

# M229 Auchterarder Parish Church and Hall

## Introduction

John Honeyman & Keppie's simple Gothic Revival church with lancet windows replaced an earlier parish church, on another site, which had fallen into disrepair. It has a broad, low nave, with lower S.W. side aisle, and squat N.W. tower with battlemented parapet and short pyramidal spire. The simple roof trusses are visible in both the church and the adjacent, connected hall. Both were built in dark pink snecked sandstone with ashlar dressings. John Honeyman & Keppie also designed the pulpit, choir stalls, font, communion table and chair, chancel standards and collection plate.

**Authorship:** There are no drawings or documents to connect Mackintosh with this project. John Keppie attended the foundation stone laying ceremony, and the Renaissance style of the church furniture suggests his work. <sup>1</sup>

**Alternative names:** Barony Parish Church.

**Cost from job book:** £6175 7s 1d <sup>2</sup>

**Cost from other sources:** The estimated cost of the church was £6500. <sup>3</sup>

**Status:** Standing building

**Current use:** Church (2014)

**Listing category:** B: Listed as 'Barony Parish Church, High Street'

**Historic Scotland/HB Number:** 21342

**RCAHMS Site Number:** NN91SW 61.00

**Grid reference:** NN 94832 12966

## Chronology

### 1900

John Honeyman & Keppie prepare a report on the condition of the existing Parish Church, which includes a contribution from Dr John Glaister, regius professor of forensic medicine and public health at the University of Glasgow. Neglect and decay are described. <sup>1</sup>

19 December: The Presbytery of Auchterarder issues an order to 'erect a suitable church for the Parish of Auchterarder'. <sup>2</sup>

### 1903

23 March: The Kirk Session approves a site for the new church and contact is made with Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh 'with a view of having a sketch plan prepared'. <sup>3</sup>

1 July: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh pay £15 15s 0d for Dr Glaister's report. <sup>4</sup>

29 July: Plans presented to the Presbytery by the Minister and Kirk Session are approved. <sup>5</sup>

2 October: First hearing of an appeal brought to Perth Sheriff Court by the Heritors of the Parish of Auchterarder in a dispute with Presbytery of Auchterarder over the size of the new church and their contributions to its construction. Previously the Heritors agreed with the Presbytery that the plans approved on 29 July would be 'sufficient for the requirements of the Parish and that it would be expedient in the interests of all concerned to erect a Church of no larger size'. <sup>6</sup>

24 November: On the appeal Sheriff Andrew Jameson rules that a church for 920 persons rather than 1400 – as previously desired by the heritors – should be built, and that the heritors are to contribute £4700 to construction. <sup>7</sup>

### 1904

10 June: Earliest acceptance of contractor tenders. <sup>8</sup>

23 July: Foundation stone laid by Mrs Reid of Auchterarder House. John Keppie attends the ceremony and presents Mrs Reid with a silver trowel to mark the

occasion. <sup>9</sup>

15 September: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh paid £150 for work at the church and hall. <sup>10</sup>

### 1905

8 July: New church opens for worship. <sup>11</sup>

10 August: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh paid a further £80.

15 September: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh paid £150 for work at the church and hall. <sup>12</sup>

10 December: Latest payments to contractors. <sup>13</sup>

### 1929

The Parish Church is renamed Barony Church. Additions and alterations to the church include heightening windows in the S.W. aisle, and the installation of electric light, an organ, and a marble floor in the chancel. <sup>14</sup>

### 1935

Kitchen extension added to hall. <sup>15</sup>

### 1983

Congregation merges with that of the neighbouring St Andrew's church. It is again known as the Parish Church. <sup>16</sup>

### 2010

March: The new church community church centre opens. It extends S.E. from the existing hall and includes a large multi-purpose hall, meeting rooms and kitchen. <sup>17</sup>

## Description

## People

### Clients:

- Presbytery of Auchterarder

### Contractors:

- George Adam & Son
- Peter Anderson
- Bennet Furnishing Company
- James Boyd & Sons
- Douglas, Hunter & Whitson
- Peter Edward & Sons
- James Grant
- J. H. Jamieson
- George Mailer & Sons
- James Martin
- William McLaren
- James Milne & Son
- James Simpson
- Wylie & Lochhead

