

**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 2025**

***Scottish Charity number***  
***Church of Scotland reference***

***SC 004183***  
***010115***

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025.**

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025. 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, but without a minister at present.

In 2025, the implementation of the **Presbytery Plan** continued with discussions held with neighbouring churches to find a path to form a united congregation. This is in response to the need to reduce the numbers of ministers and buildings throughout the Church of Scotland.

Rev Peter Nelson continued as Interim Moderator, overseeing the work of the Kirk Session and assisting with church matters and services. Rev Fiona Kennedy, **Ordained Local Minister**, served as locum Minister until the end of September 2025, during which time she was active in the services, events and pastoral care at Polwarth. Remaining services have been covered by pulpit supply.

The Kirk Session met ten 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. Mhairi Sandeman 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 supply organists. Refreshments are served after the service. The Services are streamed live, with equipment operated by trained members of the congregation and also available to view later online. A weekly e-newsletter is issued with congregational news, forthcoming events and weekly prayer readings.

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

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

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A **Remembrance Day Service** was conducted on 9 November attended by an RAF air cadet squadron who laid three wreaths.

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

The church **Garden** continues to be a place visited and enjoyed by the wider community, including to the Children's Corner "Ted's Den".

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

An **Easter Holiday Club** was successfully run in 2025 at Polwarth in conjunction with other local churches.

**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 grants from the Tor Foundation Legacy and the North Merchiston Mission Fund, 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. A **Digital Inclusion Drop-In** programme is run regularly in conjunction with the café. **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** and **Polwarth Bumps and Babies Group**.

Polwarth Parish Church took full ownership of the "**All Aboard**" canal boat (previously run in partnership with the charity "**People Know How**"), which, under the direction of the All Aboard Coordinator, will allow it to continue to provide trips free of charge on the Union Canal for community groups, charities and other organisations.

**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 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.**

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

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Our **Tranquillity, Peace and Canalside 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 led efforts to maintain the **Outdoor Worship Garden**.

## **PROPERTY**

The "**Property Team**" maintained the fabric of the church building and halls, which 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 there has been an increase in the restricted fund income mainly from grants. Additional significant income comes from the telephone masts and wayleaves and also hall lets. Funds have been drawn down from the Consolidated Fabric Fund held by the General Trustees.

The total income for the year amounted to £315,015 (2024 £155,293). Total expenditure amounted to £212,556 (2024 £597,338). The 2025 General Fund deficit was £5,983 (2024 deficit £19,996). Investments increased in value by £4,531. Where appropriate VAT has been reclaimed at 100% under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme at a value of £2,246 (2024 £41). All investments are assigned to the General Fund. At 31 December 2025 total funds (restricted and designated) which are available for the Boat project, Canal Shed, The Wellbeing Officer Post and other small funds amounted to £121,043 (2024 £40,157). The cashflow has been improved following the award of several funds in relation to the Boat project. Approval was given for funds to be drawn down from the Consolidated Fabric Fund for building works and to be allocated to fund the Wellbeing Director.

## **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.

### **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 £14,742 (2024 £21,153) of which £1,782 (2024 £2,210) has been designated for the Wednesday Activities (formerly Canal Shed), Café and other small projects. The remaining balance of £12,960 (2024 £18,943) represents about less than one month's expenditure. The church also holds £189,294 (2024 £75,894) of restricted funds (£70,033 represents the value of the 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**

Interim Moderator	Rev. Peter Nelson
Locum Minister	Rev. Fiona Kennedy (Resigned 30/09/2025)

Session Clerk	Mhairi Sandeman
Treasurer	Jennifer Mackenzie
Independent Examiner	Sarah Hollis CA, 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**

Margaret Anderson	Lay assistant
Maureen Bowman	Anne McDonald
Audrey Currie (resigned 12/01/2025)	Ellen Pereira
Audrey Downie	Alastair Findlay
Doris Tulloch (resigned 01/09/2025)	Astrid Telfer
Claire Holmyard	Peter Braynion
Michael Holmyard	Elaine Hopley
Alison Wright	Dawn Purves
Rev. Peter Nelson	Interim Moderator

**Organist**

Lance Whitehead (resigned 25/04/2025)

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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,

  
Alastair Findlay  
Trustee

11 March 2026

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Polwarth Parish Church  
For the year ended 31 December 2025.**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 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.

