

**POLWARTH PARISH CHURCH, EDINBURGH (CHURCH OF SCOTLAND)**

**36-38 Polwarth Terrace  
Edinburgh  
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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

***Scottish Charity number  
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**Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024.**

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 10 and comply with the charity's constitution and the General Assembly Regulations for Congregational Finance, the Charity and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 102) applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

## **OBJECTIVES and ACTIVITIES**

The Church of Scotland is Trinitarian in doctrine, Reformed in tradition and Presbyterian in policy. 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 in Scotland through a territorial ministry. It co-operates with other Churches in various ecumenical bodies in Scotland and beyond.

Polwarth Parish Church as part of the Church of Scotland is under the direct supervision of the Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian and by decision of the Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian the congregation of Polwarth Parish Church, Edinburgh (Church of Scotland), SC004183 continues on a Basis of Reviewable Charge.

In 2024, the implementation of the **Presbytery Plan** continued with activities underway by the "**Four Congregations Implementation Team**". Polwarth will become one united congregation with three other churches, namely Craiglockhart, St Michael's and Barclay Viewforth in response to the need to reduce the numbers of ministers and buildings throughout the Church of Scotland. Regular joint activities have been enjoyed throughout the year to build closer relationships, including the sharing of food, games and prayer. Pulpit exchanges have also been carried out by the four churches.

██████████ continued as Interim Moderator, overseeing the work of the Kirk Session and assisting with church matters and services. ██████████ **Ordained Local Minister**, continued as locum Minister and has been active in the services, events and pastoral care at Polwarth, and in the four churches implementation planning and events.

The Kirk Session met eight times, their focus being the Presbytery Plan and the remits of the structured Kirk Session sub-teams: Mission, Worship, Pastoral Care, Communications, Property and Finance. ██████████ continued to serve as Session Clerk.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS and PERFORMANCE**

This Annual Report is framed in accordance with this Presbytery Plan which puts "Mission" at its heart as outlined in the **Five Marks of Mission**, namely: -

### **TELL To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom**

Polwarth Parish Church seeks to be a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation. Our **Congregational Worship Team** and many members of the congregation regularly participate in our worship with Bible readings and prayers.

**Services** are held every Sunday at 11am and include a celebration of the Sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday in the month. The Services are presented visually on a screen and are structured yet informal and participatory. Music is provided by our Music Director and Organist. Refreshments are served after the service. The Services are live-streamed and operated by trained members of the congregation. A weekly e-newsletter is issued with congregational news, forthcoming events and weekly prayer readings.

The Minister, Lay Assistant and others hold a monthly **Worship Service at a local Care Home**.

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A **Good Friday Service** and an **Easter Day Communion Service** were held at Easter.

A **Remembrance Day Service** was conducted on 10 November marked by a lone piper and the laying of three wreaths.

On Christmas Eve we celebrated with our **Christingle Service**, well attended by members of the community, which was followed by the **Christmas Day Family Service**.

Our **Garden Worship Group** continued the practice of creating displays in our garden to commemorate the most significant dates in the church calendar. Placards tell the stories of Christ's birth, teaching, death and resurrection. There is also a Children's Corner which has undergone development.

**TEACH To teach, baptise and nurture new believers**

An **Easter Holiday Club** was successfully run in 2024 at Polwarth in conjunction with the other churches in the four church grouping.

**TEND To respond to human need by loving service**

Polwarth Parish Church is known as "**The Kirk on the Canal**" - Centre for Wholeness and Wellbeing. Our **Wellbeing Director**, Sheila Thomson, continued in post, funded by a grant from the Tor Foundation Legacy, and provides a lead role in developing and delivering our diverse services to the community.

**The Pop-up Café** provides a welcoming place every Tuesday morning with refreshments and companionship. It is staffed by volunteers from the church and the community. Two programmes run monthly in conjunction with the café: "**A Time for Reflection**" with prayer, quietness and the opportunity to walk the Labyrinth and a **Digital Inclusion Drop-In**. **The Scrabble Club** meets in the afternoon.

**Open and Welcome Space** is held in the Small Hall every Friday morning, offering somewhere warm and friendly with free refreshments, newspapers and company for those wanting to work, study, read or meet friends.

Polwarth Parish Church is engaged with Edinburgh City Mission on the **Befriending Programme**.

