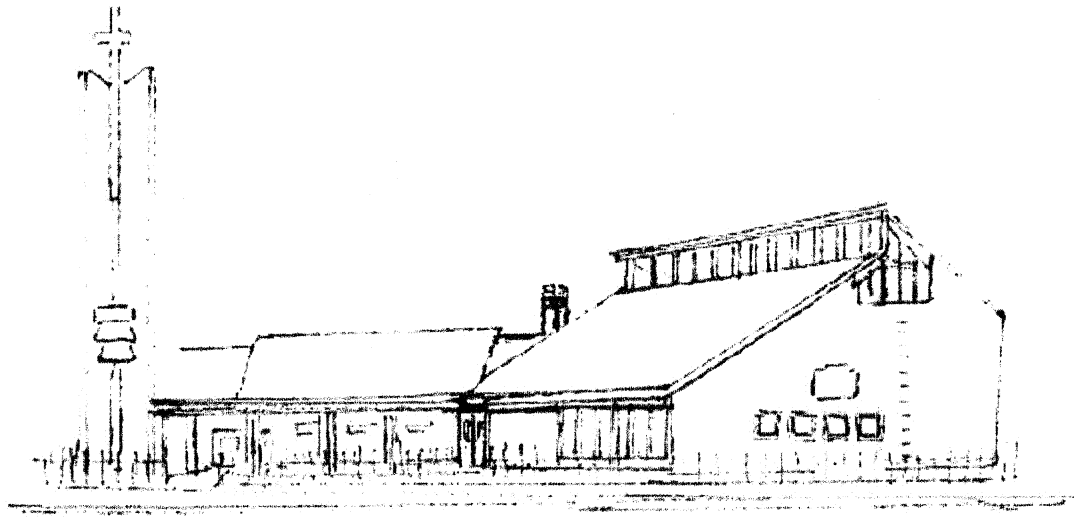
The Church of Scotland
Corby, Church of Scotland



RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

Congregation No: 472430

Charity No: SC 043757

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Trustees

KIRK SESSION MEMBERS

Mrs H. Aitchison, Rev M. Binks, (retired 31st December 2025) Mr. S. Byrne, Mrs A. Keith, Mr J Mahon Rev I S McCarthy, (retired 31ST December 2025) Mrs G. McLean, Mrs G. T. McLean, Mrs M. Malley, Mrs E. Milligan, (retired 31st December 2025) Mrs M. Mitchell, Rev S. Rennie, (1st May 2025) Mr A. Snedden, Mrs J. Stronnar. Rev Dr Coulter (May 2025)

Principal Office-bearers

Interim Moderator: Rev. D. Coulter
Session Clerk: Mrs P Jess
Congregational Treasurer: Mrs G.T. McLean

Independent Examiner

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31st December 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The Church is administered in accordance with the terms of Deed of Constitution (Unitary Form)

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. A new Interim Moderator, who is a member of the Kirk Session, was appointed by Presbytery from April 2025. The appointed FTE Minister of Word and Sacrament, who was allocated to the Church in January 2024 for a two-year contract, retired 31st December 25.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Kirk Session, which meets at least eight times a year, is the Governing Body; certain responsibilities are delegated to sub-committees. The main sub-committees of the church are:- Ministry Team, Pastoral, Mission, Finance and Fabric, Safeguarding.

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 cooperates with other Churches in various ecumenical bodies in Scotland and beyond.

Corby, Church of Scotland, retained an Interim Moderator appointed by the Presbytery of England and Channel Islands, the FTE Minister of Word and Sacrament. The Auxiliary Minister and Reader Worked as a team until 31st December 2025.

Corby, Church of Scotland, holds family worship at 10 am on Sundays and prayer services every day except Sundays.

Baptisms and the Blessing of children are celebrated as part of the regular Sunday Service.

In addition to weddings, Corby, Church of Scotland also conducts funerals both at the Church and at the local crematorium for members of the Church and the community.

Corby, Church of Scotland, has a Safeguarding Policy which is kept up to date through a designated Safeguarding Coordinator and committee.

Corby, Church of Scotland, has a Data Protection Policy.

Corby, Church of Scotland, has a Conflict-of-Interest Policy

Corby, Church of Scotland, is a Fair Trade and Eco Congregational Church and has an ongoing commitment to maintaining this status.

