

Allan Church of Scotland

Bannockburn

Congregation Number: 231392

Charity Number: SC 002953

Reference and Administrative Information

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Trustees

Kirk Session

Mrs N Adam, Mrs M Baxter, Mr C Blair, Mr R Chalmers, Miss I Ferguson, Mr P Jordan, Mrs J Lane, Mr M Lane, Mr P McIntyre, Mr R McMurray, Mr A McPherson, Mrs J Russell, Mr D Savage, Mrs J Stevenson, Mrs M Woollhead, Miss A Young

Congregational Board

Mrs F Buchanan, Mrs A Fyfe, Mrs L Jordan, Miss K MacGowan, Mr G Nicol, Mrs M Pollock

Emeritus Elders

Mr W Bayne, Mrs C Cully, Mr A Hall, Mrs M Hamilton, Mrs A Miller, Mr G McRae

Principal Office Bearers

Interim Moderator: Reverend Gary McIntyre appointed 04 March 2023, demitted 30 October 2025. Reverend Dawn Laing appointed 01 October 2025, demitted 31 October 2025. Dr Peter Murdoch appointed 01 November 2025.

Locum Minister: Reverend Kenneth Russell appointed 01 April 2024. Retired 31 August 2025

Session Clerk: Mrs Janette Russell

Clerk to the Board: Mrs Janette Russell

Church Treasurer: Mr Michael Lane

Bankers

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

Stirling (F) Branch

Units 22/23

Thistles Shopping Centre

Stirling

FK8 2EA

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 Model 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 minister, who is a member of the Kirk Session, is elected by the congregation and inducted by Presbytery. 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. Session Members are automatically members of the Board

Organisational Structure

The Congregational Board is currently chaired by the Interim Moderator and meets nine times a year. Certain responsibilities are delegated to the Finance Committee and the Property Committee as appropriate.

The Kirk Session also chaired by the Interim Moderator meets nine times a year and is responsible for spiritual affairs within the church. The Locum Minister also attends both meetings when available.

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.

The objectives and activities summarised below are those that usually take place.

The Congregation gathers for worship on a Sunday at 11.15am. During the diet of worship our Sunday School meets.

During the week the following meet in church premises (Halls & Church.)

On a Monday there is the Dawn Fraser School of Dance bringing in children from the community.

On the 1st and 3rd Tuesday Mornings of each month (excepting July and August) our Coffee club meets and is a focal point for people from within the village and for visitors to the local area.

On a Tuesday Evening there is a Line Dancing Class which draws from within and outside the local community.

On Wednesday mornings Jo Dance Fit classes are held.

On Wednesday evening adult ballet classes are held

On Thursday evenings Yoga classes are held

On Friday mornings Pilates classes are held.

Organizations from the Community are welcome to use the Hall, donating what they can to cover heating and lighting if they can afford this.

Throughout the year special services are held which include World Day of Prayer and Palm Sunday Evening where 6 local churches all come together, and throughout Holy Week services are held each evening.

Christmas Eve services, Remembrance Service and others as required are also held.

During times of Bereavement the church is available for families.

Christmas Coffee morning.

At Easter we hold a coffee morning on the Saturday, and on Easter Sunday we meet in the local park for some fellowship and an egg rolling competition which is thoroughly enjoyed by both old and young. This is followed by breakfast in the hall and then the Easter Family Service. All are welcome to attend.

Achievements and Performance

The various groups using the hall continued and new Adult Ballet classes started in August. The Church Hall was also used for birthday parties and community activity on several occasions.

In February we held a Burns Lunch after Sunday Church Service which was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our Tuesday Coffee morning club continued. A very successful Easter coffee morning was held and on Easter Sunday we met in the park for worship and egg rolling followed by breakfast in the Church Hall prior to Sunday Service. All these activities contributed to raising funds and celebrating fellowship.

In March a very successful Daffodil Tea with entertainment was held with all who attended having an excellent afternoon.

On the first Sunday each month, soup and filled roll lunches were held after the morning service where these did not clash with other events. These are very popular and all are welcome to stay behind and enjoy the lunch and fellowship.

