ASSOCIATE CONGREGATION MEETING HOUSE. [CONGREGATIONAL], Chapel Lane

CH 3/836/3	1.6.1796	Committee appointed to undertake building of a meeting house.
Small, II, 316		Before the church was built in 1798 the congregation had had the Galston loft in the Kilmarnock Burgher House. 574 sittings. Ready to be seated by September 1798.
AANHS, V, 128		Erected 1798.
CH3/836/4	accounts	Stone quarried from 10.8.1797.
CH3/836/3	13.11.1800	Lofts to be erected inside church. [22.12.1800: **John Stewart**, wright, is contractor. Est cost £110 10s].
	9.8.1803	Loft windows altered.
	11.7.1833	Gallery pillars sinking, 1833; placed on stone bases and metal brackets inserted.
	25.1.1843	Interior alterations, 1843. Moulding around clock to be painted. Interior whitewashed. Gallery fronts and pulpit varnished. Ceiling plaster repaired.
	6.2.1843	Canopy removed from pulpit and cornice put in its place.
Mair, PHG, 34		Last Kirk Session meeting was October 1962, and the church was pulled down soon after.

ASSOCIATE CONGREGATION MEETING HOUSE [ERSKINE] [United with Trinity 1949 to form New]

WRH, RHP 13000		Late C19 plan and elevation.
CH 3/836/3	13.7.1859	New meeting house to be built.
	25.7.1859	Foundation stone laid. Church is now building.
	24.7.1873	Plans for addition for vestry and classroom approved. [15.8.1873: Contractors are **Andersons**, masons, and **Muir & Anderson**, joiners and plasterers. Est cost: £295 10s.
	29.5.1878	Belfry repaired.
	5.2.1890	Ceiling plaster is insecure. Taken down and replaced with wooden panels painted white in imitation of plaster. Cont: **James Holburn**.
	24.2.1890	Interior of church painted size colour with stencil decoration on walls.
	19.6.1902	Following visits to Portland Church and Princes Street churches, interior to be redecorated with terracotta coloured walls with border according to the designs by Mr Woollett. Cornices to harmonize with walls, roof to be white as at present. Designs around windows to be repeated at rear and around pulpit, both inside and outside. Pillars to be brown and picked out in gold, as at present. Gallery fronts to be according to Mr Woollett's designs. Woodwork to be stained dark. "Mr Woollett's designs consist of Grecian borders, &c". est cost: £50. **John Peden**, painter and decorator is contractor. [George] Woollett is one of the church managers. [21.9.1902: Final cost, £123 1s 4d.
FES, IX, 191		Converted to hall after 1949 Local Union.
Mair, PHG, 33		Became Church again when Trinity was abandoned and demolished in 1963.
Mair, PHG, 33		Local union with Galston Parish, 1980.
Nr		Became Parish Church Halls.
	STAINED GLASS	
CH3 836/3	22.11.1865	Stained glass in circular window to be replaced. Supplied in coloured glass by **W & J J Kier**, Glasgow.
	ORGAN	
Kirk News 100, January 2000, 43		Donated to Iona parish church in 1986.

EVANGELICAL UNION CHURCH, Chapel Lane

McNaughton	Founded 1843, joined EU 1844
AA 22.5.1845	Opened 18.5.1845 [McNaughton: 5/1845]

