



# The Church of Scotland In North Kintyre

Mid Kintyre and Gigha  
Linked with  
Tarbert Loch Fyne and Kilberry



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## Church Chat

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**The Right Rev Shaw Paterson, current Moderator of the Church of Scotland, visited St Brendan's Skipness on 26th May 2024. He said it was a wonderful privilege to preach here among family and friends.**

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## **From the Minister: Learning from the past**

I've made many mistakes in my life! I'm sure we all have at some point. Some mistakes are easily fixed, others take a lot of work. We need to learn from our mistakes so that they don't happen again. We also need to heal the wounds that mistakes sometimes cause.

We don't want to dwell on the past for that is neither healthy nor helpful, however, we do need to learn from it and make better decisions going forward.

We are who we are by all that has happened in our lives. Life shapes us and forms us, but only Jesus can transform us into who God made us to be.

Recent years have been painful for many people in our churches due to the pandemic and decline in religion in our western society.

We can feel a little hopeless about the future, but God tells us in Jesus Do Not Be Afraid – for I AM with you.

Having God on our side is a bonus, but we also need to do some work! Keeping the peace and unity of our congregations is a vow all office holders take. It is often a hard one to keep but keep it we must.

We are all brothers and sisters in Christ and must find a way to forgive and forget and move ever forward.

We long for the day when everyone will be united in love and peace, building communities of faith whose only purpose is to serve our local community.

Sometimes we need to let go of the past; we need to learn from it becoming older and wiser. May we all commit to doing this and allowing God to heal our wounds and give us the strength to let the past go and move ever forward together as best we can.

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!

# Worship Rotas

## Worship Rota July 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> July</b>	<b>James McLellan</b>	<b>James McLellan</b>	<b>Rev Lyn Peden</b>	<b>Rev Lyn Peden</b>	<b>No service</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Rev Anne McIvor</b>	<b>Rev Anne McIvor</b>	<b>No service</b>	<b>No service</b>	<b>Rev Lyn Peden</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Rev Lyn Peden</b>	<b>Rev Lyn Peden</b>	<b>James McLellan</b>	<b>James McLellan</b>	<b>No service</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> July Lyn on holiday</b>	<b>Jim Malcolm</b>	<b>Jim Malcolm</b>	<b>No service</b>	<b>No service</b>	<b>Marion MacDonald</b>

## Worship Rota August 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>4<sup>th</sup> August Lyn on holiday</b>	<b>Angela Stather</b>	<b>Angela Stather</b>	<b>Rev Anne McIvor</b>	<b>Rev Anne McIvor</b>	<b>No service</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Angela Stather</b>	<b>Angela Stather</b>	<b>No service</b>	<b>No service</b>	<b>Rev Lyn Peden</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>James McLellan</b>	<b>James McLellan</b>	<b>Rev Lyn Peden</b>	<b>Rev Lyn Peden</b>	<b>No service</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Rev Lyn Peden</b>	<b>Rev Lyn Peden</b>	<b>No service</b>	<b>No service</b>	<b>Marion MacDonald</b>

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## School Holidays

Autumn Term

Open for Pupils

Wednesday 14th August

## **Tarbert Loch Fyne and Kilberry: Stated Annual Meeting**

We heard on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June that our expenditure is more than our income for our day to day running costs and that at present this year we have around £900 a month of a shortfall. We have reserves to meet this but long term a different option is needed. We are asking all members and adherents to think about what and how they give to the work of the church and, where possible, if they could increase their giving a little. We would encourage people to pay by standing order where possible and to consider Gift Aid if you pay tax.

Building Work is a separate cost and met mostly by fund raising and grant applications. Copies of the accounts for 2023 are available on request from our Treasurer Janne Leckie. (see her contact details on earlier page)

## **Mid Kintyre and Gigha: Closure and Moving Forward**

The last three years have been very difficult for the churches of West Kintyre, the situation with your previous Minister and the fallout among Elders and members, including a number of people choosing to resign and leave the church has been painful and distressing for everyone. A complaint from a Minister outside our Presbytery against Marilyn Shedden brought further pain and distress.

The complaint has been found to be totally unwarranted, completely clearing Marilyn of any wrongdoing. The Minister who made the complaint, however, has had numerous complaints against him upheld and he has been removed from his post and is no longer allowed to be a Minister of Word and Sacrament.

