PRE-REFORMATION CHURCHES

[See also BARR for KIRKDOMINAE]

Cowan, 1976, 73		Church of Innergarvane with its chapel of Kirkdominae was confirmed to Crossraguel in 1404, original grant probably c.1236.
Reg Mag Sig, V, no.276		Charter of lands of vicarage of Girvan granted 23.11.1581 including the church.

POST-REFORMATION

BAPTIST CHURCH [1]

GTC, 30.1.1922		Approved at Dean of Guild Court: Church, Ailsa Street East, for Baptist Union.
AA 30.3.1922		Formally opened last Saturday. Corrugated iron.
ATD 62/10	AA 5.9.1957	Destroyed by fire in early hours of Saturday morning. Built in 1922.
	CH 6.9.1957	This iron church had originally been the Baptist Church at Jedburgh.
AA, Th 19.5.1960, 20c		Burnt in September 1957.

BAPTIST CHURCH

ATD 62/10	AA 26.11.1959	Foundation stone laid last Saturday. Stone from Corwar. **G A Cassells**, architect.
AP 27.11.1959		Foundation stone laid last Saturday.
AA, Th 19.5.1960, 20c		To be formally opened on Saturday. New church is of granite and brick ... "the granite ... at one time formed the walls of Corwar House".
AA, Th 26.5.1960, 20ab		Formally opened last Saturday. Architect: the late **George Cassells**.
April 1955, F 15.11.2013, 21		Church Fire. Destroyed by fire on Tuesday. Vacant since 2001

BURGHER MEETING HOUSE, Flushes

AA 21.7.1814	Foundation stone laid 13.7.1814.
Kenneth C Kydd, Our Heritage, in Kydd & Mackie, p.18	It was not until 1812 that the dogged seceders who had first tried to form a congregation 67 years before it succeeded in being recognised by the Burgher Presbytery of Kilmarnock, and proceeded to build a church in the Flushes in 1815.
nr	Built c.1812-1815, and used as auction hall since c.1947. demolished Feb/Mar 1972.

CAMERONIAN CHAPEL — See STAIR PARK MISSION HALL

EPISCOPAL CHURCH [ST JOHN'S], PIEDMONT ROAD

Girvan:	The Epsicopalians built a church in Piedmont Road in the 1860s. This building has never been truly finished, with the transept and spire incomplete. It contains, however, a very beautiful pierced and carved screen. The screen's former home was Brougham castle, and the first Lord Brougham is said to have annexed it from an ecclesiastical building.
Kenneth C Kydd, Our Heritage, in Kydd & Mackie, 18	The Episcopalian cause revived in the Burgh and after worshipping in a makeshift chapel in Bridge Street, built the present edifice at Piedmont Road.
Scottish Episcopal Church Yearbook 1972-1973, 204	Dedicated in 1857 and consecrated in 1859. **A G Thomson**, Glasgow, architect. 224 sittings.
	Lectern, Altar, Reredos and Bishop's Chair are all C16. Bishop's Chair originally from Palace of Holyroodhouse..
AA 9.9.1858	In course of erection. The architect is **Alexander George Thomson**, Glasgow. It is built of blue whinstone from Penkill, with white Dalmellington freestone dressings.
AA 26.5.1859	Consecrated 18.5.1859. **A G Thomson**. Decorated style.
BI 22/255 June 1911	Tower to St John's Episcopal Church. Architect: **James Chalmers**, 93 Hope Street, Glasgow.
The Scot.Chrl., vii, 1911, 458	Tower being built in 1911. James Chalmers, Glasgow, architect.
AA 8.10.1925	New font designed by **A Nelson**, Hamilton Street, of Auchenheath stone.
AA 28.4.1927	New organ inaugurated last Sunday. **Andrew Watt & Sons**, organ builders.

Girvan T.C., 3.9.1934 — Permission granted to Mr E Andrews to use town coat of arms on shield forming part of a new chancel screen.

AP 21.9.1934 — C16 Italian chancel screen recently removed from Brougham Hall, Penrith. Dedicated in church last Sunday in memory of Mrs Charles Rigby Andrews by her children. Italian workmanship of C16. Elaborately carved, divided into panels by 8 uprights bearing figures representing the saviour and 7 of the Apostles. Between uprights are fretted panels and along base of screen are solid panels surmounted by a continuous rail repeating with variation the lower rail. Cornice bears central pediment representing Praise and the fruits of the Earth. Central arch and side wings and 1 new upright have been carved by Mr **Johnstone** of Penrith, whole has been restored and rebuilt by **Harvey Paterson**, of Messrs **James Paterson & Son**, Girvan. Shields of cornice of screen have been repainted by Mrs Marshall of Little Turnberry. Shields of Diocese of Galloway, Burgh of Girvan, several county families connected with st John's Church.
Organ case and pulpit have been enriched with carved figures and foliage. pair of oak candlesticks gift of Dame Louise McIlroy and her sisters, Dr Janice McIlroy and Mrs Wilson Marshall.