Community and fundraising events have been organised including charity coffee mornings and participation in the **Canal Festival** with refreshments, games, stalls and live music. The Wellbeing Director also gives support to community groups and classes run at Polwarth including the **Polwarth Baby and Toddler Group**, **Polwarth Bumps and Babies Group** and the **Strong and Steady** classes.

"**All Aboard**", Polwarth Parish Church's canal boat which has been run in partnership with the charity "**People Know How**", provided trips free of charge on the Union Canal for community groups, charities and other organisations, including many groups of young people from local schools. Since People Know How has recently been wound up, consideration is underway for the future of the boat beyond 2024.

**Wednesday Activities at Polwarth** continues to offer a varied programme to adults from the community to participate in activities such as baking, craft, books, games, gardening and fundraising.

The Minister, Lay Assistant and other members of the congregation place **Pastoral Care** at the centre of their mission, with the elders and the Wellbeing Director also visiting and contacting members of the congregation who need support or who cannot make it to church in person.

**TRANSFORM To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and promote peace and reconciliation.**

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**The Labyrinth Group** hosted the well-attended World Labyrinth Day and regular drop-in sessions to provide an opportunity to walk the Labyrinth mindfully with time to sit, pray and light a candle.

Our **Tranquillity, Peace and Canal-side Gardens**, formed through support from the Forces and individuals, were popular places for prayer and contemplation on love and peace as was our **Prayer Tree** at significant times of the Christian year.

Other activities included participating in **Christian Aid Week**, collecting food for **Food Banks at Harvest Festival** and with an ongoing drop off point, fundraising for Caroline's "**Caring Hearts Family**" in Zambia, and hosting a coffee morning in aid of **Macmillan Cancer Care**.

**TREASURE** To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

**The Wednesday Activities at Polwarth** group and the Wellbeing Director led efforts to maintain the **Outdoor Worship Garden**, including fund raising.

#### **PROPERTY**

The "**Property Team**" maintained the fabric of the church building, halls and manse. With the assistance of the Church of Scotland Law Department, the manse was sold on 14 June 2024. The church building and halls have been very popular for lets including social events, concerts and community groups.

#### **Financial Review**

The principal source of regular income comes from donations. This is made up of weekly and monthly offerings which saw a decrease on last year. There is a small decline in the number of regular givers but the main decline is the reduction in the restricted fund income which accounts for a large proportion of the decrease. Additional significant income comes from the telephone masts and wayleaves and also hall lets.

The total income for the year amounted to £155,293 (2023 £175,014). Total expenditure amounted to £597,338 (2023 £176,218). The large increase follows the sale of the manse and the asset valuation being transferred to the General Trustees. The 2024 General Fund deficit was £19,996 (2023 deficit £11,962). Investments increased in value by £5,897, but the reduction in income accounted for the increased deficit. Where appropriate VAT has been reclaimed at 100% under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme at a value of £41 (2023 £1289). All investments are assigned to the General Fund. At 31 December 2024 total funds (restricted and designated) which are available for Float the Boat, Canal Shed, Sound and Audio System, TOR Foundation Fund and other small funds including Flowers amounted to £40,157 (2023 £47,286). The main focus has been on the management of cash flow and the reduction of overall expenditure. However if the trend remains the same then there will need to be a release of cash from the investments. Following the charge becoming vacant and the appointment of a locum minister, the manse was sold. The funds available for fabric have now increased significantly but they are held by the General Trustees in the Consolidated Fabric Fund rather than by the congregation.

#### **Risk Management**

The fact that the majority of the congregation's members are elderly constitutes a risk to its future, both in terms of finance and of human resources to carry out necessary functions. People of pensionable age tend to live on fixed incomes, which limit the response which can be made to the stewardship campaigns regularly run by the Kirk Session. On the other hand some very generous legacies have been assigned by members in recent years. A number of younger members of the congregation have been challenged to take up the volunteer duties which are needed to keep the church running smoothly.

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**Reserves Policy**

The charity trustees have considered the reserves required and have taken into account their current and future liabilities. It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of approximately three months' expenditure including designated funds. At the year end the Church held unrestricted funds of £21,153 (2023 £41,595) of which £2,210 (2023 £2,655) has been designated for the Wednesday Activities (formerly Canal Shed), Café and other small projects. The remaining balance of £18,943 (2023 £38,940) represents about one months' expenditure. The church also holds £75,894 (2023 £491,600) of restricted funds (just over half of which is the book value of the canal boat) held for the purposes specified in note 15.

