Christ Church, Falkirk WAR MEMORIAL

(SMR941)

"1914 IN MEMORIAM 1919"

"Grant.them.O.Lord.eternal.rest
and.let.light.perpetual.shine.upon.them."

"The.souls.of.the.Righteous/ are.in.the.hand.of.God."



The memorial in the south transept or Lady Chapel of the church is now in the form of an oak cabinet. In the centre is a painted copy of Perugino's Crucifixion, which was gifted in 1918 by a member of the congregation as the original monument (and dedicated by the Bishop of Edinburgh in February 1918 - the first in the Falkirk district). Subsequently a tablet or screen was built around this and completed in November 1920, paid for by Miss Wilson of South Bantaskine. On All Saints Days "After the sermon by the rector, Rev. J.M. Ballard, the cross-bearer and choir proceeded to the memorial, which was dedicated with prayer, and unveiled by the donor. The unveiling ceremony was followed by the singing of the familiar hymn, "For all the saints." There was a splendid turnout of the congregation at the service, which was most impressive throughout."

On either side of the colourful painting the names of the dead appear on panels in gold lettering:

"NEIL MCLAUCHLAN ARCHIBALD MCNAB J.W. MCKINLAY H.W. MCKINLAY PRESTON FLEMING
JOHN MCN. MCGREGOR
JAMES MAYS
HENRY ISON

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JACK BISHOP ALEXANDER BAIRD
HARRY STRAND ARTHUR M. KENNARD
THOMAS SMITH W. SCOTT MONCRIEFF

CHARLES BARRON DAVID FINNIE
JOHN MCCULLOCH THOMAS BLACK
ARTHUR MCLAUCHLAN WILLIAM LAIRD
CHARLES NAPIER DONALD R FRASER
ROBERT NAPIER J.F. WHINCOP
WILLIAM MILLS JAMES HAY

PETER FLEMING WILLIAM GALBRAITH

GEORGE FORGIE JAMES HILL
J. DOUGAL THOMAS HILL

HUGH CONNELL ALEXANDER SMITH

After the Second World War hinged S-arched oak leaves or doors were added to either end of the screen. On the inside of these outer panels, above the dates 1939-45, more names were placed:

DAVID MILLAR J CALDERWOOD ALLAN

ARCHIBALD MORRISON
JOHN BENSLEY
MURRAY BURT
ARTHUR SADLER
HUGH DE LANCEY SAMWELL
TOM SP INK
WILLIAM STEPHENSON
KENNETH WEBSTER
JOHN BENSLEY
MURRAY BURT
DAVID FORBES
ST.JOHN FORBES
ROBIN FRASER
KENNETH GEORGE
ALASTAIR JAMIESON"

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