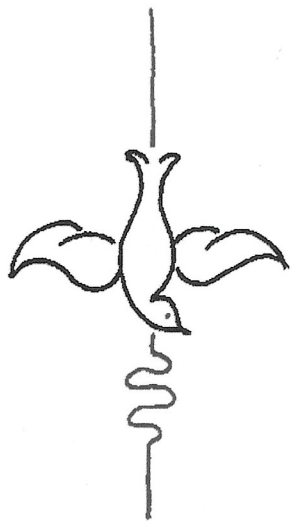
The Church of Scotland

Airdrie Clarkston Parish Church of Scotland



Congregational Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Congregation No: 171066

Charity No: SC011239

Airdrie Clarkston Parish Church of Scotland
SC 011239
Trustees' Annual Report
Year ended 31 December 2025

The Trustees present the annual report and accounts for Airdrie Clarkston Parish Church of Scotland for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Airdrie Clarkston Parish Church of Scotland
Charity Registration No:	SC 011239
Congregation No:	171066
Contact Address:	The Church Office, Forrest Street, Airdrie, ML6 7BE
Website address	www.airdrieclarkstonparishchurch.org.uk

Minister:	Rev Hanna Rankine
Session Clerk:	Karen Harrison
Clerk to the Board:	Joy Codona
Church Treasurer:	Karen Harrison

Kirk Session:

Catherine Adam, Mary Booth (Retired April 2025), Joy Codona, Archie Easton, Robert Elliott, James Gibson, Eileen Grier, Carol Haugh, Elizabeth Kennedy, Samuel Kennedy, Graham MacFall, Margaret MacFall, Colin McKay, Arthur Main, Isobel Main, Patricia Muir, Rev Hanna Rankine, Brenda Robertson, John Robertson, Barbara Sefton, Campbell Sefton, Gemma Sefton, John Harrison, Sheena Urquhart.

Board only:

Stewart Easton, Jack Haugh and John Slack.

Independent Examiner:

Mr. Alexander Porte, B.A.C.A.
3 Devonview Street, Cairnhill, Airdrie, ML6 9BZ

Bankers:

Royal Bank of Scotland plc, 80 Main Street, Coatbridge, ML5 3DZ

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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 and the Congregational Board 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 Congregational Board is appointed from within the congregation and members of the congregation are invited to nominate individuals who are believed to have the skills and commitment to contribute to the management affairs of the Church, to become members of the Board. Board members are then appointed at the Stated Annual Meeting and serve for a period of three years after which they must seek re-election at the next Stated Annual Meeting.

Board members may be co-opted during the year and such co-option shall be ratified at the subsequent Annual Meeting which will be considered to be the start of their three-year term of office.

Organisational Structure

The Congregational Board is chaired by the minister and meets for regular business monthly other than April, July, and August. The Kirk Session also meets on the same monthly basis and is responsible for spiritual affairs within the Church. Certain responsibilities are delegated to various Working Groups including Worship, Finance, Communications, Property, Social & Fellowship, and Mission and Stewardship as appropriate. The Board and Session may be called to meet for special business as required.

Objective and Activities

The Church of Scotland is Trinitarian in doctrine, Reformed in tradition and Presbyterian in policy. It exists to glorify God and to work for 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. Locally, the Church plays a regular part in the Airdrie Council of Churches and participates in the World Day of Prayer and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Sunday Worship takes place at 11am every Sunday and The Sacrament of Holy Communion is held three times per year in Church. Home Communions have been available for those who cannot attend the regular Sunday morning communion. Other special services have included Remembrance Sunday, Easter and Christmas Family Services. There have been 4 issues of our Church Newsletter, which have been delivered to all members. Our Youth organisations include Rainbows and Brownies for the girls and Anchor Boys, Junior Section and Company Section Boys Brigade. All leaders working with our young people are cleared through the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme as are those working with vulnerable adults. The Youth organisations have had regular meetings in the Church halls.

For adults, the Church has a Guild group who meet in the afternoon on a monthly basis.

