BARONY ST JOHN'S CHURCH, Arran Place

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| Site Visit notes, inc Stained Glass | | Site Visit 05.10.1997. |
| List 1 | | Black & Salmon, Glasgow, architects, 1844. Gothic. Rectangular plan church with gables to east and west and elaborate projecting eastern tower and spire. Polished yellow sandstone at east, rubble side elevations. Central door under pointed head at east, triple light window above, central light having two lancets and trefoil tracery. Shallow gables to first stage of tower, with square clock tower rising from the centre. Clasping buttresses, capped with baletted pinnacles at all angles giving lively silhouette. Facetted spire with 2 tiers of lucarnes on 4 faces. Ship weather-vane. Body of church, 6 bays with pointed arched windows, Y-astragals and window margins. Slate roof.<br>New parish church superseding the old church at Saltcoats. Cost £3,000. Alterations in 1889 by James Ritchie. 1909 Font and Communion Table by P Macgregor Chalmers. B.<br>Refs: Guthrie, A Sketch of Ardrossan, 1869; Groome, I, 1882, 67. |
| BI 6/68 | November 1895 | More of the recollections of Thomas Gildard. About the time of the Free Church disruption, Mr Black and Mr Salmon entered into co-partnery. During the partnership they designed St Matthews FC, Glasgow; St Marks FC, Glasgow; Ardrossan Parish Church; Irvine Free Church. |
| Callan, 4 | | Appeal for funds begun August 1843 - plans prepared 'early in 1844' by Black & Salmon, and work begun in April 1844. Opened December 1844, as New Ardrossan Parish church. Cost, £2658 18s 3d. Became first quoad sacra parish in Scotland, 1851. |
| CH 2/197/9 | 9.10.1845 | Recently completed. |
| FES, III, 78: IX, 201 | | Erected into QS Parish in 1851. |
| ASH, Sa 14.5.1864, 1a | | 'The church door will be open today (Saturday) from 10 a.m. to 6 o'clock p.m. in order to allow parties an opportunity to replace their cushions, &c. Divine service as usual tomorrow'. |
| Callan, 6 | | Plans for extension submitted in February 1888 and the work, including installation of pipe organ, completed in 1889. Original organ console under pulpit, but moved to present position in 1933, at time of major renovations. |
| ASH, F 31.8.1888, 4e | | Proposed extension approved by congregation. |
| AA, Th 20.6.1889 | | New Parish Church. Organ inaugurated last Friday. 2 new memorial windows, under the side galleries (gift of Mr James Mutter) and a wheel window (gift of Misses Moffat) have been executed by Messrs Kier to harmonise with the memorial window (gift of Mr Bryce Douglas) formerly gifted. |
| ASH, F 21.6.1889, 4g | | The 5 windows - Douglas/Mutter/Moffat [which is John Moffat i.m.o. his sisters and nieces, and not as in AA ref, above] - are all the work of W & J J Kier. Bryce-Douglas windows are Good Shepherd and Benign Master. |
| BN, liv, 887 | 21.6.1889 | Reopened after enlargement, June 1889. James Ritchie, Glasgow, architect; John McLean, mason; Henry Wallace, joiner. Stained glass by W & J J Kier. 160 additional sittings. Pulpit gable and vestry offices behind taken down, and gable rebuilt at extreme limit of site. Roof raised - roof couples were of king and queen post construction, ceiled flat underneath to tie beams - opened up between the queen posts the whole length - waggon-headed form, with semi-circular ribs between queen posts - king posts cut away and iron suspension rods substituted. Polychromatic decoration replacing whitewashed walls - Wadsworth & Co organ - new pulpit and choir bench - stained glass |

