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In reply to your letter of 4 July, I have now discussed some arrangements for the visit of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales with the Minister of Dornoch Cathedral, Rev James Simpson, and also with the health Authority.

I now enclose a draft outline programme.

It was not really possible to change the time of Service at Dornoch from 11.00 am. Consequently I have used some time before the start of the Service for a few presentations. the Minister will arrange the length of service to fit this programme.

There have been four full weeks of events celebrating this 750th Anniversary. It has been a most successful occasion. I enclose a programme in order to give you the background, as it is the people responsible for all these events who will be presented to H.R.H. in the chancel before the start of the Service.

I also enclose a booklet on Dornoch Cathedral written specially for the occasion.

The dedication of the window in memory of St Gilbert (illustrated on page 2) has purposely been left out of the four weeks' programme. It will be dedicated on 1 October after which H.R.H. is invited to unveil a plaque.

As you will see the ceremony on 1 October marks the culmination of quite a lengthy programme of events to celebrate this 750th anniversary.

I would be very grateful for your early approval of the wording of the plaque as this has to be manufactured soon.

The programme is completely flexible at this stage but in outline this is how the various authorities would like to see it.

I look forward to seeing you on a recce once we have agreed the outline.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

VISIT OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES

TO DORNOCH AND GOLSPIE

10 30 am Police lead car, meet H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at The Mound Road junction. G.R. 775988

NOTE: Congregation will be seated in Dornoch Cathedral before the arrival of H.R.H.

10 45 am H.R.H. will arrive at South Door of the Cathedral and be received by the Lord Lieutenant. The Lord Lieutenant will present:-

Mrs Gilmour

Chief Constable

The Lord Lieutenant will invite H.R.H. to enter the Cathedral and proceed to the open space in the centre.

The Lord Lieutenant will present:-

The Sheriff Principal

Rev. James Simpson

Rev James Simpson will invite H.R.H. to accompany him to the chancel where he will present the Conveners of the Committees responsible for the arrangements of all aspects of the 750th Anniversary Festival

(Total - 12. Details of persons will be provided later)

Rev James Simpson will ask H.R.H. to accompany the Lord Lieutenant to his seat at the front of the nave.

11.00 am Service Starts.

During the service H.R.H. will be asked to read a lesson and later to move to the chancel to witness the dedication of the window to the memory of St Gilbert, the founder, and to unveil a plaque in memory of the occasion (wording of plaque enclosed).

He will also be invited to present cheques to charities for which purpose money was raised during the festival.

11.45 am Service ends.

The Lord Lieutenant will invite H.R.H. to accompany him to the ante-room in the North Transept where he will be rejoined by Rev James Simpson.

During this time the congregation will be leaving the Cathedral.

11.50 am Rev James Simpson invites H.R.H. to leave the Cathedral by the South door.

Rev James Simpson will take leave. The Lord Lieutenant will accompany H.R.H. by footpath across grass to his car (about 30 yards). There will be an opportunity to talk to some members of the public.

12 noon H.R.H. will leave by car accompanied by The Lord Lieutenant and the Chief Constable.

12 15 pm Arrive at entrance to the new wing at Lawson Memorial Hospital, Golspie. The Lord Lieutenant will present:-

Chairman of the Highland Health Board.

Unit General Manager

Dr Srivastava, Consultant Geriatrician

Miss Macrae, Nursing Officer

Miss Macrae will invite H.R.H. to tour the new unit, meet patients in wards: see rehabilitation areas

12 40 pm Health Board Chairman will invite H.R.H. to walk over to the Surgical Unit (Old Hospital). Health Board Chairman will present:-

Mr Rosenberg, Surgeon who will invite H.R.H. to visit wards.

Mr Rosenberg, Miss Macrae, Health Board Chairman will take leave.

Lord Lieutenant will accompany H.R.H. to his car. There will be an opportunity to talk to members of the public.

Lord Lieutenant will take leave.

13.00 am H.R.H. leaves Golspie.
(approx)

AIMS OF 750TH ANIVERSARY COMMITTEE

In recognition of this historic occasion, the committee hopes to -

Instal a stained glas window in honour of Bishop Gilbert, the founder of the Cathedral

Recushion the chancel seats with tapestry depicting local birds and flowers

Create within the North Transept a multi-purpose ante-room

Plant flowering trees in the town

Assist in improving facilities in the Church's local eventide home

Support the Sutherland branch of the Scottish Society for Mentally Handicapped

Support a child and baby unit in Mulanje Hospital in Malawi, for which the Church of Scotland has long had a special responsibility.

Some of these items have already been completed.

H.R.H. will be asked to present cheques to representatives of the charities concerned with the last three items above.