Scottish Guardian, 19.6.1936 — Chancel Screen thought to be C16 Italian. Re-aranged and erected in St John's by Harvey Paterson, Girvan; central arch and sude wings made by Ernest Johnston, Penrith.

Scottish Guardian, 19.6.1936 — Carved figures of St Ninian and St Margaret, by **Ernest Johnston**, Penrith, dedicated 14 June 1936.

Scottish Guardian, 10.9.1948 — 1948, reconstruction and redecoration. Reroofing of tower and part of nave. Sanctuary panelled "in ancient oak, gathered over a period from historic houses, and the carvings are of sixteenth century work which blends with the fine wood screen already in the church." He bishop's chair (originally from Palace of Holyroodhouse) has been fitted into a pillared and canopied niche, and a sedilia to match erected. New altar rail, and new windows in the sanctuary.

AP 10.9.1948 — Reopened last Sunday after reconditioning and redecoration. "The sanctuary has been panelled in ancient oak, gathered over a period from historic houses, and the carvings are of C16 work which blends with the fine rood screen already in the church".

ACC Planning, A2338 — May 1950. Rebuild and extend vestry.

ATD 62/10 c. Dec 1961 — Stained Glass window dedicated last Sunday, in memory of Mrs Teresa Kerr, Greenock. Christ in Glory - 1 light. Artist: **Gordon Webster**.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH HALL, PIEDMONT ROAD

The Scot. Chrl., i, 1906, 682 — Being built, 1906. Of brick and cement, and drawn ashlar. Hall is 45' by 25' and 20' high. **James Chalmers**, Glasgow, architect. **McDougall**, Girvan, mason. **J Baird**, joiner.

AA 27.9.1906 — Will be completed shortly. Brick.

AA 18.10.1906 — Formally opened last Friday.

GTC, DoGC 11.7.1927 — Kitchen, &c.

FREE CHURCH, DALRYMPLE STREET [FREE, then CHALMERS UF, then CHALMERS CoS, then ST ANDREWS HALLS, after 1947 union with TRINITY]

Girvan — 1857.

Ewing, II, 57 — 1857. [Congregation worshipped in Extension Church (Girvan South) until 1855, then in school until 1857]

AA 11.10.1855 — Conts - Free Church - Messrs **Gale**, 172 Buchanan Street, Glasgow.

AA 6.3.1856 — Work has begun on the new Free Church.

AA 1.5.1856 — Foundation stone laid 21.4.1856.

AA 18.6.1857 — Opened last Sunday.

AA 16.6.1898 — FC. New windows - installed under superintendence of Mr **Petrie**, Glasgow, architect.

AA 8.9.1898 — FC. Stained floral windows presented by Mr & Mrs Eadie, 1898, work done by Mr **Couper**, Glasgow.

AA 8.11.1900 — Now known as Chalmers U.F.

AA 22.4.1920 — Chalmers UF. Organ inaugurated last Sunday: **Scovell & Co.**, Edinburgh.

AA 25.11.1920 — Chalmers UF. War Memorial Tablet unveiled and dedicated.

ACC Planning, A122 — August 1948. Alterations, Chalmers Church Hall, for St Andrews Congregational Board. [ACC, TPC 14.9.1948, **Stevenson & Ferguson**]

AA, CH2/532/23 5.4.1949 — Converted to HALL, 1947. Chalmers church became halls of congregation. WCs added 1949. Est cost: £700.

ACC Planning, A898 — April 1949. Additions and alterations, Chalmers Church, for St Andrews Congregational Board, per **Stevenson & Ferguson**.

FREE CHURCH HALL

FES, IX, 176 — Sold after union with Trinity in 1947.

FREE CHURCH MANSE [1], DALRYMPLE STREET

AA 20.12.1883 — To sell, with 51 years left on a lease of 99 years. [This gives a date of c.1835, i.e. before 1843 schism].

FREE CHURCH MANSE [2]

Ewing, II, 57 — 1885.

Lamb, 129 — Improvements made between 1900 and 1927.

AA, CH2/532/23 — Became Manse of united congregation after union with Trinity in 1947.

METHODIST CHAPEL [1], WILSON STREET/AILSA STREET WEST

Pamphlet, 1965 — Small chapel erected 1820 at Ailsa Street end of Wilson Street. Cost over £120.

Girvan — 1823.

AA 28.8.1902 — 1823.

