinator: Melissa James
Tarbert Lochfyne and Kilberry Co Ordinator: Elma MacDonald

Worship Rotas

Worship Rota May 2024

Sunday Worship	10am Skipness	11.30am Tarbert	10am Clachan	11.30am A'Chleit	11am Gigha
5th May	James McLellan	James McLellan	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden	No service
12th May	Songs of Praise	Songs of Praise	No service	No service	Rev Lyn Peden
19th May Pentecost Communion	Joint service In Tarbert	Rev Lyn Peden	Joint service In Tarbert	Joint Service In Tarbert	Joint service In Tarbert
26th May	Rev Lyn Peden Moderator Visit Rev Dr Shaw Paterson	Rev Lyn Peden	No service	No service	Marion MacDonald

Worship Rota June 2024

Sunday Worship	10am Skipness	11.30am Tarbert	10am Clachan	11.30am A'Chleit	11am Gigha
2nd June	James McLellan	James McLellan	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden	No service
9th June	Songs of Praise	Marion MacDonald	No service	No service	Rev Lyn Peden
16th June	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden	Jim Malcolm	Jim Malcolm	No service
23rd June	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden	No service	No service	To be confirmed
30th June	Joint service Gigha	Songs of Praise	Joint service Gigha	Joint service Gigha	Rev Lyn Peden AGM

Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday were quiet events but very special to those who attended. A new wine goblet and plate made of wood was used to serve the elements.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Easter services and to all who helped to make and serve our delicious food at both Tarbert and Clachan. Thanks to all who decorated their butterflies and added them to our crosses, reminding us of the mystery of resurrection.

Sit Spot

During my study leave I read the book called Forest Church and it gave me lots of ideas for new ways of worshipping outside. I wrote in my recent column in the local paper about the Sit Spot and share it here.

Find a Sit Spot, a place you like, where you feel comfortable and just sit quietly and look and listen. Perhaps give thanks for something. There is no right or wrong way to do this, just do it!

Tarbert Guild

On Monday 22nd April, 24 ladies met at the West Loch House and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon tea. Committee Members Anne McDougal was reinstated as President, Elma MacDonald as Secretary and Mary Scott as Treasurer.

A vote of thanks and gifts were presented to the Committee members for all they do. Anne informed us that the fees for the Guild will rise by £1 a year for the next three years, but that these can be paid up over time rather than all at once, if that helps people. The Guild will return in the autumn. If you have any suggestions for speakers, please let any of the Committee know.

Killean & Kilchenzie Rotas

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Door</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
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>
5 th May	<i>Peter Littleson & Jill Lines</i>	<i>M McArthur</i>
19 th May	<i>Joint Service in Tarbert</i>	
2 nd June	<i>Kate McKinlay & Margaret Sinclair</i>	<i>R Currie</i>
16 th June	<i>Albie Roberts & Pat Rawson</i>	<i>D Roberts</i>
30 th June (5 th Sunday)	<i>N/A Joint Service in Gigha 11.00 am: tea & coffee provided by Gigha</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.*

Kilcalmonell Rotas

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Door</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Teas & Coffee</u>	<u>Cleaning</u>
5 th May	<i>Anne Parkhouse</i>		<i>Anne</i>	<i>Anne</i>
19 th May	<i>Joint Communion Service in Tarbert for Pentecost For the joint service, Soup/ sandwich lunch provided, Clachan, Cleit, Gigha & Skipness to provide cakes</i>			
2 nd June	<i>Cathy MacLean</i>	<i>Glynis</i>	<i>Cathy & Glynis</i>	<i>Cathy & Glynis</i>
16 th June	<i>Cathy</i>	<i>Glynis</i>	<i>Cathy & Glynis</i>	<i>Cathy & Glynis</i>
30 th June (5 th Sunday)		<i>N/A</i>	<i>Joint Service in Gigha 11.00 am: tea & coffee provided by Gigha.</i>	

DIARY DATES 2024

2nd May Prayer Shawl Old Post Office, Clachan 10.00-12.00

5th May Immersion Baptism Allana Bruce at A'Chleit

following main service

**19th May Joint Pentecost service Tarbert 11.30am including
Communion. Soup & sandwich Lunch.**

2nd Jun Baptism Charli Bernard at A'Chleit

30th Jun Joint service Gigha 11.00am. Tea & Coffee

29th Sep Joint service Skipness 11.30am Tea & Coffee

29th Dec Joint Carol service Cleit 11.30am Led by congregation

Tea & Coffee

Mid Kintyre and Gigha Church
Accounts for year to 31st December 2023

This was the first financial year following the union of the four churches.

Excluding one off items of income or expenditure the church had a deficit of approximately £2700 for the year.

Despite this, the church has large reserves of funds held locally and at 121 Edinburgh on behalf of the church. However, these will be quickly depleted as there are quite a lot of major repairs required to some of the church buildings.

Your continued support of the church is therefore essential to ensure its future.

Copies of the accounts for anyone interested are available from me.

Margaret Graham

Cleaner Required

A'Chleit Church and Hall

Approx. 2 hours per month : £240 per annum

If interested, please contact Anne Littleson :

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School Holidays

May Holiday

Close

Thursday 23rd May

Open

Tuesday 28th May

Summer Holiday

Close

Friday 28th June

Youth Work Report Spring 2024

It's been a long, long winter. Perhaps that's not so upbeat a start to this terms Report but it has had a great deal to do with how the young people have been feeling and about the ongoing enthusiasm of the SKY team as they have supported the young people.