KH 23.5.1845	Neat and commodious. Architect: **Alexander Peden, junior**, Newmilns. Builder: **James Anderson**, Galston.
McNaughton	Closed, June 1962.
FREE CHURCH [1]	
AA 12.10.1843	Foundation Stone laid last Thursday.
The Witness, 12 June 1844	Opened 2.6.1844.
Ewing, II, 61	Built in 1844
AA 23.8.1888	Last service last Sunday - 1st service was 1st Sunday in June 1844.
KS 1.9.1888	Poem by "Galstonian". [He is Alexander Stewart, missionary, Birkenhead] The New Kirk "Its a lang fareweel to the auld kirk Wi' its memories guid an' true Its a lang fareweel to the auld kirk An' a welcome to the new "Wi' its courts sae nicely ordered An' everything clean an' braw I'm suir we're prood o' oor new kirk It's a credit to us a'." &c.
WS 1.8.1890	The old Free Church has been incorporated within the Ladeside Lace Factory of James M Robertson & Co., and the current extension will link church to original mill. [See Transport and Industry File]
Kirk News 100, January 2000, 9	Acquired c.1988 ("12 years ago") by Dexstat Ltd, vending machine suppliers.
FREE CHURCH [2]	[TRINITY UF - united with ERSKINE 1949 to form NEW PARISH], Glebeside Road.
Ewing, II, 61	Built in 1888
DSA	1887, **J.B. Wilson**.
Macintosh [1890]	Free Church. Recently erected. Early English. The principal front, which has a northerly bearing, is pierced by a triple lancet window, above which the gable terminates with a carved stone cross. The tower, which rises square to a height of 65', is strengthened at each angle with double weathered buttresses. Above the belfry the tower is finished with a broached octagonal spire, the total height being about 95' above the ground line. The roofs are covered with Coniston sea-green slates, finished with red tile ridges and ornamental tile finials. First turf cut 1887.
AA 12.5.1887: KS 14.5.1887	On Saturday the memorial stone was laid. the new church is designed in the EE style of architecture. Very simple in detail, but of good proportion and picturesque grouping. The principal front towards the north had a lofty central gable, filled in its upper portion by a triplet lancet window under a moulded arch, above which the gable terminates with a carved stone cross. On the west side the gable is flanked by an octagonal staircase with high conical roof, and on the east side by the tower and spire. The tower rises square to a height of 65', with weathered double buttresses at each angle, the upper stage joining a belfry with 3 double-moulded lancet openings on each face. Above the belfry stage the tower finishes with a broached octagonal spire, the total height being about 100' above the ground line. The principal entrance forms a handsome porch at the north west corner, having a deeply recessed arched doorway. There is also an exit porch at the south end of the church. The side elevations are simpler in treatment, but in keeping with the front, the lower tier of windows being single lancets

and the gallery lights triplet groups of lancet windows, the central group on each side being carried up into a steep gablet. The external walling will be of Ballochmyle red sandstone, and the roofs being slated with Coniston sea-green slates finished with red ridge tiles, will give an agreeable colour effect. The interior ... is divided into centre and side aisles, with narrow side galleries and end gallery. Interior woodwork generally will be of selected pitch pine. The windows glazed with antique cathedral glass. Accessory accommodation [includes] a hall ... session house ... vestry, ladies' room, &c. Estimated cost £2300. Architect is Mr **J B Wilson**, ARIBA, Glasgow.

ASH, F 13.5.1887, 3e — Memorial Stone laid last Saturday. Architect: J B Wilson. Total height is 98'.

ASH, F 24.8.1888, 5de — Opened yesterday. **J B Wilson**, Glasgow, architect. Sketch.

KS 25.8.1888: AA 30.8.1888 — Principal entrance is "a double recess and moulded arch doorway". Over the pulpit at the south end is a triplet of narrow lancet windows in which stained glass (SS Matthew & John, Good Shepherd) has been placed by one of the members of the congregation. Opened last Thursday. Handsome addition to the architecture of the district. Architect: J B Wilson.

AA 26.5.1921 — Trinity UF Church. War memorial. Des/exec: **Archibald Hamilton**, Glasgow.

FES, IX, 191 — Following 1949 Union became New Parish Church.

Mair, PHG, 33 — Abandoned and demolished, after which the congregation moved back to the Erskine Church, until the further union with the Parish Church in 1980.

FREE CHURCH MANSE

Ewing, II, 61 — Built 1888. [My notes give Ewing saying 1846, new manse 1900]

FES, IX, 191 — Continued in use for New Parish after 1949 Union, and renovated 1950.

GALSTON PARISH CHURCH [1]

Cowan, 1967, 72 — The parsonage pertained to Fail from an early date, although proof of this is not forthcoming until 1470. The cure was then a perpetual vicarage, as it continued at the Reformation.

1SA, VI, 225 [1791] — Church is ancient - probably pre-Reformation.

KS, 27.8.1672 quoted in Paterson — "The qlk day the sessioun condescendit that George Lockhart of Tempill his dasse sould stand and remaine still in the south-eist nuik of the kirk, with the forme qrof it is presently set vp, ay and quhile the sessioun think expedient to build ane laft, at quhat tyme the height of the said dasse sall not exceed the corballs", &c.

CH 532/6 6.6.1745 — To be repaired [1st mention in surviving records]

HR 797/1 9.7.1747 — Re-roofed at a cost of £32.

29.1.1761 — Bell-house added, 1761. **Matthew Hunter**, contractor.

