

# The Parish of KILCHRENAN and DALAVICH linked with the Parish of MUCKAIRN, TAYNUILT



CHURCH OF  
SCOTLAND

*A panoramic view  
across Loch Awe  
to Ben Cruachan.*

*The land in the  
middle distance  
is part of the  
Parish of Kilchrenan  
and Dalavich.*

*The summit of  
Ben Cruachan is  
the highest point  
in the adjoining  
Parish of Muckairn,  
Taynuilt.*



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## Are you our future?



## Will you help us grow and develop?

The charge of Muckairn linked with Kilchrenan and Dalavich becomes vacant after our previous minister was called to another parish. He leaves us on the best of terms after seven years of valued service during which he led our parish successfully through a challenging period in the development of the church.

In his successor we are looking for someone who will:

- Continue to look for new ways to put the church at the heart of the community
- Help to grow the church family by being a strong part of the community, ministering to all, church members and others alike
- Actively seek to involve children and young people in the church and its activities

The church properties and finances are in a healthy condition and the accounts are available on request.

Both Kirk Sessions have voted to accept applications from, amongst others, ministers in civil partnerships following the procedure under Act1, 2015 (Ministers and Deacons in Civil Partnerships)

# Taynuilt Village

Taynuilt is situated in the heart of the West Highlands, on the A85 and lies on the shores of Loch Etive. It is 12 miles (20 minutes) east of Oban and 90 miles (about 2 hours) from the centre of Glasgow. National and local bus routes give frequent access to both Oban and Glasgow. Taynuilt station is on the scenic West Highland line that connects Oban with Glasgow to the south and Fort William and Mallaig to the north.



Thanks to its setting, its range of outdoor pursuits and nearby visitor attractions the village is a popular tourist destination. It is also a very friendly and caring place to live with a thriving population of around 800, which is growing annually.

At the heart of the village are some excellent local shops, including a grocers (open 7 days a week), post office, butchers and hairdressers. There is also a welcoming tearoom, a hotel and restaurant and many local businesses and service providers. Close by there is an international residential ballet college (Ballet West) with over 70 students, who live in and around the village.



The area is well served with a good primary school, a nursery, a medical centre, an R.C. Church and two halls. The RBS mobile bank calls twice a week. Activities for all ages include golf, football, shinty, childrens rugby (Etive Vikings), playgroup, ballet, keep fit classes, badminton, bowling, Rainbows and Brownies, Gaelic choir, SWI, drama club, whist and ceilidhs.



Taynuilt Primary School

The primary school has a roll of 81 and is growing annually. There are four teachers. The nursery has 25 children. Pupils move on from primary school to Oban High School. For further information visit:  
[www.taynuilt.argyll-bute.sch.uk](http://www.taynuilt.argyll-bute.sch.uk)  
[www.obanhigh.argyll-bute.sch.uk](http://www.obanhigh.argyll-bute.sch.uk)



Taynuilt Medical Practice

The medical centre is part of a group practice along with Connel and Dalmally. It has its own dispensary and has an excellent reputation.

The nearest hospital is in Oban.

The village hall was completely upgraded in 2000. It has excellent facilities and is in constant use throughout the year by a variety of organisations.



Taynuilt Village Hall



Taynuilt Golf Club

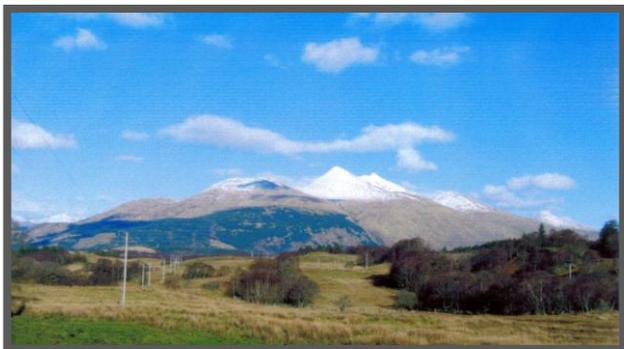
There is a nine hole golf course in the village with an active membership. They hold competitions and social evenings such as whist drives.