As Marilyn and Maggie prepare to leave Muasdale it seems that now is a good time for us to send out this update to everyone. They and we need closure. They have been silenced for too long and this has caused them to have been treated very unkindly by some. Most people in our churches are supportive of them and would wish them well in their move to Lochgilphead. They will be missed and we thank them for their years of service to our communities and to the wider Presbytery.

## **Baptism**



We were delighted to welcome Allana Bruce back in June with her daughter Charli Bernard who was baptised on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June in A'Chleit church with family and friends looking on.

Although they live in Perth, some of Allana's family are in Campbeltown and we hope to see them all soon when they are back for a visit.

## **June Weddings**

We celebrated 2 weddings in Tarbert Church

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

**Shawn and Francesca Johnson**



**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

**Alex and Mhairi Kealy**

Congratulations to both couples and blessings on their new start as married couples.



## **A'Chleit (Killean & Kilchenzie) Rotas**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Door</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Joint Service in Gigha	N/A
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Ann Littleson & Jessie McDougall	Kate McKinlay
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Calum Morrison & Margaret Sinclair	Margaret Morrison
4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Peter Littleson & Jill Lines	Marion Warnock
18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Kate McKinlay & Joan Grady	Tricia Fair

*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.*

### **Diary Dates**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August Walk and Talk A'Chleit 7pm  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August CEI Presbytery Informal Zoom Meeting  
7pm (speaker to be confirmed)  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September CEI Presbytery Conference in  
Fort William 10am till 4pm  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Sep Joint service Skipness 11.30am Tea & Coffee  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec Joint Carol service A'Chleit 11.30am  
Led by congregation Tea & Coffee

### **Presbytery News**

**Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 with a hub in Tarbert Church Hall**

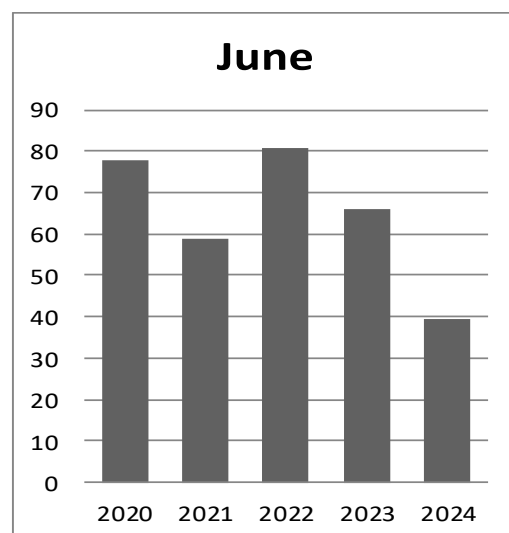
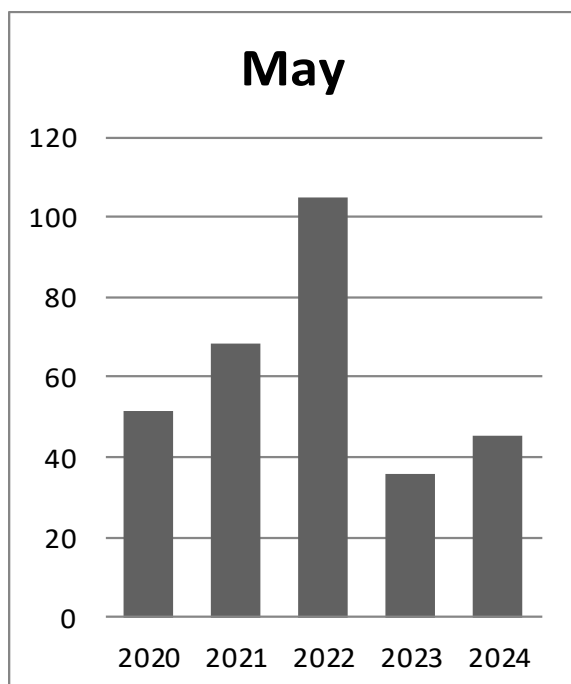
Rev Lyn Peden is now the Convenor of the Superintendence Committee.

Tarbert and Kilberry Church Repairs were approved.

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

When governments and industries  
Lie choked by weeds in fertile rain  
For sure, the few who stay alive  
Will laugh and grow to love again.

John McGrath



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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