

2025 OSCR Accounts

Church of Scotland Port Glasgow:

Hamilton Bardrainney Church



RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

Congregation No: 150820

Charity No: SC 005421

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Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Port Glasgow Hamilton Bardrainney Church

Charity Registration Number: **SC005421**

Congregation Reference No: **150820**

Contact Address: Marilyn Swankie
Treasurer
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Trustees

Kirk Session :

Rev Francis Murphy, Rev Jeanette Peel (Interim Moderators) R. Anderson, C. Dunnachie, E. MacArthur C.McIntosh, H. McDonald, R. McIntyre, J. McKenzie, J. Mennie, M. Wilson, Jim Carnegie, D. Mclellan, Robinson, J. Ferguson, and D. Sharp

Board :

Margaret Smith, Peter Swankie, Marilyn Swankie, Campbell Dunnachie, Faith Dunnachie, Margaret Hanley and Lorna Potter Rosalind Dunlop, Billy Hamill and Derek Mackie

Principal Office-bearers

Session Clerk: Morag Wilson & Jean McKenzie

Clerk to the Board: Katie McIntosh

Church Treasurer: Marilyn Swankie

Independent Examiners

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'Kranvu'
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Bankers

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West Blackhall Street
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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 and members of the board were trustees until 11th November. 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. The Congregational Board was appointed from within the congregation and members of the congregation were invited to nominate individuals who were believed to have the skills and commitment to contribute to the management affairs of the Church, to become members of the Board. Board Members were then appointed at the Stated Annual Meeting and served for a period of three years after which they must seek re-election at the next Stated Annual Meeting.

Organisational Structure

The Congregational Board was chaired by the Interim Minister and met eight times in a year. Certain responsibilities were delegated to the Finance Committee and the Property Committee as appropriate. The Kirk Session which meets eight times a year is responsible for spiritual affairs within the church. The church is now administered by the Kirk Session from 11th November 2025.

Objectives and Activities

The Church was Trinitarian in doctrine but changed to Unitarian on 11th November 2025. It is 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 are held each Sunday morning with special midweek services during the year. The church has various groups within the church such as the Guild, the Sunday School, Bible Study and Prayer group, Keep Fit Group, Table Tennis Group, Craft Group and Boys Brigade. The church may also be used for secular activities and social events such as Zumba classes, with the approval of the board.

We open the church building one day a week as a "Warm Spaces" café. We offer soup, snacks, hot rolls etc. We provide books, games and company for our community and beyond. The café was initially intended to run during the winter months only but has proved to be so successful that it has continued throughout the year, with an average attendance of 35-45 people attending weekly. The café is open to all and has been widely received by those with different faiths and no faith. Our local café donates a few dozen rolls every week and one of our church families donates a weekly block of sausage. Our café is also dementia friendly, and we welcome one or two people with this condition on a weekly basis.

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Trustees' Annual Report (cont.)

Year ended 31 December 2025

Achievements and Performance

The congregation is always active in supporting events outside the normal run of activities. The Guild attend ecumenical events in other churches in the area including the Roman Catholic church St Francis, the Salvation army and the Episcopal Church St. Marys. At Easter during Holy Week, we shared worship with other denominational churches within Port Glasgow. The congregation was represented at a number of events throughout the year, as the events arose.

Outside events are advertised within the church each Sunday and at the Board and Session meetings.

Financial Review

The main source of income is the weekly offerings with some monies coming from various donations and special collections e.g. for Fabric.

The offerings overall, were decreased by £727 with gift aid portion of offering decreased by £591 over the year with freewill offering & open plate being decreased by £136.

Additional funds have been raised during 2025 via Fabric Fund boxes, Quiz Nights and Good as New Shop.

Our Church Manse is now rented out with monies going directly to our Consolidated Fabric Fund which is held by Church of Scotland Trustees in Edinburgh. We also hold a local fabric fund which has not been used this year as there have been no large repairs required.

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves, including restricted funds. At the year end the Church held unrestricted cash funds of £16,310 of which £250 is designated for Benevolent Fund use. This balance represents funds available for use in general running at start of 2025

The Church also held £55,592 of restricted funds for "Fabric Fund" which have been raised for the specific Purpose, as stated in Page 10.

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 2009. 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,

Jean McKenzie

Session Clerk

Dated: 15th March 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hamilton Bardrainney Church

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 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

My 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 seeking 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 accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination of the statement of account for the year ended 31 December 2025, no matter has come to my attention.

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:
 - accounting records have not been kept in accordance with Section 44 (1)(a) of the Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 4 of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006
 - the accounts do not accord with those records
 - the statement of account do not comply with any of the requirements of Regulation 9 of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

D. Blane Signed

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Dated 11th March 2026