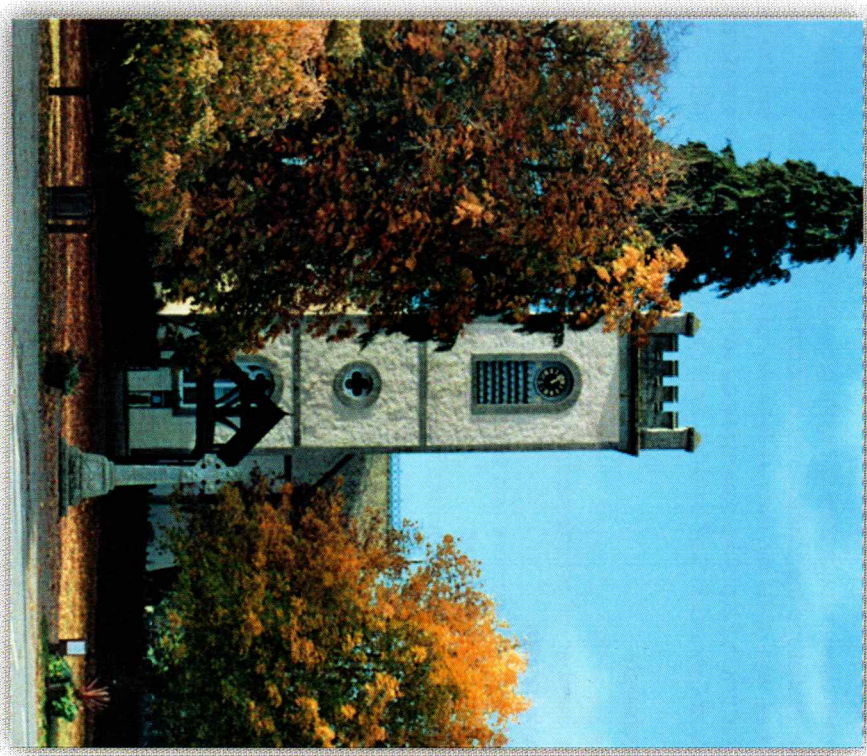


# The Kirk of Kenmore



We hope you enjoy your visit to Kenmore  
and its historic church



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## The Church at Kenmore

Prior to the Reformation, the Church was situated at Inchadney on the North side of the River Tay, opposite Taymouth castle. Today there is no sign left of the old church.

In 1579 Sir Colin Campbell of Glenorchy built a church on the present site. The building was originally a plain, oblong design, but in 1760 the church was rebuilt by the 3rd Earl of Breadalbane. More renovations came in 1870 when building was re-roofed and the tower heightened.

In 1923 the chancel and south transept were redesigned. The tower was again renovated in the 1950's and the pinnacles on the corners were removed.

The Church bell was made by Thomas Janaway of London in 1759 and the clock, the oldest village clock in Perthshire was made by John Peall at Crieff and was repaired by Mr J P Barnes of Cannock in Staffordshire, finally being electrified in 1998.

## Within the church

### Wall plaques

There are a number of private and public memorials within the church. The wall plaques commemorate

1. The War Dead from Kenmore and from Lawers, the latter brought to Kenmore Kirk when Lawers Church was closed.
  2. Dr W A Gillies, minister at Kenmore from 1912 to 1949.
  3. Rev Allan Sinclair, the first minister of the Free Church in Kenmore
  4. Robert Archibald Armstrong, author of the first Gaelic dictionary and son of a Kenmore schoolmaster.
  5. Mrs McKenzie, wife of Rev J B McKenzie, minister of Kenmore from 1872 to 1911
- There are also plaques to various philanthropists who left bequests to the Parish.

## Stained Glass Windows

*The MacDougal Window* - opposite the main entrance to the church. This was gifted by their son in memory of Mr Archibald MacDougal and his wife, who farmed the lands of Milton, Achomer and Claggan on the south side of Loch Tay. The theme of this window is "The Good Shepherd"

Two small lights depict the sun and the moon and stars, symbolising a farmer's work which goes on day and night. Harvest is symbolised by two small angel figures, one with a basket of fruit, the other with a sheaf of corn. The main figures represent Christ the Good Shepherd and St John the Divine, the disciple of love. At the base are depicted contemporary scenes of a shepherd's life and Milton House.



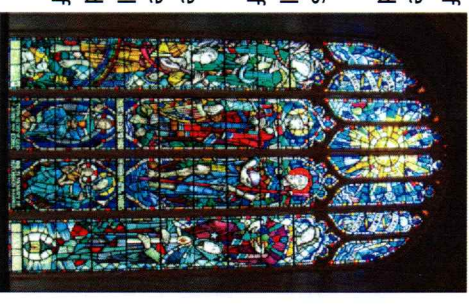
*The MacNaughton Window* in the North transept is the work of Abbey Studios. It is in memory of John MacNaughton DD and his son Lieutenant Ian MacNaughton of the Canadian Rifles, who was killed in Flanders in the First World War.

