Hillington Park Church of Scotland, Glasgow

Receipts and Payments Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Congregation No: 160949

Charity No: SC002614

Hillington Park Church of Scotland, Glasgow

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Hillington Park Church of Scotland, Glasgow
Charity Registration Number:	SC002614
Congregation Reference Number:	160949
Contact Address	24 Berryknowes Road Glasgow G52 2UD

Trustees

[redacted]

Principal Office-bearers

Minister:
Session Clerk:
Church Treasurer:

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Independent Examiner

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Bankers:

Royal Bank of Scotland
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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, skills and commitment to contribute to the pastoral needs, spiritual growth and management affairs of the Church. The minister, who is a member of the Kirk session, is elected by the congregation and inducted by the Presbytery of Glasgow.

Organisational Structure

The Kirk Session is chaired by the minister and meets seven times in a year. A Business Team, consisting of 5 elders and chaired by the minister, carries out various review meetings 7 days prior to the Kirk session to set the agenda. The Kirk Session is responsible for spiritual affairs, finance and fabric within the church. Hillington Park Church utilise Lay Team Ministry and Natural Church Development as processes to structure and manage the running of the congregation.

Lay Team Ministry identified the necessary teams to manage the business of the congregation, namely: Fellowship, Outreach, Administration, Young People, Pastoral Care, Fabric, Communication, Practical Support, Worship and Finance. Each team has a team leader who reports back to the Kirk Session regularly.

Natural Church Development (NCD) establishes how the teams and the congregation operate through the development of 8 Quality Characteristics: Gift-based Ministry, Need-orientated Evangelism, Effective Structures, Empowering Leadership, Loving Relationships, Holistic Small groups, Passionate Spirituality and Inspiring Worship Service. Elders are organised into Triples with responsibility for a Quality Characteristic each and an Oversight Team manages and monitors this activity. The Oversight Team reports to the Kirk Session.

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.

Sunday Worship is at 11am with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper being celebrated 4 times a year, on the first Sunday of March, June, September and December. The last Sunday of the month may be an all-age service with a Focus on Mission where missional Christian charities are given a space to share with the congregation. Whilst the weekly evening service was suspended, 2024 saw the start of the "Sunday Night Service @ Hillington Park" which is an evening service with worship and a guest speaker on the 4th Sunday of the month at 7pm. These services in August, September, October and November attracted an average congregation of 45.

Objectives and Activities (contd.)

The Healing Service is at 3pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The June service is the healing service along with afternoon communion for the more housebound and the December service includes the annual Grief-share service. There are also joint acts of worship with other churches as part of the work of G52 Churches Together. Members of the congregation are involved in the conduct of morning worship through involvement with the choir, reading Scripture and offering prayers. The choir meets weekly between September and June to rehearse to lead the singing in morning worship and to perform an anthem during the service.

Unfortunately, the Children's Church was also suspended although a family space was created towards the rear of the Sanctuary which encourages families with young children to sit together through the service and there are soft toys, books and drawing materials available for the children.

Additional services include Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Dawn services, a Harvest service in September 2024 and a GriefShare service in December. Services at Christmas included a family service and Watchnight Service on Christmas Eve.

A Sri Lankan Church have their services in the church on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons. Prayer and Bible Study is encouraged through a weekly prayer meeting, a weekly Bible study and a fortnightly meeting of women who form the Girls Alive Group.

Hillington Park Church supports and encourages a number of active adult and youth organisations throughout the year. The Guild, for men and women, meet fortnightly between October and May, and supports members and non-members alike. Other groups a Walking Group, Rosie & Jim playgroup and a mother and toddlers group. The Girls' Brigade company closed in 2024 due to a lack of staff and reducing numbers.

The congregation was involved in the development of a local charity to support the main charity Dwelling Places which seeks to support and development street children in Uganda. The local charity operates The Ark, gift shop in Paisley Road West which raises funds for Dwelling Places in Uganda. Whilst the shop is staffed by a good number of church members, this activity is governed separately with its own trustees.

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Hillington Park Church is engaged with the community and are active partners with the Glasgow South West Foodbank. The halls are extensively used by community groups including Karate groups; Alzheimer Group; and Dance group. Whilst there have been some groups unable to continue, there have been additional groups such as a bereavement group and other groups in relation to addictions who have let accommodation.

In May 2021, the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland agreed to a radical presbytery mission plan which would focus congregations on being missional and reduce the number of buildings in the Church estate, reduce the ministries and reduce the number of congregations through a range of readjustments which include unions, local church mission, dissolutions and forms of new church. In March 2023, Hillington Park Church became part of a cluster with 4 other local Church of Scotland congregations to form a local mission plan in line with the agreement of the General Assembly. On 1st April 2024, the cluster become the Glasgow South West Parish Grouping which is to allow working across the congregations more straight forward.

