

including the Gaelic language, which has almost completely disappeared from Cowal. It also led to massive overgrazing by sheep and the consequent loss of great swathes of ancient native woodland and the animal and plant species which once lived there.

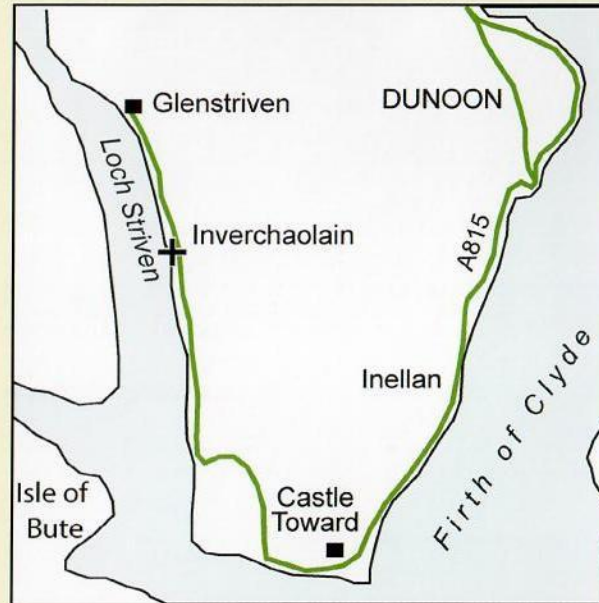
In a world where sheep and shepherds were the cause of such distress, what would our ancestors have made of the idea of a 'good shepherd'? Though they were devout men and women, the image must have grated a little.



One of the carved stones surviving from an earlier phase of the church at Inverchaolain.

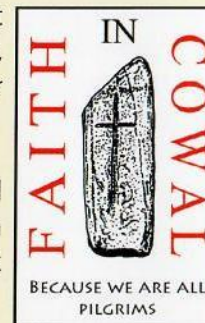
## Getting there

By car or bike, go south from Dunoon to Toward, continue west round the point, then north along Loch Striven side. You can also take a bus from Dunoon as far as Castle Toward, then walk along the shore road to the church (nearly 6 miles). Please plan your journey and check timetables for the buses for your return journey from Castle Toward.

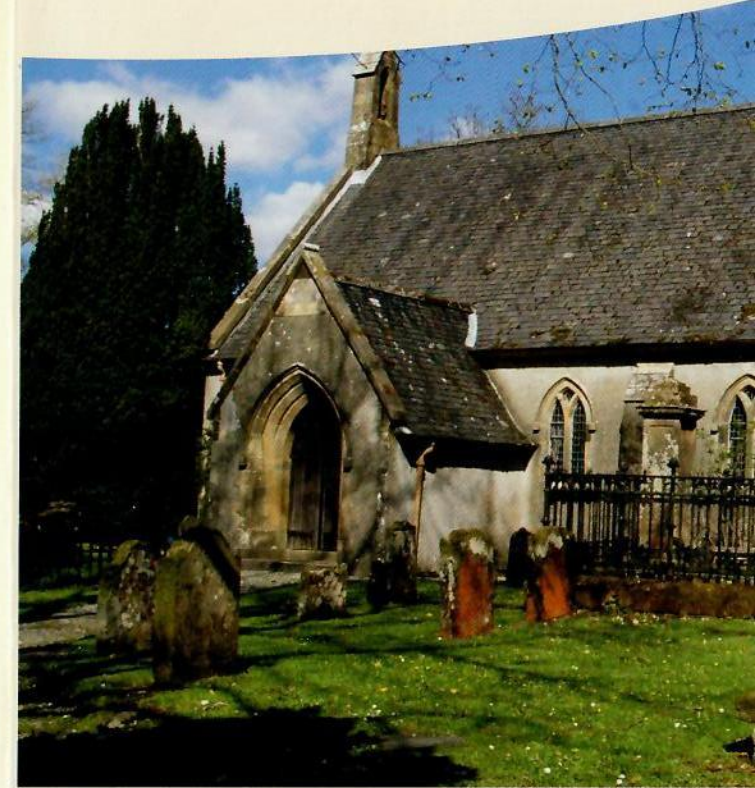


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## Inverchaolain Church



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