



PRAY FOR SCOTLAND

(Charity No: SC029844)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 March 2025

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CHARITY INFORMATION

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PRAY FOR SCOTLAND - TRUSTEES' REPORT for the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees present their report for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Governing Document & Trust Purpose

Pray for Scotland was first established as an unincorporated association known as the Scottish Prayer Centre in 1999. The charity changed its name to Pray for Scotland in March 2002.

The aims and purposes of the charity are to:

- promote the advancement of religion and in particular to advance, propagate and disseminate the Christian Gospel in the United Kingdom and overseas;
- promote and encourage prayer for the Church, Nation and Christian leaders, and for revival and transformation in Scotland;
- promote Christian fellowship amongst people of all denominations by enabling them to come together in the life of prayer through conferences, teaching seminars, national calls to prayer etc.;
- unite prayer networks by identifying and encouraging existing national and local prayer networks, in order to focus prayer on the spiritual needs of Scotland;
- support and maintain those Christian workers nominated by the Trustees in the implementation and fulfilment of these aims and purposes.

Trustees

Recruitment

The Trustees who held office during 2024/25 were:

Maurice Howson (Chairman)
Alistair Barton (Director)
Steve Saunders

Trustees are recruited following recommendation by the existing Trustees and by personal invitation. Trustees will already be familiar with the Trust's purposes and work and they must fully support the Trust's aims.

Before deciding whether or not to accept an invitation to become a Trustee, an individual may attend a meeting as an observer.

Induction & Training

A new Trustee is provided with copies of the current year's minutes and latest annual accounts.

There is no formal Trustee training programme. However Trustees are kept up to date with current issues affecting charities and Trustee responsibilities by the Director and through information from organisations such as the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR).

Meetings in 2024/25

The Trustees and the Core Team met 4 times in Perth during the year to review current activities and discuss proposals for future activities. Trustees also kept in touch informally by email or telephone, and the Chairman met with the Director. The Core Team also communicated by email and phone.

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Review of activities

Trustees

The current Trustees approached potential new Trustees informally during the year but none of those contacted were able to accept the invitation to join the Board, due to other commitments.

Publications & internet

Requests for the *Father's Love Letter* leaflet continued to be received from around the nation, including some from new churches and individuals. Through the generosity of supporters who donated towards the costs of printing and postage, we were able to continue supplying the leaflets at no cost. A ministry which gives them away in the centre of Edinburgh took a fresh supply of 30,000 and several other amounts of over 1,000 were provided to churches and a local Foodbank, as well as many smaller amounts to individuals. The total printed since they were first produced in 2007 reached 1.136 million.

Production of e-letters continued throughout the year, on average around two each month. Positive feedback showed these continued to be appreciated by many receiving them..

Online prayer gathering

A new venture, the online prayer gathering, hosted by the Director and the Scottish Director of CARE, began in April 2024 and has continued on the third Monday evening each month. This has been a successful project, with attendances rising from around 30 to an average of 60 – 70. A series of invited guests led prayer for specific areas of Scotland and on current issues.

StAnd in the Gap

StAnd in the Gap was a call to the church in Scotland to pray for the nation over the 72 hours from 28th – 30th November 2024. A wide range of church and other leaders contributed short videos and prayer points which were broadcast on a dedicated YouTube channel as well as via Facebook and Instagram, with each leader's contribution providing the basis for one hour of prayer. The feedback was very positive with several thousand engaging via each of the social media methods.

Connecting the Isles

Connecting the Isles is an informal group of prayer leaders from the four UK nations and the Republic of Ireland, attended by the Director and a Core Team member. The group continued to meet online each month, and in June 2024 held their annual gathering at a retreat centre in Wales.

Parliamentary Prayer Scotland [PPS]

Several team members participated in the weekly PPS prayer meetings, which continued online with around 40-50 participating each week, plus a monthly in-person meeting in Edinburgh, including attendance resuming at Holyrood at the start of the Parliamentary session that afternoon.