150 Not Out, 1973 Restored in 1879. Ceased, 1903, and in 1973 in use as a furniture repository.

METHODIST CHURCH [2], DALRYMPLE STREET

List 24 — In the style of **W G Rowan**, 1902. Arts and Crafts style. Snecked and stugged red sandstone. 4-bay nave with south aisle under swept roof. Large Gothic window in west gable with perpendicular tracery. Porch in west bay of aisle, with open timber-framed gable end. Small tripartite aisle windows. Interior simply detailed but with boldly braced timber roof. To east, wide 2-storeyed gabled bay with square headed door and pair of 4-centred lights to right. 1 three and 1 two-light window above. 2 stacks, that to south-west heavily battered. Lower projecting 2-bay hall beyond. Slate roofs throughout. B.

AA 28.8.1902 — New Wesleyan Methodist Church, DS. Memorial stones laid last Saturday. Architects: **Watson & Salmond**, Glasgow.

A 24.4.1903 — Architecture at the RGI. In a Wesleyan Church at Girvan by Messrs Watson & Salmond, also small, but with no tower, the most is made of a gable with a tracery window, low side aisle, and a porch, partly of timber. There is apparently no gallery in the church; the style is Perpendicular, freshly treated.

AA 9.7.1903 — Opened last Thursday. [150 Not Out, 1973: Cost £2898 14s 11d.]

GTC, DoGC 17.6.1924 — Church Hall, for Trustees of Wesleyan Church.

AA 16.4.1925 — Centenary Hall formally opened last Wednesday. Architect: Revd **A B Cannon**.

150 Not Out, 1973 — Church Hall opened 1926.

150 Not Out, 1973 — Organ brought from old church. The present organ was brought from Trinity Methodist Church, Shotley Bridge, co.Durham.
Memorial plaque over pulpit to Rev Samuel Balch, 1905.

NORTH PARISH CHURCH, MONTGOMERIE STREET. Later called GIRVAN OLD
[formerly PARISH CHURCH (3)

1984 Centenary History: Kenneth C Kydd and Robert Mackie, eds., "So Spacious, So Stately, So Splendid". Printed by Carrick Gazette.

List 54 — **W G Rowan**, 1883, built to replace Old Kirk in Church Square. EE Gothic; snecked red sandstone with polished dressings. nave with north and south aisles and shallow transepts. Tower with tall spire at SW. Central door under pointed arch, with moulded reveals and nook shafts in shallow gabled projection. Tall 3-light geometric traceried window above, rising into the gable head. Nave flanked by stepped buttresses rising to octagonal turrets with conical roof. Gabled and stepped buttress to N aisle. 3-stage tower with angle buttresses capped by octagonal pinnacles which clasp the tall facetted spire. Lucarnes

		between pinnacles at base of spire and on alternate faces above. Conventional seating plan with good panelled gallery balustrade, decorative roof trusses, good painted frieze and stars on ceiling. Refs: RIBA Nomination; A 21.10.1883. Cost £4500. B.
		[The British Architect ref given as relating to St Andrews in List 16 must also belong here.]
Old List [P/BL/5/AR, Sept 1963] 1		Built 1884 after the demolition of the old Kirk in Church Square. Gothic, tall tower and broach spire; pink sandstone; **William Gardner Rowan**, architect. Ref: NMRS; 3SA, p.819. C.
McKenna		1884. A beautiful Gothic structure, of red sandstone, with a spire 150' high. Cost £5000.
AA 5.10.1882		At a meeting of heritors held on Thursday last it was resolved to build a new parish church at a cost of £4000. The site to be chosen will in all probability be in Montgomery Street.
SRO, HR 726/1	30.11.1882	New church to be built. Congregation to contribute £1000 to cost. Plans submitted for competition by John Baird, Glasgow; William Ingram, Glasgow; J & R S Ingram, Kilmarnock, Baldie & Tennant, Glasgow; McKissack & Rowan, Glasgow; Allan Stevenson, Ayr; D Thomson & Turnbull, Glasgow; John Murdoch, Ayr.
AA 28.12.1882		Plans of Messrs **Rowan & McKissack**, Glasgow, architects, adopted.
SRO, HR 726/1	6.1.1883	Plans of McKissack & Rowan chosen. [A 21.10.1883 names W G Rowan as the architect]
		Site acquired in Montgomery Street. Church to include a hall. Est cost: £4255 5s.
	24.4.1883	Contractors include **R Aitkenhead & Sons**, masons, and **J & D Meikle**, wright. Slater (**W Highet & Son**) to use Port Dinorwic slate.
AA 4.10.1883		Memorial stone will be laid on Saturday.
AA 11.10.1883		Memorial stone laid last Saturday. The style of the church is Gothic of the early C13 work. The church is roofed in one span over the nave and has transepts right and left of the pulpit, with apsidal recess for the organ. There is a gallery on three sides, mainly supported at brackets from side walls of the nave, where there is only one seat in front of the passage leading to the galleries over transepts. There are 4 doors of exit, 2 in front and 2 behind, and 2 stairs communicating with galleries. 940 people. The effect of the interior will be dignified and spacious, the arched screens at the junction of the transepts with nave giving lightness and variety to the side walls. the main entrance is by a richly shafted, moulded and carved doorway in the west gable, opening into a vestibule communicating with area and stairs to galleries. The gable over the entrance doorway is pierced by a large 4-light window, enriched with tracery, and flanked by massive buttresses crowned with octagonal terminals. The gabled walls of the NW stair have been subdued as much as possible so as to develop scale and importance in the main gable. The tower and spire at the SW corner rises to a height of about 150' to the top of the vane, and will form a feature of considerable [ ] in the town when it is completed. The group includes church, session-house, vestry and hall. Architects: Messrs **J McKissack & W G Rowan**, 234 West George Street, Glasgow. Extracts in Kydd & Mackie, p4.
A, 21.10.1883		Est cost: £4500.
AA 18.9.1884		Opened last Sunday (14th September 1884) Cost between £5000 and £6000. Extracts in Kydd & Mackie, p3.
SRO, HR 726/1	18.2.1924	Addition to Church Hall, 1923. At expense of Kirk Session.
AA 2.10.1924		Contractors - renovation - **Allan Stevenson**.
ACC Planning, 5344		June 1948. Alterations to Church Hall for Old Church Kirk Session.
AA, CH2/532/24	7.12.1954	Trees cut down, 1954. Trees lining grounds of church cut down to relieve damp discoloration of church walls.
	STAINED GLASS	
SRO, HR 726/1	12.8.1889	2 Memorial Windows to Robert and Thomas McKechnie are to be inserted in S transept of church at expense of Robert Cunningham, Glendouglas.
AA 9.1.1890		2 memorial windows have been presented in memory of Robert and Thomas McKechnie. In S transept. Designed and executed by **Ballantyne & Son**, Edinburgh.