11.8.1764 — Partially rebuilt 1764-65. S side of wall of church from the arch to the gable to be rebuilt from foundations. Interior lathed and plastered. New loft (Waterhaughs Loft: the loft at W end is the Sorn Loft) to be erected in E and with windows 6' by 3' to be made above S door to light loft. Contractors: **James Freebairn**, **James McMath**, wright, and **Matthew Hunter, junior**, mason, Galston. Est cost: £27 18s.

C&DA, IV, 247, 1892 — Belfry from the C17 church of Galston was removed to Cessnock Castle, and is now on gable of the roof there.

HR 797/3 20.12.1810 — New church to be erected over site of present church and old stone re-used wherever possible. Still standing in 1811 [Chalmers, 1824, III, 518].

GALSTON PARISH CHURCH [2]

List [P/AL/5/AR: Sept 1963] 1		1808, **John Brash**, architect; renovated 1879, additions 1913; disused 1696 [**John**] **Meikle, [**Edinburgh], bell and 1722 mort bell. Refs: Hay, 135, 166 & 249. B.
Hay	134-135	... dating from 1808 and designed by John Brash of Glasgow, is a wide pedimented building not unlike Kilmarnock High and redeemed from austerity by a pilastered doorway and a simple steeple. (It displays, as do many kirks, a continuation of elegant late C18 character).
Hendrie		The present church was built in 1808-1809. The architect was Mr John Brash, Glasgow, and the craftsmen, both of Galston, John Stewart, wright, and Peter Menzies, mason. The total cost was c,.£3200. It was opened on 18th June 1809.
Hopkins, Galston Parish Church - An Historical Synopsis, 1999		
	p.8	Menzies was from Auchterarder.
Colvin		John Brash 1808-109, quoting HR 797/3 and RHP 14293-14298.
2SA, V, 187	[July 1837]	Built in 1808 "on a neat and substantial plan and is ornamented with a spire and clock".
Paterson, 1842, 61		Built in 1808, "a neat quadrangular building". On site of previous church and surrounded by old burying ground.
Edinburgh Topographical Magazine, nd [P/copy in Dick, Folder 93]		
		Lengthy article on church, especially monuments, and churchyard. Photocopy herewith.
NMRS Sheaf Catalogue		WRH, RHP 14293-14301, are plans sections and elevations, **John Brash**. Also undated drawing of Mort Bell by George Hay.
AA, Th 16.4.1807, 1b		Contractors wanted to build a new church.
AA, Th 14.5.1807, 4b		Decision on a new church has been deferred to next spring.
AA, Th 20.8.1807, 4c		Contractors wanted for a proposed new church.
AA, Th 17.9.1807, 1b		The plan has been 'prepared by Mr **Brash** of Glasgow.'
AA 7.12.1809		Letter to Editor. "I was lately passing the village of Galston near Loudoun Castle and had the curiosity (while the horses were feeding) to visit the Parish Church lately built there; I must indeed confess that I was fully gratified on seeing one of the national churches erected agreeable to a most simple, convenient and elegant plan, which may serve as a correct model to other parishes for generations to come. The mason and wright work appear to be well executed. A Traveller".
HR 797/3	22.2.1808	**John Brash**, Glasgow, architect.
HR 797/3	20.12.1810	New church to be erected over site of previous church using old stone wherever possible. List of plans for new church dated 19 August 1807.
	20.12.1810	Contractors: **John Stewart**, Galston, wright; **Peter Menzies**, Galston, mason. Suprintendent of building: **Andrew Blair**, mason. Final cost over £3079 1s 7d.
NSA, 1845, 187		1020 sittings.
HR 797/2	2.10.1878	To be renovated. Seats to be altered and side pews re-arranged. **R S Ingram**, Kilmarnock, architect. Conts: **R G & J Anderson**, masons; **Cameron & Wilson**, joiners; **Andrew Falconer**, plasterer; **Brown & Stewart**, slaters.
HR 797/3	July 1879	Interior redecorated 1879. Woodwork varnished, walls painted white. Exterior woodwork and gates painted maroon colour. **R S Ingram**, Kilmarnock, architects.
AA 23.10.1879		Re-opened last Sunday after 7 months alterations: ceiling, pulpit, &c.
AA 8.10.1885		New bell, **John C Wilson**, Glasgow, to be first rung next Sunday.
CH 532/20	5.7.1911	Church to be enlarged to provide organ chamber and improved session house and 50 additional sittings. Plans approved by Presbytery.
DSA		Chancel is by **Gabriel Steel**.
Hopkins, 1999, op cit, 21		Chancel dedicated in 1912, pulpit and organ in February 1913 and choir stalls in October 1913. marble floor by **Galbraith & Winton**, Glasgow.