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**Structure, Governance and Management**

The congregation is a registered charity number SC004183, is administered in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Constitution (Unitary Form) and is subject to the Acts and Regulations of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Members of the Kirk Session are the charity trustees. The Kirk Session members are elders of the church 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. With the approval of the Presbytery of Edinburgh the Property committee is convened by a person who is not an elder but is under the supervision of the Minister and the Session Clerk. The Kirk Session which meets six times a year is responsible for spiritual affairs within the church.

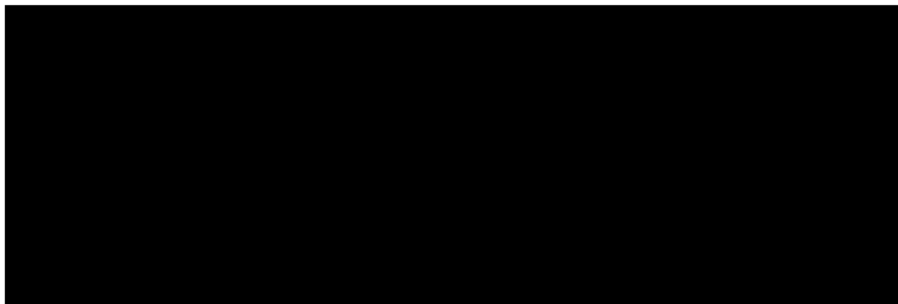
**Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity Name	Polwarth Parish Church, Edinburgh (Church of Scotland)
Charity Registration Number	SC 004183
Congregation Number	010115
Contact Address	Polwarth Parish Church 36-38 Polwarth Terrace, Edinburgh, EH11 1LU

**Principal Office Bearers**

Locum Minister	
Interim Moderator	
Session Clerk	
Treasurer	
Independent Examiner	Hollis Accounting Ltd, 3 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh, EH3 7HW
<b>Bankers</b>	Bank of Scotland, Dalry Branch, Edinburgh. Church of Scotland Investors' Trust, Edinburgh

**Charity Trustees**



**Organist**



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#### Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each

year which show 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 the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the method and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- 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;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting 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 (as amended). 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and for any financial information on the congregation's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,



Trustee

12 March 2025



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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Polwarth Parish Church**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024.**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 17.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.**

The trustees of the charity 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 requirements of Regulation 10 (1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations do 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.

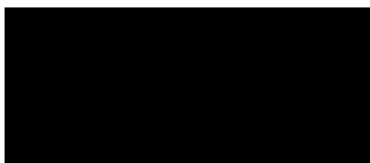
**Basis of Independent Examiner's statement.**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 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 (as amended), and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended) have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Hollis Accounting Ltd,  
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Date. 28/03/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	note	General Fund 2024 £	Designated Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Fund 2024 £	Total 2024 £	General Fund 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Fund 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>											
Donations and legacies	1	54,769	4,563	42,841	-	102,173	56,463	1,241	65,577	-	123,281
Charitable Activities	2	937	549	-	-	1,486	1,290	8	-	-	1,298
Other trading activities	3	25,003	-	-	-	25,003	22,350	-	-	-	22,350
Interest, investment income	4	1,475	-	-	40	1,515	1,666	-	18	33	1,717
Other	5	25,116	-	-	-	25,116	26,368	-	-	-	26,368
<b>Total income</b>		<b>107,300</b>	<b>5,112</b>	<b>42,841</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>155,293</b>	<b>108,137</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>65,595</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>175,014</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>											
Raising funds	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities		133,234	5,557	51,304	-	190,095	124,742	1,190	50,286	-	176,218
Transfer of Manse		-	-	407,243	-	407,243	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>133,234</b>	<b>5,557</b>	<b>458,547</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>597,338</b>	<b>124,742</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>50,286</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>176,218</b>
<b>Net income/expenditure before gains/(losses) on investments</b>		<b>-25,933</b>	<b>-445</b>	<b>-415,706</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-442,044</b>	<b>-16,605</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>15,309</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>-1,204</b>
Gain / (loss) on value of investments	10	5,897	-	-	7	5,904	4,610	-	-	26	4,636
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>-20,036</b>	<b>-445</b>	<b>-415,706</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>-436,140</b>	<b>-11,995</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>15,309</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3,432</b>
Transfers between funds	15	40	-	-	-40	-	33	-	-	-33	-
<b>Net movements in funds:</b>		<b>-19,996</b>	<b>-445</b>	<b>-415,706</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-436,140</b>	<b>-11,962</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>15,309</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3,432</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>											
Total funds brought forward	15	38,939	2,654	491,601	723	533,918	50,902	2,595	476,292	697	530,487
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2024		<b>18,943</b>	<b>2,210</b>	<b>75,894</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>97,777</b>	<b>38,939</b>	<b>2,654</b>	<b>491,601</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>533,918</b>