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| | | windows - gas lighting from ceiling pendants and wall brackets - hot water heating system. |
| CH 2/197/9 | 3.12.1889 | Enlarged at a cost of £1043. |
| BI 8/89 | August 1897 | [Memorial window - Established Church - William Meikle & Son, Glasgow. This is presumably also the Meikle window - Ardrossan Parish Church - The Good Shepherd - B, lxxiv, 44, 1898 - But is it this church?] |
| AA, Th 14.10.1920 | | War Memorial tablet and window dedicated last Sunday. |
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| Cloiuston | | 1844 Mears bell. |
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| Callan, 4 | | Appeal for funds for a hall in 1886 - a 'handsome and commodious building' opened in 1887. Cost nearly £1000. |
| ASH, 23.10.1931, 2bc | | Harmonium moved to the hall in November 1888. |

BARONY MANSE, South Crescent

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| Callan, 4 | | Ground in South Crescent granted by Earl of Eglinton, 1851. |
| Callan, 4 | | Sold 1960. Subsequent Manse was a house in Eglinton Road, replaced in turn by another on same street. |

CHRISTIAN BRETHREN HALL, 102 Glasgow Street

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| nr | | Former 1846 Parish School. |

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, Glasgow Street. [Formerly U.P CHURCH, then PARK CHURCH (1)]

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| List 17m | | Thomas Wallace, Ardrossan, architect, 1857. Simple rectangular plan. Rendered with red sandstone dressings. Entrance in gable and through central recessed round-arched door with hoodmoulds. Tall, similarly hood-moulded window above. 2 tall pilaster strips flank the central bay and rise through the battlemented parapet to form pinnacles with onion caps. Similar clasping pilasters at outer bays. 2 round-arched windows in outer bays with string course above embracing the inner and outer pilasters. Battlemented gable above. 4 tall round-arched windows ro body of church. Originally the U.P. Church. CS. |
| Kirkwood | | Called Park Church after FC/UP Union, 1900. |
| Groome, 1884, 67; Guthrie, 1869, 41 | | |
| | | 1857, £1,300. |
| CH 3/25/3 | 3.3. - 1.6.1857 | Cost £1351 17s 4d. Thomas Wallace, Ardrossan, architect; William & John Boyd, Ardrossan, masons; Robert Drape, Ardrossan, joiner and plaster work. |
| ASH, 25.4.1857 | | Plans of Thomas Walalce approved. A feu has been secured in Glasgow Street. |
| KWP, 2.1.1858 | | Opened last Sunday. |
| CH 3/25/3 | 31.5.1869 | 1869: Choir platform to be erected. [Thomas] Wallace, architect. |
| ASH, Sa 29.9.1877, 4d | | Thomas Wallace's obituary names this as one of his works. |
| CH 3/25/3 | 2.2.1887 | 1887, Pews to be replaced. |
| | 2.7.1887 | Reseated and redecorated 1887-1888. Church closed, and re-opened 5.2.1888. John Armour, Irvine, architect. |
| ASH, F 27.1.1888, 1a | | Ardrossan UP Church is to re-open Su 5.2.1888. Built 30 years ago, and has been under repair for several months. Gallery - heating. |
| ASH, F 3.2.1888, 4f | | Architect for alterations, [John] Armour, Irvine. |
| CH 3/25/3 | 30.4.1900 | 1900, pulpit moved forward to make way for small organ. |
| | 16.5.1904 | 1904. Old pulpit sold. |
| | 4.12.1921 | 1921. Monument to Rev William McGilchrist. MacNeill Bros., Ayrshire Cabinet Works, Beith. |
| | 16.10.1922 | 1922. 27' high chimney erected for new heating system. |

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| | 18.6.1928 | Walls pointed and recut, 1928. Exterior walls pointed, corroded stone brushed down. Base, 2 corner butts, 2 centre butts, ingo of windows and door, skews, battlements, &c., cleaned and made good with cement. Inglis, builder. Cost: £245. |
| | HALL | |
| CH 3/25/3 | 20.9.[1874] | Plans approved. Thomas Wallace, architect. |
| | 2.6.1875 | Has been opened. Stands adjacent to the church. |
| ASH, Sa 5.6.1875, 4cde | | Hall formally opened last Wednesday. 44' by 24'. The architect is Thomas Wallace, and the main contractors John and William Boyd, masons, and R Barbour, junior, joiner. |