SRO, HR 726/1	17.2.1890	2 Memorial Windows to Rev Mr Corson to be inserted in N transept at exepnse of Mr Hart.
AA 21.8.1890		2 new memorial windows in the N transept completed last week. **Ballantyne & Son**, Edinburgh. In memory of Rev. William Corson, †1887.
	BELL	
SRO, HR 726/1	6.5.1885	**John C Wilson**.
	COMMUNION TABLE	
SRO, HR 726/1	22.4.1885	Made by **John Craig**.
	FONT and LECTERN	
AA 13.4.1916		Gifted a font and lectern. The font is of oak, carved with symbols including a Cross of St Cuthbert.
	MEMORIALS	
SRO, HR 726/1	18.2.1924	Mural tablet to rev Mr S C Fry, 1924. Erected in vestibule of church.
	ORGAN	
SRO, HR 726/1	19.7.1886	£750 has been bequeathed by Thomas McKechnie, merchant, Girvan, for purchase of an organ.
AA 18.11.1886		An organ is presently being installed. Builders: Messrs **Brindley & Foster**, Sheffield.
AA 13.1.1887		Organ used for first time last Sunday.
	WAR MEMORIAL	
SRO, HR 726/1	5.4.1920	Memorial to be a "Cross of Sacrifice" modelled on the design accepted by the Government to be erected in cemeteries abroad. Boundary wall to be extended across present opening to improve surroundings for memorial. Cost: £350.
AA 29.7.1920		Cross of Sacrifice unveiled. 14'. Work of **Robert Gray**, Glasgow, sculptor.
MANSE (1)		
AA, CH2/532/4	5.5.1727	Partly rebuilt and roof slated, 1727. est cost: £230 7s Scots.
AA, CH2/532/7	22.9.1757	Offices rebuilt 1757. New offices all under 1 roof, 36' by 16' over walls. Using old materials.
MANSE (2)		
AA, CH2/532/7	1.8.1753	New Manse to be built.
AA, CH2/532/8	16.5.1787	Offices Rebuilt, 1787. est cost: £72 6s 8d. Conts: **John Jardine**, mason, and **David Allan**, wright, both Girvan.
MANSE (3) (former, now STRATHAVEN CARAVAN PARK)		
List 57		Late c18/early C19. 2 storeys over basement. 3 bays with low quadrant walls linking low gabled outbuildings. Harled with painted margins. Central door with entablature, at head of flight of 7 steps with simple cast-iron hand rail. 12-pane glazing throughout. Cornice, blocking course, crowstepped gables, end stacks and slate roof. Single storey additional wing to right set behind quadrant wall. B.
ACC, PC 13.11.1951, 91-92		Nov 1951. Proposed for listing by Department of Health.
Old List 4		Late C18 - Early C19. Yellow harling, 2 storeys on raised basement, 3 sash windows, centre doorway up flight of steps; low parapet, cornice, ridge roof, modern crowstepped gables - 1 storey flanking wings connected by curved screen walls from symmetrical courtyard layout; pavilions have recessed niches, pedimented gables. C.
AA 5.2.1818		Conts - Manse - plans with Mr Anderson, Girvan.
AA, CH2/532/10	25.11.1818	Manse and offices to be rebuilt on new site. Architect: **Alexander Jardine**. (cf Barr Manse) [NSA, V, 412, says built in 1804]
SRO, HR 726/1	5.11.1863	Manse road altered 1863. Part of glebe to go to railway company; manse road to be altered.
	18.6.1888	Renovated 1888. Internal and external renovation and repair to house and offices, without alteration. House to be roughcast and washed with Arden lime. Final cost: £281 5s 4d.
	7.10.1901	Addition at Rear, 1901. Addition for a study, &c., at rear of house. Cont; **Andrew Murray**, builder. Final cost: £202 13s 7d.
	1.11.1911	River embanked 1911. Stones from old houses taken down in Knockcushan Street used to repair bank.
	20.10.1923	Renovation 1923. Conts: **A Murray**, mason; **Leadbetter & Co**., joiner.
Girvan TC, DoGC 26.11.1923		Alterations and extension, for the Heritors.