We have a new sports pavilion beside the shinty field, a tennis court and children's play park.

The Taynuilt Highland Games are held on the sports field annually in July.



Taynuilt Sports Pavilion



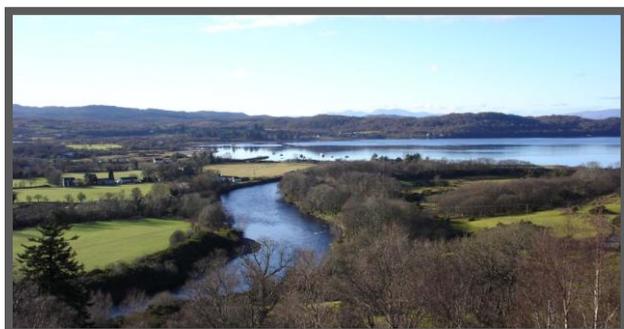
Ben Cruachan

Beautiful Loch Etive is home to an outstanding variety of wildlife including golden eagles, seals and otters. It is also very popular with kayakers and fishermen.

Inverawe Wildlife Park with its walks, tearoom, shop, exhibition, fishing lessons and ponds, as well as its renowned smokery lies on the shore of the loch and the River Awe.



Loch Etive



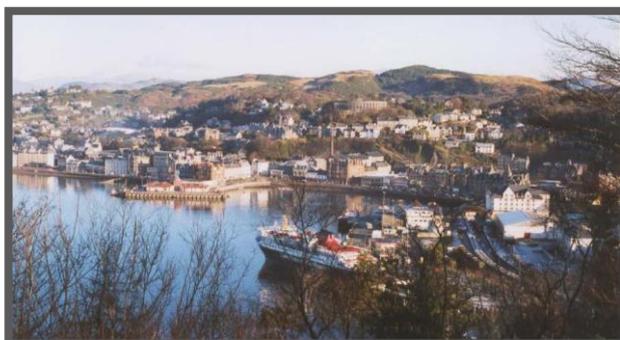
River Awe

Oban, the Seafood Capital of Scotland and University Town (UHI), is 12 miles away and is the port for ferries to Mull, Iona and the other isles of the Hebrides. There are excellent shops, first class restaurants and pubs, cinema, Art Centre, an indoor leisure centre, 18 hole golf course, all weather tennis courts and a bowling green as well as the Oban Distillery and iconic McCaig Tower. Corran Halls is well used as a theatre and performance venue.

There is a population of over 8500 with many businesses and employment opportunities.

The River Awe flows into Loch Etive at Taynuilt, where you can visit Bonawe Furnace, which made the cannon balls that were used at Waterloo.

Cruachan Dam and Hydro-electric Power station lies just outside the village on the shores of Loch Awe. The visitors' centre has an excellent shop, cafe and permanent exhibition. It provides trips to view the main turbine hall inside the hollow mountain.



Oban Harbour

## Muckairn Church



There are 116 members, 10 adherents and a Kirk Session which has 19 Elders. The church recently changed to a Unitary Constitution.

Muckairn Church is a 'B' listed Telford type Church built in 1829. It has been maintained to a high standard.



We are known for being a friendly church where all are welcome. Informality is our watch word, where much laughter and chat can be heard coming from within the church.

Many stay after the service to continue to enjoy fellowship with tea and coffee or one of our many bring and share lunches. Our congregation enjoys meeting visitors who come to worship God alongside us.

The congregation is warm, welcoming and willing to work for the benefit of both church and the community.

Our ethos is "All are welcome in God's House"



Muckairn has been successfully linked with Kilchrenan and Dalavich since 1981.

Worship is held every Sunday at Muckairn at 11.30am with Kilchrenan and Dalavich alternating Sundays. Where there is a fifth Sunday in the month, a joint service is held in each church on a rotational basis.



Harvest Thanksgiving and Lunch

## Muckairn Manse



The manse is a Telford 'B' listed building and lies adjacent to the church. It has 3 bedrooms, 2 public rooms and a study. Double glazing and central heating are throughout and there is a log-burning stove in the living room. It is set in its own large mature garden and has a garage and carport.

