

Five things you need to know today

Development Management Committee meets today

Councillors on the Development Management Committee will convene at 10am to discuss several planning applications.

- Today these include:
- advance notification of a purpose built student accommodation (PBSA) development at 595 and 597 Calder Road, Sighthill,
- advance notification of the plans to build the new Edinburgh Arena at Lochside Court Edinburgh Park
- demolition of a bungalow on Colinton Road to be replaced by a four storey flatted development with six flats
- Plans to put a modular single storey building next to Colinton Primary School to be used as a commercial kitchen, toilet, stores and office
- Tree preservation order at Foxhall Gait
- Work at 221B St John's Road to remove some telecommunications towers and cabinets and replacement of these with new
- Two hearings about 98 Ocean Drive where mixed use developments are planned including residential units and a panel court, public realm and landscaping. These are both recommended for approval.



St Giles photographed on Hogmanay 2023 PHOTO ©2023 The Edinburgh Reporter

St Giles' Cathedral is 900 years old

The 900th anniversary of the founding of St Giles' Cathedral takes place this year.

Edinburgh Central Library are staging a display in their Edinburgh and Scottish Collection which highlights the architecture and history of the building. There is a pencil sketch of the High Kirk by J.M.W. Turner (1775-1851) – yes that is the same Turner whose work is exhibited in the Royal Scottish Academy during January – as well as others which you can see on the Capital Collections website run by the library and which you can access [here](#).

These are photos taken by the architect Dr Thomas Ross who had a strong connection to [St Giles'](#) through his work as assistant to architect David MacGibbon. Along with MacGibbon he sketched buildings all over Scotland and the pair published *The Ecclesiastical Architecture of Scotland* a three set volume published in 1896-7. In volume 2 of that set a large section is devoted to St Giles' with plans, drawings, details of stone carvings and a detailed history.

Capital Collections states: "In 1889, MacGibbon and Ross carried out work on St Giles Cathedral related to the Memorial chapel to Dr Chambers and [a tracery in window of St John's Chapel](#). In 1891, the practice worked on the Ladies' vestry in the choir. However, when funds were allocated for the building of a new Order of the Thistle Chapel at St Giles, although Thomas Ross had had a consultation role in the process to find a new home for the Order of the Thistle, it was Robert Lorimer appointed as architect. You can see a sketch by Thomas Ross of a ['Proposed Chapel of Knights of the Thistle, St Giles Cathedral'](#) within this exhibition.

"Thomas Ross died on 4 December 1930 in Edinburgh at the age

of 91. He was until his death an elder at St Giles. One of his last pieces of literary work was to write a series of historical papers on St Giles. He also maintained on behalf of the Kirk Session, a record of all references to St Giles found in books, newspapers and magazines.”

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Artists' Bookmarket is Edinburgh's annual celebration of artists' book culture and is held for the third year in tandem with Edinburgh Zine Library who will be bringing their Zine

Festival to Fruitmarket's Warehouse space. As usual, the event runs over two busy weekend days with stalls laid out to showcase a wide array of work. Artists' Bookmarket is complemented by a busy events and workshops programme. Visitors come from across Scotland and beyond to make this date with artists' books and artist-led as well as DIY self-publishing.

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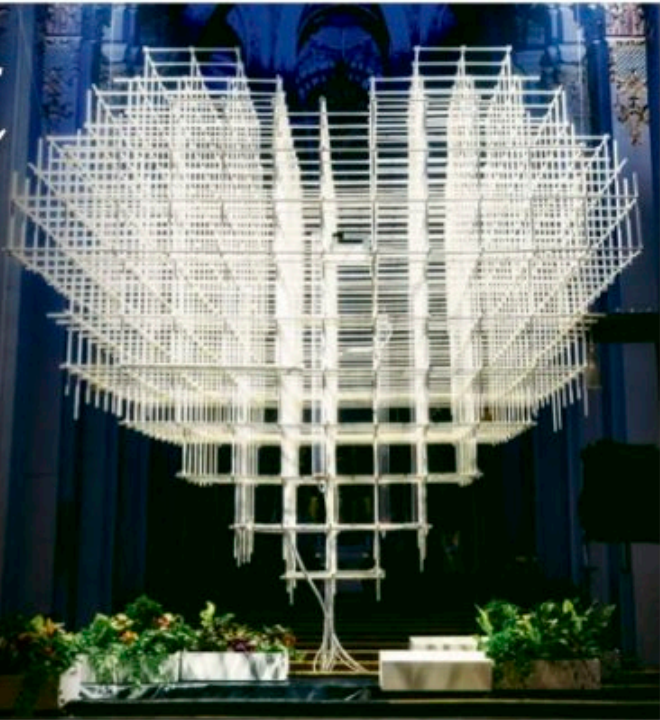
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Heart and soul



Gifted German artist Michael Pendry to once again transform St Giles' with his newest masterpiece



By **PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

A NEW PUBLIC sculpture created by German artist Michael Pendry, will be sited in St Giles' Cathedral later this month. 'HEART' makes its UK premiere in the

capital in a collaboration between the Burns&Beyond Festival and the St Giles' 900th.

The anniversary marks the founding of the cathedral, to be celebrated with events throughout 2024. This year HEART will light up the

cathedral with the very symbol of life itself, a new three-dimensional work measuring five metres tall, will transform the space with a ticketed evening illumination and soundscape for visitors. The installation will take ten days to build and will be a central part of

the Burns&Beyond Festival which takes place in the city from 25 January to 11 February. What better symbol for the festival which takes its inspiration from Robbie Burns and promotes 'Luv, hope and Kindness', than a heart?

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