



# 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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### International Prayer for Peace

Lead me from death to life,  
from falsehood to truth,  
Lead me from despair to hope,  
from fear to trust.  
Lead me from hate to love,  
from war to peace,  
Let peace fill our beings,  
our world and our universe.  
Peace, peace, peace.  
Amen



## **From the Minister: Harvest Thanksgiving**

September is the first month of autumn and already the days are shorter and cooler. The leaves are beginning to change colour and the farmers are trying to get some dry days to get their hay and silage harvested.

In our services we are looking at the season of creation and planning our harvest celebrations. I plan to have an informal communion at our services on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September (which is a joint service in Skipness for Mid Kintyre and Gigha churches). I am going to focus on bread this year and have invited our local schools to make decorations for us.

I wonder what your favourite type of bread is? I think mine is plain as it stirs memories of toast and tea in front of the TV with my Gran watching the 10 o'clock news on ITV!

It always surprises me how a simple thing like bread can bring up a memory. All creation is a gift from God and it is to be enjoyed. I wonder what memories you have made over the summer and what part of creation will bring it to mind?

Harvest is a time to be thankful. I hear from gardeners that the harvest hasn't been great this year due to the weather and I know some of my flowers were lost due to snails! But we still have plenty to be thankful for and it is important to take time to remember all that we have and to say a simple thank you to God.

Harvest is also a time to remember and help our brothers and sisters in our community who are struggling to make ends meet. Once again we will be supporting our local foodbanks in Tarbert and Kintyre with our cash donations, as well as the new foodbank on Gigha (which is looking for dry goods). So please help us help each other by donating what you can on either Sunday or take it to any service this month. As the advert says, every little helps.

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

Lyn Peden

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## **Kirk Session Meetings**

Tarbert Loch Fyne and Kilberry:  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in Church Hall

Mid Kintyre and Gigha: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October on zoom at 7.30pm

## Worship Rotas

### Worship Rota September 2024

Sunday Worship	10am Skipness	11.30am Tarbert	10am Clachan	11.30am A'Chleit	11am Gigha
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Songs of Praise	Songs of Praise	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden	No service
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Jim Malcolm	Jim Malcolm	No service	No service	Rev Lyn Peden
15 <sup>th</sup> September	James McLellan	James McLellan	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden	No service
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden Harvest	No service	No service	Julie and Kenny Wilson
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Rev Lyn Peden 11.30am Communion and Harvest	Jim Malcolm	Joint Service in Skipness	Joint Service in Skipness	Joint Service in Skipness

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6 <sup>th</sup> October	Jim Malcolm	Jim Malcolm	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden	No service
13 <sup>th</sup> October Lyn on Holiday	Marion MacDonald	Marion MacDonald	No service	No service	Julie Wilson
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Rev Lyn Peden	Rev Lyn Peden	Marion MacDonald	Marion MacDonald	No service
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Jim Malcolm	Jim Malcolm	No service	No service	Rev Lyn Peden 12 noon

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## Presbytery News

Presbytery will meet in person and online on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September in the Ben Nevis Hotel, Fort William, for a day conference. This will be the first time many of the members of our new Presbytery will meet in person.

At this meeting we will approve the full Mission Development Plan for the whole Presbytery. As well as some ordinary business, Mission and Ministry will be engaging us in some conversations.

The Business Committee are looking at the 5-year Strategy for the Presbytery and are encouraging all congregations to engage with them by completing a questionnaire before the end of September.

The questions are:

1. What is your vision for the future of CEI? What would you like us to achieve together in the next 5 years?
2. How could CEI inspire and support mission work within congregations and across the presbytery area?
3. How could CEI better encourage and facilitate communication and co-operation at all levels, from the presbytery, central offices and between congregations?
4. What potential do you feel exists within your congregation that could be drawn out for the glory of God, and how might CEI support this?
5. What sort of training, both spiritual and professional, do you feel would benefit you and your congregation?
6. How could CEI better support and equip you to manage your congregational finances?
7. To which congregation do you belong?

This form can be done individually or in groups. We will have an in person meeting with refreshments in **Clachan on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm** to help us answer these questions.

## **MID KINTYRE & GIGHA PROPERTY UPDATE – AUGUST 2024**

### **MUASDALE MANSE**

Watch this space! Hopefully some Good news next month!

### **A'CHLEIT CHURCH AND HALL**

Both the Church and Hall failed the recent 5 year electrical inspection. Whilst the buildings can continue to be used, repairs are necessary to bring the property up to a satisfactory standard. McKinven and Colville have been asked to provide a quote for the work. Duncan McGregor, builder, has been asked to inspect the roof space in the Church in order to identify the cause of cracked plaster work highlighted in the last Quinquennial inspection report. He has also been asked to provide a quote for the work.

### **SKIPNESS CHURCH**

All major works are now complete.

The electrics have been inspected and a quote of £4,500 received for the rewiring of the lights. The Kirk Session has given approval to proceed with this.