E.U. CHURCH [1: INDEPENDENT CHAPEL (2)]

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| McNaughton | Founded 1837. Joined EU, 1894 |
| Groome, 1884, 67 | 1861, £550. |
| NMRS | James Wallace, 1861. |
| ASH, Sa 24.12.1859, 2g | Independent Chapel. Contemplating a new church, the existing one being 'inconvenient, and hurtful to the voice of the speaker, being low in the roof'. |
| McNaughton | 1860 |
| ASH, Sa 21.1.1860, 2g | Plans by James Wallace. Site behind Princes Street, almost facing railway station. |
| ASH, Sa 11.2.1860, 2f | Major contractors are Messrs Boyd, masons, and Mr Drape, joiner. |
| ASH, Sa 14.7.1860, 3a | To be formally opened tomorrow. |
| ASH, Sa 21.7.1860, 3b | The architect is 'Mr James Wallace, ship chandler'. |
| ASH, F 18.5.1888, 4g | Renovated over the last three weeks at a cost of £550. Built in 1861 to designs of James Wallace. |
| AA, Th 24.5.1888 | Independent Church. This church, which was erected in Harbour Street in 1861, at a cost of £550, has during the past three weeks been undergoing a complete renovation inside. |
| Escott, History of Scottish Congregationalism, 1960, 327 | Congregation joined EU in 1894. |
| AA, Th 22.6.1899; TT, F 23.6.1899 | Pipe organ inaugurated last Friday: Messrs Ingram & Co., Edinburgh, organ-builders. |
| ASH, F 29.12.1899, 5b | Hall 'recently erected' by EU Congregation opened on Monday. |
| ASH, F 14.12.1962, 7bcd | Became Church of the Nazarene and is currently occupied by Anglo-Continental Container Services Ltd. |

E.U. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Glasgow Street

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| Site Visit notes, inc stained glass | Site Visit 121097 |
| List 13 | 1905, ? J Bennie Wilson, Glasgow. Perpendicular. Simple rectangular plan with octagonal towers clasping the east gable end. Red sandstone with polished ashlar dressings. Entrance between, recessed in moulded reveals under pointed-headed arch with hood mould. 2 small flanking windows with square heads. 5-light window above with Perpendicular tracery, the lower section being blind. Small vesica in gable head. Towers in three stages: the upper with paired louvred belfry openings and battlemented parapet. CS. |
| McNaughton | October 1903 |
| AA, Th 26.2.1903; ASH, F 27.2.1903, 4h | Foundation stone laid last Saturday. |
| ASH, 16.10.1903, 1a | To be formally opened and dedicated on F 16.10.1903. |
| AA, Th 22.10.1903 | Opened last Friday. |
| ASH, F 23.10.1903 | Formally opened last Friday. Central gable - 2 octagonal towers - elliptical arched 5-light traceried window, with stained glass. Also 1 stained glass window in nave, the gift of the architect, T P Marwick, Edinburgh. A gallery is intended to be built later. |

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| BN, lxxxv, 566 | | Opened 16.10.1903. Seated for 500. Provision for gallery. Cost: £3000. |
| RIASQ, 23, Autumn 1927 | | Credited to T P Marwick in his obituary. |
| ASH, 20.8.1954, 4f | | Three Communion Chairs and Table Lectern dedicated last Sunday. Donors named, but no details of artists. |
| ASH, F 7.12.1962, 7ab | | New organ dedicated last Sunday. Organ: J J Binns, Leeds, removed from church in Morningside, and rebuilt by Rushworth & Dreaper, Liverpool. Organ casing: SCWS Cabinet Works, Beith. |

E.U. MANSE, 60 Eglinton Street, q.v.