## Churches Together

We have a group involving the local churches, including ourselves, the Roman Catholic Church (The Visitation) and the Episcopal Church in Oban (St. John's Cathedral). The group runs events throughout the year for the community such as ecumenical services in the village hall, concerts, fun run and BBQ, Easter activities, Nativity play and Carol concert.



Fun Run & BBQ



Nativity Play



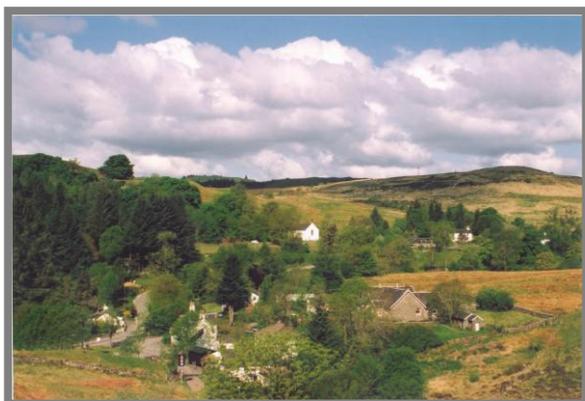
Building an Easter Garden and afternoon



Easter Egg Hunt and picnic

## Kilchrenan and Dalavich

Kilchrenan and Dalavich is a rural Parish with a scattered population centred on three small villages – Kilchrenan, Inverinan and Dalavich. The villages are situated on a country road on the north-west side of Loch Awe that connects with the main A85 road at Taynuilt, to the north and the A816 coastal road to the west. The total population is currently approximately 250. Local occupations include tourism, crofting, farming, forestry and fish-farming. Some residents commute to Oban and beyond and many are retired. A regular bus service operates between Dalavich and Oban during week days.



Kilchrenan Village

A view of Kilchrenan Village Centre, showing Kilchrenan Primary School (right centre) on the bank above the Inn (left centre) with Kilchrenan Kirk in the background. The Village Hall is obscured by trees and is located between the Kirk and other buildings in the foreground.

Kilchrenan Village Hall has recently undergone a comprehensive programme of reconstruction and renovation. It was formally re-opened in autumn 2006 and is now the thriving centre for many activities including: Primary School PE, plays and events, After School Club, Art Club, Bridge Club, Keep-fit, Country Dancing, Toddler Group, Community Education courses, Community Council meetings and regular events such as dances, whist drives, quizzes and barbecues.

Kilchrenan Inn, which in times past was the village shop and post office, is now a restaurant and bar and is a great asset for local tourism as a more informal and economical alternative to the two high-grade hotels at Ardanaiseig and Taychreggan.



Kilchrenan Inn



Dalavich Community Centre

The Community Centre at Dalavich was built by The Forestry Commission as part of the amenities for the Chalet Development in the 1980s. When the chalets were sold recently, the Centre was acquired by the Community and is now run by the Community as a hall, restaurant and bar as well as for other activities. Dalavich also has a small shop and post office.

## Kilchrenan and Dalavich Churches

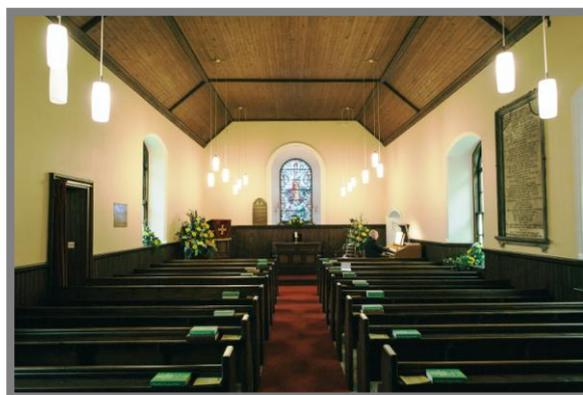
The churches are at Kilchrenan and Dalavich, with a Parish Communion Roll consisting of 23 members and 15 adherents. The Kirk Session consists of 7 Elders and the Church Constitution is "Quoad Omnia". Both churches are in excellent condition. Regular church services are held at 10am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at Kilchrenan and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at Dalavich. The Charge Manse is at Taynuilt and a very good working relationship exists with the Parish of Muckairn.



