

FALKIRK ARCHIVES

Records of Churches

Bo'ness Old Parish Church

By 1643 a church had been erected in Bo'ness, within the quoad omnia parish of Kinneil and in 1649 the parish of Bo'ness was disjoined from the parish of Kinneil by Act of Parliament. In 1669 the two parishes were re-united as a quoad omnia parish with the name of Bo'ness Parish. The congregation took the name Bo'ness Old Parish Church in 1929 following the union of the United Free Church and the Church of Scotland.

The Church of Scotland kirk session for Bo'ness sat within the presbytery of Linlithgow and the synod of Lothian and Tweeddale until 1929, when it became part of the presbytery of Linlithgow and Falkirk. In 1976 it became part of the presbytery of Falkirk.

The old parish church in Corbiehall was erected in 1636-38 and alterations made in 1672, 1776 and 1820. The present church building on Panbrae Rd was built in 1885.

This collection includes records of the Representatives of the Burgh of Bo'ness who were established as a result of the erection of Bo'ness Parish by Act of Parliament in 1649. The Representatives were required to raise a stent (or tax) of 800 merks annually to make up the stipend of the minister of Bo'ness Parish Church. (See T J Salmon "Borrowstounness and District" pp 275-304 for further details)

<i>Reference Code</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Brief Description</i>
CH2/540/79	1907-1933	Register of Bo'ness Parish Church. Contains register of baptisms (1907-1931), marriages (1907-1927), burials (1907-1933) admissions to communion (1907-1930) and removals from communion roll (1907-1924)
A005.027/02	30 Mar 1888	Concert programme with libretto of "Daniel or the Captivity and Restoration" by G.F. Root and W.B. Bradbury
A005.029/01	1938	Year Book
A005.029/03	07 Jun 1889	Address to Rev. John Charleson, B.D. on his resignation, by members of Bo'ness Parish Church
A1289.001	Circa 1817-1880	Register of the burying ground on the under churchyard of Borrowstounness.
A1289.002	1817	Plan of the burying ground in the under churchyard of Borrowstounness.
CH2/540/1	1694-1712	Session Minutes
CH2/540/2	1712-1721; 1724-1731	Session Minutes
CH2/540/3	1742-1766	Session Minutes
CH2/540/4	1766-1807	Session Minutes
CH2/540/5	1808-1859	Session Minutes
CH2/540/6	1853-1854	Session Minutes
CH2/540/7	1866-1876	Session Minutes
CH2/540/8	1867-1892	Session Minutes
CH2/540/9	1876-1888	Session Minutes

