Glasgow Shettleston New Church of Scotland

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS 2025

Congregation No: 161060
Charity No: SC004642

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Glasgow Shettleston New Church
Charity Registration Number:	SC004642
Congregation Reference No:	161060
Contact Address:	211 Sandyhills Road Glasgow G32 9NB

Principal Office-bearers

Minister:	Rev. William Louis Reddick
Session Clerk:	Mr James Walker
Clerk to the Board:	Mrs Karen McGuigan
Church Treasurer:	Mrs Karen McChesney

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Trustees' Annual Report
Year ended 31 December 2025

Structure, Governance and Management
The congregation is a registered charity, number SC004642 and is administered in accordance with the terms of the Model Deed of Constitution and is subject to the Acts and Regulations of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

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 minister, who is a member of the Kirk Session, is elected by the congregation and inducted 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. The Congregational Board is chaired by the minister and meets five times in a year. The Kirk Session which meets five times a year is responsible for spiritual affairs within 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.

Locally, Shettleston New Church’s mission is to be faithful in worship, in the ministry of the Word of God, in prayer and in the service of others and so to be an effective witness for Jesus Christ to the people of the surrounding community.

Services of worship are held every Sunday morning and on other occasions throughout the year (e.g. at Christmas and Easter) and these are livestreamed to the church’s YouTube channel. All are welcome to attend, and tea & coffee are served afterwards to help build a sense of community. Children and young people usually join with the adults for the first part of the morning service and then go through to the hall for their own activities.

A Young Adults group (for those aged 16+) meets on a Sunday night. There are also Bible study groups that meet on a Monday night (via Zoom) and on a Thursday morning (in person).

Volunteers from the church run a café on Wednesday lunchtimes and Friday mornings (‘The New Place’). These cafes attract a variety of people from the local area and provide opportunities to socialise as well as to enjoy the hospitality.

The 94th Glasgow (1st Shettleston) Boys Brigade Company meets on Friday evenings during term time in the hall and cafe area. The 240th Glasgow Girlguiding Unit (Rangers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows) meets on Wednesday evenings. Although it does not come under the auspices of the Kirk Session, the Unit continues to have close links with the church.

A Scripture Union Club has been started at Eastbank Academy by our MDS worker (Douglas Robertson), whilst our minister continues to lead assemblies at Christmas, Easter and Remembrance.

The Come and Sing Cafe takes place on the first and third Mondays of the month. It provides an opportunity for people living with dementia and their carers to enjoy socialising over a cup of tea whilst singing along to some popular songs from yesteryear.

The Guild meets every Tuesday afternoon (October to March). Guild meetings are open to all and include a short time of worship and a presentation from a guest speaker followed by tea & coffee.

A Knitting / Craft Group meets on Wednesday afternoons

The Tots group meets on Thursday afternoons during the school term. Pre-school children and babies from the local community and their carers are able to gather in a safe and welcoming environment where the children can play with an assortment of toys as the adults build new friendships.

The Community Choir meets on Thursday evenings during the school term and is attended by a mix of church members and other people from the local community, building friendships as well as enjoying singing a wide variety of songs. The choir also seeks to put on events for the local community, including concerts and events to raise funds for charity.

Services of worship take place at Springboig Care Centre on the first Wednesday of the month and are led alternately by our minister and by Rev. Tess Lowe of St Serf's Episcopal Church. Regular services have also started at Greenfield Park Care Home in conjunction with Rev. Rhona McDonald of Carntyne & Cranhill Parish Church

A variety of social / community / fundraising events are typically held throughout the year in the halls.

Achievements and Performance
Our Sunday morning service remains central to our activities and is typically attended by 80-100 worshippers, and it has been encouraging to see a number of new faces joining us for worship during 2025. Sermon series have included 1 Samuel and Zechariah, as well as resuming our previous series on Romans, and extra seasonal services (e.g. Christmas Carols / Watchnight / Holy Week) continue to be popular. Our services continue to be livestreamed with typically > 20 views.

