

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2025

Structure, Governance and Management Governing Document

The Church is administered in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Constitution (or 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 appropriate gifts and skills. The minister, who is a member of the Kirk Session, is elected by the congregation and inducted by Presbytery. Allness is administered using the Unitary Constitution. Under this form of Constitution oversight of all matters, both spiritual and temporal, are carried out by the Kirk Session. This is balanced by the decision-making powers that have been passed to members of Working Groups, which comprise both elders and church members

Organisational Structure

Certain responsibilities are delegated to the Finance Committee and the Property Committee as appropriate. The Kirk Session which meets at least six times a year is responsible for spiritual affairs within the church and also now oversees all matters concerning finances and fabric of the estate.

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 every Sunday and an evening service on the third Sunday of the month.

Youth Activities are a regular Sunday Club and a "Messy Church" on the afternoons of the first Sunday of the month and a Youth Group that meets twice a month.

Guild, this meets on a Monday from October to March.

Evening Bible Studies/Time for Prayer is alternate weeks apart from a break for holidays, which runs in hybrid format.

Ladies Bible Study meets every other week apart from a break for holidays on a Tuesday morning.

Warm Hub meets once a week over the winter months.

OPENGATE 2 Puppets groups meets weekly, engaging the youth in learning how to be puppeteers and teaching them about the message of Jesus.

Every week following the morning service a time of fellowship is held with tea and coffee and is further supported by a once a month Fellowship Tea.

Occasional afternoon worship service in local Care Home.

Several Social Events were held, including fellowship lunches.