

E. U. Congregational Church

1837 --- Ardrossan --- 2000

The Church was founded on the 9th of December 1837 as the Congregational Church. This followed the establishment in 1836 of an Ardrossan Congregational Mission station by the Glasgow District Congregational Churches. Meetings were held in a small hall on the north side of Princes Street adjacent to the present town railway station. The first minister of this new Church was appointed in October 1838.

The above hall soon became too small and in 1842 a new hall was leased in an upper floor flat at No. 52 Glasgow Street.

During this period the congregation was greatly influenced by the Evangelical movement gaining in popularity. This led to the Church leaving the Congregational Union and becoming an Independent Church.

The continued increase in membership led to a purpose built Church being opened in Bute Place on the 15th. of July 1860.

In 1894 the Church was formally connected to the Evangelical Union and in 1897 rejoined the Congregational Union thus becoming known as the E. U. Congregational Church of Ardrossan.

The rapid prosperity of the Church determined the decision to build the present place of worship. This Church is sited on what was the playground of the old Ardrossan Infant School and the original school building is now the Church Hall. These new premises were dedicated on the 16th. of December 1903.

In 1993 the Church once again resigned from the Congregational Union and became a member of the Congregational Federation in 1994.

The following Ministers have served the Church since its formation.

1838 - 1846 - Rev. Peter Mather	1921 - 1924 - Rev. James E. Kirkwood
1846 - 1887 - Rev. Alexander Cross	1925 - 1929 - Rev. Nathaniel Johnston
1888 - 1892 - Rev. Joseph L. King	1930 - 1931 - Rev. James Hamilton
1893 - 1895 - Rev. J. M. Cowan	1932 - 1938 - Rev. Russel Lewis
1897 - 1901 - Rev. John Masterton	1938 - 1941 - Rev. Arthur Coulthard
1901 - 1905 - Rev. George Sharpe	1941 - 1946 - Rev. Robert Dobbie
1906 - 1908 - Rev. John M. Wright	1947 - 1952 - Rev. James Mac Menemey
1908 - 1915 - Rev. John Mac Millan	1954 - 1991 - Rev. Jean I. Thomson
1915 - 1921 - Rev. Horace E. Govan	1992 - incumb. - Rev. James Smith

I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I, send me. Isaiah, Ch. 6 v. 8.