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KIRKCALDY HOPE PARISH
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
2025

Congregation No: 251536

Charity No: SC012756

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Kirkcaldy Hope Parish Church of Scotland, Kirkcaldy

Charity Registration Number: SC012756

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Trustees: Trustees include all members of the Kirk Session. Details of trustees who served during the year ending 31 December 2025 are listed on the next page.

Principal Office-bearers

Minister: Rev Josh Milton
Session Clerk: Mr Gordon Thomson
Church Treasurer: Mr Graham Johnston (until 10 June 2025)
Mrs Barbra Black (from 11 June 2025)

Outreach Worker

Mrs Lauren Jones

Independent Examiner

Mrs Kathleen Henderson, 11 Holly Road, Leven, KY8 5BQ

Bankers

Bank of Scotland, PO Box 10, Kirkcaldy, Fife, KY1 3PA

Reference and Administrative Information

The following Elders served as trustees during 2025

Elizabeth Bradley	Patricia Davidson	William McMurray	Susan Wilson
John Bulloch	Joan Gallo	Josh Milton	Angela Stather
Rosemary Campbell	David Gatongi	Sandra Naylor	Christopher Stather
Fiona Cunningham	Graham Johnston	Graeme O'Malley	
Barbara Currie	Joyce Leggate	George Thomson	
David Davidson	Christine McMurray	Gordon Thomson	

Emeritus Elders

The undernoted Elders resigned as trustees prior to 1 January 2025

Fay Cunningham	Kenneth Gilbert	Nicola Morgan	Wendy Sinclair
Beatrice Doherty	James Hardie	George Mowatt	Anne Stalker
Joshua Doherty	Margaret Knight	Elizabeth Pringle	James Swan
Kathleen Galloway	Elizabeth McNamara	Moir Rowan	

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 (Unitary Form).

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 also a member of the Kirk Session, is elected by the congregation and inducted by Presbytery.

Organisational Structure

The Kirk Session which is chaired by the Minister and meets a minimum of five times a year is responsible for all affairs within the church. In 2025 the Kirk Session met 7 times. Certain responsibilities are delegated to Committees as appropriate.

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.

Kirkcaldy Hope Church and the Community

Our parish covers a large area in the North West of Kirkcaldy with a population of around 18,000 people, with resident numbers having increased in recent years due to the new housing built between the established estates and the A92 road. Our parish had for a time the largest population of any parish within Fife Presbytery although the uniting of parishes elsewhere has meant that some recently enlarged parishes now exceed this number. Much of the parish comprises a linked series of housing estates built in the 1950s and 1960s. 60% of the housing is owner occupied, with the social rented sector accounting for 32%. Parts of the parish are in the 10% of the most deprived areas in Scotland.

Kirkcaldy Hope Church evolved from the union of Templehall Church and Torbain Church which took place on Wednesday 24th February 2021. The Templehall Church building was opened in 1956 and the Torbain Church building in 1969. Initially the united congregation was known as Templehall and Torbain United Parish Church with services taking place on an alternating basis between the two buildings. The rebranding as Kirkcaldy Hope Church and simultaneous consolidation of the ministry base within the former Torbain building was implemented in September 2023

Overview of 2025:

A major focus of the year has been the continued developing of our plans to transform our 1960s building into a versatile, accessible and energy-efficient building. Our plans will encompass accessible spaces, a multipurpose sanctuary and a community café.

Tenders for the first phase of our building redevelopment were issued on 17th December 2025 with a return date of 6th February 2026 and our Building Warrant was issued on 6th January 2026. Fife Council was identified as a buyer for our former Templehall Church building during 2024 and the sale of this property took place in March 2025.

We continue to develop our mission work as can be seen below in our 2025 highlights. In our ministry team we are blessed in having a dynamic, progressive minister together with an allocation of a part-time Community Outreach Worker supplementing our full-time minister. Within our congregation we have members trained to lead worship and who are experienced in pastoral work and these factors have greatly facilitated steady progress in building the people element of our church community.