FREE CHURCH (1)

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| Callan, 7 | | Built by 1845. In Glasgow Street, a 'modest affair costing £308 ... where the former Co-operative building was latterly'. |

FREE CHURCH (2) See ST JOHN'S

FREE CHURCH MANSE, North Crescent Park

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| CO 3/21/22 | 1855-1860 | In all VRs for this period. |

INDEPENDENT CHAPEL (1)

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| Arthur, 1869, 41 | | Founded in 1837, and met in an upper flat in Glasgow Street - (now (i.e 1869) a school). |
| CO 3/21/22 | 1857-1860 | An 'Independent Chapel, Glasgow Street', appears in the 1857-58 VR. |

INDEPENDENT CHAPEL (2) See E.U. CHURCH (1)

PARK CHURCH, Stanley Road

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| RCAHMS, D37214, D37220 | | **James Houston & Son** plans from Houston & Dunlop collection. c.1955-6. PHOTOCOPIES herewith. |
| TCAHMS, E49249 | | James Houston & Son perspective of interior. c.1955-6. PHOTOCOPY herewith. |
| ACC Planning, B1815 | | October 1957. Church-Hall, Dalry Road; James Houston & Son, for Church of Scotland Home Board. |
| sv, 090406 | | Foundation stone is dated 14 June 1958. |
| Fasti X | | Dedicated 26.9.1959. |
| ASH, F 25.9.1959, 1d | | To be dedicated 26.9.1959. |
| ASH, F 2.10.1959, 7abc | | Church and hall at right angles to provide 'a welcoming approach from the corner of Stanley and Dalry Roads'. James Houston & Son, Kilbirnie, architects. |

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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| NMRS | | James Ingram, 1868. |

ST ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, South Crescent

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| Site Visit 27.7.1997 | | 5 stained glass windows. E window is that to W A Montgomerie, 1905. 2-light window, chancel, south, is to Jane Christie, †1912. 1 window in S nave is the Mann window, see below, but note that it is inscribed J & W Guthrie, and that local informant credited the window to [Christopher] Whall. 2 windows in N nave, that to W, St Cuthbert, is L C Evetts, 1960, the other is in memory of James Cook, † 1912. |
| List 2 | | David Thomson, Glasgow, architect. 1875. Early English Gothic. Nave and lower chancel with shallow transepts. Pink snecked sandstone. Projecting gabled porch at west with flanking lancets and rose window above. 3 cusped lancets to nave, paired in chancel, with triple-light east window. Large geometric traceried windows to |