At a wonderful service in March, we had 6 new members joining the church, including one adult baptism. We had 2 additional adult baptisms during the year, as well as another profession of faith and 2 new members joining by transfer. Our ministry of distributing church flowers (after the Sunday service) continues to be appreciated by members and others with whom we have connections.

Our MDS worker continues to lead the Sunday morning Y-Zone group for secondary age children, while volunteers lead the X-zone group which now covers both infants and children of primary age. The number of young people varies from week to week but typically there are 5-10 attending across these three groups.

The Young Adults Group meets on Sunday evenings in the manse with 6-9 young people typically in attendance. The group organised a soup and scone lunch (which was strongly supported by the congregation) in order to raise funds for a weekend away in Perthshire in September. The weekend proved to be a very positive experience for everyone involved. (Additional funding was provided by the church as well as a Glasgow Presbytery Youth Project Grant.)

Our work with young people also continues during the week. Our Tots group has attracted many new members, whilst the 240th Glasgow Girlguiding Unit continues to be very popular across all sections (Rangers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows). Our BB Company (94th Glasgow / 1st Shettleston) continues to run a varied and exciting programme on Friday nights for its 3 sections (Anchor Boys, Juniors and Company Section).

A small team of volunteers, led by our MDS worker, has been putting on seasonal Prayer Experience events, giving members / visitors the opportunity to reflect prayerfully on various events in the church calendar.

As noted above there are a range of midweek activities for adults such as the Guild, the Wednesday Lunches, the Community Choir and the New Place which are all greatly enjoyed by participants. These groups provide a valuable means of outreach as they all include a mix of church members and other people from the community. The Guild has, once again, put on a varied and interesting programme of speakers and has seen an increase in the numbers attending. Our Guild also played host to other Guilds across the north and east of Glasgow for a carol service in December. The ever-popular Wednesday Lunches have also seen an increase in numbers, resulting in ever more creative ways of fitting people into the café area! The Community Choir enjoyed a weekend away to Troon in February and has 35-40 people regularly attending on a Thursday night.

Sadly the Mens' Fellowship came to an end in 2025 as a result of diminished numbers and the increasing age of its members.

The Knitting Group was restarted with the aim of making some blankets for the Glasgow Close Knit Project to celebrate 850 years since Glasgow was established as a Burgh. The group proved very popular, attracting both church members and those outwith the church. In the end, the group managed to knit / crochet over 80 blankets which were donated to the Lodging House Mission to be distributed to those who would benefit from them.

Once again, the Summer Outing to the South Beach Hotel in Troon proved very popular with our more senior members, as well as with many not-so-senior members who provided the transport. It was a great day out for the >60 people who attended and enjoyed the stunning sunshine.

Our minister continues to support Glasgow Presbytery, serving as Interim Moderator at St. Enoch's Hogganfield. He also serves Vice-Chair of the Board for the Lodging House Mission and line manager to LHM's Operations Manager.

A variety of fundraising events were held such as the ever-popular Fashion Shows, a Coffee Morning / Giving Day as well as the Christmas Fayre and a Quiz Night. We remain grateful to the committed teams of volunteers that make these events very successful.

The congregation has made donations to a number of causes throughout the year, including Tearfund (£950), the Blythswood Shoebox appeal (£170* and 57 full shoe boxes), Poppy Scotland (£519*) and the Lodging House Mission (LHM, £539). A Ladies' Lunch hosted by the Community Choir raised £3,052* for the Beatson, and an evening of carol singing at Glasgow Fort raised £411* for LHM. Shettleston New has also continued to support Craig and Amanda Cunningham (and their son Sam) - members of our congregation who are serving as overseas missionaries: in Bolivia for many years but now in Ontario in Canada.
**donations paid out direct from group and didn't pass through the church accounts.*

Sadly, 2025 saw the passing of 5 church members who will be greatly missed. The church roll now stands at 156 – an increase of 1 since 2024. We also have a significant number of folks who worship regularly on a Sunday morning but aren't (yet) on the membership roll. It continues to be a great encouragement to see the number of people who volunteer to serve in a variety of roles within the church and associated groups.

