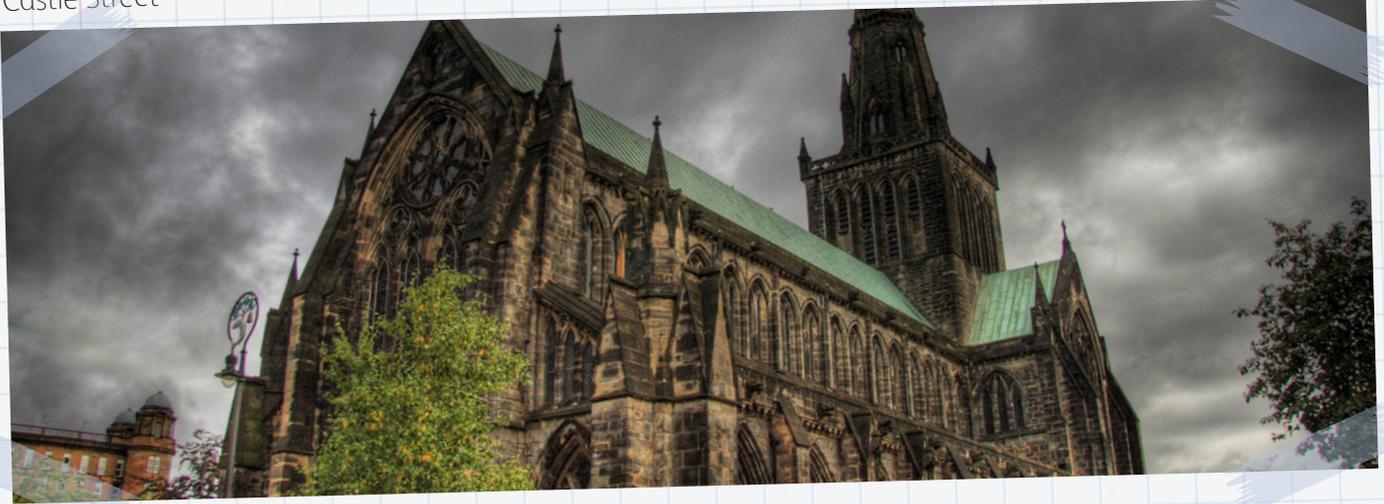


Glasgow's Iconic Buildings:

GLASGOW CATHEDRAL

Castle Street



SUMMARY:

Glasgow Cathedral, also called the High Kirk of Glasgow or St Kentigern's or St Mungo's Cathedral. The building is dedicated to St Kentigern, also known as St Mungo, and drew countless pilgrims to his shrine. It's thought that Kentigern was buried on the cathedral site around 612.

The building history of the cathedral is long and complex, the oldest parts of the building we see today dates from the 1100s, but the main part of the Cathedral wasn't finished until the 1300s. The building is built in a Gothic style, with pointed arches, vaulted ceilings and stained glass windows. Many churches were destroyed in the Reformation in the 1680s but Glasgow Cathedral survived and today, it's the most complete medieval cathedral on the Scottish mainland. The Cathedral is owned by the Crown Estate, which looks after the Queen's land & property, and is still a place of worship for the Church of Scotland.

Glasgow Cathedral stands near the heart of Glasgow. Around it there used to be a chanonry – a precinct where the bishops and clergy lived. A thriving burgh sprang up to the south and west of the Cathedral which grew in to the city we know today.

THINK ABOUT:

- Find out about Gothic architecture - why do you think the style was used for churches and cathedrals?
- The cathedral is very closely linked to the development of Glasgow - find out more about how the city built up.
- Make a timeline with key dates and events from the history of the Cathedral and the city.
- Find out more about St Mungo and his connections to Glasgow.
- Are there any other buildings remaining from medieval Glasgow?

FIND OUT MORE:

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