	STAINED GLASS WINDOWS	
Hopkins, 1999, op cit, 23-24		2 windows in west wall of chancel donated in 1920 by John Littlejohn, coalmaster. War memorial. Work of **Oscar Paterson**, Glasgow, and dedicated 27.6.1920.
	ORGAN	
WSA 1628, F 5.1.1912, 4a		[Review of events 1911]. Congregation decided to have an organ on 10th May 1911.
Hopkins, 1999, op cit, 20		1912, J & J Binns, Leeds. Cost £1,000.
WSA 1731, F 2.1.1914, 4a		[Review of events 1913]. Organ dedicated 12th February 1913.
	PULPIT	
Hopkins, 1999, op cit, 21		Dedicated in February 1913. Austrian oak, gift of family of Dr Robert Stirling. Made by John Yeudall, Galston.
WSA 1731, F 2.1.1914, 4b		[Review of events 1913]. First used on 5th October 1913.
	MONUMENTS	
HR 797/1	21.3.1787	Marble monument to Col George Hutchison to be erected by his friends (in old church). [Paterson, 1842, 61: 'handsome mural monument' on E wall of galleries].
Paterson, 1842, 61		Campbell of Cessnock Memorial. Black and white marble tablet below N gallery inscribed "The burial place of the Campbells of Cessnock and their descendants, the Campbells of Mayfield, extends in front of this wall 12 feet by 8 feet. To perpetuate their remembrance, this plate is put up by Bruce Campbell of Mayfield, Anno 1809".
Paterson, 1842, 61		Nisbet of Greenholm Memorial. Marble ".. of the same school" as Hutchison memorial. On E wall of galleries.
HR 797/2	7.4.1874	Memorial Tablet to Hugh and Alexander Brown to be erected.
	FITTINGS	
HR 797/2	1.6.1880	3 new chairs and table to be obtained for the platform.
	FONT	
Hopkins, 1999, op cit, 26		1936, **Gabriel Steel**, Kilmarnock, of Portland stone.
	MORT BELL	
Hay	166	The mort or 'deid' bell appears to have been used in two ways. c1662 John Ray wrote, "when any man dies, the sexton or bellman goeth about the streets, with a small bell in his hand which he tinkleth all along as he goeth, and now and then makes a stand, and proclaims who is dead and invites the people to come to the funeral at such an hour". It was also noted by Ray that the bell was carried and rung in the funeral procession. Payments for the use of the mort bell provided not only a gratuity for the beadle, but often a source of income for the parish poor fund, as did the hire of the parish mortcloth which draped the coffin.
	CHURCHYARD	
List 1		Some interesting monuments in the churchyard include one to Andrew Richmond, Covenanter.
Paterson, 1842, 61		Church is surrounded by old burying-ground.
HR 797/3	16.1.1810	Churchyard levelled; **Alexander Thomson**, contractor.
Paterson, 1842, 61		Covenanters Monument is nd/renewed 1823. "This stone is erected by public contribution in the parish of Galston, in honour of those belonging to it who suffered at the glorious era of Scotland's Covenanted Reformation. May it stand for ages as a Monument of Abhorrence at Tyranny in Church and State, as a grateful and well-merited tribute to those illustrious men who successfully struggled to resist it. May it excite in the breasts of posterity an attachment to the Noble Cause of Religion and Civil Liberty; and if ever circumstances should require it, an ardour to emulate the noble deeds of their ancestors".

W face bears representation of Galston's Covenanters Flag, bearing a thistle and open book inscribed 'God is ever the same'. Around the ends and top of flag runs motto, 'For God and State, Kirk and Covenanters, and the work of the Reformation", with 'Galston' along its lower unfurled extremity. Above the flag is 'Renewed in 1823', and below all is inscribed names of Covenanters killed 1684 to 1679.
E face 'miserably executed' bas relief showing a shooting incident with two men and sandglass between them. Above them is open book, marked 'Rev xii 11' and below is inscription 'Here lies Andrew Richmond', &c., followed by 'Where bloody tyrants here did rage/ Over the lord's own heritage/ To persecute his noble cause/ By mischief framed into laws". Remaining lines covered (1842) by soil.