The congregation is also seeking external funding to repair the stained glass windows and have received a quote for £15,970 + VAT for this.

### **GIGHA CHURCH**

The Kirk Session has approved the tender submitted by Robertson Construction of up to £120,000 to carry out the repairs identified in the Quinquennial Inspection report. It is hoped that the works will commence in the coming months.

Anne Littleson, Property Convener

## **TARBERT & KILBERRY PROPERTY UPDATE**

The Clock has been repaired and is back to working order thanks to a grant from Cour Windfarm Community Trust. The repointing work has been beautifully completed thanks to Crawfords and the scaffolding has been left in place, for the window, which is due to be returned soon by Rainbow Glass.

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## **Killean & Kilchenzie Rotas**

<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Door</u></b>	<b><u>Flowers</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	<i>Ann Littleson &amp; Pat Rawson</i>	<i>M. MacKinnon</i>
15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<i>Gordon Caskie &amp; Margaret Littleson</i>	<i>Jill Lines</i>
6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<i>Albie Roberts &amp; Ann Littleson</i>	<i>Margaret Sinclair</i>
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<i>Calum Morrison &amp; J MacDougall</i>	<i>Gordon Caskie</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**

<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Door , Flowers , Teas &amp; Coffee, Cleaning</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup> September	<i>Glynis Lewin &amp; Louise Stanesby</i>
15 <sup>th</sup> September	<i>Cathy MacLean &amp; Glynis Lewin</i>
29 <sup>th</sup> September	<i>n/a (Joint Service in Skipness)</i>
6 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Cathy MacLean &amp; Tricia Rousell-Weeks</i>
20 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Anne Parkhouse &amp; Glynis Lewin</i>

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## **School Holidays**

### **Autumn Term**

*October Holidays      Close Friday      4<sup>th</sup> October  
Open Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October*

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## **Used Stamps**

For several years now my nearest and dearest have considered me to be a dinosaur.” She’s a nice old soul but she still sends, and likes to receive, letters and cards.” My justification is simple. Let’s face it, who in fifty or a hundred years’ time is going to wax nostalgic over some elderly emails? Better by far to have the yellowing letters, tied together by a faded red ribbon.

I am delighted to record that, dinosaurs or not, there are many people in the congregation and locality who also use and receive stamped communications and donate their used stamps to charity. I have just sent a goodly package off to RNIB and to judge by the stamps collecting in the church, I shall soon be sending off another.

Thank you all very much.

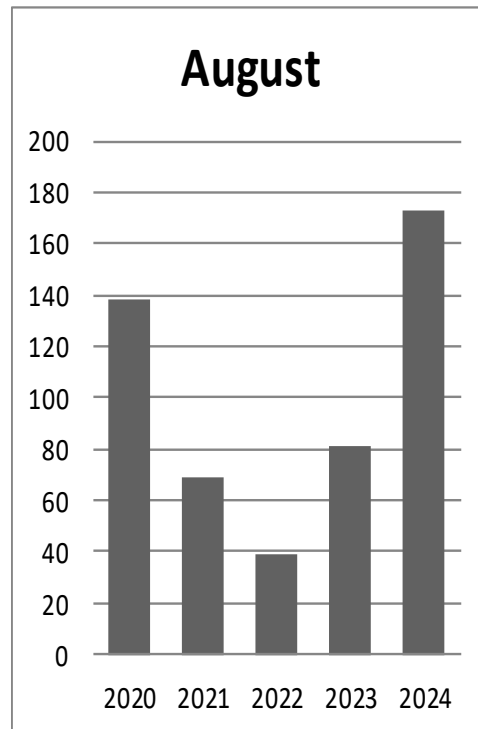
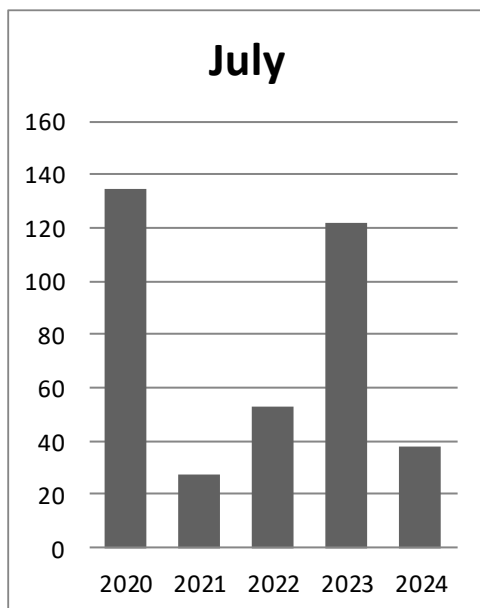
*Pat Rawson*

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

So much rain, so much life like the swollen sky  
Of this black August. My sister, the sun,  
Broods in her yellow room and won't come out...

Derek Walcott



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