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Administrative History:
Rev Thomas Allan was born on 16 August 1916 in Newmilnes, Ayrshire to William and Agnes. He was educated at Newmilnes Primary School and Kilmarnock Academy before going on to graduate from the University of Glasgow with a first class honours degree in English Literature. In 1945, following a number of years war service in the RAF he entered Trinity Theological College, Glasgow and was ordained a minister of the Church of Scotland in 1946.

In 1941 Tom Allan married Jane Moore and they had three children, Margaret Elizabeth, William Thomas and Kenneth John.

Rev Tom Allan’s first charge was North Kelvinside Church in Glasgow and he served here until 1953 when he left to join the “Tell Scotland” movement. Tell Scotland started as a result of two Scottish radio missions of the BBC in which leading preachers of several denominations combined in a nation wide evangelistic drive. In 1953 the “Tell Scotland” committee was formed and Rev Tom Allan was appointed evangelistic organiser. He became a key figure in the Scottish evangelical movement of the mid-20th century and travelled extensively throughout Britain in his capacity as evangelist for the Church of Scotland. In 1955 when Billy Graham held his ‘All Scotland Crusade’, Tom Allan was Chairman of the organizing committee.

In 1955 Rev Tom Allan accepted a call to become minister of St George’s-Tron Parish Church in Glasgow and he served here until 1964 when he had to retire on the grounds of ill health. In 1955 Rev Allan held youth rallies at St George’s-Tron which proved so popular that accommodation problems were experienced. The services were consequently relayed to churches filled by overflow audiences and by April 1956 five churches were involved and a total of 4,500 tickets were issued on one night.

Following a heart attack in 1964 Tom Allan requested demission (or resignation) from St George’s Tron. He later died on the 8th September 1965.
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AA6.1.5  **Photographs**  1956-1961

Interior and exterior photographs of St George’s Tron Parish Church, before and after redecoration. Also photographs taken during service and of Rev Tom Allan carrying out house visits.

(17 items)

AA6.1.6  **News Review**  1962-1964

4 editions of News Review, St George’s-Tron Parish Church News Letter.

October, 1962
April, 1963
December, 1963
March, 1964

AA6.2  **Sermons / Addresses / Readings**  1947-1963

Series of typescript and manuscript sermons, addresses and readings delivered by Rev Tom Allan whilst serving as Minister of St George’s-Tron, Glasgow and also North Kelvinside Parish Church. Many of the sermons were also delivered by Rev Tom Allan as a visiting Minister whilst on a month’s mission to Canada in 1961 and during visits to the Scot’s Kirk in Paris, Motherwell St Mary’s Church and various locations around Scotland.

AA6.2.1 - AA6.2.7 are based on the New Testament.
AA .6.2.8 is based on the Old Testament.

AA6.2.1  **The Gospel of St John**  1947-1963


Mainly delivered at St George’s-Tron, Glasgow but also during Rev Allan’s mission to Canada, at Motherwell St Mary’s Church, North Kelvinside Parish Church, in Stornoway and at the Scot’s Kirk In Paris.

(1 box)


Mainly delivered at St George’s-Tron, Glasgow but also during Rev Allan’s mission to Canada and at North Kelvinside Parish Church.

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AA6.2.3 The Gospel of St Matthew 1946-1963

Sermons based on the Gospel of St Matthew.

Mainly delivered at St George’s-Tron, Glasgow but also during Rev Allan’s mission to Canada and at North Kelvinside Parish Church.

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AA6.2.4 The Gospel of St Mark 1956-1963

Sermons based on the Gospel of St Mark.

Mainly delivered at St George’s-Tron, Glasgow but also during Rev Allan’s mission to Canada and at North Kelvinside Parish Church.

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Mainly delivered at St George’s-Tron, Glasgow but also during Rev Allan’s mission to Canada, at St Giles, Edinburgh and North Kelvinside Parish Church.

