



M315 Alterations to West Parish Church, Greenock

Introduction

This square-plan church was built in 1839–41 to a classical design by David Cousin (1809–1878); his landmark steeple was added in 1854–5. In 1912, Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh reseated Cousin's galleried interior and built a chancel in the form of a semicircular apse, with rich oak furnishings including a pulpit and organ case, all in Renaissance style.

Authorship: A newspaper account of the newly-completed apse says 'the work has been carried out from the designs and under the supervision of Mr. John Keppie, F.R.I.B.A., of Messrs Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh.' ¹ The style of the architecture and woodwork is consistent with Keppie's work elsewhere. Ronald Harrison, an early student of Mackintosh's architecture in the 1930s who had access to the office records, included the 'Chancel Screen' on lists he compiled of work he believed to be by Mackintosh and of drawings produced in the office during Mackintosh's time, but no evidence has come to light to support this attribution.

Alternative names: Old Kirk Church; St Luke's Church of Scotland; West Kirk.

Cost from job book: £4671 1s 3½d

Status: Standing building

Current name: Greenock Westburn Church

Current use: Church (2014)

Listing category: A

Historic Scotland/HB Number: 34134

RCAHMS Site Number: NS27NE 249

Grid reference: NS 27338 76341

Chronology

1911

September: Tenders accepted from major contractors for chancel addition. ¹

1912

1 October: Church due to be handed over to congregation, following completion of chancel and other alterations. ²

November–December: Final payments to major contractors. ³

Description

People

Clients:

- West Parish Church, Greenock

Contractors:

- William Anderson
- H. L. Anderson & Co.
- James J. Binns

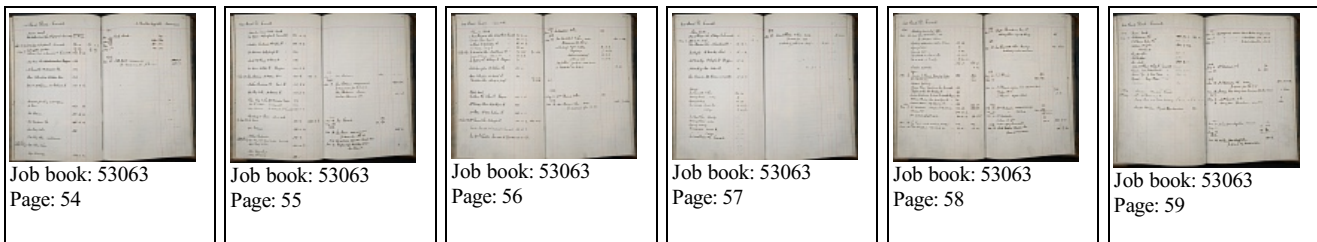
- Clyde Structural Iron Co.
- John Cochrane
- James Cormack & Sons Ltd
- M. Campbell Duff & Sons
- James Grant
- J. & W. Guthrie & Andrew Wells
- Charles Henshaw
- Hurry Brothers
- J & R. Kirk
- James Mitchell & Son
- John Montgomery
- David Philips & Son
- William Tonner & Son

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 M315 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 M315 has been extracted from the job books:



Client: West Parish Church, Greenock

Measurer: M. Campbell Duff & Sons

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
Robert Aitkenhead & Son	mason	37 Trafalgar Square, Greenock	1911	'returned: too busy'	no
J & R. Kirk	mason	5 Campbell Street, Greenock	1911	£871 7s 10d	yes (19 September 1911)
J & R. Kirk	mason	5 Campbell Street, Greenock	[1912]	£13 12s 0d ¹	yes (31 May [1912])
J & R. Kirk	mason	5 Campbell Street, Greenock	[1912]	£5 5s 0d ²	yes (31 May [1912])
William Steel	mason	10 Jamaica Street, Greenock	1911	£1077 13s 3d	no
Alex Muir & Sons	mason	134 Nithsdale Drive, Glasgow	1911	£1169 0s 0d	no
M. Stewart & Co.	mason	121 Maxwell Road	1911	£1100 0s 0d	no
Thaw & Campbell	mason	136 Paton Street	1911	£1216 0s 0d	no
Daniel McCallum	mason	140 Bothwell Street	1911	£1113 7s 6d	no

