

The Order of the Cross, Glasgow Group
Scottish Charity Number: SC002091

Trustees' Annual Report
For the period April 2025 to April 2026

Charity's principle address

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Current Trustees

Dr D J Muir, *treasurer*

Mrs A Kerr, *secretary*

Dr I E Reay

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Order of the Cross is a charity registered in England (no. 247761). The Glasgow Group is one group, among many, which together form the Order of the Cross.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Since we are a small group of only three, Members all are Trustees and our administrative arrangements are as simple as possible. Hence, we have no chairman, only a treasurer and secretary.

Administration

We hold an AGM once per year, usually in the summer at which time the annual report and accounts are approved.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purpose

The purpose of the Order of the Cross (of which the Glasgow group is a part) is given by its foundation statement quoted here, in part:

"To attain, by mutual helpfulness, the realization of the Christ Life, by the path of self denial, self sacrifice, and absolute self abandonment to the Divine will and service"

"To teach the moral necessity for humaneness towards all men and all creatures"

"To advocate the universal adoption of a bloodless diet, and the return to simple and natural foods."

"To Proclaim a message of peace and happiness, health and purity, spirituality and Divine Love."

As a Group our purpose is to organise worship services, meetings and gatherings where Members of the Order of the Cross can come together to enjoy services and fellowship. Our local Members support and take their part in administering our parent organisation. The Order has Members in other countries and frequent exchanges take place.

Activities

We organise and arrange regular worship services, now almost exclusively on-line and regularly invite and give hospitality to, Members from other areas to come to Glasgow for fellowship and ministry.

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Achievements and Performance

During the year we took part in on-line meetings with the Edinburgh Members and with others from around the world. Many of us have also attended gatherings in Sarum College in Salisbury, at the Quaker guest house in Grasmere, and at the Ammerdown retreat centre near Radstock. These trips required flights and taxis which we are pleased to subsidise.

We arranged afternoon teas, when we invited a wider fellowship of relatives and friends to join us for the afternoon. This is an enjoyable way to keep those not actually Members in touch with us and maintain our links with them.

Since two of our Members are heavily involved in the administration of the main Order of the Cross, much travel is required, and hence travel support, to attend those management meetings.

This year our administrative expenses have risen as we have had more occasions to send flowers to convey our sympathy and support as Members tackle challenging life events. We have also funded two laptops for Members who will use them to engage in necessary administrative and organisational work and to take part in on-line meetings.

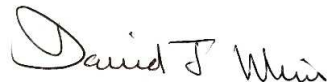
We have reviewed our very basic Charitable aims and objects and feel they still properly describe our work and function.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

We notice that the value of our financial holdings has shown positive growth. Though our expenditure has grown slightly we are still below our direct income for the year.

Signed on behalf of all trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David J Muir". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

David J Muir (treasurer)