Bellshill Central Parish

Church of Scotland

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

AND

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR

THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Congregation No: 171073

Charity No: SC012556

Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland
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Year ended 31 December 2025

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Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland
Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland

Charity Registration Number: SC012556

Congregation Reference No: 171073

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Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland
Reference and Administrative Information – (Cont)

Principal Office-bearers

Minister:	Vacant
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Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland
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 of the Church of Scotland.

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 Interim Moderator, who is a member of the Kirk Session, is appointed 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.

Organisational Structure

The Congregational Board is chaired by the Interim Moderator and normally meets six times in a year. The Treasurer is assisted by a small finance committee and reports and makes recommendations at each Board meeting. A Property Convener who is assisted by a small Property Committee, oversees the management of the congregation's property—

The Kirk Session which normally meets six times a year, is responsible for spiritual affairs within the church.

The Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale

The former Presbyteries of Hamilton, Lanark and Falkirk have merged into a new larger group.

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 Mission Statement of Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland:

"We seek to look forward in faith, to worship God, and to serve Him in the Community, to offer hope of a better future and to encourage people of all ages to know and love Jesus as Lord."

The Congregation seeks to fulfil its Mission through-

Sunday Morning Services of Worship

Adults and children gather each Sunday for a time together, including an all-ages introductory address. Children then leave for "Young Church" (Sunday School) with babies and infants cared for in the crèche. Approximately 50 adults usually attend morning worship each Sunday. Services are live-streamed on social media for those who are unable to get to church for whatever reason. Services are also available to view-on-line for an indefinite period of time thereafter and these attract a significant number of views. DVDs and CDs also continue to be available for members who do not have internet access. In the absence of our Minister, many services were arranged by our Worship Team and Prayer Group with many members of the congregation taking an active part in leading worship. We are fortunate to have the assistance of a local Reader, Ian Douglas, who leads worship for us on many occasions and has become a good friend of the congregation. Our Locum, Rev Margaret Rose continues to lead worship on two or three Sundays each month.

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Trustees' Annual Report (Cont)
Year ended 31 December 2025
Objectives and Activities (Cont)

Other Services of Worship/opportunities offered to our congregation and wider community included:

- Online reflections were hosted during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; 18 – 25 January and Ian Douglas used that topic for his visit to the Guild on 20 January.
- Our Burns Lunch held after worship on Sunday, 26 January, with Ian Douglas dressed for the occasion.
- In the weeks leading up to Easter, the congregation were invited to donate an Easter Egg to a local cause.
- On Saturday, 5 April, Forerunners Scotland held an inter-denominational worship and celebration event for its members from an Indonesian heritage.
- On Friday, 11 April, our Walking Group held a Pancake Morning to raise funds for Hope for Autism.
- Holy Week opportunities – Wednesday Family Film night, Thursday Communion Service and Good Friday open church for prayer and contemplation.
- Easter Sunday "Son-rise" service outdoors followed by a shared breakfast in the Church Hall.
- A Roll & Sausage lunch was served after worship on Sunday, 4 May, to raise funds for Christian Aid.
- The Arietta Group provided the entertainment on Friday, 16 May at a concert to raise funds for the Church.
- On 19 June, Mossend Primary School held their end of session Award Ceremony in the Church, with many parents and grandparents in attendance.
  Sunday, 22 June was the Prize-Giving for our Young Church members with the children receiving a voucher funded by "The James Brownlie Corbett Memorial," which had been bequeathed in 1959. A BBQ lunch followed, enjoyed by all.
- During the summer, the congregation donated 32 packed shoeboxes to Blythswood Care which were transported overseas to countries where there is extreme poverty.
- In the Autumn, we again held our Pet Service which was enjoyed by the animals and humans who came along.
- Since the Autumn of 2024 we have opened the church twice per month on Friday afternoons as part of an Open Church Initiative. This allows our community to come into the quietness for space, reflection and prayer.
- On Saturday, 13 September, the church again took part in Doors Open Day (Scotland's largest free festival that celebrates places and stories, new and old) and were pleased to welcome members of the public who enjoyed the opportunity to appreciate our place of worship and our beautiful stained-glass windows.
- Our annual Christingle Carol Service was held on Saturday, 29 November; followed by lunch in the hall.
- During the month of December, the congregation donated 132 selection boxes to 3 local Primary Schools.
- On Friday, 5 December, we hosted the annual Time to Remember Service for the bereaved, in conjunction with Potts Funeral Directors, with other faith communities in the town taking part. The service was very well, attended and appreciated by all involved.
- A Carol Service was held the following Sunday, 7 December.
- On Thursday, 11 December 2025, a very well attended "Big Sing" was held in the church with children from the local non-denominational primary schools taking part.
- Our Christmas Eve Service was, as usual, held on Wednesday, 24 December when Young Church led a Nativity Play.

