



# Mackintosh Furniture Appeal 2018

To secure Mackintosh's Chancel Furniture  
for Mackintosh Queen's Cross

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RENNIE  
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Dear Member

We are asking for your support in this once in a lifetime opportunity to secure the future of Mackintosh's Communion Table and Alms Dishes for Queen's Cross.

These pieces were designed by Mackintosh as part of the overall architectural and artistic scheme for Queen's Cross and have been in place since the building was completed in 1899. Their integral role in the design for the building is without question - and in this special year, there is an opportunity to secure these items in perpetuity through their purchase by the Society.

As intimated in the previous Journal, we had been made aware of the desire of the local church parish to move towards a sale of the items and now negotiations are at an advanced stage. With your support we can finally ensure that the Communion Table and the Alms Dishes remain in their rightful home in Mackintosh Queen's Cross.

Our target is to raise £50,000 towards the purchase of the furniture. All donations will go direct to this cause. We hope that we can raise a substantial sum by this year's AGM weekend in June.

The Society continues to fundraise to secure the long-term future of the building and the Society's extensive advocacy role. However this opportunity to purchase the furniture is immediate and important, and we require your support.

The enclosed form shows the various ways you can donate to this 'once in 150 years' appeal. If the Society is able to secure these important Mackintosh items then there can be no better way to celebrate Mackintosh 150, and mark another milestone in the achievements of the Members of the CRM Society in protecting Mackintosh's heritage for future generations.

With your support we can secure these items for the future.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Robertson', written in a cursive style.

**Stuart Robertson**  
Director

The CRM Society needs your help to secure these important items for Queen's Cross

### **Background**

The CRM Society has at its core the mission to be “The Charity that protects, preserves and promotes the Mackintosh Heritage for the enjoyment of future generations”. Central to this mission have been the Society's care for and commitment to Queen's Cross. In 1977 the Society stepped in to secure its future at a time when this was uncertain and the building was already falling into disrepair. Under the stewardship of the CRM Society, major refurbishment and maintenance projects have helped to make the building accessible to new audiences and have placed an emphasis on safeguarding the fabric and the integrity of Mackintosh's original designs for the building and contents.

Throughout this time, the Parish of Ruchill has retained the legal ownership of Mackintosh's Chancel furniture for Queen's Cross following the amalgamation of the Parishes of Queen's Cross and Ruchill in the 1970's, with the furniture on loan to the Society and remaining in place at Queen's Cross. Over the years the Parish has intimated that they may look to sell these items. We have now reached this point and negotiations are well advanced.

With the help of Members and friends, we hope to permanently secure these important items, in their intended positions at Queen's Cross in time for Mackintosh's 150th birthday this summer.



Statements of significance:-

Mackintosh's handling of the Chancel was innovative. Instead of a central pulpit, this role is given to the chancel containing the Communion Table. It is set apart, raised on steps and enclosed behind a low wall, by a lofty arch and 'rood beam'. The important role of the chancel table to the architecture is confirmed by its inclusion in Mackintosh's original plan. The alms dishes form part of Mackintosh's overall architectural decorative scheme, of stylised plant and bird form; their bird and bee motifs can be read as referencing St Matthew's parable of the sower.

*Pamela Robertson, Emerita Professor of Mackintosh Studies*

Queen's Cross Church represents the first opportunity that Mackintosh had to design furniture fully integrated with his design for a building. This concept of the total work of art, architecture integrated with interior decoration and furnishings, became a cornerstone of Mackintosh's design philosophy and cemented his European reputation. The items he designed for the church are not numerous but together they play a vital role in this integration of furniture and architecture, linking imagery in the stone sculpture with decorative motifs in the wooden furniture.

*Roger Billcliffe, author of Charles Rennie Mackintosh: The Complete Furniture, Furniture Drawings and Interior Designs*



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# Mackintosh Furniture Appeal - The Queen's Cross Chancel Furniture

## 1. Your Donation

- Leaf Sponsor from £50-£99  
 Acorn Sponsor from £100-£499  
 Oak Sponsor from £500 +

In the event of donations exceeding the appeal amount, any excess would be put towards the conservation of the Chancel Furniture and the general building fund.

### Data Protection

Any information you give will be used for the Charles Rennie Mackintosh Society purposes only.

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Please provide your email to ensure you receive the latest updates on Members' events.

## 2. Payment Methods

### BACS, card, cheque or web

Please don't send cash through the post

I enclose  Cheque  Credit/Debit card

Total amount enclosed £ \_\_\_\_\_

### You can pay by BACS

Account details: Bank of Scotland  
Account name: Charles Rennie  
Mackintosh Society  
Sort code: 80-07-73  
Account number: 00525047

Your reference should start with Appeal, followed by your surname so we are able to trace the payment.

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You can also give a donation directly on the CRM Society website by Paypal or Credit Card or you can contact us at Queen's Cross by telephoning 0141 946 6600.

Each donor to the appeal will be recognised by having their name displayed in a special book to celebrate Mackintosh 150. If you wish your donation to remain anonymous, please let us know.

## 3. Gift Aid

If you are a UK tax payer, using Gift Aid means that for every £1 you give, we can claim an extra 25 pence from HM Revenue and Customs. Sign and date to make your membership go further and support the CRM Society.

I want the Society to treat all donations I have made since 6th April 2009 and all the donations I make from the date of this Declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. You can cancel your Gift Aid declaration at any time by notifying the Society.
2. You must pay an amount of income tax and / or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the Society reclaims on your donations in the tax year. (currently 25p for every £1 you give)
3. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that the Society reclaims, you can cancel your declaration. (see note 1)
4. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.
5. Please notify the Society if you change your name or address.

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