In August we held a VE/VJ Day Celebration event in the Church hall which was suitably decorated on the day. The Church Hall was packed and all those who attended thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment and catering.

The local Primary School continues to hold services in the Church at the end of term at Easter, Summer, and Christmas and there is a good ongoing relationship with the Primary School. Many of the children's families attend and thoroughly enjoy these services.

As in previous years, our young Church engaged with Scripture Union, this year at Easter and during the July/August holidays with a summer club hosted jointly by the Allan and other local churches with children from the community enjoying the varied programme and their time together. Scripture Union also engaged with pupils from the local High and Primary Schools with this being very successful.

As in previous years, the exterior of the Church was lit to draw attention to various national events and charities e.g. International Epilepsy Awareness, Easter, Remembrance etc.

Harvest thanksgiving service was held in October with the donations received going to StartUp Stirling food bank.

In On the last Sunday in October after Sunday morning service a light lunch, followed by a pumpkin decorating event was held

As per normal practice, a Christmas tree was erected, and lit in the Church Garden at the front of the Church, and a stable depicting the birth of Jesus was also put in place in the garden.

A Gift Day on Sunday 21 December raised funds for the Start-Up Stirling food bank

The Congregation continues to support Start-Up Stirling up through donations of food (weekly collection).

During the year, the Board has continued to work on the upkeep of the Church, Halls and Manse, the major items being:

- Further repairs to the kitchen roof
- Replacement and upgrades to electrical fuses, wiring and electrical isolators, an electrical installation condition inspection and subsequent issue of a new Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR).
- Installation of a new central heating boiler providing heat and hot water to kitchen, vestry, small hall and toilet facilities.

Essential maintenance and upkeep was undertaken in the Church, Halls and gardens and we continue to use recycling bins for garden waste, batteries, paper, card and tins throughout the church premises, as well as using our Clothing Bank donation bin to get the village involved with recycling which in turn raises funds for the Church.

Financial Review

The principle source of income is through members Direct Debit Mandate to the Church current account, this is added to by Weekly Free Will Offering Envelopes and through the Open Plate. A number of members have signed Gift Aid forms and regular claims are made for the return of tax payable. Total receipts for 2025, are up overall on 2024, due primarily to increased fund raising, increased receipts for use of premises and an increase in member contributions. Total payments in 2025 are down considerably on 2024 due primarily to reduced fabric expenditure.

There are two restricted funds in place:

1. Steeple and related repairs that may be necessary in the future.
2. Consolidated Fabric Fund (generated from previous Manse Rental) used to contribute to annual Insurance costs, Manse or Church Fabric requirements only.

Further investments in the Church of Scotland Investors Trust Growth Fund were put in place by re-investment of distributions paid from the fund.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy is under constant review and in view of the age of the Church building, it is the Trustee's policy to hold as a minimum where possible, reserves of between nine- and twelve-months expenditure, including designated funds whenever possible. At the year end the Church held:

Unrestricted cash funds £41,736.84 of which:

£3,345.57 General Account.

£5,539.85 designated for Fabric.

£252.14 designated for Sunday School.

£18,605.78 designated for identified Projects.

£13,993.50 designated for General Congregational Purposes as necessary.

Restricted cash funds of £13,201.31 of which:

£7,551.72 designated for Steeple.

£5,649.59 Consolidated Fabric Fund.

Investments with a market value of £54,900.65 at 31 Dec 25 are also in place additional to the above cash deposits. These are set aside for the longer term needs of the Church with Income Fund Distributions supplementing general income when required. Fabric Fund Distributions are re-invested.

Trustees' Annual Report (cont)

Year ended 31 December 2025

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show 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 apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking all reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf;

Jannette Russell

J Russell
Session Clerk

Date – 15 APRIL 2026

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Report of the Independent Examiner

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity trustees consider that an independent examination is needed under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. 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

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)
 - 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

Signed:

N Buchanan

Date: 30 APRIL 2026

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