"Young Church": Young Church is an integral part of Sunday Morning Services with young people normally following the Scripture Union "Light" programme for their own age group.

Church Choir/Music: Bellshill Central has earned a reputation as a "singing" church, thanks to its choir of around 12 members led by the organist. Although our numbers have declined recently, due to illness and loss, we continue to meet regularly and prepare for services throughout the Christian year. Some highlights include singing at Hatton Lea Care Home as part of our Playlist for Life project, performing Christmas Carols at Beechwood Care Home, and participating in the Time to Remember service for bereaved families. December always brings special moments with the Annual Lessons and Carols service and Candlelight Carols. We've welcomed new singers from the former Bellshill West Church choir, who have become valued members of our extended Bellshill Central family.

Objectives and Activities (Cont)

Church Choir/Music (Cont): In 2025, "The Organist Entertains" took a break after starting in 2020 as a weekly organ check that grew into a beloved tradition at Bellshill Central and beyond. This summer, we were delighted to host visitors from America; dedicated participants online; who included worshipping at Bellshill Central in their travel plans. The organist hopes to produce a few more episodes in 2026, marking the building's 150th anniversary with some special material.

Pastoral Care of the Congregation:
Elders continue to visit homes in their district four times a year. As time permits, Rev Margaret Rose, our locum, visits those who are housebound or in hospital. This part of Margaret's ministry is very much appreciated by those involved; so much so that two older ladies transferred to our church in the last few months of their lives to have the benefit of Margaret's visits. Margaret also conducts funerals and weddings when possible.

The number of members requiring pastoral help at home and in hospital continues to grow year by year. However, the four new Elders who were ordained during the previous year have brought fresh energy and expertise to our Kirk Session.

The Guild: The Guild session for 2025/26 began with a joint opening service with our friends from Burnhead Parish Church. Like ourselves, they were without a Minister, but Rev David Wandrum conducted worship and communion.

Burnhead numbers are extremely low, yet they continue to meet on a regular basis and always look forward to our annual joint service. They always support our Guild Guest Night, and we look forward to retaining the friendship and fellowship we have shared for several years.

One of the first speakers we heard was from a local charity, YAMS (You Are My Sunshine). This organisation, located in Newarthill Library, operates a free, confidential service to anyone with mental health issues. It was established following the suicide of a 29-year-old mother of two by her sister. The story was particularly emotional, and it was decided the proceeds of our Guest Night in February this year would be donated to YAMS. Entertainment for the Guest Night was provided by Stonehouse Male Voice Choir and the sum of £531 was realised.

Something Old, Something New was a suggestion for meetings by national Guild and proved to be an interesting afternoon. Members were asked to bring along two items, one old, one new and tell the story behind them and why they had been kept. The question was then asked, if you had to choose to keep only one of them, which would it be? In all cases, the "old" item was the one chosen to be of more sentimental value.

A few hiccups occurred at the beginning of the session when a couple of speakers failed to appear. This did not deter the ladies enjoy several in-house games, the usual cuppa and time for a chat and catchup.

Before the Christmas break, the year was ended with mince pies and carols. Music was provided by Duncan MacKay, from Newarthill Parish Church and was much appreciated.

