

Uddingston: Park United Free Church of Scotland

Scotland · Charity number SC000928

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Part of	United Free Church Of Scotland General Council (SC008167)
Registered	1918-03-23
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address Uddingston Park Church
Main Street
Uddingston
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Website www.parkchurch.co.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of religion'

What the charity does: Charity which is a member of the United Free Church of Scotland carries out religious services both on Sundays and during the week. Marriages and Funerals are also carried out in the Church. Youth work is carried out on Sundays as Sunday School classes and Mega for teenage children during the week. Also workshops are carried out with the local Primary School. Occasionally the Church is used as a venue for community activities. The local Brownie Group use the Church hall on a weekly basis. A stamp club also uses the Church hall twice monthly.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The advancement of religion.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** South Lanarkshire
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£163,606	£140,660	-	3
2024-12-31	£147,776	£119,679	-	2
2023-12-31	£170,021	£149,069	-	2
2022-12-31	£114,720	£155,937	-	2
2021-12-31	£119,369	£104,031	-	2

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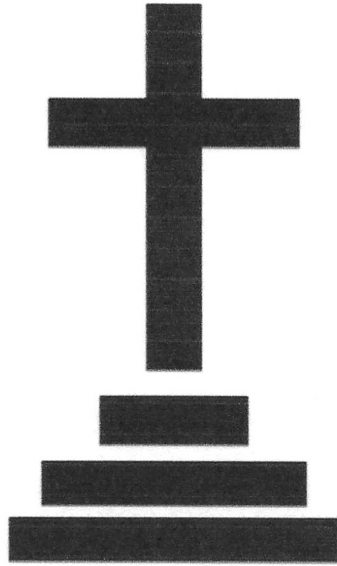
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A Congregation of the United Free Church of Scotland



Congregation Report and Accounts

Year to 31 December 2025

Principal place of worship and of Congregation activities:

Main Street, Uddingston G71 7EW

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Year to 31 December 2025

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**OFFICE BEARERS, TRUSTEES, ELDERS AND MANAGERS OF THE CONGREGATION
DURING THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2025**

MINISTER Rev. Wm Bruce McDowall B.A. B.D

KIRK SESSION Session Clerk Mr. William Vint
 Elders Mr. Colin Bickerton
 Mr. Alex Hamilton
 Mr. Robert Miller
 Rev. Ian McQuarrie
 Mr. Graeme Stangoe

BOARD OF MANAGERS Chairman Rev. Bruce McDowall
 Deputy Preses and Mrs. Helen Ooi
 Halls Convenor Mr. Colin Bickerton (E)
 Clerk to Board Mrs. Janice Clark-Dick
 Treasurer Mr. Graeme Stangoe (E)
 Assistant Treasurer Mr. Bill Hillan
 F.W.O and Gift Aid Mr. Stuart McLellan
 Property Mr. Scott Armstrong
 Mrs. Linda Hillan
 Mrs. Isabel Martin
 Mr. Stuart McLellan
 Mr. Robert Miller (E)
 Mr. James Paterson
 Mr. Jim Stirling
 Mr. Eric Todd
 Mr. Willian Vint (E)

TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY Minister
 Session Clerk
 Mr. John McIndoe

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER Mr. David Hills FCMA

Congregational Report to year end 31st December 2025

1. Constitution and Principal Activities of the United Free Church of Scotland

The United Free Church of Scotland, with all the Churches of the Reformation, acknowledges as its Supreme Standard, the Word of God, contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

The Church holds as its Subordinate Standard the Westminster Confession of Faith; by its Declaratory Acts it recognises liberty of judgement on points of doctrine which do not enter into the substance of the faith; and it claims the right, as duty may require, to interpret, add to, modify, or change her subordinate standards, under the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit, and with direct responsibility to her Lord.

The Church approves the emphasis of the Declaratory Acts on the love of God for all humanity, the free offer of salvation to all, the obligation of the Universal church to make known the Gospel throughout the world, and the renunciation of coercion, persecution and intolerance in matters of religion.

Accordingly, this Church accepts the obligation to witness to the truth of the Gospel and to serve men and women in the name of Christ with regard to their spiritual and material welfare, both at home and overseas.

2. Responsibilities of the Congregation

As a Congregation of the United Free Church of Scotland, the Congregation is under the jurisdiction and oversight of the superior courts of the Church i.e. the Presbytery of the West (in which this congregation resides) and the General Assembly of the United Free Church in all matters pertaining to its spiritual and temporal (including financial) affairs. It seeks to exercise these obligations within its fellowship and to the people in the community of which it is part.

3. Responsibilities and Appointment of Office Bearers

All matters affecting the spiritual well-being and order of the Congregation is exercised by the Kirk Session of the Congregation. The Kirk Session consists of the Minister and ruling elders, named in Page 2. All temporal affairs, including finance, of the Congregation are administered by the Board of Managers as named in Page 2. The Charity Trustees of the Congregation are also named in Page 2. Office Bearers to the Board of Managers are elected by the Congregation at the Annual Business Meeting held in February. The Minister of this congregation is appointed by the Presbytery of the West. Elders are elected in accordance with the Practice and Procedure of the United Free Church of Scotland.

