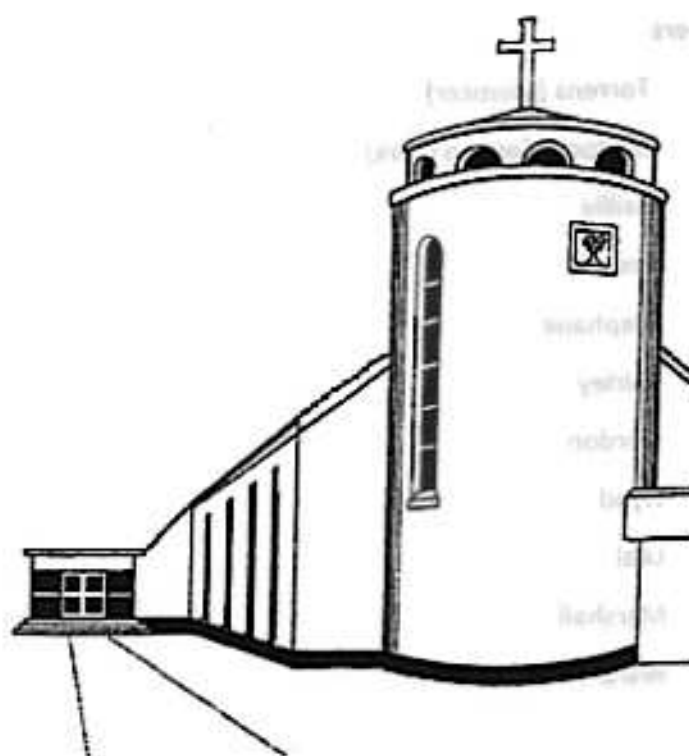


CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

SLATEFORD LONGSTONE PARISH CHURCH



TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2025

CONGREGATION No: 010104

CHARITY No: SC030896

Charity Name: Slateford Longstone Parish Church of Scotland, Edinburgh
Charity Registration Number: SC030896
Congregation Reference No: 010104
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Trustees

Kirk Session Members

Rev. Samuel	Torrens (Minister)
Suzanne	Riddoch (Session Clerk)
Lin	Baillie
Dennise	Brown
Gordon	Clephane
Alison	Fairley
Jean	Gordon
Mary	Hynd
Hamish	Leal
Marion	Marshall
Sheila	Ward



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Principal Office-bearers

Minister:	Rev. Samuel Torrens
Session Clerk:	Miss Suzanne Riddoch
Church Treasurer:	Mrs Elizabeth Chalmers

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Church was administered in accordance with the terms of the Unitary Constitution.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Members of the Kirk Session were the charity trustees. The Kirk Session members are the elders of the church and are chosen from those who are considered to have the appropriate gifts, Christian maturity and skills. The minister, who is a member of the Kirk Session, is elected by the congregation and inducted by Presbytery.

Organisational Structure

The congregation operated under the Unitary Constitution which means that there is a single governing body - the Kirk Session. The Session has produced its own set of guidelines for the operation of this constitution, identifying, for example, four main areas of ministry - Worship, Mission, Nurture & Fellowship and Service. Each will be closely monitored by Session. Not all these areas of ministry require constituted teams but at present we have two teams to cover Finance and Property. Meetings of Session are held as required with the teams free to meet as required. The intention is to recruit volunteers to these teams without the need for them to become office-bearers.

Objectives and Activities

Slateford Longstone is part of the Church of Scotland, which is Trinitarian in doctrine, Reformed in tradition and Presbyterian in governance. 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.

Worship:

Slateford Longstone has a blended room/zoom style of worship with an increasing number of isolated elderly people connecting with the help of the Tap into IT Missional Community. The room/zoom blend creates community because the gathering is small enough and local enough for people to build real fellowship and this is deeply valued and would be lost in a larger coming together. On average there are 45-50 people in the room and 8 online.

Service:

Our Church Halls have continued to be well occupied in 2025, used by Church, Community groups and Private individuals.

Church Groups – Bible Discussion Group, Guild, Kindness Kafe, Knit 'n' Natter, Messy Church, SPaCE26, Summer Messy Meals Lunch Club and Tap into IT.

Community Groups – Brownies, Craft Class, Longstone Community Council, NA, Real Life Options, Majorettes and Westenders Drama group.