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Achievements and Performance

The congregation continued to develop during 2024 with new members, baptisms and new people exploring faith and the prospect of membership. In September 2024, 2 elders started an ALPHA course which was attended by around 12-15 people weekly. Some were believers looking to delve a bit deeper into faith and others were non-members who were faith curious.

Over the year, the review of Natural Church Development and Lay Team Ministry continued over 2024 and the congregation have taken part in a skills survey to see where members can be involved. This also covered as an exercise to ensure compliance with GDPR.
Partnership working with the Foodbank has continued over the year with a significant number of people receiving food and support from the Foodbank.

The Ark continues to function well with involvement from congregational members.

The facilities of the Church building are well-used by community groups in addition to the church groups.
The minister has been working to increase the number of members of congregation who take an active part in worship and there are now members who will offer prayers for others as well as read Scripture. A Tuesday morning prayer group continues to meet as does the prayer vigil in the church between 10am and 12pm every second Tuesday of the month. This is themed and operated on "come when you can, leave when you must".

Services have been well-attended over the year with a regular attendance between 70 and 80 weekly. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on 4 occasions. Retiring offerings from the Harvest service, the communion services and a gift service in December supported several different charities and causes which are listed below.

There were 3 Messy Church afternoons for Easter, Harvest and Christmas and all were well attended by a number of families. On average there were 40 adults and children at each of those times.

The Grief-share service in December was well-attended by members of the congregation and bereaved families who have been ministered to by the minister. The Christingle Service at 7pm on Christmas Eve also included a number of families who are not normally seen during the year. A Candlelit supper of soup and mincemeat pies was enjoyed just prior to the Watchnight Service and again this was well-attended including some who are not members.

The year ended with a Café Church service on the last Sunday of the year during which members of the congregation enjoyed a time of carol singing, hearing the Gospel message and sharing in food and fellowship.

The CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Team organised and ran several Money courses. These courses have been attended by members of the community from a range of walks of life who have been seeking support and direction in how to manage their money, whatever their income might be. During 2024, the CAP Team have been running some courses in other churches in addition to courses held in Hillington Park Church.

We welcomed the staff, pupils and parents of Craigton Primary School in for their end-of-term show and we look to build on this.

Achievements and Performance (contd.)

The Messenger newsletter was published quarterly, timed to include an invitation and reminder to the Communion Services in March, June, September and December. It has been well received and there have been many contributions.

We began development of a new website and Facebook page as a means of communication.

Throughout the year the Church has supported the following charities:

- Alzheimer's
- CHAS
- Christian Aid
- CrossReach
- Dwelling Places
- Gurkhas Welfare Trust
- Interserve
- Leprosy Mission
- Lodging House Mission
- Lowero Community
- Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice

During 2024, maintenance of the building continued and old fluorescent lighting has been replaced with LED lighting to improve efficiency and manage costs. Following the replacement of the heating system and boilers in the hall and adjacent accommodation, the hall floor was replaced in summer 2024. This has resulted in a cleaner, more comfortable space which is more widely available for church and community. The hall is also now being used for different types of worship such as the Sunday Night Service, Messy Church and ALPHA.

Congregational life is good, and we look forward to the next few years continuing to build congregational life and the mission of the Church. Thanks are due to the Fabric Team who have maintained the building and the manse, to all those who work tirelessly for the Foodbank, the Ark and to the work of the Teams which are responsible for the work of the congregation.

Statement on Risk Management

Although membership has been declining, mainly due to older members dying and a review of the Communicants Roll, average attendance has been quite strong. A reduction of numbers does lead to a reduction in income through congregational giving unless any new membership gives to the same level. Hall lets have been encouraging but we are always aware that the revenue realised by lets can be sporadic. The aforementioned Presbytery Mission Planning will also impact the future of the congregation with a planned union with another congregation and a potential linkage with an additional congregation.

Financial Review

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Expenditure rose in 2024 as we continued the refurbishment of the large hall. We paid out £21,222 for new flooring and £2,122 for the plinth. Further expenditure was £9,577 for plastering and painting the kitchen (including the cupboards) and the large hall (this included the specialist team who came from England to spraypaint the ceiling), joinery work was £5,250 (new storage cupboard, hall entrance floor repair, new doors and boxing in pipes), the new non slip linoleum for the kitchen was £1,470 and electrical work in hall (including spotlights) was £1,410.

