

**FORTINGALL, GLENLYON, KENMORE AND LAWERS  
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Congregational accounts**

**for the year ended**

**31st December 2024**

**Congregation Number - 271630**

**Charity number - SC006260**

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## Reference and administrative information

**Charity name:** Fortingall, Glenlyon, Kenmore and Lawers Church of Scotland

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**Contact address:**



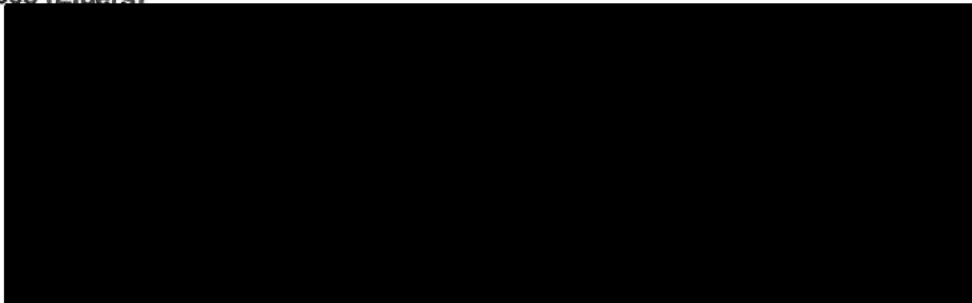
### Minister

Rev. Robert Nicol was Interim Moderator until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 following which Mr Lorimer Gray was appointed as Interim Moderator

### Trustees and Office Bearers

The following people served from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

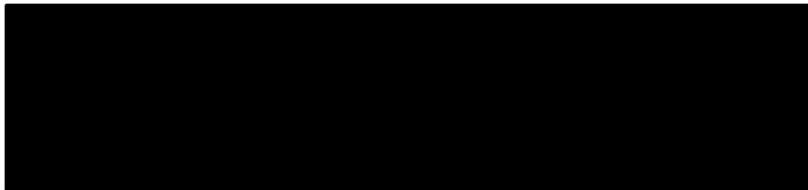
#### Trustees (Elders)



#### Office Bearers



**Independent examiner:**



**Bankers:** The Royal Bank of Scotland, 14 Allan Street, Blairgowrie, PH10 6AD

# TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024

## Structure, governance and management

### Governing document

The church is administered in accordance with the terms of the 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 to contribute to the management of the affairs of the church.

The Treasurer is appointed for a term of three years and may apply to the Kirk Session for a reappointment for a further term of three years. The current term expires on 31st December 2025.

### Organisational structure

The Kirk Session is chaired by the Interim Moderator, normally meets four times a year and is responsible for all the spiritual and temporal affairs of the church

### 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.

### Achievements and Performance

Weekly public worship alternated between the churches in Fortingall and Kenmore with services beginning on Sundays at 11.00 am. For a relatively small congregation, the Sunday attendance varied between the upper teens and a high of 40 resulting in an average figure of just below 30.

Following the Kirk Session's agreement to delete members on the roll with whom all contact / addresses had been lost and following the deaths of 6 members over the course of the year, our roll now stands at 78. One Elder had intimated his wish to stand down and so the Eldership total now stands at 10 comprising 6 male and 4 female Elders. There was a total of 6 funerals, 4 weddings and 1 baptism.

Under the terms of the Union, which permitted occasional services in Glenlyon, there were two very well-attended meetings at summer and Christmas. The Christmas Eve service, organised by Robert and Lindsay Brown, was particularly successful and the Kirk in the glen was filled to overflowing.

The members of the Tay and Lyon Churches Guild hosted the World Day of Prayer in Fortingall Church in February and led this year's Guild Service in Kenmore Church in September.

Throughout the year, the Outreach Group, led by Sandra Seath, continued to engage with church members and the wider community via the Church Newsletter.

The church buildings continue to be looked after by the Fabric Group. While Fortingall and Glenlyon were both in a good state of repair, a new outbreak of dry rot was discovered in Kenmore Church. A detailed survey on Kenmore Church, financed by River Tay Development Ltd, was carried out. The "Schedule of Significant Defects or Issues" resulted in an approximate cost of rectification of £371,150 exclusive of Value Added Tax.

We continue to support the needy in the parish and, through donations at Easter, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas, we have made substantial donations to a number of charities. Our treasurer, Olive Munro, is to be commended for her work with regard these matters in addition to all the other financial business which she handles on behalf of our church.

In 2024 we held a lunch and presentation in the Molteno Hall to mark the end of Rev. Robert Nicol's term as Interim Moderator. This was very well attended and showed the esteem in which Robert was held by the congregation, following his five years of ministry. We now look forward to the challenges facing us as we enter into a new linkage with the Rannoch churches.

## Financial review

Receipts were £43,496

Payments were at £34,250

The market value of the Growth Fund Units at the end of 2024 was £128,588.00

## Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Trustees to hold the equivalent of one year's general expenditure in the general fund and to hold a further year's general expenditure in the reserve fund. It is the policy of the Trustees to hold sufficient in the fabric fund to meet major items of repair and maintenance.

We have sufficient funds in both the Revenue and Fabric accounts to maintain all Churches for one year.

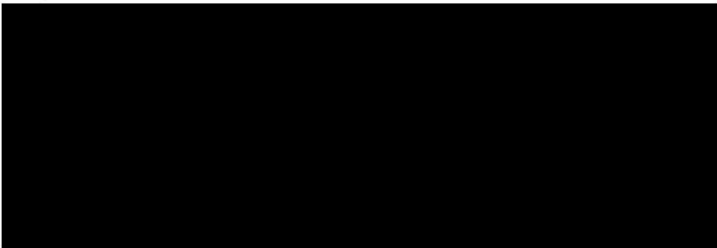
## Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements, for each financial year, which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on an ongoing concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment Act (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



## **Report of the independent examiners to the trustees of Fortingall, Glenlyon, Kenmore and Lawers Church of Scotland**

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 3 to 9.

