

**Scottish Church Ship Models – a summary of doctoral research findings by
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A summary of the findings of my doctoral research undertaken into the ship models found in Scottish churches. My research has found 37 extant ship models in and from 26 churches around Scotland. Twenty of the models are in churches that are now the denomination of the Church of Scotland, four are in Scottish Episcopal churches, one is in a newly interdenominational church, and another a Free Church. The others are now in the care of museums. The models range in date from around 1590 and a ship associated with James VI and his return from Denmark with his new bride, to models being installed into churches as recently as 2018. The types of vessels represented vary from warships, Fifies, steam trawlers, barques and clipper ships, as well as a few idiosyncratic craft. The full thesis illustrates their locations around Scotland and presents theories as to their significance for their donors, makers, and church communities, as symbols of community, religious statement and examples of maritime folk art.