

Trustees' Annual Report (Cont.)

Year ended 31 December 2025

Over the past year our engagement with local schools has continued and seen increased interaction with schools. This has included going to the local nursery as well.

Additional annual services have been held including Blue Christmas Service, Sunday school interchurch gatherings, Easter Egg Hunt, Good Friday Joint Service.

Joint services and other activities are held with other neighbouring church groups. We also provide facilities for local groups to carry out their activities. This includes Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers and Cubs. We have made our premises available to Care and Learning Alliance which provides support for families with young children. The church is also collecting items of food each week to support the Highland Foodbank.

Following the union between Rosskeen Parish Church and Alness Parish Church in June 2024, the decision was made to retain Rosskeen Parish Church building and dispose of Alness Parish Church. The sale has now been completed. Details of the finances of the sale are shown in Appendix 2. The united church now retains the sanctuary at Perrins Road and both manses of the two previous parishes. These manses are under review. Financial details of the letting of the Darroch Brae manse are shown in Appendix 1.

The church continues to operate a system where the morning service was live-streamed to Facebook and then a recording uploaded to You Tube and a local phone number for people to engage with.

We have held regular meetings of the Session, and Zoom has been used where necessary

Achievement and Performance

The broadcast services have been remarkably successful and large numbers have viewed our services online. The members of the congregation have continued to support the church and they are regularly contributing money to support the church.

The Church has maintained its commitment to the Elderly feeding program in Malawi. One of our elders is a point of contact with the work in Malawi. The church also supported the charity Bear Necessity which works with a community in Bulgaria. We have also continued to support the work of the Highland Foodbank both through donations of money and items of food handed in by the congregation.

A lot of time has been devoted to combining the finances of both congregations and bringing them into one set of accounts.