

Falkirk Old and St. Modan's Parish Church WAR MEMORIALS

Falkirk Old Parish Church

(SMR425)

The war memorial takes the form of a triumphal arch or canopy over the door from the lobby to the main hall of the church. It is of fine grained Blaxter sandstone which contrasts with the plaster walls. There is much beading with slightly art deco detailing. The individual bronze letters over the door "1914-1919/ TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND/ IN MEMORY OF THE MEN OF/ THIS CONGREGATION WHO/ FELL IN THE GREAT WAR" are flanked in the supports by bronze laurel wreaths. Below each of these are long vertical bronze panels with the names of the fallen, to which small plaques have been added on the pilaster bases. The oak panelled door has a lattice-patterned leaded glass panel with a central laurel wreath. The monument was designed by JG Callander, architect, Falkirk, and the work was undertaken by Messrs P McLauchlan, Larbert – stonework; Charles Henshaw, Edinburgh – brasswork; McKay & Bain, Larbert – woodwork.



2ND LT. JAMES COWAN MM
2ND LT. HORSBURGH GIBSON
2ND LT. R S MORRISON
CAPT. WILLIAM S O'MAY MC
LT. JOSEPH T PATON
CAPT. ELLIS G PITCAIRN
2ND LT. ROBERT S ROBERTSON
LT. FRANK W SAUNDERS
PTE WILLIAM AITKENHEAD
PTE WILLIAM ANDERSON
PTE ALEX ANNAND
PTE JAMES ARBUCKLE
DVR ALEX BAIRD
SPR DAVID BELL
PTE WILLIAM BENNIE
PTE GEORGE BENNIE
PTE WILLIAM G BLACK
FLT SGT D H P BLACK

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CPL JOHN BROWN
LCE CPL MATTHEW BROWN
PTE CHARLES BRYCE
PTE JAMES BRYCE
PTE CHARLES BRYCE
PTE JOHN BUCHANAN
PTE WILLIAM CHEEPE
PTE ALEX CHRISTIE
PTE JOHN DAVIDSON

PTE JOHN DOW
PTE ALEX EADIE
SGT ROBERT T FERNIE
GNR JAMES FRASER
PTE JOHN FRASER
PTE WILLIAM FRASER
PTE ANDREW GANLY
GNR MATTHEW H GRAHAM
PTE JAMES GRINDLAY
CPL ROBERT A HALL
PTE JAMES HALL
PTE HUGH HARE
PTE JAMES HARVEY
PTE ALEX HASTIE
PTE JAMES B HAY
PTE JOHN G HOTCHKISS
LCE CPL WILLIAM KIRK
LCE CPL FRED J MILNE
PTE MATTHEW McCALLUM
PTE JOHN McGILCHRIST
PTE DUNCAN McGREGOR
PTE ALEX B McINTYRE
PTE JAMES McKINLAY
PTE THOMAS McKINLAY
PTE DUNCAN MACLACHLAN
PTE JOHN McLEOD
PTE WALTER McLEOD
PTE WILLIAM McLEOD
SGT J.A. McLEOD
LCE CPL JOHN McPHIE
LCE CPL WILLIAM McPHIE
PTE CHARLES NAPIER
PTE ROBERT NAPIER
1ST AM JOHN NEILSON
PTE Wm B.G. NICOLL
CPL W.B. NOBLE
PTE DANIEL O'MAY
SIG SAMUEL POLLOCK
PTE ROBERT PROUDFOOT

PTE WILLIAM A REID
SGT J.C.RIGGS
PTE PETER RITCHIE
PTE ALEX ROBB
SIG WILFRID ROBERTSON
PTE ANDREW RULE
PTE JAMES RUSSELL
PTE ANDREW SCOTT
PTE ROBERT SCOTT
PTE HENRY SMITH
PTE JAMES SPROUL
PTE DAVID STEWART
PTE JAMES TAYLOR
PTE HARRY TAYLOR
PTE WILLIAM TAYLOR
SGT WILLIAM TAYLOR
PTE LEWIS THOMSON
PTE ALEX WALKER
PTE JOHN WALKER
PTE WILLIAM WALKER
A.B. GEORGE WATSON RND
PTE JAMES WILSON
PTE JOHN YOUNG
PTE ALEX LEARMONTH
CPL ROBERT LEISHMAN
LCE CPL ROBERT LESLIE

Unveiled in April 1923 by General Sir Francis Davies K.C.B., K.C.M.G, K.C.V.O., accompanied by his aide-de-camp, Lt M A J Malcolm, and Major Scott, officer-commanding, Stirling Castle. It had been draped in the Union Jack.

A carved wooden table in the vestibule was dedicated at the re-opening of the church in August 1952 to the service men who lost their lives in the Second World War.

St. Modan's Church / (over)



St. Modan's Church

(SMR208)

The central window in the chancel apse was installed as a memorial to the men of the congregation who gave their lives in the two world wars. It measures 8ft by 2ft 6ins and was executed by William Wilson of Edinburgh, c1950, for a cost of c£225. The artist provided the following description:

"The subject of the proposed window is Christ the Redeemer, and shows the Figure of our Lord freed from the Cross, symbolising His triumph over death. The green of the Cross suggests the Tree of Life and rises from the Water of Life. Figures of the Martyrs, Saints Peter, Andrew, Catherine, Stephen and Paul, surround the Cross in adoration. The symbol of the Pelican signifying Sacrifice completes the design. The text is from Rev. V.,v.9."

It was part of a triptych representing the Baptism, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection of our Lord.

The following annotation was supplied "This window is dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of the men of this church who fell in the two world wars 1914-1918 and 1939-1945. Also as a thank offering for the preservation of those who by the Grace of God returned from the War"

Photo : Ros Mitchell

This window, which was in St Modan's Church, is now in Cuthill's funeral building (previously Falkirk Sheriff Court). It is installed in what was the court room but is now used as a funeral parlour. When St Modan's Church was converted into flats, the undertaker bought the three windows with a view to storing them for safe keeping. As a master joiner the partner knew exactly how to store them safely and they lay in store for about 15-20 years . When the Sheriff Court moved to Camelon and Cuthill subsequently bought the building it was realised that the three windows would be perfect for installing the courtroom which they were going to use as a funeral parlour/service room.