

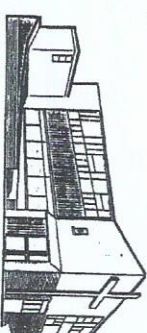
The Church of Scotland



BLAWARTHILL PARISH CHURCH

CONGREGATION NO. - 160841

SCOTTISH CHARITY NO. - SC006410



ANNUAL REPORT and CONGREGATIONAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

The following accounts will be presented to the
Congregation of Blawarthill Parish Church

20th September 2026

**BLAWARTHILL PARISH CHURCH of SCOTLAND GLASGOW SC006410
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION**

Charity Name: Blawarthill Parish Church of Scotland, Glasgow
Charity Registration Number: SC006410
Congregation Reference No: 160841
Contact Address: 48 St Ives Road
Moodiesburn
Glasgow G69 0PE

TRUSTEES

The Trustees of Blawarthill Parish Church are the members of the Kirk Session who served from the 1st January 2024 to the date of Trustee approval on the 14th July 2026 are as follows -

Joan Black	Duncan MacKenzie
Joseph Clark	Lorna McLean
Lesleyanne Deans	Thomas McPherson
Elizabeth Glen	Anne Smith
Peter Glen	Ellen Smith
Linda McCormick	Margaret Smith
Isabella McFarlane	John Thomson
Lynne McGhie	Melvyn Wood (Ret'd. 14/5/24)
Hugh McGuire	David Slater (Int.Mod.14/5/24)

Principal Office Bearers -
Minister / Interim Moderator
Session Clerks
Church Treasurer

Rev G Melvyn Wood / Rev David Slater
Mr J Thomson, Mrs E Smith
Mrs Elizabeth M M Glen

Independent Examiner

Mr William Bell
Flat 1/2, 192 Broomfield Road,
Glasgow G21 3UF

Bankers

Bank of Scotland,
836, Crow Road,
Glasgow G13 1ET

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2024**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The Church is administered in accordance with the terms of the Unitary Deed of Constitution.

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

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Blawarthill Parish Church was founded in 1941 as a congregation of the Church of Scotland. The Kirk Session is chaired by the Minister and meets at least six times in a year. Certain responsibilities are delegated to the Finance Committee and the Property Committee 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.

Worship is held jointly every Sunday at 11am with St Columba Gaelic. This is followed by a congregational lunch and time of fellowship. Special services are held at Christmas and Easter. Church organisations include the Guild, the Choir and small groups which meet from time to time for study or congregational planning purposes. Boys Brigade and Brownies are linked to the church along with their corresponding junior groups. These are well attended and take part in annual dedication services during Sunday worship. The congregation occasionally holds events open to the community for fundraising purposes. The Glasgow NW Foodbank, under its manager and team of volunteers provides emergency food aid to all who need it. It is

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supported by the congregation, grant giving bodies and various donations.

ACHIEVEMENTS and PERFORMANCE

The mainstay of our congregation is the worship of God and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, chiefly through worship and outreach. Sunday worship has continued with its wide variety of music, preaching and support from the choir and organist. The mixture of Gaelic and English continues to provide variety in the service, and we are grateful to those willing to deliver the readings in Gaelic during the service. This year there have been the occasional services led wholly in Gaelic.

This year Revd Melvyn Wood retired on the 14th May 2024. The church held a celebration after the morning service to thank him for his dedication to the congregation over the past years. Glasgow Presbytery appointed Revd David Slater as Interim Moderator. For part of the year our worship was led by a mixture of pulpit supply and the Session Clerks John Thomson and Duncan Mitchell. We are grateful to everyone who has led worship in this time of vacancy, and to the guidance of the Interim Moderator Rev David Slater.

The Kirk Session has maintained the life of the congregation through its hard work and oversight during this time of vacancy. A group of volunteers took time to update the fabric of the manse with a view to letting it out over the coming months. This has entailed some considerable work for the group, and the Kirk Session are grateful to them for doing this task. There continues to be a healthy interest in renting the church halls from various groups and organisations.