Around 63 people attend services regularly with fluctuations occurring depending upon seasonal influences. A number of new members and other new attendees at worship have been forthcoming all blessed with unique gifts and talents and provision is in place for Sunday School (since rebranded as Hope Kids in 2026) whenever we have children on Sundays, Communion during 2025 has generally been celebrated on the first Sunday of every alternate month and anyone who loves the Lord including children is welcome to participate. As noted below various services traditionally marking particular events such as Remembrance Sunday as well as Easter and Christmas services were held. A few services were led by members of the congregation and the Guild led a few additional services such as the Guild Carol Service in December.

18 funerals were conducted which included church members and also non-members resident within the parish.

Our Community Outreach Worker has been involved along with Kirkcaldy Area Reachout Trust (KART) on a program called Walk Through The Bible which allows over 1000 primary school students per year see the bible brought to life over 5 one hour session. Engaging with over 100 families per week, primarily with children in the early years, through 5 weekly groups. Running two Scripture Union groups in the local primary schools weekly, engaging pupils with church connections and those completely new to the idea of God. Visiting every high school in Kirkcaldy at least once a term to engage with the students at lunch time.

Hope Church is continuing to develop its online ministry and considerable advances have continued to be made in this regard during 2025 through our Hope TV channel on YouTube and our Facebook platforms. During the year our online services were attaining an average of 100+ on Facebook and c.35 on YouTube. We aim to build further upon our online ministry presence as an integral part of taking our Christian message to the wider community.

Our website www.kirkcaldyhopechurch.com is regularly updated in order to provide online users with a useful and topical reference point containing full information about our activities and services.

Highlights of 2025:

January:

- Friday 31st January: The Guild Burns Lunch was held in the large hall at 12.30am.

February:

- Monday 17th February: A new Group, The Kirkcaldy Cornhole Club, commenced a weekly hire of our large hall on Monday evenings.
- Sunday 23rd February: Café Church in the large hall was introduced as a regular monthly feature for the last Sunday of each month to give additional variety to our worship.
- Thursday 27th February: Our Afternoon Tea and Entertainment social event took place at 2pm in our large hall.

March:

- Monday 3rd March: A church and community consultation survey was launched in order to obtain feedback from existing and potential users of church and halls in relation to features to be accommodated within our building redevelopment.
- Friday 7th March: Our Guild attended a World Day of Prayer Service at St Peter's Episcopal Church at 2pm.
- Sunday 16th March: Our Stated Annual Meeting took place following worship in the sanctuary.
- Thursday 20th March: Kirkcaldy Area Guilds Together held their AGM and Communion Service in Hope Church at 2pm. Afternoon teas were served in the hall afterwards.

- Wednesday 26th March: The sale of the former Templehall Church building to Fife Council was completed.
- Saturday 29th March: A Guild Coffee Morning was held together with a home baking stall in the large hall from 10.30am -12noon in aid of the Projects which our Guild are supporting this year.
- Sunday 30th March: Our Café Church morning service included an update on our redevelopment project and launch of our fundraising programme with an accompanying new video.
- Also a monthly informal evening service at 6.30pm in the large hall called Charisma Cafe led by one of our elders, Graham Johnston, assisted by elder Maureen Johnston was introduced.

April:

- Thursday 3rd April: Around 300 children and staff from Fair Isle Primary School attended in Hope Church sanctuary on Thursday morning for their Easter Service and Assembly.
- Saturday 12th April: A seminar on an Introduction to Workplace Chaplaincy was held in the small hall at 10am.
- Sunday 13th April: Palm Sunday Service
- Thursday 17th April: Maundy Thursday Informal Communion Service at 7pm.
- Friday 18th April: Good Friday Service at 7pm.
- Sunday 20th April Easter Sunday Service at 11am.
- Friday 25th April: A Beetle Drive was held at 7pm in the large hall.
- Tuesday 29th April: Members of the Guild attended a Guilds Together Gathering at Cupar Old Parish Church at 11am.