AA, CH2/532/21	5.12.1923	Renovated 1923. To be renovated and addition for scullery, kitchen and maid's room. **Allan Stevenson**, Ayr, architect.
AA, CH2/532/24	5.4.1955	To be SOLD.
AA, Th 15.12.1955, 20a		Advertised for sale.
ACC, Planning Committee 13.1.1959		B3077, application to form caravan park. Minded to approve, despite objection from Girvan TC.

OLD CHURCH YARD, OLD STREET

List 55		1908. Triumphal arch in balustraded wall. Pilastered archway flanked by widely spaced pairs of Roman Doric engaged columns. 1 similar pair on each return elevation. Tall parapet. Walled forecourt with sqaure-plan corniced gatepiers, cast-iron gates and 2 bold obelisks on each side wall between angle piers. Some interesting C18 and C19 monuments, B.
Old List 3		Entrance archway, enclosed wall and balustraded parapet, built 1908, contains some interesting late C18 and early C19 monuments. C.
AA, CH2/532/4	8.7.1724	Porch for Kirkyard. Porch "vaulted in an half round to the churchyard, five foot square with hewn stone seats on each side of it, and cornicing of stones thereto". Dykes heightened. Est cost: £113 10s Scots
SRO, HR 726/1	29.1.1855	extended over site of old church, 1855.
	5.11.1858	Walls and entrance 1858. Churchyard walls to be rebuilt and entrance improved to reduce slope. Walls heightened and rubble from old houses now fallen to be removed. Cont: **Archibald Murray**.
	18.6.1888	Gate altered 1888. Entrance gate to be altered subsequent to demolition of Old Ship Inn.
	17.1.1898	CLOSED for interments, 1898.
	28.4.1906	Levelled and walls repaired, 1906. Tombstones replaced. Ground levelled and walls rebuilt where necessary and repaired.
AA 28.5.1908		A magnificent entrance and enclosing wall has been built at the old churchyard through the beneficence of a worthy son of Girvan, Mr Alexander Johnstone, Annickdale, Ayr, as a memorial of his parents and brothers who lie buried within its sacred ground.
ATD 62/9	CH 16.6.1911	Old SUNDIAL, gifted from her garden by Mrs Drummond, has now been erected in the Old Churchyard. Has a Latin inscription, and thought to come from old church.
ATD 62/9	CH 20.10.1912	Parish Council meeting 12.10.1912. "Mr Paterson said he had the privilege one day recently of meeting Mr Morris (the architect for the building of the Old Churchyard wall gifted by Mr Johnstone) who was photographing and sketching a number of old graves and tombstones in the Old Churchyard with a view to giving a lecture on the subject in Edinburgh during the winter. Mr Morris asked him to convey to the Parish Council his congratulations on the careful and efficient manner in which the churchyard is being looked after. He was delighted with the condition in which he found it. (Applause)".
ATD 62/9	CH 21.11.1913	Parish Council meeting, nd, presented with a copy of **James A Morris**'s lecture on Girvan Churchyard, given to the R.S.A., and published in Vol.47 of their Transactions.
B 30.6.1916		Wrought iron gates. Architect: **James A Morris**, Ayr. made by Messrs **George Wragge Ltd**., Salford.
RSA		Gateways by James A Morris exhibited 1909 - 1916, and 1943 retrospective.
	WHEEL CROSS	
Neilson, AA 5.11.1896		TRANSCRIPT with Girvan, General.

