

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS



Throughout the history of Kemnay Church we have been very fortunate to be the recipient of many gifts such as the pulpit, vases, chairs, vacuum cleaners, money towards refurbishment of the Session House and the PA system, plants for the Centre garden, a camera and much more. These gifts have benefited the life and work and worship of the congregation and the Kirk Session and congregation are most appreciative of the generosity of many.

The following offers guidelines for those wishing to make a gift to the Church.

GIFTS

Some gifts are more permanent than others, for example the gift of a stained glass window is unlikely to be changed, whereas a carpet or piece of furniture may be changed or be relocated while plants for the church grounds or a vacuum cleaner might need replaced.

For more
Information contact

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However, every gift is appreciated and valued for the way it will benefit the life and work of the Church.

Some gifts are given in the memory of someone. Money might be left as a legacy to the Church or as part of a will. Some gifts are given as a thanksgiving to God and may take the form of something in particular or money to be used at the discretion of the Kirk Session.

Nothing lasts for ever and sometimes a gift given in the past is no longer required, worn out, needs to be replaced, no longer can be used or because of change in décor or design it is no longer appropriate.

RECORD OF GIFTS

We will keep a photographic and descriptive record of gifts to the Church giving information about the donor and dates.

All items gifted remain in the care of the Kirk Session and it falls to the Session to decide on what to do with gifts which become obsolete, superseded or no longer required.

Whenever a gift is offered, the Kirk Session will wish to ensure it is suitable and will fit in with existing Church furniture.

Where anonymous gifts are given the Kirk Session will respect the anonymity of the donor when recording the gift.

MONEY GIFTS

Sometimes gifts of money are given for a specific use of the Church, however tying the money up in a restricted and particular fund may mean it will be difficult to use the money in the future. It is always helpful to consult with the Minister and Kirk Session should you wish to leave a legacy for a particular purpose to ensure your gift is used in the best way.

When legacies and money are given to the Church in an unrestricted way, this gives more flexibility for the Kirk Session to direct the gift to something useful.

Where money gifts are made (unless specified), they will not be added to the General Fund, but used for some specific need of the Church.

Where gifts of money under £100.00 are made the Minister and General Treasurer usually allocates it to something appropriate. Where gifts of over £100.00 are made it is taken to the Kirk Session for decision.

GIFTS IN MEMORY

From time to time a family or group of friends might wish to make a gift in the memory of someone. The donors may have an idea of what they would like to give or they may be looking for guidance. The first step is to be in touch with the Minister who will take the offer to the Kirk Session.

Consideration will be given about the appropriateness of the gift to the life and work of the Church and how it might reflect the person or contribution they made. Consideration

will also be given regarding the relevance of the gift for the present time and the future.

Sometimes inscriptions can be added and would be done in a way that is appropriate.

WISH LIST

The Kirk Session encourages groups and committees to have a 'wish list' so that this can be made available should someone wish to make a gift. This will be reviewed annually.

SUGGESTIONS OF GIFTS

To enhance the worship of the Church.
Church furniture or furniture for Church Centre
The Church grounds
Music of the Church
AV/PA systems and Christian software
World Church support

DEDICATION OF GIFTS

Where appropriate there will be a dedication of any gift to the church and thanks will be given in prayers.

If you wish more information on how to leave a legacy to Kemnay church or make a gift to the congregation, please contact either the Minister or General Treasurer. Your enquiry will be kept confidential.