(1 box)

AA6.2.6 The Corinthians 1956-1963

Sermons based on the First and Second Corinthians.

Mainly delivered at St George’s-Tron, Glasgow but also during Rev Allan’s mission to Canada, at North Kelvinside Parish Church and in Belfast.

(1 box)

AA6.2.7 Galatians – Revelations 1956-1963
Sermons based on texts of the New Testament, from Galatians to Revelations.

Mainly delivered at St George’s-Tron, Glasgow but also during Rev Allan’s mission to Canada and at North Kelvinside Parish Church.

(2 boxes)

AA6.2.8  **Genesis – Malachi**  1947-1963

Sermons based on texts of the New Testament, from Galatians to Revelations.

Mainly delivered at St George’s-Tron, Glasgow but also during Rev Allan’s mission to Canada and at North Kelvinside Parish Church.

(3 bundles)

AA6.2.9  **Book of Sermons**  1955-1963

Volume of date listed and indexed sermons delivered by Rev Tom Allan.

AA6.2.10  **Children’s Addresses**  1948-1958

Addresses delivered by Rev Tom Allan at services specifically aimed at children. Includes the order of service for a Special Children’s Service conducted by Rev Tom Allan and Rev Ian Doyle on Sunday 27th July, 1958 on Aberdeen beach.

(1 file)

AA6.2.11  **Women’s Meetings**  1948-1953

Addresses and reading delivered by Rev Tom Allan at services specifically aimed at women, including the following.

(1 file)

Women’s Guild City Youth Group
Women’s Guild Dedication Service
Kelvinside Old Women’s Guild
Women’s Meeting Springburn Hill

AA6.2.12  **Worship Before Work**  1957
Series of readings delivered by Rev Tom Allan at morning services entitled ‘Worship Before Work’.

(1 file)

**AA6.2.13 The Ashlin White Bible Lectures 1955**

Series of 7 lectures on the subject of Christian witness in the secular world. These lectures were delivered in 1955 as the Ashlin White Bible Lectures.

1. The Failure of Human Resources
2. The Faith Once Delivered to the Saints
3. The Basis of the Christian Experience
4. The Nature and Function of the Church
5. The Witness of the Layman
6. The Cost of Discipleship
7. The Lordship of Christ

(1 file)

**AA6.2.14 Evangelism and Children c1959**

Addresses delivered by Tom Allan on the subject of evangelism and children.

Dr Barnardo’s Homes, Service of Thanksgiving & Rededication
Evangelistic Work Among Children
The Content of Children’s Meeting
Open Air Work With Children
Parent’s Association, Shakespeare School – The Child & His training
The Child’s Prayer Life
Evangelism in the Sunday School

(1 file)

**AA6.2.15 Bible Studies c1950**

Series of sermons and addresses delivered during Bible Studies Groups. Subjects include:

The Sermon on the Mount
Can a Christian be Eternally Lost?
Studies in St Mark
1. The Writer’s Aim
2. The Beginning of the Ministry
3. The Call of the Twelve
4. Hallmarks of the Teaching
5. Why Did Jesus Die?
6. The Risen Lord
7. (missing)
8. Go Ye Into all the World

(1 file)

AA6.2.16  The Christian’s Vows  1961

File of manuscript addresses delivered by Rev Tom Allan on the subject of the Christian’s Vows and The Christian Life.

(1 file)

AA6.2.17  Sermons  c1955

Series of manuscript sermons delivered on various occasions in 1961 by Rev Tom Allan.

The Cost of Discipleship
Seaside Mission Dedication, Eastwood (10th June 1961)
Communion
Ibrox Rally (24th June 1961)
Ministers Meeting, St Andrew’s Hall (23rd June 1961)
Meeting the Master
Mission
First Things First
Palm Sunday
Holy Week Communion

(1 file)

AA6.2.18  Addresses  c1955

Series of manuscript addresses delivered by Rev Tom Allan.