The wider community is represented by groups such as Indoor Bowling, Dance and Keep Fit groups, our halls are also available for private groups and family functions for the local community. Keeping our halls and outside areas in good condition for all these activities is an ongoing task in any organisation. We are very fortunate to have our own "Land Army"; a group of volunteers who have been meeting weekly, to carry out building maintenance, gardening duties, tidying up and preparing the halls for events. Land Army does a tremendous amount of work and has true fun and fellowship at the same time. Land Army also cares for our Garden of Remembrance, which is open to all, encouraging people to come and remember a loved one in peaceful surroundings.

Our Church continues to be involved in the Warm Spaces initiative, helped by funding from the Local Council. Our Church halls are open on a Thursday during the winter months, providing a warm space, fellowship, refreshments and a warm lunch for anyone in the community. This initiative has become a community café with a wider mix of people of all ages coming along for a chat and hospitality.

We continue to have very successful Messy Church events, meeting eight times during the year. Many families from the wider community are involved regularly in Clarkston Messy Church and it also continues to attract new families. The events are thoroughly enjoyed by both the attendees and the organisers. It is notable that many of the attendees are not those that attend Sunday worship. This demonstrates the success of the venture and of providing a worship programme that meets the needs of today.

Pastoral care has continued to be provided to local schools, hospitals, and care homes, as much as possible.

The Church is actively represented in the following organisations: - World Day of Prayer; Hamilton North Guilds Together; Council of Churches in Airdrie; Airdrie Battalion of Boys Brigade; Guide Movement at County Level and committees at Hamilton Presbytery.

Volunteers who serve on committees and working groups are a vital part of the work of the Church. In addition, there are designated roles of Session Clerk, Clerk to the Board, FWO and Gift Aid Conveners, Treasurer, Property Convener, Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Health and Safety Convenor, Data Protection Adviser and Learning Disability Contact. Elders and Pastoral Visitors of the Church regularly visit people in the community, and a range of members take leading parts in Worship services.

Our Presbytery Elder keeps the Session fully updated of Presbytery work.

Fellowship and being a welcoming Church are very important to the Congregation, and many people comment on how welcome they feel as visitors. This fellowship is greatly aided by the untiring and unfailing commitment of our Social and Fellowship group through specific events organised by them including concerts and after church lunches; but also, by working in the background to give support to other organisations or by providing catering at special services and events. There is also a small group of volunteers who provide coffee/tea and friendship after Sunday Service.

Clarkston Church has been a strong supporter of Airdrie Food Bank, and with great regularity provides substantial amounts of supplies to the Food Bank which is organised through another local Airdrie Church.

In September 2025 the Church held a Fun Day at which several hundred people from the local community enjoyed an excellent afternoon. Money raised was designated to be used for the hall refurbishment which took place during 2025.

The Church plays an active part in supporting other charities through collections at regular services.

During 2024, our designated Church website was regularly updated advising of news, services, events, and the like. A Church Magazine, The Clarkston Record, was distributed to members' homes during the year and is available by email as requested. Other aspects of sharing news now include Banners, leaflets, and the use of Facebook.

Achievements and Performance
There are 263 (previously 273) Church Members including 7 adherents. There are 31 persons on the Supplementary Roll.
There are 90 names on our Gift Aid list with 65 regular Gift Aid Donors. Weekly worship attendance averages 50.
Sunday School averages 3 in attendance.
Guild members number 16.

High pastoral needs within the parish in respect of visitations of the sick and elderly, funerals for congregational members and others within the parish, together with two school chaplaincies have been met. Regular assistance with the high pastoral needs has been given freely and generously by qualified readers and members of the congregation. The office bearers of the Session and Board have worked together throughout the year as a team and are all committed to the Church's future.

Stewardship
Our fundraising "Piggy Banks" have raised over £10,000 since they were introduced. We are grateful for the continued support from the congregation as we continue to raise funds for the repairs and maintenance costs in church budgets.

Living Wage
The Office Bearers noted the National Church commitment to paying a living wage to those in Church employment and confirm that as a Board we currently meet this and make a commitment to paying the appropriate rate.

Financial Review
We met all our financial commitments and our Ministry and Mission contribution for 2025 was paid in full by Standing Order. Overall donations to the Church are in line with the previous year. Other income of £1,025 has been generated from rental of the halls during 2025.