James Grant	hardwood furnishing, oak & cypress	no data in job book	1911	£467 0s 2d	no
John Cochrane	hardwood furnishing, oak & cypress	no data in job book	1911	£517 15s 6d	no
Mathew Henderson Ltd	hardwood furnishing, oak & cypress	no data in job book	1911	£456 13s 4d	no
John Craig & Sons	hardwood furnishing, oak & cypress	no data in job book	1911	£506 0s 0d	no
Charles Gray & Son	hardwood furnishing, oak & cypress	no data in job book	1911	'withdrawn'	no
Robert Blair & Son	hardwood furnishing, oak & cypress	no data in job book	1911	'impossible to check, but high.'	no
Alex Stevenson	hardwood furnishing, oak & cypress	no data in job book	1911	£464 4s 2d	no
James Agnew	carpenter, joiner & lath work	20 Crawford Street, Greenock	1911	£1211 4s 3d	no
Matthew Kirkwood	carpenter, joiner & lath work	5 Brougham Street, Greenock	1911	£1376 17s 8d	no
John Paterson	carpenter, joiner & lath work	31 Roxburgh Street, Greenock	1911	£1310 0s 0d	no
Smith & McCraig	carpenter, joiner & lath work	26 Charles Street, Greenock	1911	£1180 0s 0d	no
James Grant	carpenter, joiner & lath work	128 Pitt Street, Glasgow	1911	£1124 3s 8d	no
John Cochrane	carpenter, joiner & lath work	58 Dobbie's Loan	1911	£925 16s 0d	yes (19 September 1911)
Mathew Henderson Ltd	carpenter, joiner & lath work	Grant Street	1911	£1109 16s 5d	no
John Craig & Son	carpenter, joiner & lath work	94 Paterson Street	1911	£1005 2s 6d	no
Charles Gray & Son	carpenter, joiner & lath work	393 Alexandra Parade	1911	£973 0s 0d	no
John K. Wilson	carpenter, joiner & lath work	51 Vennell	1911	£1270 0s 0d	no
Alex Stevenson	carpenter, joiner & lath work	84 Wellington Street, Greenock	1911	£1227 5s 3d	no
James Grant	oak furnishings at choir	no data in job book	1911	£495 3s 2d	yes (20 September 1911)
John Cochrane	oak furnishings at choir	no data in job book	1911	£596 11s 4d	no
Mathew Henderson	oak furnishings at choir	no data in job book	1911	£521 7s 0d	no
Robert Blair & Son, cabinet makers	oak furnishings at choir	Greenock	1911	'impossible to check, but high.'	no
John Craig & Son	oak furnishings at choir	no data in job book	1911	£614 14s 7d	no
Charles Gray & Sons	oak furnishings at choir	no data in job book	1911	no data in job book	no
Alex Stevenson	oak furnishings at choir	no data in job book	1911	£582 1s 0d	no
Andrew Fairgrieve & Son	plumber	6 West Breast, Greenock	1911	£90 6s 10d	no
Crawford & Kerr	plumber	Boyle Street, Greenock	1911	£80 4s 4d	no
James Boyd	plumber	31 Nicholson Street, Greenock	1911	£86 10s 9d	no
H. J. Ritchie	plumber	7 Duff Street, Greenock	1911	£83 10s 0d	no

