



**DOORS
OPEN
DAYS** 2023

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Welcome back to Doors Open Days 2023!

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We are pleased to announce that Arrochar Parish Church has been accepted to participate in the Doors Open Days scheme this year.

The church will be open to all visitors on **Saturday 16th September between 10am and 4pm**. There will be an exhibition of crafts by the Craft and Chat Circle that meets on Wednesdays. Some of the crafters will be available to demonstrate their skills.

If you have never visited the church now is a great opportunity to look around and learn its history.

Sunday Worship at the Parish Church is at 10am

Do you need a lift to church?

If you would like to attend Sunday services (10am) at the Parish Church but find it difficult to get there please contact Alan on 07803 245 584 and he will try to help.

Sunday School is back

If your children would like to join us please contact Jamie MacTavish or Rhona Dick or email arrocharchurch@outlook.com

All children between the ages of 6 and 12 are welcome.

Live streaming of church services

Our services are now streamed live every Sunday at 10am, so if you can't get to church you can still share in our worship as it happens.

<https://arrocharparishchurch.org/streaming.html>

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal

Every year the people of Arrochar and Tarbet give generously to the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal which supports needy people across the globe.

We are once again asking for donations of toiletries, stationery, **new** items of clothing, small toys, crayons or colouring books.

Any gift, no matter how small will bring joy to someone.

Donations can be brought to the church or given to an elder.

Thank you for your help.

Craft and Chat Circle

We meet every Wednesday from 1pm -2.30pm in the Church Hall.

Crafters are happy to share their skills with others so if you would like to learn to crochet, knit or make lace why not come along.

Crafting isn't compulsory you can just come to chat and have a cup of tea.

Dogs are welcome and there is often a snack for them, too.

Three Villages Hall Events

Saturday 7th October 7:30 PM (doors open 7 PM)

Tickets from <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/580936>. Also available on the door.

£8 (£5 under 18s)

Bring your own bottle!

Steve Jinski is a songwriter, singer, performer, musician, and music educator. Steve's music is born of the singer songwriter tradition drawing on influences that include acoustic, folk, Americana, indie and blues but still he retains his own unique voice. Playing 'live' Steve accompanies himself on acoustic guitar, electric guitar, and piano. Added to the mix you'll hear the occasional acapella tune, a wailing harmonica, a couple of interesting cover versions, some tall tales and a positive vibe that will leave you feeling so glad you came to see the show.

**Sunday 29th October (Afternoon – Time
To Be Confirmed)**

The Last Forecast

**a new dance theatre show for family
audiences (especially ages 6+/P2-P4)
touring Autumn 2023**

A Catherine Wheels production, by
Bridie Gane

*Somewhere, on an island, Gail, a gecko-
like creature lives alone, in harmony
with the surroundings. Everything
matches, everything is perfect.*

*Unfortunately, Gail is not alone
for long. A stranger arrives, laden with
earthly belongings and starts setting up
home, disturbing this island sanctuary.
However, the forecast is for rising water
levels and soon there won't be space for
either of them...*

**Saturday 18th November – (Evening,
time TBC)**

The Sandy Brechin Quartet

Sandy Brechin is one of Scotland's best
known accordion players, travelling to
Arrochar with a 4-piece

Scottish/Swedish band. You can expect
to hear many traditional tunes, as well
as contemporary pieces composed by
Sandy and the band. Melody and
harmony shifting between the
accordion and fiddle gives a
Scandinavian ring to the Scottish tunes
and a Highland depth to the Swedish
melodies.

Kirk Session

Rev. David Nicolson

Interim Moderator

Ms Karen Campbell

Treasurer

Elders

Mr Alan Nimmo

Session Clerk

Mr Jim Kelly

Senior Elder

Mr Alistair Campbell

Mrs Irene Cameron

Mrs Anna Carmichael

Mrs Rhona Dick

Mr Barry Dickson

Miss Gill Dunbar

Mrs Eileen Kay

Mrs Margaret Kelly

Mrs Lorna Nimmo

Mrs Gayle Stead-Kerr

Mr Jamie MacTavish

Thank you

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generosity of the **International
Clan MacFarlane Society** for their
support enabling us to live-
stream our services.

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Loch Lomond Tragedy - August 1828

Our beautiful location attracts visitors from far and wide, and sadly we learn every year of tragedies that befall some of these tourists; victims of traffic accidents or, more rarely, drownings. You may think this is a modern phenomenon but almost 200 years ago, on 28th August 1828, Tarbet was the site of an earlier calamity.

Steamship companies were offering one or two-day trips on and around Loch Lomond, calling at, among other places, Tarbet. On this particular day the *PS Lady of the Lake* was due to embark about 20 passengers at Tarbet, some of whom had spent the night at the Tarbet Hotel. The *Lady of the Lake* could not berth at Tarbet and so passengers were taken out to her on a small ferryboat, owned by the Tarbet Hotel.

There are confused reports about what happened next, but one survivor reported that as the ferry approached the *Lady* some of the passengers feared that they would get entangled in the paddle, and moved to the other side of the boat causing her to overturn. Some passengers managed to swim ashore – a distance of about 25m, others clung to the overturned hull, while some clutched desperately at clothing of others. Two women from Tarbet launched a small boat in a rescue attempt and a small tender was launched from the paddle steamer. Ladies' long dresses became quickly waterlogged and there seem to have been no female survivors.

Initially some of the victims could not be identified, but in a letter, the Rev. Proudfoot, minister at Arrochar, described their clothing and possessions in the hope that relatives would be able to name the dead.

Of those who died Andrew McFarlane, a wright in Tarbet, is buried in Ballyhennan graveyard. He left a widow and three children. The boatman from the Tarbet Hotel has been variously named as William Brown or Bowran. John Brock, aged just 10, was the youngest child of Walter Brock of Bonhill. The remaining victims came from Glasgow, Greenock and Edinburgh. Sadly, like more than ten others who have drowned in Loch Lomond in the last two years they never returned home.

Jamie MacTavish is hoping that a memorial to the tragedy can be erected in time for the 200th anniversary to remember those who died but also to raise awareness of water safety issues. More details about this in future newsletters.

You can read more about this story at:

<https://digital.nls.uk/broadsides/view/?id=15363&transcript=1>

<https://www.dalman.com/?p=60883>