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Financial Review (contd.)

A new unit for the electrical doors into the sanctuary cost £1,911 and our newchairs were £1,344. Total unrestricted expenditure was £132,766 compared with £122,963 in 2023, an increase of almost £10,000.

A fuller analysis of where the money has gone is given in note 4 of the accounts. Clearly the key factor is fabric repairs and improvements with £100,000 spent over the last 2 years.

Our fabric project income was boosted by a grant of £6,712 -from Glasgow City Council and we sold our obsolete blue chairs for £100. WFO including Gift Aid donations increased by £3,200 and ordinary plate by £922. Other donations were up £3,692 on the previous year including donations to the Project Fund. We were able to capitalize on interest through one of our Virgin bank accounts (£3,235 received - an increase of £1,545 on 2023) and our fundraising raised £4,400 for the General Fund, an increase of £3,109. A further £3,000 from our Christmas fayre was also added to the Project Fund. Finally hall lets were up by £406 Total unrestricted income was £104,592 compared with £82,006 in 2023, a total increase of £22,586.

Reserves Policy

The charity trustees have considered the reserves required and have taken into account their current and future liabilities. It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of at least 6 months operating costs which have been assessed at £50k and a further £10k is being held for emergencies. At the year end the church held unrestricted funds of £79,222 of which £12,143 had been designated for Project Fund. The remaining balance of £67,079 achieves the Trustees objective. Our next project is the refurbishment of the north hall toilets which will require grants to complete.

The church also held £10,746 of restricted funds which have been provided for the purposes specified in Note 2.

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 on 19/03/2025 and signed on their behalf by.

[redacted]

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hillington Park Church of Scotland, Glasgow

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

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

An 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 *[other than disclosed below*]*

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.

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	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts						
Donations	3	63,817	-	-	63,817	56,003
Legacies		-	-	-	-	-
Activities for Generating Funds		7,400	7,597	-	14,997	26,201
Bank & Deposit Interest		3,235	-	-	3,235	1,690
Investment Income		-	-	-	-	-
Hall lets		23,428	-	-	23,428	23,022
Grants		6,712	-	-	6,712	-
		104,592	7,597	-	112,189	106,916
Assets and Investments						
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of Investments		-	-		-	-
Total Receipts		104,592	7,597	-	112,189	106,916
Payments						
Cost of Generating Funds	4	121	-	-	121	158
Charitable Activities	4	132,425	13,231	-	145,656	145,563
Governance Costs	4	220	-	-	220	220
		132,766	13,231	-	145,997	145,941
Assets & Investments	4	-	-	-	-	-
Total Payments		132,766	13,231	-	145,997	145,941
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers		(28,175)	(5,634)	-	(33,808)	(39,025)
Transfers	2	821	(821)	-	-	-
Excess of Receipts over Payments		(27,353)	(6,455)	-	(33,808)	(39,025)

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Statement of Balances
At 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Bank and Deposit Balances						
Bank and deposit balances brought forward		106,575	17,201	-	123,776	162,802
Movement in year:						
Excess of Receipts over Payments		(27,353)	(6,455)	-	(33,808)	(39,025)
Bank and deposit balances carried forward	2	79,222	10,746	-	89,968	123,776
Investments at market value						
None		-	-	-	-	-
Assets						
Fixed Assets	7	341,000	-	-	341,000	341,000
Gift Aid Receivable		-			-	-
		341,000	-	-	341,000	341,000
Liabilities						
Accruals		-	-	-	-	-

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 19/03/2025 and signed on their behalf by:

[redacted]

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Notes forming part of the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis in accordance 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.

2 Movement in Funds

	At 1 Jan 2024	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
Fabric Project	25	12,118	-	-	12,143
Designated Fabric Fund	34,241	-	(34,241)	-	-
General Fund	72,309	92,474	(98,525)	821	67,079
	106,575	104,592	(132,766)	821	79,222
Restricted funds					
The Holiday Fund	516	-	-	-	516
Childrens Emergencies Fund	3,650	-	(3,650)	-	-
Grief Fund	277	-	(277)	-	-
Church Flower Fund	1,100	357	(180)	-	1,277
Community Fund	6,859	-	(1,653)	-	5,206
CAP Fund	476	-	(115)	-	361
Food Bank	-	1,509	(1,509)	-	-
The Guild	342	788	(446)	(250)	434
Rosie and Jim	1,350	2,967	(1,867)	(500)	1,950
Flower Fund	91	1,314	(1,292)	-	113
Mission	1,425	662	(1,257)	-	830
Session Fund - I Burns	824	-	(824)	-	-
The Light Zone	219	-	(160)	-	59
Art Club	71	-	-	(71)	-
	17,201	7,597	(13,231)	(821)	10,746
Endowment funds					
None	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds	123,776	112,189	(145,997)	-	89,968