SUPP [Scotland United in Prayer for Parliament]

SUPP is the twice-yearly prayer meeting at Holyrood, in May and November, hosted by one of the Christian MSP's. In 2024/25 the Director providing support by recording the registrations for each SUPP meeting.

General

The Director, members of the Core Team and Trustees participated in many of the 'one-off' and regular online prayer meetings, days of prayer etc. that continued in Scotland and throughout the UK, many of these being online. Through these, our range of contacts throughout the UK and beyond continued to increase.

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Future developments

A priority for the Trustees and Core Team is to seek new Trustees to replace those who have retired and we plan to get back to some 'in person' events. Online meetings will also continue, including the monthly online prayer gathering, as will the circulation of e-letters and a greater use of social media. We will continue to promote prayer in the nation wherever opportunities arise and to encourage national and local prayer leaders in churches, fellowships and other prayer ministries. We will continue to develop networking, strong relationships and joint events with other prayer ministries.

Financial Review

Total income in 2024/25 was £8,132 (2023/24 - £9,084) and expenditure was £9,352 (2023/24 - £8,208), resulting in a deficit of £1,220 for the year. During the year, there being no plans to resume activities under The Turning, the funds being held for that were absorbed into general funds.

Taking into account the total cash balance of £12,503 brought forward at the end of March 2024, the overall PfS position at 31 March 2025 was a surplus balance of £11,283.

Risk Management

The charity has no investments. The Trustees are satisfied that procedures are in place to ensure that all financial transactions are properly authorised and that the activities of the charity are in accordance with the aims and purposes. The Trustees have reviewed the major risks to which Pray for Scotland may be exposed and are satisfied that appropriate procedures are in place to minimise these.

Reserves Policy

The charity operates with minimal reserves and relies primarily on annual gifts and regular donations.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- ❖ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ❖ observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- ❖ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ❖ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the charity's aims and purposes. They 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.

Signed:

Alistair Barton
Director & Trustee

Date

2/7/2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PRAY FOR SCOTLAND

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

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 financial statements 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 financial statements.

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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



Ritchie Stewart
Independent Examiner

Date 6.7.26

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Total 2024/25	Total 2023/24
Receipts			
<i>Donations, legacies and other similar receipts</i>			
General gifts & donations – Gift Aid		2,638	3,549
General gifts & donations – non-Gift Aid		1,541	1,356
HMRC Gift Aid refunds		0	0
Grants received		0	0
Sale of resources		0	0
Accommodation: Hebron, Wales		86	130
Father's Love Letters		3,867	4,049
Total for PfS		8,132	9,084
The Turning		2,697	2,697
Total receipts		10,829	11,781
Payments			
<i>Fundraising expenses</i>			
Conferences		0	780
<i>Charitable activities</i>			
Travel expenses	1	1,166	695
Accommodation & meals		1,559	551
Postage		261	277
Stationery & printing		34	24
Telephone & IT/web	1	1,424	1,224
Administration fees		850	600
Gifts		0	750
Honoraria		50	50
Gifts to ministries		500	0
Miscellaneous		45	0
Father's Love Letters		3,463	3,257
Total for PfS		9,352	8,208
The Turning		0	0
Total expenditure		9,352	8,208
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,220)	876
Total funds brought forward		12,503	11,627
Total Funds Carried Forward		£11,283	£12,503

The Receipts and Payments Account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES as at 31 March 2025

NOTES:

Bank and cash in hand [Pfs]	2025	2024
Opening balance	12,503	8,930
Surplus/(deficit) for year	<u>(1,220)</u>	<u>876</u>
	11,283	9,806
The Turning	<u>0</u>	<u>2,697</u>
	<u>11,283</u>	<u>12,503</u>

Reserves

General funds 11,283

Total funds: 11,283



Alistair Barton
Director & Trustee

Date 2/7/2026

NOTES:

1. Trustee expenses

Alistair Barton, a Trustee of the charity, received reimbursed expenses of £1,112.40 (2023/24 – £855.45) for travel and contributions to phone expenses incurred while undertaking duties as Director of the ministry.

Maurice Howson, a Trustee of the charity, received reimbursed expenses of £191.70 for travel to attend meetings of the charity.