

## M028 Additions and alterations to Belhaven Church

### Introduction

This Gothic Revival church of 1876–7 was designed by James Sellars, John Keppie's former employer. John Honeyman & Keppie were associated with the building on four occasions over a period of 23 years. In 1890–1 they made sketches for proposed alterations, but no work appears to have been carried out. In 1898, they supervised the installation of electricity, and new woodwork, and redecoration and repairs were carried out. In 1904, a bathroom was added at the S.W. corner of the Beadle's house. And in 1913, a memorial brass to Rev. Dr Robert Drummond (1828–1911), minister of Belhaven Church from 1880 until his death, was made and installed. <sup>1</sup>

**Authorship:** There is stylistic evidence to suggest that Mackintosh contributed at least to the 1898 woodwork. The Gothic surround to the choir passage door installed at this time has a distinctive arched top in the form of a flattened ogee. This has parallels in a number of his furniture designs, and the blind tracery in the gable includes unusual horizontal ovals of the type he later used in the window tracery at Queen's Cross Church, and in the chancel woodwork at Bridge of Allan Church.

Corroboratory evidence is provided by Ronald Harrison, an early student of Mackintosh's architecture in the 1930s, who had access to the office records. He included Belhaven on a list he compiled of works he believed were by Mackintosh and made a tracing of an original drawing for the choir passage door; Harrison may have believed that Mackintosh made the drawing. <sup>2</sup> The choir and pulpit-stair newel posts are also distinctive, and can be compared with a design by Mackintosh for a choir enclosure for an unidentified church, which has similar terminal posts. <sup>3</sup>

**Alternative names:** Belhaven United Presbyterian Church; Belhaven United Free Church; St Luke's Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

**Cost from job book:** Phase 1: £1049 5s 4d; Phase 2: £98 10s 11½d; Phase 3: £52 10s 0d

**Status:** Standing building

**Current name:** St Luke's Greek Orthodox Cathedral

**Current use:** Cathedral (2014)

**Listing category:** B: Listed as '27–9 (odd nos) Dundonald Road, St Luke's Greek Orthodox Cathedral'

**Historic Scotland/HB Number:** 32508

**RCAHMS Site Number:** NS56NE 1148

**Grid reference:** NS 56281 67493

### Chronology

#### 1890

March: 'Measuring Church for proposed alterations and reporting on same'. <sup>1</sup>

April: 'Submitted sketch'. <sup>2</sup>

December: 'Submitted sketches for 2 alterations with large perspective'. <sup>3</sup>

#### 1891

6 July: 'Submitted sketch'. <sup>4</sup>

#### 1898

8 July: Contractor tenders submitted. <sup>5</sup>

1 October: Latest acceptance of contractor tender. <sup>6</sup>

8 November: Date of drawing for choir passage door traced by Ronald Harrison in the 1930s. <sup>7</sup>

#### 1904

July: Date of drawings submitted to the Glasgow Dean of Guild Court. <sup>8</sup>

22 June: Contractor tender accepted. <sup>9</sup>

17 November: Contractor paid. <sup>10</sup>

## 1913

25 August: Contractor tender accepted. <sup>11</sup>

11 December: Contractor paid. <sup>12</sup>

## People

### Clients:

- no data in job book

### Contractors:

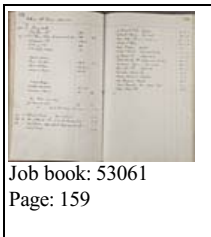
- C. T. Bowie, Fisher & Co.
- Hugh Buchan
- James Cormack & Sons Ltd
- Foote, Swan & Co.
- Galbraith & Winton
- James Grant
- Claud Hamilton Ltd
- Hutcheson & Grant
- David Johnstone
- Kelvinside Electric Company
- Daniel McCallum
- McDowall & Co.
- Robb, McDowall & Co.
- Wallace & Connell

## Job Book

The job books of Honeyman & Keppie (later Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh) are now held by The Hunterian, University of Glasgow and include four volumes related to the Mackintosh period. The books were used by the firm to keep a project-by-project, day-by-day record of contractors, suppliers and expenditure. The name of a project and/or client is usually at the top of the left-hand page, followed by information about tradesmen who tendered. The name of the measurer (quantity surveyor) is usually at the top of the right-hand page, followed by information about payments to contractors and suppliers. All of the data for M028 is entered in the tables below.

Page numbering is not consistent in the job books. Sometimes a single number refers to a double-page spread and sometimes each page is individually numbered. Here, each image of a double-page spread is identified by the number given at the top of the left-hand page. (Images of all of the pages from the four job books can be found at [Browse Job Books, Visit Book and Cash Book.](#))

The following information about M028 has been extracted from the job books:



### Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
G. W. Sellars & Co.	painter	no data in job book	8 July 1898	£277 0s 0d	no
C. T. Bowie, Fisher & Co.	painter	no data in job book	8 July 1898	£264 0s 0d <sup>1</sup>	yes (25 July 1898)
H. L. Anderson & Co.	painter	no data in job book	8 July 1898	£286 15s 0d	no
J. B. Bennett & Sons	painter	no data in job book	8 July 1898	£283 0s 0d	no