In conclusion, we remain grateful for the Lord's provision and leading throughout 2025 and are excited about going forward in faith into 2026.

Financial Review
During the year to 31 December 2025, receipts totalled £142,129 (2024:£128,538, 2023:£133,753) with payments of £192,250 (2024: £119,445, 2023:£128,985). Receipts were up from previous years due to additional fundraising, donations and release of funds held by Church of Scotland General Trustees, all to support the Phase 3 Building Repair Works. Bank interest rates have dipped over the course of the year generating £2,492 (2024:£3,364) additional income. Weekly donations through envelopes, open plate and standing orders has decreased to £68,130 (2024: £81,670, 2023: £84,041). This means there is an overall decrease in regular weekly giving by £13.5k in 2025.

Fundraising activities such as coffee mornings, quiz nights, fashion show, Christmas fayre, giving envelopes and Giving Day raised over £10,500. These activities supported the Phase 3 Building Repair Fund (Restricted) to replace the hall roof and manse roof. A total of £63,797 was spent on the roof works and further expenditure will be required during first quarter of 2026 to complete this phase.

Payments has increased substantially this year: excluding restricted activities such as Phase 3 Building Repair Fund and Church Organisations, the general running costs have increased to £96,962 (2024: £86,723). This is a combination of increased costs for heat & light, fabric repairs and the Giving to Grow Contribution increase of £13k in 2025 to £53,700.

Overall payments exceeded receipts by £50,121 i.e. a deficit (2024: surplus of £8,593, 2023: £4,768). This deficit is split between unrestricted and restricted funds.

Reserves Policy

The charity trustees have considered the reserves required and have taken into account their current position and outlook for the future. The trustees consider it appropriate to hold reserves of approximately 6 months expenditure excluding designated funds for the following reasons. In 2026 it is expected that income and expenditure levels will become relatively stable with no high-cost projects planned. There is £50k in General Fund which meets the target. The contingency set aside is for day-to-day operational costs and any unforeseen expenditure can be covered by the Designated Building Fund.

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 (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:

Session Clerk:

Date: 28/04/26

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Shettleston New Church

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

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

An 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
   to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of
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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Signature: Kirsten Macdonald

Address: 48 Thistledown Drive, Cambuslang, G72 6AH

Date: 30/05/2026

Glasgow Shettleston New Church
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 December 2025

Receipts	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Endowment Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations	3	66,440	1,690	-	68,130	81,670
Legacies		45	-	-	45	5,625
Bank & Deposit interest		2,492	-	-	2,492	3,364
Investment income		27	-	-	27	31
		69,004	1,690	-	70,694	90,690
Other Receipts	4	32,530	38,905	-	71,436	37,848
Collections for 3rd Parties	7	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts		101,534	40,595	-	142,129	128,538
Payments	5					
Costs of generating funds		-	-	-	-	184
Charitable activities		128,241	64,009	-	192,250	119,221
Governance costs		-	-	-	-	540
Total Payments		128,241	64,009	-	192,250	119,945
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers						
Transfers		500	(500)	-	-	-
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		(26,207)	(23,914)	-	(50,121)	8,593

Glasgow Shettleston New Church
Statement of Balances
At 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Endowment Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Bank & Deposit Balances						
Bank & deposit balances brought forward		199,553	54,197	600	254,350	245,757
Movement in year:						
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		(26,207)	(23,914)	-	(50,121)	8,593
Bank & deposit balances carried forward		173,346	30,283	600	204,229	254,350
Investments at market value		-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid Receivable		3,975	-	-	3,975	2,216
Liabilities		-	-	-	-	-

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session and Financial Board on 28/04/26.
For and on behalf of the Kirk Session and Financial Board

[illegible] **Session Clerk**

Karen H McChesney **Treasurer**

Glasgow Shettleston New Church
Statement of Balances
Notes to the Accounts

1. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

During the year **2025** one trustee (the Minister) received reimbursement of expenses incurred (including Council Tax) totalling **£5,898.18**.