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024

	note	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	9	37,947	446,969
Investments	10	69,131	63,227
<b>Total fixed Assets</b>		<u>107,078</u>	<u>510,196</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	11	1,531	1,674
Deposits with Church of Scotland		1,188	1,067
Bank Current Accounts		17,337	38,507
		<u>20,056</u>	<u>41,248</u>
<b>Less:- Liabilities</b>			
Creditors falling due within one year	12	29,358	17,525
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>-9,302</u>	<u>23,723</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>97,777</u>	<u>533,918</u>
<b>Funds</b>	15		
<b>Permanent Endowment</b>			
J.H.Drennan Bequest		730	723
		<u>730</u>	<u>723</u>
<b>Restricted</b>			
Flower Fund		563	563
Float the Boat		6,757	7,768
Float the Boat Year 4&5		24,650	406
TOR Foundation - Wellbeing Director		5,848	35,494
Small Grant for Jubilee		-	42
Tranquillity Bench		47	47
Warm Spaces		82	311
Manse capital fund		-	407,243
Canal Boat		37,947	39,726
		<u>75,894</u>	<u>491,600</u>
<b>Designated</b>			
Canal project		79	659
Wednesday Activities formerly Canal Shed		471	1,080
Labyrinth		49	309
Wellbeing Fund		111	111
Garden Plant and Outdoor Worship Fund		-	496
Wheelchair Lift		1,500	-
Teds Den		-	-
		<u>2,210</u>	<u>2,655</u>
<b>Unrestricted</b>			
General Fund			
at 1 January		38,939	50,902
Surplus (deficit) for year		-19,996	-11,962
at 31 December 2024		<u>18,943</u>	<u>38,939</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>97,777</u>	<u>533,918</u>

The Financial Statements were approved by the Kirk Session on 12 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Treasurer

Trustee

**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Accounting policies.**

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

**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern as the charity has sufficient reserves and can adjust activity in line with income received.

**Fund accounting**

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

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

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.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If a part or 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.

**Income**

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the items of income have been met and it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Donated services and facilities**

Donated professional services and facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) the general volunteer time of congregation members is not recognised.

**Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposits is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

**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. 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. The title deeds for the church and halls were transferred to the Church of Scotland in March 2019. A narrow boat was purchased in 2021. Depreciation on this asset is provided on a straight-line basis to write off the initial value, less residual value, over its estimated useful life as follows: Canal Boat - 25 years. The Manse property at 88 Craiglockhart Road, Edinburgh, acquired in September 2005, has until its sale, been included as a fixed asset valued at original cost together with upgrading costs. The Trustees have considered that a depreciation charge on this property would not be appropriate. The titleholders for the manse were the Minister and Session Clerk ex officio, although the manse was under the control of the General Assembly.

**Investments**

Fixed asset investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. All investments are in income and growth funds administered by the Church of Scotland Investors' Trust, which provides monthly market values. Gains and/or losses on revaluations and disposals are allocated to the appropriate funds.

**Taxation**

The 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 therefore resources expended include irrecoverable input VAT.