[BoS notes seem to suggest that OS, 3, became TRINITY, but this doesn't tally with the facts. Cf also refs, above, to Burgher Church. Much sorted to be done here.]

ORIGINAL SECESSION CHURCH [1]

Small, II, 342	Congregation formed in 1813. Church built in 1822 with 300 sittings. Cost: £320. Ceased between 1825 and 1839. Sold to Free Church congregation in 1843. (but cf history of FC congregation, above).

ORIGINAL SECESSION CHURCH [2]

Small, II, 342	New Church built in 1843, by OS congregation, with 600 sittings.

ORIGINAL SECESSION CHURCH [3]

Small, II, 342		Opened 11.7.1889. 600 sittings. Cost, inc organ: £4000.

PARISH CHURCH [?1649 - 1770]

AA, CH2/532/1	21.6.1649	Proposal to build, 1649.
AA, CH2/532/4	8.7.1724	Alteration, 1724. 1 new window struck out on E side; 2 new windows made in E loft.
SRO, HR 726/1	29.1.1855	Taken down after 1770.

PARISH CHURCH [1770 - 1883], Church Square

2SA, V, 404	Sept 1837	Built over 60 years ago. Now has 850 sittings. Aisle added by Sir Hugh Dalrymple Hamilton of Bargany, †1790.
SRO, HR 726/1	29.1.1855	Improvements 1855. Galleries and floor renewed. Seating renewed where decayed.
SRO, HR 726/1	26.9.1870	Loft stairs, 1870. 3 staircases to lofts inside church to be enclosed. Cont: **Robert Nelson**. Est cost: £13 4s.
AA 22.6.1882		"A long pull and, we hope, a strong pull is being made to have the ugly barn like erection called the parish church torn down and a new one built".
AA 17.5.1883		Built 1770 and used for the last time last Sunday.
AA 24.5.1883		Is being demolished.

R.P. CHURCH, HENRIETTA STREET

Cousar, 65-66	Photocopy herewith. Congregation disjoined from that of Colmonell, 1845. Plans of a new church approved in 1846, and it was opened 13.7.1847. Congregation dissolved in 1879, and church and manse disposed of.
Ewing	RP congregation until 1876, when joined Free Church. Reduced in status, 1879. Known as GIRVAN WEST.
AA 23.7.1846	Foundation stone laid last Thursday.
AA 17.6.1847	Formally opened 13.6.1847.
AA 25.3.1886	The former Reformed Presbyterian Church in Henrietta Street was sold on Monday to the Girvan Conservative Association and will be converted into a hall in connection with that association.

R.P. MANSE

Cousar, 65-66	Built in 1865. Disposed of after dissolution of congregation in 1879.
Small, II, 342	Talks of a manse (OS?) built in 1865 at a cost of £870.

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

See Stair Park Mission Hakk

REFORMING PROTESTANT CHURCH, Ailsa Street West

c.1843, See ROMAN CATHOLIC HALL

ROMAN CATHOLIC 1, McConnel Square

Kenneth C Kydd, Our Heritage, in Kydd & Mackie, 18	The first Roman Catholic chapel was over the arched entrance to McConnel Square, directly opposite the present North Parish.

SACRED HEART [R.C.] CHURCH, Harbour Street [ROMAN CATHOLIC 2]

Catholic Directory	Scared Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Harbour Lane, 1850, 1860.
Centenary Programme, 1960	[Copy in Assorted Articles in Parish Order file]. Mission here 1850. In 1860 "plain but decent, commodious" church built. this was formally opened on 18.11.1860, and was reported in the AO 20.11.1860.
ASH, Sa 10.11.1860, 3e	R C Chapel, in course of erection this summer, Green, and to be formally opened on 18.11.1860.
Ex inf Mark Goldie (per John Gifford, BoST)	1860. **George Goldie**, architect. Rebuilt and extended in 1959.
AA 17.1.1895	Re-opened on Sunday after renovation and improvement. New tabernacle and canopy of Gothic design, work of **A W Wall**, Cheltenham, sculptor.
CH, F 23.5.1924, 2c	Work of renovation and improvement of altar and sanctuary has commenced.

GO 10.4.1953 — House at 2 McConnell's Square was first catholic place of worship in Girvan since the Reformation. Used for worship until 88 years ago (i.e. c.1865) when present church was built, and then became a dwelling house.

ACC Planning, A7431 — June 1954. Alterations, Church of the Sacred Heart, Girvan, for Rev Anthony O'Connell.

ACC Planning, B1741 — September 1957. Extensions; Stevenson & Ferguson, for Bishop of Galloway.

Centenary Programme, 1960 — Reconstruction undertaken in 1958, and reopened Tu 3.11.1959. Details of changes noted.