## 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 M229 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 M229 has been extracted from the job books:



Job book: 53062  
Page: 17



Job book: 53062  
Page: 18



Job book: 53062  
Page: 94

**Client:** Presbytery of Auchterarder

**Measurer:** Douglas, Hunter & Whitson

**Tenders:**

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
Peter Anderson	mason	Hunter Street, Auchterarder	no data in job book	£2865 0s 0d <sup>1</sup>	yes (10 June 1904)
Ritchie & Sons	mason	High Street, Auchterarder	no data in job book	£3302 0s 0d	no
James Martin	joiner	Ruthven Street, Auchterarder	no data in job book	£1283 16s 11d <sup>2</sup>	yes (14 June 1904)
James Dow	joiner	High Street, Auchterarder	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
Peter McEwan	joiner	Aberuthven Street, Auchterarder	no data in job book	'returned with thanks'	no
William Mailer	joiner	High Street, Auchterarder	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
George Mailer & Sons	slater	High Street, Auchterarder	no data in job book	£233 7s 9d	yes (10 June 1904)
Gibson	slater	High Street, Auchterarder	no data in job book	£195 6s 0d	no
Eadie	slater	High Street, Auchterarder	no data in job book	£217 13s 5½d	no
Andrew Dewar	slater	no data in job book	no data in job book	£228 3s 8d	no
William McLaren	plasterer	Ruthven Street, Auchterarder	no data in job book	£40 0s 0d	yes (10 June 1904)
J. H. Jamieson	plumber	Ruthven Street, Auchterarder	no data in job book	£99 5s 11d <sup>3</sup>	yes (10 June 1904)
N. Lawler	plumber	no data in job book	no data in job book	£111 6s 7½d	no
J. H. Jamieson	gasfitter	Ruthven Street, Auchterarder	no data in job book	£89 15s 10d	yes (10 June 1904)
N. Lawler	gasfitter	no data in job book	no data in job book	£117 10s 10d	no
Peter Edward & Sons	painter	High Street, Auchterarder	no data in job book	£83 16s 7d	yes (10 June 1904)
David Ramsay	painter	High Street, Auchterarder	no data in job book	£127 0s 0d	no
Alexander Robertson	painter	High Street, Auchterarder	no data in job book	£137 10s 11d	no
George Adam & Son	decorative ironwork	no data in job book	1904	£10 10s 0d <sup>4</sup>	yes (25 November 1904)
James Boyd & Sons	heating apparatus	no data in job book	no data in job book	£122 10s 0d <sup>5</sup>	yes (7 December 1904)

James Martin	fittings	Ruthven Street, Auchterarder	no data in job book	£44 10s 0d <sup>6</sup>	yes (26 December 1904)
James Grant	furniture	no data in job book	no data in job book	£57 0s 0d <sup>7</sup>	yes (16 January 1905)
Wylie & Lochhead	furniture	no data in job book	no data in job book	£29 1s 0d <sup>8</sup>	yes (18 April 1905)
James Simpson	soft furnishings	no data in job book	no data in job book	£76 0s 0d <sup>9</sup>	yes (24 April 1905)
James Milne & Son	gasfitting	no data in job book	no data in job book	£47 1s 2d <sup>10</sup>	yes (24 April 1905)
James Milne & Son	gasfitting	no data in job book	no data in job book	£8 5s 0d <sup>11</sup>	yes (16 June 1905)
Bennet Furnishing Company	furniture	no data in job book	no data in job book	£31 1s 3d <sup>12</sup>	yes (10 May 1905)
James Grant	collection plate	no data in job book	no data in job book	£6 10s 0d	yes (5 June 1905)

#### Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
Peter Anderson	mason	<b>First installment:</b> 1 July 1904 <b>Final installment:</b> [7/10] December 1905 £3527 14s 11d <sup>13</sup>
James Martin	joiner	<b>First installment:</b> 9 November 1904 <b>Final installment:</b> [7/10] December 1905 £1633 12s 4d <sup>14</sup>
George Mailer & Sons	slater	<b>First installment:</b> 26 November 1904 <b>Final installment:</b> 7 December 1905 £274 2s 6d <sup>15</sup>
William McLaren	plasterer	<b>Payment date:</b> 8 February 1905 £22 10s 0d <sup>16</sup>
J. H. Jamieson	plumber & gasfitter	<b>First installment:</b> 26 November 1904 <b>Final installment:</b> 10 July 1905 £229 15s 8d <sup>17</sup>
George Adam & Son	decorative ironwork	<b>Payment date:</b> 3 March 1905 £10 10s 0d
Peter Edward & Sons	painter	<b>First installment:</b> 17 April 1905 <b>Final installment:</b> 7 December 1905 £110 4s 8d <sup>18</sup>
James Simpson	soft furnishings	<b>Payment date:</b> 10 August 1905 £79 5s 9d <sup>19</sup>
Bennet Furnishing Company	furniture	<b>Payment date:</b> 7 June 1905 £31 1s 3d
James Boyd & Sons	heating apparatus	<b>Payment date:</b> 27 July 1905 £132 0s 0d <sup>20</sup>
James Milne & Son	gasfitting & lighting	<b>Payment date:</b> 27 July 1905 £35 10s 0d <sup>21</sup>
James Grant	furniture & fittings	<b>Payment date:</b> 7 August 1905 £89 0s 0d <sup>22</sup>

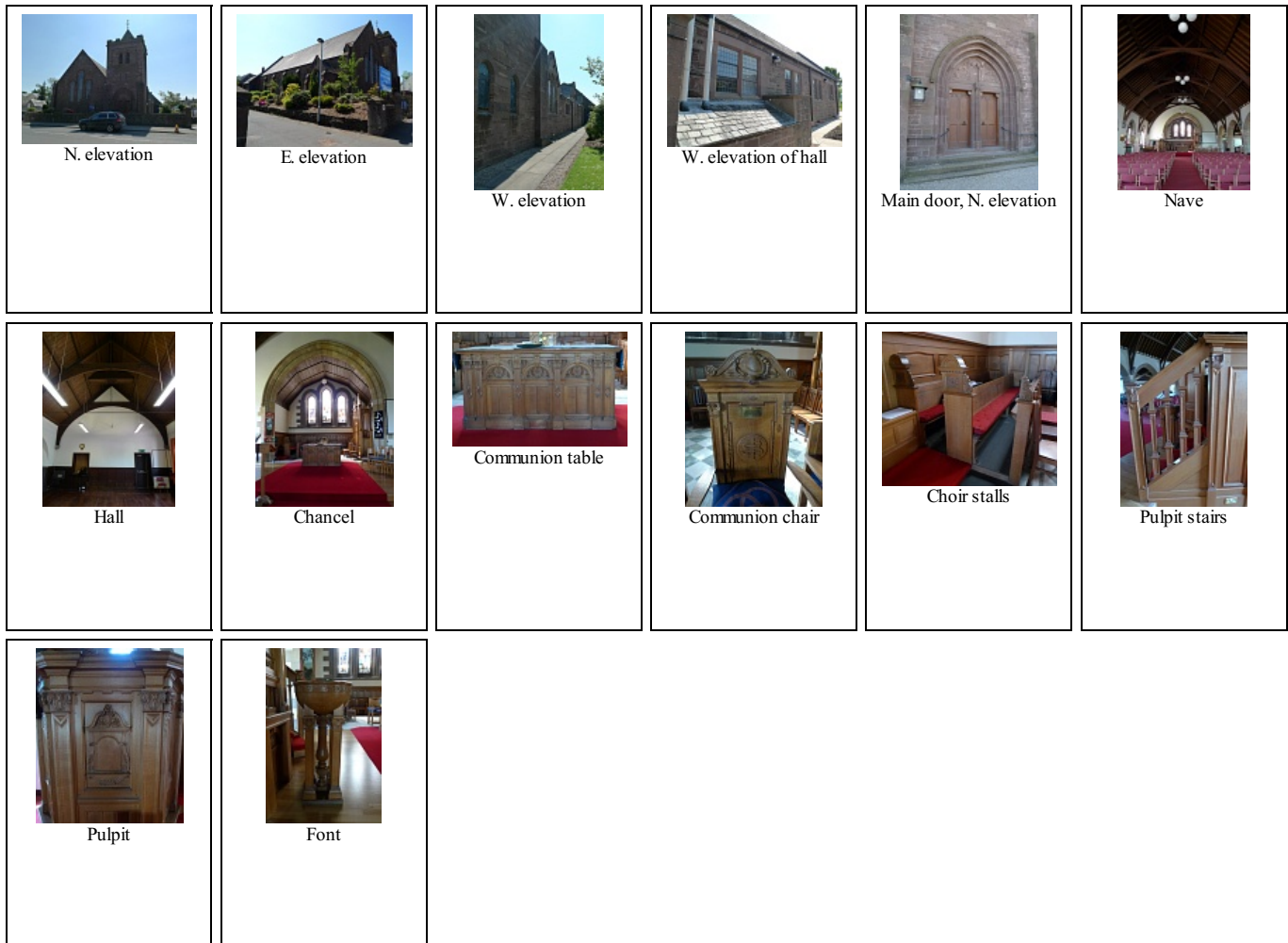
#### Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	
Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh	architects	<b>First installment:</b> 9 September 1904 <b>Final installment:</b> 10 December 1905 £231 0s 0d <sup>23</sup>