The national Guild are supporting four charities over the next couple of years, one of which, Bear Necessities – Build My Church, Bulgaria, was the topic of the speaker in February. Also, during February, we had a trip down memory lane from another speaker which was most enjoyable.
Our closing social will again include music and dancing with Peter Gardner and friends. It is hoped to resume monthly outings during the summer months before the next sessions in October, depending on available drivers.

Objectives and Activities (Cont)

Prayer Group: Started during Lent 2020, the Prayer Group remains central to our faith activities. Members meet via Zoom most Monday evenings for about half an hour; these sessions are recorded and shared on our YouTube channel, reaching people as far away as Australia. Since we do not have a full-time minister at present, Prayer Group members have played a key role in leading Sunday Worship.
Participation in Sunday Worship: It's encouraging to see many people actively participating in Sunday worship, welcoming at the door, donating flowers, reading scripture, leading prayers, and counting offerings. Previously reserved for elders, these roles now include everyone, and those once hesitant are now fully engaged in Bellshill Central's life and worship.

Community Involvement:
Guiding: The main activity under the supervision of the Kirk Session by which the congregation engages with its local community is through its successful uniformed Guiding organisations - Guides, Brownies and Rainbows. Girls are not required to attend Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland to be members of these organisations. Leaders are also not required to be members of Bellshill Central Church. This is in accord with the ethos of the Guiding movement. Normally approximately 50 girls from the ages of 4 years to 16 years attend weekly meetings from September through to June. The current waiting list is over 20 but units are at capacity with a shortage of senior children participating in Leadership. The programme of meetings and activities provided is enthusiastically led and received. All guiding units in Bellshill Central contribute to the outreach and engagement at Bellshill Central.

Bowling: The congregation also hosts an informal indoor bowling club during the winter months and members of all sections of the community are welcome to attend. This is a thriving Wednesday afternoon club. As part of our Warm Wednesday initiative in response to the Cost-of-Living Crisis, this club is even more valued by those who attend.

Hall Lets: There are frequent requests for birthday parties and coffee mornings, etc throughout the year. In 2024 we began a relationship, through fundraising events, with Hope for Autism. This led to a long-term hall rent, which continues, for tabletop activities and Dungeons and Dragons sessions.

Utheo Ltd: Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre (ONC) currently retains a partnership with Bellshill Central Parish Church. Two elders from the congregation remain as Directors of Utheo Ltd, which is the private registered Scottish Charity governing the work of the ONC.

Regular business and activities were slow to pick up following almost two years' closure due to COVID.

Services include the Wee Friendly Group which meet three days per week plus two days for the Men's Group. Group-befriending for four local sheltered housing residents takes place weekly as well as one-to-one Befriending and regular telephone contact. Musical Memories is provided weekly and is also well attended.

An all-day Café operates providing good, nutritious, reasonable meals five days per week and is open to anyone. A Community Fridge initiative opened in October last year for people in the ML4 postcode area and this has had amazing success in such a short time with over 150 members already signed up.

The premises are available for Let to individuals or groups at reasonable rates. Further details can be obtained by calling the Centre.
Volunteers are a necessity to augment the services ONC provide. If anyone has a spare hour or two that could be put to good use, ONC would be delighted to hear from you.

Objectives and Activities (Cont)

Schools: Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland donates an annual Religious Education prize to Bellshill Academy. Pupils from the primary schools have, in the past, taken part in services of worship with a relevant theme. In June, Mossend Primary School held their end of term Award Ceremony in our church when parents came along. Rev Margaret Rose has taken some assemblies in the schools, helping keep the link with Bellshill Central. A "Big Sing" was held in the Church in December with pupils from local Primary Schools taking part and many family members coming along.

Heart and Sole: Heart and Sole is an informal walking group launched by the church in 2019. Short walks around the local area or to the Strathclyde Park are organised weekly from spring through autumn, welcoming everyone regardless of church connection. Walking supports wellbeing, physical activity, mental health and helps people connect across the town. In winter, our Friday walkers gather monthly for a walk, conversation, and a cup of tea or coffee.

Church Chronicle: The Church Magazine comes out at least four times a year, available both online and delivered to members without internet access. It features church news, photos, quizzes, and contributions from local councillors and schoolteachers, serving as a vital link with the community.