AA 30.10.1823 — Recently erected martyr stones include one to the Galston Covenanters.

EG, Tu 23.5.1876, 366ab — Burial Grounds (Scotland) Act, 1855. Churchyard closed, w.e.f 24th May 1876, to new burials, excepting right of John Smith, youngest son of late George Smith, minister, to be buried in the family's private burying place.

MISSION HALL (Established Church),. Orchard Street

AA 8.5.1884 — Opened last Sunday. Cost: £400.

KS 10.5.1884 — Plain brick building.

AA 11.5.1893 — Reopened last Sunday after thorough overhaul lasting 8 weeks.

KS 7.4.1900 — ... the Mission Church has had a handsome gallery added to it ...

ACC Planning, A3731 — June 1951. Additions and alterations, MH, OS, for Galston Old Parish Church Kirk Session.

MANSE

CH 532/2 — 4.5.1692 — Manse to be repaired by 1.6.1692.

SRO, GD 206/591/3,4,5, & 9 — Letters from John Dick to Alexander, Earl of Marchmont. 1727, Repair. The manse is dangerous and to be repaired by heritors. The estimated cost is 1000 merks. To be completed by winter.

HR 797/1 — 13.4.1726 — Manse to be rebuilt.

MANSE [2]

CH 532/4 — 26.4.1727 — New manse to be rebuilt on same site. With new stable and brewhouse. Suggested cost (using materials of old manse), £1000 Scots. Chimneys and gables rebuilt, extended 9' and side walls raised 9', incorporating foundations of old manse. Glazed with diamond lozenge panels in lead.

SRO, GD 158/1317 p.161 — Letter from Marchmont to John Dickson of Antonshill, 1727, suggests that £1000 Scots be given to Rev Andrew Rodger to enable him to build a new manse.

HR 797/1 — 13.4.1726 — manse rebuilt. Contractor: **Alexander Hutchison**. est cost: £592 4s Scots; Final cost: £599 4s.

CH 532/4 — 29.1.1729 — Ready for inspection.

CH 532/7 — 31.3.1756 — Offices and manse repaired. Slate roof put on manse. Internal and structural repairs. [HR 797/1 19.2.1756. Conts: **Matthew Hunter**, Galston, mason; **Peter Muir**. Est cost £31.

12.10.1756 — Declared complete.

HR 797/1 — 16.4.1778 — Repaired 1778. Conts: **Matthew Hunter**, Galston, mason; **William Richards** and **James Young**, Galston, wrights. Est cost: £30.

8.6.1786 — East office house rebuilt, 1786.

MANSE [3]

2SA, V, 188 — Built in 1795.

CH 532/8	10.12.1795	Manse and offices to be rebuilt on new site. Contractor and architect: **William Ker**, Galston (provided a plan). Final cost £45. Declared complete 18.4.1798 [CH532/9]
HR 797/2	13.5.1875	?Demolished 1875. Old houses and manse at W end of parish to be taken down to widen road, and area planted with trees and shrubs. [See plan]

MANSE [4]

HR 797/2	2.10.1878	Alterations and repairs, 1878. Manse to be altered and repaired. New windows to be made in drawing room. Walls and entrance improved and approaches planted with new trees. Cost £84. Conts: **R G & J Anderson**, masons; **Cameron & Wilson**, joiners; **Andrew Falconer**, plasterer; **John Robertson**, slater. **R S Ingram**, Kilmarnock, architect.
	7.8.1879	Walls and entrance to manse to be erected. Walks to be planted with new trees. **Ingram**, architect. Cost, £54.
Kirk News 100, January 2000, 43		"… the sale of the Glebe manse in 1981"

GOOD TEMPLARS HALL

AA 16.11.1871	Blair Street. Foundation stone laid last Saturday.
AA 28.3.1872	Opened last Saturday.
BG 1/1/5, DoG Court 5.7.1909	Plan approved. Alterations, Good Templar Hall.
1982	Long disused.

GOSPEL HALL, 15 Henrietta Street

IVN 3.6.1932, 3g	Opened last Saturday – built by James Alexander & Son in seven weeks.

PLYMOUTH BRETHREN HALL

AA 3.2.1898	Plymouth Brethren have secured a site in Glebe Dykes for a hall.

