

Friends of Forfar East and Old Parish Church

Purpose

Our raison d'être is to bring together in a common fellowship of loyalty and devotion all those who care for this principal Church in Forfar and who would like to have some part in promoting its continued existence, preserving its fabric and maintaining its services.

Leaflet

The purpose of this leaflet is to give you a brief history and to invite you to become a **Friend** of our Church.

Building

The site on which this building stands has been used for religious purposes for more than 750 years.

The *Chapel of Forfar* was built here in 1241 and when in 1591 the main seat of religion of the area, Restenneth Priory, located a few miles east of the town fell into disrepair and religious services ceased there *Forfar* assumed the role of Parish Church.

This building replaced the original in 1789/90; the architect John Gibson of St Cyrus designed the building to house 2000 people at a cost of £2000.

In 1898/99 the interior was massively altered to accommodate the organ; the gallery to the north was disposed of, two gallery staircases and a new north wall being built to access the remaining galleries.

Other features of note :

the stained glass windows, two of which were donated in 1887 (Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee) by Sir Thomas Thornton and his brother George ;

the grave of George Don the famous botanist born at Menmuir 1764;

and the bell Lang Strang, donated by Robert Strang in 1657.

Terms of Membership

Minimum annual subscription £10.00

Life membership £150.00

Junior membership (up to age 16) Free

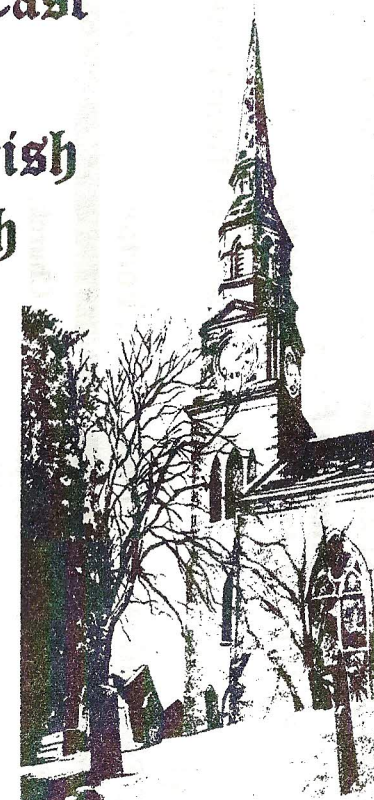
Corporate membership:

The treasurer will be pleased to advise other Parishes, bodies or organisations wishing to enter into this form of membership.

Gift Aid;

Please note if you are a tax payer a simple way of increasing your donation at no extra cost is to complete the Gift Aid Declaration. This allows our treasurer to claim tax relief on the amount gifted.

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YOU
To Join Them