Group Activities – in their own words

Sunday Club: The Sunday Club continues to meet in the Activities Hall after spending the first part of Sunday service with the Congregation. We have a core of regular attendees with other children coming along on occasions. On the first Sunday of the month the children enjoy a video or dvd with a message and there are Bible stories and activities on other Sundays. YP & SR

Choir: The choir continues to support the singing during services which is particularly appreciated when we have a hymn that may be unfamiliar to us. Thank you to the choir for turning up every Sunday and leading the singing during worship. NM

Christmas Shoe Box appeal: The Shoe Box team support Blythswood Care by filling shoe boxes using donations from the congregation and people around the Parish. We are also a drop-off venue and checking station over two weekends in November for other groups who donate shoe boxes. We hold two coffee mornings to raise funds for postage. We have many people who drop off donations and help check the boxes. In 2025 we managed to fill 631 boxes for deserving children and adults. The support received from the congregation and friends is immense with so many donations. There are also lots of items gifted from our Knit 'n' Natter group and so many, many others that it makes the hard work worthwhile. Planning has already started for 2026. LB

EDATH: We ran a group in February and March 2025 with 6 people attending on various evenings. The group aims to discuss issues around the practicalities and issues of faith around death and dying. The group is always positively received with people reporting that they feel more comfortable discussing issues with family and friends after attending the course. A further group for 2026 will be advertised in the coming weeks. RF & JO

Guild: We started the new session for 2025/2026 and the theme for this session is 'Let us build a house'. We had our annual Guild Dedication Service as part of the Sunday morning service taken by the Rev. Sam Torrens. Our Session started with a fun night for all, keeping us fit. The next few meetings had talks about Scottish Minerals, Woodland Wreaths, Joy of Spines and Seated Exercises. Our Annual Christmas Dinner was once again at the Kingsknowe Golf Club where everyone enjoyed the meal and company. We are looking forward to the start of our session in 2026. MH

Knit 'n' Natter: The group was kept busy during the year knitting items for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal and also blankets for the premature babies at Simpsons' Maternity Unit, Edinburgh. All the knitters are happy to support these worthwhile causes. Like last year, one of the ladies knitted Chocolate Orange Covers and made other items for sale at the Church and at two Christmas Fairs to raise funds for other Church groups.

We continue to attract new ladies to the group, who are all made very welcome. We look forward to our Friday afternoons and expect to be just as busy in the coming year. CM

Tap into IT: Our monthly Tuesday afternoon meetings continue on a drop-in basis, for anyone who would like to come along with any technical problems with their mobile phones or tablets, or just to learn something new. The meeting is run by a Tap into IT facilitator and four volunteers. People are encouraged to book a one to one appointment to assist with any problems if that would be beneficial to them. A cup of tea and biscuits is a welcome break, giving time for people to chat and share their news. SW

Kindness Kafe: The Kindness Cafe is now in its fourth year and continues to thrive. Our aim remains to provide a warm, welcoming environment for people to come and enjoy social interaction whilst sharing home-made food. We open our doors on a Tuesday and numbers attending have remained steady averaging around 36-40 people at each session. We have close links with SPaCE26 which is a relatively new project for Slateford Longstone Church. Our philosophy of meals and company for everyone regardless of ability to pay remains and as we have no grant assistance this year we now rely on donations from the attendees who are asked to give if they can. This ensures that people are able to attend no matter if they can make a donation or not. At the end of each session, we offer people the opportunity to take any unused food home. This has proved very popular, particularly with those who do not normally enjoy cooking or indeed are physically not up to preparing and cooking food themselves. Cartons are provided to all who would like to take soup or cakes home with them and we will continue to offer this service because of its popularity.

Our small team of volunteers share the vision for the Kindness Kafe and enjoy the interaction with each other and the people who attend. The guild remains a close part of our team. As part of offering our fortnightly meetings, we have had specific celebratory themes such as VE day in May where we decorated the hall, had music from the day together with a quiz and as usual good home cooked food. This was particularly successful and well attended and a good time was had by all. Following the success of last year's Christmas Eve meal, we decided to repeat this and therefore on 23rd December we celebrated Christmas together with food fit for the season, again a quiz and great Christmas music set the scene for a great day. This meeting continues to offer an opportunity to give anyone who otherwise may not have company over the Christmas period a warm welcome and a time to celebrate and share in the festivities. The Kindness Kafe is a successful venture and we're here to stay and continue to grow, God willing. Thank you to everyone who supports Kindness Kafe and attends our fortnightly sessions. PH

Achievements and Performance

In keeping with the need to provide a Mission Narrative for Presbytery Planning the following Narrative reflects the goals and objectives set by the Kirk Session, received by Presbytery and reflected in the Presbytery Mission Plan.

