

The Church of Scotland

St Columba Church of Scotland Kilmacolm

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 December 2023**

Congregation No: 150821

Scottish Charity Number SC007992

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the General Assembly Regulations for Congregational Finance, the Charities 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 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2015.

Objectives and Activities

The Church of Scotland is Trinitarian in doctrine, Reformed in tradition and Presbyterian in polity. It exists to glorify God and to work for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom throughout the world. As a national Church, it acknowledges a distinctive call and duty to bring the ordinances of religion to the people in every parish of Scotland through a territorial ministry. It co-operates with other Churches in various ecumenical bodies in Scotland and beyond.

Achievements and Performance

In pursuit of **our call and duty to bring the ordinances of religion to our parish** the following relevant contributions to this end are enumerated:

Sunday Services: Morning Service, average attendance 45 - 60.

Combined Churches: Open-air services celebrating Easter and Christmas were followed by refreshments in our large hall. A Holiday Club was arranged in summer in our hall.

United Services with Old Kirk were held during the summer and at Christmas and New Year.

Communion Services took place in March, on Maundy Thursday and in September.

Other Services: Wednesday Break. This short service of worship and fellowship is organised and administered by a Committee which consists of representatives from other local churches as well as St Columba. It is held on Wednesdays in the Large Hall from 10.30 to 11.30 and average attendance is now 50 plus. Those who come represent all the faith communities in the village. The speakers also represent different denominations. This mid week service is a real success story.

Quarriers Services. Owing to the indisposition of the convenor only one service was held in Campbell Snowden during the year.

A **Facebook account** has been opened for our church. We continue to raise our profile with appropriate information and photographs of our life and work. This has also led to some requests for baptisms and marriages in our church.

Another aspect of our Christian commitment has been our involvement in helping local charities. In 2023 the Remembrance Service provided the usual opportunity to aid Erskine Hospital, while a Harvest Lunch provided funds for Port Glasgow Foodbank. Retiring offerings and congregational lunches provided support for The Haven, Christian Aid and Comfort International, and a special concert aided Ardgowan Hospice.

The Presbytery Plan as set out in 2023 was for a union of the two Kilmacolm parishes in the buildings of the Old Kirk. In August the St Columba Session voted to appeal against this. The Appeal was forwarded to the Review Panel. The original understanding from the Session point of view was that this was to be decided within 3 months, but we were advised that it was three months from all the papers called for in the review being submitted. The decision was due in the new year.

██████████ our Locum minister resigned in September 2023 due to ill health. Our Interim Moderator ██████████ has worked hard to find preachers for each Sunday. In particular, we have had the good fortune that a final year Ministry student, ██████████ has been able to fulfil this task regularly.

Risk Management

The Safeguarding requirements which are in place are being updated with Presbytery refresher courses being put in place to rectify this.

At our Presbytery's annual Inspection of Records all our records were given their satisfactory seal of approval.

The calibre of the Trustees, their pride in their heritage and their passion for sustaining an effective Christian witness in the local community and beyond are assurances that there is a collective commitment to managing and caring for the spiritual, financial and property-related matters of our church.

Tight control of spending has led to a satisfactory financial situation, despite a decline in givings and in rental from the halls. Most of those who use the church and halls have moved in part due to the threatened closure.

Although we are still in a position to operate as a financially viable church, the lack of ministers being trained means that the Presbytery Plan is for a union, as outlined above.

Financial Review

General Fund

The financial position in 2023 was not as healthy as the previous year. Income decreased by 32% (£38,715) and expenditure decreased by 26% (£26,987). There was an increase in value of the share portfolio and the year ended with a surplus of £9,868. Offerings fell by 15% (£8,640), tax recovery was down by 16% and rent received dropped by 37% (£8,626)

In expenditure the Ministries and Mission payment reduced by £11,766. The Locum's Salary is only until Rev Coull retired, however there are increased costs for Pulpit Supply. Fabric maintenance costs reduced by £22,527 due to no major works.

