

# **The Church of Scotland**

## **Coatbridge Calder Parish Church of Scotland**



### **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS 2025**

**Congregation No: 171096**

**Charity No: SC 006854**

## **Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity Name: Coatbridge Calder Parish Church of Scotland  
Charity Registration Number: SC006854  
Congregation Reference No: 171096  
Contact Address: Miss Susan Kirkland  
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Coatbridge  
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### **Trustees**

Kirk Session members

Mr D Graham, Mr A Locke

Mrs M Locke, , Mrs M Herd, Mrs E Cairns

Miss P Gardiner, Miss O Coventry, Miss S Kirkland

Mrs H Robertson, Miss J Rankin, Mr Colin Russell

Mr J Reid died January 2025

### **Principal Office-bearers**

Minister: Vacant  
Interim Moderator Mr Colin Russell  
Session Clerk Miss Olive Coventry  
Church Treasurer: Miss Susan Kirkland

### **Independent Examiner**

Mrs. Cathy McBride

18 Dunvegan, Glenmavis. ML6 0PZ

### **Bankers**

Bank of Scotland plc.  
The Mound  
Edinburgh  
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# **Trustees' Annual Report**

## **Year ended 31 December 2025**

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### **Governing Document**

The Church is administered in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Constitution.

#### **Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

Members of the Kirk Session are the charity trustees. The Kirk Session members are the elders of the church and are chosen from those members of the church who are considered to have the appropriate gifts and skills. The minister, who is a member of the Kirk Session, is elected by the congregation and inducted by Presbytery.

#### **Organisational Structure**

The Kirk Session is chaired by the interim moderator and meets five times in a year. Certain responsibilities are delegated to sub-committees as appropriate. The Kirk Session is responsible for spiritual affairs within the church.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The Church of Scotland is Trinitarian in doctrine, Reformed in tradition and Presbyterian in polity. It exists to glorify God and to work for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom throughout the world. As a national Church, it acknowledges a distinctive call and duty to bring the ordinances of religion to the people in every parish of Scotland through a territorial ministry. It co-operates with other Churches in various ecumenical bodies in Scotland and beyond.

Services of worship take place every Sunday and there were 2 communion services in 2025. In addition there were 3 joint communion services with the other Coatbridge churches. There is no Sunday School at present. A dance group holds weekly classes in the hall. The Rainbows and Brownies meet on a Tuesday. A Karate Club and a Tai Kwan Do Club meet weekly in the hall. A Chatterbox group meet every second Wednesday and is open to all. The local Slimming World Group holds classes three days a week and is also open to all in the community. The church also makes donations to the local food bank throughout the year.

## **Trustees' Annual Report (cont)**

### **Year ended 31 December 2025**

#### **Achievements and Performance**

The attendance at Sunday morning worship on average is 25. There is no Sunday school at present. The Sunday morning worship has the opportunity to incorporate the use of the multimedia projector and screen where by pictures, DVD's, videos or songs to display and create an alternative means to assist in the worshipping. Due to the state of disrepair of the church and the fact that it is now up for sale, all services are being held in the church hall. No activities were carried out relating to the National Stewardship Programme.

#### **Financial Review**

The principle income is our WFO. Our WFO and open plate figures show an decrease of 9.55% on year 2024. Gift Aid Tax recovery shows an increase of 2.82% on year 2024. We consider one of our main concerns over the last few years to be the higher inflationary cost and the continuing recession affecting the running of the church, in conjunction with a decreasing numbers attending worship. There was a reduction in revenue from rental of premises in 2025. In addition to the regular Giving to Grow contributions, the ongoing locum costs are having a detrimental effect on our finances. The increased cost of insuring the empty church building is continuing to have an adverse effect on our finances. Ministry and Mission contributions are remitted by monthly Standing Order and are met timeously and in full.

#### **Reserves Policy**

It is the Trustees' policy to hold approximately two months expenditure including designated funds however, until the sale of the church and manse is completed, this is proving difficult. The Kirk Session are aware of the situation. At the year end the Church held unrestricted cash funds of £9,040, of which £617 has been designated for the purchase of musical recording items and flowers also £242 for purchase of pew hymn books and bibles. The remaining balance of £8,181 represents approximately 3 months expenditure. £141 of this is held on deposit with "121" and will be used as required by the trustees.