Achievements and Performance

Ministry Team:

Vacancy: Rev Dr D Coulter was appointed as the church's new Interim Moderator in April. Rev I. S. McCarthy, Associate Minister, along with Rev. M. Binks, Locally Ordained Minister and Mrs E Milligan, Reader, worked as a Ministry Team throughout the year.

Services in Person:

Sunday worship is at 10.00 am. Communion took place six times during the year.

Services via Zoom

Daily Prayer meetings (except Sundays): Includes Bible readings, reflection, prayers, and closes with a hymn.

Weekly Bible Study – During 2025, the Minor Prophets and the Gospel of Luke were the areas of scripture studied.

Special Services

23rd March: The congregation welcomed the Rev T McNeil, Convenor of the Church of Scotland's Faith Action Programme, talking about how we will be surprised by what God will do through our church in the next few years.

17th April Maundy Thursday: Corby, Church of Scotland and the Corner Stone Methodist Church shared an afternoon service at their church on the Kingswood Estate. An evening Communion Service was celebrated by the congregation, serving communion to each other.

18th April: The congregation joined in a Good Friday evening Vigil service.

20th April: Easter Sunday started with a Sunrise service held in the grounds of the church, and Easter communion at our morning service.

13th May: Corby, Church of Scotland hosted the Shire and Soke (Churches Together in Northamptonshire, Peterborough and Rutland), which included a service in the church, which members of our congregation attended.

12th October Harvest Festival - There was a town initiative this year by Corby County Council for a Town-wide food drive donations for Corby Food Bank. The drop of point for the food was the Corby Irish Club. Community and faith groups were there to promote their services with help and advice, including Corby, Church of Scotland. It was a very successful day, and it is planned to do the same again in 2026. Corby, Church of Scotland, again gave their fresh food donations to Eden Park. This is a project for young mums, based in the centre of the town and made up of thirteen supported accommodation flats.

9th November Remembrance Service: The Organisations of the church, members of the SDA church and Local Beanfield Residents joined us for this service. Wreaths were laid at our memorial garden, which is supported by the Beanfield's Residents Association.

16th November: The church had the privilege of Rev Justin Taylor, Moderator of the Presbytery of England and the Channel Islands, taking the Service.

23rd November: Rev Rose Frew, the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, visited our church. The church celebrated communion together, and four Elders were presented with their long service certificates.

21st December: In addition to the morning service, there was a traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols held in the evening. This was a multi-denominational service. The Salvation Army band played the music, and the Corby Apostolic Church engaged with the readings, and their choir sang a wonderful melody of carols.

Baptisms and Weddings -The Church is made available for those who wish their baptism and wedding to take place in the context of a Christian Service

Ecumenical:

One of the members of our Ministry team during this time was the Presbytery of England and Channel Islands Denominational Representative on the Enabling Group England. He was also a member of Shire and Soke, who organise and encourage churches to work together locally, in our case within Northamptonshire, Peterborough and Rutland.

Four different denominations have used our church regularly for worship and other activities throughout the year.

Members of the congregation have attended Easter and Christmas town centre open-air services. These services are organised by local Christian churches. Members of the Ministry Team have taken part in these services.

Pastoral:

The pastoral team look after members of the congregation, by personal visits, cards and delivery of flowers.

Mission:

World Mission: Corby, Church of Scotland supports World Mission. Stamps are collected regularly. Ekwendeni Hospital, Malawi, continues to be supported by monthly retiring collections. The work of Christian Aid is supported by specific collections, during May and at Christmas time, and the congregation support ad hoc appeals, with retiring collections.
Four Members of the church attended the Christian Aid 80 years Thanksgiving service at Westminster Abbey in June.

Food Bank: Corby, Church of Scotland supports the local Foodbank by making donations of food and money, prayer and volunteering personnel.

Schools: Work with the two local Schools, Beanfield Primary School, and Red Kite Special Academy, continues. Both schools support Messy Church through the distribution of leaflets to their pupils.