There are two central figures. One represents St Columba watching the sun rise over the mountains of Mull, with the sun's rays falling on Iona Abbey, which represents the dawn of Christianity in Scotland. The other figure is a young knight in armour, who has fought the righteous cause. Background figures represent law, art, music, literature and science. At the base of the window are the arms of the universities with which Professor MacNaughton was associated, namely Queens, McGill, Toronto and Aberdeen, along with the crest of the MacNaughtons and the badge of the Canadian Rifles.

*The Hutchison Window* in the South transept is the work of Mr W Wilson RSA. It was erected in 1969 and gifted to the church in memory of their parents by the family of Mr and Mrs J K Hutchison of Bolfracks.

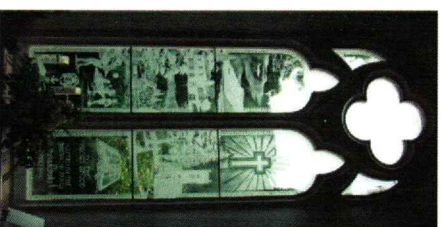
This window consists of four lights with tracery and has at its theme "Praise of God the Creator of Heaven and Earth and all His works enjoyed by mankind". It illustrates the psalms of David, king and ancestor of Christ.

In one light David is shown with his head lifted towards the hills. Beside him is John the Baptist. In the outer lights are figures representing the four seasons and below the central figures are two small panels showing Mother and Child and Christ the Redeemer. The tracery shows God as the source of light and life in the heavens.



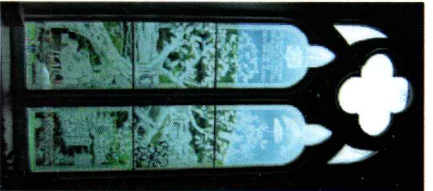
*The MacVicar Window* in the north side of the chancel was gifted by the MacVicar family to the church in 1991 when Rev Kenneth MacVicar retired after forty years of service as minister. It is etched glass and is the work of Anita Pate of Haddington.

The left panel has scenes and symbols representing the duties and pleasures of family life at the Manse in Kenmore, while the right panel contains everything that made these duties and pleasures meaningful—the Word of God, the Church and the Cross. The text speaks of the ever present hand of God to guide and the Light of Christ in the world to overcome darkness.



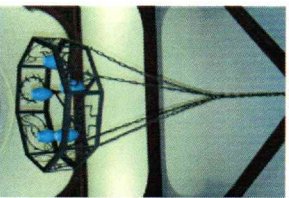
*The Duncan Millar window* on the south side of the chancel is also etched glass by Anita Pate. It is dedicated to Mr Alistair Duncan Millar of Remony and has as a theme of "The Tree of Life".

The oak tree depicts the intertwining of life, community and service. Returning to Remony in 1945, he became resident engineer at Pitlochry Dam, farmer and fisherman. An elder of the Kirk for over 45 years, he also served the Hydro Board, the County and Tayside Regional Councils and was a member of the Royal Company of archers. Elements in the window reflect these areas of service, and the bible and prayer the faith which gave the service meaning..



#### *The Central light*

This was gifted by Major Patrick Ness in memory of his two cousins, the Misses Parker Ness of Letterellen, Fearnan. It was designed by Mrs Lavinia Grant (nee Blair), a member of the congregation, and executed by Mr Alex Law, an elder of the church. Octagonal in shape, each side contains a Christian motif—the dove, the fishes and the halo, the crown of thorns, the sun, alpha and omega, the lamb and the cross. The wrought iron work is held together by a five pointed star.



#### **The Chancel Furnishings**

Many of these were donated as memorials in the 1920s when the church was refurbished.

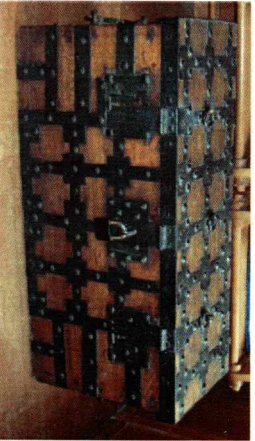
The Stall of the Prayer desk was presented by Rev Atholl Gordon in gratitude for the unity of the two churches in Kenmore in the years 1917 to 1929. The Prayer desk itself was given in memory of Elizabeth Durham.

The elders' stalls were given by the daughters of William Dunn in memory of their father, an elder of the Church and factor of the Breadalbane Estates.

The minister's chair was a gift from Peter Campbell, born in Acharn and Provost of Aberfeldy for 18 years.

The pulpit was given by the congregation in memory of Rev JB McKenzie, minister at Kenmore from 1872 to 1911.

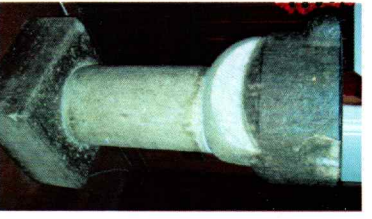
Also in the chancel is the Poor Box, once the Parish bank. Records of the church show how payment was made from it by the Kirk Session to help those in need. It would appear that in 1645 it was raided by soldiers from Montrose's army, but when he heard of it, Montrose had the money restored.