May:

- Thursday 1st May: Our Afternoon Tea and Entertainment social event took place at 2pm in our large hall.
- Sunday 4th May: Five additional Elders were admitted to our Kirk Session as part of this morning's worship with one of them being ordained as well as admitted.
- Sunday 11th May: Christian Aid Service at 11am.
- Friday 16th May: A Church Quiz Night was held at 7pm. in the small hall with proceeds going to Christian Aid.
- Sunday 18th May: During our worship a Reflection was given by our Missionary Partner, Caroline White.
- Saturday 31st May: The church annual Spring Coffee Morning with various stalls took place 10am-12 noon in the large hall.

June:

- Saturday 7th June: A Car Boot Sale took place with stalls in the large hall.
- Thursday 12th June: A KART (Kirkcaldy Area Reachout Team) Evening Prayer Walk took place from our church with 8 participants including some church members.
- Saturday 21st June: A KART Family Fun Day was held in the grounds and halls of the church between 10am and 2pm.
- Saturday 21st June continued: Our parish area was expanded when Fife Presbytery confirmed that the part of Dunnikier Estate including Capshard Primary School would now be a part of Hope Church Parish rather than being a detached part of Langtoun Parish.

July:

- Tuesday 1st July: Fair Isle Primary School filled the church to capacity for their end of term service and assembly.

- Saturday 5th July: A week long Summer Camp held at the Scripture Union facility of Lendrickmuir, Rumbling Bridge was attended by our MDS who was one of the leaders helping to look after children from local primary schools (P7/S3 on 5 to 8 July and P5/6 on 9 to 12 July).

August:

- Sunday 31st August: We were joined at our Café Church Service by our Presbytery Clerk, Rev Alec Shuttleworth, who gave the Reflection.

September:

- Thursday 4th September: Our Afternoon Tea and Entertainment social event took place at 2pm in our large hall.
- Saturday 6th September: A Car Boot Sale took place with stalls in the large hall.
- Saturday 13th September: Members of our Guild attended the Annual Guild Gathering at Perth:North Church.
- Sunday 14th September: Annual Hope Church Guild Dedication Service took place.
- Wednesday 17th September: The first of a series of additional monthly Prayer Meetings took place in the Manse at 7pm.
- Saturday 20th September: A Sponsored Walk was held along Kirkcaldy Esplanade in order to raise funds for our Building Development Project.
- Also on this date the Guides had a sleepover in the church halls.

October:

- Saturday 4th October: A Car Boot Sale took place with stalls in the small hall.
- Sunday 5th October: Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Food and monetary donations collected for Kirkcaldy Foodbank.
- Friday 10th October: A Beetle Drive was held at 7pm in the large hall.
- Friday 17th October: Guild Harvest Lunch was held at 12.30pm in the small hall.
- Saturday 18th October: Guild Harvest Time Coffee Morning with Home Baking Stall from 10.30am. – 12 noon was held in the large hall.
- Tuesday 21st October: The first of a weekly series of Bible Studies led by Josh on Zoom was introduced. The theme was based on “The Chosen” – life of Jesus historical drama series.
- Friday 24th October: A Quiz Night was held at 7pm In the large hall.

November:

- Sunday 2nd November: Completion date of our annual Blythswood Shoebox Donations appeal. boxes and around 50 were donated together with monetary donations.
- Friday 7th November: 115th Fife Scout Group hosted a Festive Shopping Night 7pm-9pm in the large hall.
- Saturday 8th November: A Car Boot Sale took place with stalls in the large hall.
- Sunday 9th November: Our annual Service of Remembrance was held at 1050 am.
- Sunday 16th November: Our service this morning was themed around the topic of safeguarding as this Sunday was designated as Safeguarding Sunday.
- Tuesday 18th November: Schools Day at Whyte's Causeway Baptist Church which outlined some of the work done in the local schools and there was an opportunity to pray for schools together.
- Wednesday 26th November: Fife Guilds Together Carol Service was held at Dalgety Forthview Church at 2pm.
- Saturday 29th November: Our annual Christmas Craft Fayre with refreshments was held from 10am to 12 noon in the church halls.

