

BLAIRGOWRIE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Secretary's Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

This was a year of consolidation with some numerical growth. Our regular Sunday meetings are now held in the premises of Rattray Bowling Club. This has worked out well for the congregation given that the premises are modern, comfortable and warm. It has also allowed us to contribute to the running costs of another local organisation serving the community. The men's curry nights have become a regular monthly feature at a local establishment where we are joined by men from other churches in the area. IN addition we meet along with men from other churches, again monthly, at the Angus Hotel for breakfast. The ladies meet, less regularly, either in homes or locally to share food and fellowship. Regular midweek meetings meet in homes.

One benefit of the numerical growth was that we were able to re-employ our pastor for two days per week (he had been working unpaid for the previous few years). Much of the focus organisationally has been directed to the process of transferring to an incorporated organisation guided by our solicitor. The new SCIO was approved on 31 October 2024 and permission to transfer all assets and wind up the unincorporated charity was subsequently given. Unfortunately the process of arranging new banking facilities has been prolonged and the asset transfers had not been made prior to the year end. We thank the Bowling Club for their cooperation.



Blairgowrie Evangelical Church

Charity No: SC000136

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ending 31st December 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Donations and Offerings		£24,816.79		£20,704.60
Other Income		£2,270.00		£916.05
Restricted Giving		£240.00		£240.00
		<u>£27,326.79</u>		<u>£21,860.65</u>
Expenditure				
Equipment	£0.00		£1,991.90	
Pastors Salary	£2,900.00		£0.00	
Pulpit Supply	£810.00		£920.00	
Heat & Light	£0.00		£0.00	
Cleaning & Hygiene	£0.00		£0.00	
Insurance	£397.59		£387.97	
Telephone/ Broadband	£575.56		£0.00	
Subscriptions	£160.99		£132.00	
Maintenance/ Repairs and Renewals	£0.00		£217.20	
Rent	£3,106.50		£1,900.00	
Consumables	£461.70		£459.66	
Events	£666.66		£1,672.76	
Bank Charges	£0.00		£0.00	
Legal Costs	£1,000.00		£903.60	
Restricted Donations	£240.00		£240.00	
Donations	£980.00	£11,299.00	£1,755.00	£10,580.09
		<u>£16,027.79</u>		<u>£11,280.56</u>
Net Surplus/(Loss)		<u>£16,027.79</u>		<u>£11,280.56</u>
ADD: Opening Balances		£36,320.13		£25,039.57
Closing Balance		<u>£52,347.92</u>		<u>£36,320.13</u>
 Opening Bank Balance	£36,320.13			
Lodged	<u>£27,326.79</u>			
	£63,646.92			
Drawn	<u>£11,299.00</u>			
Closing Bank Balance	£52,347.92			
Add Cash Account	<u>£0.00</u>			
	£52,347.92			
Gift Aid Due from 2021/22 - 2023/24	£12,000.00			
Outstanding Loan	<u>£0.00</u>			

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CHARITY NUMBER SC000136
Report to the members for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

A report of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on the pages accompanying this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustee 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. 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. 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

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, and
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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