*Sarah Hollis*

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Date. 12/3 | 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

note	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Endowment Fund		Total		Designated Funds		Restricted Endowment Fund		Total	
	2025	£	2025	£	2025	£	2025	£	2024	£	2024	£	2024	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>														
1	59,968		100	82,415	-	142,483		54,769	4,563		42,841		102,173	
2	2,576		-	1,139	-	3,715		937	549		-		1,486	
3	20,114		-	-	-	20,114		25,003	-		-		25,003	
4	1,157		-	-	40	1,197		1,475	-		-		1,515	
5	68,300		-	79,206	-	147,506		25,116	-		-		25,116	
	<b>152,115</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>162,760</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>315,015</b>		<b>107,300</b>	<b>5,112</b>		<b>42,841</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>155,293</b>	
<b>Expenditure on:</b>														
6	-		-	-	-	-		-	-		-		-	
	162,669		529	49,358	-	212,556		133,234	5,557		51,304		190,095	
	-		-	-	-	-		-	-		407,243		407,243	
	<b>162,669</b>		<b>529</b>	<b>49,358</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>212,556</b>		<b>133,234</b>	<b>5,557</b>		<b>458,547</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>597,338</b>	
	-10,554		-429	113,402	40	102,459		-25,933	-445		-415,706	40	-442,044	
10	4,531		-	-	22	4,553		5,897	-		-	7	5,904	
	-6,023		-429	113,401	62	107,012		-20,036	-445		-415,706	47	-436,140	
	40		-	-	-40	-		40	-		-	-40	-	
	<b>-5,983</b>		<b>-429</b>	<b>113,401</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>107,012</b>		<b>-19,996</b>	<b>-445</b>		<b>-415,706</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-436,140</b>	
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>														
15	18,943		2,210	75,894	730	97,777		38,939	2,654		491,601	723	533,918	
	12,960		1,782	189,295	752	204,788		18,943	2,210		75,894	730	97,777	

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2025

	note	31.12.25 £	31.12.24 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	9	70,033	37,947
Investments	10	58,681	69,131
<b>Total fixed Assets</b>		<u>128,714</u>	<u>107,078</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	11	2,557	1,531
Deposits with Church of Scotland		10	1,188
Bank Current Accounts		91,544	17,337
		<u>94,111</u>	<u>20,056</u>
<b>Less:- Liabilities</b>			
Creditors falling due within one year	12	18,038	29,358
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>76,073</u>	<u>-9,302</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>204,789</u>	<u>97,777</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
<b>Permanent Endowment</b>	15		
J.H.Drennan Bequest		752	730
		<u>752</u>	<u>730</u>
<b>Restricted</b>			
Flower Fund		-	563
Float the Boat		6,757	6,757
Float the Boat Year 4&5		43,743	24,650
TOR Foundation - Wellbeing Director		-	5,848
Wellbeing Director Y 4 - 5		45,366	-
Small Grant for Jubilee		-	-
Tranquillity Bench		40	47
Warm Spaces		455	82
Manse capital fund		-	-
Wheelchair Lift (Restricted)		22,900	-
Canal Boat		70,033	37,947
		<u>189,294</u>	<u>75,894</u>
<b>Designated</b>			
Canal project		79	79
Wednesday Activities formerly Canal Shed		-	471
Labyrinth		149	49
Wellbeing Fund		54	111
Garden Plant and Outdoor Worship Fund		-	-
Wheelchair Lift		1,500	1,500
Teds Den		-	-
		<u>1,782</u>	<u>2,210</u>
<b>Unrestricted</b>			
General Fund			
at 1 January		18,943	38,939
Surplus (deficit) for year		-5,983	-19,996
at 31 December 2025		<u>12,960</u>	<u>18,943</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>204,789</u>	<u>97,777</u>

The Financial Statements were approved by the Kirk Session on March 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Treasurer Jennifer Mackenzie 

