



Auchincruive Church

Ayr St. Quivox Parish Church Parish Profile



Dalmilling Church

website : ayrstquivox.com



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Introduction.

St. Quivox, Auchincruive was originally a rural Parish Church dating back to the late 12th/ early 13th centuries. From a small village, Auchincruive is now being developed, immediately behind the Church, Cala Homes have recently completed 44 houses and 20 flats. called 'Kirk Green'. A further 400m. along the road from the Church, planning permission for up to 495 houses has been given and development is due to start early in 2016.

The buildings of the congregation are currently subjects of a repairs project.

A grant of £41,000, has been awarded by the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund to carry out repairs to the roof of the church at Auchincruive, which is a Grade 'A' listed building in a conservation area. A further £40,000 of grant-aid has been raised for additional related repairs. This work has gone out to Tender with a projected start date of February/March 2016. There are plans to improve disability access to the Church and Toilet facilities.

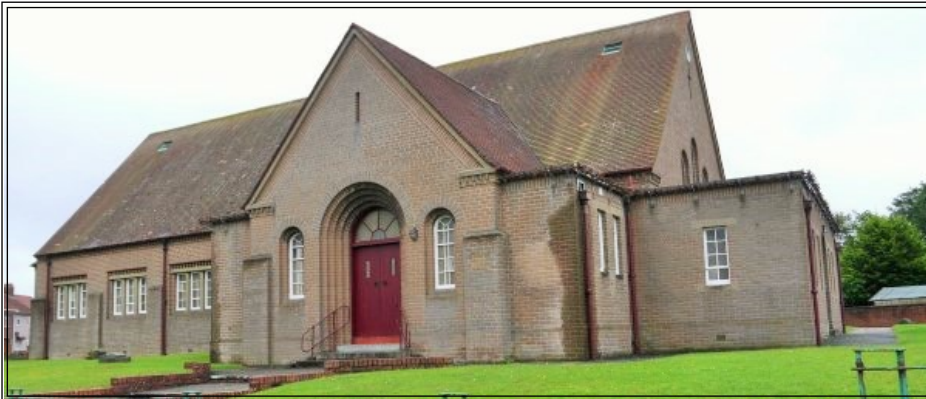


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As the town of Ayr expanded during the time of the last war and the years thereafter, a great many local authority houses were built in the parish, in the districts of Whitletts and Dalmilling. To cope with the increased housing and population, a Hall-Church was erected at Dalmilling in 1953. New Halls were added to this in 1975.

St. Quivox Parish is therefore unique: one Congregation, one Kirk Session and one Congregational Board, worshipping in two separate buildings - Auchincruive and Dalmilling. More of the history can be found on our Church website www.ayrstquivox.com under, "a Short History".



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CONGREGATION:

Ayr St. Quivox has a congregation of around 180 (including adherents). At present the congregation is predominantly aged over 50, and in common with many churches, the number of young families and children is falling. We are keen to reverse this downward trend and would pray that our new minister will lead us in reaching out to the younger age groups.

We are fortunate, as part of Ayr North Grouping to have funding available for a full-time Community Worker whose role is to strengthen the links between our local community and the Church, particularly in the Dalmilling area.

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Some members of the Auchincruive Congregation

WORSHIP:

Ayr St. Quivox worships as a congregation each Sunday, firstly at 10.00 am. at Dalmilling Church, followed at 11.30 am. in Auchincruive Church. The average attendance is 25 – 30 in each Church.

The worship is led by the minister with support from members of the congregation. The Sunday Service includes congregational singing and prayer; readings from the Holy Bible; a children's address; and a sermon preached by the minister. Members of the congregation volunteer to read the Bible lessons. The service is relaxed and for all ages. Children leave part way through the service to attend the 'Funday Club'. Flowers donated by members of the congregation decorate the Church for Sunday Services. The flowers are then distributed, again by volunteers, to members of the congregation e.g. those who are unwell or have been bereaved.

A Mother and Toddler Group, meet weekly, providing a community facility to develop social skills in very young children and provides a place of friendship and support for their parents and carers. : Each year our congregation, along with that of St Meddan's (Troon), our congregational partner, chooses a special project to support Charities at home and abroad.

Joint services are held with two other congregations, Ayr St. James and Newton Wallacetown as part of the North Ayr Grouping. During Holy Week worship is shared with these two Churches.