AA, Th 5.11.1959, 23abc — Reopened on 3.11.1959, after work of reconstruction and additions.

AP 6.11.1959 — Reopened last Tuesday after reconstruction and additions: **Stevenson & Ferguson**, Ayr, architects.

STAINED GLASS

Sv — Two windows. St Andrew, i.m.o. Alexander and Elizabeth Munro and William and Frances Dunn, nd; St Patrick, i.m.o. Simon McCollen, gifted by his widow, nd.

PRIESTS

CH, F 18.2.1938 — Canon Lord Archibald Douglas, son of the 7th Marquis of Queensberry, who died North Cheam, 13th Feb 1938, aged 87, who converted in 1876, was priest at Girvan until c.1921.

R.C. CHURCH HALL, AILSA STREET WEST

Kenneth C Kydd, Our Heritage, in Kydd & Mackie, 18 — REFORMING PROTESTANT CHURCH. Built (c.1844) for Rev Peter Hately Waddel. Site now occupied by the Catholic Hall.

OS 1:500, 1857 — Shown as Reforming Protestant Church.

ATD 62/9 CH 16.8.1911 — ASSEMBLY ROOMS. A church had been built in Ailsa Street West for the adherents of Rev Peter H Waddell, who had seceded from the Free Church in 1844. Church built 1844. Waddell left Girvan in 1862, and in 1866 the church was converted into Assembly Rooms, and an addition and porch added in 1881. Cutting has full list of original shareholders in Assembly Rooms Company.

AA, Th 6.1.1876, 1b — First Grand Annual Exhibition of Carrick Dog & Ornithological Society is to be held, 15th January 1876, in the Assembly Rooms, Girvan.

AA 22.1.1914 — Proposed conversion of Assembly Rooms into a picture house, for the proprietor, A McCreadie. Architect: **McKissack**, Glasgow.

AA 12.3.1914 — To be enlarged by extension of present Ailsa Street West frontage. **J McKissack & Son**, Glasgow, architects.

GTC, 20.5.1935 — CHURCH HALL. Letter from Father O'Connell anent proposed conversion to R.C. Church Hall.

GTC, DoGC 27.5.1935 — Alterations, Assembly Hall, Ailsa Street West, for Trustees of the Roman Catholic Congregation.

Centenary Programme, 1960: — Acquired in 1935 - had been a cinema.

AP 17.4.1936 — Formally opened last Monday; remodelling of old buildings acquired.

SuppVr 1974-75 — New: occupied 15.7.1974.

ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT

AP 3.10.1930 — Jubilee - 50 years of St Joseph's Convent, 1879.

ACC Planning, A5151 — September 1952. Additions and alterations, St Joseph of Cluny Convent, Henrietta Street, Girvan.

SALVATION ARMY HALL, Orange Arch

GTC, DoGC 19.11.1923 — Hall, Orange Arch, for Salvation Army.

AA 28.2.1924 — Formally opened last Friday. The hall was reconstructed from material of one of the best military huts by Mr Cossar, Paisley.

SOUTH CHURCH — [originally CHAPEL OF EASE, known as GREEN CHAPEL]

Girvan — 1842. [Groome, 1891, 88, says 900 sittings].

AA, CH2/532/12 9.12.1840 — Site for extension church obtained.

AA, Th 28.1.1841, 1f — [Ayr presbytery meeting] Site for a new church at Girvan approved.

AA 4.2.1841 — Conts - Church at Girvan Green.

AA 17.6.1841 — Foundation stone laid W 9.6.1841.

Kenneth C Kydd, Our Heritage, in Kydd & Mackie, p.18 — Squatted by the Free Church until removed in 1849.

AA 22.8.1895 Bazaar to cover costs of recent repairs.
AA 17.4.1919 War Memorial to be erected. Design chosen is that of Miss **Mary Henderson**, Glasgow. 31" by 18", copper, with enamel touches, in an oak frame.
AA, CH2/532/21 4.11.1925 1925, addition for classroom and vestry.
GTC, DoGC 23.11.1925 Vestry, &c.
AA 1.7.1926 South PC. new vestry formally opened last Sunday.
AA, Ch2/532/23 1.11.1949 War Memorial addition approved.
AA, CH2/532/24 6.5.1952 Addition to Large Hall, 1952.
FES, IX, 176 Cloakrooms added to Large Hall in 1953.
AA, CH2/532/25 26.6.1962 Panelling and pews renewed, 1962.

STAINED GLASS

Honey draft Good Shepherd, i.m.o. John McLimont, †1887. Probably **W & J J Kier**, Glasgow.
Honey draft Peacemakers, gifted 1890 by H H Hutchison.

