

Catrine Churches – Ministers and Office-Bearers.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND MINISTERS

CATRINE CHAPEL OF EASE – (Associates of Sorn Parish Ministers)

Robert Steven	12 Sep 1792 – 17 Apr 1798	(Went to Dalrymple)
Vacant	1798 – 1800	Under supervision of Rev G.Gordon of Sorn
Andrew Harley	15 May 1800 – 1804	
Vacant	1804 – 1815	Under supervision of Rev Lewis Balfour of Sorn
James Currie	5 Mar 1816 – Jun 1836	(Retired)
William Hutcheson	28 Dec 1836 – 14 Jun 1843	(Deposed for seceding)
Seceders in chapel	1843 – 19 Feb 1844	Remnant supervised by Rev John Rankine
William Blackwood	3 Apr 1846 – 1847	
William McRobie	1851 – 7 Nov 1853	(Services no longer required)
James Bell Biggar	17 May 1855 – 1870	(Resigned with ill-health – Died 8 Oct 1870 at Annan)
Pearson McAdam Muir	22 Sep 1870 – 1872	(Went to Polmont)

CATRINE PARISH CHURCH (QUOAD SACRA)

Pearson McAdam Muir	as above	
Thomas Philip MA	21 Nov 1872 – 24 Jul 1876	(Died)
James Buchanan MA	4 Jan 1877 – Sep 1881	(Went to Eaglesham)
James Gilmour Baillie	9 Mar 1882 – 21 May 1893	(Died)
Hugh Callan	1893 – Jan 1899	(Went to Montrose)
William John MA	May 1899 – 1947	(Retired to Ayr)

CATRINE HIGH KIRK (1929 – 1955)

William John	as above	(Died Dec 1972, aged 101)
Robert Campbell MA	1949 – 1954	(Went to Speymouth – died at Kinghorn on 14 Feb 1997)

CATRINE PARISH CHURCH (formed by the union of the High Kirk with the Gordon Memorial)

James Dickson MA	14 Dec 1955 – 31 Aug 1978	(Retired to Sorn – died Feb 1979)
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CATRINE PARISH CHURCH – (LINKED WITH SORN)

Alex Welsh MA,BD	27 Feb 1979 – May 1986	(Went to Dennistoun)
Wm Clement Robb MA,BD	19 Nov 1986 – 1 Jun 1993	(Went to St.John's Town of Dalry)
Geo.A.Chalmers MA,BD, M.Litt	Ordained 7 Sep 1994	

RULING ELDERS

CHURCH AND PARISH OF CATRINE "QUOAD SACRA"

- 1872 Matthew Morton (already ordained at Sorn)
24 Mar 1872 James McClymont, John Beveridge (Session Clerk – d.1921)
Oct 1882 Hugh Morton, John Monie (Schoolmaster), James Gilmour
Oct 1891 Peter Duff, David Scott, James Taylor, John Auld, Samuel Frazer (sic)
13 Mar 1910 John Scott, John McDonald
14 Nov 1915 James McCallum (from Barrhead)
24 Mar 1918 Archibald Mearns, Thomas Nimmo, Alex Cairns, John Carson (Session Clerk – d.1940), Robert McDonald (d.1970), Sam Hillditch (d.1960)
18 Mar 1923 John Thomson (Schoolmaster – from Sorn)
2 Jun 1929 Robert Dalziel (d.1975), James Chalmers, James Cairns (Scoutmaster – d.1963)

CATRINE HIGH KIRK

- 10 Jan 1932 Wm Campbell (Daldorch), Hugh Hastings
7 Mar 1937 George Park (d.1980), James Ferguson, Wm Reid (Catriona – d.1979)
6 Oct 1940 Hugh Poole (Sr) (d.1981), Alex Kerr (d.1998)
1947 Wm Reid (Daldorch – d.1975), Wm Clark, James Buck (Session Clerk – d.1981), James Nelson (d.1978), Wm Carson (went to Canada 1964), James Park (resigned 1959 – d.1996), James Henderson (Stationmaster – moved to Girvan)
Mar 1952 Robert Liddell (d.1997), Hugh Poole (Jr) (d.1995), Albert Jackson

