



# St. Michael's Inveresk (Church of Scotland)

Daughter Church – St. John's, Whitecraig

The Visible Kirk, remembering the past, looking to the future, reaching out with the light of Christ's love

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## St Michael's Parish Church ,Inveresk

Dear Tracy,

*On behalf of The Session and Congregation may I express our sincere thanks for the grant funding awarded to St Michael's Church towards the external repair and restoration of this iconic building. Restoration Work to the building together with development and printed explanation of heritage items within and surrounding the church building has now been completed.*

*The funding provided by the Musselburgh Common Good fund was used to insure that the structure of this iconic building reached a plateau of good repair and restoration to guarantee the building and heritage for future generations.*

*Acknowledgement of the support and funding provided by the Musselburgh Common Good has been publicised in both the East Lothian and Musselburgh Couriers. In addition we have used the MCG logo on all visitation leaflets together with the logo being displayed on our weekly overhead projection "Welcome to St Michael's Church". I attach a copy of one of the many leaflets available within the church as an example of our promotion of the support given by the Musselburgh Common Good Fund.*

*The home page of our website ([www.stmichaelsinveresk.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelsinveresk.co.uk)) provides an article and explanation of the recently completed restoration and repair with photographs depicting the work carried out together with acknowledgement and support given by our funders.*

With best wishes and thanks,



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## THE STRACHAN WINDOW

On the right of the Lewis organ (southwards) is a truly remarkable stained glass window by the famous Douglas Strachan. Born in Aberdeen, he was for a time political cartoonist for the Manchester Chronicle (1895-1897), then a portrait painter in London. He finally found his true medium in the field of stained glass windows. He designed the windows contributed by Britain to the Peace Palace in The Hague, Holland; those for the Scottish National War Memorial; and in all created 347 windows, of which 340 are still in position. Most are in United Kingdom. One is in the Katherine Graham Memorial chapel adjacent to Dr Graham's Homes at Kalimpong, north of Darjeeling in West Bengal, India. A book has been compiled by his son-in law, the Rev A.C.Russell, giving the complete list. Strachan's windows glow with rich colour schemes; his subjects are treated with originality and imagination.

The Strachan window on our east elevation is complex and worthy of study. At the top is God on the throne of eternity, the Creator, inventor of mankind, great architect of the universe; the all-powerful who can say "Let there be light" and there is light. The most cherished object in the mechanism of creation is Earth, where God has appointed that mankind shall live. The earth is shown on the lap of Deity, His left hand protectively held above, His right hand raised in ceaseless benediction. In God's nature the central element is love. At the forefront of the Creator therefore is love, embodied in the Lamb; Revelation V, 6 "In the mist of the throne stood a Lamb". This represents the principle of sacrifice, whereby One is killed atoning for human sin. The Lamb of God (in Latin "Agnus Dei") is frequently shown bearing over the right shoulder a banner is white for the sinless Christ, the cross is red for the shedding of his blood. But the Lamb bears away the Cross to be the banner of victory over sin and the grave. Above the Throne of God is a cluster of cherubs- infant angels, but mature in grace and power, forever engaged in care for human childhood (Matthew XV111, 10). Angels bow in adoration before the Eternal Father.

On our right and to the left of God, nearest to our view kneels St. Michael. He is the only one who bears a spear, instead of a cross on a staff; the only one who wears a sword and a shield. Michael in Scripture and Jewish theology, is charged with the duty of destroying the Devil at the close of this world's time. Michael stands for the ultimate victory of good over evil: a victory which has begun to take place when a Christian church is built where once there stood a pagan altar (as in the case of Inveresk). Michael bears in his hands an image of the second Inveresk Kirk, which stood for a thousand years. He appears to be rendering it back to God, as a

## Stewart, Fiona (Committees)

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**From:** Ramond Denholm [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 December 2018 11:31  
**To:** Common Good Applications  
**Subject:** copy of payment for repair work carried out on church windows as muss congregational church  
**Attachments:** img208.jpg

Morning our church very much appreciated receiving a grant for window repairs and we are now attaching a copy of the payment for this job as the work was completed ten days ago. We will also forward a picture taken while the work was being carried out for your records and for the councillors involved with the fund . Kindest Regards R Denholm President

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INVOICE

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Invoice No	3973
Invoice Date	03/12/2018
Order No	
Account Ref	ZZSUNDRY

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Net Amt	VAT %	VAT
1.00	Applicaition for payment for works carried out the the windows at the Congregational Church				
	All as per our detailed account dated 03/12/2018	3,935.00	3,935.00	20.00	787.00

Payment Received  
WITH THANKS

RBS

Sort Code: 832543  
Account No: 00652868

Total Net Amount	£	3,935.00
Carriage Net	£	0.00
Total Tax Amount	£	787.00
Invoice Total	£	4,722.00

