

KITTYBREWSTER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
AB24 3YX

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

KITTYBREWSTER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Meets Morrison's, King Street, Aberdeen.

Scottish Charity Number SC 038633

Established June 2007

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Saturday 13th June 2026 at 2.15pm

At St. Stephen's Church, Powis Place, Aberdeen.

Our AGM is a legal requirement and as good an attendance as possible is required.

AGENDA

Senior Pastor / Minister - Rev. Andy Cowie (left as Minister Sept. 2023)
Minister- Rev. Charlotte Stewart (Sept 2023)

AGENDA

Welcome / Prayer

Report

Financial Report

Child / Vulnerable Persons Policy

Appointments

Close Meeting

APPOINTMENTS

CHURCH SECRETARY

TREASURER

SECRETARY

MISSION CONVENOR

BOYS' BRIGADE

Home Work Club

Sunday Club

Charlotte Stewart Gave up

Bruce Cowie

Lisa Gibson

Vacant

Rev. Andy Cowie /

Rev. Charlotte Stewart

Rev. Andy Cowie

Margaret Cowie

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

31 MARCH 2024

Charity registration number SC 038633

**Coleen Murphy
Admin Services
175 Countesswells Road
Aberdeen
AB15 7RA**

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name Kittybrewster Congregational Church

Charity registration number SC 038633

The trustees

The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

Reverend Andrew Cowie	Senior Pastor	Since June 2007
Pastor Charlotte Stewart	Minister	Since Sept 2023
Lisa Gibson	Secretary	Since Sept 2023
Bruce Cowie	Treasurer	Since Sept 2012

Independent examiner **Coleen Murphy**
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175 Countesswells Road
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Bankers Lloyds TSB
Union Terrace
ABERDEEN

Constitution and Organisation

Kittybrewster Congregational Church was established in June 2007 and is affiliated to the Congregational Federation. However due to the long ongoing dispute with the governance of the Congregational Federation, the Church at the end of March 2023, withdrew from it and is now only affiliated to the Scottish Congregational Fellowship (SCF), a small Group, with 14 Churches, stretching from Balmedie in the North to the Scottish Borders. Congregationalism is a form of Church government where each Church is independent in the management of its own affairs.

Charitable purposes

The principle charitable purpose is the advancement of religion.

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Activities and achievements

This report covers the 16th year of Kittybrewster Congregational Church. At the end of the year, membership stood at 15, with an average of 2 children who attend Sunday Worship. We are still involved in supporting the Muslim community in our area, with youth work and advice to parents.

Our Church in September 2023 was delighted to call and Ordain our Assistant Pastor, Charlotte Stewart to be our Minister.

CHURCH

We continued to meet for Church at 3pm, in Morrison's Supermarket. Attendance was variable, with an average of 2 children in attendance at Church. The services are informal family services, with no singing during worship, but we adapt to our unusual situation.

The Church remains small and has struggled with all the changes. Attendance numbers are low, but those who attend are very committed and loyal. We now need to plan for growth. The Church continues to have a vision for Mission at home and overseas.

Rev Andy Cowie continues to take Services at three other Churches on Sundays, Cove, Balmedie, and occasionally Potterton.

YOUTH

The Church runs three clubs throughout the week. The 'Homework Club,' 'Boys' Brigade,' 'Craft Club.' They all regrouped in McDonald's, and met outdoors, whenever the weather permitted. Attendance was erratic, numbers steadied to a footfall of almost 50 in the 3 groups and on Sunday.

Our Boys' Brigade with Girls' Association (BB), continues to meet in McDonalds, Bedford Road, again held a very short Act of Remembrance on the waste ground the BB have taken over and with community help they converted it into a garden, and at Christmas, they decorated ordinary trees with Christmas Lights

In May 2023 two of our Aberdeen BB Girls became two of the first three girls in the North East of Scotland to gain the 2nd highest Award in the BB - Presidents Award. (One of our girls, since gained the highest Award, her Queen's Award. Congratulations to Hafsa Ahmed).

'JOINT YOUTH CAMP' We ran our 3 day summer residential at Perth Congregational Church for those aged P6 and over. The children attended the residential and took part in the service, much to the enjoyment of the congregation at Perth. In conjunction with our sister Churches, we ran a 'Seniors' week of activities followed by a play scheme throughout the Summer holidays, ending on a high with a trip to go tubing at Alford Ski Slope.

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During the year, the Church received financial help for children's / youth work from Aberdeen City Council and a local Radio Station, North Sound Cash for Kids, which allowed us to employ a Children's Sessional Worker. **Moir Green** Our youth also took part in the Northfield, Moir Green youth Fair – a fun day for young people, our staff helped to cater for over 300 young people.

MISSION

The Church has a vision for Mission at home and overseas.