### **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 Trustees Investment Act (Scotland) 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 our responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) ( c ) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

### **Basis of independent examiners' statement**

Our examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

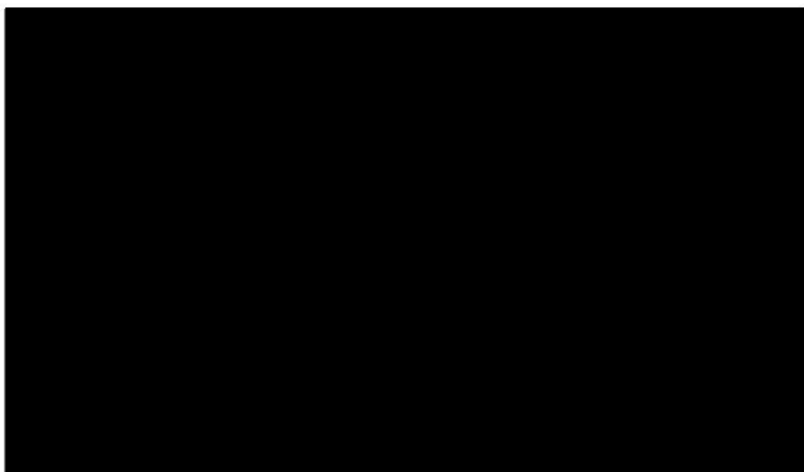
An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

### **Independent examiners' statement**

In the course of our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- 1) which gives us 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 Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
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Receipts and payments account

for the year ended 31st December 2024

		Unrestricted funds <u>2024</u> £	Restricted funds <u>2024</u> £	Total <u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Receipts					
Donations	7	32 951		32 951	28 042
Activities for generating funds		1 730		1 730	727
Bank and Deposit Income		2 518	5 207	7 725	5 873
Receipts from investments		2 657	202	2 859	2 419
Transfer of Funds from Consolidated Fabric Fund		3 640		3 640	3 580
Council Tax Refund					
DCMS			7 405	7 405	7 115
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>43 496</b>	<b>12 814</b>	<b>56 310</b>	<b>47 756</b>
Payments					
Charitable activities	4	34 250	2 375	36 625	21 388
Kenmore Restoration			36 430	36 430	58 340
Fortingall Fabric			4 800	4 800	
Glenlyon Historical					1 000
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>34 250</b>	<b>43 605</b>	<b>77 855</b>	<b>80 728</b>
<b>Excess of receipts (payments) for the year</b>		<b>9 246</b>	<b>(30 791)</b>	<b>(21 545)</b>	<b>(32 972)</b>

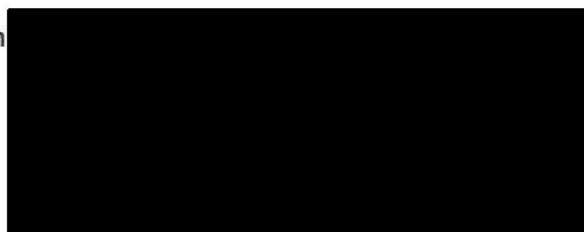
Statement of balances  
at 31st December 2024

		Unrestricted funds <u>2 024</u> £	Restricted funds <u>2 024</u> £	Total <u>2 024</u> £	<u>2 023</u> £
Bank and cash balances					
brought forward		82 235	115 696	197 931	230 903
movement in the year					
excess of receipts (payments) for the year		9 246	(30 791)	(21 545)	(32 972)
carried forward		91 481	84 905	176 386	197 931
Investments at cost	5	95 055	8 378	103 433	103 433
<b>Assets</b>		<b>186 536</b>	<b>93 283</b>	<b>279 819</b>	<b>301 364</b>
Current market value of investments		£128,588			

Third Party Collections

Collected in

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session on  
for and on behalf of the Kirk Session





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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

5 Investments	quantity	£	2 024	2 024	2 024
Investors Trust Church of Scotland Growth Fund purchased 2020	Units	£	Cost	Value	£
<b>General fund</b>	10 132		52 484	70 544	
<b>Reserve Fund</b>			7 602	42 571	48 500
<b>Social Service Fund</b>			1 496	8 378	9 544
<b>Total Investments</b>			19 230	103 433	128 588

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 5th and subsequent years of service £38,884

At 31st December 2024, the following estimated amounts were owed to the congregation

Gift Aid Recovery	5300	5 200
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7 Analysis of donations

General	<u>2 024</u>	<u>2 023</u>
	£	£
Gift Aid and Covenants	17 247	15 739
Tax recovered (Gift Aid)	5 227	4 133
Ordinary offerings	2 015	1 605
Other offerings	135	500
Weddings and funerals	2 364	1 540
Donations for third parties	1 475	1 225
Glebe Rent	200	200
Donation Box	3 288	3 100
Miscellaneous Income (Stewart MacPhail Trust)	1 000	0
	<u>32 951</u>	<u>28 042</u>

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Year ended 31st December 2024

APPENDIX 1

Funds held on behalf of the congregation by the Church of Scotland general trustees

	2024	2023
Capital accounts		
Credit balance on account held at 31st December at cost	£43,839.00	£43,839.00
Market value of balances at 31st December on of new central heating system for Church)	£58,321.00	£30,065.00
Revenue		
Credit balance at 31st December	£ 7,407.00	£ 5,860.00