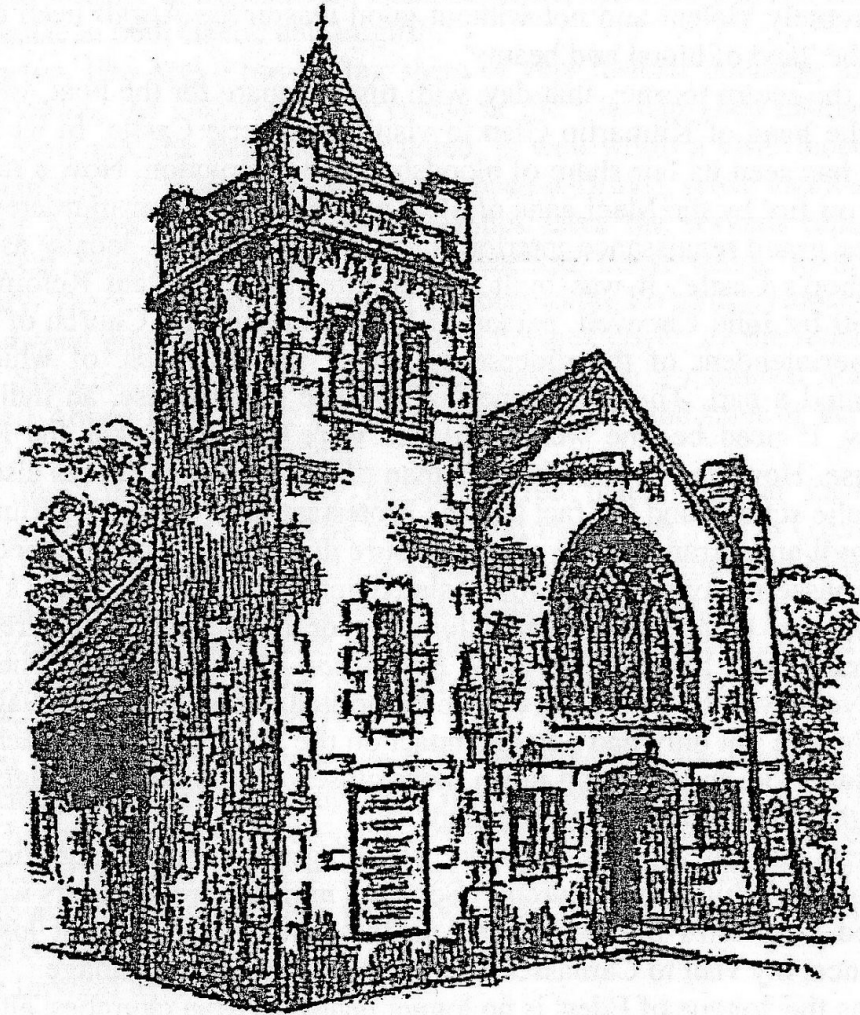


## WHO'S WHO AT BRODICK CHURCH

Minister	Rev. Angus Adamson	302334
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	Mr Hamish Mitchell	302285
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 Conveners	Mrs Joyce Buchanan Mrs Susan Dobson	600308 302365
Church Minibus Convener	Mrs Alison Bilsland	303505
Coffee Morning Convener	Mrs Margaret Bryce	302117
Sunday Tea Convener	Mrs Anne Mitchell	302285
Church Flower Convener	Mrs Ann Lauder	303517
"Life and Work" Convener	Mrs Elise White	302387

## St Bride's Church Brodick

### Newsletter



Summer 2016

Brodick Manse  
August 2016

Recently I took advantage of one of my free Mondays and enjoyed a trip up to Oban and back. I am particularly fond of that part of the world, for besides its stunning scenery, it has a fascinating history and has many historic buildings and places of interest to visit. Much of that history is extremely violent and not without good reason has Argyll been described as the 'land of blood and beauty'.

