

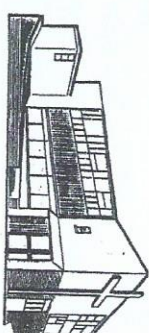
The Church of Scotland



BLAWARTHILL PARISH CHURCH of SCOTLAND
GLASGOW

CONGREGATION NO. - 160841

SCOTTISH CHARITY NO. - SC006410



ANNUAL REPORT and CONGREGATIONAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

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
Woodiesburn
Glasgow G69 0PE

TRUSTEES

**The Trustees of Blawarthill Parish Church are the members of the Kirk
Session who served from the 1st Jan 2025 to the date of Trustee
approval on 14th July 2026, are as follows -**

Joan Black	Duncan Mackenzie
Joseph Clark	Lorna McLean
Lesleyanne Deans	Thomas McPherson
Elizabeth Glen	Ann Smith
Peter Glen	Ellen Smith
Linda McCormick	Margaret Smith
Isabella McFarlane	John Thomson
Lynne McGhie	Rev David Slater(Res'd 25/9/25)
Hugh McGuire	Rev Bruce Sinclair (Min. 25/9/25)

Principal Office Bearers -

Interim Moderator Rev. David Slater
Minister Rev. Bruce H Sinclair
Session Clerks Mr. John Thomson.
Mrs. Ellen C. Smith.
Church Treasurer Mrs. Elizabeth M. M. Glen.

Independent Examiner

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

Bankers

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

**BLAWARTHILL PARISH CHURCH of SCOTLAND GLASGOW SC006410
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2025**

**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 *ad hoc* action groups as appropriate. Blawarthill Parish includes and lies adjacent to some of the poorest communities in Scotland according to government statistics. Accordingly, the parish is listed on the Church of Scotland's supplementary list of Priority Areas, meaning we can access targeted support and training provided centrally. Our focus for Christian outreach and service remains with serving those suffering from poverty, and in particular, food poverty. Glasgow NW Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust Foodbank network but is administratively an organisation of the congregation with its day to day affairs managed by the Kirk Session's Foodbank Governance Committee.

**BLAWARTHILL PARISH CHURCH of SCOTLAND GLASGOW SC006410
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2025
OBJECTIVES**

OBJECTIVES and PERFORMANCE

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 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.

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For part of the year our worship was led by a mixture of pulpit supply and the Session Clerk John Thomson. 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. During the year we welcomed several new attenders at worship, and it was a delight to celebrate a baptism too.

The Kirk Session maintains the life of the congregation through its hard work and oversight. We are grateful to Elders and members for their willingness to volunteer. The Manse fabric volunteer team completed their task, and the Manse was listed to let through a letting agency at the end of the year. We have noticed, along with many other churches, the increasing average age of office bearers and are mindful of the effect this can have on all that we can do as a congregation. The Guild has maintained its regular meetings with a variety of speakers throughout the year. 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.

This year has witnessed the completion of the current stage of Presbytery Planning adjustment for Blawarthill Parish Church and St Columba Gaelic. The first half of the year continued conversations between Blawarthill Parish Church, St Columba Gaelic and Jordnahlill Parish Church. These conversations culminated in a voting process on a proposed triple linkage. After positive voting from all three congregations, on 25th September 2025, Blawarthill Parish Church, Jordnahlill Parish Church and St Columba Gaelic Church were formally linked together as one charge by The Presbytery of Glasgow. The service was led by the Presbytery of Glasgow Moderator, Rev George Mackay, our neighbouring minister at Broomhill Hyndland Parish Church. Rev Bruce Sinclair was inducted as the minister of the charge. The immediate change for the congregation of Blawarthill and St Columba Gaelic was a new Sunday service time of 11.30am, allowing worship to take place at Jordnahlill Parish church at 10am.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Glasgow NW Foodbank continues to operate as an organisation of the congregation. Operational demands continue to increase. The Welcome Centre area of the church continues to be used as the Foodbank office, warehouse and distribution centre. Our full time Foodbank Manager and part-time Project Development Manager led operations, together with a team of volunteers, enabling the Foodbank to provide emergency food parcels through a voucher system and in partnership with referral agencies. Operations were carried out both from our Blawarthill base and from our distribution centre at the Victory Church, Hawthorn Street, Possilpark. We are grateful to Pastor Roy Varghese and his people at the Victory Centre for their unfailing cooperation and support. The Foodbank continued its partnership with the Fuel Bank Foundation, enabling it to apply for fuel vouchers on behalf of qualifying clients. The Foodbank continued to be supported financially and in kind by various corporate and personal donors. Its distinct financial position, included in the Accounts of Blawarthill but ringfenced for Foodbank purposes, remained buoyant in spite of the continuing cost of living strictures. The Manager maintains a waiting list for Foodbank volunteers.

