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# The Columns *Online*

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[Scottish Church has royal connections.](#)

*Crathie Kirk hosted the Queen during holidays at Balmoral*

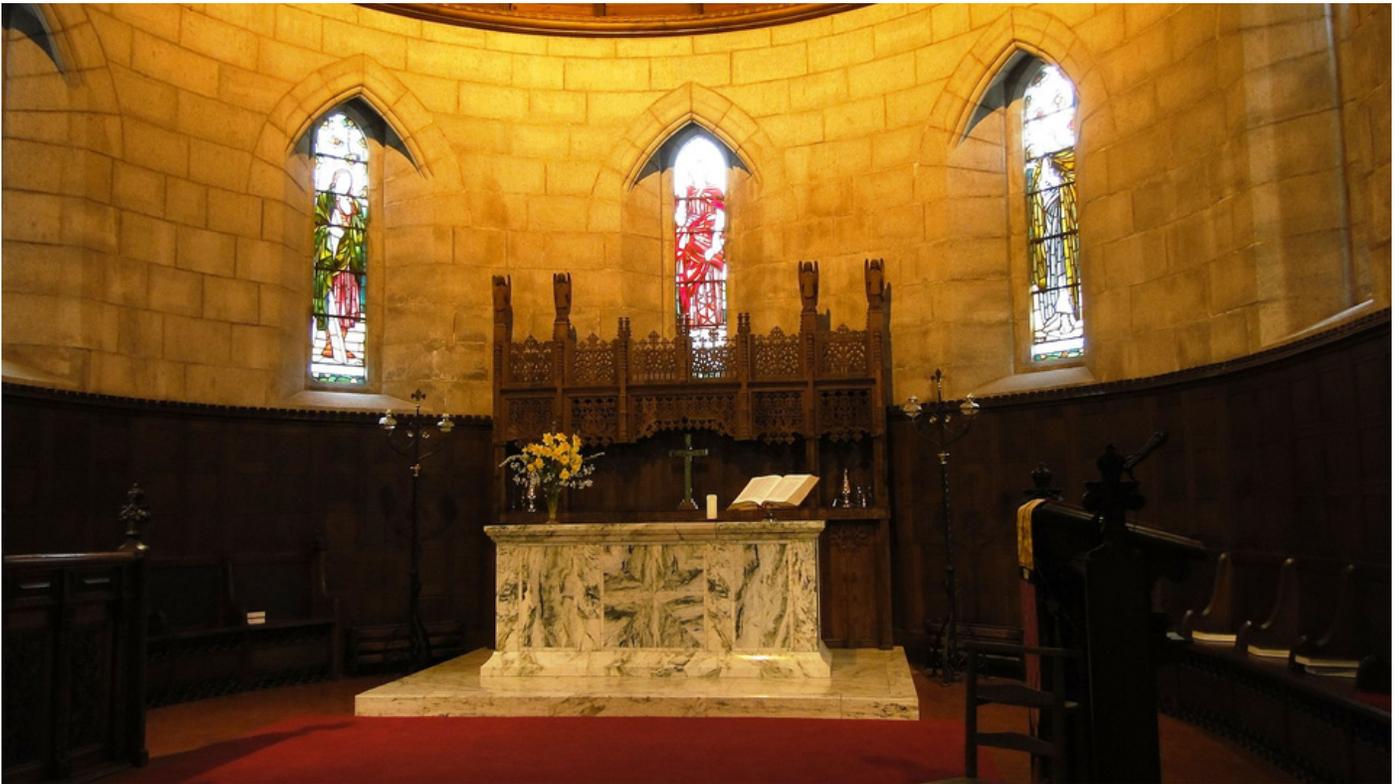
A modest 19th church in the Scottish Highlands, Crathie Kirk has hosted every British Monarch since Queen Victoria, and was the 'home church' for Queen Elizabeth during her summer holidays in Scotland. A 15-minute walk from Balmoral Castle, Crathie Kirk is one of two churches in the Church of Scotland parish served by the Rev. Kenneth McKenzie, who was granted the title of Domestic Chaplain to H.M. the Queen.