CH2/540/10	1892-1907	Session minutes
CH2/540/11	1907-1928	Session Minutes
CH2/540/12	1928-1936	Session Minutes
CH2/540/13	1936-1951	Session minutes
CH2/540/14	1876-1881; 1901	Congregational Minutes
CH2/540/15/1	1886-1888	Congregational minutes
CH2/540/15/2	1660-1692	Accounts - disbursements and stipend
CH2/540/16	1715-1725	Accounts - disbursements
CH2/540/17	1722-1728	Collections book. Also includes money received for proclamations giving names
CH2/540/18	1728-1745	Disbursements
CH2/540/19	1795-1818	Accounts
CH2/540/20	1818-1824	Accounts
CH2/540/21	1824-1832	Accounts
CH2/540/22	1832-1865	Poors' Funds Cash Book
CH2/540/23	1860-1902	Accounts
CH2/540/24	1902-1930	Accounts
CH2/540/25	1938-1953	Ledger
CH2/540/26	1876-1890	Vannan Legacy Accounts
CH2/540/27	1796-1827	Letter Book of Church Funds
CH2/540/28	1885-1892	Letter Book
CH2/540/29	1893-1896	Letter Book
CH2/540/30	1640-1874	Sederunt Book of Bo'ness Committee of Presbytery
CH2/540/31	1640-1874	Sederunt Book of Bo'ness Committee of Presbytery
CH2/540/32	1815-1839	Bible Society Minutes (1815-1829) Bible and Education Society Minutes (1829-1863)
CH2/540/33	1840-1863	Draft Minute Book of the Bible & Education Society
CH2/540/34	1840-1863	Draft Minute Book of the Bible & Education Society
CH2/540/35	1854	Inventory of effects delivered to the treasurer
CH2/540/36	1864	Inventory of effects delivered to the treasurer
CH2/540/37	1715-1725	Minutes of tacksmen of imposition of the 2d. on pint of ale and beer brewed in the town and parish of Borrowstounness
CH2/540/38	1708-1821	Minutes and accounts of meetings of sitters in Trades' Loft (1708-1725)
CH2/540/39	1748-1851	Minutes and accounts of members of the Society of Whipmen. (some gaps)
CH2/540/40	1837-1843	Minutes of Bo'ness Parochial Association for religious purposes
CH2/540/41	1876-1902	Minutes of organ and psalmody improvement committee (ie: music committee)
CH2/540/42	1855-1912	Register of proclamations of banns for marriage
CH2/540/43	1888-1900	Register of proclamations of banns for marriage
CH2/540/44	1867	Communion Roll
CH2/540/45	1868	Communion Roll
CH2/540/46	1870-1874	Communion Roll
CH2/540/47	1870-1876	Communion Roll
CH2/540/48	1888-1893	Communion Roll
CH2/540/49	1888-1893	Communion Roll
CH2/540/50	1894-1900	Communion Roll
CH2/540/51	1900-1906	Communion Roll
CH2/540/52	1912-1918	Communion Roll
CH2/540/53	1906-1912	Communion Roll
CH2/540/54	1918-1924	Communion Roll

CH2/540/55	1924-1930	Communion Roll
CH2/540/56	1671-1707	Representatives of Bo'ness Minutes
CH2/540/57	1708-1745	Representatives of Bo'ness minutes and accounts
CH2/540/58	1746-1764; 1745-1785	Representatives of Bo'ness minutes and accounts
CH2/540/59	1765-1790	Representatives of Bo'ness minutes
CH2/540/60	1826-1868	Representatives of Bo'ness minutes
CH2/540/61	1694-1707	Representatives of Bo'ness accounts
CH2/540/62	1765-1786	Representatives of Bo'ness accounts
CH2/540/63	1786-1800	Representatives of Bo'ness accounts. Also contains list of burials
CH2/540/64	1828-1898	Representatives of Bo'ness accounts.
CH2/540/65	1834-1878	Seat Rents
CH2/540/66	1856	Pew Register
CH2/540/67	1636-1761	Representatives of Bo'ness Stent List. "First Voluntary Church in Borrowstounness now the Parish Church subscription and outlays"
CH2/540/68	1853-1854	Representatives of Bo'ness Minutes and copy of Stent List "First Voluntary Church in Borrowstounness now the Parish Church subscription and outlays". (see CH2/540/67)
CH2/540/69	1690-1701	Principal Acts of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland (printed)
CH2/540/70	1856	Styles of writs, forms of procedure and practice of the Church Courts of Scotland, by the Rev. J. Cook (3rd edition)
CH2/540/71	1835	Lectures on the Church establishment controversy (printed book)
CH2/540/72	1803-1920	Minutes of heritor (later heritors) and minister
CH2/540/73	1600-1900	Miscellaneous papers relating to church, mostly about disputes between session and parochial board over mortification in favour of poor of parish, but also containing earlier material (1600-1900)
CH2/540/74	1653-1855	Miscellaneous papers
CH2/540/75	1873-1911	Legal papers and accounts
CH2/540/76	1855-1929	Papers about the glebe
CH2/540/77		Papers and plans relating to heating and insurance of the church
CH2/540/78	1937?	Printed testimonials in favour of the Rev John Bayne