The Foodbank was again in high demand this year, and we are grateful to all the staff for all that they do leading and supporting this valuable resource for the wider community.

The Presbytery Planning adjustment for Blawarthill Parish Church and St Columba Gaelic continued this year, looking to a linkage with Jordanhill in the future.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Our Giving to Grow for 2024 was £ 6,129 and was remitted in full during 2024.

The donations received from the congregation during the year have decreased, as has the income from our hall lets, which is understandable during the continuing economic crisis.

But our church continues on a stable financial footing.

We still have another year of utilities with no standing charges attached and as a donation to the church the Foodbank offsets some of these costs.

The Foodbank continues to be supported by external donors consisting of corporate, social groups and individuals, for which we are extremely grateful.

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of approximately three months general expenditure.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Church during the financial year. The Trustees 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 2016. 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,

Signed


Mrs Ellen Smith (Session Clerk)

Date : 14th July 2026

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 7 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 (as amended).

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 (as amended). 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 (as amended), and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended) 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


Date : 16th July 2026

Name : Mr William R. Bell MCIBS
Address : Flat 1/2, 192 Broomfield Road, Glasgow G21 3UF.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Designated Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
Receipts						
Donations	3	13,323	0	75,905	89,228	110,779
Legacies		0	0	0	0	0
Activities for Generating Funds		1,166	0	0	1,166	613
Bank & Deposit Interest		0	0	0	0	0
Investment Income		0	0	0	0	0
Use of Premises		3,010	0	0	3,010	10,274
Grants		0	0	31,176	31,176	25,738
Weddings and Funerals		0	0	0	0	390
Grants from General Trustees		0	0	0	0	0
Other Receipts		424	0	0	424	475
Tax Reclaim		1,582	3,883	4,083	9,548	0
Total Receipts		19,505	3,883	111,164	134,652	148,269
PAYMENTS						
Costs of generating funds	4	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	4	16,955	493	98,530	115,978	98,166
Governance costs	4	0	0	0	0	0
		16,955	493	98,530	115,978	98,166
Assets and Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Total Payments		16,955	493	98,530	115,978	98,166
Excess of Receipts/Payments for the year before Transfers		2,550	3,390	12,634	18,674	50,103
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year after Transfers		0	0	0	0	0
		2,550	3,390	12,634	18,674	50,103

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES - YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Designated Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
Bank & Deposit Balances					
Bank & Deposit balances brought forward	£ 21,962	£ 6,810	£ 374,678	£ 403,450	£ 353,081
MOVEMENT IN YEAR					
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	2,650	3,390	12,634	18,674	50,103
Bank & Deposit balances carried forward	24,612	10,200	387,312	422,124	403,184

The accounts were approved by
The Trustees on 14th July 2026
For and on behalf of the Kirk Session and Congregational Board

Elle Smith Session Clerk

Elizabeth Hughes Treasurer

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
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1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Regulations anent Congregational Finance approved by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 2012.

2. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance at 01-Jan-2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2024
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	£ 21,963	£ 19,605	£ 16,955	£ 0	£ 24,613
Designated Funds					
Fabric Fund	£ 5,684	£ 3,883	£ 493	£ 0	£ 9,074
Reserve Fund	£ 1,126	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 1,126
Restricted Funds					
Flower Fund	£ 156	£ 750	£ 902	£ 0	£ 4
Life & Work	£ 152	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 152
Fellowship	£ 182	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 182
Food Bank	£ 369,351	£ 108,161	£ 94,755	£ 0	£ 382,757
Choir Fund	£ 520	£ 130	£ 500	£ 0	£ 150
Guild	£ 3,696	£ 2,123	£ 1,967	£ 0	£ 3,788
Sunday School	£ 214	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 214
Gems	£ 406	£ 0	£ 406	£ 0	£ 0
Total Funds	£ 403,450	£ 134,652	£ 115,978	£ 0	£ 422,124