Trustee Alastair Findlay 

**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025**

**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 2025	Designated Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Endowment Funds 2025	Total 2025	General Fund 2024	Designated Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Endowment Funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>1 Donations and legacies</b>										
Offerings	34,828	-	-	-	34,828	36,773	-	-	-	36,773
Gift Aid taxation recovered	9,959	-	1,630	-	11,589	8,519	789	-	-	9,308
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	360	-	-	-	360
Other donations	15,181	100	25,477	-	40,758	9,117	3,774	160	-	13,051
Grants received	-	-	55,308	-	55,308	-	-	42,681	-	42,681
	59,968	100	82,415	-	142,483	54,769	4,563	42,841	-	102,173
<b>2 Income from charitable activities</b>										
Weddings and funerals	850	-	-	-	850	600	-	-	-	600
Regular fundraising events	1,726	-	1,139	-	2,865	337	549	-	-	886
	2,576	-	1,139	-	3,715	937	549	-	-	1,486
<b>3 Income from other trading activities</b>										
Rent received	20,114	-	-	-	20,114	25,003	-	-	-	25,003
	20,114	-	-	-	20,114	25,003	-	-	-	25,003
<b>4 Investment income</b>										
Dividends received	1,137	-	-	40	1,177	1,447	-	-	40	1,487
Deposit interest	20	-	-	-	20	28	-	-	-	28
	1,157	-	-	40	1,197	1,475	-	-	40	1,515
<b>5 Other income</b>										
Telephone mast rentals/wayleaves	25,083	-	-	-	25,083	25,075	-	-	-	25,075
Receipts from General trustees	40,971	-	45,000	-	85,971	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from DCMS Scheme	2,246	-	-	-	2,246	41	-	-	-	41
Donation of Boat from PKH	-	-	34,206	-	34,206	-	-	-	-	-
	68,300	-	79,206	-	147,506	25,116	-	-	-	25,116



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	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>7 Staff costs and numbers</b>		
Salaries	60,303	56,142
Social security costs	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>60,303</u></u>	<u><u>56,142</u></u>

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>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Administration	3	2
Music staff	1	1
Premises maintenance	-	-
	<u><u>4</u></u>	<u><u>3</u></u>

No employee received any benefits in 2025 or 2024.

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 £ 32,433 and £39,856.

**8 Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions**

During the year no Trustees received reimbursement of expenses  
The amount donated to the congregation by Trustees was £16,730 in 2024 and £23,205 in 2025.

**9 Tangible Fixed Assets**

<b>Cost</b>	<b>2025</b>		<b>2024</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>
At 1 January b/f	43,284	43,284	407,243	43,284	450,527
Acquisitions/(Disposals)	-	-	-407,243	-	-407,243
Donation Value	34,206	34,206			
At 31 December c/f	<u>77,490</u>	<u>77,490</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,284</u>	<u>43,284</u>
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>					
At 1 January b/f	5,337	5,337	-	3,558	3,558
Charge for year	2,120	2,120	-	1,779	1,779
At 31 December c/f	<u>7,457</u>	<u>7,457</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,337</u>	<u>5,337</u>
<b>Net Book value at 31 December</b>	<u><u>70,033</u></u>	<u><u>70,033</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>37,947</u></u>	<u><u>37,947</u></u>

**10 Investments**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Market value at 1 January 2024	69,131	63,227
Revaluation gain / (loss) for year	4,553	5,904
Realised gain / (loss) on investments sold	-	-
Sale of Investments	-15,003	-
Market value at 31 December 2025	<u><u>58,681</u></u>	<u><u>69,131</u></u>
Investments at cost	<u><u>33,389</u></u>	<u><u>42,420</u></u>

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

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	2025 £	2024 £
<b>11 Debtors</b>		
Taxation on Gift Aid	859	691
VAT recovery	283	222
Payments in advance	888	831
Trade Debtors	527	-213
	<u>2,557</u>	<u>1,531</u>
<b>12 Creditors</b>		
Received in advance	12,448	22,758
Accruals	4,418	4,394
Trade Creditors	546	1,804
Others	626	402
	<u>18,038</u>	<u>29,358</u>

**13 Analysis of Net Assets amongst Funds**

2025	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Fixed Assets	-	-	70,033	-	70,033
Investments	57,929	-	-	752	58,681
Current Assets	-26,932	1,782	119,260	-	94,111
Current Liabilities	-18,038	-	-	-	-18,038
	<u>12,959</u>	<u>1,782</u>	<u>189,293</u>	<u>752</u>	<u>204,789</u>
<b>2024</b>					
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>