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| | transepts, interior with elaborate timber crossing. Tower designed but not built. Refs: Groome, I, 1882, 67; Guthrie, Ardrossan Saltcoats & Neighbourhood, 4th ed, 1904. |
| Old List 2 | A good EE structure in pink sandstone. |
| ASH, Sa 19.9.1874, 4c | Contractors to be J & Wm Boyd, masons, Ardrossan, and W Service, Saltcoats, joiner. |
| ASH, Sa 3.10.1874, 4c | Ground has been broken fir the new Episcopal Chapel. |
| AA, 3.12.1874 | Foundation stone laid last Monday. David Thomson, Glasgow, architect. Description. |
| Scottish Guardian, F 4.12.1874 | Foundation stone laid 30.11.1874. David Thomson, Glasgow, architect. Nave and chancel: provision for extension of church, addition of tower above the vestry and addition of transepts. EE. 3-light window with cusped tracery in the head of the east transept gable. 3 lancet light east window. 3 single lancets with cusped heads on each side elevation. Above porch, large rose-window with cusped plate tracery. Roofed in a single space with timber pointed arches, open to the ridge, 38' high, with all timbers exposed, stained and varnished. Seated for c.330. Potential for extension, with further 170 seats. |
| ASH, Sa 5.12.1874, 4cd | Foundation stone laid St Andrew's Day, 30.11.1874. Architect and contractors as noted above. |
| ASH, Sa 20.11.1875, 1a | Will be formally opened Sunday 28.11.1875 |
| AA, Th 2.12.1875 | Formally opened last Sunday. Only nave and chancel at present. |
| ASH, Sa 4.12.1875, 4ef | Formally opened last Sunday. David Thomson, Glasgow, architect, who also designed the Caen stone pulpit, executed by --- Grasby, Glasgow, architectural sculptor. |
| Scottish Guardian, 7.12.1883 | Opened 28.11.1875. Local red sandstone. Only base of proposed tower has been built. |
| Scottish Guardian, 31.7.1896 | Addition of 17' to chancel, consecrated 28.7.1896. |
| AA, Th 3.4.1902 | A sum of £400 has been given by Mr Lewis Porter, Ardrossan, to erect a tower on St Andrew's Episcopal Church. Mr Lewis Porter, junior, Ardrossan, has been appointed architect. |
| | FITTINGS |
| British Architect, 3.12.1875 | Opened 28.11.1875. Fittings include organ built by J McKay, church organist; 2 Glastonbury chairs; carved credence bracket; polished brass corona. Caen stone PULPIT by Grassby, architectural carver, Glasgow, on circular pedestal, with rich moulding above body of puplit cylindrical presenting three circles, each enclosing a quatrefoil. Above and below quatrefoils in bas-relief. Carved inscription: Be ye Doers of My Word, and not Hearers Only. Above text a circlet of grape and vine leaves surmounted by rich moulding.<br>FONT, also of Caen stone, finely carved with flowers, leaves and sacred monogram. |
| ASH, Sa 4.12.1875, 4ef | Church formally opened last Sunday. David Thomson, Glasgow, architect, who also designed the Caen stone pulpit, executed by --- Grasby, Glasgow, architectural sculptor. |
| Scottish Guardian, 31.7.1896 | 2 manual ORGAN by Ingram dedicated on 28.7.1896. |
| Scottish Guardian, 14.3.1947 | REREDOS dedicated 26 February 1947. |
| | STAINED GLASS |
| Scottish Guardian, 7.12.1894 | Memorial window to Francis Cleugh dedicated 2.12.1894. The Crucifixion, designed by Harrington Mann. |
| Harrison | Window, south nave, 1898, designed by Harrington Mann, executed by Guthrie & Wells. Detail: Angel gathering flowers. See photocopy herewith. |
| Scottish Chronicle, i, 1905, 606 | East window of three lights dedicated 3.3.1905. The Ascension, flanked by Old and New Testament Soldier Saints. Clayton & Bell. |

[BN, lxxxviii, 418, says it is a memorial to Hon William Alexander Montgomerie].

AA, Th 5.1.1905 — A stained glass window is to be put in, in memory of Hon W A Montgomerie. 3 light east window, 'Ascension'. [AA 23.2.1905/KS 24.2.1905: to be dedicated 3.3.1905 - Clayton & Bell - W A Montgomerie died at Stellenbosch. The window is known as the 'Cricketers' Window', as paid for by cricketing friends of WAM. See Order of Service in Adam Wood Collection, and ASH 10.3.1905].

Scottish Chronicle, viii, 1912, 710 — Memorial window to Jane Helena Christie dedicated 19.10.1912. Our Lord healing the blind man at Bethsaida, and Our Lord at the grave of Lazarus. In Chancel. Clayton & Bell.

Scottish Chronicle, ix, 1913, 198 — Memorial window to James Cook and Mary Kinnear dedicated 1913. The Marys at the Tomb. Clayton & Bell.

CHURCH HALL

AA, Th 2.11.1905 — Formally opened last Thursday.

Scottish Chronicle, i, 1905, 62 — Contracts let in 1905 - estimated cost £850. Opened 26.10.1905.

ST ANDREW'S RECTORY, South Crescent Road

List 2A — c.1875. David Thomson?. 2 storeys and attic, assymetrical. Snecked pink sandstone. Advanced gabled bay to left with canted 5-light window to ground, tripartite above. Central bay in re-entrant angle with tripartite at ground, bipartite with wallhead gable at first; roof piended to right and stack with 2 octagonal flues. Single storey porch in re-entrant angle between central and eastern bays, with haunched arch to door, set in moulded reveals with stilted pointed head. Single light in 1st floor gabled dormer. Corniced end stacks, slate roof and red tile ridge. B.