R.C. CHURCH

ASH, Sa 27.5.1876, 5e	A 2 storey block 'at the back of the parish church' has been acquired for the R.C. church, and is presently undergoing repairs, and should be ready this week.

R.C. CHURCH, Titchfield Street [UNBUILT]

AA 3.8.1882	A more costly church [than others mentioned in the article, e.g. Hurlford] will be erected in Galston. A site in Titchfield Street has been acquired from Lord Donnington's Loudoun Estate, in exchange for the original site given by the Marquess of Bute. Plans are being prepared by Messrs **J & R S Ingram**, Kilmarnock.
McCluskey, 85-86	Confuses this with St Sophia's.

St SOPHIA'S R C CHURCH

Rosemary Hannah, 'St Sophia's Church, Galston: 'the vast space of the interior', is in Architectural History, 46 (2003), 255-268.	Lengthy exposition on Bute's interest in Byzantine architecture, &c. Copy in REC Library.
List 2	A striking Byzantine style design in red brick, with raised internal dome; built by the 3rd Marquess of Bute, and completed 1886 - architect, **Robert Weir Schultz**. B.
St Sophia's [1986], p9-10	Opening service was at midnight, 23.12.1888. In early 1880s the 3rd Marquess commissioned **Rowand Anderson** to prepare plans for 2 churches in Ayrshire, at Galston and Troon. Central dome with gilt cross and 8 windows rises 138'. Plan is square subdivided by arches, which are supported on columns, into the form of a Greek cross. All

		doors windows and arches throughout are semicircular and on outside decorated with moulded bricks. Floor laid with tiles - some plain and in some parts laid with mosaics. Work began Spring 1885, and foundation stone laid 16.7.1885. Final cost, £60,000. Conts: **Quinn's**, Glasgow, builders.
Stamp, 1981. 11-13		Designed for John Patrick Crichton-Stuart, 3rd Marquess of Bute. This design coincided with plans for St Patricks RC Troon [Completed in 1883, St Patricks is one of the earliest monuments of Byzantine Revival although preceded by J O Scott's Greek Orthodox Ch, Bayswater, des 1874, built 1877-1882]. [NB, Troon church not built to this plan] Plans for St Sophia were prepared in 1884 based on the plans of Sta Sophia, Constantinople, but in the following year it was re-designed to give more sittings, "unfortunately, the domed central space was enlarged at the expense of the aisles. Although Lord Bute had hoped that a type of tile termination that he had brought from Athens could be employed, any redolence of Byzantine is further diminished by the coarse detail of the building, executed in a hard dark red brick. The church was built in 1885-86; the architect again was Rowand Anderson [Letters at mount Stuart, Bute to Lady Bute 14.6.1882; Anderson to Bute 6.4.1885, 16.1.1886. Ground plans for Galston are preserved at Mount Stuart]. What Lord Bute clearly needed was an architect of first-hand experience of Byzantine architecture". Bute supported the Byzantine Research Fund and subscribed to the grant to the British School at Athens which enabled Schultz to study there. Schultz may have worked on the drawings for Galston church whilst working in Anderson's office. First documented contact between them is noted in Bute's diary on 4.1.1889, when he was at Mount Stuart: "Mr Schultz came. Turn with him - with him in afternoon (drawings of Greek Medieval Church), after that he went away, with Lonsdale about Zodiacal windows in hall". 27.2.1891 Schultz wrote to Bute that he had been to Oxford with drawings of Byzantine churches "in order to try and interest people there in our work". In May 1891 Schultz began work for Bute at Falkland Chapel and so began their architectural collaboration. [Ottewill: Schultz was apprentice to Anderson, 1878-1884]
Service	80-81	The other important development in English church architecture in the 1890s was the revival of the Byzantine style. The revival had started earlier: R Rowand Anderson built St Sophia's RC church at Galston as early as 1886.
Macintosh		1885. red brick, with freestone dressing, and is Byzantine in style. In plan, the church is square, subdivided by arches into the form of a Greek cross. A large central dome rises high above the roofs, pierced with 8 small windows, and terminating with a gilt cross. The height to the apex of the dome is 82'. The building is 104' long and 64' wide, and is one of the most unique pieces of architecture in the West of Scotland.
KS 9.5.1885		Foundation being dug this week. Alongside RC School.
KS 1.8.1885		Foundation stone laid last Thursday. The church is being built by Marquess of Bute in memory of his mother. Nave, 25' wide, north and south aisles, 9' wide, choir, chancel and sanctuary. 3 entrances, principal at west. Romanesque. Dome, 62' high at crown. Cross on tower 90'. Architects: **Wardrop, Anderson & Brown**, Edinburgh. Mason: **John Devlin**, Glasgow. Glazier: **Wm Meikle & Sons**, Glasgow.
AA 6.8.1885		The memorial stone of a R C chapel of elaborate design and estimated to cost £10,000 was laid on Friday.