**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 2025	at 1.1.2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/{losses}	at 31.12.2025
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	<b>Endowment funds</b>						
	J.H. Drennan Bequest	730	40		-40	22	752
	<b>Restricted funds</b>						
	Flower fund	563	-	-	-563	-	-
	Float the Boat	6,757	-	-	-	-	6,757
	Float the Boat Years 4&5	24,650	36,346	-17,254	-	-	43,742
	TOR Foundation	5,848	-	-5,030	-818	-	-
	Wellbeing Officer Years 4&5	-	69,308	-24,760	818	-	45,366
	Warm Spaces	85	-	-193	563	-	455
	Tranquility Bench	40	-	-	-	-	40
	Canal Boat	37,947	34,206	-2,120	-	-	70,033
	Boat Wheelchair Lift (Restricted)	-	22,900				22,900
		<u>75,890</u>	<u>162,760</u>	<u>-49,358</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>189,294</u>
	<b>Unrestricted Funds - Designated</b>						
	Wednesday Activities	471	-	-471	-	-	-
	Wellbeing	111	-	-57	-	-	54
	Café Project	79	-	-	-	-	79
	Labyrinth	49	100	-	-	-	149
	Boat Wheelchair lift	1,500	-	-	-	-	1,500
		<u>2,210</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>-529</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,782</u>
	General	18,943	152,115	-162,669	40	4,531	12,960
		<u>21,153</u>	<u>152,215</u>	<u>-163,197</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>4,531</u>	<u>14,742</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<u>97,777</u>	<u>315,015</u>	<u>-212,556</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,553</u>	<u>204,788</u>
	<b>Movements in Funds 2024</b>	<b>at 1.1.2024</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Revaluation gains/{losses}</b>	<b>at 31.12.2024</b>
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	<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
		<u>491,600</u>	<u>42,841</u>	<u>-458,547</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,894</u>
	<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
		<u>2,655</u>	<u>5,112</u>	<u>-5,557</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,210</u>
	General	38,939	107,300	-133,234	40	5,897	18,943
		<u>41,595</u>	<u>112,412</u>	<u>-138,791</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>5,897</u>	<u>21,153</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<u>533,918</u>	<u>155,293</u>	<u>-597,338</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,904</u>	<u>97,777</u>

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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. This fund is no longer being used.  
It was decided by the Kirk Session that the remaining fund would be transferred to Warm Spaces  
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 4 years have come from this fund.  
Following the closure of People Know How the 50% share of the boat they owned was donated to Polwarth Parish Church.  
A fund has been set up to cover the running costs in years 4 & 5.  
The proceeds from the manse sale in 2024 are held by the General Trustees in the Consolidated Fabric Fund  
The income from the CFF has been drawn down for general maintenance charges.  
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 and has been topped up with a transfer from the Flower fund.  
TOR Foundation - with the third year complete the balance was transferred on to years 4 & 5  
Wellbeing Officer Fund Years 4 & 5 - this fund is made up of income from the TOR foundation and funds drawn down from the CFF held by the general trustees. It is to be used to fund the Wellbeing Officer and additional hours by the administrator.  
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>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Christian Aid - see note 1	SC 039150	2,247	1,899
Macmillan Cancer Support	SC 039907	-	704
Children in Need	802052	149	42
Comic Relief	326568	320	65
Caring Heart (Zambia)		453	225
Embrace the Middle East	1076329	347	265
		<b>3,516</b>	<b>3,200</b>

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

**17 Outstanding capital commitments**

There are no outstanding capital commitments.

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**Appendix**

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

<b><u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u></b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Credit Balances held at 31 December at cost	<u>543,396</u>	<u>606,914</u>
Market Value of Balances at 31 December	<u>543,396</u>	<u>606,914</u>
Funds Drawn Down		
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<u>543,396</u>	<u>606,914</u>
<b><u>REVENUE ACCOUNT</u></b>		
Credit Balance	<u>12,562</u>	<u>8,454</u>
<b><u>TEMPORARY ACCOUNT</u></b>		
Credit Balance at 31 December 2025	<u>- 2,480</u>	<u>- 80</u>