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	General Fund 2024 £	Designated Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	General Fund 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>1 Donations and legacies</b>										
Offerings	36,773	-	-	-	36,773	36,904	-	-	-	36,904
Gift Aid taxation recovered	8,519	789	-	-	9,308	8,413	100	108	-	8,621
Legacies	360	-	-	-	360	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Other donations	9,117	3,774	160	-	13,051	9,146	1,141	838	-	11,125
Grants received	-	-	42,681	-	42,681	-	-	64,631	-	64,631
	<u>54,769</u>	<u>4,563</u>	<u>42,841</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>102,173</u>	<u>56,463</u>	<u>1,241</u>	<u>65,577</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>123,281</u>
<b>2 Income from charitable activities</b>										
Weddings and funerals	600	-	-	-	600	850	-	-	-	850
Regular fundraising events	337	549	-	-	886	440	8	-	-	448
	<u>937</u>	<u>549</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,486</u>	<u>1,290</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,298</u>
<b>3 Income from other trading activities</b>										
Rent received	25,003	-	-	-	25,003	22,350	-	-	-	22,350
	<u>25,003</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,003</u>	<u>22,350</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,350</u>
<b>4 Investment income</b>										
Dividends received	1,447	-	-	40	1,487	1,287	-	-	33	1,320
Deposit interest	28	-	-	-	28	379	-	18	-	397
	<u>1,475</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>1,515</u>	<u>1,666</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>1,717</u>
<b>5 Other income</b>										
Telephone mast rentals/wayleaves	25,075	-	-	-	25,075	25,079	-	-	-	25,079
Receipts from General trustees	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	0
Receipts from DCMS Scheme	41	-	-	-	41	1,289	-	-	-	1,289
	<u>25,116</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,116</u>	<u>26,368</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,368</u>

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	General Fund 2024 £	Designated Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	General Fund 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>6 Analysis of Expenditure</b>										
Charitable Activities										
Giving to Grow	40,759	-	-	-	40,759	45,898	-	-	-	45,898
Locum Fees	6,370									
Presbytery Dues	936	-	-	-	936	1,658	-	-	-	1,658
	48,065	-	-	-	41,695	47,556	-	-	-	47,556
Minister's travel expenses	112	-	-	-	112	-	-	-	-	-
Pulpit supply	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	-
Salary costs (note 7)	26,495	-	29,647	-	56,142	21,681	-	29,080	-	50,761
Bookkeeping fees & Governance	6,732	-	-	-	6,732	6,310	-	-	-	6,310
Fabric repairs and maintenance	11,894	5,557	19,878	-	37,329	17,669	1,190	19,427	-	38,286
Council Tax and Insurance	9,637	-	-	-	9,637	12,939	-	-	-	12,939
Heat and light	19,239	-	-	-	19,239	9,633	-	-	-	9,633
Office expenses	1,922	-	-	-	1,922	2,478	-	-	-	2,478
Organ and music	2,448	-	-	-	2,448	1,892	-	-	-	1,892
Café Costs	3,734	-	-	-	3,734	2,719	-	-	-	2,719
Depreciation	-	-	1,779	-	1,779	-	-	1,779	-	1,779
Others	1,956	-	-	-	1,956	1,864	-	-	-	1,864
	133,234	5,557	51,304	-	190,095	124,742	1,190	50,286	-	176,218
Transfer of Manse	-	-	407,243	-	407,243					
<b>Totals</b>	<b>133,234</b>	<b>5,557</b>	<b>458,547</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>597,338</b>					

Support costs have not been separately identified as the Trustees consider that there is only one charitable activity.

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	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>7 Staff costs and numbers</b>		
Salaries	56,142	50,761
Social security costs	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,142</b>	<b>50,761</b>

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on a head count was 3.  
There have been some additional freelance cleaners used in this period.

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Administration	2	2
Music staff	1	1
Premises maintenance	-	-
	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

No employee received any benefits in 2024 or 2023.

All Church of Scotland congregations contribute to the National Stipend Fund which bears the costs of all ministers' stipends, national insurance, pension, housing and loan funds.

Ministers' stipends are paid in accordance with the national stipend scale related to years of service.

For the year under review stipends ranged between £ 31,642 and £38,884.

**8 Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions**

During the year no Trustees received reimbursement of expenses (2023,£2,845)

The amount donated to the congregation by Trustees was £13,419 in 2023 and £16,730 in 2024.

**9 Tangible Fixed Assets**

<b>Cost</b>	<b>2024</b>			<b>2023</b>		
	<b>Manse</b>	<b>Canal Boat</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Manse</b>	<b>Canal Boat</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At 1 January b/f	407,243	43,284	450,527	407,243	43,284	450,527
Acquisitions/(Disposals)	-407,243	-	-407,243	-	-	-
At 31 December c/f	-	43,284	43,284	407,243	43,284	450,527
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>						
At 1 January b/f	-	3,558	3,558	-	1,779	1,779
Charge for year	-	1,779	1,779	-	1,779	1,779
At 31 December c/f	-	5,337	5,337	-	3,558	3,558
<b>Net Book value at 31 December</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,947</b>	<b>37,947</b>	<b>407,243</b>	<b>39,726</b>	<b>446,969</b>

Manse Sale completed in June 2024 - the proceeds have been transferred to the Consolidated Fabric Fund of the General Trustees. This was required as the title of the Manse had an Assembly control clause meaning the proceeds from the sale would be held by the General Trustees for the benefit of the congregation.