Bellshill Baptist Social
Prayer Meeting
The Meaning of the Cross
The Intervention of God
Edinburgh Christian Union, Christ is Alive (18th April 1952)
750th Anniversary of the Royal Burgh of Ayr (8th June 1952)
Mission to Mediterranean Garrisons, Annual Meeting
The Task of the Preacher Today
Springburn Hill Parish Church Service of Dedication and Prayer (20th March 1955)
Rutherford Men’s Association
St Andrew’s University Christian Union
London Missionary Society
North Glasgow Mission, Training School and Retreat
Dundee Teaching Mission
Dundee IVF, *The Power of Love in Creation* (May 1953)
Dundee Teaching Mission, *Tell Scotland How*
Sunday School Teachers Dedication Service
Surgeons College Centenary
The Myth of Robert Burns
Evangelism
Personal Counselling
Circuit Court Prayers
Social Service Night, General Assembly Hall

**AA6.2.19**  
*The Difficulties and Triumphs of Mass Evangelism*  
c1960

Printed edition of an address delivered by Rev Tom Allan at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham at the Ministerial Reception held prior to the inauguration of the Greater Birmingham Crusade.

**AA6.3**  
*“Tell Scotland” Movement*  
1954-1956

Papers relating to the evangelist movement “Tell Scotland”. Between 1947 and 1956 there was a series of evangelistic campaigns in Scotland, including the Tell Scotland Movement and the All Scotland Crusade which was led by Billy Graham the American Baptist Preacher.

Tell Scotland started as a result of two Scottish radio missions of the BBC in which leading preachers of several denominations combined in a nation wide evangelistic drive. In 1953 the Tell Scotland Committee was formed representing 6 denominations. Rev Tom Allan was appointed evangelistic organiser.

See also -  
**AA5.8.4** Papers of The Very Rev Professor James Whyte (1920-2005), which contains a series of pamphlets and bulletins of the “Tell Scotland” Movement.  
**AA6.5.6** An article taken from Rally Magazine entitled The “Tell Scotland” Movement and Billy Graham, A discussion of the issues, by the Rev Tom Allan.

**AA6.3.1**  
*“Tell Scotland” Glasgow Central Churches Campaign*  
1958-1960

Papers of the Tell Scotland GCCC, including Executive Committee minutes, lists of members, statements of income and expenditure and GCCC leaflets.

**AA6.3.2**  
*‘Jesus Christ is Lord’*  
1954
Script of a Tell Scotland talk by Rev Tom Allan entitled ‘Jesus Christ is Lord’. The talk was transmitted by the BBC from Glasgow on 4th February 1954.

AA6.3.3 The Agent of Mission
c1955

Tell Scotland booklet entitled, *The Agent of Mission the Lay Group in Evangelism its Significance and Task* by Rev Tom Allan

AA6.3.4 All-Scotland Crusade
1954-1955


File contains a statement of income and expenditure (1 October 1954-30 September 1955), memorandum of information pertaining to the crusade and a list of the Executive Committee.

Also a group photograph of the executive and team members of the All Scotland Crusade.

*File subject to restrictions applicable under the Data Protection Act 1998.*

AA6.3.5 Tell Scotland Gorbals Mission
1954-1955


AA6.3.6 Hymn Sheets
nd

“Tell Scotland” Hymn Sheets, dedicated to Rev Tom Allan.

AA6.4 Overseas Missions and Travel
1958-1961

During his career Tom Allan undertook a number of overseas missions and pilgrimages and these files represent trips to Canada, The Holy Land, Russia and Rome.

AA6.4.1 Tom Allan Mission, Canada
1958-1961

Rev Tom Allan travelled to Canada on a number of occasions on preaching missions. These files represent missions to Ontario (February 2-16, 1958), Toronto (November 2-12, 1958) and a months mission to Halifax Nova Scotia (October 1961).
Papers include articles, leaflets and flyers, correspondence and newspaper cuttings.

