

Stenhouse Parish Church [McLaren Memorial Church] WAR MEMORIAL

(SMR130)



A carved oak communion table made to designs by Sir J.J. Burnet, the architect of the church and manse. The figures of Jesus, St Andrew and St George were modelled by William Vickers and carved by Mr Porter, the foreman carver with Wyllie & Lochhead Ltd. The colouring was carried out by a Glasgow artist after studying the east window.

The communion table occupies the raised dressed red sandstone plinth of its predecessor. The table top over-sails the sides and caps the tops of three niches. These niches have fretwork canopies and are located at the two front corners and in the centre of the front face. Each is occupied by a carved painted wooden figure. On the left is St Andrew carrying his cross; in the centre is Christ with his arms outstretched and a kneeling angel praying to either side; and on the right is St George in armour holding his sword with the point resting on the ground. Between each figure is a panel containing nine shields, the centre one being slightly larger than the rest. A name is carved in relief on each shield except the central one, which bears a longer sentence. There are nine further shields on the south end of the table and ten on the north. The background between the shields is filled with gilded oak leaves and acorns. A broad vine band with berries forms a cornice scroll along the top.

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The greater part of the cost was provided by a legacy from Lt John George Sherriff of Stenhouse, one of those commemorated on the holy table. It was dedicated and unveiled by Rev. James MacGibbon, M.C., D.D., minister of Glasgow Cathedral, in March 1921.

In July 1948 six more names were added for the Second World War, the carving also undertaken by Mr Porter.

[Front left]

ARCHIBALD/ FAIR. PTE./ 12TH R. SCOTS
ALEXANDE/R HILL/ SERGT. MAJ/ R.F.A.
JAMES/ HILL/ GUNNER/ R.F.A.
ARCHIBALD S./ HUNTER/ CAPT./ 7TH A.&S.H.

TO/ THE MEN/ OF THIS CHURCH/ WHO/ GAVE THEIR LIVES/ FOR/ THEIR COUNTRY/ 1914-1919./

ROBERT G. HUNTER/ LIEUT./ 7TH A.&S.H.
THOMAS/ INGLIS/ CPL./ 7TH A.&S.H.
WILLIAM/ KEMP/ MECH./ R.A.F.
DAVID M./ LANGLANDS/ PTE./ 18TH WELSH REGT.

[Front right]

JOSPEH/ LEWIS/ PTE./ K.O.Y.L.I.
KENNETH/ M^CDONALD/ LIEUT./ R.A.F.
DAVID/ M^CEWAN/ L.CPL./ 7TH A.&S.H.
WILLIAM/ MCEWAN/ PTE./ 7TH A.&S.H.

GREATER LOVE/ HATH NO MAN/ THAN THIS/ THAT A MAN/ LAY DOWN/ HIS LIFE FOR/ HIS FRIENDS

GEORGE/ MACFARLANE/ PIPE MAJ./ R. HIGHRS.
JAMES/ MITCHELL/ L.S./ M.M. R.N.D.
COLIN H./ NISBET/ L.CPL./ 7TH A.&S.H.
ROBERT S/ PARKER/ L.CPL./ GORD. HIGHRS.

THERE IS ONLY ONE HOLY ONE/ LORD JESUS/ CHRIST IN WHOM ARE WE

[South end]

HARRY/ PRESTON/ PTE./ R.N.D.
ROBERT/ REID/ PTE./ --- SCOTS
ALEXANDER N./ SHERRIFF/ 2ND LIEUT./ 14TH -----
JOHN G./ SHERRIFF/ LIEUT./ 7TH A.&S.H.
JOHN/ TAYLOR/ SGT./ -----
ROBERT/ TAYLOR/ PTE./ 7TH A.&S.H.
DAVID F./ WILSON/ PTE./ 7TH A.&S.H.
DANIEL/ WHYTE/ PTE./ 10TH A.&S.H.
HENRY/ WHYTE/ ---/ 2ND A.&S.H.

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[North end]

JAMES/ CAMPBELL/ PTE./ 2ND R.SCOTS
JOHN A./ CARMICHAEL/ PTE./ 12TH R.SCOTS
ANDREW/ CHESNEY/ PTE./ 7TH A.&S.H.
ROSS/ DALGETTY/ PTE./ 12TH R.SCOTS
JAMES T.K./ DEA. M.A./ PTE./ 7TH A.&S.H.
ANDREW/ DICK/ L//CPL./ 11TH A.&S.H.
JOHN/ DICK/ PTE./ 7TH A.&S.H.
ADRIAN C./ DOUGLAS/ A.B./ R.N.
JAMES/ DUNCAN/ PTE./ 35 CAMERONS
JOHN/ DUNCAN/ PTE./ 8TH R.SCOTS

On the plinth along the front face another six shields have been added:

1939-1945

GEORGE/ BROOKES/ L//T/ R.N
DAVID/ BRUCE/ PTE./ BLK.WATCH
THOMAS/ MCLEAN/ SGT./ R.A.F.
JAMES/ STEWART/ GNR./ R.A.
ALAN/ SMITH/ SGT./ R.A.F./
JAMES/ WATSON/ CPL./ 1ST AIRBORNE