

## Arrochar Church Stained Glass Windows

The window to the north-east of the church is a very elaborate memorial to Sir Alan Colquhoun, and was completed in 1911.

The artist is James Ballantine of Edinburgh, the same Ballantine family with whom Stephen Adam trained. James Ballantine was the third generation of his family to create stained glass, and he is noted especially for his depictions of angels created with such delicacy. They have elegant wings and refined faces.

The figures are less formally posed and more naturally depicted. Notice the magnificent wings and the translucent quality throughout contrasting vividly with the rich shades of brown and green in the angels' wings.



The scrolled text refers directly to the angels; the first carrying a shield, and the second donning a sandal.

1. 'taking the shield of faith'
2. 'shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace'



Sir Alan Colquhoun, 6<sup>th</sup> Baronet, was a served with distinction in the military, achieving the rank of Colonel.

The window reflects his military career, with scrolling text 'I have fought the good fight' and 'Blessed are the peacemakers'.



The Colquhoun coat of arms, a red stag supported by two hounds and bearing the motto 'Si je puis' (if I can) is shown at the bottom of the window.