ASH, F 9.8.1887, 1a — Foundation stone will be laid Tu 13.9.1887.

AA, Th 15.9.1887 — Parsonage to, and adjoining, St Andrew's Episcopal Church. Foundation stone was laid on Tuesday.

ASH, F 16.9.1887, 4d — Architect is John Armour, junior, Irvine. It is a memorial to Sophia, Lady Eglinton, 1840-1886.

Site Visit 27.7.1997 — No longer used by church - divided into flats.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Montgomerie Street. [FREE CHURCH (2)]

List 3 — Campbell Douglas, Glasgow, architect. 1859. EE Gothic. Nave and lower chancel with tower at south west. Coursed red sandstone; rubble to side elevations. 6-bay nave with cusped lancets divided by stepped buttresses. Paired lancets to chancel. Geometric tracery in west window. Door recessed in moulded reveals with hood mould, at base of tower. Angle buttresses, louvred belfry openings set in square panels, broached, facetted spire with 2 tiers of lucarnes and weather-vane. Slate roof with red tile cresting. Cost £2200. Refs: Groome, I, 1882, 67; Guthrie, Ardrossan Saltcoats & Neighbourhood, 4th ed, 1904. B.

Callan, 7 — Congregation formed in January 1844.

Callan, 7 — In 1855 looking for new site, and corner of Prines Street/Montgomerie Street offered, but rejected as exposed to sea. Site at Barr Street corner taken. Architect: Mr Campbell, Glasgow. Opened 1857 at a cost of £2200.

ASH, 12.6.1858 — The Free Church is 'rapidly rising'.

ASH, Sa 12.2.1859, 2g — New Free Church, Ardrossan. The new Free Church contracted for during last summer, and recently finished, was opened for public worship last Sabbath. The edifice, both externally and internally, is a handsome one. The style of the building is the Early English, with high sloping roof, tastefully designed windows at each end in the Early

English and Decorated styles of Gothic architecture, and with a spire (not yet finished) rising from the side. The main entrance is by a door in the spire, designed in keeping with the style of the building, and the flooring of the lobby is laid with coloured brick, like the tesselated pavement in English chapels. The church is designed to accommodate nearly 400 sitters, and inside presents a fine appearance. The roof is open - the beams which support it are stained oak, and around the entire building, on the top of the wall, is a pierced panelling, which forms a fine ornament. The pulpit rises from a raised platform, and, together with the railing of the platform, is remarkably elegant - by no means overdone with ornament. Due care has been taken to secure the comfort of the congregation by making the passages wide, and the seats roomy and pleasant to sit upon; whilst the light is dimmed by the windows being glazed with a tinted glass, the two end ones further enriched with a chaste bordering of blue and crimson. The woodwork is varnished, and the pulpit painted a dark oak, which has been executed in a very superior manner by Messrs Gilfillan & Son. The upholstery work of pulpit and raised platform was entrusted to Mr Reid, Irvine; and, as we formerly mentioned, the contractors for the erection of the building were Messrs Boyd for the mason work, Mr William Miller for the wright work, and Messrs Auld & Fraser for the slating. Architect and inspector, Campbell Douglas, Esq., Glasgow.

ASH, Sa 14.1.1860, 2g — Free Church. 2 weeks ago tasteful railings were put up, cast in Goodwin & Co's foundry.

Callan, 7 — In 1883 the gallery was erected.

Callan, 7 — In 1889 the church was enlarged, and the hall built, at a cost of £1500.

AA, 17.7.1890 — Free Church. It has been decided to extend the church, and to build also Hall, Session House, Vestry and Beadle's Room.

BN, lxii, 529 [1892] — Portrait Medallion of Rev John Stewart placed in porch, 1892, by Clark Stanton, RSA.

Callan, 7 — Organ installed 1897.

Callan, 8 — Sold and demolished in 1991.

