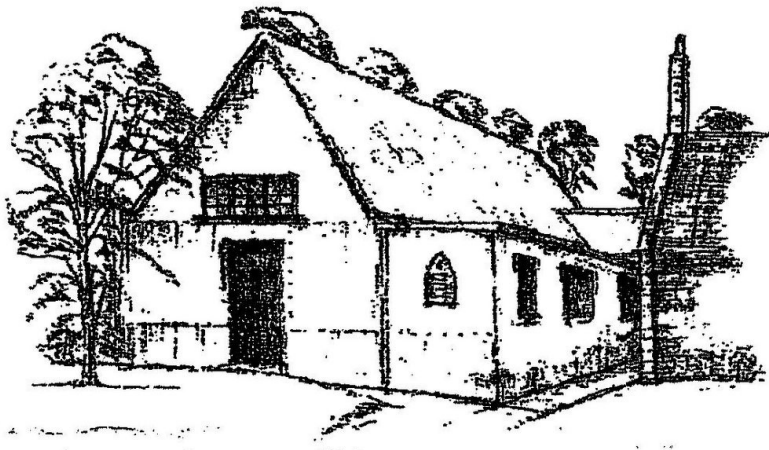
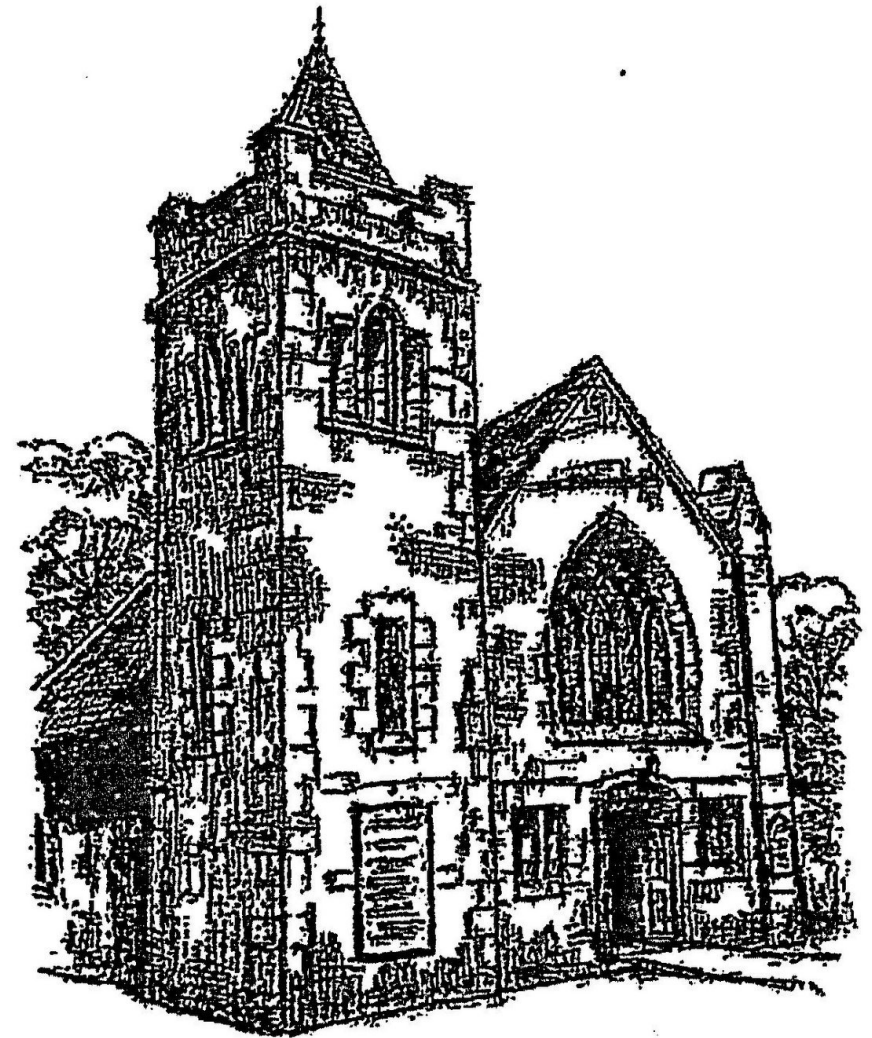


# St Bride's Church Brodick

## May Newsletter



*Brodick Church War Memorial Hall*



**Spring 2019**

When news broke of the state of the Brodick manse last summer, I received this wonderful and witty ditty from my dear friend, former Brodick Church organist Rod Smith, now living on Mull. It raised a smile and cheered me up. I felt it more than worth sharing as we contemplate the demolition and re-building of Brodick manse with all the challenges that will entail, not least for the manse sub-committee who have already put in such sterling work to date.

**'Manse Sana In Corpore Sand'**

The Brodick manse, it's been agreed,  
No longer meets the church's need,  
And I am certain you will know  
It cannot cope with H<sub>2</sub>O!

A manse's ceilings, walls and roof  
Must vitally be waterproof –  
And Brodick's manse can no efface  
The fact that this is not the case;

For from the ceilings and the walls  
A steady stream of water falls  
And moisture oozes more and more  
As Rising Damp pervades the floor.