The **Cissie Laird Fund**, as the largest of the invested funds, receives the bulk of the bank interest and dividends received. This year gains on investments additional bank interest and decreased expenditure resulted in the value of the fund increasing to £84,493. **The Fabric Fund**. There was no expenditure from this fund during the year, as there were no major works. A Vat repayment from previous roof works was received. This year, in line with normal practice, the **General Fund** surplus of £6,854 was placed in the **Fabric Fund**. This fund now stands at £32,654. **The Dr Laird Fund** was not used and the balance stands at £6,894. **The Benevolent Fund** after receiving some bank interest ended the year at £593.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees regard the unrestricted reserves as fulfilling three main functions:

1. Provision of income from investment management.
2. Provision to meet General Fund deficits.
3. Base funding for any major repairs.

Excluding church organisation funds and the manse, £124,041 is held in designated funds and £593 in restricted funds. £50,000 of the designated reserves are held as a financial reserve, and the remaining £74,041 is kept for the fabric maintenance of a Grade A listed building.

Structure, Governance and Management

The congregation is a registered charity, number SC07992 and is administered in accordance with the terms of the Model Deed of Constitution and is subject to the Acts and Regulations of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Members of the Kirk Session and the Congregational Board are the Charity Trustees.

The Kirk Session members are the elders of the Church and are chosen from those members of the Church who are considered to have the appropriate gifts and skills. The Interim Moderator is a member of the Kirk Session. The Congregational Board is appointed from within the congregation and members of the congregation are invited to nominate individuals, who are believed to have the skills and commitment to contribute to the management affairs of the Church, to become members of the Board. Board Members are then appointed at the Stated Annual Meeting and serve for a period of three years after which they must seek re-election at the next Stated Annual Meeting. The Congregational Board is chaired by the Interim Moderator and meets two or three times in a year. The Kirk Session which meets five times a year is responsible for spiritual affairs within the church.

Post Balance Sheet Event

On 10 September the Presbytery passed a resolution ordering the union of St Columba's Kilmacolm and the Old Kirk Kilmacolm to create a new church. This union will take place on 29 October 2024. At that point all reserves both designated and restricted will be transferred the new church. As all reserves will be transferred the Trustees are of the opinion that no adjustment is required to the year end values as reported within these financial statements.

Reference and Administrative Information

Trustees

Session

Bankers :

Royal Bank of Scotland
8 St Mirren Street,
Paisley, PA1 1UA

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 then apply them consistently;
- observe the method and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements 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 the 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 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,

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of the trustee.

Date :

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 17.

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 (as amended).

The Charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (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), or
- the accounts do not accord with such records, or
- 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.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: 29/09/2024

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			Unrestricted			Restricted		Unrestricted			Restricted	
			General	Designated	Funds			General	Designated	Funds		
			Fund	Funds	Total	Funds	Total	Fund	Funds	Total	Funds	Total
		Note	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022
			£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:												
	Donations and legacies	1	61,929	-	61,929	-	61,929	73,100	-	73,100	-	73,100
	Charitable activities	2	360	2,422	2,782	-	2,782	4,468	4,443	8,911	-	8,911
	Other trading activities	3	14,809	-	14,809	-	14,809	23,435	-	23,435	-	23,435
	Investments	4	-	1,419	1,419	33	1,452	-	696	696	-	696
	Other	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,545	13,545	-	13,545
Total Income			77,098	3,841	80,939	33	80,972	101,003	18,684	119,687	-	119,687
Expenditure on:												
	Raising funds		-	572	572	-	572	-	572	572	-	572
	Charitable activities		70,244	6,863	77,107	-	77,107	85,643	18,451	104,094	-	104,094
Total expenditure			70,244	7,435	77,679	-	77,679	85,643	19,023	104,666	-	104,666
Net income/(expenditure) before gains and losses on investments			6,854	(3,594)	3,260	33	3,293	15,360	(339)	15,021	-	15,021
Net gains/(losses) on investments			-	6,575	6,575		6,575	-	(7,323)	(7,323)	-	(7,323)
Net income (expenditure)			6,854	2,981	9,835	33	9,868	15,360	(7,662)	7,698	-	7,698
Transfers between funds			(6,854)	6,854	-	-	-	(15,360)	15,360	-	-	-
Net movement in funds			-	9,835	9,835	33	9,868	-	7,698	7,698	-	7,698
Total funds brought forward			-	390,273	390,273	1,969	392,242	-	382,575	382,575	1,969	384,544
Total funds carried forward			-	400,108	400,108	2,002	402,110	-	390,273	390,273	1,969	392,242
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Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2023

