

**A** LANDMARK Oban church has celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year more than 100 years after money was provided for it.

The 'white church' which is more commonly known as Christ Church has held an exhibition of how the church came into being and events which have happened in its half-century of existence.

In 1868, Ann McCaig bought two plots of land called 'Feus' on the Corrans overlooking Oban Bay. On one plot she built her own house but on the second she wanted to build 'stately church'.

But she passed away and her will, written in 1901, said: 'It is my special desire that the said site be occupied by a church which will enhance the beauty of Oban Bay.'

Miss McCaig left £6,000 in a trust in a trust which was looked after by the United Free Church of Scotland.

Once the interest from the £6,000 reached £30,000, work on building the church could begin. But it took more than 50 years to reach that target and in 1954 the trustees discovered that £30,000 wouldn't be enough because of a huge rise in building costs.

Extra funds were arised and on June 20 1957 the church was opened for worship.



Ian MacCorquodale and Joette Cambell were the first couple to get married in the church on April 2 1958.