At the end of the year, we had a surplus of payments over receipts of **£46,990**. The surplus is due to the refurbishment of our halls in 2025. During 2024 we received community grants and donations from our congregation which had been designated to be used for the refurbishment of our halls for both Church members and the local community. During 2025 additional community grants were received and work was carried out to refurbish our halls to ensure they can continue to be used for mission and our local community.

Reserves Policy
It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of approximately three months expenditure including designated funds. At the year end the Church held total cash funds of over **£33,793**, of which **£26,129** are unrestricted. These funds are enough to cover general expenditure for over four months. Excess funds are generally held within the designated fabric fund in line with the policy agreed by Trustees.

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Mission Plan
In October 2022, the first draft of the Mission Plan was issued from the Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale. This was to take into account a national shortage of Ministers and a 30% reduction in the number of Church buildings being used for mission. The plan has seen a few changes since October 2022 and has now been approved by Presbytery and The General Assembly Faith Action Programme Leadership Team and the General Trustees. The Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale has now moved the plan into the implementation stage.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities
Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which shows a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently, make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The members of the Kirk Session/Congregational Board must prepare financial statements which give enough detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Church during the financial year. The members of the Kirk Session/Congregational Board 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 by:

..... C Sefton (Assistant Session Clerk) 3rd Feb 2026

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Airdrie Clarkston Parish Church of Scotland

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 7 and 8 plus appended pages 9 to 12.

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 2005 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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
1. 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

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: A. R. Porte

Name: Mr. A Porte BA.CA.
3 Devonview Street,
Cairnhill, Airdrie
ML6 9BZ

Date: 19th May 2026

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Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Endowment Funds 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
Receipts						
Donations	3	38,463	0	0	38,463	39,660
Fundraising Events		662	1,700	0	2,362	4,087
Bank & Deposit interest		705	0	0	705	721
Investment income		2	0	0	2	3
Other		38,730	126	0	38,856	48,499
		78,562	1,826	0	80,388	92,696
Rental of premises		1,025	0	0	1,025	764
Receipts from assets & investment sales						
Proceeds from sales of investments	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts		79,587	1,826	0	81413	93,733
Payments	4					
Cost of generating funds		22	0	0	22	770
Charitable activities		125,725	2,656	0	128,381	56,878
Other		0	0	0	0	0
Total Payments		125,747	2,656	0	128,403	57,648
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before Transfers		(46,160)	(830)	0	(46,990)	36,085
Transfers		0	0	0	0	0
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		(46,160)	(830)	0	(46,990)	36,085

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Statement of Balances
Year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Bank & Cash Balances						
Balances b/fwd.		**72,289**	**6,307**	**2,187**	**80,783**	44,698
Movement in year						
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		**(46,160)**	**(830)**	**0**	**(46,990)**	36,085
Balances c/fwd.		**26,129**	**5,477**	**2,187**	**33,793**	80,783
Investments at market value		-	-	-	-	-
Assets Approved Grant Funding		0			0	0
Central Fabric Fund		22142			22142	1663
		22142	**0**	**0**	**22142**	**1663**
Liabilities						
Giving to Grow		**(6,357)**	**0**	**0**	**(6,357)**	**0**

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session/Congregational Board on 3rd February 2026
For and on behalf of the Kirk Session/Congregational Board

Campbell Sutton — *Session Clerk*

K Hamson — *Treasurer*

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1. Trustees Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

During the year no trustee received reimbursement of expenses incurred.

2. Movements in Funds

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2025
		£	£	£	£
Endowment Funds					
JM Alston Bequest	563	0	0	0	563
Alston Bequest	146	0	0	0	146
Brander Bequest	97	0	0	0	97
Forrest Tomb Bequest	300	0	0	0	300
Mills Bequest	10	0	0	0	10
Jane Orr Bequest	666	0	0	0	666
Miss Innes Bequest	202	0	0	0	202
Ian Armstrong	150	0	0	0	150
James Smith Bequest	53	0	0	0	53
	2,187	0	0	0	2,187
Restricted Funds					
Defibrillator	182	0	0	0	182
Flowers	0	1,200	1,200	0	0
CDs	40	0	0	0	40
Community outreach & education	4,750	0	0	0	4,750
Boiler fund	0	0	0	0	0
Fun Day	0	500	500	0	0
Christian Aid	0	0	0	0	0
Other	159	126	0	0	285
Tear Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Warm Places	1,176	0	956	0	220
	6,308	1,826	2,656	0	5,477
Unrestricted Funds					
The Guild	225	148	175	0	198
Sunday Club	510	0	0	0	510
Social Committee	3,521	0	0	0	3,521
Messy Church	511	616	726	0	402
Designated Fabric Fund	26,057	41,931	47,358	0	20,630
Church Hall Rennovation	41,195	36,892	77,489	0	599
Benevolent Fund	270	0	0	0	270
	72,289	79,587	125,747	0	26,129
Total funds	80,783	81,413	128,402	0	33,794

