

## Kerse Church(now Abbotsgrange) WAR MEMORIAL



(SMR884)

The First World War memorial is placed to the north of the chancel arch. It consists of a veined white marble rectangular tablet set into a cast bronze frame decorated with bay leaves placed on a sandstone plaque with a bead and rod border. The dedication on the tablet is in bronze relief, and the names of the fallen in gold lettering. The tablet is surmounted by an open cast bronze laurel wreath with a gold cross in the upper aperture. It was designed by Dr P McGregor Chalmers, Glasgow.

The dedication service in May 1921 was conducted by Rev. W A Knowles, Dalton, the first minister of the church.

The inscription begins in large black letters

**"TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
IN MEMORY OF THOSE  
WHO FELL IN THE WAR**

**MCMXIV- MCMXIX THE/ COMMUNION TABLE IS/ DEDICATED/"**

And continues in smaller gold lettering:

RONALD M. ANDERSON  
EDWARD W. ANDERSON  
HENRY BROCK  
ANDREW DOUGALL  
WILLIAM DRYSDALE  
DAVID S. HAMILTON  
JOHN HOGG  
PETER KEMP  
JAMES KEMP  
ROBERT KEMP  
ARCHIBALD LEARMONTH  
ROBERT MARSHALL  
PETER MILNE  
WILLIAM MILNE  
ROBERT MITCHELL

WILLIAM NICOLSON  
JAMES A. RALPH  
ROBERT ROBERTSON  
JAMES SHARP  
JOHN SHORT  
EDWARD SMITH M.M. M.S.M.  
JAMES STEWART  
ALEXANDER STRANG  
JOSEPH STRANG  
ARCHIBALD A. TAYLOR  
JOHN REID TAYLOR  
ANDREW B. THOMSON  
DAVID M. WALKER  
ROBERT WALLACE

**“GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS/ THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR IS FRIENDS”.**

The oak communion table referred to is placed in the chancel. The table is richly carved with a design of grapes and vine leaves round the cornice, the Cross in the centre panel, and ornate panels to right and left.



A little to its north and at a lower level is the bronze panel commemorating the Second World War. It is rectangular with a low arched centre with raised lettering and decoration set on an unpolished background. The decoration consists of an eternal flame burning atop a pole born urn crossed by two sprigs of laurel on either side of the inscription. These rich motifs contrast with the plain borders and rusticated back.

The inscription is:

**“1939-1945/ TO THE GLORY OF GOD/ AND IN HONOUR OF THE MEN/ OF THIS CONGREGATION/ WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN/ THE SECOND WORLD WAR/.**

DAVID BAIN, M.N.  
ROBERT M. BUCHAN, R.A.F.  
ALEXANDER CAMERON, M.N.  
WILLIAM C. MILLAR, M.N.  
JOSEPH A. WARNER, 2<sup>ND</sup> A.&S.H.

THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE.”

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