(see also AA6.10.1 Halifax University Christian Committee Minutes and AA6.4.5 Overseas Missions and Travel/Calgary)

AA6.4.2 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 1959
Manuscript account of Rev Tom Allan’s pilgrimages to the Holy Land. This account has been prepared as a script for a book entitled In The Holy Land, which contains reflections on tours to the Holy Land.

AA6.4.3 Russia 1959
In October 1959 Rev Tom Allan travelled to Russia following an invitation by the Glasgow Evening Citizen to travel in Eastern Europe for a few weeks and write about his visit on his return. During this trip Tom Allan also visited Prague and Budapest.

Papers include travel documents, correspondence including a number of telegrams, leaflets and flyers.

This sub series also includes a series of handwritten articles reflecting on Rev Tom Allan’s pilgrimage to the Kremlin and religion in the former Soviet Union.

AA6.4.4 Trip to Rome nd
Series of articles reflecting on a trip to Rome made by Rev Tom Allan.

AA6.4.5 Calgary 1958

This scrapbook contains newspaper cuttings, publicity material, minutes of meetings of committees of the Calgary Council of Churches, reports of budget expenditure and correspondence.

AA6.5 Publications and Articles 1859-1965
Series of publications and articles mostly written by Rev Tom Allan. Many of these items are in manuscript form and it is unclear whether or not some of the articles were submitted for publications.

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Articles taken from Rally Magazine.

One in a Million, A story of the Church at work in the heart of the city by Tom Allan
Evangelism in the United States, A personal assessment by Tom Allan.
The “Tell Scotland” Movement and Billy Graham, A discussion of the issues, by the Rev Tom Allan

Also handwritten article entitled, The Congregational Group, It’s Significance and Task possibly for inclusion in Rally Magazine and handwritten notes on the Structure of Church Life, possibly intended for a talk at an evangelism conference.

(1 file)

AA6.5.7 Rescue the Fallen

Series of typescript articles entitled Rescue the Fallen. It is thought that these articles were written for inclusion in the Evening Citizen, a Glasgow evening newspaper that ceased publication in 1974.

(1 file)

AA6.5.8 The Scottish Reformation

Series of handwritten articles on the Scottish Reformation.

My Week – The Scottish Churches
1. John Knox and the Scottish Reformation
2. Alexander Henderson and the Covenanters
3. Thomas Chalmers and the Disruption
4. John White - Reunion & Extension
5. The Church of Scotland Today

(1 file)

AA6.5.9 It’s My Belief

Copy scripts entitled It’s My Belief, A Christian angle on Scotland’s moral and social problems in which a Churchman is invited to speak his concerns. Probably written for a television broadcast.

(1 file)
AA6.5.10  My Week  c1962

16 articles written by Tom Allan for a series entitled My Week. It is unclear which publication these articles were intended for and a number of them remain unpublished.

Tribute to the Firemen of Glasgow
Memories of Childhood
Christmas Cards or Refugees
It’s a Gift
Automation and Dignity of Work
The Changing Face of Glasgow
Laymen at Work
A Plea for Tolerance
My Brother’s Keeper
Reformation Week
Guilty Glasgow
Sunday Opening
What do you Read?
Bird Soup at Eventide
The Smokeless Union
Assembly
Who’s to Blame for Bingo?

AA6.5.11  Talking Point  c1963

Series of articles written by Tom Allan for publication in The Christian. The Christian was a weekly publication sponsored by the Billy Graham organisation and Tom Allan was editor for a time during the 1960s.

The Face of Scotland
Attitude to the Gospel
The Church and the Immigrant
Replenishing the Spiritual Resources
Return to Israel
Europe - a Mission Field?
Vandalism
Battle for the Mind

(see also AA6.11.12 Newspaper Cuttings/Talking Point)

AA6.5.12  The Christian  1963

The Christian, No. 4878 September 13, 1963. Copy of the weekly publication sponsored by the Billy Graham organisation. Tom Allan was editor of The Christian for a time during the 1960s.
**AA6.5.13 Faith to Faith**

Faith to Faith was the title of a series of articles written by Rev Tom Allan for the *Evening Citizen*. Rev Allan conducted a number of interviews with individuals belonging to differing faiths and wrote a series of articles based on their responses.

