

## LOCHEND & NEW ABBEY PARISH: MINISTERS SINCE 1563

### NEW ABBEY

1563 - 1570 PATRICK COUL – Reader  
1570 – 1585 or 1590 JOHN LOGAN – Reader  
[Vacancy 33 or 28 years]  
1618 – 1636 ADAM SIMSON  
1636 – 1649 DAVID RAMSAY  
1650 – 1660 WALTER GLEDSTANES  
1661 – 1669 PATRICK DURHAM  
1669 – 1681 WILLIAM WISHART (Translated to Wamphray before  
8<sup>th</sup> February 1681)  
1685 – 1689 JAMES MARR (outed by the people in 1689)  
[Vacancy 2 years]  
1691 – 1695 JOHN HERVIE or HARVEY  
1697 – 1725 JOHN NISBET  
1726 – 1768 WILLIAM IRVINE (appointed *jure devoluto*  
by Presbytery)  
[1731 New Church built at the Abbey. William Irvine  
presented Communion Vessels.]  
1769 – 1819 WILLIAM WRIGHT  
He had to be guarded by soldiers at his Induction because of  
feeling against Patronage. The New Abbey manse was extended  
and improved during his time.  
1813 – 1858 JAMES HAMILTON - (Colleague/Successor)  
1859 – 1863 ARCHIBALD HAMILTON CHARTERIS  
Grand nephew of James Hamilton. Later a Moderator of  
the General Assembly. Founder of Woman's Guild.  
1863 – 1910 JAMES STEWART WILSON  
  
1877 Present Church built  
1887 Introduction of instrumental music to service.  
1911 – 1919 JOHN MURRAY WOODBURN  
1920 – 1926 WILLIAM SUTHERLAND  
1926 – 1928 ROBERT NINIAN PAISLEY  
1929 – 1932 DR GEORGE G D S DUNCAN  
1929 Union of CHURCH OF SCOTLAND with UNITED FREE CHURCH  
1930 New Abbey United Free Church joined with the Parish Church; members in Beeswing area joined Lochend.  
1933 – 1937 ROBERT DOLLAR  
1937 – 1946 JAMES ANDERSON CRABB  
1946 – 1951 IAN G FORBES

### LOCHEND

There was a Free Church in 1759 in Beeswing called Lochend and one at the Bridgend at New Abbey. One minister looked after both. He lived in the Manse at Beeswing.

1860 – 1865 DAVID PURVES  
  
1865 – 1871 DANIEL MCKINLAY DUNCAN  
1868 Lochend Free Church built  
1872 – 1874 DAVID BRUNTON  
1874 – 1907 WILLIAM DUNCAN THOMSON  
1878 New Abbey Free Church built  
1900 – 1906 ROBERT HOWIE (Colleague/Successor)  
  
1906 – 1932 GEORGE M GIBB  
  
1932 – 1936 MERRICKS ARNOT  
1937 – 1945 HENRY SMITH  
1946 – 1952 ROBERT BROWNLEE

### 1952 NEW ABBEY AND LOCHEND CHURCHES LINKED

1951 – 1963 WILLIAM SCOTT CAMPBELL  
1963 – 1971 JOHN HERON MACDONALD  
1971 – 2009 WILLIAM HOLLAND

### 2006 NEW ABBEY AND LOCHEND CHURCH FORMED A UNION KNOWN AS LOCHEND AND NEW ABBEY CHURCH.

The Church at Lochend was closed and subsequently sold.

2009 – 2014 Vacancy  
2014 – 2018 MAUREEN MARY DUNCAN  
2018 – Vacancy