PROPOSED PLAQUE

ON SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER 1989

IN THE PRESENCE OF

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES

THIS WINDOW WAS DEDICATED

TO THE MEMORY OF

BISHOP GILBERT

WHO BUILT THIS CATHEDRAL

1224-1239 A.D.

1 ARRIVAL

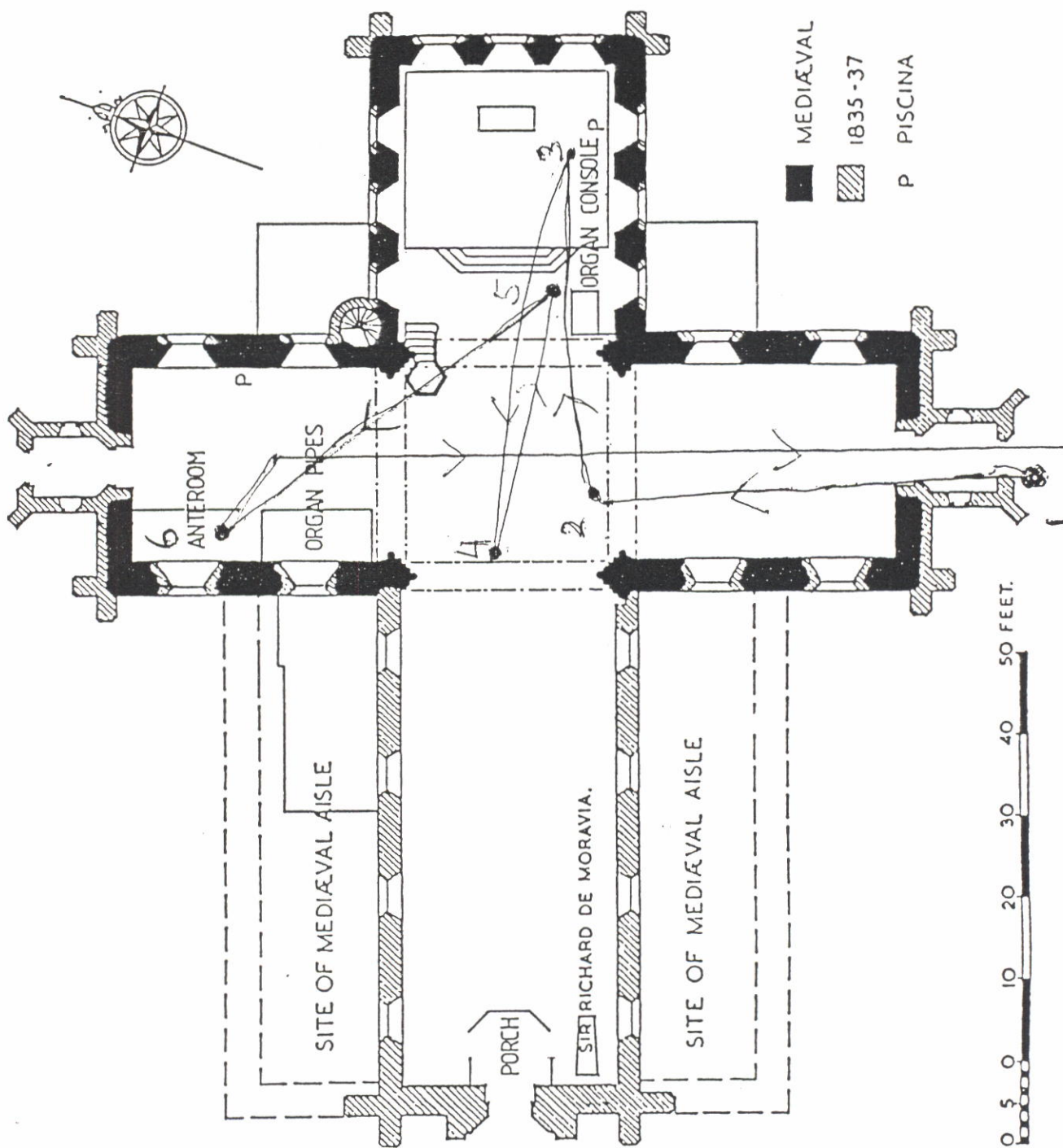
2 MEET MINISTER AND
SHERIFF PRINCIPAL

3 MEET COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN

4 SEAT DURING SERVICE

5 POSITION FOR WINDOW
DEDICATION AND
UNVEILING OF PLAQUE

6 ANTE ROOM





Dornoch Cathedral
1239 - 1989

Morning Service

1st October 1989

Visit of H.R.H.

The Prince of Wales.

(Congregation to be seated by 10.40 a.m.)