On the return journey that day, with time to spare for the boat, we stopped at the head of Kilmartin Glen to visit Carnasserie Castle. In its history it too has seen its fair share of bloodshed and destruction. Now a ruin it was set on fire by the MacLeans of Mull in 1685, the keeper murdered and it's once grand renaissance interior burnt to ashes. Known locally as the 'The Bishop's Castle', it was built shortly after the Protestant Reformation of 1560 by John Carswell, parson of Kilmartin and first Church of Scotland Superintendent of the diocese of Argyll and the Isles, of which Arran formed a part. The fact he needed a castle for a manse, an indication of how, if need be, the west highlands were to be won for the Reformed cause. However, besides being a man of action, Carswell was also a noted Gaelic scholar and the fact that the Protestant faith eventually triumphed in Argyll and Arran is in no small measure due to a very historic book. For at Carnasserie John Carswell translated into Gaelic John Knox's *Book of Common Order*, the great reformer's definitive guide to Presbyterian worship and liturgy. Carswell's *Foirm nan-Urrnuideadh* or 'The form of prayers' was the first book ever to be printed in the Gaelic language and its influence not only had a huge impact on the Scottish Gaidhealtachd, but in Ireland too, then sharing much more closely a common language with the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

Arran too was also once a Gaelic speaking place and the significance that in all probability my Church of Scotland ministry predecessors would have used Carswell's translation here in the Arran pulpits is not lost on me. Hence, my visit to Carnasserie was almost a sort of pilgrimage.

Alas the 'tongue of Eden' is no longer heard in Arran churches, although its demise was more recent than many might imagine. J. Kennedy Cameron notes in his excellent ecclesiastical history *The Church in Arran* that the ordination of James Kennedy at Lamlash in 1897 'was the first occasion on which a Free Church congregation on the island dispensed with public worship in the Gaelic language'. In Lochranza worship was still expected

to be conducted in Gaelic as late as the 1920's.

In more recent times, thanks to Shelia Blane and her weekly classes in the Argyll Campus at the High School, Gaelic is now making a comeback. Once again too, the Gaelic language is occasionally used during public worship. Twice a year, at the annual service at the Preaching Cave at Kilpatrick on Pentecost Sunday and at the September weekend Sunday out-door service at the Clachan Glen, Shiskine, there are prayers, readings and praise in both Gaelic and English.

Arran too, like Argyll has its fair share of very historic buildings and the latter venue, the Old Preaching House at the Clachan Glen dating from 1805, now recently beautifully restored, is well worth a visit. Indeed the Clachan Glen is believed to have once been a Druid's grove and a site of one of Arran's earliest Christian churches circa the seventh century, a medieval chapel and an even older preaching house dating to the 18<sup>th</sup> century. There, in the old graveyard adjacent to the Preaching House under a sandstone grave-slab and its protective perspex cover, lie the remains of local Shiskine saint Moliios, thought to have been a medieval abbot of Saddell Abbey in Kintyre, not to be confused with the saint of the same name associated with Holy Isle.

Thus the Clachan is a very ancient sacred place with an incredible atmosphere all of its own. The service held there each year in Gaelic and English is ecumenical and reflects a shared Roman Catholic and Reformed worship heritage stretching back at least a thousand years.

This year's Clachan service is on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30 p.m. Why not come along and judge for yourself and take part in a very special service in a very special place?

If you don't already know where it is, the directions for finding the Old Preaching House are: coming from Brodick on the String, travel half a mile beyond Balmichael Visitor Centre, past the road end for the current Clachan graveyard and Campsite, then turn left immediately over the bridge and drive up the track past Bridgend Cottages towards the old part of the cemetery.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Angus



## Property Report

I have finally taken over from Norman Cuthbert and would like to thank him for his help.

### The Manse

The annual inspection of the Brodick Manse has been completed and a few items are still outstanding but should be completed in the near future. An electrical inspection of the property has been completed and all the fire extinguishers have been serviced.

### The Church

An extinguisher suitable for use on fires caused by electrical faults has been purchased for the church. I am awaiting estimates to repair or replace windows at the back of the church.

### The Hall

I am also awaiting estimates to repair or replace a window in the hall kitchen. I have arranged to have the hall floor varnished during the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> August and have asked for estimates to carry out outside painting of the church and hall.