Mission Narrative for Slateford Longstone

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. James 1:27

1. The Kirk Session of Slateford Longstone seeks to mobilise and motivate a small church to be financially viable and missionally effective within its own locality and beyond.
2. To do this there needs to be a clear focus and our particular focus is on vulnerable elderly and vulnerable children, aligning ourselves with the missional call to care for "widows and orphans" in their distress.
3. To do this the church doesn't have to be big but it does have to be spiritually healthy, financially viable, and missionally capable. Any adjustment needs to consider the impact on these three essentials.

Supporting the Elderly

The Need to be connected

1. Tap-Into-It

Lockdown propelled us into the world of digital technology and into the lap of Tap into IT, an Award-Winning Charity that trains and mentors volunteers to help the elderly frail overcome isolation through virtual media and pastoral support. Slateford Longstone aims to have 30 people connecting over a 3-year period. Many who are currently in a group also connect to the blended room/zoom church service on Sunday. The most significant development in 2024 was the successful application to the Seeds For Growth Fund that will secure the continuation and development of this Missional Community now known as The Tappers.

The Project has now entered its fourth year and the above goals have been met in full. We have now recruited a new Pastoral Assistant Anne-Marie Nasir to our Team and are grateful for all that Sheila Ward did in that role to date. Anne-Marie is seeking to extend the reach of the project into wider areas of our community. We are currently mentored by our critical friend Michael Harvey of "Unlocking The Growth". One goal for 2026 is to offer Digital Support to our union partners St Nicholas, Sighthill and to redesign the church website ahead of Union.

The Need for a Place to Meet and Eat

2. Kindness Kafe

Staffed by a Team of volunteers, appointed by the Kirk Session and supported by the Guild, and funded by a TOR Christian Foundation Start Up grant. The Lunch Club is fortnightly on Tuesdays from 12noon to 2pm and is open to those who feel the need for warm food and social connection. The team provides a simple opening devotion and encourages attendance at its meetings.

The Need to Consider How We Depart this Life and the impact on our children and grandchildren

3. EDATH

The Elephant in the Room of Every Life People are vulnerable to the little talked about reality – death. Many live in the fear of it. EDATH (DEATH) is a Preparation for Dying Course that was written with members of Slateford Longstone and is based on Dr Joanna Collicutt's Well Prepared Course (Oxford Diocese) and adapted to make it accessible to hesitant and fearful people. The leadership is now in the hands of a new team who bring their own style and add to the content.

Supporting Children

The Need of Children Beyond our Shores

1. Blythswood Care Shoebox Ministry

Slateford Longstone has an established Shoebox ministry with a wide web of connections that extend beyond the church into the community. This ministry is more than a church wrapping a few boxes at Christmas time. This is an annual collaborative effort that involves Coffee Mornings, weekly Knit 'n' Natter gatherings, collaboration with the Brownies, Schools, Shops and a constant gathering of the contents of the Shoeboxes into store rooms and packing rooms within the church with over 650 boxes filled each year. The Missional Challenge is to share more fully the Blythswood Story behind the ministry and of how the distress of children was first encountered on the streets of Glasgow leading to an awareness that faith without works is dead.

The Need of Children on our Doorstep

2. Messy Church

Messy Church is now in its twelfth year and is still very popular with the children who attend with a parent or guardian. We continue the format of telling a Bible story, then acting it out, making crafts, watching videos, singing songs and enjoying a supper together. We have around nine families who attend and nine helpers who help with all the activities. We fundraise so that there is no charge for the meetings.

The Messy Church team and the Sunday Club leaders ran Messy Meals on Wednesdays during the summer school holidays, providing a hot meal and games for families in the area. These meetings were well attended and enjoyed.

The Need of Children within our Local Authority

3. Home For Good

Home For Good is a Christian Charity now present in Scotland and working with churches and local authorities to find every child a home that needs it. It has in 2024 merged with Safe Families and Slateford Longstone currently has 9 volunteers being trained by Safe Families as Family Befrienders. Also, 2024 saw the emergence of another Missional Community called SPaCE26 which aims to support care experienced adults alongside Home For Good/Safe Families. Slateford Longstone Church remains a Home For Good Church advocating for this need and supporting people where we can.