**10 Investments**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Market value at 1 January 2024	63,227	58,591
Revaluation gain / (loss) for year	5,904	4,636
Realised gain / (loss) on investments sold	-	-
Sale of Investments	-	-
Market value at 31 December 2024	<b>69,131</b>	<b>63,227</b>
Investments at cost	<b>42,420</b>	<b>42,420</b>

All investments are held with the Church of Scotland Investors' Trust in Growth Funds.

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	2024 £	2023 £
<b>11 Debtors</b>		
Taxation on Gift Aid	691	725
VAT recovery	222	973
Payments in advance	831	857
Trade Debtors	-213	-881
	<u>1,531</u>	<u>1,674</u>
<b>12 Creditors</b>		
Received in advance	22,758	12,448
Accruals	4,394	726
Trade Creditors	1,804	3,873
Others	402	478
	<u>29,358</u>	<u>17,525</u>

**13 Analysis of Net Assets amongst Funds**

2024	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Fixed Assets	-	-	37,947	-	37,947
Investments	68,401	-	-	730	69,131
Current Assets	-20,101	2,210	37,947	-	20,056
Current Liabilities	-29,358	-	-	-	-29,358
	<u>18,942</u>	<u>2,210</u>	<u>75,894</u>	<u>730</u>	<u>97,777</u>
<b>2023</b>	<b>General £</b>	<b>Designated £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>Endowment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Fixed Assets	-	-	446,969	-	446,969
Investments	62,504	-	-	723	63,227
Current Assets	-6,040	2,655	44,631	-	41,246
Current Liabilities	-17,525	-	-	-	-17,525
	<u>38,939</u>	<u>2,655</u>	<u>491,600</u>	<u>723</u>	<u>533,918</u>

**14 Volunteers**

In common with all congregations of the Church of Scotland this congregation benefits from the contribution made by volunteers who give their time and talents willingly for the benefit of the Church. The areas of congregational life which rely on the contributions of volunteers are many and varied, and much of the activity would be unable to continue were it not for the commitment shown.



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15	Movements in Funds 2024	at 1.1.2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/{losses}	at 31.12.2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	<b>Endowment funds</b>						
	J.H. Drennan Bequest	723	40		-40	7	730
	<b>Restricted funds</b>						
	Flower fund	563	-	-	-	-	563
	Float the Boat	7,768	5,631	-6,642	-	-	6,757
	Float the Boat Years 4&5	406	35,120	-10,876	-	-	24,650
	TOR Foundation	35,494	-	-29,646	-	-	5,848
	Warm Spaces	311	-	-229	-	-	82
	Jubilee	42	-	-42	-	-	-
	Tranquility Bench	47	40	-40	-	-	47
	Tap into IT	-	2,050	-2,050	-	-	-
	Manse capital	407,243	-	-407,243	-	-	-
	Canal Boat	39,726	-	-1,779	-	-	37,947
		491,600	42,841	-458,547	-	-	75,894
	<b>Unrestricted Funds - Designated</b>						
	Garden and Outdoor Worship	496		-496	-	-	-
	Wednesday Activities	1,080	50	-659	-	-	471
	Wellbeing	111	-	-	-	-	111
	Café Project	659		-580	-	-	79
	Labyrinth	309		-260	-	-	49
	Teds Den	-	3,450	-3,450	-	-	-
	Boat Wheelchair lift	-	1,612	-112	-	-	1,500
		2,655	5,112	-5,557	-	-	2,210
	General	38,939	107,300	-133,234	40	5,897	18,943
		41,595	112,412	-138,791	40	5,897	21,153
	<b>Totals</b>	533,918	155,293	-597,338	-	5,904	97,777
	<b>Movements in Funds 2023</b>	<b>at 1.1.2023</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Revaluation gains/{losses}</b>	<b>at 31.12.2023</b>
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	<b>Endowment funds</b>						
	J.H. Drennan Bequest	697	33	-	-33	26	723
	<b>Restricted funds</b>						
	Flower fund	569	18	-24	-	-	563
	Sound & Audio Live Stream	491	-	-491	-	-	0
	Float the Boat	13,001	5,725	-10,958	-	-	7,768
	Float the Boat Years 4&5	406	-	0	-	-	406
	Manse Garden Fund	-	150	-150	-	-	-
	TOR Foundation	11,679	58,263	-34,448	-	-	35,494
	Warm Spaces	590	-	-279	-	-	311
	Jubilee	42	-	0	-	-	42
	Tranquility Bench	765	439	-1,157	-	-	47
	Wellbeing Intern	-	1,000	1,000	-	-	-
	Manse capital	407,243	-	-	-	-	407,243
	Canal Boat	41,505	-	-1,779	-	-	39,726
		476,291	65,595	-50,286	-	-	491,600
	<b>Unrestricted Funds - Designated</b>						
	Garden and Outdoor Worship	-	496	0	-	-	496
	Wednesday Activities	1,578	653	-1,151	-	-	1,080
	Wellbeing	150	-	-39	-	-	111
	Café Project	659	-	0	-	-	659
	Labyrinth	209	100	0	-	-	309
		2,596	1,249	-1,190	-	-	2,655
	General	50,902	108,137	-124,742	33	4,610	38,940
		53,498	109,386	-125,932	33	4,610	41,595
	<b>Totals</b>	530,487	175,014	-176,218	-	4,636	533,918