Colin S Mackenzie

## St. Bride's Ladies

Since the end of the last session, the ladies of the committee have been busy compiling a syllabus for next winter. There were many good suggestions so it looks as if there will be some interesting meetings. We are also preparing for the Highland games on 6<sup>th</sup> August. This requires a lot of assistance on the day. Lists for help and contributions of baking will be on the notice board in the church hall. All help will be much appreciated.

## Friends of Montrose House Association Summer 2016

Since the last report of F.O.M.H.A. Morven Ross-Bain has been appointed as full-time manager of Montrose House, an advantage being that she lives on the island. Tom has been appointed as Handyman in place of George who retired earlier this year. There have been problems with staffing issues and the most recent report from the Care Commission pointed out various areas of care where improvements must be made. The opening of the third wing is in abeyance until the other two wings are running up to speed.

As there is still no external water supply, thanks to Corrie Church surplus artificial flowers have been used to give the tubs some colour. The gardens will hopefully be maintained over the summer but substantial work will be required. The bird camera and monitor still require installation. Stronach Day Care has taken over responsibility for refilling bird feeders with Friends providing nuts and seeds.

At the Scots night in January, the residents were admirably entertained by John Divine, Archie Cumming, Bethan Remington and Bethany Walsh. At Easter, the making of floral baskets took place in Stronach with help from Ellie Jones. All residents were then presented with a potted primula.

The Summer Fete had to be held in Stronach as the weather was so poor but James Reid and Cameron McKay gave visitors a rousing welcome on pipes and drum. Overall the grand total of £983 was raised on the day thanks to the hard work of the Friends and staff and all who gave their support in any way. Finally we acknowledge the deaths since January of Madge Baird, Jean Cook and Desmond Joyce.

## South American Adventure (Part 2)

*'The Mighty One, God, the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets'. (Psalm 50 vs 1)*

In Part 1 of this story I told you of my travels on board a cruise ship with Elizabeth Watson. We sailed from Buenos Aires, Argentina stopping at Montevideo, Uruguay then on to the Falkland Islands.

To continue the story- We left the islands at night-time on the 27<sup>th</sup> February. We sailed through the night to the Straits of Magellan, a natural passage between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, arriving at the port of Punta Arenas the next morning. We had booked a tour to go and see the Magdalena Penguin Reserve. To get there we had to get on a ferry which was like the Lochranza one only bigger. We sailed back up the Magellan Straits towards Magdalena Island where the Reserve was located. We were told that we might see some whales on the way, and we did. Well all I saw was the fin of a whale on top of the waves and that was it. They must have been hiding from us or keeping out of our way. We sailed across the same waters as Sir Francis Drake and Charles Darwin, so the itinerary told us. It also told us to wrap up warm and wear sturdy comfortable shoes as we would have about a thirty minute walk to get to the penguins and enjoy the experience of seeing them. After an hour and a half we arrived at the island and got off the ferry via a ramp laid on a stony beach. I was glad I had wrapped up warm and had my hat on because there was a strong cold wind blowing.

However, one good thing is that we didn't have to walk far to see the penguins because a lot of them were close by when we got onto the beach. I had been looking forward to this trip and I wasn't disappointed. We were able to get close to the penguins and have photos taken, with them behind us. To see the penguins in the wild like that was a great experience and the highlight of the holiday for both of us.

Back on board the Zaandam we set sail down the Pacific Coast for Ushuaia, the southernmost town in the world. Cruising up to Ushuaia with its towering mountains behind it was spectacular. The Captain likened it to sailing into one of the towns on the shore of a lake in Austria.