Open Church Initiative: Since autumn 2024, the church has opened its doors twice a month on Friday afternoons, providing a peaceful space for reflection and prayer. Open Church has also incorporated Good Friday reflective thoughts, led by Prayer Group members.

Playlist for Life: We now serve as the local Help Point for this organisation. The choir leads this initiative by visiting our local care home, Hatton Lea. We are considering other projects to reach older people in our community, such as a shorter dementia-friendly service or similar outreach efforts.

Co-operation with other churches:
Church members are encouraged to participate in ecumenical services and social events and over the years many joint services have been arranged. However, with a reduction in the number of churches in the area, this has more or less come to an end.
The Guild actively participates annually in planning and leading the locally organised World Day of Prayer (formerly known as the Women's World Day of Prayer). The Service in 2024 took place in St Andrew's U F Church but an event was not organised in 2025. It is hoped that this will recommence soon. The Guild also arrange an annual Open Night when members of all other churches in the area come along for an evening's entertainment followed by tea. Donations at this event are given to charity and £383 was raised for Lanarkshire Carers in 2025. The Guild has, for very many years, held a Joint Annual Opening Communion Service with Burnhead Guild which alternates between the premises of the two churches involved. On Monday, 6 October 2025, our ladies visited Burnhead where they were very warmly welcomed.

Fund Raising and Social Activities: Fund raising plays an important part in financing the activities of Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland: while also helping generate a sense of fellowship. Activities during the year included a Burns Lunch, Strawberry Tea, two very popular Clothes Shows, Cheese and Wine, Harvest Lunch and a Christmas Carol Service followed by Lunch.
Young Church hosted a BBQ after their Prize-Giving to which all members of the congregation were invited.
The congregation also helped by hosting a wonderful celebration for two of our longest serving members who were celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. A wonderful lunch was held in the hall and open to all.

SUSTAINING OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Christian Stewardship: As the accounts demonstrate the main source of financial support for Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland remains the committed Christian giving of the membership. Members of the congregation have been encouraged to change to direct transfer into the bank to maintain WFO. Details of The Church of Scotland online donate facility and QR code are included in our online magazine, BCPC Chronicle.

Much is given in "time and talents" offered in voluntary service. A regular feature of the quarterly church magazine is an article on some aspect of the wider work of the Church of Scotland.

- In common with most churches throughout Scotland the congregation has a high percentage of older members; many of whom find it difficult to physically visit the church building. During 2022, meeting face to face on Sunday mornings again became the norm but worship continued to be made available with a very meaningful online presence.
- Joint services of worship have always been appreciated by the congregation as helping to foster a sense of Christian unity within Bellshill and it is hoped that these will again become more regular. Members regularly assist in the conduct of worship. This includes the public reading of the Bible, leading prayers, etc. Many people who had not previously read bible passages or prayers during Sunday Worship have become more willing to do so after taking part in online worship during the 2020/2021. This continues into the present day.
- This has encouraged more members to take an active part in face-to-face worship, meaning additional volunteers are now available for Bible Readings at Sunday Services.

SUSTAINING OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Achievements and Performance

- The Guild maintains meaningful contact with members. Bellshill Central continues to offer a warm welcome to new members who come along.
- Young Church is also very happy to meet new young people.
- The Bowling Club continues to bring together people of all ages in the spirit of "A Church Without Walls".
- The fabric committee is working their way through a check and repair schedule with the property being checked on a regular basis. In a recent Presbytery Inspection, our property was classified in Category A; where 'A' is retention and 'B' is disposal. This Category was subsequently changed to 'B*' and clarification on that decision is awaited.
- Fund raising continues to be carried out in new ways with the congregation being encouraged to be innovative.
- Contact is maintained with local primary schools and they are encouraged to contribute to our Chronicle.
- Significant contribution of the organist and the church choir enhancing worship and praise.
- The use of the refurbished organ as a community asset to raise funds for other charities. Information on "The Organist Entertains" continues to spread worldwide and more locally. The publicity may encourage more people to attend future fundraisers.
- The Facebook and 'X' accounts of Bellshill Central, and its YouTube channel, have grown in their reach and influence.
- The WhatsApp Group set up in 2020 to allow church members to keep in touch with each other and continues to be a lifeline for more than 60 people.
- Raised £1,362 for local and international charities.
- The Guild donated £383 to Lanarkshire Carers and £75 to one of the Guild's nominated projects.