2. Movements in Funds

	At 1 Jan 2025 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	71,313	70,400	96,720	5,450	50,444
Designated Building Repair Fund	90,000	-	-	-	90,000
Designated Legacy	24,959	45	242	-	24,762
Designated Young Adults Group	-	1,112	1,300	500	312
Designated Bereavement Fund	874	-	-	-	874
Designated X Zone Fund	345	3	95		254
Designated Womans Guild Fund	950	2,427	1,259	(1,000)	1,118
Designated Mens Club Fund	334	-	-	-	334
Designated Flower Fund	264	1,448	1,312		401
Designated "The New Place" Fund	320	3,434	3,195	(200)	359
Designated Wednesday Lunch Fund	1,021	5,502	4,127	(2,250)	145
Designated Tots	350	1,296	350	(1,000)	295
Designated Community Choir	5,906	15,693	18,202	(1,000)	2,397
Designated Come & Sing Café	2,916	175	1,438		1,653
	199,553	101,534	128,241	500	173,346
Restricted funds					
Special Purposes	46				46
Flower Fund	419				419
Building Repair Fund	45,148	40,595	63,797		21,946
Misson Fund	513				513
Alpha Course	44				44
Development Project - Drug Proof Your Kids	589				589
Development Project - Community Mums	941				941
Development Project - Kitchen Hygiene	81				81
Development Project - Messy Church	17				17
Xzone Summer School	1,300				1,300

Youth Worker Fund		3,050		212	(500)	2,338
SU Holiday Camp Fund		1,965				1,965
Discipleship Fund		84				84
		54,197	40,595	64,009	(500)	30,283
Endowment funds						
The Kelly Bequest		100				100
The Dott Bequest		500				500
		600				600
Total funds	*Restated*	254,350	142,129	192,250	-	204,229

Purposes of Designated Funds

X zone: Funds raised by X zone to cover running costs of X zone (Sunday School) and for the church group to meet its aims and activities.
Womens Guild: Funds raised by Women's Guild to cover their running costs and to meet the group's aims and activities.
Men's Club: Funds raised by the Men's Club to cover their running costs and to meet the group's aims and activities.
New Place: Funds raised by the 'New Place' to cover their running costs and to meet the group's aims and activities.
Flower fund: This is a fund to provide flowers for display during services of worship.
Wednesday Lunches: This is a fund generated by an affordable lunch club.
Tots: This is a fund generated and utilised by the Thursday parent and toddler group.
Sanctuary Repair: This is a fund to be utilised for the essential repair work required within the church sanctuary. This fund is a contribution, additional external funding will be required to complete the work.
Legacy fund: Legacies received from the estate of a members and has been designated by the trustees for future expenditure. The purpose of the fund is undecided.
Community Choir: Funds raised by the Community Choir to cover their running costs and meet the group's aims and activities.
Bereavement fund: Donations received at the funeral of Mr McPherson in his memory. The purpose is to support the bereaved/help with funeral expenses.
Come & Sing Choir: Funds raised by the 'Come & Sing' Choir to meet the group's aims and activities.
Prayer Experience: Funds received and expended in relation to the Prayer Experience events held.