Our next tour was to be on the "Train to the End of the World." We stepped aboard a vintage rail car on the world's most southerly railway. The train wound its way through the beautiful Tierra del Fuego National Park, with all its natural beauty of mountains, rivers and forests. It had been built

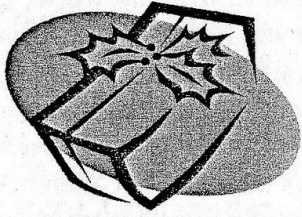
many years before to haul lumber from the surrounding forests to Ushuaia. We had been told that it would be very cold and to wrap up warm. It turned out, however, to be a lovely sunny day and I even had to take my jacket off. Our guide told us that it was very unusual to be like that even though it was in their summer time. After arriving at the 'End of the World Station', we were taken by bus to Ensenada Bay where we saw the fantastic views over the Beagle Channel to snow capped mountains beyond. The channel was named after the ship that carried the English naturalist, Charles Darwin, through there on his discoveries. We travelled from there back to the ship. From Ushuaia we sailed again to the Atlantic Ocean and headed for Cape Horn. The Captain told us we would be rounding the Horn at about 6.30am in the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup> March. So the next morning the Captain's voice duly came over the sound system at 6.00am and told us passengers "If you want to see Cape Horn - Get out of your beds". I duly did what I was asked and with camera at the ready went up on deck. The sun was just coming up and as we were nearing the Cape we were given a running commentary of the history of the area although it didn't instill confidence when we were told of the shipwrecks there had been there in the past. As we were coming up to the Horn the sun was shining on it and the colours were beautiful. It was breathtaking. As we sailed past the Captain sounded the ship's horn to announce our crossing from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. The ship then made an about turn and sailed by again going the other way. This was so that those in their cabins on the other side of the ship could see the Horn. The ship then turned again and continued back on its course. Three times we sailed past Cape Horn which was a fabulous experience. We were told later that it was a very unusual occurrence for the Captain of the ship to do that. This was because the seas are usually notoriously rough in that area. It was unusually calm for our sail around Cape Horn, and I for one was glad of that. We all received a certificate later on for rounding Cape Horn.

We cruised from there passing more unique rock formations heading up the coast of Chile on our way to Canal Sarmiento and to more of our adventure.

To be continued.....

Jean Hunter





CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL  
2016

We are coming to that time of year when we invite you to join in the Blythswood Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Last year along with all Arran Churches, we made a magnificent donation to the Appeal, with 189 adults and children receiving their gifts and realizing that, through God, people cared for them.

It is amazing that a box containing simple items of toiletries and clothes bring such happiness to those who have nothing in this world. So now is the time to find a shoebox and start to collect the toothpaste and brush, soap and shampoo (no bigger than 300 ml), hats, scarves and gloves and other small gifts to put in your box and save the last minute rush.

Letters giving full details will be with you by the beginning of September with final date at the end of October.

Please accept the invitation and bring happiness in a shoebox to somebody who has nothing in this world.

SHOW THE WORLD THAT YOU CARE!

Hamish Mitchell

Sunday School

We have just finished for the summer, closing the session with our Prize Giving on Sunday 19th June. This was conducted by Mrs. Jean Hunter and the children attending were Max Keir, Hector MacArthur, Harry, Reece & Finn Popplewell, Lucy Blair, Grace Popplewell, Kirsty Hume, Lily Keir, Jack Popplewell and my helper Cameron Mackay.

After our Prize Giving we went back to the hall and had a picnic followed by some games which if the weather had been better would have been held at the Ormidale Park.

We have a varied age group from 4 years to 9 years and have been covering stories from the bible starting at Genesis and we have just finished the story of Joseph and his Technicoloured coat.

On each Sunday, after leaving the church, we read from the bible and then do an art activity and finish our session off with a game. We enjoy our time in church and taking part in Easter services, Harvest & Christmas and particularly christenings.

We would like to thank the church members for all their support and encouragement and especially St Bride's Ladies for their kind donations throughout the years.

Ann MacKay

Wednesday Coffee Morning Rota July-Dec. 2016

13-Jul	M.Bryce	J. Robertson
27-Jul	S. Dobson	C.Smith
10-Aug	A.Lauder	L.Murray
24-Aug	L.Hendry	S.Allison
07-Sep	N.Mcleod	V.Sim
21-Sep	A.Mitchell	F.Brown
05-Oct	M.Boal	A.Green
19-Oct	M.Bryce	G.Dickson
02-Nov	J.Robertson	G.Sillars
16-Nov	I.Rollo	L.Murray
30-Nov	E.McKellar	A.Lauder
14-Dec	L.Hendry	S.Allison



## Thank you!

For many people in the congregation, particularly in these last few weeks, it has been pretty hectic, and it is only right that they should know how much we appreciate their efforts.