Financial Review

The detailed financial position of the Church is set out in the attached accounts. Total general income was £62,802 with total expenditure £59,345 producing an excess income of £3,457. In addition, deposit interest of £273 was credited to the Organ Fund. The restricted surplus for the year was £341.

The church remains grateful to the J & A Potts Legacy for its continuing support. The income generated of £10,933 represents 17% of general income. A further £702 was received for specific purposes from investments invested by the Blackie Family, Corbett Memorial Trust, Sarah Schorn Bequest and Tom Downs Memorial. The £405 received from the Miss J Blackie Bequest is used for general expenditure.

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of at least 6 months' expenditure excluding designated funds. At the year end, the Church held unrestricted cash funds of £24,605 of which £34 had been designated for the fabric fund and £2,105 for the organ fund. The remaining balance of £22,466 together with the £20,640 held in the COS Growth Fund represents 8 months' expenditure.

The church also held £4,071 of restricted cash funds and £35,776 in the COS Growth Fund which have been provided for the purposes specified in Note 2.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The members of the Kirk Session / Congregational Board 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 / 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,

Catherine Bryden
Clerk to the Board
Date: 3 March 2026

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Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bellshill Central 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 13 to 17.

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

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 by:
Alan Gow
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Date: 3 March 2026

Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts					
Donations	3	38,654	1,120	39,774	39,411
Fundraising:					
Sundry and Hymn Requests	380				
Christmas Teas	2,143				
Burns Lunch	273				
Fashion Show	1,215				
Easter Breakfast	110				
Concert	165				
Harvest Lunch	596				
Coin Boxes	825				
Cheese and Wine	320				
Strawberry Tea	763				
		6,790		6,790	5,587
Hire of Hall		6,020		6,020	1,888
Bank and Deposit Interest		273		273	587
J & A Potts Trust Income		10,933		10,933	10,343
Investment Interest:					
Investors Trust		405	702	1,107	1,107
Total Receipts		**63,075**	**1,822**	**64,897**	**58,923**
Payments	4				
Cost of generating funds					
Charitable activities		59,345	1,481	60,826	72,677
Other payments					
Total Payments		**59,345**	**1,481**	**60,826**	**72,677**
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers		**3,730**	**341**	**4,071**	**(13,754)**
Transfers					
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		**3,730**	**341**	**4,071**	**(13,754)**

Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland
Statement of Balances
At 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Bank & Deposit Balances					
Bank & deposit balances brought forward		20,875	3,730	24,605	38,359
Movement in year:					
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		3,730	341	4,071	(13,754)
Transfers					
Bank & deposit balances carried forward		**24,605**	**4,071**	**28,676**	**24,605**
Investments at market value					
8,200 units in COS Growth Fund (Cost 2025- £4,991 2024 - £4,991)		**20,640**	**35,776**	**56,416**	**52,316**

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session and Financial Board on 3 March 2026.

For and on behalf of the Kirk Session and Financial Board

Catherine Bryden_____ **Catherine Bryden – Clerk to the Board**

June Cook_____ **June Cook - Treasurer**

Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2025

1 Accounting Policy

The charity prepares the Financial Statements on a Receipts and Payments basis of accounting.

1a Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

During the year 1 trustee received reimbursement of expenses amounting to £4,613. One trustee received remuneration of £5,403.