STAINED GLASS

Callan, 10 — St John's also had some fine windows including one given by the congregation in memory of the fallen of World War One. In 1919 Mrs Russell donated one in memory of her husband and in 1935 Mr Matthew Black gave one in memory of his family. At the time of the union [1991] unfortunately they were in poor condition and only the War Memorial window was salvaged. It was removed to the Barony and erected on a special stand in the vestibule. The others were dismantled and are in the care of the Museum Department of the District Council.

AR, xlvi, Jul-Dec 1919, 174, xliv — War Memorial window erected 1919. Guthrie & Wells, Glasgow - single light. Subject: a travel-stained knight standing on crushed fungus of evil. Colour scheme of bluish-grey, ruby and black.

ST JOHNS MANSE, 56 Eglinton Road. q.v.

ST PETER-IN-CHAINS R C CHURCH, Pavilion Place and South Crescent

Tom McGrattan, St Peter in Chains Ardrossan. A Parish History, 1988, 10 — Artist's impression. [Copy herewith]

nr — On site of Pavilion. [See Public Buildings]

List 24, 1st Amendment, 7.4.1978 — Gillespie Kidd & Coia, Glasgow, architects, 1938. Long aisled nave with tower at south-east corner. Multi-hued brick. Tiled roof. Plain south end with pointed doorway (decorative brickwork above) flanked by two very small windows. Tower has copper turret on top. Spacious

interior with brick piers, plastered ceiling gallery at south end and sanctuary at north end. Described by The Builder as 'an essay in the Swedish style'. Refs: Builder, cliv, 1938, 981-982 including plans and illustration; Catholic Directory. B.

Rogerson & Baxter, Jack Coia, typescript, nd, 14

This church features a tower on the right of the now familiar red brick west gable. The broad span of the nave of this church is supported by four pairs of massy brick piers. The theme of St Peter is developed in a panel on the altar canopy and on the side canopy to the left of the sanctuary which carried the Latin word-play, 'Tu Es Petrus et super hance Petram Aedificar Ecclesiam Meum' [Thou art Peter: on this rock I will build my church]. Jack Coia, architect. Sculpture by Archibald Dawson, head of sculpture at GSA.

RIAS News, v.1,n.3, August 1989, [5]

During the preparations for The Scottish Thirties, Charles McKean came across copious references to a young student architect **T Warnett Kennedy** in Glasgow, editor of the students magazine Vista in the the early 1930s; probable designer of the church of St Peter in Cheynes [sic] in Ardrossan (of the Coia office in which he worked), candidate for Glasgow Corporation, and eventually founder editor of the Scottish Architects & Builders Journal. He emigrated to Vancouver and was still alive in 1989.

3SA — [The Irish] built for themselves just before the war the striking chapel of St Peter-in-Chains with its peculiar square tower.

Shaw — A captivating church of modern architecture.

B, cliv, 20.5.1938, 981-982 — '... will seat approximately 800 persons. The cost will be about £11,000. The design is an essay in the Swedish style, the brick used being Accrington Nori Rustic, multi-coloured. The sculpture work was by the late Archibald Dawson, ARSA. Seated for c.800. Est Cost: £11,000.

Illustrations of the church, which was built by Messrs Findlay & McGeechan, are on view at the RSA Exhibition.

AJ, 1.9.1938, 369 — Finished externally in rustic facings; bricks on tower being brought out to form a 2¼" projecting pattern on the unfenestrated surfaces. Roofs covered with rustic banded tiles. Plinth running round base of Blaxter stone. Window frames of natural finished teak.

McGrattan, op cit — Decorative brickwork on main and side doors done by foreman bricklayer, Alexander Archibald, Saltcoats. Stations of the Cross by Archibald Dawson. See also ref: photocopy herewith.

Supp VR 1938-39 — Church occupied with effect from 11.11.1938.

HALL

Supp VR 1964-65 — Occupied 28.6.1964.

HALL

Site Visit 27.7.1997 — Hall to rear in course of erection. McMillan & Cronin, Largs, architects. [Cf also letter of 28.10.1997, McMillan & Cronin are architects for 'extension']

PRESBYTERY

ACC Planning, A8057 — December 1954. Presbytery, 1 South Crescent; Gillespie Kidd & Coia, for Diocese of Galloway.