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			2023	2022	
	Note	£	£	£	
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed assets	9	275,000		275,000	The accounts were approved by the Trustees on
Investments	10	84,219		78,001	
		359,219		353,001	
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	11	2,435		3,806	
Bank and cash		43,055		36,791	
		45,490		40,597	
Creditors					
Falling due within one year	12	(2,599)		(1,357)	
Net Current Assets		42,891		39,241	
Net Assets		402,110		392,242	
The funds of the charity					
Restricted Funds		2,002		1,968	
Unrestricted Funds		400,108		390,274	
Total Charity Funds	15	402,110		392,242	
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Accounting Policies

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

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 UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Incoming resources

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

Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the Charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated 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 (FRS102) the general volunteer time of congregation members is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount the Charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised as expenditure in the period of receipt.

Accounting Policies (continued)

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit 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.

Investments

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

Taxation

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

Going Concern

The trustees regularly review the financial information and projected income and expenditure and has concluded that the present arrangements in place are adequate for the Church to meet its liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

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			General	Designated	Unrestricted	Restricted		General	Designated	Unrestricted	Restricted		
			Fund	Funds	Total	Funds	Total	Fund	Funds	Total	Funds	Total	
			2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	
6	Analysis of Resources Expended		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
	Raising Funds												
	Investment Manager’s Fees		-	572	572	-	572	-	572	572	-	572	
			-	572	572	-	572	-	572	572	-	572	
	Charitable Activities												
	Ministries and Mission Allocation		33,144	-	33,144	-	33,144	44,910	-	44,910	-	44,910	
	Presbytery Dues		739	-	739	-	739	657	-	657	-	657	
	Pulpit Supply		3,050	-	3,050	-	3,050	305	-	305	-	305	
	Locum's Salary		2,430	-	2,430	-	2,430	8,003	-	8,003	-	8,003	
	Organist remuneration		2,400	-	2,400	-	2,400	2,202	-	2,202	-	2,202	
	Cleaner remuneration		2,288	-	2,288	-	2,288	2,154	-	2,154	-	2,154	
	Fabric Repairs & Maintenance		3,546		3,546	-	3,546	8,114	17,959	26,073	-	26,073	
	Heating & Lighting		6,819	-	6,819	-	6,819	4,717	-	4,717	-	4,717	
	Insurance		13,414	-	13,414	-	13,414	12,169	-	12,169	-	12,169	
	Church Office/Printing Expenses		852	-	852	-	852	1,004	-	1,004	-	1,004	
	Organ & Music		914	-	914	-	914	658	-	658	-	658	
	Other expenses/ Outreach		248	5,188	5,436	-	5,436	350	-	350	-	350	
	Church Organisations' Expenditure		-	1,675	1,675		1,675	-	492	492		492	
	Examiner's fee		400	-	400		400	400	-	400		400	
			70,244	6,863	77,107	-	77,107	85,643	18,451	104,094	-	104,094	
	Total		70,244	7,435	77,679	-	77,679	85,643	19,023	104,666	-	104,666	
	Support costs have not been separately identified as the trustees consider there is only one charitable activity. Therefore support costs relate wholly to that activity. <i>There may be minor discrepancies in totals as pence are not being shown</i>												

7 Staff costs and numbers

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

	2023	2022
Music staff	1	1
Cleaning staff	1	1
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	2	2

All Church of Scotland congregations contribute to the National Stipend Fund which bears the costs of all ministers' stipends and employer's contributions for national insurance, pension and housing and loan fund. Ministers' stipends are paid in accordance with the national stipend scale, which is related to years of service.