No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

2 Movements in Funds

Unrestricted funds	1/1/2025 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	31/12/2025 £
Designated Fabric Fund	34		-	-	34
Designated Organ Fund	11,832	273		-10,000	2,105
Miss J Blackie Bequest		405		-405	
General Fund	9,009	62,397	59,345	10,405	22,466
	20,875	63,075	59,345	-	24,605
Restricted funds					
Flower Fund		1,120	1,120		
Session Benevolent	340				340
Blackie Family Endowment (Windows)	2,711	75			2,786
Blackie Family Flower Fund		136	43		93
Corbett Memorial Flower Fund	679	84	84		679
Corbett Memorial Trust (Bible Knowledge)	-	131	131		
Sarah Schorn Bequest (Flowers)	-	173			173
Peter Sneddon Bequest (Sunday School)	-	89	89		
Tom Downs Memorial (Sunday School)	-	14	14		
	3,730	1,822	1,481		4,071
Total funds	24,605	64,897	60,826	-	28,676

Purposes of Unrestricted Funds

Fabric Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds for the maintenance of the Church property
Organ Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds for the maintenance of the organ.

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Flower Funds: These funds provide flowers for display during services of worship.
Window Fund: This is to be used for the maintenance of the Church windows.
Bible Knowledge Fund: This is a fund to be used to promote bible knowledge.
Session Benevolent: This fund is to be used for benevolent purposes.
Sunday School Funds: These funds are to be used by the Sunday School.

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Notes to the Accounts (Cont)
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025	Total 2024 £
3. Analysis of Donations				
WFO Scheme (non Gift Aid)	7,737		7,737	8,848
Gift Aid Donations	20,228		20,228	18,584
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Donations	5,057		5,057	4,614
Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)	2,083		2,083	2,611
Contributions from Congregation Organisations:				
Guild	300			
Bowling Club	700		1,000	1,000
Other Offerings, Donations etc	2,549	1,120	3,669	3,754
	38,654	**1,120**	**39,774**	**39,411**
4 Analysis of Payments				
Costs of generating funds				
Offering envelopes	223		223	
	223		**223**	
Charitable activities				
Giving to Grow	32,847		32,847	34,553
(2025 allocation 32,847 paid 32,847 by direct debit over 10 months)				
Presbytery dues	971		971	1,024
Minister's expenses	694		694	821
Travel expenses	720		720	240
Pulpit supply	-1,795		-1,795	1,797
Other staffing costs	5,403		5,403	5,315
Fabric repairs & maintenance	6,335		6,335	12,101
Council charge	3,199		3,199	2,929
Heat and light	5,311		5,311	6,228
Insurance	3,312		3,312	3,099
Organ maintenance	426		426	804
Training & outreach	1,004	234	1,238	1,264
Flowers		1,247	1,247	1,432
Internet costs	695		695	720
Printing, stationery & postage				
Other expenses				350
	59,122	**1,481**	**60,603**	**72,677**

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
4 Continued				
Other Payments				

5 Minister's Stipend

All Church of Scotland congregations contribute to the National Stipend Fund which bears the costs of all ministers' stipends and employer's 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 minimum stipend was **£32,433** and the maximum stipend (in the fifth and subsequent years) **£39,856.**

	2025	2024
6. Collections for Third Parties		
Hope for Autism	237	413
RNLI		
Alzheimers		
Foodbank		
Poppy Scotland	141	99
Christian Aid	648	362
Trussell Trust		247
Baby Bank	336	
Bradley		
Leprosy		
Simon Community		
	1,362	**1,121**

7. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
Investments – 8200 units in COS Growth Fund	20,640		35,776	**56,416**
Current Assets	22,466	2,139	4,071	**28,676**
Net assets 31 December 2025	**43,106**	**2,139**	**39,847**	**85,092**

APPENDIX

FUNDS HELD ON BEHALF OF THE CONGREGATION

BY THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GENERAL TRUSTEES

CAPITAL ACCOUNT	2025 £	2024 £
Credit Balances held at 31 December 2025	1,391	1,391
Market Value of Balances at 31 December 2025	2,133	2,035

REVENUE ACCOUNT		
Credit Balance at 31 December 2025	181	412

The revenue account received interest of £19 and CFF share dividends of £70 during the year. An administration fee of £320 was incurred.

TEMPORARY ACCOUNT		
Valuation Report Orbiston Centre – Expenditure	2,832	2,832