All attempts to help in other Secondary schools at present have met with little interest and so, for the moment, we concentrate on CGS [Campbeltown Grammar School]. So what's been going on there? Our role continues to be as a presence in the school, engaging with the young people and seeking to form supportive relationships with them. This supporting attitude led to us being invited to staff a Quiet Room on Friday lunchtimes and this has been so successful that we have increased our provision to Wednesdays as well. We also listen to staff and take on board some of their suggestions as to how we might help, and this has led to a rather unusual initiative which happened just last weekend.

It started as a conversation between Kirsty Donnelly the new headteacher, and myself, about Gigha where I live. She'd seen some information about the Dark Skies Group on the island, but was unaware that I was part of that group, and commented that she "wished that we could take some young people to Gigha to observe these Dark Skies". To cut a long story short, this past weekend, which was the peak of the LYRA meteor showers, saw a small group of young people and staff come to Gigha to watch the night skies display their wonders. I set about organising the visit and our local church made their premises available to the group. The group included the headteacher and another member of staff who leads the local Scout group, and local Christians who helped out with feeding and hosting. Thanks to some excellent weather they got to paddle on the beaches and, after a good meal, enjoyed some interesting input from Dr Chris Leigh, the local school's astronomer. Later that night we all went up to the Dark Skies 'Theatre' and saw some impressive skies, lovely shooting stars, satellites and those with cameras even got a glimpse of the Aurora. They all had a great time; I know because they said so on the journey back to Campbeltown the following morning!

This is a super example of being there for the young people, listening for opportunities to serve them and then working out some outreach opportunities. You might well ask but what's that got to do with Christian youth work? The answer came in the middle of the night as one of the young people said 'When you look at all this it makes you wonder doesn't it? I mean it's just so wonderful'. Knowing of his Jewish heritage, I showed him a passage from the psalms and commented that 3,000 years ago one of this ancestors had asked the same question:

Psalm 8 vs 3 and 4: "When I look up at the night skies and see the work of your fingers – the moon and the stars that you have made – I cannot understand how you can bother with mere puny man, to pay attention to him".

There's still lots of *Work in Progress* too. We've not yet started the MAD Club, bringing young people more into serving the community or the Argyll FM initiative, enabling some young people to get a start in Broadcasting. Of course there might also be more Dark Skies input; we've already started a fortnightly Astronomy Group at the school led by Dr Chris Leigh! Apart from that, our new [ish] team members are presently undertaking some informal training, visiting similar projects, and discussions are on going about re-introducing a Chaplaincy Team possibly with Steven Sass, Mark Jasper and Meghann Hall.

Do please pray for us as we try to find good ways to support our young people and find ways to present Jesus to them when appropriate. So it may have been a long winter but Spring is now in the air and with it, new prospects galore!

Thanks for your support and prayers:

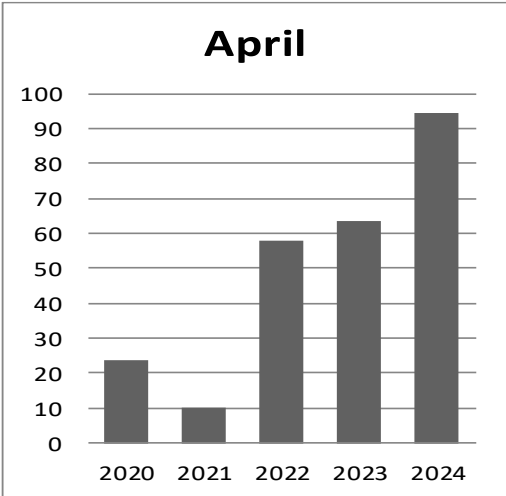
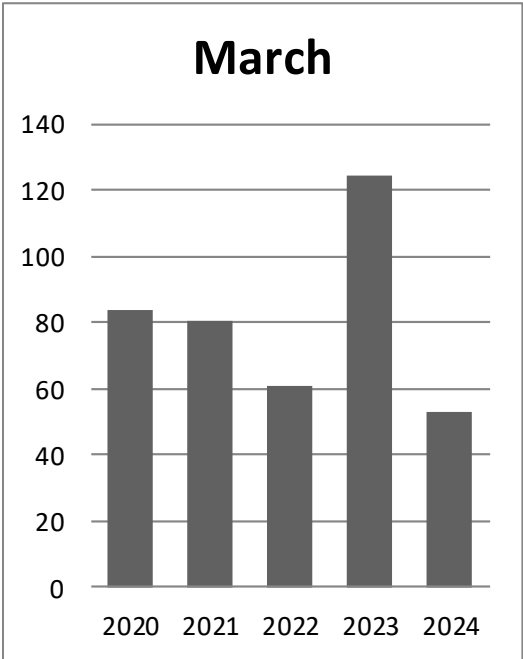
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[The Sky Team]

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RAINFALL FIGURES: from Peter Simson, Ronachan

The blackbird fills the air
Because I love you
With spring and lawns and shadows falling on leaves.

Jenny Joseph



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