The interviewees were:-
- Dr I.K. Cosgrove
- Colm Brogan
- Dr Mervyn Stockwood
- John Freeman
- Dr John Winning
- Hannen Swaffer (The interview with Hannen Swaffer was not published.)

This file contains newspaper articles, transcripts of the interviews, items of correspondence, list of interview questions and two articles written by Hannen Swaffer. Also a set of photographs from Tom Allan’s interview with Hannen Swaffer.

(4 files)

**AA6.5.14 A Census of Church Attendance in Glasgow**

Typescript copy of an article published in the Glasgow Herald (11th October 1954). The article was written by John Hightet, Lecturer in Sociology, University of Glasgow.

**AA6.5.15 North Glasgow Mission Hymn Book**

Copy of the hymn book used at all public meetings of the North Glasgow Mission during 1954. Also the order of service of the North Glasgow Mission United Churches Praise Broadcast Service, broadcast by the BBC in February 1954.

**AA6.6 Essays and Lectures**

File containing a series of essays and lectures written by Rev Tom Allan on the following subjects.

- The Importance of the Ministry to the Community
- Ecclesiastical History
- New Testament Exegesis, Philippians 2: 5-11

(4 items)
### AA6.7 BBC Television and Radio Transmissions 1955-1967

Series of scripts for BBC television broadcasts. Also includes a digital recording of ‘Meeting Point in a City Centre’.

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1. To save us from sin
2. To create a divine community
3. To prepare the world for His coming again

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<th>AA6.7.5 Lift up your Hearts</th>
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1. Believing
2. Continuing
3. Belonging
4. Praying
5. Witnessing
6. Working

AA6.7.6 **Growing Points** 1956

Script for an episode of the BBC series ‘Growing Points’ recorded by Rev Tom Allan on the subject of Mass Evangelism. Growing Points was a series of talks concerning significant trends within the life of the Church of Scotland and was broadcast in 1956.

AA6.7.7 **Children’s Hour Prayers** 1956

A script from a transmission of a Children’s Hour Prayers broadcast by Rev Tom Allan in 1956.

AA6.7.8 **The Fourth Centenary of the Scottish Reformation** 1960

Transmission details and scripts from two BBC broadcasts from St Gile’s Cathedral Edinburgh to commemorate the Fourth Centenary of the Scottish Reformation.

1. The General Assembly Service of Thanksgiving attended by Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.
2. The General Assembly Service of Holy Communion

File also includes order of service, details of the order of departure from Holyrood house for the Assembly Hall and a programme of celebrations.

(1 file)

AA6.7.9 **Ere I sleep** 1964

Series of readings by Rev Tom Allan that were recorded for broadcasts of the BBC series of late night prayers “Ere I Sleep”.

In September 1964 it was felt that Tom Allan was too frail to continue broadcasting so on his doctor’s agreement a tape-recorder was brought to his bed side and he recorded a week of “Ere I sleep” from his home.

File also contains two items of correspondence.
AA6.8   **World Council of Churches Conference**  1963

File relating to the World Council of Churches Conference held in 1963 in France. Rev Tom Allan was invited to attend the Conference but was advised by his doctor not to travel due to health reasons. It is unclear whether or not Rev Allan attended this particular conference.

File contains a series of 9 photographs taken at a World Council of Churches Conference which includes images of Billy Graham and Tom Allen. Also contains papers and correspondence referring to J.P Benoit’s paper on the Problem of Evangelism and Proselytism.

AA6.9   **Daily Diaries**  1948-1963

Box of pocket and desk diaries for the following years, containing details of Rev Tom Allan’s daily appointments.