AA 8.10.1885 — Byzantine. It is to be built entirely of brick with a few external crosses of stone placed at irregular intervals. In plan it is a square, subdivded by arches into the form of a Greek cross, and it is this formation which constitutes its main feature. The centre compartment is 25' wide and is covered with a dome, and the 4 squares at the corners are also domed. Eastward is the chancel, and beyond that there is a small circular apse. The building is entered at the west end by a spacious vestibule, on one side of which is a baptistery, and on the other a stair leading to a gallery over the vestibule. All the doors, windows, and arches throughout are semi-circular, and externally enriched with moulded and decorated brick. The roofs are to be covered with red tiles. The apex of the dome is 62' above the floor, ground to top of cross surmounting dome is 92'. 104' long, 64' wide. Designed by Dr Rowand Anderson, Glasgow.

KS 1.1.1887 — Church of the Eternal Wisdom [RC] formally opened midnight, Christmas Eve, 1886.

St Sophia's [1986], p.12 — Church and church house renovated in 1937 following arrival of father William McBurnie. Presbytery was almost completely gutted. In church wicker chairs were replaced with present pews arranged to form a central aisle.

St Sophia's [1986], p.13 — Renovated between 1959 and 1966, during charge of Father Gunning. Altars in side chapels introduced, 1961.

St Sophia's [1986], p.16 — New altar and redecorated, 1986. New colour scheme in pastel shades.

Hannah — Full restoration 2002-03**. W I Munro**, architects, Kilmarnock.

web — Restoration 2004 funded by Score.

STAINED GLASS

St Sophia's [1986], p.13 — 3 stained glass windows in chancel, installed 1962. The centre window, Cricifixion. Gospel side window, gift in memory of V.R. William C O'Connor, priest here 1941-1953. Epistle side window, donation of the Union of Catholic Mothers - subject is St Margaret of Scotland. All by "a French artist".

U.F. CHURCH, Wallace Street [Cf ASSOCIATE, which I think is identical]

List 3 — "United Presbyterian church, rebuilt in 1859 from the design by **John Dick Peddie**". Centre gable topped by bellcote; 3 tall round-headed windows and other Romanesque features. Ref: John Macintosh, Galston and Loudoun Parishes, p.14 (from which quote in List is taken). B

NMRS, Bin 18 Bag 1 — 1859 plans: Dick Peddie & MacKay.

KWP 26.2.1859 — New U.P. Church to be built. **Peddie**, Edinburgh, architect. [Also in ASH, Sa 5.3.1859, 3b].

AA 5.5.1859: KWP 7.5.1859 — Conts - UP Church.

KWP 16.7.1859: ASH 23.7.1859 3a — Foundation stone laid 13.7.1859. ASH says preaching station from 1777. 1st church built 1797-98. Mason of 1859 church: Messrs **Anderson**; joiner: **James Mitchell**, Newmilns.

KWP 26.5.1860: ASH Sa 26.5.1860 3d — Formally opened last Sunday.

KS 5.5.1866 — The large window in the U.P. Church has been renewed and fitted with stained glass designed and executed by Messrs [**W & J J Kier]**, Glasgow.

ASH, Sa 5.5.1866, 8c — Stained glass window designed and executed by **W & J J Kier** has been put into the large circular window.

MANSE [Refs to ASSOCIATE CONGREGATION Manse, which became ERSKINE manse]

CH 3/836/3	11.12.1804	Manse to be built. Conts: **John Dove**, mason, and **John Stewart**, wright.
	22.4.1850	To be enlarged by addition of a second storey - and to incorporate room for use of the Kirk Session.
	26.4.1850	Conts: **Adam Loudon & Co**., Kilmarnock, mason, joiner and slater work. **Andrew Law**, ironwork. Est cost: £124 10s.
	18.11.1894	Renovated 1894. Kitchen floor flags lifted and replaced with wood. Glass door vestibule inserted at entrance. Est cost: £70.
FES, IX, 191		Disused after 1949 local union.

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