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The Lady Chapel was added to the church in the early years of the 1930's. Much of the furnishings of this chapel were provided by members of the congregation. The cross and candlesticks were designed by Mr Ochterlony who was not only a church warden but also Secretary and Treasurer. The cross which is dedicated to Lady Ochterlony (Her husband, Sir David Ochterlony, was a founder member of the church.) is now placed on the high altar. The two candlesticks were given in memory of the two children of Mrs Maitland Moir.

The window was made by Miss Chilton. The central light shows the Madonna and child. This is flanked by St Margaret, Queen of Scotland and St George, the patron saint of England. It was dedicated by Rev. Harry Reid, Bishop of Edinburgh and a former Rector of St Cuthbert's.

St George lived in the Middle East (possibly Palestine) during the second half of the 3rd century. It is believed that he was martyred in 303 when the Roman Emperor Diocletian turned against the growing Christian Church. Stories about a dragon and his image as a warrior developed in medieval times.

St Margaret was the granddaughter of Edmond Ironside, the last Saxon king of England. She was thus a descendent of King Alfred, the first king of England. She married Malcolm Canmore, King of Scots. Margaret set about reforming (bringing it into line with the Roman traditions) the church in Scotland. Like her son, King David, Margaret was a patron of the new monastic movement and is particularly linked with the abbeys of Dunfermline and St Andrews. It is believed that the queen set up the ferry known today as Queensferry.

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