J. & W. Guthrie & Wells	painter	no data in job book	8 July 1898	£280 0s 0d	no
Claud Hamilton Ltd	electric lighting	no data in job book	8 July 1898	£129 5s 0d	yes (no data in job book)
David McGibbon	electric lighting	no data in job book	8 July 1898	£142 15s 2d	no
Anderson & Munro	electric lighting	no data in job book	8 July 1898	£140 15s 0d	no
Matthew Henderson	work at pulpit	no data in job book	8 July 1898	£165 6s 7d	no
Hutcheson & Grant	work at pulpit	no data in job book	8 July 1898	£145 0s 0d	yes (no data in job book)
James Cormack & Sons Ltd	boiler & pipes	no data in job book	8 July 1898	£59 14s 0d <sup>2</sup>	yes (no data in job book)
Galbraith & Winton	tiler	no data in job book	no data in job book	£21 10s 0d <sup>3</sup>	yes (30 August 1898)
Robb, McDowall & Co.	boiler & pipes	no data in job book	no data in job book	£5 10s 0d <sup>4</sup>	yes (30 September 1898)
Hugh Buchan	lamps	no data in job book	no data in job book	£2 18s 0d <sup>5</sup>	yes (1 October 1898)

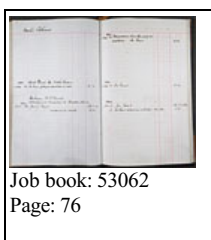
#### Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
James Cormack & Sons Ltd	heating	<b>Payment date:</b> no data in job book £61 17s 1d
Galbraith & Winton	tiler	<b>Payment date:</b> no data in job book £29 9s 3d
C. T. Bowie, Fisher & Co.	painter	<b>Payment date:</b> no data in job book £318 17s 4d
Hugh Buchan	gasfitter	<b>Payment date:</b> no data in job book £20 11s 1d
Claud Hamilton Ltd	electric wiring & fittings	<b>Payment date:</b> no data in job book £232 9s 6d <sup>6</sup>
Hutcheson & Grant	joiner	<b>Payment date:</b> no data in job book £162 0s 0d

#### Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum
Daniel McCallum	no data in job book	no data in job book	£210 6s 5d
Wallace & Connell	'plumber work at organ'	no data in job book	£13 11s 4d
McDowall & Co.	slater	no data in job book	£12 7s 8d
Foote, Swan & Co.	'carpet etc'	no data in job book	£73 9s 8d
Kelvinside Electric Company	electricity	no data in job book	£3 16s 0d
David Johnstone	inspector	no data in job book	£16 10s 0d
John Honeyman & Keppie	architects	no data in job book	£102 2s 0d

#### Phase 2: Bathroom addition at Beadle's house, 1904



Job book: 53062  
Page: 76

#### Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
James Grant	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	£95 1s 10d	yes (22 June 1904)

#### Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
James Grant	no data in job book	<b>Payment date:</b> 17 November 1904 £98 10s 11½d <sup>7</sup>

#### Phase 3: Memorial to Dr Drummond, 1913



Job book: 53063  
Page: 102

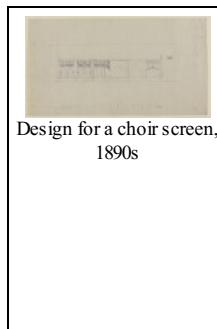
#### Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
William McGeoch & Co.	metal work	no data in job book	1913	£32 15s 0d <sup>8</sup>	no
William McGeoch & Co.	metal work	no data in job book	1913	£37 15s 0d <sup>9</sup>	no
Bromsgrove Guild of Applied Arts	metal work	no data in job book	1913	£52 10s 0d	yes (25 August 1913)

#### Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
Bromsgrove Guild of Applied Arts	metal work	<b>Payment date:</b> 11 December 1913 £52 10s 0d

## Images



## Bibliography

### Published

- Elizabeth Williamson, Anne Riches and Malcolm Higgs, *Buildings of Scotland: Glasgow*, London: Penguin, 1990, pp. 357–8

### Notes:

**1:** George Eyre-Todd, *Who's Who in Glasgow in 1909*, Glasgow: Gowans & Gray, 1909, p. 65.

**2:** The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: GLAHA 52344 (M028-003). The date traced from the original drawing is 8 November 1898. The tracery design

executed is far simpler than what is shown in Harrison's tracing.

- 3: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: GLAHA 52332.
- 4: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie visit book, 1891–4, GLAHA 53060, p. 15.
- 5: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie visit book, 1891–4, GLAHA 53060, p. 15.
- 6: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie visit book, 1891–4, GLAHA 53060, p. 15.
- 7: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie visit book, 1891–4, GLAHA 53060, p. 15.
- 8: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie/Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53061, p. 159.
- 9: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie/Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53061, p. 159.
- 10: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: GLAHA 52344.
- 11: Glasgow City Archives Collection: Dean of Guild Court plans, B4/12/2/350.
- 12: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53062, p. 76.
- 13: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53062, p. 76.
- 14: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53063, p. 102.
- 15: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53063, p. 102.
- 16: 'less decorating the West Vest[ry]'.
- 17: Including £5 14s 0d for 'pipe for hall & repairing furnace'.
- 18: For 'tiling in vestibule'.
- 19: For 'new iron pipe & building boiler'.
- 20: 'repair outside lamps and door of vestry lamp'.
- 21: Including £2 for pulpit light.
- 22: Including £3 3s 0d for 'alterations at pulpit. Nov. 1901'.
- 23: 'in brass'.
- 24: 'in bronze'.

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