ACC Planning, B1961 — November 1957. Double garage, and fuel store, St peter in Chains; Myles J Callaghan, for the Presbytery.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

TPT, F 7.1.1901, 1d — Advert for Horniman Trust for the Spread of Friends principles in Scotland says that only Friends library in Scotland is at 90 Glasgow

Styreet, and that meetings are held on Sundays at 11.15 and 6.30, and on Wednesdays at 7.10

U.P. CHURCH — See CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

U.P. MANSE, North Crescent

Sas Abr 2480 of 1867 — 1867. 471.197.

CH 3/25/3 27.9.1866 — Plans of Thomas Wallace approved. To cost £650.

15.11.1942 — Sold.

U.P. SCHOOL

ASH, Sa 26.9.1874, 4e — UP Congregation have agreed to proceed with a new classroon. Thomas Wallace, architect.

BURIAL GROUND, CASTLEHILL

Old List 5 — Foundations of original parish church may be traced and also the old churchyard. Ref: NSA, V, 205-206, B.

AWAHS, I, 1889, 138 [1226] — Ardrossan Church mentioned in charter of Kilwinning Abbey, 1226. [Reg Episc Glas, vol.1, p.118, no.140]

Reg Mag Sig, vol IV, no.1674 — Charter confirming to Hugh, Earl of Eglinton [succ 1546, †1585], com donatione redditus 5 libram de terris de Marinem, capellanie altaris B Marie infra ecclesiam de Ardrossan spectan, donationem annui redditis 5 marcarum de terris de Bar altrai S petri infra ecclesiam de Ardrossan fundato spectan, cum officio clericatus ecclesie parochalis de Ardrossan cum tenentibus. Dated Edinburgh, 8.11.1565.

Reg Mag Sig, VII, no.591 — Charter granting patronage of the altar of the B.V.M. in Ardrossan Church, 28.11.1611.

Guthrie, 1869, 28 — Foundations still traceable in 1869. Foundations show small oblong church 64' by 26' over walls. Pont decsribed iit as 'a goodly parochial church'. Destroiyed in storm, 1695.

Smith — Old church blown down in 1691.

Callan, 2 — Blown down in 1695, and re-erected at Stanley Clachan, 1697.

AA, Th 23.2.1911 — Carved stone coffin lid recently found at Old Kirk, Castlehill.

BURIAL GROUND, KIRKHILL

List 21 — Old graveyard containing a pedimented monument within a low walled enclosure. Ref: NSA, V, 205-206. CS.

Old List 23 — As new list. C.

Guthrie, 1869, 28 — 1695 church rebuilt on new site three-quarters of mile NE of castle on right bank of Stanley burn. Re-used material from previous church. Only remnant of this church is tombstone to Rev Thomas Clark, buried beneath session table. Faded inscription: 'Mr Thoms Clarke is buried/ here, who was minister of the Gospel/ in Ardrossan from April 1691 to/ November the 20th 1739./ This small monument was erected for/ Him after the translation of the/ Church from this palce to Saltcoats/ In the year 1744'.

Restored by proprietor in 1859, and wall built round it. Nearby is site of burial place of Weirs of Kirkhall. Enlcosure with monument of two Tuscan columns, with pediment, black marble panel with inscription, 'This burial place was erected by Hugh Weir of Kirkhall - Dorothea Hunter, his wife, died Sept 26th 1789'.

AA, Th 9.8.1838, 4e — Robert Weir of Kirkhall died 31.7.1838 in 81st year.

ASH, Sa 3.6.1871, 3bc; ASH, Sa 10.6.1871, 3bcd — Two articles - not copied - 'Inscribed Stone - Ardrossan Old Burial Ground'.

Site Visit 121097 — Failed to find this structure.

MANSE

Guthrie, 1869, 28 — During incumbency of Robert Dow, ordained 1739, the Parish Manse stood 40 falls south of Kirkhall burying place.

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