

The Church of Scotland

**Kiltearn Parish Church
and**

Cornerstone Project

ACCRUED (SORP COMPLIANT) ACCOUNTS

31 DECEMBER 2025

Congregation No: 392210

Charity No: SC 009180

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present the annual report and accounts for the Kiltearn Parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2025

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Kiltearn Parish Church

Charity Registration Number: SC009180

Congregation Reference No: 392210

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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 the appropriate gifts and skills. The minister, who is a member of the Kirk Session, is elected by the congregation and inducted by Presbytery.

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.

One service is held each Sunday morning. There is a Bible Study and Prayer Meeting every Wednesday afternoon. A children's club is held in Cornerstone on Friday evenings. Our Cornerstone premises are open for fellowship, snacks and light meals. Our mission statement is to be a caring presence in Christ's name and in our community.

Achievements and Performance

The church facilities comprise Cornerstone and the church hall, and are used by a wide range of groups - knitters' circle, a Friday club, forest management group, Bible study groups, various walkers' groups, Pilates group, coffee mornings, tourists, cyclists, craft club, Kiltearn Konnects and AGMs of other groups. To a large extent the facilities replace a community centre and, on occasions, handle social issues. Cornerstone is also a local information centre for trails and walks, archaeology and historical and heritage studies. It is also a drop-in centre and referral point to other agencies, etc.

Financial Review

The principle source of income is traditional weekly offerings in church and gift aided donations and other forms of fundraising such as grants from charitable bodies and other donations. Continuous financial monitoring is necessary to ensure that the church and its adjoining facilities can continue to operate in a sustainable manner, in this, our eighteenth year of operation from our Cafe. We continue to have an open door policy, open to all irrespective of creed, race, age or religion. We operate our Cafe with volunteer staff.

- a) The café is evolving and expanding.
- b) Gifts, cards, books and crafts are sold and a library lending service is available.
- c) A meeting place with facilities for local groups, e.g walkers and environmental groups.
- d) Regular Prayer and Bible Study groups meet.
- e) General information and informal drop-in facility.
- f) Shop front facility for local arts and crafts.
- g) Childrens club for primary school children, during school term time. - The majority of the attendees are families outside the normal attending church congregation.
- h) Craft groups.

We continue to enjoy the patronage of a very varied cross-section of the village community, in particular the elderly and those living alone. Our main aims are to reach as many as possible with Christian love, a listening ear and a place of safety and welcome and, where necessary, to interact with other agencies and help sources.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepared the financial statement on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

We, the trustees, are responsible for keeping proper records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. We are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,



M Finlayson
Session Clerk

Date Signed: 16th March 2026

Kiltearn Parish Church

SC 009180

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Kiltearn Parish Church

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. I have examined the figures on pages 5 to 12.

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) (a) to (c) 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

My 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 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 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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Signed

Date 16th March 2026

Kiltearn Parish Church
Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Designated Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Incoming Resources</u>						
Incoming resources from generated						
Voluntary income	1	33,159	0	2,472	35,631	34,195
Activities for generating funds	2	1,359	0	938	2,297	1,404
Investment income	3	0	100	3	103	129
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	9,822	1,012	9,718	20,552	19,164
<u>Total Incoming Resources</u>		<u>44,340</u>	<u>1,112</u>	<u>13,131</u>	<u>58,583</u>	<u>54,892</u>
<u>Resources Expended</u>						
Charitable activities	5	46,320	910	11,989	59,219	47,771
Governance costs	6	480	0	480	960	900
		<u>46,800</u>	<u>910</u>	<u>12,469</u>	<u>60,179</u>	<u>48,671</u>
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		-2,460	202	662	-1,596	6,221
Unrealised gain/loss on investment			940	0	940	815
Net movement in funds		<u>-2,460</u>	<u>1,142</u>	<u>662</u>	<u>-656</u>	<u>7,036</u>
Total funds brought forward		28,506	6,376	68,091	102,973	95,937
<u>Total funds carried forward</u>		<u>26,046</u>	<u>7,518</u>	<u>68,753</u>	<u>102,317</u>	<u>102,973</u>

Kiltearn Parish Church
Balance Sheet
At 31 December 2025

		2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
	<u>Note</u>				
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed assets	8		80,000		80,000
Investments	9		2,708		2,583
			<u>82,708</u>		<u>82,583</u>
Current Assets					
Stock			149		148
Bank and cash			21,859		21,082
			<u>22,008</u>		<u>21,230</u>
Creditors					
Falling due within one year	10		<u>2,399</u>		<u>840</u>
Net Current Assets			19,609		20,390
Net Assets	11		<u>102,317</u>		<u>102,973</u>
Unrestricted Funds	12		26,046		28,506
Designated Funds	12		7,518		6,376
Restricted Funds	12		68,753		68,091
Total Funds			<u>102,317</u>		<u>102,973</u>

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session on 16th March 2026
For and on behalf of the Kirk Session




Session Clerk

Treasurer

Kiltearn Parish Church

Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently in the current and preceding year in dealing with items which are considered material to the accounts, are set out below.

The charity has adopted the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued January 2015).

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost convention, modified to reflect the inclusion of investments at market value, and in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, the Regulations anent Congregational Finance approved by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 2007 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2015).

Funds

Funds are classified as either restricted funds or unrestricted funds, defined as follows.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the charity.

Endowment funds are funds which have been given on the condition that the original capital sum is not reduced, but the income there from is used for the purpose defined in accordance with the objects of the charity.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

Incoming resources

All donations and gifts are included within incoming resources under either unrestricted or restricted funds according to the terms under which the donation is made and when the amount can be quantified with reasonable certainty. Donations and gifts in kind are brought into the accounts at their market value to the charity.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as the liability is incurred.