SOUTH CHURCH HALL [ROBERTSON MEMORIAL HALL]

AA 17.8.1905 Presentation stone laid last Monday and hall formally opened. Architect: late Mr **Kerr**, Ayr.
AA 22.3.1906 Dedicated last Tuesday.
ACC Planning, A5132 September 1952. Extension to Church Hall, Henrietta Street, for Girvan South Parish Kirk Session.

SOUTH CHURCH MANSE

AA, CH2/532/16 3.4.1872 Built, 1872.
AA 22.8.1895 Built in 1874

STAIR PARK MISSION HALL, Henrietta Street [BRETHREN]

Kenneth C Kydd, Our Heritage, in Kydd & Mackie, 18
… that stern and austere Cameronian sect raised a further church in Henrietta Street, the building now used by the Brethren.
OS 1:500, 1857 Marked as Reformed Presbyterian Church."

UNITARIAN CHURCH, WILSON STREET

AA, Th. 22.5.1851, 4f Formally opened last Sunday. Gothic. Oriel windows of stained glass by Mr **Fergusson**, Ayr.
Kenneth C Kydd, Our Heritage, in Kydd & Mackie, 18
Built where 21 Wilson Street now stands.

U.P. CHURCH [1], c 42 BRIDGE STREET

Kenneth C Kydd, Our Heritage, in Kydd & Mackie, 19
U.P. congregation which stemmed from Ebenezer Erskine's original secession of 1733. This body built a church in The Flushes in 1815 with a congregation of no more than 300 which struggled for over twenty years to pay off the resulting debt.
OS Marked on 1st ed 6" O.S.
AA 19.10.1871 To sell, 2 1-storey houses opposite old UP Church.

U.P. CHURCH [2], CHURCH SQUARE

[1900 TRINITY UF, then TRINITY CoS, 1947 ST ANDREWS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, after union. This church retained, and St Andrews (ex Free Church) became Hall]
NOW DEMOLISHED
[List descriptions, not reprinted, referred to North Church (Rowan, 1883).
AA 20.1.1870 In course of erection.
AA 31.3.1870 Foundation stone laid last Monday. In Bank Street, facing Montgomerie Street, opposite Parish Church. **Clarke & Bell**, Glasgow, architects. Gothic. Spire 84' high.
ASH, Sa 2.4.1870, 5de William Hamilton, Girvan, mason; W Alexander & Sons, Ayr, joiners; &c.
AA 29.9.1870 Formally opened last Sunday.
KS, Sa 1.10.1870, 3c: ASH, Sa 1.10.1870, 8e
Formally opened last Sunday.

ASH, Sa 25.8.1877, 4d		[4cde: A Holiday. Girvan and the Valley of the Stinchar]. "The new UP Church ... is a most handsome building - a fine design, completed with much good taste".
AA 17.10.1895	[1870]	Semi-jubilee of UP Church. Built 25 years ago by Messrs **Clarke & Bell**, Glasgow.
AA, CH3/774/2	24.5.1904	Interior decorated. Curdie, painter. Est cost: £42 10s.
AA 23.10.1919		Trinity UFC. Memorial windows to Lieut W H Macfarlane dedicated last Sunday. Des: **T A Moore**, London.
AA 6.5.1920		Trinity UFC. Memorials to war fallen and to late Hugh Wallace unveiled last Sunday.
AA 4.8.1921		Trinity UFC. Organ inaugurated last Sunday: **Abbot & Smith**, Glasgow and Leeds.
AA, CH3/774/3	5.10.1922	Organ moved forward. Section of floor removed so that top of organi is level with top rail of choir seats. New Communion Chairs ordered.
AA 28.12.1922		Trinity UFC. Stained glass window unveiled last Sunday to Provost William McCreath: "St Christopher".
AA 12.4.1923		Trinity UFC. Stained glass window to Captain James Clachar unveiled las Sunday: "Walking on the Water". **A L Moore & Sons**, London.
AA, CH2/523/23	1.7.1947	Continued in use after union with St Andrews, 1947. Design approved for new communion chair to accord with communion table.
AA CH2/532/25	2.10.1962	Lectern and Baptismal Font, 1962, gift of Sunday School.
Site Visit 8.2.1986. 3 stained glass windows:		
		E wall/northmost: "St Christopher", i.m.o. Provost William McCreath. **C Paine**, ARCA. E wall, 2nd northmost. "It is I, Be not afraid", i.m.o. Captain James Clacher, lost at sea. Erected by sister, Mrs Craufurd McCracken. **A L Moore & Son**. W wall, 2nd northmost. "Faithful unto Death", i.m.o. Lieut William H McFarlane, A&S Highlanders, k.i.a., France, 27.5.1918, 21. **A L Moore & Son**, London.
U.P. MANSE		see 28 AVENUE

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