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PURPOSE OF FUNDS

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	
General Fund	This fund is for the general day to day running of the Church
DESIGNATED FUNDS	
Fabric Fund	The Trustees have set aside funds for the maintenance of church property
Reserve Fund	The Trustees have set this aside for any emergency payments or top up the general Fund
RESTRICTED FUNDS	
Flower Fund	A fund to display flowers in the sanctuary
Life & Work	A fund used for the purchase and payment of Life & Work
Fellowship	Fellowship Fund Money
Food Bank	Food Bank Money
Choir	This fund belongs to the Choir
Guild	This fund belongs to the Guild
Sunday School	Money for Sunday School use
Gems	This fund belongs to the Gems

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	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Designated Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
3. ANALYSIS OF DONATIONS					
WFO Scheme	3,603	-	-	3,603	3,150
Gift Aid Donations	7,980	-	38,520	46,500	49,195
Tax recovered on Gift Aid Donations	1,682	3,883	4,083	9,648	0
Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)	1,741	-	-	1,741	1,301
Use of Premises	3,010	-	-	3,010	10,274
Other Offerings, Donations etc.	1,589	0	68,561	70,150	84,348
TOTAL	19,605	3,883	111,164	134,652	148,268

4. ANALYSIS OF PAYMENTS

Costs of Generating Funds					
Investment Manager's Fees	0	0	0	0	0
Offering Envelopes	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities					
Giving to Grow	6,129	0	0	6,129	10,563
Presbytery Dues	533	0	0	533	255
Minister's Travel	775	0	0	775	2,002
Council Tax	3,218	0	0	3,218	3,146
Manse Phone	200	0	0	200	600
Organ/Pulpit Supply	278	0	0	278	0
Heating & Lighting	1,500	0	2,500	4,000	5,767
Insurance	2,387	0	0	2,387	4,000
Church Telephone	0	0	778	778	717
Fabric repairs & maintenance - Church	0	0	0	0	1,600
Fabric repairs & maintenance - Manse	0	493	0	493	725
Other expenses	1,935	-	95,252	97,187	68,770
TOTAL	16,955	493	98,530	115,978	98,165
Governance Costs					
Independent Examiner's Fee	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	16,955	493	98,530	115,978	98,165

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5. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Paid from the General Fund of the Church during 2024 for one Trustee, the Reverend Melvyn Wood, was the sum of £4,193.40, for Manse Council Tax (3,218.11); Travel Exp. (775.29); Tel/B/band (200.00).

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.

6. 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 £31,642 and the maximum stipend (in the fifth and subsequent years of service) £38,884..

7. COLLECTIONS FOR THIRD PARTIES

In addition to the General Income the following income from Special Collections was distributed during the year.

	2024	2023
Christian Aid	120	105
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0
TOTAL	120	105

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APPENDIX I

BANK BALANCES

Bank of Scotland Balance as at 31 st December 2023	398,736.00
Flower Fund Cash in hand	156.00
Choir Bank balance as at 31 st December 2023	520.11
Choir Cash in hand	0.00
Guild Bank Balance as at 31 st December 2023	3,632.04
Sunday School Cash in Hand	0.00
Gems Bank Balance as at 31 st December 2023	217.55
Gems Cash in hand	188.49
	403,450.19
Less cheques to be presented	170.00
Add Outstanding Lodgement	314.70
Total Closing Balance as at 31st December 2023	403,594.89

Bank of Scotland Balance as at 31 st December 2024	418,181.71
Flower Fund Cash in hand	3.97
Choir Bank Balance as at 31 st December 2024	150.11
Choir Cash in hand	0.00
Guild Bank Balance as at 31 st December 2024	3,788.04
Sunday School Cash in hand closed	0.00
Gems Bank Balance closed	0.00
Gems Cash in hand closed	0.00
	422,123.83
Total Closing Balance as at 31st December 2024	422,123.83