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Special Purposes Fund: To be used by the trustees as new equipment and needs arise.
Flower Fund: To provide flowers for display during services of worship. These monies were restricted in their transfer from the union with Carntyne Old Parish
Building Repair Fund: This is to assist with the anticipated cost of repairing and restoring the Sanctuary/Halls/Manse.
Mission Fund: These are monies to be used for the annual Easter Children's holiday club/mission.
Alpha course: Grant fund received from Presbytery of Glasgow to hold a 'Alpha' courses within our area.
Development project - Drug Proof Your Kids - These are funds raised to hold courses providing advice for parents/guardians to protect their children against the dangers of drug-taking.
Development project - Community Mums: Funds provided through a grant to develop relations with the local community mothers.
Development project -Kitchen hygiene: Funds provided through a grant to provide kitchen hygiene training to organisations of the church and community.
Development project -Messy church: Funds raised and expended in holding 'messy church' community outreach activities.
X-zone summer school: Funds provided through grants to provide X zone summer activities over the summer period.
Youth Worker: Funds and expenditure for the outreach work of our youth development worker within our congregation and the community.
SU Holiday Camp fund: Grants received to help fund the attendance of young people from our local community at Scripture Union camps.
Discipleship Fund: Donations received from members of the congregation to aid the work of the Discipleship Facilitator and the initiatives he has set in place.

Purposes of Endowment Funds

Interest from the Kelly Bequest is to be used for Sunday School purposes.

Income from the Dott Bequest is for the general purposes of the Church.

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Endowment Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
3. Analysis of Donations					
WFO Scheme (non Gift Aid)	19,176	-	-	19,176	17,350
Gift Aid Donations	31,218	1,690	-	32,908	36,836
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Donations	11,664	-	-	11,664	13,292
Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)	4,383	-	-	4,383	5,841
					8,352
	66,440	1,690	-	68,130	81,670
4. Analysis of Other Income					
Buildings Hire	150	-	-	150	725
Weddings & Funerals	150	-	-	150	1,940
Fundraising	1,141	6,387	-	7,528	3,057
Church Organisations	31,089	-	-	31,089	32,126
Other	-	4,191	-	4,191	-
Release of funds from CoS	-	28,327	-	28,327	-
	32,530	38,905	-	71,436	37,848
5. Analysis of Payments					
Costs of generating funds					
Offering envelopes	-	-		-	184
Charitable activities					
Giving to Grow Contributions	53,721	-	-	53,721	40,497
Presbytery dues	2,551	-	-	2,551	3,532
Minister’s expenses	2,439	-	-	2,439	1,943
Pulpit supply	1,054	-	-	1,054	1,340
Other staffing costs	-	-	-	-	5,646

Fabric repairs & maintenance	14,291	-	-	14,291	10,227
Council Tax	3,459	-	-	3,459	3,218
Heat and light	9,123	-	-	9,123	7,493
Insurance	4,857	-	-	4,857	4,359
Printing, stationery and postage	12	-	-	12	534
IT Costs	648	-	-	648	625
Organ & Music	1,610	-	-	1,610	-
Building Costs (Phase 3)	-	63,797	-	63,797	-
Youth Work	-	212	-	212	-
Other expenses	3,197.89	-	-	3,198	7,308
Church Organisations	31,279	-	-	31,279	32,499
	128,241	64,009	-	192,250	119,221
Governance costs					
Independent examiner's fees	-		-	-	540
Other payments					
Purchase of assets					
Purchase of investments					
	128,241	64,009	-	194,343	119,945

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 in service. For the year under review, the minimum stipend £32,433; Maximum Stipend in the 5th and subsequent years of service £39,856.

	2025	2024
7. Collections for Third Parties*	**£**	**£**
Glasgow Lodge House Mission	920	656
Tear Fund	666	1,111
Latin Link	1,008	1,229
Life & Work	179	
	2,773	2,995

*Amount still to be remitted is £680.40

APPENDIX

FUNDS HELD ON BEHALF OF THE CONGREGATION
BY THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GENERAL TRUSTEES

	2025	2024
	£	£
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
Credit Balances held at 31 December at cost	10,066	28,328
Market Value of Balances at 31 December	15,064	41,470
REVENUE ACCOUNT		
Credit Balance at 31 December	39,973	37,268
TEMPORARY ACCOUNT		
Credit Balance at 31 December	-	-