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This incredible red sandstone church building sits in a prominent rural location at the junction of the Ross Road with the main A841 circular Arran route. Accommodation comprises entrance vestibule leading to the main church nave which was built to accommodate 400 people and beyond which is a vestry with separate external door. The building boasts a rare development opportunity in a beautiful rural location. Planning approval was previously in place for residential conversion into two dwellings however this has now lapsed. There are options to re-apply for this or for a single dwelling.

The church was built in 1894 a classic gothic style with gable mounted bell housing although the bell has long since gone. The roof is clad with slates and has classic cast iron rain water goods. There are sandstone skews to both gables and the original lead coloured fleche (roof ventilator) has been removed and leaded over. The external walls are of solid sandstone with buttresses at each corner and both sides. Although requiring a degree of refurbishment internally, the structure is presently in functional condition. The property is "B" listed by Historic Scotland. The church was built in the same year as the Free Church at Corrie which is of similar style and has been successfully converted into residential use. Further information on these and other churches can be obtained from Colin Mills' excellent book: The Vanishing and Disappearing Churches of Arran.

### DIRECTIONS

Leaving Brodick Pier, turn left and travel to Lamlash. As you leave Lamlash, turn right on to the Ross Road, sign posted Kilmory. Proceed the 9 miles to the end of this road where it meets the A841 at Bennecarrigan. Bennecarrigan Church is on the left at this crossroads.

### OTHER INFORMATION

The Isle of Arran is a place where you can find a little bit of everything you'd ever want from a Scottish island; an ever-changing coastline, dramatic mountain peaks, sheltered beaches, verdant forests, great cultural festivals, a wealth of tasty local produce and even 2 whisky distilleries. With excellent leisure facilities including sailing, tennis, fishing and bowling, 7 golf courses and amenities including banks, shops, hotels, restaurants and bars, there is always something to entertain.

Bennecarrigan is one of the island's farming communities and is situated between Kilmory and Slidderly. The church is located 9 miles from Lamlash via the Ross Road, 6 miles to Blackwaterfoot and 1½ miles to Lagg. The nearest primary school is at Kilmory with the secondary school at Lamlash to which pupils are conveyed daily.





**ENTRANCE VESTIBULE:**

**2.19m x 1.73m [7'2" x 5'8"]**

Main entrance to the church is through the prominent outshot porch vestibule with heavy external door and window to the side as well as 2 arched inner doors leading to the main church nave.

**THE MAIN CHURCH:**

**8.47m x 16.71m [27'9" x 54'10"]**

Built to accommodate 400 worshippers the main church nave has a tall triple lancet window on the west facing gable as well as classic deeply inset windows to both sides, some with leaded and coloured glass.

The building has a timber hung floor, plaster and lath lined walls and a steeply sloping trussed roof with exposed purlons finished internally with V jointed timber lining.

The ceiling height in the centre is approximately 6.55 metres broken down to 4.08 metres at the wall head. Adjacent to the pulpit at the east end of the church is a doorway leading through the thick gable wall to the vestry.

**VESTRY:**

**4.34m x 3.83m [14'3" x 12'7"]**

Outshot to the east gable the vestry has a window and external door to the side. There is a now blocked off open fire place.

**GARDENS:**

The church sits in grounds extending to a ¼ acre [.10 hectares] and is flat with red sandstone walling all around and a vehicular gate with hard standing and parking to the Ross Road plus pedestrian gate to the main A841.

**SERVICES:**

The property has mains electricity. There is no water connection, however a supply is available close by.





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