Purposes of Endowment Funds

Endowment funds in the sum of **£2,187** are held.
The above bequests all have specific purposes which were set out.
No funds have been distributed in the year.

Purpose of Restricted Funds

Restricted funds in the sum of **£5,477** are held.
The restricted funds are in respect of third party donations to the church with specific uses intended and were not fully utilised before the year end on 31 December 2025.

Unrestricted Funds

All funds are transferred to the Designated Fabric Fund with the exception of organisation funds (other funds) which are generally held by the Group for general running expenses.

Hall Renovation Fund

Fund created in 2023 to designate fund to improve the fabric and facilities of the church halls.

Benevolent Fund:

The Benevolent Fund to be used at the sole discretion of the Minister.

Other Funds

The Guild: These are the funds collected and disbursed throughout the year for the work of The Guild.
Sunday Club: These are the funds collected and disbursed throughout the year for the work of the Sunday Club
The Social Committee: These are the funds collected and disbursed throughout the year for the work of the Social Committee.
Messy Church funds are those collected and distributed throughout the year in connection with its events.

The Church holds total funds of **£33,793** including sufficient unrestricted funds to meet the running costs for over four months.

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	Year ended 31 December 2025				
	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Endowment Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
3. Analysis of Donations					
FWO Scheme (non Gift Aid)	35,786	0	0	35,786	39,071
Ordinary Offerings	1,014	0	0	1,014	588
Other Offerings, Donations etc	1,662	0	0	1,662	48,233
	38,463	0	0	38,463	87,892
4. Analysis of Payments					
Cost of generating funds					
Fundraising costs	22	0	0	22	770
Charitable activities					
Ministries & Mission Allocation	25,430	0	0	25,430	34,411
Presbytery dues	940	0	0	940	1,017
Minister's expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Pulpit supply	0	0	0	0	0
Other staffing costs	5,792	0	0	5,792	5,695
Youth Work	0	0	0	0	379
Building repairs & maintenance	77,599	0	0	77,599	5,683
Insurance/Water Rates/Council Tax	5,164	0	0	5,164	3,205
Heating and Lighting	6,996	0	0	6,996	(1,101)
Cleaning Expenses	187	0	0	187	280
Church office expenses	726	0	0	726	828
Other expenses	318	2,530	0	2,848	1,644
Musical Costs/Copyright	390	0	0	390	625
Equipment	0	0	0	0	1,542
Web site and Stationery	1,221	0	0	1,221	1,233
Third Party Collections	0	126	0	126	139
Messy Church	787	0	0	787	471
The Guild expenses and donations	175	0	0	175	825
The Sunday Club expenses	0	0	0	0	0
	125,725	2,656	0	128,381	56,879
Governance costs					
Independent examiner's fee	0	0	0	0	0
Other payments					
Purchase of assets	0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of investments	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

5. Minister's Stipend

All Church of Scotland congregations contribute to the National Stipend Fund which bears the cost of all minister' stipends and employers' contributions for national insurance, pension and housing and loan fund. Ministers' stipends are paid in accordance with the national stipend scale, which is related to years of service. For the year under review the minumum stipend was £32,433 and the maximum stipend in 5th and subsequent years of service - £39,856.

6. Collections for Third Parties

	2025	2024
Scottish Bible Society	£ -	£ 139
Watchnight and Carols by Candlelight	£ -	£ 126
Third party Collections	**£ -**	**£ 265**

7. Amounts held by General Trustees

	2025	2024
Amount held in Consolidated Fabric Fund	**£ 22,142**	**£ 1,663**