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**Notes**

Income from the J.H.Drennan bequest is for the maintenance of the ministry.  
The Flower fund is to provide flowers for the church.  
Float the Boat – the boat was purchased in 2021 with the value being transferred to a fixed asset.  
The running and maintenance costs for the first 3 years have come from this fund.  
Grant Income has also been received from "Go For It".  
A fund has been set up to cover the running costs in years 4 & 5. Year 4 began part way through this year.  
The Manse fund remained at cost until the Manse was sold. The Sale completed in the second half of the year and the proceeds after costs are now held by the General Trustees in the Consolidated Fabric Fund.  
While the manse was vacant there were some continuing costs until it was sold.  
Warm Spaces - Grant money was received to cover the expense of providing a warm space during the cost of living crisis. This fund will continue throughout the winter in 2024.  
Wellbeing Intern - we were awarded a grant to employ an intern for a period during the year.  
TOR Foundation - this funding continues into the third year and covered the employment of the Wellbeing officer.  
A grant was received for the Tap into IT project which was used to provide IT support for older people.  
Ted's Den was a project for children in the church garden which was funded by donations.  
All other investments held are designated as General,  
with the exception of those held for the Drennan bequest.  
Wednesday Activities is formerly Canal Shed.

<b>16 Additional income collected and disbursed to other Charities</b>		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Christian Aid - see note 1	SC 039150	1,899	1,882
Macmillan Cancer Support	SC 039907	704	37
Children in Need	802052	42	31
Comic Relief	326568	65	-
Caring Heart (Zambia)		225	441
Embrace the Middle East	1076329	265	341
		<u>3,200</u>	<u>1,266</u>

1. Cheques received made payable to Christian Aid have not been included in these figures.

These receipts and payments have not been included elsewhere in the financial statements.

		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Edinburgh Childrens Hospital Charity	SC 020862	-	556
This donation made directly on closing the Nearly New Sale bank account.			

**17 Outstanding capital commitments**

Following damage an insurance claim has been made for roof repairs.  
Work will be completed on repairs to make the ceiling roses in the Sanctuary safe following damage.

Appendix

Funds held on behalf of the congregation by the Church of  
Scotland General Trustees

<b><u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u></b>	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Credit Balances held at 31 December at cost	606,914	
Market Value of Balances at 31 December	606,914	
Funds Drawn Down		
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>606,914</b>	
 <b><u>REVENUE ACCOUNT</u></b>		
Credit Balance	8,454	300
 <b><u>TEMPORARY ACCOUNT</u></b>		
Credit Balance at 31 December 2024	- 80	- 72

The Manse was transferred to the consolidated Fabric Fund as noted in note 9.  
The Manse was sold for £685k less property costs of £10,659 and Levy of £67,435 with  
£606,914 transferred to the Consolidated Fabric Fund-Cap(II).