Messy Church: This mission involves not only church members but also volunteers from the community. There are twenty volunteers, and usually ten volunteers join us each month. There is also a dedicated prayer team. During 2025, there were nine sessions, and we had thirty-three families come through our doors. Several of these families have been joining for several years, others are single parents, or

Shoe Box Appeal: Shoe boxes from the UK this year have been distributed to over 100 countries, including the Balkans, Ukraine, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Malawi, and Nigeria. Fifty-nine boxes were taken to the drop-off centre in Corby, and additional money donated for shoe boxes raised £150 and were used to buy online shoe boxes.

Home Start: Corby, Church of Scotland members support their fundraising and host one of their family gatherings at the church each year.

Seagrave Residential Home Service: Members of the church visit the home once a month. A short service of hymns, prayers, and a message followed by fellowship, tea and cakes is shared with the residents.

The Afternoon Tea and Cake, which started in 2023, continues to be well supported by members of the community and congregation.

Corby Highland Gathering: It was decided to attend this two-day event again this year. We followed the same recipe as last year, which included free refreshments, based on a mock cocktail called "the burning bush", an area for Messy Church, prayer and fellowship. Giveaways included New Testaments, religious literature based on everyday living. There was good engagement with attendees during the weekend, including Christian and non-Christian discussions.

Hall Let: Corby Church of Scotland, as part of their mission, allows free use of the halls. As a result of taking part in the Bearing Fruit Health Check, the church took advantage of the hall let calculator produced by the Church of Scotland when reviewing their tiered rent and costs.

Presbytery/Corby Church of Scotland Mission Plan

The Presbytery of England and the Channel Isles Mission Plan was reviewed during 2025. This has resulted in the Corby Church of Scotland's plan for their church within the previous document being cancelled.

Corby Church of Scotland, working alongside the Presbytery of England and the Channel Isles have been charged with the task to submit a new Mission Plan for the future of the church within a timeline of sixteen months.

Communications

A monthly intimation sheet is available from the church or on the website.

Weekly notices are played before and after the service on the AVC screens, giving details of forthcoming events, meetings and financial updates.

Website - This continues to be a useful tool for information about what is going on within the church, links to bible study, prayers, and intimations. https://www.corbychurch.org.uk/welcome.htm

Age Profile and Attendance

Although an aged congregation, Corby, Church of Scotland continues to be supportive and generous in the giving of their time, talent, money and prayers, and enjoys fellowship with one another, and within the community.

The average attendance for general services over the year has been forty-three. The attendance for communion services has been over fifty.

There is also a following on our streamed services.

Retirements: At the end of the year, three members of our ministry team retired.

Training

2025 Elders Pastoral Care Conference: Three Elders attended this conference
Worship Training: Two Members of the Church have committed to this ongoing training.
The Big Conversation: Be. Change. Move. Four Members of the church attended this event held in Stirling this year.

Financial Review:

Free will Offerings: This year's free will offerings total just over £25,000 this is on a par with the income since the union of the church.

The overall figure for donations for 2025 is £2,255.75 higher than last year, but there was an additional gift aid that was claimed (£2,862.09), carried over from the previous year.

Rental of Premises: Corby Church of Scotland has reorganised the rental of its premises. As a result, this is only £1,442.99 less than last year, which included rentals from the St Andrew's site.

You will note that our income for this year increased to £100,020 compared to last year of £80,643, a difference of £19,376.66.

Please note that included in this increase is £3,517, was a payment of Giving to Grow, which has been paid back to Corby Church of Scotland and then returned to the Church of Scotland because we did not qualify for the rebate.

The main reason for increases in 2025 is that the church received £3,040.24 from utility rebates.
£28,000 was claimed back from the interest of our assets held by the General Trusties. An increase of £15,952.66 compared to that claimed last year.

Funds Held by the General Trustees for the Benefit of the Congregation Appendix A

In the Consolidated Fabric fund, the church as at the 31st December £472,296, and in the Rvenue account, we have £20,464; The Revenue account is where interest, and rental of the manse and its expenses are recorded, and monies are drawn down for utility and mission expenses.

It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of approximately six months' expenditure, including designated funds. At the year's end, the Church held unrestricted funds of £95,923.43. With increased expenses expected in 2026, this equates to eight months of reserves.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities:

The members of the Kirk Session 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 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,

Date 23/2/2026

Corby, Church of Scotland Registered Charity SCO43757

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Corby, Church of Scotland:

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.

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.

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Date 21.03.26