Tangible fixed assets

The charity has the right to occupy and use for its charitable objects certain tangible fixed assets, including the Church, halls and manse, vested in the Church of Scotland General Trustees. No consideration is payable for the use of these assets. Expenditure incurred on the repair and maintenance of these assets is charged as resources expended in the statement of financial activities in the period in which the liability arises.

No depreciation has been provided on the Cornerstone building as it is considered to have a value greater than the cost.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Unrealised gains and losses represent the difference between the market value at the beginning and end of the financial year or, if purchased in the year, the difference between cost and market value at the end of the year. Realised gains and losses represent the difference between the proceeds on disposal and the market value at the start of the year or cost if purchased in the year.

Taxation

Kiltearn Parish Church is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities. The charity is not registered for VAT and resources expended therefore include irrecoverable input VAT.

Kiltearn Parish Church
Notes forming part of the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Designated Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
1 Voluntary income					
Offerings	22,184	0	1,152	23,336	21,814
Donations	1,620	0	947	2,567	1,616
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	5,926	0	373	6,299	7,336
Endowment Income	3,429	0	0	3,429	3,429
Presbytery Allowance	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>33,159</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,472</u>	<u>35,631</u>	<u>34,195</u>
2 Activities for Generating Funds					
Use of Premises	360	0	938	1,298	405
Glebe Rent	999	0	0	999	999
	<u>1,359</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>938</u>	<u>2,297</u>	<u>1,404</u>
3 Investment income					
Dividends received	0	63	0	63	114
Bank interest	0	37	3	40	15
	<u>0</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>129</u>
4 Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities					
Weddings and Funerals	0	0	0	0	1,327
Fundraising	990	0	0	990	1,011
Life and work	0	0	0	0	210
Takings	0	0	9,718	9,718	9,751
Grant Received	0	600	0	600	5,500
Insurance Claim Received	8,832	412	0	9,244	1,365
	<u>9,822</u>	<u>1,012</u>	<u>9,718</u>	<u>20,552</u>	<u>19,164</u>
Total Income	<u>44,340</u>	<u>1,112</u>	<u>13,131</u>	<u>58,583</u>	<u>54,892</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Designated Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
5 Analysis of Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities					
Ministries and Mission Allocation	23,025	0	0	23,025	22,392
Pulpit Supply	0	0	0	0	308
Minister's Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Presbytery Dues	728	0	0	728	213
Fabric Fund Administration	0	0	0	0	7
Purchases	0	0	1,961	1,961	2,093
Wages	0	0	0	0	0
Council Tax/Rent	2,863	0	0	2,863	2,681
Other Buildings Costs	16,192	910	8,269	25,371	14,300
Sundry expenses	3,002	0	854	3,856	1,093
Life and Work	126	0	0	126	368
Equipment	0	0	905	905	3,742
Donations	384	0	0	384	574
	<u>46,320</u>	<u>910</u>	<u>11,989</u>	<u>59,219</u>	<u>47,771</u>
6 Governance Costs					
Independent Examiner's Fee	480	0	480	960	900
Total Expended	<u>46,800</u>	<u>910</u>	<u>12,469</u>	<u>60,179</u>	<u>48,671</u>

Support costs have not been separately identified as the trustees consider there is only one charitable activity. Therefore support costs relate wholly to that activity and have not been separately identified.

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for the year ended 31 December 2025

7	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs and numbers		
Salaries and wages	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of a head count, was as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Cornerstone	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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 loan fund. Ministers' 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 £32,433 and the maximum stipend (in 8th and subsequent years) £39,856

Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

Council tax amounting to £2863 in respect of the manse was paid during the year.

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Tangible Fixed Assets

	Property	Total
Cost		
At 1 January 2025	80,000	
Additions	0	
Disposals	<u>0</u>	
At 31 December 2025		<u>80,000</u>
Accumulated Depreciation		
At 1 January 2025	0	
Charge for year	0	
Eliminated on Disposals	<u>0</u>	
At 31 December 2024		<u>0</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 December 2025		<u>80,000</u>
At 31 December 2024		<u>80,000</u>

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for the year ended 31 December 2025

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Investments	2025	2024
	£	£
Market value at 31 December 2025	<u>2,708</u>	<u>2,583</u>
Investments at cost	<u>1,768</u>	<u>1,768</u>
The following investments are held:		
	Shares	Shares
Consolidated Fabric Fund	<u>1,768</u>	<u>1,768</u>

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Creditors	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	<u>2,399</u>	<u>840</u>

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Analysis of Net Assets Among Funds

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	80,000	0	0	80,000
Investments	0	0	2,708	2,708
Current Assets	3,947	541	17,520	22,008
Current Liabilities	-2,399	0	0	-2,399
Net assets at 31 Dec 2025	<u>81,548</u>	<u>541</u>	<u>20,228</u>	<u>102,317</u>

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Movements in Funds

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31 Dec 2025
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds				
Cornerstone project	68,091	13,131	12,469	68,753
Designated funds				
Fabric fund	6,376	1,112	910	6,578
Church	28,506	44,340	46,800	26,046
Total funds	<u>102,973</u>	<u>58,583</u>	<u>60,179</u>	<u>102,317</u>

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APPENDIX

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
<u>CAPITAL</u>		
Credit Balances held at 31 December at cost	<u>1,768</u>	<u>1,768</u>
Market Value of Balances at 31 December	<u>2,708</u>	<u>2,583</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>		
Credit Balance at 31 December	<u>242</u>	<u>421</u>