*The Font*, made of local stone, was found on the site of the pre-Reformation church at Inchadney

*The flags* were the colours of the old 5th (Perthshire) Volunteer Battalion of the Black Watch, which was disbanded in the early 1900s.

*The Galleries* at the east and west ends of the church were used by the Breadalbane family and retainers when they were in residence at Taymouth Castle. The organ is now in the area once designated as the Ladies Gallery.



*The Pew Tapestries*, initiated by Mrs Louise (Lois) Duncan Millar were worked and gifted by members and friends of the congregation. The Celtic designs were taken from the book of Kells and drawn by Mr Raymond Morris. The wool was donated by Sykes and Tunnicliffe Woollen Mills in Huddersfield, whose owners were relations of Mrs Lorna Howse, a member of the congregation.

*The Pew Bibles* were placed in the pews in the year 2000 to commemorate the Millennium. Many were gifted by members of the congregation in memory of family and friends.

In the vestibule, the case for the hymn books was donated by his family in memory of Robin Galloway of Dalry, a frequent visitor.

The *showcases* in the South Transept contain various items of interest including copies of church documents -

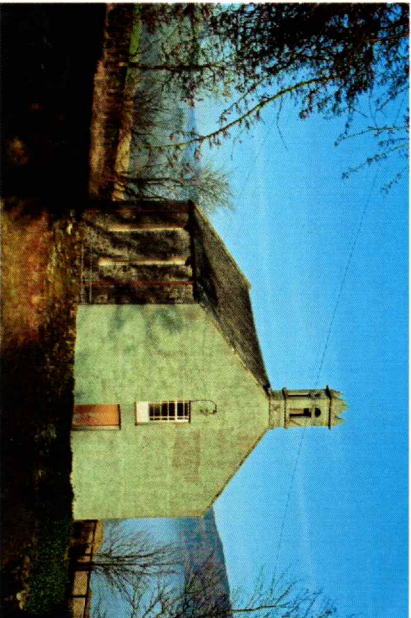
1. The agreement between Mr William Ramsay, minister and Sir Colin Campbell of Glenorchy, dated 28th May 1561.
  2. Petition of the parishioners asking permission to erect a new church at Kenmore, dated 10th January 1579
  3. Presentation in favour of Rev Colin McVean, 1793
  4. Description of an open air communion
- Various Communion tokens and a nail from the pre reformation church at Inchadney

#### **The Bedel Bible**

The Bedel Bible was the first edition of the Bible in Irish Gaelic and a copy was presented to Kenmore Kirk by Hon. Robert Boyle in 1688, one of several presented to churches in this area.. The Kenmore bible was restored in 1999 by Dundee University and is now in safekeeping in the AK Bell library in Perth, but the original cover has been retained and is displayed in the show case.

### The Church at Lawers

The original church at Lawers was built on the lochside in 1669 and remains can still be seen at the foot of the road which leads down to Lawers Churchyard. The existing building was built in 1833. At the beginning of the 19th century there was a population of over 1500 on the north side of Loch Tay, and Lawers Church had a remarkable record of education, as even before the Education act of 1872, the Parish produced one member of Parliament, a professor, nine ministers, eleven teachers and seven doctors. Over the 19th and 20th centuries the population decreased markedly. The congregation was linked with Kenmore in 1956, and regular worship ceased there in 1998, although occasional services were held there until the building was sold.



### List of ministers of Kenmore Church

William Ramsay	1561-1564
Duncan McAuley	1574-1589
John Burdoun	1589-1593
John McLagan	1593-1607
Neil Malcolm	1627-1629
John Malcolm	1629-1636
William Menzies	1636-1657
Patrick Campbell	1660-1675
Alexander Comrie	1676-1723
John Hamilton	1723-1742
John Douglas	1743-1758
James Campbell	1758-1780
Thomas Flening	1780-1788
Patrick McVean	1789-1793
Colin McVean	1794-1830
David Duff	1831-1872
James B Mackenzie	1872-1911
William A Gillies	1912-1949
Kenneth MacVicar	1950-1990

### Ministers of the Free Church, later the United Free Church in Kenmore

Allan Sinclair	1846-1887
James MacMillan	1888-1906
J B Atholl Gordon	1907-1931

The Free Church and the Church of Scotland united in 1931 and Rev William Gillies became the minister of the united congregation

### Ministers of Lawers United Free Church and Church of Scotland

Duncan Campbell	1834-1837
Dugald Campbell	1837-1842
John Logan	1843-1854
David Campbell	1855-1877
Murdoch Morrison	1878-1888
Allan Mackenzie	1889-1910
Walter Calder	1911-1929
Kenneth MacLennan	1930-1933
Alexander Strathearn	1933-1947
Angus Nicolson	1947-1952
Charles W Horn	1953-1956

Rev Kenneth MacVicar became the minister of the linked parishes of Kenmore and Lawers in 1956, and in 1989 the parishes were united and linked with the parish of Fortingall and Glenlyon.

### Ministers of Fortingall and Glenlyon /w Kenmore and Lawers

John Mann	1990-1998
Anne Brennan	1999-

