

Guide Notes for St Giles

The 'Must Tell Them' Points

1. History: Early dates i.e. 1120; 1370. The medieval Collegiate church; the reformation; covenanting period; the 19th century restoration.
2. Architecture: Little Romanesque remaining: Gothic style; present layout giving orientation i.e. crossing, tower, east end; point out central pillars and medieval vaulting. West window. Organ.
3. People: John Knox; Mary Queen of Scots; Montrose and Argyll; Covenanters; Charles I and II; Sir William Chambers; R.L. Stevenson.
4. General: Welcome to St Giles; point out difficult steps, exits facilities; make clear that St Giles is a Presbyterian church still in use.

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1. History: Brief story of St Giles and relic; story of Albany, Preston and Chepman aisles.
2. Architecture: The layout of the earlier churches of pillars/tower/nave/roofline/chapels; partitions; kings and touns; pillars; screen; stained glass.
3. People: Moray; James II/Mary of Gueldres; William Burn; Preston; Chepman; Jenny Geddes
4. General: Visitors are welcome at services; give times, appeal fund

The 'Could Tell Them' Points

- More details on St Giles e.g. lepers;
- Connection with Holyrood of oriel window;
- Development of Christianity in Scotland; St Columba; St Margaret
- Trades Guilds; the blue blanket; Screen; St Eloi's Chapel
- James II; collegiate churches
- James VI and links with printing
- Gavin Douglas; William Carstares; Elsie Inglis; Other memorials
- John Knox and Mary, Queen of Scots
- Covenanters
- Assassination of Moray; Kirkcaldy of Grange
- Bells
- Side Chapels e.g. Chapel of Youth
- Pulpit
- Crown Tower
- Stained Glass
- St Giles today: restoration fund; events; services