December:

- Friday 5th December: The Guild enjoyed their annual Christmas Lunch at the Strathearn Hotel.
- Wednesday 10th December a Toy Collection was started for the Childrens' Ward at Kirkcaldy Victoria Hospital.
- Thursday 11th December: At 1pm in the large hall Christmas Lunch and a short act of worship, and entertainment was provided to around 60 of our regulars who attend our bi-monthly social afternoon.
- Also on this date evening entertainment was provided in the large hall from "Healthy Harmonies" NHS Fife Choir Concert 7-9pm.
- Friday 12th December: The Guild annual Carol Service was held in the church at 1.30 when we were joined by a group of pupils from Torbain Primary School who sang festive songs and carols.
- Sunday 14th December: A Lessons and Carols Service at 11am was held. with members of St. John Scotland (the St John Ambulance Organisation).
- Also on this date A Candle Lit Service was held in the sanctuary at 6.30pm which reflected upon the difficult nature of this time of year for those who have experienced bereavement or other concerns.
- Sunday 15th December: A Candle Lit Service was held in the sanctuary at 6.30pm which reflected upon the difficult nature of this time of year for those who have experienced bereavement or other concerns.
- Friday 19th December: Our sanctuary was filled for Fair Isle Primary School's end of term Christmas Service and Assembly on the morning of this date.
- Saturday 20th December: A group of Carol Singers from the church sang at various locations in the housing areas close to the church on the evening of this date.
- Sunday 21st December: A Nativity Service was held with members of the congregation playing the key characters of the Christmas Story.
- Tuesday 24th December: A Christmas Eve Candle Lit Service was held at 6.30pm.

Future Vision:

An immediate priority in conjunction with Presbytery and the General Trustees is to take forward the refurbishment of our church building to make it fit for purpose and to be the focal point of the community for worship and community activities. It will be a safe haven for all in need, have a strong team of paid and voluntary workers and be an all age, all week inclusive and accessible venue working in partnership with all relevant organisations.

Our Ministerial Vision can be summarised as follows:

- **Our ultimate goal is to lead every person closer to God**
- **Transforming lives**
- **Progressing in our Christian journey**
- **To be more like Jesus.**

Our vision to build a church that speaks to a new generation—one that will raise up future elders and committed members. We want to create a relevant message for the people in our parish—the ones who call themselves Christian but feel disconnected, the ones discouraged by their perception of church.

Hope Church is not just a place—it's a movement.

Utilisation of our Sanctuary, Halls and Session Room as at 31st December 2025:

Sanctuary:

- Worship on Sundays at 1100-1200
- Occasional additional uses of the Sanctuary take place during the year to accommodate end of term school assemblies, Area Guild Services, additional Easter and Christmas services etc.

Halls:

- Cafe Church normally last Sunday of each month – informal worship 11am.