News about church activities is publicised through a weekly pew-sheet. Social media is used to publicise our work more widely, and as a mission tool. Facebook and Twitter as well as the church website (www.blawarthillchurch.org) are regularly updated and serve as a public record of our activities.

The church garden with its winding walks continues to encourage inclusivity and community engagement and has been successfully maintained by church members of both congregations.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The report shows that we completed our Giving to Grow quota for 2025. We had a marked decrease on the letting of the Church Halls, which still generated a small but welcome rental income.

The Open Plate showed a very small increase, and the total donations for FWO decreased by appx.20% while Gift Aid Donation increased by appx. 10% during the year. Again, a huge thank you to everyone for the continuing support of your church.

The Gift Aid Tax reclaims for the General, Fabric and Foodbank Funds will be submitted during 2026.

As noted the Restricted Foodbank Fund holds reserves of over £400,000.00 the Foodbank did receive a Grant of over £51,000 from the Trussell Trust to cover 2 years of employment and extra expenses of a CAB officer in both centres on a part time basis, which has been utilised extensively.

The Fabric Fund income and expenditure show a marked decrease as we actively promote the care of our church and former manse and with the help of anonymous donors offering to reduce our future burden for any works that may arise.

A further increase in the Restricted Foodbank Fund is due to the generous continued support shown by the extended community of individuals, businesses and clubs, too many to mention by name.

RESERVES POLICY

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

As this may vary, see note 2.

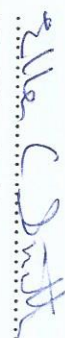
Reserve Fund closing bank balance remains at £1,126.00

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2025

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 (as amended) 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

BLAWARTHILL PARISH CHURCH of SCOTLAND GLASGOW SC006410
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025 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

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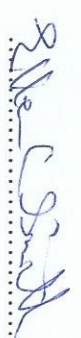
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Designated Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
Receipts						
Donations	3	12,027	1,778	76,639	90,444	89,228
Legacies		0	0	0	0	0
Activities for Generating Funds		584	0	0	584	1,166
Bank & Deposit Interest		0	0	0	0	0
Investment Income		0	0	0	0	0
Use of Church Halls		2,250	0	0	2,250	3,010
Grants		1,000	0	80,966	81,966	31,176
Weddings and Funerals		150	0	0	150	0
Grants from General Trustees		0	0	0	0	424
Other Receipts		93	1,185	0	1,278	9,648
Total Receipts		16,104	2,963	157,605	176,672	134,652
PAYMENTS						
Costs of generating funds	4	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	4	15,613	4,039	110,274	129,926	115,978
Governance costs	4	0	0	0	0	0
		15,613	4,039	110,274	129,926	115,978
Assets and Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Total Payments		15,613	4,039	110,274	129,926	115,978
Excess of Receipts/Payments for the year before Transfers		491	(1,076)	47,331	46,746	18,674
Transfers		0	0	(0)	0	0
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year after Transfers		491	(1,076)	47,331	46,746	18,674

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES - YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Designated Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
Bank & Deposit Balances						
Bank & Deposit balances brought forward		24,613	10,200	387,311	422,124	403,450
MOVEMENT IN YEAR						
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		491	(1,076)	47,331	46,746	18,674
Bank & Deposit balances carried forward	2	25,104	9,124	434,642	468,870	422,124
ASSETS Former Manse Insurance		475,000	0	0	475,000	0

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

 Session Clerk
 Treasurer

BLAWARTHILL PARISH CHURCH of SCOTLAND GLASGOW SC006410
NOTES FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

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 2016.

2. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance at 01-Jan- 2025 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2025 £
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	24,613	16,104	15,613	0	25,104
Designated Funds					
Fabric Fund	9,074	2,963	4,039	0	7,998
Reserve Fund	1,126	0	0	0	1,126
Restricted Funds					
Flower Fund	4	980	896	0	88
Life & Work	152	0	0	0	152
Fellowship	182	0	0	0	182
Food Bank	382,821	152,484	104,468	0	430,837
Choir Fund	150	0	0	0	150
Guild	3,788	4,141	4,910	0	3,019
Sunday School	214	0	0	0	214
Gems	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funds	422,124	176,672	129,926	0	468,870

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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 Fund Money

Choir
This fund belongs to the Choir

Guild
This fund belongs to the Guild

Sunday School
Money for Sunday School use

Gems
Closed 2024

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Designated Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
3. ANALYSIS OF DONATIONS					
WFO Scheme	2,903	0	0	2,903	3,603
Gift Aid Donations	7,437	823	36,897	44,157	46,500
Tax recovered on Gift Aid Don's	0	0	0	0	9,648
Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)	1,688	0	0	1,688	1,741
Use of Premises	2,250	0	0	2,250	3,010
Other Offerings, Donations etc.	1,826	2,140	121,708	125,674	70,150
	16,104	2,963	157,605	176,672	134,652

4. ANALYSIS OF PAYMENTS					
Costs of Generating Funds					
Investment Manager's Fees	0	0	0	0	0
Offering Envelopes	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities					
Giving to Grow	5,000	0	0	5,000	6,129
Presbytery Dues	190	0	0	190	533
Minister's Travel	315	0	0	315	775
Council Tax	3,026	0	0	3,026	3,218
Manse Phone	0	0	0	0	200
Organ/Pulpit Supply	2,158	0	0	2,158	278
Heating & Lighting & Water	2,000	0	2,500	4,500	4,000
Insurance	2,621	0	0	2,621	2,387
Church Telephone/B/land	0	0	820	820	778
Fabric repairs & maintenance – Church	0	70	675	745	0
Fabric repairs & maintenance - Manse	0	3,969	0	3,969	493
Other expenses	303	0	106,279	106,583	97,017
	15,613	4,039	110,274	129,926	115,808
Governance Costs					
Independent Examiner's Fee	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	15,613	4,039	110,274	129,926	115,808

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5. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS
Paid from the General Fund of the Church during 2025 for one Trustee, the Reverend David Slater, £ 402 (Travel Exp. £ 247.00 and Pulpit Supply £155.00).

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 £32,433 and the maximum stipend (in the fifth and subsequent years of service) £39,856.

7. COLLECTIONS FOR THIRD PARTIES
In addition to the General Income the following income from Special Collections was distributed during the year.

	2025	2024
Christian Aid	324	120
TOTAL	324	120

BANK BALANCES

Bank of Scotland Balance as at 31st 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
Guild Bank Balance as at 31 st December 2024	3,788.04
Guild Cash in hand	0.00
Sunday School Cash in hand	0.00
Gems Bank Balance as at 31 st December 20254	0.00
Gems Cash in hand	0.00
Add outstanding Lodgement	422,123.83
Less cheques to be presented	0.00
	0.00
Total Closing Balance as at 31st December 2024	422,123.33

Bank of Scotland Balance as at 31st December 2025	465,611.45
Flower Fund cash in hand	87.67
Choir Bank Balance as at 31 st December 2025	150.11
Choir Cash in hand	0
Guild Bank Balance as at 31 st December 2025	2,460.45
Guild Cash in Hand	558.95
Sunday School Cash in hand	0.00
Gems Bank Balance as at 31 st December 2025	0.00
Gems Cash in hand	0.00
Add Outstanding Lodgement	468,868.63
Less cheques to be presented	0.00
	0.00
Total Closing Balance as at 31st December 2025	468,868.63