

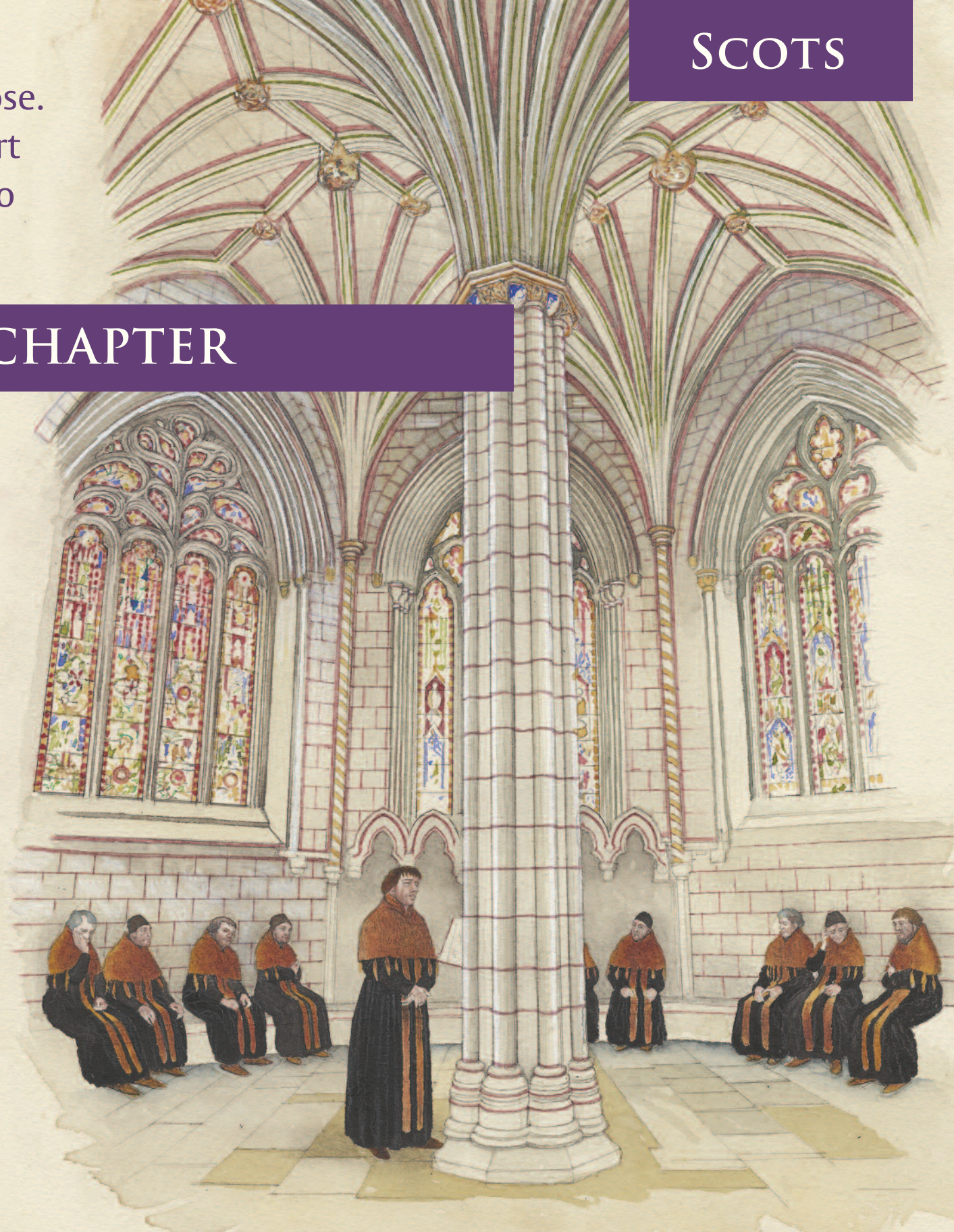
Ye're staunin in the chapter hoose.
This is whaur the canons gaihert
ilka day tae sort oot the runnin o
the Cathedral.

THE CATHEDRAL CHAPTER

This octagonal chaumer wis at the
hert o cathedral business. The canons
gaihert thegither tae haud meetins an
punish fowk wha had fallen foul o the
rules.

The chaumer was weel-lichtit by the
stained-glass windaes, makin sure
that aa the paintit designs an finer
stane cairvins could be appreciatit.

Richt : ane o the chapter
memmers reads tae the ither
canons, aroon 1500. He's resitit
the buik oan the stane lectern. Ye
can see the lectern yet oan the
muckle column in the middle o
the room.



PRINCIPAL SEATING

The fev airches oan the waa merk oot
whaur the high heid yins o the cathedral
would sit. Aa the ither canons wid sit agin
the waa oan benches.

CHAPTER HOOSE VIPS

DEAN ~ Heid o the chapter. Got
his ain high seat so's aady kent he
wis important.

LETTERGAE ~ The mannie in
chaarge o stertin each singin o the
Psalms.

CHANCELLOR ~ The mannie
in chaarge o the scuils an buiks at
the cathedral.

THESAURAR ~ Chaarged wi the
siller an aa the treesors o the
cathedral, includin the
'horologium', or clock.

ARCHDEACON ~ Owreseen
aa the clergy roon aboot the
cathedral.

DISCOVER OTHER CARVINGS IN THE CATHEDRAL TOWERS.

Keek a bittie closer at the cairvins aboon ye oan the roof. They'd hae aince been peintit bricht colours. Mony o them hae deep messages, symbols aince unnerstood by the clergy gaihert ablow them.

MESSAGES IN STANE



THE ARMS OF BISHOP ANDRA STEWART (1482-1501), Andra chynged the chapter hoose, makin it mair decorative. He pit his shield tae it tae tak credit fir the chynges, like an airtist signin their nemme oan a peintin.



THE ROYAL ARMS O SCOTLAND
The 'wee reid dug' is the ancient symbol o Scottish royalty, gingin as far back as 1222.



A BISHOP haudin a muckle gless o yill – or ale. The vicars o Elgin wernae allowed tae drink in the local howffs. Mibbie this cairvin o a bishop roarin fu wis meant as a mindin o thon restriction?



A SCALLOP SHELL
A scallop may weel represent the Great Saunt Jamie, the first amang the apostles tae be martyred. Ithergates it could represent pilgrimage tae the cathedral.



CHRIST IN MAJESTY
A mindin oan the ayebidin authority o Christ, shawn as ruler o the world.

SERPENT, SAUNTS AN SCALLOP SHELLS

Aa the cairvins were aince contemplated by the cannons gaihert ablow them. Some hae clear meanins, ithers are mair absract. Hae a guid look yirsel; whit dae they mak ye feel?



A KING. We cannae ken fir sure wha this mannie is, but he looks gey sib tae pictures o Jamie I (1406-37)



SAUNT ANDRA. Oor patron saunt wis killt by haein baith hauns an feet nailed tae a X-shapit cross.



BEASTIES AN FELL CRAITERS
Dragons, serpents an ither siclike beasties were aften yaised tae represent certain teachins. This ane is eatin his ain hinder-end, an mibbie therefore represents eterntity.