1948 (contains inserted notes in pocket on the back cover) (1949 missing)
1950
1951
1952
1953 (pocket and desk diary)
1954 (contains inserts and 2 items of correspondence)
1955
1956
1957
1958
1959
1960
1961
1962 (contains inserts)
1963

This box also contains a photographic negative printing plate showing Tom Allan’s head and shoulders.

AA6.10   **Committee Minutes**  1951-1963

Papers of various committees of which Rev Tom Allan was a member.

AA6.10.1   **Halifax University Christian Mission Committee**  1961

In 1961 Rev Tom Allan spent a months mission in Canada and this file contains papers of the Halifax University
Christian Mission Committee and specifically the Central Committee for the Tom Allan Mission.

The file contains minutes of monthly meetings, January to November 1961, and also some items of correspondence.

See also AA6.4.1 Tom Allan Mission, Canada.

(1 file)

AA6.10.2 The Church of Scotland Committee on Social Services 1961

The Church of Scotland Committee on Social Services, Minutes of Committee

12 January 1961
22 January 1963
14 September 1961

(1 file)

AA6.10.3 Glasgow University Extra-Mural Education Committee 1963

Memorandum for the convener, general committee, rehabilitation centre at 23 Elmbank Street, Glasgow at a meeting to be held on 1 October, 1963.

AA6.10.4 United Christian Witness 1951-1952

AGM and committee minutes of the United Christian Witness of which Rev Tom Allan was the Chairman.

Minutes of monthly meetings March 1951-May 1952 and 4 April 1953 (insert). Also minutes of the annual general meeting held on 1 December 1951 and the constitution of the UCW.

AA6.10.5 Smokers Anonymous 1962-1963

Minutes from a Smokers Anonymous group held at an unspecified location.

27 November 1962
17 February 1963
11 March 1963

AA6.11 Newspaper Cuttings 1955-1965
Series of newspaper cuttings collected by Rev Tom Allan. Includes 7 scrapbooks containing copies of the articles written by Rev Tom Allan for a series entitled ‘My Week’ that was printed weekly in the Evening Citizen from August 30 1958 – November 10 1965. During this series Tom Allan talked about a range of current and relevant Church issues.

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AA6.11.7  ‘My Week’ 7  1963-1965
Scrapbook containing articles published as part of the Evening Citizen’s ‘My Week’ series.
13 May 1963- 10 November 1965

AA6.11.8  Evening Times Articles  1955-1959
Scrapbook containing articles by Rev Tom Allan printed in the Evening Times. Includes articles printed in 1959 as part of a series entitled ‘I go among Glasgow’s Deadbeats’ and Rev Allan’s weekly column ‘it’s a week-day religion...’.
31 December 1955-11 July 1959

AA6.11.9  Holy Land / The Reformation  c1965
Scrapbook containing newspaper articles written by Rev Tom Allen. Includes articles published as part of the series ‘Come Touring with Tom Allan’ in which he discussed his trips to the Holy Land and also the series ‘Tom Allan: Behind the Iron Curtain’. Also obituary entitled, Tom Allan: Evangelist, by David Orrock, published in The Christian, 17 September, 1965
Many of these articles are from the Sunday Companion, a Christian weekly paper.

AA6.11.10  Tom Allan in Moscow  c1959
Newspaper cuttings of articles written by Tom Allan for a weekly series entitled ‘Tom Allan in Moscow’. It is unclear where these articles were published but it was possibly in the weekly publication The Christian.
See also AA6.4.3 Overseas Missions and Travel/Russia.

AA6.11.11  Tom Allan Goes to Rome  c1960
Newspaper cuttings of articles written by Tom Allan for a weekly series entitled ‘Tom Allan Goes to Rome’. It is unclear where these articles were published but it was possibly in the weekly publication The Christian.
See also AA6.4.4 Overseas Missions and Travel/Trip to Rome.
**AA6.11.12**  
**Talking Point**  
1963

Newspaper cuttings of articles written by Tom Allan for publication in *The Christian*. *The Christian* was a weekly publication sponsored by the Billy Graham organisation and Tom Allan was editor for a time during the 1960s.