2 Movement in Funds (contd.)

Purpose of Funds

Holiday Fund: collection of funds to cover church member holidays

Childrens Emergencies Fund: closed after review

Grief fund: closed after review

Church Flower fund: Back up fund for flower group

Community fund: to develop Mission on our church and communiy - now primarily for Tech to enable broadcasts etc

CAP Fund: to purchase literature etc to deliver CAP courses

Foodbank: for congregation to donate to Foodbank, excess funds transferred into Foodbanks own account

The Guild: surplus funds redistributed to various charities

Rosie and Jim: early activities for younger children

Flower fund: this supplies floral decoration for church

Mission: formerly Warmhub . Used for all expenses incurred in delivering Church Mission activities

Session Fund: now closed

The Light Zone: to fund activities of Sunday School

Art Club: club has disbanded and account closed

Fabric Project: New project for refurbishment of toilets at large hall

Fabric Fund: The Trustees may set aside funds for maintenance of the Church property

General Fund: Deals with the day to day running of the Church

3 Analysis of Donations

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
WFO Scheme (non Gift Aid)	15,311	-	-	15,311	7,093
Gift Aid Donations	20,606	-	-	20,606	25,624
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Dons.	9,293	-	-	9,293	9,384
Ordinary Offerings (Open plate)	9,547	-	-	9,547	8,625
Donations to Project Fund	2,406			2,406	-
Other Offerings, Donations, etc	6,654	-	-	6,654	5,277
	63,817	-	-	63,817	56,003

4 **Analysis of Payments**

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cost of Generating funds					
Investment Manager's Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Offering envelopes	121	-	-	121	158
	121	-	-	121	158
Charitable Activities					
Giving to Grow	40,491	-	-	40,491	38,190
Presbytery dues	3,736	-	-	3,736	1,591
Minister's expenses - Travel	960	-	-	960	1,200
Manse Phone	895	-	-	895	814
Pulpit supply	400	-	-	400	260
Church Officer	4,394	-	-	4,394	4,455
Musician	4,816	-	-	4,816	4,513
Church Fabric repairs & maintenanc	52,889			52,889	47,578
Manse Fabric Repairs & Maintenanc	1,850			1,850	1,527
Council Tax - Manse	3,218			3,218	3,146
Heat and light	8,410			8,410	5,214
Insurance	3,476			3,476	3,306
Cleaning & Welfare	715			715	129
Church Telephone	1,085			1,085	803
Music & Communications	2,727			2,727	1,254
Printing, stationery and postage	594			594	458
Refurb Project	75			75	6,984
General Expenses	1,693	-	-	1,693	1,163
Charitable Activities	-	13,231	-	13,231	22,978
	132,425	13,231	-	145,656	145,563
Governance Costs					
Independent Examiner's Fee	220	-	-	220	220
Other Payments					
Purchas of Investments	-	-		-	-
Purchase of Fixed Assets					
	-	-	-	-	-
Total	132,766	13,231	-	145,997	145,941

5 Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

During the year, the [redacted] received reimbursement for travel and telephone expenses and council tax for the sum of £5,073.60. The church officer , who is an elder, received a salary of £4,394.04 and reimbursement of phone expenses of £90.

No trustee or 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. 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) was £38,884.

7 Fixed Assets

	Manse	Other Buildings	Other Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Book Value at 1 Jan 2024	341,000	-	-	341,000
Purchased during year	-	-	-	-
Disposals during year	-	-	-	-
Depreciation for year	-	-	-	-
Book Value at 31 Dec 2024	341,000	-	-	341,000

8 Collections for Third Parties

	2024	2023
	£	£
Alzheimers	105	-
CHAS	237	-
Christian Aid	345	599
Cross Reach	105	-
Dwelling Places	325	-
Ghurkas	324	-
Interserve	88	-
Leprosy	1,051	354
Lodging House Mission	494	618
Lowero Community	325	-
Prince and Princess of wales Hospice	110	-
Red Cross Earthquake	-	729
Salvation Army	-	385
Scot Bible	-	63
Unicef	-	135
	3,508	2,883

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Appendix

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

	2024 £	2023 £
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
Credit Balances held at 31 December at cost	-	-
Market Value of Balances at 31 December	-	-
REVENUE ACCOUNT		
Credit Balance at 31 December	-	-