CATRINE PARISH CHURCH

- 18 May 1955 Former Gordon Memorial Church of Scotland Elders: Alex Gillies, Wm Reid (Ayrvale – resigned 1958), Duncan Bryan, John Chisholm (moved to Prestwick – d.1998), Thomas Melrose (moved 1968), Francis Chisholm (d.1976 aged 97), John Stevenson (resigned 1955)
2 Nov 1958 Heath Dalziel (d.1987), Wm Gibb (d.1990), Dr John McCrae (moved to Bristol 1979), Robert McDonald (d.1970), James McKellar (d.1969), David Muir (d.1999), Robert Paterson (Headmaster – moved to Beith 1962), James Thomson (d.1998)
4 Feb 1968 John G. McIlvean (Session Clerk), Robert "Roy" Hume (d.1999), Robert Boyd (d.1969), John Dunsmuir, James Wilson (d.1995), George Stoba (moved to Ayr 1982), John Gillies (d.1999), Wm Bryson (Farmer)
19 Jan 1986 John McVean, John Holland, Samuel Peden
17 Apr 1988 Lorna Rae (d.2000), Mary Poole, Elias "Terry" Harrison, Dr J. Murray Philip
28 Jun 1982 Margaret McComb, Anne Duncan (d.1996), Louise Boyd, Jean Ferguson, Margaret Templeton
16 Jun 1996 Mary Bunting, Iris Chisholm, Elizabeth Sharp, Janet Loy, Mary McDowall
6 Jun 1999 Helen Harrison

ORGANISTS AND OTHER LEADERS OF PRAISE

1871 – 1883	Thomas Sayers (or Sawers)	Precentor
1872 – 1877	Miss Stuart Parker	Harmonium player
1877 – 1880	John Beveridge	“ “
1880 – 1927	Richard McCrae	“ “ & Organist
(The pipe-organ was installed in 1883)		
1927 – 1930	Mr Harvey	Organist
1930 – 1932	Miss Highet	“
1932 – 1987	John Thomson	“
1987 – 1989	Donald McElroy	“
1989 - 2003	Alex Cairns	“

ORGAN BLOWERS

Ian Bell (1942) and Thomson Kyle (c.1950) – others unknown

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT PRESES OR CHAIRMEN

Archibald Buchanan (1871), John Hood (1882), Dr David Sloan (1883), James B.B.Morton (1902)

CLERKS TO CONGREGATIONAL BOARD

David Miller (1871), John McKay (1882), James B.B.Morton (1883), Wm Shaw (18** - 1892), James B.B.Morton (1892 – 1893), John Monie (1894 – 1905), John Beveridge (1905 – 1917)

James McCallum (Catrine High Kirk – 1932)

(Catrine Parish Church)

1955 – 1960	George Park
1960 – 1979	Heath Dalziel
1979	Hugh Poole and Mrs Mason
1980 – 2000	Lorna Rae
2001	Helen Harrison

TREASURERS

John Mackay (1871), James B.B.Morton (1883), John Beveridge (1883 – 18**), William Shaw (18** - 1892), James B.B.Morton (1892 – 1893), John Monie (1894 – 1905), John Beveridge (1905 – 1917), Robert McDonald and Thomas Dean (1917 – 1930), James McCallum (1932), George Park (1955 – 1960), Hugh Poole (1961 – 1982), Angela Cairns and Hugh Poole (1982), Linda Kerr (1983 – 1990), Hugh Poole (1990 – 1995), Louise Boyd (1995 – 2***)

SESSION CLERKS

John Beveridge (1871 – 1920), John Carson (1920 – 1940), James Cairns (1940 – 1953), James Buck (1954 – 1980), John McIlvean (1981 – 2***)

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

George Park (1955 – 1960), John McIlvean (1961 – 1980), Mrs E.Welsh (1980 – 1986), Anne Morrison (1986 – 2***)

AUDITORS

Hugh Morton and Wm Stevenson (1872 - ?)
J.Chalmers and David Meikle (1932 - ?)
Robert Meikle and William Carson (1952 - ?)
James Thomson and John Thomson (19** - 1981)
John Dunsmuir and John McIlvean (1982 – 1997)
John McIlvean and Mary McDowall (1998 – 2***)

WOMEN'S GUILD PRESIDENTS

Mrs S.John (19** - 1947), Mrs Cairns, Mrs Winning, Mrs Mason, Mrs L.Boyd, Mrs M.Hume (1996 – 2002), Mrs Mary Bunting