For the year under review the minimum stipend was £28,700 and the maximum stipend (in 5th and subsequent years of service) was £35,269

8 Trustee Remuneration, Contributions and Related Party Transactions

During the year 3 trustees received reimbursement of expenses incurred of £430. In 2022 3 trustees received £882

No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

Trustees gave offerings of £26,735, including tax recovered, in 2023

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Buildings (Manse) £
Net Book Value	
As at 31 December 2022	275,000
As at 31 December 2023	275,000

Fixtures, fittings and office equipment: Items purchased in the past have no value as they are now fully depreciated. It is the policy only to capitalise items over £5,000.

Church Buildings

The asset value of the Church buildings is not shown in the accounts. The trustees believe that it is not possible to place a market value on the buildings. The current rebuilding valuation of the church buildings and organ, for insurance purposes, is £29,575,201 (2022 : £26,289,067) , manse £428,848 (2022 : £381,198) and contents of hall and church £227,305 (2022 : £206,640).

Manse

No depreciation is provided for the manse as it is the opinion of the trustees that the residual value is greater than the book value.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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10 Investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Market value at 31 December 2022 (Market value at 31 Dec 2021)	78,001	85,530
Disposal of investment at value	(357)	(334)
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	6,575	(7,195)
Market value at 31 December 2023 (Market value at 31 December 2022)	84,219	78,001

Investments at cost	£ 56,822	£ 57,047
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The following investments are held:

4,600 Lloyds Banking Group Ord
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11 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift Aid Tax Refund Due	864	1,075
Other	1,571	2,731
	2,435	3,806

12 Creditors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	2,599	1,357
	2,599	1,357

13 Analysis of Net Assets Among Funds

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	-	275,000	-	275,000
Investments	-	84,219	-	84,219
Current Assets	-	43,489	2,001	45,490
Current Liabilities		(2,599)	-	(2,599)
Net assets at 31 December 2023	-	400,109	2,001	402,110

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14	Volunteers							
	<p>In common with all congregations of the Church of Scotland, the 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 contribution of volunteers are many and varied and much of the activity would be unable to continue were it not for the commitment shown.</p>							<u>Purposes of Restricted Funds</u>
15	Movements in Funds				Gain			
		At 1 Jan	Incoming	Outgoing	on Sales &		At 31 Dec	
		2023	Resources	Resources	Revaluation	Transfers	2023	
		£	£	£	£	£	£	
	Restricted funds							
	Benevolent Fund	585	8	-	-	-	593	Benevolent Fund: This is a fund to assist those in need in the community and is under the control of the Minister, Session Clerk and Clerk to the Board.
	Flower Fund	1,383	25	-	-	-	1,408	Flower Fund: This is a fund to provide flowers for display during services of worship.
		1,968	33	-	-	-	2,001	
	Unrestricted funds							<u>Purposes of Designated Funds</u>
	Designated: Fabric Fund	23,566	1,334	(86)	986	6,854	32,654	Fabric Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds for the maintenance of the church property.
	Designated: Manse Fund	275,000	-	-	-	-	275,000	Manse Fund: This fund holds the value of the Manse, as determined by the Trustees.
	Designated: Sunday School Fund	707	-	-	-	-	707	Sunday School Fund: This fund holds the balance of income of the Sunday School.
	Designated: Wednesday Break	735	1,301	(1,675)	-	-	361	Wednesday Break: This fund holds the balance of income of the Wednesday Break.
	Designated: Mixed Badminton	1	-	-	-	-	1	Mixed Badminton: This fund holds the balance of income of the Mixed Badminton.
	General Fund	-	77,098	(70,244)	-	(6,854)	-	
	Miss Cissie Laird Fund	83,372	1,206	(5,674)	5,589	-	84,493	
	Dr Laird Fund	6,894	-	-			6,894	
		390,275	80,939	(77,679)	6,575	-	400,110	
	Total funds	392,243	80,972	(77,679)	6,575	-	402,111	
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16 Collections for Third Parties

	2023	2022
	£	£
Erskine Hospital	247	498
Port Glasgow Foodbank	317	291
Comfort International	764	153
Christian Aid	392	0
The Haven	108	0
Ardgowan Hospice	440	0
Ukraine Appeal	0	415
Campbell Snowden	0	176
Crossreach	0	155
Totals	2268	1688

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