4. SPaCE26

In 2025 SPaCE26 became active with the recruitment of Debbie Tompkinson as SPaCE26 Missional Community Facilitator. Debbie has built a very strong and capable core team with connections to Recovery, Drama, Poetry, Football, Cooking, Music and Art. Space26 is a new project which has been designed to support and empower adults who have been through the Care System and as a result are having difficulty adjusting to life without the support and structure they were used to. These adults are experiencing complex mental health problems and addictions due to the trauma that they have experienced in whatever care setting they were involved in. Our weekly Tuesday sessions include activities that help the clients to engage confidently with their peers using a person-centred approach. Wellbeing walks, cooking and arts and crafts as well as outings to different locations are just some of the sessions that we have delivered.

The feedback we are getting from our clients is extremely positive and encouraging which shows we are going in the right direction.

Our objectives for next year are to create trauma informed resources and build deeper connections with the Drama Group, the Football Team and with organisations such as the Rock Trust offering healthy activity, drama therapy and music and art workshops. Our funding for next year is in place through the help of a fundraising Bike Ride and through the kindness of a supporting church but the project still works on a faith basis for each year.

Evangelism

Messy Church:

Messy Church continues to thrive, with the families faithfully coming along once a month to enjoy learning stories from the Bible through stories, songs and crafts, and enjoying supper together.

This is their church, and we strive to meet the Messy Church values of being Christ-centred, all age, creative, hospitable and celebratory. We also try to keep Messy Church and our Church congregation connected by reporting monthly at the Sunday service, and inviting Messy Church to attend Church activities.

Service:

The congregation continue to support Fresh Start. We have a designated cupboard and collect donations from the congregation and people in the parish all year round which are then delivered to the Fresh Start Shop. This has been a particularly hard year for everyone, especially with the rising cost of living and for people who are experiencing hardships for whatever reason, this continued support is very much appreciated and does make a difference to peoples' lives.

Fellowship:

Many people enjoy the fellowship of the various groups in the Church such as Refreshments after Sunday Worship, Guild, Kindness Kafe, Tap into IT, Knit 'n' Natter and Bible Discussion Group.

Stewardship:

The congregation is encouraged to give proportionally for the work of the church, though fund-raising events are usually needed to assist in raising funds for particular projects.

Communication:

The church Facebook page is used by the Messy Church and Shoebox Appeal teams. Kirk News is the quarterly church magazine, delivered to members' homes or by email on a quarterly basis.

Our website page had a refresh in 2023 and is now in a more user-friendly format with an up-to-date calendar for people to see what is going on in the Church.

Property Review

Church - The Property Team have carried out regular tidy ups to the Church grounds/garden and Church buildings. PAT Testing, Boiler Check, Roof Check and Emergency & Fire Alarm maintenance were all completed.

Small maintenance fixes including replacing radiators in the Session room, replacing tiles in the gents' toilet, fixing switches and replacing locks were completed. Small painting jobs in toilets, Session Room and activities hall were completed.

Several small plumbing issues including leaking radiators and a leaking tap were dealt with.

Manse - The back garden fence was repaired. External painting to the front door, garage door and to the kitchen extension were completed. Hob in the kitchen was replaced. Boiler and Roof checks at the Manse were completed and thereafter, small roof and boiler repairs were carried out.

Our Congregation continue to help us both with cash donations and voluntary help and we are extremely grateful.

The John Hutton Trust Fund

Background

The John Hutton Trust Fund was set up through the estate of the Late John Hutton, a Slateford man who immigrated to Australia and left one half of his estate to provide financial or material assistance for people in his original home village.

How the trust is managed

The fund is administered by a committee of Trustees, set up by and responsible to, the Kirk Session of Slateford Longstone Parish Church.

The Trust is governed by certain restrictions placed in the will of John Hutton. We can accept applications from or on behalf of individuals, families, organisations or associations who support charitable work within the Parish as follows:

We can assist where an application can be qualified as a real need by those who either (1) reside within the Slateford Longstone Parish and the immediately surrounding area; or (2) who are members or adherents of Slateford Longstone Parish Church of Scotland or (3) who attend school within the Parish or the immediately surrounding area.

What we can assist with

We consider possible short term financial, or material needs that a person, family or group has, which they cannot afford in full or part or where they have been unsuccessful in seeking support elsewhere or there is no other alternate option.

