

Polmont Old Parish Church WAR MEMORIAL



(SMR257)

This memorial stands at the foot of the north tower to the right of the main east door. It is placed centrally to the tower and covers the bottom of its lancet window. It is made from a durable close-grained sandstone whose dull grey colour contrasts with the warm honeysuckle colour of the ashlar masonry of the building. The backing or reredos has gently sloping sides and is set on a plain shallow platform or step.

The bottom moulding of the reredos provides the stand for a simple stone plinth to which a rectangular brass plaque is attached. The central part of the base of this plaque is indented. It bears a short inscription and the names of the dead:

“THIS MEMORIAL IS ERECTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND
IN HONOURED MEMORY OF THE MEN OF POLMONT PARISH
CHURCH WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR.

MAJOR MORRIS, JAMES F.
CAPT M^CPHAIL, WILLIAM A.
2ND LT RICHARDSON, ROBERT
A.B. ANDERSON, COLIN
PTE BAIN, DANIEL
PTE BROTHWICK, HUGH
L-CPL BORTHWICK, JOHN
L-CPL BRECHIN, GEORGE
PTE BUCHAN, ADAM K.
PTE BURRELL, ADAM
PTE CARMICHAEL, CHARLES
L-CPL CLARK, ROBERT
GUNNER COCHRANE, JOHN
SAPPER DICK, JAMES
PTE DUNLOP, JOHN
CPL EDGAR, JOHN
GUNNER GENTLEMAN, ROBERT
PTE GIBB, ROBERT
PTE GIBB, WILLIAM
PTE HUNTER, THOMAS

PTE JEFFREY, THOMAS M.
L-CPL JOHNSTON, JAMES
PTE LAING, WILLIAM
PTE LAPERE, WILLIAM R.
PTE M^CALLEESE, THOMAS
L-CPL M^CDONALD, DONALD
PTE M^CDONALD, JAMES
PTE M^CINTYRE, JOHN
PTE M^CMILLN, JAMES
PTE M^CNEE, WILLIAM
PTE MARTIN, JAMES
PTE MAXWELL, GEORGE
PTE MILL, JAMES
SAPPER MILLER, JOHN
A.B. MILLER, LESLIE
PTE MORRISON, JAMES
PTE MURRAY, JOHN
PTE NIMMO, PETER
PTE PEEBLES, HECTOR

PTE PENMAN, ROBERT
PTE SCOTT, JAMES
L-CPL SCOTT, JAMES N.
PTE SCOTT, WILLIAM
CPL SHUTT, MATTHEW
PTE SMITH, JOHN
PTE STEEL, ALEXANDER
PTE STEVENSON, ADAM
CPL STEVENSON, JOHN
CPL STIRLING, JOHN R.
PTE STRATHIE, JAMES
PTE SWINTON, ALEXANDER
PTE TAYLOR, JOHN
PTE THOMSON, JASPER A.W.
PTE WALKER, WALTER
PTE WALKER, WILLIAM
PTE WEIR, ANTHONY
PTE WHITE, ARCHIBALD
CPL WILSON, JOHN
PTE YOUNG, ARCHIBALD

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH”

War Memorials in Churches, Schools, Works and other Public Buildings

Above the plaque is a small brass decorative mount having a shield containing St Andrew and his cross, surrounded by laurel sprigs. Below are the individual numerals "1914-1919."

For Major James Fitz Morris see Calatria.

In June 1951 new choir stalls and a bronze tablet were dedicated to those members of the congregation who were killed on service in the Second World War. The stalls consisted of four holm-oak seats and book boards in the 17th century Scottish Renaissance style, two on each side of the pulpit. The ends of the seats had richly carved bands and symbols of the four Evangelists. The work was by Scott Morton & Co of Edinburgh.

The bronze plaque by McDonald & Cresswick of Edinburgh, bears the following inscription:

"These choir stalls were erected to the Glory of God and in grateful memory of the men of this Church who gave their lives in the World War, 1939-1945 – George M. Broom, James B. Brown, Robert Brown, Alexander P. Cunningham, John Cunningham, Harry Dowds, Alfred Henderson, Neil Henderson, Alexander McFeat, John McNee, William McQueen, James Pottie, James Reynolds, Alexander Robertson, George Walker, Alexander Wilson, Robert E.W. Williamson. Their name liveth for evermore."

The stalls and plaque were designed by Wilson & Wilson, architects, and unveiled by Rev James Williamson, minister of Polmont Church.