James Mitchell & Son	plumber	3 West Stewart Street, Greenock	1911	£70 18s 8d	yes (19 September 1911)
Dugald McEwing	plumber	3 Bank Street, Greenock	1911	£88 6s 9d	no
James Ingleton & Co.	plumber	168 George Street, Glasgow	1911	£70 0s 0d	no
James M. Symington	plumber	571 Cathcart Road	1911	£84 10s 0d	no
Robert S. Renfrew	plumber	140 North Street	1911	£84 0s 0d	no
James Mitchell & Son	plumber	no data in job book	no data in job book	£12 2s 6d ³	yes
George Rome & Co.	plaster	13 Jane Street, Glasgow	1911	£155 1s 3d	no
McGilvray & Ferris	plaster	127 West Regent Street	1911	£209 0s 0d	no
William Forbes	plaster	167 West Graham Street	1911	£166 1s 1d	no
William Tonner & Son	plaster	85 Douglas Street	1911	£134 10s 2d	yes (19 September 1911)
Quintin Tarnock	plaster	5 Sir Michael Street, Greenock	1911	£195 13s 8d	no
James McCreadie	plaster	Jamaica Street, Greenock	1911	£179 13s 1½d	no
David Philips & Son	slater	5 Tobago Street, Greenock	no data in job book	£11 0s 0d	yes
David Philips & Son	slater	5 Tobago Street, Greenock	no data in job book	£21 0s 0d ⁴	yes (6 May)
Charles Robertson & Son	slater	4 Buccleuch Street, Greenock	no data in job book	£12 12s 1d	no
James Wright	slater	26 Inverkip Street, Greenock	no data in job book	£16 1s 2d	no
A. & D. Mackay	slater	36 Douglas Street, Glasgow	no data in job book	£19 10s 0d	no
A. Mackenzie Ross	slater	12 Ann Street	no data in job book	£15 0s 0d	no
John Anderson	slater	362 Parliamentary Road	no data in job book	£19 9s 7d	no
James Cormack & Sons Ltd	heating	no data in job book	no data in job book	£148 5s 0d ⁵	no
James Boyd & Son	heating	Paisley	no data in job book	£134 5s 0d ⁶	no
James MacFarlane & Co.	heating	Greenock	no data in job book	£137 10s 0d	no
James Cormack & Sons Ltd	heating	36 Abercorn Street	1911	£132 5s 0d ⁷	yes
James Cormack & Sons Ltd	heating	36 Abercorn Street	1911	£11 10s 0d ⁸	yes (13 October 1911)
James J. Binns	organ	Bramley, Leeds	1911	£825 0s 0d ⁹	yes (31 October 1911)
Hurry Brothers	electric lighting	Sugarhouse Lane, Greenock	1912	£183 0s 0d	no
J. Kirkpatrick & Son	electric lighting	36 West Blackhall Street, Greenock	1912	£166 0s 0d	no
Andrew Hutcheson	electric lighting	211 West Campbell Street, Glasgow	1912	£161 0s 0d	no

Osbourne & Hunter	electric lighting	108A West Regent Street, Glasgow	1912	£211 0s 0d	no
Malcolm & Allan	electric lighting	499 Eglinton Street, Glasgow	1912	£185 0s 0d	no
William Anderson	electric lighting	Douglas Street	1912	£86 15s 0d	yes (17 February 1912)
Haddow & Co.	electric lighting	Douglas Street	1912	£225 13s 6d	no
William Anderson	electric lighting	Douglas Street	1912	£94 19s 9d ¹⁰	yes
James Grant	woodwork	no data in job book	1912	£108 0s 0d ¹¹	yes (14 March 1912)
Charles Henshaw	iron work	no data in job book	1912	£15 10s 0d ¹²	yes (14 March 1912)
H. L. Anderson & Co.	painter	no data in job book	1912	£299 14s 1d	yes (4 May 1912)
C. T. Bowie Fisher & Co.	painter	no data in job book	1912	£411 15s 3d	no
William Douglas	painter	no data in job book	1912	£304 3s 6½d	no
Newlands	painter	no data in job book	1912	no data in job book	no
John Orr & Son	painter	no data in job book	1912	£453 9s 0d	no
J. & W. Guthrie	painter	no data in job book	1912	£427 0s 0d	no
John Scott	painter	no data in job book	1912	£329 3s 9d	no
Archibald McPhail	painter	29 Kelly Street, Greenock	1912	'returned'	no
Brown	painter	West Blackhall Street, Greenock	1912	£492 16s 10d	no
[Mac]alister & Fyfe	painter	4 East Breast, Greenock	1912	£328 19s 0d	no
Bisset	painter	Gray Place, Greenock	1912	'returned'	no
Colquhoun	painter	no data in job book	1912	£380 0s 0d	no

