

We decided not to hold our weekly coffee mornings any longer as attendances had dropped considerably as the number of coffee shops in the town have increased. We do have provision to hold special Charity Coffee morning events on a Saturday at various times during the year.

Church Fundraising is organised by our Fundraising committee, which runs a Spring Fayre in May and a Christmas Fayre at the end of November. We hold a very popular Bingo evening once a year and we have several members who help boost funds with their crafting talents making prayer pillows, wristbands, seasonal sweet bags and jams. This year, several sponsored events such as a sponsored walk were held to help boost our building funds.

We were able to give donations to Wateraid and Ethiopiad internationally, and Erskine, Salvation Army and Breast Cancer nationally. Small donations are also given locally from our Benevolent Fund.

At Harvest Thanksgiving we follow our service with a lunch in the church for members, friends and family, allowing fellowship and some healthy soup and apple crumble. Our collection of produce on this day is donated to the local Larkhall and Area Foodbank run by volunteers from the local churches on behalf of the Trussel Trust.

At Christmas, we have our annual gift service and gifts are taken to the Salvation Army, who coordinated distribution of gifts on behalf of the churches and other agencies.

We also have a Carol service for everyone who would like to come and afterwards enjoy a drink, a mince pie and some great fellowship.

2025 was a good year for us, starting with the induction of our new Minister, Graham Morrison in January and celebrating our 150th anniversary at a special service in February. In September we set up an exhibition of the history of our church and took part in the Open Doors weekend in September, opening our doors for two days to the community and members, past and present.

Financial review

The church invested the proceeds from the sale of the old manse and held about £37,000 in shares. Due to the cost and difficulty that would arise by our need to change the trustees on this account, it was decided to close it and £37,662 was moved to our general account.