Oh, such a state would madden ones  
Less patient than the Adamsons -  
Whose minds and bodies bear the clamps  
Enduring three-dimensional Damp.

Surveyors and the architect  
Brought their tape measures to inspect,  
And solemnly declared the Manse  
Had hardly any future chance  
O fever drying – and advised,  
(And did not seem at all surprised)

The only cure for its condition  
Had to be Total Demolition.  
No other way would they decry  
To find a means to make it dry.

What might replace it? Noah's Ark  
Would not look right in Alma Park!  
So let's recall, because we oughter,  
That only One Man walked on water-  
Could clear the floors that Angus trod,  
No temple for Jerusalem,  
But a house that's more of use to them.

May those who moan at this decision  
As lacking time and full revision,  
Too final and too Absolute,  
At least Remember King Canute-  
Who on his beach stayed Firm and Set,  
And got his Metatarsals wet!  
No need to ask the Reason Why-  
We want our minister and family DRY!  
(Not to speak of dog ....!)

Rod mentions an ark instead of a manse, but others have jokingly mentioned- or was that meant half fun, half in earnest - a big mobile home would be better suited and a much cheaper option to cover the 5 parishes, presently six, as I am also currently interim Moderator at Kilmory. Certainly, commuting at the moment from Corriecravie, my mileage exceeds 600 miles a month on our problematic island roads, and therefore I am glad that eventually there will be bricks and mortar provided in Brodick from which to work from and a warm, comfortable and dry home to live in, not just for me, but more importantly whoever may be my successor in years to come.

*Angus*

### Editor's Remarks

Spring has come around once again and with the lighter nights and warmer days we are now able to enjoy the beauty that is all around. The daffodils and tulips are in full bloom and the trees are coming into leaf.

Summer is just around the corner and our principal fund raising events of the year will soon be upon us i.e. the Church Fete to be held on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the church grounds and the Auction on Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in Brodick golf club. As usual, we will be most appreciative of all and any help from as many people as possible on the day, so make a note of the dates in your diary.

Please be aware that as Angus is now resident in Corriecravie so if you want to contact him his telephone number is changed to 10770 870 228

As always, my thanks to all those who have contributed to this magazine. If you would like to contribute to this magazine I can be contacted on 01770303579 or [sheenamcl4@gmail.com](mailto:sheenamcl4@gmail.com)

### Save The Children

It is now one hundred years since the founding of this charity and to mark this there are many events taking place across the country.

The Arran branch of Save the Children has been raising awareness as well as money for this good cause for over twenty five years.

To celebrate this centenary, here on Arran, there will be a concert held on Saturday May 22<sup>th</sup> in Lamlash High School Auditorium featuring Iain Clarke on piano with Helen Mathews on oboe.

Tickets are available from committee members or at The Book and Card Shop in Brodick. Why don't you come along and help to celebrate this great milestone in the history of this charity.

## Friends of Montrose House Association Spring 2019

There is a notable improvement in the gardens now that they are maintained by North Ayrshire Parks Department but Minnie and Marjorie are still very involved and have recently repainted all the outdoor furniture. Primary 2 pupils from Brodick School are back to plant potatoes and look after their fairy garden. The Friends will continue to contribute to the garden fund.

Recently residents have enjoyed visits from senior students of Arran High School who brought along baking and organised a quiz, the MH Ceilidh Band who play regularly and Yvonne Brothers on keyboard whose playing and singalongs are very popular. The funded exercise class run by Sarah Thomson is well attended and it is hoped to start another in Day Care.

The Friends helped out at the Easter basket decorating on April 18th, and are grateful for the input of Mrs Ellie Jones. Their next event is the Summer Fete on July 3rd at 2pm in Stronach Day Care where there will be baking and book stalls, children's games and a fabulous strawberry tart tea provided by the kitchen staff.

This is the only fundraiser for the Friends so as always a good turnout is hoped for.

With the decorations almost complete, new seating purchased and good meals, Montrose House is feeling comfortable and the residents are being well cared for.

Recruiting staff however is still a problem, and the needs of the residents have changed over the years. Some residents are not always able to join in with a group but still enjoy company and chat. As there are not always enough carers to sit with them, Unit manager Morven Ross-Bain is hoping to appeal to the community for volunteers who, on occasions, would be happy to spend a little time with individuals. Anyone who feels they could give a little time should contact her at Montrose House or speak to one of the Friends.

Mary Morrison passed away peacefully on April 2nd. Her funeral was at Kilmory Church and a memorial service was held in Montrose House on 17th April.

A.Keir

## Property Report

### The Hall

We have had to get pest control in as we have had vermin in the hall and around the sheds. The action taken appears to have brought this under control.

### The Church

All of the lights in the Church have been checked and bulbs replaced where necessary. I would like to thank the Brodick Fire Brigade for their help with this task.

### The Manse

The Committee that has been sanctioned to undertake the task of replacing the Manse have agreed on a preferred bidder and we are now awaiting the agreement of Ardrossan Presbytery and the General Trustees. When they have approved our plans we can proceed to apply for demolition and planning approval.

