

How does your support help?

St John's Kirk is a unique and very special building. Your support helps us to keep this ancient place of worship open and welcoming for everyone seeking peace and time to pray.



Preservation

The oldest parts of the current building date back over five centuries. Maintaining the fabric of a 500 year old structure takes time, care and money. Your support will help to preserve this iconic building for future generations.



Welcoming

Our team ensures that we can continue to welcome visitors from across the globe. Join us and be a part of this wonderful story.

We appreciate whatever time and talents you can bring!

See overleaf for details on how you can join the Friends of St John's Kirk.

View of the interior of St John's Kirk, taken from the main entrance



Heart of Perth

St John's has been at the heart of Perth for over 800 years. Explore and find peace in this beautiful place of worship and prayer.



- Consecrated in 1242**
- Where John Knox preached in 1559**
- Unique 250 year old leaded spire**
- Magnificent stained glass windows**
- 63 bells – the largest collection in UK**

Opening times

Holy week | the Monday to Saturday before Easter
11.00am – 3.00pm

Summer opening | last Monday in April to end of September
10.00am – 4.00pm (Last entry 3.45pm)

Also open for
Remembrance Day (11th November)
& the last whole week of Advent, 11.00am – 3.00pm

Services
Sundays, 9.30am and Wednesdays 1.00pm

Accessibility

St John's Kirk is **fully accessible** (please ask for assistance).

How you can help St John's

- Become a member of the Friends of St John's
- Join our dedicated team of volunteer Welcomers
- Make a donation in the glass bowls
- Learn more about the fascinating story of St John's from our beautifully illustrated book (only £5.00).



Friends of St John's Kirk of Perth: Charity No. SC 047919

Become a
FRIEND
of St John's



www.st-johns-kirk.co.uk

St John's Place Perth PH1 5SZ

What makes St John's so special ?

St John's Kirk has been central to Perth for over 800 years. It was, and remains, one of the foremost burgh churches in Scotland. The oldest part of the Kirk goes back over five centuries and each generation since has seen further change. Between 1450 and 1511 it was enlarged and the tower and spire completed. After the First World War the church was restored as a War Memorial for those from Perth and Perthshire who fell in the War and all subsequent conflicts. It continues to be central to the way we honour our fallen.

Tower and Spire

The eight-sided broach spire rises from the tower to a golden cockerel weather vane, 155 feet above the pavement. The original lead sheeting was blown down in a gale in 1767 and replaced by the Town Council with the ribbed sheeting we see today.

Stained Glass

St John's has a remarkable collection of windows by the best Scottish artists of the 20th century, including Douglas Strachan and Herbert Hendrie.

The bravery of The Black Watch is celebrated in a two-light window in the North Aisle. The Sixth Battalion served with such distinction during the First World War that the French President awarded them the *Croix de Guerre*. Both this and The Black Watch regimental badge feature in the lower part of the window.

(Left) The Tower and Spire, (right) The Black Watch window



The early 16th century "Bourdon" or Keynote Bell (the Johannes Baptista)

The Bells

There are 63 bells, more than any church in the British Isles. Eight of the bells were cast before the Reformation, and might have been heard by John Knox. The carillon, which is played regularly and consists of 35 bells, includes the largest bell in the collection cast in 1506, the "Bourdon" or keynote bell, which is named Johannes Baptista.

The modern carillon is played on a clavier in the tower, from where Hymns, Burns tunes, folk songs and classical music are regularly heard across the city.

Of the remaining 28 bells, 15 are housed in the unique Bartizan Belfry on the north side of the spire, and 13 are displayed in the south aisle, where visitors can play them quietly with a soft hammer.

Music in St John's

The fine organ, acoustics and choral tradition of St John's make it a popular place for regular concerts by many eminent international musicians. In addition, a series of organ recitals and concerts under the banner of "St John's Music" also provides a welcome platform for the many talented performers who live around Perth.

For more information please visit

www.st-johns-kirk.co.uk

Friends of St John's Kirk

Entry to the Kirk is free. However, it costs over £120,000 each year to keep the church open. We ask you to make as generous a donation as you can in one of the offering bowls.

The Kirk's Mission to Visitors is supported by the Friends of St John's Kirk.

If you would like to join the Friends, or would like more information on St John's Kirk, please complete the form below, and hand this tear off slip in to the Kirk. Alternatively, you can post it to:

St John's Kirk of Perth
St John's Place
Perth
PH1 5SZ

Why join the Friends?

By Joining the friends you will have the opportunity to:

- Help sustain an iconic landmark
- Support your local community
- Keep a piece of history alive
- Help maintain a Christian presence in the centre of Perth
- Join a committed team of volunteer Welcomers
- Be invited to special events such as Carillon recitals and tours of parts of the Kirk not normally open, such as the Main Tower.

Name

Address

Postcode

Tel / Mob

Email

I do / do not* agree to my details being held in a database that will only be used to contact me about St John's. *Delete as required

Signed _____ Date _____

Please include **£10.00** annual membership fee.
(cheques should be made payable to 'Friends of St John's Kirk')

Gift Aid Tick the box to be sent a form, OR ask for a form in the Kirk.

Direct Debit Tick the box to be sent a form, OR ask for a form in the Kirk.

Thank you for your support