See also **AA6.5.11** Publications and Articles/Talking Point.

**AA6.11.14**  
**Sunday Companion**  
1960


**AA6.11.15**  
**Miscellaneous**  
c1965

File of newspaper cuttings including the following articles. It is unclear which publication many of these articles have originated from.

- Crusade 66, 30,000 counsellors join the team, Evening Citizen 01 July 1966
- The Black Abbot Finds God by Rev Tom Allan (unknown publication)
- My 5 point plan to end Road Deaths by Rev Tom Allan (unknown publication, 1965)
- Is this the end, or just the beginning? Looking at Life with the Rev Tom Allan (unknown publication, January 1965)
- St Mungo Prize for Tom Allan, *Evening Citizen*
- Teenage Crime: A New Slant on an old problem by the Rev Tom Allan (unknown publication)
- Tom Allan Honoured by Glasgow (unknown publication)
- When a natter may be the word of life to a lonely soul by Rev Tom Allan (unknown publication)
- Is Scotland really more pagan these days by Rev Tom Allan (publication unknown)
- The Young Ones: The Kirk must face this challenge by Rev Tom Allan (publication unknown)
- Illness Silences Noted Preacher (publication unknown)
- Glasgow Goes on It’s Unique Way, *Hamilton Spectator* (Canada), 03 February 1960
- Rev Tom Allan Critically Ill, One of “Tell Scotland” pioneers, *Scotsman*, 4 December 1964
- My Answer to Those Modern Thinkers, an open letter from Colm Brogan to Rev Tom Allan (publication unknown)
- This is the Real Meaning of Easter by Rev Tom Allan (publication unknown)
The big questions before the Kirk this week by Rev Tom Allan (publication unknown)
Just what do we mean when we talk of unity? By Rev Tom Allan (publication unknown)
The give-away in the things that we laugh at by Rev Tom Allan (publication unknown)
The miracle of a man called David, Evening Citizen
Why the professor is so wrong about morals... by Rev Tom Allan (publication unknown)
This dilemma that faces every minister by Rev Tom Allan (publication unknown)
What does it cost to be a Christian by Rev Tom Allan (publication unknown)
Why it’s so vital to declare yourself by Rev Tom Allan (publication unknown)
Windows Smashed at Rev Tom’s Church (publication unknown)
When the meaning goes out of your Christmas card by Rev Tom Allan (publication unknown)
Why I felt like shouting ‘Up the Squares’ by Rev Tom Allan (publication unknown)
Welcome Home Tom Allan Scottish Daily Express, 6 January 1963
The strange double standards of morality by Rev Tom Allan (publication unknown)
The Honest Truth by the Rev Tom Allan, The Sunday Post, 8 July 1962
Church Drive Will Help ‘Old Lags’, Scottish Daily Mail, 22 Jan 1959
Bible Classes for Business Men in Church Campaign, The Bulletin, 22 January 1959
“Two men open the bible”, Evening Times, 21 January 1959
City-centre drive to fill churches, Evening Citizen, 21 January 1959
Bringing Church into the City Centre, Glasgow Herald, 22 January 1959
My Friend Tom by the Rev Ian Doyle, Evening Citizen

AA6.12 Photographs

2 black and white photographs mounted on card showing Rev Tom Allan preaching at a seaside mission and on a street corner.

See also –
AA6.1.5 St George’s-Tron Parish Church/photographs
AA6.8 World Council of Churches Conference series of 9 photographs including images of Billy Graham and Tom Allan.
**AA6.13 Audio and Film Recordings**  

At the time of cataloguing these recordings were unable to be listened to or viewed so the quality of the recordings is uncertain as is the content.

(see also AA6.7.1)

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