All offices of the Church are open to any member in full communion. Each Congregation appoints elders to the Presbytery and to be Commissioners to the General Assembly. Presbyterianism means governance of the Church by elders.

4. Activity and Achievements

To Know Christ and to make Him Known has been the motto of our congregation for many years now and as we look back over the past year, it continues to be the underlying theme to all that we seek to be and do as a congregation. We can rejoice in the faithfulness of the Living God as we have worshipped and served Him

together. As always, we are indebted to our elders and office bearers for their attentiveness to their duties. In particular, we thank **Janice Clark-Dick** and our former member, **Graeme Stangoe**, for their work in overseeing the financial affairs of the congregation. We thank **Bill Hillan** for his work with the Gift Aid scheme which ensures a substantial input to our financial wellbeing. We thank **Paul Stewart** for his willingness to take over from Graeme in overseeing the vital maintenance of the financial records of the congregation. Our Session Clerk, **Bill Vint**, and our Deputy Preses, **Helen Ooi**, oversee so much and ensure the smooth running of the church's affairs.

We thank those who have attended to a number of important fabric issues, and as we face major renovations to the Hall roof, we are confident that with the proper professional advisers, and good builders, this essential work will be completed to ensure that this integral part of our buildings will be fit for purpose into the future. Our Family and Children's Worker, **Jessica Beecroft**, continues, along with her team, to not only oversee the running of Park Kids, but also our schools' work, including the running of the SU groups as well as our MEGA events on a Saturday. CONNECT, our work with teenagers, continues on a Monday evening and with the support of **Elizabeth McDowall** and **Marcus Bailey**, this task of Christian discipleship, at this critical stage of life, continues. We are fortunate to have such an able leader and teacher as Jessica leading this important work and we thank her. We also thank all who assist in this ministry.

Our Ministry Team was added to with the coming amongst us of **Marcus Bailey** in July. His sincere faith, warm nature, gifted communication skills and willingness to put his hand to anything, has been an added blessing. In giving Marcus this opportunity to gain experience, we ourselves have been blessed. Our prayer is that both Jessica and Marcus will be able to continue with us as we enter a period of vacancy. We also thank the **Rev Ian McQuarrie**, the **Rev Graham McAuliffe** and the **Rev Russell Brooks** who have supported the ministry within the congregation.

Our ongoing involvement with community organisations continues and as I write this report, we are looking forward to hosting an evening where Grow Uddingston will celebrate 25 years of caring for our village; they will receive an award from His Majesty the King (through the Lord Lieutenant of Lanarkshire) for their service. Both in the springtime and at Christmas, we are able to host events for them, and we trust that this ongoing relationship will continue. A recognition of our place in the community is seen in the use of our Hall by our local MP for a Community Consultation afternoon back in the early summer and a request from the Community Council to host a Hustings for the forthcoming Scottish Parliamentary Elections.

Stimulated, in part, by the visit of Gavin Matthews from Solas in January 2025, we have sought to venture into new forms of evangelism in the community with the running of a short course entitled **Hope Explored**. This is only a small beginning of what will be an exciting adventure of discovery in ways to engage with others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Like all active congregations, so much of the warmth of fellowship is due to the care and compassion shown to one another. Our Ladies' Association continues to grow in strength, and the good and wise leadership of the committee is seen, not only in the excellent program of speakers and events, but also in the depth of fellowship that exists. The various Fellowship Groups provide a further way to both deepen faith and develop bonds of fellowship with one another. Our short Devotional and Prayer services on a Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening are greatly appreciated by those who attend. It is good that our church is open on these weekdays, and occasionally people do come in for a place of quiet and spiritual comfort.

Challenges face us a congregation as we enter this time of Ministerial Vacancy. However, all of us are ministers of God's grace, not only within our church, but in our daily lives with family, neighbours and friends.

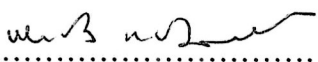
May Park Church continue to be that place where people find their souls being restored, spiritual life being encountered, and the Knowledge of the Shepherd King, the Lord Jesus Christ, deepened.

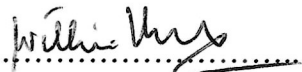
5. Independent Examiner

In accordance with the terms of ‘the 2005 Act’, Section 44 (c), and as a Charity falling under regulation 8 of ‘The Regulations’, and required to carry out an audit under paragraph 1(c), an Independent Examiner has been appointed in accordance with regulation 11 of ‘the Regulations’ to carry out a competent examination of the Report and Accounts of the Congregation. The Independent Examiner’s Report for the year to 31st December 2025 is on Page 6.