Fresh in our minds are the **Fete and Auction**. This edition of the magazine is printed before the final results are known. However we do know that the Fete raised in excess of £3000 on the day, after expenses, with more still coming in. That was not achieved without the help of a very large number of folk who toiled in so many ways, before during and after the day! Fortunately the rain did not deter the large turnout of locals and visitors. We are very grateful to our auctioneers, and the others who helped prepare and run the Auction in the golf clubhouse.

St Bride's Ladies are about to, again, undertake the running of the **Tearoom at the Highland Games** and the baking and sandwiches they make and receive and the drinks they serve on the day are the result of many hours work. This is much appreciated and helps swell their funds so that they can support so much that goes on in the community.

Every Sunday our **After Service Teas** are served, and every fortnight we have **Coffee Mornings** in the church hall in aid of World Vision and the Flower Fund. These are provided for and manned by a nucleus of dedicated helpers who, perhaps, go unsung and taken for granted. So thank you ladies, and maybe some others could volunteer to have their names added to the rotas.

At our **Sunday Services** we have stewards on duty at the door, and someone does a bible reading. During the summer those on door duty also open and close the church during the week. Unsung but much appreciated jobs willingly undertaken. **So many others** just quietly get on with their various responsibilities, and keep our church going.

Finally we must thank **Angus and Jean** for all that they manage to undertake in our name. We are so fortunate to have them, and we admire just how much they do, not just for us, but for the linkage and the community.

## CHURCH NOTICES – Summer 2016

**New Members:** Mrs Irene Fleming, 11 Glen Road, Brodick  
Mrs Ann May, Ashbrook, Corriegills  
Mrs Grace Small, Tigh Griannach, Brodick

**Baptism:** Vivienne Eleanor Laing Bilsland 12th June

**Deaths:** Elizabeth Cameron, McKelvie Road, Lamlash 26th March  
Thomas Dolan, Brathwic Place, Brodick 23rd April  
Anthony Wooden, Glen Avenue, Brodick 3rd May  
Angus Robertson, Strathwhillan Road, Brodick 12th May  
Jenny Faulkner, Glen Estate, Brodick 12th May  
Jean Cook, Montrose House, Brodick 23rd May  
Anne Bason, Cooriedoon, Whiting Bay 25th June  
Desmond Joyce, Montrose House 8th July

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7th Aug 10.30am Communion  
10th Aug 10.30am to 12noon Church Coffee Morning, in the church hall  
24th Aug 10.30am to 12noon Church Coffee Morning, in the church hall  
28th Aug 10.30am McLellan Festival Service  
7th Sep 10.30am to 12noon Church Coffee Morning in the church hall  
7.30pm St Molios Saxophone Quartet concert in the Church  
8th Sep 7.30pm repeat of Saxophone Quartet concert in Shiskine Church  
7.30pm Arran Churches Together Quiz Night in Brodick Church hall  
17th Sep 11am – 4pm Arran Youth Foundations Strabane Open Garden  
21st Sep 10.30am to 12noon Church Coffee Morning in the church hall  
25th Sep 3.30pm Clachan Church Open Air Service, Shiskine  
29th Sep 12noon Service of Prayers for Health and Healing, Shiskine  
5th Oct 10.30am to 12noon Church Coffee Morning in the church hall  
19th Oct 10.30am to 12noon Church Coffee Morning in the church hall  
23rd Oct 10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving Service  
26th Oct 10.30am to 12noon Church Coffee Morning in the church hall  
2nd Nov 10.30am to 12noon Church Coffee Morning in the church hall  
6th Nov 11am Linkage Communion Service in Lochranza Hall  
followed by a soup and sandwich lunch.  
7pm Thanksgiving Service in Corrie Church