- Charisma Café normally second-last Sunday of most months at 6.30pm.
- Bairns, a Blether and a Brew Group for babies and toddlers 0-4yrs, meeting on Mondays and Thursdays – morning – weekly both days
- Baby Massage for mums and their children, meeting on Mondays – afternoon – regular weekly blocks
- Wee Wrigglers for mums and their children under 2s, their older pre-schoolers in other hall meeting on Wednesdays – morning – weekly
- Kirk Session Meetings on Tuesdays – evening – one meeting on alternate months
- Church Guild meeting on Fridays – afternoon – weekly (altered to fortnightly from 2026).
- Lego Club for children and accompanying adults, meeting on Saturdays – morning – weekly
- Post worship fellowship on Sundays – lunchtime - weekly
- Hope Seniors Social Afternoon with worship, lunch or afternoon tea and entertainment, meeting on Mondays – afternoon – one event normally on alternate months
- Hope Social Group (led by Alzheimer Scotland) meeting on Tuesdays – morning – weekly
- Over 60s Group meeting on Wednesdays – afternoon – fortnightly
- Carpet Bowling Group meeting on Thursdays – afternoon – weekly
- Brownies, for girls aged from 7-11, meeting on Wednesdays – evening – weekly
- Guides, for girls aged 10 to 14, meeting on Wednesdays – evening – weekly
- Rainbows, for girls aged 5 to 7, meeting on Thursdays – evening – weekly
- Kirkcaldy Cornhole Club (external group hire), meeting on Mondays-evening weekly
- Slimming World (external group hire), meeting on Tuesdays – afternoon and evening (3 sessions) – weekly
- Kirkcaldy Stamp and Postcard Club (external group hire), meeting on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month – afternoon
- NHS Fife “Healthy Harmonies” Choir (external group hire), meeting on Thursdays – evening – weekly
- Childrens Birthday Parties (external hires) on Saturdays – afternoon – normally 1 or 2 per month
- At least one School Holiday Mission Event for young people which spreads over most of a week takes place during the year supplemented by the occasional part-day event in collaboration with Scripture Union/Kirkcaldy Area Reachout Team Partner Organisations)
- Both of our halls and kitchen are also used for special events such as Spring Coffee Morning with stalls, Coffee Mornings, Car Boot Sales, Beetle Drive, Church Quiz, Christmas Coffee Morning with stalls etc.

Session Room:

- Count Team and Finance Administration meeting on Wednesdays – morning – weekly
- Church Meetings on Thursdays – morning – occasional weeks
- MSP’s Surgery (external hire) on Fridays – evening – monthly
- Local Councillor’s Surgery on Wednesdays – afternoon – monthly
- Workplace Chaplaincy Scotland – occasional meetings.
- Ad hoc meetings such as minister meeting bereaved families, committee meetings. Also routine photocopying and administrative tasks

The 115th Scout Group which is affiliated to the church, meets in the Group headquarters situated in Chapel Road, Kirkcaldy.

The Group consists of:

Beaver Colony for 6-8 year olds, which meets on Thursdays

Cub Pack for 8 to 10 and a half year olds which meets on Wednesdays

Scout Troop for 10 and a half to 14 year olds which meets on Thursdays;

Explorers for 14 to 18 year olds which also meets on Thursdays.

Financial Review 2025

Overview

This has been a challenging year for the Church finances. The lucrative rental income that the Church had throughout 2024 by renting the former Templehall Church to the Nhs has now ceased with the result that there has been a drop in rental income of approx. £31000. Donations overall have increased by £14954 which is very encouraging in times when the cost of living has been increasing. This is a testimony to the generosity of the church congregation.

Despite this increase in donations, the overall deficit for the year 2025 is £8958. In order to keep adequate cash flow during the year a £12000 transfer was made from one of the savings accounts held by the Church of Scotland on behalf of the church into our main account.

The development fund has continued to grow throughout the year thanks to the fundraising efforts made by the church congregation. It now has a balance of £107075.

Correction on last years accounts

Last years accounts showed an outstanding loan of £30000 to the General Trustees. It has now been established that this was written off in December 2023.

Reserves Policy

It is the trustee's policy to hold reserves of at least 3 month's expenditure including designated funds. At the end of the year the Church held unrestricted funds of £23920. This amount is expected to cover all expenditure in the first quarter of 2026.

Grants

Warm spaces grant of £2000 was received from Fife Council. This is in the process of being utilised according to the guidelines.

Contributions from Church Organisations

During 2025 the following organisations made contributions to the general church funds

- Stamp club £340
- Lego Club £360
- Guild £900
- Guides £1050
- Healthy Harmonies £700
- 115th Scout group £100
- Slimming world £58

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,

Gordon W.G. Thomson

Gordon Thomson
Joint Session Clerk

24th March 2026

Kirkcaldy Hope Parish Church of Scotland, Kirkcaldy SC012756

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Kirkcaldy Hope Parish Church of Scotland, Kirkcaldy

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 12 onwards.

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

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 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 [~~other than disclosed below*~~]

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

Signed:

Kathleen Henderson

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26th March 2026



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