In 1848, Victoria caused a minor scandal by receiving communion in this Presbyterian Church, despite her position as Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Since then, generations of the royal family have gathered there for summer worship, marriages and memorial services - most recently, a private service for members of the Royal Family this past Saturday. *Continued.*



Crathie Kirk.

## Scottish Church has royal connections *Continued.*



Aside from five stained glass windows (two of which were donated by Victoria), the building's simplicity is in keeping with the architecture of most Scottish Presbyterian churches built in the 19th century. The communion table is white marble quarried on the island of Iona, and was a gift of the late Queen's father, King George V in memory of his father, King Edward VII. The church yard features the graves of many royal servants, including Gamekeeper John Brown, close companion of the widow Victoria.

Sunday worship at Crathie Kirk must be surprisingly low key for one used to the pageantry of the monarchy. According to British theology professor Bryan D. Spinks, the services are "reverent, welcoming and suffers from no artificial formality", with the Queen sitting in the royal pew as an ordinary member of the congregation.

The Queen would often invite visiting preachers at Crathie Kirk to be her guests at Balmoral for the weekend, providing her with a "remarkably good first-hand knowledge of the Church of Scotland."

### Our Worship Channels

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# Worship Info for September 18



Neander.



Neanderthal.

Two of this week's hymns were written by Joachim Neander (1650-1680), who also served as a tutor, a teacher of Latin and a pastor. After his death of tuberculosis at the age of 30, a valley was named after him – the Neandertal – in North-Rhine Westphalia in Germany. His became a household name when fossils of the so-called “Neanderthal man” were found there in 1856.

The opening hymn, *Lobe den Herrn* (Praise to the Lord), is described in [A Dictionary of Hymnology](#) as “a magnificent hymn of praise to God, perhaps the finest creation of its author, and of the first rank in its class.” The music for this beloved hymn was first published in 1665 in the [Stralsund Erneueren Gesangbuch](#) (Stralsund Renewable Hymnbook) and has been coupled with Neander's text ever since. The English translation of Neander's hymn was penned by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), an English hymn writer and educator who translated many German chorales into English.



Winkworth.

The anthem will be Neander's 1680 setting of *God, Reveal Your Presence*, with text by Gerhard Tersteegen (1697-1769). It is one of over 100 hymns published by the German mystic and poet in the collection known as [Geistliches Blumengärtlein inniger Seelen](#) (Spiritual Flower Garden for Ardent Souls).



Tersteegen.

END OF SUMMER PROBLEMS.



Sorry if there's sand back there - I went to the beach ten years ago.

# This Week in History.



Sen. John F. Kennedy marries  
Jacqueline Bouvier.  
September 12, 1953



5 day revolt at Attica State Prison ends when New York  
State Police and National Guardsmen storm the facility.  
31 prisoners and 11 guards are killed.  
September 13, 1971



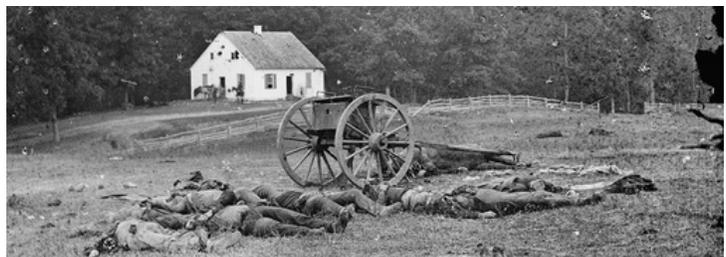
President William McKinley dies 8 days  
after being shot in Buffalo, NY.  
September 14, 1901



The Reichstag enacts the first of the 'Nuremberg Laws,'  
stripping German Jews of citizenship.  
September 15, 1935



The *Mayflower* departs from Southampton,  
England en route to the new world.  
September 16, 1620



On the bloodiest day in U.S. military history, Confederate  
forces moving north are stopped at Antietam Creek by the  
Union army, leaving 26,000 dead, wounded, or missing.  
September 17, 1862