**Measurer fee payment:** £183 13s 0d <sup>24</sup> (7 December 1905)

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## Images



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- 2: Not including measurer's fee of £183 13s 0d or architects' commission of £231 0s 0d.
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- 20: Information supplied on visit on 28 May 2012.
- 21: Accepted tender amounted to £2764 18s 4d.
- 22: Accepted tender amounted to £1196 5s 7½d.
- 23: Accepted tender amounted to £99.
- 24: Tender for weathercock and vain.
- 25: Includes heating apparatus in the church and the hall.
- 26: Tender for 'panelling in Chancel in austrian wainscot oak'.
- 27: Tender for 'communion table for Mr Shiel, 'including fee £12.12'.
- 28: Tender for vestry furniture.
- 29: Tender for 'cushions for seats'. '1403.5 at 1/1'.
- 30: Tender for 'gasfitting in Church vestry etc'.
- 31: Tender for '4 Hall coronas & 2 Brackets'.
- 32: Tender for 'seats & chairs in Hall'.
- 33: Payment for work at church and hall. £386 paid by the Kirk Session; 'first sum payable by heritors'. According to payment list on 53062\_018, the heritors paid all instalments for work at the church following the initial sum paid by the Kirk Session. An instalment of £200 for the work at the hall is not included on the list.
- 34: Payment for work at church and hall. According to payment list on 53062\_018, all work at the church was paid for by the heritors. An instalment of £130 for work at the hall is not included on the list.
- 35: According to payment list on 53062\_018, £200 of the total sum was paid in two instalments by the heritors.
- 36: According to payment list on 53062\_018, £34 10s 0d was paid in two instalments by the heritors.
- 37: Includes 'gasfittings supplied by Milne'. According to payment list on 53062\_018, £167 7s 8d of the total sum was paid in three instalments by the heritors.
- 38: According to payment list on 53062\_018, £70 of the total sum was paid by the heritors.

**39:** Payment for 'cushions for seats'.

**40:** Payment for 'heating per estimate Ch[urch]'; in the hall; and 'radiator at Chancel'. According to payment list on 53062\_018, £100 of the total sum was paid by the heritors.

**41:** Payments for pulpit light and 'Chancel Standards'. 'Architects Com[mission] on Standards 4.16.6'.

**42:** Includes payments for communion table; minister's and elders' seats; and collection plate. Architects commission on table, £16 0s 0d; on seats, £2 10s 0d; on collection plate, 10s 0d.

**43:** Amount paid by the heritors according to payment list on 53062\_018.

**44:** According to payment list on 53062\_018, £60 of the total sum was paid by the heritors.

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