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
J & R. Kirk	mason	First installment: 11 December 1911 Final installment: 28 November 1912 £1097 7s 0d ¹³
John Cochrane	carpenter, joiner & lath work	First installment: 1 August 1912 Final installment: 26 November 1912 £995 18s 6d ¹⁴
John Cochrane	carpenter, joiner & lath work	Payment date: no data in job book £15 1s 6d ¹⁵
James Grant	woodwork	First installment: 26 June 1912 Final installment: 28 November 1912 £549 4s 0d ¹⁶
James Grant	woodwork	Payment date: 9 June 1913 £4 0s 0d ¹⁷
James Mitchell & Son	plumber	First installment: 8 June 1912 Final installment: 28 November 1912 £125 1s 4½d ¹⁸
James Mitchell & Son	plumber	Payment date: no data in job book £4 10s 0d ¹⁹

William Tonner & Son	plaster	First installment: 11 May 1912 Final installment: 28 November 1912 £153 7s 4½d ²⁰
David Philips & Son	slater	Payment date: 28 November 1912 £31 14s 11d ²¹
James Cormack & Sons Ltd	heating	Payment date: 28 November 1912 £141 17s 2d ²²
James J. Binns	organ	First installment: 16 July 1912 Final installment: 4 December 1912 £735 0s 0d ²³
James J. Binns	organ	Payment date: 4 December 1912 £2 5s 0d ²⁴
William Anderson	electric lighting	First installment: 25 April 1912 Final installment: 4 December 1912 £220 2s 11d
H. L. Anderson & Co.	painter	First installment: 16 July 1912 Final installment: 28 November 1912 £317 14s 4½d ²⁵

Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum
Clyde Structural Iron Co.	'Strengthening of roof.'	12 April 1912	£56 0s 0d
J. & W. Guthrie & Andrew Wells	'glass at windows'	28 November 1912	£45 7s 4d
John Montgomery	Inspector	First installment: 4 December 1911 Final installment: 1 September 1912	£54 18s 0d ²⁶
Hurry Brothers	'Taking down & removing electric wires.'	28 November 1912	£1 18s 10d





Measurer fee payment: First installment: 4 December 1911

Final installment: 28 November 1912

£119 13s 0d ²⁷

Documents

Images

				
Entrance front and tower	Rear, showing apse	Interior, looking towards apse	Apse	Pulpit

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Notes:

- 1: *Greenock Telegraph*, 28 August 1912, p. 2.
- 2: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53063, pp. 54–6.
- 3: *Greenock Telegraph*, 28 August 1912, p. 2.
- 4: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53063, pp. 54–9.
- 5: For 'cutting edge of steps'.
- 6: For 'iron door'.
- 7: For 'jobbing on roof'.
- 8: For 'jobbing on roof'.
- 9: Includes £3 for 'Covering boiler'; £12 15s 0d for 'Covering piping'; £5 4s 6d for gas radiator in Session House; and £2 10s 6d for gas radiator in vestry.
- 10: Includes £3 15s 0d for 'Covering boiler'; £6 for 'Covering piping'; £5 15s 0d for gas radiator in Session House; and £2 15s 0d for gas radiator in vestry.
- 11: Includes £3 for 'Covering boiler'; £6 15s 0d for 'Covering pipes'; £5 4s 6d for gas radiator in Session House; and £2 10s 6d for gas radiator in vestry.
- 12: For two extra radiators.
- 13: £110 will be deducted for the organ case and console case.
- 14: 'For fittings, etc.'
- 15: For 'oak work of pulpit'.
- 16: For iron work of pulpit.
- 17: Half measurer's fee: £20.
- 18: Half measurer's fee: £17 17s 6d.
- 19: For '[illegible] window openings etc.'
- 20: Includes organ case and console case. Half measurer's fee: £9 15s 0d.
- 21: For 'Two frames for Seat letting plans'.
- 22: Includes £20 3s 5d for organ supply; £7 8s 6½d for gasfittings; £12 2s 6d for 'repairs on old roof'; and £4 19s 9d for 'jobbing a/c'. Half measurer's fee: £2 5s 0d.
- 23: For 'gauge on water main & Bracket at pulpit.'
- 24: Half measurer's fee: £2 15s 0d.
- 25: Includes £21 5s 0d for 'jobbing on roof'. Half measurer's fee: 11s 3d.
- 26: Includes 'extra radiators'.
- 27: For 'organ, less console case & organ case'.
- 28: For organ stool.
- 29: Half measurer's fee: £6 7s 6d.
- 30: Payment for visits between 2 October 1911 and 31 August 1912, plus train fares.
- 31: '½ paid by contractors.'

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