CHURCH OFFICERS

Peter McWhirter (1871 – 1889), Richard McCulloch (1889 – 1892), Thomas McKinnell (1892 – 1916), Maxwell Stobbs (1916 – 1942), George Park (1942 – 1944), William “Bill” Thomson (1944 – 1947), Robert Hastings (1947), Bill Thomson (1948), James Kyle (1948 – 19**), James Thomson (1981 – 1991), John Holland (1991 – 2002)

HALLKEEPERS

James Kyle (1954- 1956), Laurence Oliphant (1956 – 1959), David Cameron (1959 – 19**), Heath Dalziel (19** - 1966), Alex Rae (1966 – 19**), (no Hallkeeper thereafter)

PRESBYTERY ELDERS

Samuel Hillditch (1945 – 1957), Francis Chisholm (1955 – 1957), Hugh Poole (Sr) (1958 – 1967), William Gibb (1967 – 1975), Alex Kerr (1975 – 1990), Dr J. Murray Philip (1990 – 2002), William Bryson (2002 -

TRUSTEES

1792 Claud Alexander of Ballochmyle

1871 (per Deed of Constitution)

Robert Lee, Advocate, Procurator for the Church of Scotland

Rev Dr John Cook, Principal Clerk to the General Assembly

Rev Dr Wm Smith, Minister at North Leith, Convenor of General Assembly's

Committee on Endowment of Chapels of Ease

Moderator & Clerk of the Presbytery of Ayr and their successors

Minister of the Parish of Sorn and his successors

Colonel Claud Alexander of Ballochmyle

Archibald Buchanan, Catrine Cotton Company

Charles Howatson of Daldorch and later of Glenbuck

1881 Colonel Claud Alexander MP of Ballochmyle

Archibald Buchanan of Barskimming

1886 General Sir Claud Alexander, Bart, of Ballochmyle

Colonel Fairlie of Daldorch and Dr David Sloan of Mansfield House, Catrine

1901 James B.B.Morton of Broomknowe, Bleachworks Manager

1916 Wm H.Campbell of Daldorch

CONGREGATIONAL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

(All Elders are ex-officio members of the Board – others elected for three years)

1843	John Barclay	William Lees	William Wallace
	William Niven	James McMaster	Andrew Cowan
	George Wilson	James Nimmo	

(All of the above seceded along with Claud Alexander to form the Free Church)

1871	Archibald Buchanan	Robert Dunsmuir	John Hood
	George Parker	Dr David Sloan	James McClymont

1882	Samuel Frazer	Andrew Archibald	John Monie
	John Beveridge	John McClymont	

1883 Robert Meikle

1886 James B.B.Morton

1891 Major George Parker

1892 William Pettigrew

1894 John Hyslop

1895 Simon Scott

1896 John McDonald

1990 Hugh Gemmell (d.1914) John R.Hood (d.1926)

1902 James Duncan (d.1908) John Scott Thomas Aitken (d.1922)

19** William H.Campbell of Daldorch

1913 Robert McDonald

1916 Thomas Dean

1919 James Allan (d.1921)

1932 Catrine High Kirk

Mrs Sara T.John	George Park (d.1985)	George Neil
William Scott	Robert Meikle	David Meikle
James Miller	Robert McDonald (d.1970)	Robert Aitken (d.1981)
James McCallum	John Thomson	

1955 Catrine Parish Church

Alex McIlvean (d.1971)	Annie Kyle (d.1977)	Mrs Beveridge
Mrs Girvan (d.1975)	Mrs Gemmell (d.1968)	Mary Poole
Mary Carson (d.1984)	George Thomson	Charles Gemmell
Sam Hillditch	William Gibb(d.1991)	Robert MacDuff (d.1977)
Ian Bell	Andrew Hall (d.1974)	John Thomson (d.1987)
James Thomson (d.1998)	Mrs Nan Patrick (d.1984)	

1979	John McVean	Jean Gillies	Ian Murray (d.1983)
	Mrs Mason	Louise Boyd	

1980	Anne Duncan (d.1996)	Lorna Rae (d.2000)	Mary Poole
1983	Evelyn Muir	Mary Bunting	Samuel Peden
1984	John Holland		
1987	Margaret McComb	Elizabeth Sharp	Dr J.M.Philip
1988	Robert Houston	Doris Houston	Molly Ramage
	Margaret Hume	Wilma Love	
1989	Jean Ferguson		
1993	Matt Ferguson		
1994	Helen Harrison		
1995	Helen Chalmers		
1996	Mary McIlvean		
1998	Thomas Gillies		
1999	Colin Mitchell		