C. MacKenzie

## St Bride's Ladies

During the 2018-19 session we welcomed 8 speakers who gave talks on a variety of topics, with an average attendance of 26 at each meeting. Our ever popular Christmas Lunch and Scots Afternoon were also well attended and enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to all who supported the Christmas and Easter Fayres.

We will once again be providing the tearoom at the Highland Games on the 10<sup>th</sup> August and will be asking for donations of sandwiches and baking. We could also do with some help on the day, so if you could give us a couple of hours please let me know.

The proceeds from the Fayres and Tearoom fund, among other things, the cleaning of the Church and War Memorial Hall.

The 2019-20 session will commence in October, if you know of anyone who may be willing to come along and speak at any of the meetings please pass their details to any of the committee members.

Sylvia Alison

## Arran Food Bank

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated items to the Arran Churches Together Food Bank based in Brodick Church. As a result of so many people's generosity, more than one thousand items a month have been uplifted by people in need. During the school holidays there is an even greater demand on the Food Bank so please keep the donations coming. Items can be left in a bag on the floor of the vestibule in the church or in the box in the Co-op.

Items we are short of at the moment are:

Rice sauces	Tinned Meat
Tinned Fish	Tinned Vegetables
Tinned Fruit	Tinned Custard/Rice
Cereals	Tea
Coffee	Long Life Milk
Juice	Sugar
Biscuits/Treats	Jam
Toiletries	Toilet Paper
Household Cleaning Products	

Please note that, at present, we have a huge stock of pasta, pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes and sanitary products.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Arran Food Bank Team

## Arran Churches Together

At the February meeting of ACTS there was a lively discussion about the Food Bank and Ann Hart, deputising for Susan Dobson, was able to elaborate on the monthly statistics of usage which are now being collated and circulated to all churches\*. Emphasis was also made about the need for donations of certain categories of food which are constantly running out. (\*This is because North Ayrshire Council, due to lack of any data from Arran, were unaware of the extent of our community involvement in food and fuel provision for those in need on the island, but on regular receipt of these details will now be able to include Arran in any calculations of support provision required.)

The Christian Unity service, held for the first time in January at Brodick, had been very well attended by churches from around the island, and the World Day of Prayer service held this year in February at St Margaret's Scottish Episcopal Church in Whiting Bay was likewise well supported by all the island's churches.

This year's 2pm Walk of Witness on Good Friday has not, at the time of writing, taken place, but as usual our church will welcome the walkers from Holy Cross Catholic Church to a short act of devotion followed by refreshments in the church hall.

The annual Songs of Praise on Lamlash Green (or in Lamlash Church if wet) will be held on Sunday 7th July at 3pm and it is hoped that as many church members as possible from around the island will join in this happy occasion.

J.Lauder

## CHURCH NOTICES - Spring 2019

<b>Deaths</b>	Alastair Glen	Brodick
	Ken Riley	Montrose House
	Isabella Fullarton	Montrose House
	Mary Morrison	Montrose House
<b>Baptism</b>	Ruairadh Gavin Colin McGrath	31 <sup>st</sup> March

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5 <sup>th</sup> May	Pastoral meeting in Transept at 10am
12 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 10.30am</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Service of Thanksgiving Brodick Church 7pm
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Coffee Morning in Church Hall from 10.30am
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Service of Prayers for Health and Healing 12noon in Transept
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Pastoral Meeting in Transept at 10am
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Informal Communion
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Coffee Morning in Church Hall from 10.30am
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Service of Prayers for Health and Healing 12noon in Transept
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Pastoral Meeting in Transept at 10am
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Informal Communion
20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Summer Fayre 2pm</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Church Auction in Brodick Golf Club House 8pm</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> July	Coffee Morning in Church Hall from 10.30am
4 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 10.30am</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Highland Games

## WHO'S WHO AT BRODICK CHURCH

Minister	Rev. Angus Adamson	870228
Parish Assistant	Mrs Jean Hunter	860380
Session Clerk	Mr John Lauder	303517
Clerk to the Congregational Board	Mrs Shona Hume	302625
Treasurer	Mrs Sylvia Alison	302613
Property Convener	Mr Colin MacKenzie	302329
Freewill Offering Convener	Mrs Elizabeth McKellar	302230
Presbytery Elder	Mrs Lorna MacDonald	302499
Church Magazine Editor	Mrs Sheena McLean	303579
Pastoral Support Team Conveners	Mrs Elizabeth McKellar Mrs Ann Lauder	302230 303517
Sunday School Leader	Mrs Ann MacKay	600944
Safeguarding Co-ordinator	Mrs Lorna MacDonald	302499
Hall Letting Convener	Mrs Susan Dobson	302365
Church Minibus Convener	Mrs Alison Bilsland	303505
Coffee Morning Convener	Mrs Margaret Bryce	302117
Sunday Tea Convener	Mrs Susan Dobson	302365
Church Flower Convener	Mrs Ann Lauder	303517
"Life and Work" Convener	Mrs Elise White	302387