

## APPENDIX 1

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| Trustees' Annual Report for the period |     |       |      |                 |     |       |      |
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| Period start date                      |     |       |      | Period end date |     |       |      |
|                                        | Day | Month | Year |                 | Day | Month | Year |
| From                                   | 01  | 01    | 2025 | To              | 31  | 12    | 2025 |

### Reference and administration details

**Charity name**  
**Other names charity is known by**  
**Registered charity number**  
**Charity's principal address**

|                                   |
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| Rutherglen United Reformed Church |
|                                   |
| SC017385                          |
| 69 Johnstone Drive                |
| Rutherglen                        |
| Glasgow                           |
| Postcode G73 2QA                  |

### Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

|    | Trustee name          | Office (if any)   | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|----|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | Mr John Collings      | President         |                                   | Church AGM/Meeting                                            |
| 2  | Mrs Rhona Robertson   |                   |                                   | Church AGM/Meeting                                            |
| 3  | Mrs Cathie Lees       | Secretary         |                                   | Church AGM/Meeting                                            |
| 4  | Mrs Jane Richmond     |                   | Appointed 22/6/25                 | Church AGM/Meeting                                            |
| 5  | Dr J Graham Templeton |                   |                                   | Church AGM/Meeting                                            |
| 6  | Mr Paul Howard        | Deacons' Convenor | Appointed 22/6/25                 | Church AGM/Meeting                                            |
| 7  | Mrs Linda Johnstone   |                   |                                   | Church AGM/Meeting                                            |
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## Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

| Name              | Dates acted if not for whole year |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Miss Irene Hudson | Resigned 22/6/25                  |
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## Structure, governance and management

### Type of governing document

The charity has a constitution and is an unincorporated association. The charity's governing body is the church meeting. Four church meetings are held each year. An Annual General Meeting is also held in the month of June each year. The Annual General Meeting receives a report from the trustees, the accounts of the charity and also makes appointments to the trustee body and other appointments within the charity.

The charity is a congregation of the United Reformed Church and functions in accordance with the Basis of Union and Plan for Partnership in Ministerial Remuneration

### Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are recruited from within the membership of the charity (the congregation) when a vacancy occurs. Trustee appointments are usually made at the Annual General Meeting of the charity (the congregation).

## Objectives and activities

### Charitable purposes

The charitable purpose of the charity is the advancement of Christianity. The Church seeks to support a range of local community activities throughout the year.

### Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The main activities of the charity include the provision of public Christian worship at least once a week, and additional acts of Christian worship (baptism, weddings and funerals) as required. There is provision for Christian education and nurture for children. Pastoral care is provided for those in need, particularly the elderly and sick and there are regular social activities for the members of the congregation. The charity participates in the life of the local community by making its building available for local community groups and through the involvement of the minister and members in local organisations and schools. The charity also participates in the activities of the wider United Reformed Church.

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

On 31st December 2025 the church roll stood at 82 with an average attendance at worship of around forty adults and 2-3 young people/children.

'The Hub' (the Trustee body of the Church) continues to act as a conduit of information and oversight for the various church working groups ie Deacons, Administration, Finance, Fellowship and individuals who represent the church on a variety of local community and church initiatives.

In September 2025 the previously agreed Lanarkshire South Joint Pastorate came into being with the induction of Rev Liz Johnson Blythe as minister and Rev John Sanderson as community minister of the joint pastorate. The two churches continue as separate charities but share the expenses relating to ministry. As Rutherglen URC is the larger church it was agreed that expenses would be divided on a 75% - 25% basis with Rutherglen URC also overseeing the financial arrangements. A Joint Pastorate Steering Group has been formed and this oversees any joint activities/services that are undertaken.

The Deacons group continue to oversee matters relating to worship and nurture, the Administration group continue to have oversight of the hall bookings and the church and halls were all well used throughout the year, and the Fellowship Group continue to organise fellowship events – among them, summer coffee, Soup/Sandwich Sundays, and the annual Candle-lit Dinner.

The Finance Group continue to have oversight of the church's finances as well as dealing with property matters. Rev John Sanderson has been appointed as Convenor of this group. During 2025 a further, and final, grant of £5000 was received from the Synod of Scotland to improve the energy efficiency of the building. This money was used to install double-glazed units over the stained glass windows at the front and rear of the building as well as fund the installation of insulation in the space between the church hall ceiling and roof.

In 2025 a legacy of £10,000 was received. To date money from the legacy has been used to purchase a new cooker for the kitchen and a memorial lectern. The intention is to put the remaining funds towards the cost of refurbishing the kitchen (last refurbished in 2000). Both a church owned residential property and the flat (which is integral to the church building) continue to be let and both are managed by Let's Let.

At our Autumn harvest service all the produce donated by both the congregation and by members of the local community was donated to the local foodbank, an organisation with which a number of the congregation are actively involved.

At our Christmas gift service we collected a large number of toys and gifts which were taken to the Salvation Army in Rutherglen to be distributed to families in the Rutherglen area.

As a church we continue to support Christian Aid and we have two representatives in our fellowship who are on the local Christian Aid committee.

Towards the end of 2025 it was agreed to provide temporary accommodation to the M Factor youth group (an additional support needs group) who had become 'homeless' following storm damage to the premises they usually met in. As the group has limited funds in was agreed that no charge would be made for the use of the church.

The Community Minister continues the church's involvement in chaplaincy work at Rutherglen High School (Additional Support Needs) and is now also chaplain the West Mains Primary School (Additional Support Needs) in East Kilbride. He is also a member of a Steering Group who are setting up a Community Café which hopes, in time, to give young adults with additional support needs the opportunity to work in a Café environment and receive payment for their work.

Investments:

As of 31st December 2025, the valuation of our investments were:

M&G Dividend Fund - 30660 Units @ 62.35p = £19,116.51

Charifund - 1250 Units @ 1727.54p = £21,594.25

CCLA - 21044.4524 Units @ £2.9344 = £61,752.84

Property:

In addition to the church premises which includes a small three apartment flat the charity also owns a semi-detached five apartment house in Melrose Avenue, Rutherglen.

Neither property has been professionally valued but approximate values based on similar properties for sale are estimated at:

Church premises: £120,000 - £150,000

Melrose Avenue property: £320,000 - £340,000

Trustee Renumeration:

One Trustee, Mr John Collings, received three payments of £50.00 (Total £150.00) for undertaking Pulpit Supply for the Church on a Sunday morning.

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

A reserve policy was written in 2016 stating that 20% of the annual outgoing should be readily accessible. This amounts to approximately £20,000. As at 31/12/24 the sum of £85,675.75 was held in the three Bank accounts which the church holds.

### Details of any deficit

### Donated facilities and services (if any)

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## Other optional information

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

|                       |                |  |
|-----------------------|----------------|--|
| Signature(s)          | Catherine Lees |  |
| Full name(s)          | Catherine Lees |  |
| Position (e.g. Chair) | Secretary      |  |
| Date                  | 26/9/26        |  |