- Each request will be considered under its own merits.
- We may request additional relevant information to allow us to consider an application and make a decision within the trust guidelines.
- We may ask and seek evidence of what effort has been made to obtain professional and regular external support from any council or other normal service provider.
- We may provide further assistance should partial help only be offered elsewhere and there is a shortfall.

Who to approach

If you are unable to get an Application Form then you can send a letter with brief information on your request and contact details to Session Clerk, Slateford Longstone Parish Church, 52 Kingsknowe Road North, Edinburgh, EH14 2DF.

Financial Review

The unrestricted income totalled £58,752 and unrestricted expenditure totalled £59,250.
Giving a deficit for the year of £498.

Unrestricted reserves at 31st December 2025 amounted to £19,428 (2024: £19,926).

The budget for 2026 shows General Expenditure of £46,920 which we expect to be met from offerings, hall lets and fund-raising activities.

Reserves Policy

The congregation had unrestricted funds of £19,428 at 31 December 2025 (2024: £19,926)
This is considered to be adequate to continue the current activities.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

In common with all charities the trustees recognise their responsibility to prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the charity during the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.
- To keep proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the charity at any time. This must be done 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.
- Be responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf,

Suzanne Riddoch

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Session Clerk

Date: 23.3.2026

**Slateford Longstone
Parish Church of Scotland, Edinburgh**

'Scottish Registered Charity Number' SC030896

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Slateford Longstone Parish Church

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 13 to 18.

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) (d) 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 other than disclosed above

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations 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
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Sarah Hollis CA

Relevant professional body: The Institute of Chartered accountants of Scotland

Hollis Accounting

Chartered Accountants

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S HOLLIS

Date 26/3/26

Slateford Longstone Parish Church
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31st December 2025

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		Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts	Note				
Voluntary Income	1	38,420	12,151	50,571	53,938
Legacies		-	-	-	-
Bank & Deposit interest		-	-	-	-
Investment income		130	4,292	4,422	3,832
		<u>38,550</u>	<u>16,443</u>	<u>54,993</u>	<u>57,770</u>
Congregational Organisations		2,608	-	2,608	1,693
Use of premises		13,765	-	13,765	12,581
Grants		-	11,218	11,218	13,000
Income for 3 rd Parties		3,498	-	3,498	8,373
Receipts from General Trustees		-	-	-	-
Other receipts		331	-	331	1,527
Total Receipts		<u>58,752</u>	<u>27,661</u>	<u>86,413</u>	<u>94,944</u>
Payments	2				
Charitable activities		58,470	28,617	87,087	86,891
Governance costs		780	90	870	840
Total Payments		<u>59,250</u>	<u>28,707</u>	<u>87,957</u>	<u>87,731</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers		(498)	(1,046)	(1,544)	7,213
Transfers		-	-	-	-
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year.		<u>(498)</u>	<u>(1,046)</u>	<u>(1,544)</u>	<u>7,213</u>

Slateford Longstone Parish Church
Statement of Balances
At 31st December 2025

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		Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Note				
<u>Bank & Deposit Balances</u>					
Bank & deposit balances brought forward	5	19,926	67,599	87,525	80,312
Movement in year:					
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		(498)	(1,046)	(1,544)	7,213
Bank & deposit balances carried forward	7	<u>19,428</u>	<u>66,553</u>	<u>85,981</u>	<u>87,525</u>
<u>Investments (at market value)</u> (cost £58,076)	8	<u>-</u>	<u>55,401</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,796</u>
<u>Assets</u>					
Gift Aid Receivable		<u>786</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>786</u>	<u>630</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Sundry Creditor		<u>2,151</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,151</u>	<u>2,129</u>

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session and Financial Board on