Despite our size, we continued to support:

- . Tear Fund – In response to disasters.
- . Locally, help is given to people in need and, to local charities
- . Lady Haig Poppy Appeal

PASTORAL HELP AND PRAYERS

Pastoral Support was given when and where required.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE Along with our sister SCF Churches we have since the start of the Ukrainian War gathered by telephone every fortnight to pray for Peace (sadly we have had to include prayers for Peace between Hamas and Israel).

Special Services

Our Church, through the Minister, continues to be involved with Baptisms Christenings – , Weddings – 0, and Funerals – 2.

FUTURE MINISTRY (SCF)

Four years ago we reported an issue that our Scottish Congregational Fellowship is aware of, the lack of future Ministry and the possibility of a Non-Stipendiary Apprenticeship style scheme. As a result we now have Ministers at Law Congregational Church, Dundee and this year at Northfield and ourselves at Kittybrewster. We have another Apprentice in Training.

HELP AND PRAYER

With close connections to the Community, our Minister has been there when local people have required help and advice and support. Through our Youth Work we have maintained close connections to the Muslim community in the area.

A year on, and our Senior Pastor, Andy Cowie's, Myeloma – a bone marrow cancer – remains – A Symptomatic-inactive. We give thanks to God.

It was good to again hold our - 'Mid Winter Meal' at Buckie Farm Restaurant and to meet our friends from Danestone, Balmedie, Potterton, Northfield, Woodside and Cove. Fellowship.

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The Church is normally governed by regular meetings of its members, but often, we still deal with routine business, under the weekly Announcements. .

Financially the Church did well for its size as raising funds in the area is difficult, but due to the pandemic, the Joint Church ventures of the Local Authority Charity Shop and Carol Singing, did not take place. Grants allowed us to run our children's / youth programme.

Our Church serves Christ and as we move forward in His Name, we must keep Faith in Him – it is central to all we do. We give thanks to God for that which He has given and in Faith we continue with our 17th year.

The Church appointed, as Independent Examiner Coleen Murphy, Admin Services, 175 Countesswells Road, Aberdeen, AB15 7RA.

Reserves policy

The Church holds £15,000 for the building / future project. The aim is to add at least 5% annually to that total. During the period the charity made a surplus of £2360.28, which has been added to reserves resulting in total reserves at 31 March 2024 of £23276.54. These reserves are being carried forward to support the future work of the Church. This figure includes, grant money to complete funded projects and the building / project funds (e.g Building, Ministry etc) of £15,000 previously mentioned. The Reserve Policy Aim is to hold 1 years expenditure in reserve, in addition to the above legacy (to increase at AGM to £16,000). We have a long way to go.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf


Andrew Cowie
Trustee

22/5/2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF KITTYBREWSTER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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 2006 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 report

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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:
- i. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
 - ii. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
- 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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Date 22/05/2026

KITTYBREWSTER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024****STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Unrestricted Fund	
General fund	2024	2023
Receipts	14381.80	21383.80
Payments	(12,021.52)	(18,932.91)
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	<u>2360.28</u>	<u>2450.89</u>

STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT 31 MARCH 2024

Cash Funds	Unrestricted Funds	
	General Funds	
	2024	2023
Opening cash at bank and in hand	20916.26	18465.37
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	2360.28	2450.89
Closing cash at bank and in hand	<u>23276.54</u>	<u>20916.26</u>
Bank and cash balances		
Treasurer's Account	23276.54	20916.26
Cash	0.00	0.00
	<u>23276.54</u>	<u>20916.26</u>

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ADDITIONAL NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	
	General Funds	
	2024	2023
Analysis of receipts		
Donations		
Offerings	972.43	744.05
Gift Aid		
Other Donations	50.00	50.00
Grants		
Bauer Radio	6502.20	12259.40
Aberdeen City Council	1112.75	950.00
Trade Widows	2553.60	
Corra Foundation		3413.00
Receipts from fundraising activities		
Carol Singing		
Charity Shop	1456.74	1008.99
Walk & Talk		
Other receipts		
Recovery of Administration Costs	1734.08	2958.36
Recovery of Youth Work		
Total Receipts	14381.80	21383.80

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Administrator's Wages (including PAYE and NI)	6484.29	7285.46
Youth workers Wages		6568.10
Hall Fees		
Advertising and Notification Costs		
Playscheme Expenses		
Congregational & General Insurance	188.00	424.85
Affiliation Fees	150.00	150.00
Boys Brigade Expenses	25.00	
Youth Work	4729.84	3491.22
Sundry Expenses	69.39	18.56

Grants and donations

Tearfund Syria Appeal		100.00
Scottish Congregational Fellowship	150.00	

Charity Shop NCC		124.12
Charity Shop KCC		124.12
Charity Shop CCC		124.12
Charity Shop DCC		124.12
Charity Shop PCC		124.12
Charity Shop BCC		124.12

Governance costs

Accountancy Fees	225.00	150.00
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Total Payments**12021.52 18932.91**