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Stewardship: Successful stewardship campaigns were carried out during 2011 and 2015 with pledged increases in giving.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE: The minister is supported by the Kirk Session which meets 5 times per year. The Elders also serve on the Congregational Board which also currently meets 5 times per year. We currently operate according to the Model Constitution and the Kirk Session consists of 23 active elders. There are 23 Elders Districts which have recently been re-organised. In addition to all Elders, the Congregational Board includes at present 5 elected members. In November 2011 Standing Orders were adopted for the regulation of the business of the Session, the Congregational Board and their Committees - Finance and Stewardship, Fabric, Events and Magazine. The parish has a population of some 12,000 people, and the congregation a membership of around 180. Our current activities include Sunday Schools, Bowling Group, Walking Group, Mother and Toddlers group, Soup and Chat, and Bible Study.

Contact with the Congregation: in addition to Elders' visitations, is achieved weekly through the Church intimations and with our Church magazine, which is distributed 4 times a year and also with our website: ayrstquivox.com which is updated regularly.

Pastoral Care: A small group of volunteers visit housebound members of the congregation and visit those in Care Homes. Both Churches have small congregations but both have redeeming features. In addition to the normal congregational and parish duties, the minister is associated with the local Primary School as chaplain.



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Dalmilling Chancel



Craigie Gallery Auchincruive



Sponsored Walk & BBQ



The Bowling Group



Oswald Gallery Auchincruive



Auchincruive Main Gate



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Dalmilling Mothers & Toddlers

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Auchincruive Gathering



Auchincruive Church & Campbell Mausoleum



Happy Walkers !



Dalmilling Chancel



The Manse



Wilson Hall



New Housing in Dalmilling



Kirk Green Estate

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Dalmilling is a designated Priority Area and the building was the subject of a Feasibility Study which will dictate future planning. This is on-going and will take the next 6-12 months to complete. Currently there is an ongoing local housing redevelopment / improvement programme in the Dalmilling area.



Dalmilling Church and local Housing

Last year two community workers were employed by the church's Priority group to work from Dalmilling Church. They initially established a Nearly New shop, a mother and toddler group and a football club and were hoping to develop a coffee shop/IT hub.



"Ayrthegither" Holiday Club

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The Stipend is in line with C.O.S. Guidelines.
A manse, plus all the usual listed expenses, including telephone and travel are also included.



The Manse

The Manse is a modern six-roomed bungalow in a residential district of Prestwick. It is in good condition, and in good decorative order, as the Board maintains a policy of improving one room each year. The heating is gas central heating. The house is situated close to local shops and schools, with good road, bus and rail links to Ayr and Glasgow. Prestwick Airport is close by. There are easily maintained gardens to the front and rear with a garage, greenhouse and shed.



Rear Garden

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Our minister has retired after 6 years with us, and we now seek a new minister who will help us to continue and develop our faith. We seek someone who can lead and inspire us to build on our faith in sharing the gospel. A minister who can confirm and revive interest and develop mission in our parish; someone who can challenge whilst being aware of the practical issues. We would welcome a fresh approach to involving the congregation actively in reaching out to young families.



Some of our Kirk Session Members

OUR NEW MINISTER:

The congregation and office-bearers are dedicated and enthusiastic, and look forward to welcoming a new minister into our Church Family. Our vision for St. Quivox is that the spiritual life of the congregation will develop making us a vibrant church attractive to new members. This will be achieved by building on our existing strengths and challenging us to address our weaknesses.

Our Congregation has many strengths on which we can build, such as our friendliness, enthusiasm and our involvement in mission and service. However we are aware that we have seen a slow but ongoing decrease in membership and attendance, and that our church is not proving attractive to younger people.



Outdoors early-morning Easter Service

You are someone who can get on with people and will lead us forward on our spiritual journey, someone who our congregation, of all ages and backgrounds, can go to for guidance and comfort in times of trouble.

You will teach us how to live our Christian life in the 21st. century with a faith that is applicable and relevant. You will lead us, respecting and using the knowledge, skills and experience of all of us - the Kirk Session, Congregational Board, Office Bearers and Church staff - working together, and ensuring links with other churches are continued and enhanced.

You should have the desire and ability to reach young people and use modern technology to make Christianity relevant, while at the same time, having the ability to balance modern needs with more traditional ones.

If you are interested in this charge and seeking a challenge, please send a copy of your curriculum vitae, with the names of two referees, to:

**The Session Clerk,
Mrs. P. Smith, 13 Fulshaw Crescent, Ayr. KA8 0ND
or to the Interim Moderator:
Rev. K. Yorke, 13, Annfield Terr. Prestwick. KA1 1PS**

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Dalmilling Housing



Original and New



Harvest Thanksgiving Service



Outdoor Easter Service



School Holiday Club



Summer Outing



Dalmilling Interior



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Kirk Green, Auchincruive



New Development