## Trustees' Annual Report (cont)

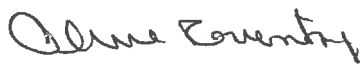
Year ended 31 December 2025

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The members of the Kirk Session must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Church during the financial year. The members of the Kirk Session are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Church at that time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the Regulations Anent Congregational Finance approved by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 2007. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,

O Coventry  
Session Clerk

  
O Coventry

Date 25 March 2026

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Calder Parish Church**

report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

An examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44 (1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name Mrs. Cathy McBride



Address: 18 Dunvegan  
Glenmavis  
ML6 0PZ

Date 27th MARCH 2026

**Coatbridge Calder Parish Church of Scotland**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**Year ended 31 December 2025**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
		2025	2025	2025	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	<b>Note</b>					
Donations	<b>3</b>	22205			22205	23475
Legacies					0	
Activities for Generating Funds		815			815	507
Bank & Deposit interest General					0	
Bank interest Cof S Trust Fund		326			326	581
		<u>23346</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23346</u>	<u>24563</u>
Rental of premises (Church Hall)		7466			7466	8741
Sale of assets		0			0	0
Sale of investments		0			0	0
Grants		0			0	0
Receipts from General Trustees		14000			14000	18163
Other Receipts / Designated Funds					0	0
		<u>44812</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>44812</u>	<u>51467</u>
<b><u>Total Receipts</u></b>		<b><u>44812</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>44812</u></b>	<b><u>51467</u></b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>	<b>4</b>					
Costs of generating funds		0	0		0	211
Charitable activities		48468			48468	59984
Charitable activities Designated F'd			0		0	
		<u>48468</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>48468</u>	<u>60195</u>
<b><u>Total Payments</u></b>		<b><u>48468</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>48468</u></b>	<b><u>60195</u></b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers</b>		-3656	0		-3656	-8728
<b>Transfers</b>					0	0
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year</b>		<u><b>-3656</b></u>	<u><b>0</b></u>	<u><b>0</b></u>	<u><b>-3656</b></u>	<u><b>-8728</b></u>

**Coatbridge Calder Parish Church of Scotland**

**Statement of Balances**

**At 31 December 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Endowment Funds 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
Note	£	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Bank &amp; Deposit Balances</u></b>					
Bank & deposit balances brought forward	12696			12696	21424
<b>Movement in year:</b>					
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	-3656			-3656	-8728
Transfers					
Bank & deposit balances carried forward	9040	0		9040	12696
<b><u>Investments at market value</u></b> (cost £ xxxxx)					
<b><u>Assets</u></b>					
Gift Aid Receivable					
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>					
Cost of repair not yet billed					

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session and Financial Board on

For and on behalf of the Kirk Session and Financial Board

— O Coventry  
*Odise Coventry*  
 — S W Kirkland  
*SW Kirkland*

25th MARCH 2026

# Coatbridge Calder Parish Church of Scotland

## Statement of Balances 2025

### Notes to the Accounts

#### 1. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

No transactions took place during 2025

#### 2. Movements in Funds

	At 1 Jan 2025 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2025 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Designated Pew Bible	242	0	0	0	242
Designated Recording Fund/Flower	617			0	617
					0
	<u>859</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>859</u>
General Fund	3771	44486	48468	8251	8040
C of S Inv Trust (Gen Fund)	8066	326	0	-8251	141
	<u>12696</u>	<u>44812</u>	<u>48468</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9040</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
<b>Endowment funds</b>					
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>12696</u>	<u>44812</u>	<u>48468</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9040</u>

#### Purposes of Designated Funds

Pew Bibles/Recording/Flower Fund(s): The Trustees have set aside Funds for the purpose of music etc resources for use in worship.

Sunday School Fund: The Trustees have not yet set aside funds for use by the Sunday School.

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Endowment Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
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### 3. Analysis of Donations

WFO Scheme (non Gift Aid)	17128			17128	18565
Gift Aid Donations				0	0
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Donations	4611			4611	4481
Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)	210			210	429
Other Offerings Retiring	0			0	0
Donations				0	0
Weddings / Funerals				0	0
Refunds	256			256	0
		0		0	0
	0	0		0	0
	<u>22205</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22205</u>	<u>23475</u>

### Transfers from Designated Funds

From Church of Scotland Inv	8251			8251	6000
	<u>8251</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8251</u>	<u>6000</u>



**5. Minister's Stipend**

All Church of Scotland congregations contribute to the National Stipend Fund which bears the costs of all ministers' stipends and employer's contributions for national insurance, and housing and loan fund. Ministers' stipends are paid in accordance with the national stipend scale, which is related to years service. In the year under review the Minimum stipend - £32,433; Maximum Maximum Stipend in 5th and subsequent years of service - £39,856

**6. Collections for Third Parties**

St Andrews Hospice

Maggies Centre

	2025	2024
	£	£
		65
	100	
	<u>100</u>	<u>65</u>