For and on behalf of the Kirk Session and Financial Board

SUZANNE RIDDOCH

23.3.2026

Session Clerk

LIZ CHALMERS

23.3.2026

Treasurer

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
1. Analysis of Income				
Voluntary Income				
Offerings – Freewill	30,274	-	30,274	29,448
Offerings – Gift Day	-	-	-	5,440
Offerings – Donations	710	-	710	1,199
Offerings – Church Boxes	318	-	318	464
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Donations	7,118	-	7,118	7,476
Messy Church & Holiday Club	-	581	581	463
Messy Meals	-	20	20	122
Mission Grant Messy Meals	-	-	-	500
Lunch Club (Kindness Kafe)	-	1,680	1,680	1,746
Tor Christian Foundation Tap into IT Mission Fund	-	-	-	12,668
Home for Good Space 26	-	7,431	7,431	6,190
Carpet Donations	-	55	55	445
Tappers Funding	-	678	678	752
The Guild	-	1,706	1,706	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	130	4,292	4,422	3,832
	38,550	16,443	54,993	70,770
Congregational Organisations				
Brownies	548	-	548	577
Lunch Club (Kindness Kafe)	700	-	700	600
Guild	400	-	400	400
Sunday Morning Coffees	960	-	960	843
Messy Meals	-	-	-	116
Use of premises	13,765	-	13,765	12,581
Grants received	-	11,218	11,218	-
Income for 3rd Parties	3,498	-	3,498	8,373
Bank Compensation	-	-	-	-
Income from General Trustees	-	-	-	-
Other income	331	-	331	684
	<u>58,752</u>	<u>27,661</u>	<u>86,413</u>	<u>94,944</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
2. Analysis of Payments				
Charitable activities				
Giving to Grow	22,477	-	22,477	22,385
Presbytery dues	481	-	481	429
Ministers Travel expenses	996	-	996	960
Minister's other expenses	196	-	196	583
Pulpit supply	500	-	500	200
Organists' Fees	3,285	-	3,285	3,128
Cleaner Salary	4,233	-	4,233	4,024
Fabric repairs & maintenance	3,221	-	3,221	7,567
Electricity	3,198	-	3,198	3,210
Gas	5,470	-	5,470	4,946
Insurance	2,101	-	2,101	1,994
Garden & Tree Surgeon	1,575	-	1,575	1,980
Manse Fabric repairs	1,261	-	1,261	2,611
Manse Council Tax	3,982	-	3,982	3,728
Printing & Stationery	134	-	134	744
Congregational Organisations	-	-	-	58
Cost of Music & Licences	374	-	374	389
Supply Organist	482	-	482	462
Organ Tuning	372	-	372	360
Website	215	-	215	215
Broadband Talk Talk	419	-	419	471
Applications (Hutton Trust)	-	9,934	9,934	-
Bank charges (Hutton Trust)	-	64	64	64
Holiday club & Messy Church	-	397	397	769
Messy meals	-	-	-	122
Mission Grant Messy Meals	-	362	362	500
EDATH	-	-	-	37
Lunch Club (Kindness Kafe)	-	1,758	1,758	1,646
Home for Good Space 26	-	3,341	3,341	1,000
Carpet Donations	-	500	500	-
Tor Christian Foundation	-	1,185	1,185	13,190
Tappers Funding	-	24	24	596
Mission Grant Fund	-	-	-	150
North Merchiston Mission Grant	-	-	-	-
Seeds for Growth Grant	-	9,878	9,878	-
The Guild	-	1,174	1,174	-
Third Parties	3,498	-	3,498	8,373
	<u>58,470</u>	<u>28,617</u>	<u>87,087</u>	<u>86,891</u>
Governance costs				
Independent examiner's fees	780	90	870	840

Year ended 31st December 2025

Notes to the Accounts

3. Minister's Stipend

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 £32,433 and the maximum stipend (in the fifth and subsequent years) £39,856.

4. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

No trustee other than the minister received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year, nor had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year. The minister was reimbursed expenses of £1,192 in the year (2024: £1,543), and the Manse council Tax of £3,982 (2024: £3,728) was paid.

	At 1 Jan				At 31 Dec
5. Movements in Funds	2025	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	2025
Restricted funds	£	£	£		
Summer Holiday Club	445	-	(12)	-	433
Messy Church	368	581	(385)	-	564
Mission Grant Messy Meals	-	520	(362)	-	158
M Henderson Organ Tuition fund	1,471	-	-	-	1,471
EDATH (Presbytery Mission)	363	-	-	-	363
Carpet Donations	445	55	(500)	-	-
Mission Fund	566	-	-	-	566
Lunch Club (Kindness Kafe)	1,392	1,680	(1,758)	-	1,314
TOR Christian Foundation	2,278	-	(1,185)	-	1,093
John Hutton Trust	49,377	4,292	(10,088)	-	43,581
Home for Good Space 26	10,738	7,431	(3,341)	-	14,828
Tappers Funding & Expenditure	156	678	(24)	-	810
North Merchiston Mission Grant	-	1,850	-	-	1,850
Seeds for Growth Grant	-	8,868	(9,878)	-	(1,010)
Guild Funds	-	1,706	(1,174)	-	532
	67,599	27,661	(28,707)	-	66,553
Unrestricted funds					
Church Fabric	2,057	-	-	-	2,057
General Fund	17,869	58,752	(59,250)	-	17,371
	19,926	58,752	(59,250)	-	19,428
Total funds	87,525	86,413	(87,957)	-	85,981

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Summer Holiday Club: Funds set aside to meet expenditure on children's activities during the school holidays.