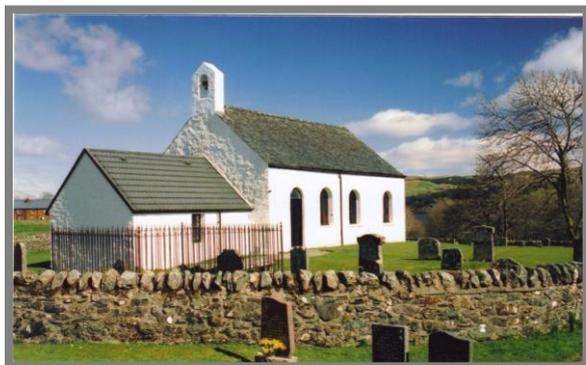
Kilchrenan Church

The church consists of a sanctuary with gallery, seating approximately 115, and a small vestry at one side. There is a 20<sup>th</sup> Century stained glass window at the east gable end.

Kilchrenan Church, a 'B' listed building, was built in 1771 on the site of a previous church. It is surrounded by the old Kirkyard where one gravestone dates a burial in 1296.



Interior of Kilchrenan Church



Dalavich Church

The Sanctuary at Dalavich Church, incorporates a 19<sup>th</sup> Century stained glass window at the east end. In an alcove at the west end, there is a display of two 12<sup>th</sup> century standing stones from an early Christian settlement at Kilmaha, which have been restored by Historic Scotland. The church is surrounded by an old walled Kirkyard and a more recent burial ground lies adjacent which is in current use.

Dalavich Church, a "B" listed building, was built in 1771, immediately after Kilchrenan Church, probably by the same workforce. It is similar to Kilchrenan, but smaller, and consists of a Sanctuary which seats approximately 85, and a large vestry which once acted as a school room.



Christmas Service at Dalavich Church

## Church Activities

Regular activities include the Guild, a bell ringers group, book club, music club, tea club, Messy Church, Whist Club and Musical Memories



Tea Club lunch



Music Club meeting



Book Club meeting



Musical Memories



Guild Christmas tea at the manse



Messy Church



Bell Ringers



Whist Club

## Appendix

### Information about the Parishes from the last census

Age Groups	
0-19	263
20-44	326
45-59	332
60-74	270
75+	104
<b>Total</b>	<b>1295</b>

Ethnicity	
White	1284
Mixed	6
Indian	2
Chinese	1
Black African	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1295</b>

Country of Birth	
England	271
Wales	14
Scotland	928
Northern Ireland	11
Republic of Ireland	3
European Union	31
Other	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>1295</b>

Housing Types	
Detached	395
Semi-Detached	204
Terraced	38
Flat (Purpose Built)	15
Flat (Converted)	22
Residence in commercial building	6
Caravan Park/Temporary	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>683</b>

Housing Tenure	
Owned outright	234
Owned with mortgage	162
Shared ownership	3
Rented: from Council	0
Rented: from other Social	79
Rented: Private Landlord	69
Rented: other	9
Rent Free	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>574</b>

Employment Industry	
Agriculture, including forestry & fishing	35
Mining/Quarrying	10
Manufacturing	25
Energy & Water Supply	28
Construction	60
Retail	71
Transportation	29
Accommodation & Food	69
Information & Communication	14
Financial Services	6
Real Estate	8
Professional, Scientific & Technical	46
Administration	27
Public Administration & Defence	43
Education	48
Health	91
Other	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>643</b>

Economic Activity	
Full Time Employee	339
Part Time Employee	133
Self Employed	163
Unemployed	29
Full time student	38
Retired	186
Looking after home or family	41
Long term sick or disabled	23
Other	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>969</b>

# LINKED PARISHES OF KILCHRENAN & DALAVICH WITH MUCKAIRN

TAYNUILT  
PRESBYTERY OF ARGYLL

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SCALE • THREE MILES TO ONE INCH.