Messy Church: Funds for the Messy Church programme.

M Henderson Organ Tuition fund: A new fund set up in remembrance of our dear organist Marion Henderson who died 2019. This fund will be used for organ tuition.

EDATH (Presbytery Mission): This is a grant through presbytery for mission work.

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TOR Christian Foundation: Funds for 'Tap into IT' and pastoral care assistant & Lunch Club

John Hutton Trust: The object of the fund is to relieve the poor within the Slateford Longstone Parish Boundary area in the local education catchment area.

Purposes of Other Funds

Church Fabric: Funds set aside to meet future expenditure.

General Fund is the main operating fund of the church.

6. Collections for Third Parties (including donations passed on from individuals)

	2025	2024
	£	£
Christian Aid	1,476	1,240
Home for Good	-	1,000
Blythwood Care	2,357	2,133
Winifred Kisitu (funeral cost)	-	85
Fresh Start	25	-
	<u>3,858</u>	<u>4,458</u>

£360 for Christian Aid was donated straight to the organisation, this amount is include above.

7. Bank Balances at 31 December

	2025	2024
	£	£
Church of Scotland Deposit Fund	3,058	2,928
General Bank Account	39,342	35,220
John Hutton Trust Accounts	43,581	49,377
	<u>85,981</u>	<u>87,525</u>

8. Investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Opening Market Value	53,796	53,309
Unrealised gain/loss on investments	1,605	487
Closing Market Value	<u>55,401</u>	<u>53,796</u>
Investments at cost	58,076	58,076

Investments represent 4,864 (2024: 4,864) units of holdings in the Church of Scotland Investors Income Unit Trust. These funds held in investments are shown as an asset on the Statement of Balances, but are not included in the balances. Deposit fund balances are included in Bank balances above.

APPENDIX 1

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

	2025 £	2024 £
Consolidated Fabric Fund		
Balance at 1 st January	11,577	11,577
Additions during the year	-	-
Less: Capital released to Congregation by General Trustees	-	-
Balance at 31 st December	<u>11,577</u>	<u>11,577</u>
Market value of underlying investments	<u>17,767</u>	<u>16,948</u>
General Ledger Card		
Balance at 1 st January	17,213	15,861
Additions during the year	1,348	1,432
Less: Capital released to Congregation by General Trustees	-	-
Less: Administration Costs	(320)	(79)
Balance at 31 st December	<u>18,241</u>	<u>17,213</u>

APPENDIX 2

Budget for the Year Ended 31st December 2026 General Account (excluding Fabric Reserve)

	2026 £	2025 £
National Ministry and Mission & Wider Work		
Giving to Grow	27,358	22,477
Presbytery Dues	601	481
Local Staffing Costs		
Minister's travel expenses	1,104	996
Minister's other expenses	300	196
Pulpit Supply	600	500
Supply Organist	486	482
Other salaries and National Insurance	8,062	7,518
Building Costs		
Fabric repairs and maintenance	5,400	3,221
Electricity	3,300	3,198
Gas	5,500	5,470
Insurances	2,150	2,101
Grasscutting	1,575	1,575
Manse fabric repairs	2,000	1,261
Manse council tax	4,180	3,982
Other Local Costs		
Printing and stationery	100	134
Congregational Organisations	50	-
Cost of music and licences	387	374
Organ and piano tuning	360	372
Website	215	215
Independent examiner's fees	810	780
Bank Charges	200	-
Broadband Talk Talk	336	419
Total Ordinary General Expenditure	65,074	55,752
Less: Other Ordinary General Income	(7,480)	38,550
Activities for generating funds	(25,012)	17,700
Investment income	-	-
Other incoming resources	-	-
Leaving a balance to be met from Offerings and Gift Aid of Offerings and Gift Aid	37,582	-
Surplus (Deficit) on General Account	-	(498)