6. Approval of Congregation Report and Financial Statements

The Board of Managers and the Kirk Session at their meeting on 27th January,2026 approved the Congregational Report and Financial Statements to be presented to the Congregation at the Annual Business Meeting to be held on 22nd February 2026. The Office Bearers authorised to sign the Report and Accounts on behalf of the Congregation are: -

Signed  Wm Bruce McDowall **Minister**

Signed  William Vint **Session Clerk**

Signed  Janice Clark-Dick **Treasurer**

Date  February 2026

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees and Office Bearers

I report on the Report and Financial Statements of the Congregation for the year ending 31 December 2025 which are set on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of Office Bearers and Trustees and Examiner

The Congregation's Office Bearers and Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Report and Accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The Congregation's Office Bearers and Trustees consider that the requirements of Regulation 9 apply but not those of paragraph 9(4) of the Accounts Regulations.

It is my responsibility to examine the Report and Finance Statements as required under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

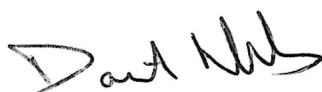
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Congregation and a comparison of the report and accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the report and accounts, and seeking explanations from the office bearers and trustees concerning 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 report and 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 Regulations and
 - to prepare report and accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulationshave not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Report and Financial Statements to be reached.

David Hills
FCMA (Fellow member of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants)
17 Dunedin Drive
East Kilbride
GLASGOW
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Date: 12 February 2026





STATEMENT OF BALANCES ON CONGREGATIONAL FUNDS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

FUND	NATURE OF FUND	BALANCE 1/1/25	RECEIPTS 2025	PAYMENTS 2025	SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	NET FUND TRANSFERS	NET CHANGE ON FUNDS	BALANCE 31/12/25	FUNDS HELD
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
GENERAL	UNRESTRICTED	52,299	141,873	-107,582	34,291	-	34,291	86,590	Bank of Scotland plc
FABRIC	DESIGNATED	18,622	-	-	-	-	-	18,622	Bank of Scotland plc
MISSION	DESIGNATED	8,020	-	-7,176	-7,176	-	-7,176	844	Bank of Scotland plc
MINISTRY	DESIGNATED	50,861	555	-10,113	-9,557	-	-9,557	41,304	Bank of Scotland plc
PROJECT	DESIGNATED	17,129	1,125	-	1,125	-	1,125	18,254	TSB Bank plc
CHILD & FAMILY	DESIGNATED	8,421	20,053	-15,789	4,263	-	4,263	12,684	Bank of Scotland plc
TOTAL		155,352	163,606	-140,660	22,945	-	22,945	178,298	

Nature of Congregational funds :

General	Unrestricted	Ordinary receipts and payments of the congregation
Fabric	Designated	Repairs to external and internal fabric and / or furnishings of Church, halls and Manse
Mission	Designated	Designated for distribution to mission and charities in the UK and overseas
Ministry	Designated	Designated for supporting temporary position of ministry assistant
Project	Designated	Designated for major projects and repairs to Church buildings
Child & Family	Designated	Designated for supporting work with children and families within the Church and Community

Approval of Congregation Financial Statements for the Year ending 31 December 2025 as set out on pages 7-10 by Office Bearers authorised to sign.

Minister and Preses		W. Bruce McDowall
Deputy Preses		Helen Ooi
Treasurer		Janice Clark-Dick
Date		

**UDDINGSTON : PARK UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
FABRIC FUND - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS		DESIGNATED FUND	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donation	-	10,000			-	1,044
						Roofing Repairs
Balance at 1 January	18,622	9,666			18,622	18,622
	<u>18,622</u>	<u>19,666</u>			<u>18,622</u>	<u>19,666</u>

MISSION FUND - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

	RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS		DESIGNATED FUND	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations	-	-			7,176	6,509
Transfer from other funds	-	6,300				Supp.8
						Distribution
Balance at 1 January	8,020	8,229			844	8,020
	<u>8,020</u>	<u>14,529</u>			<u>8,020</u>	<u>14,529</u>

MINISTRY FUND - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR PERIOD 31 DECEMBER 2025

	RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS		DESIGNATED FUND	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Transfer from other funds	-	-				
Bank Interest	555	671			10,113	
						Expenditure
Balance at 1 January	50,861	50,190			41,304	50,861
	<u>51,417</u>	<u>50,861</u>			<u>51,417</u>	<u>50,861</u>

PROJECT FUND - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

	RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS		DESIGNATED FUND	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Pledges & donations	900	900				
Gift Aid Tax received	225	-				
						Transfer to other funds
Balance at 1 January	17,129	16,229			18,254	17,129
	<u>18,254</u>	<u>17,129</u>			<u>18,254</u>	<u>17,129</u>

CHILD & FAMILY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR PERIOD 31 DECEMBER 2025

	RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS		DESIGNATED FUND	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Pledges & donations	17,380	14,080			15,789	13,683
Gift Aid	2,673	285				
						Salary and other expenses
Balance at 1 January	8,421	7,739			12,684	8,421
	<u>28,474</u>	<u>22,104</u>			<u>28,474</u>	<u>22,104</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

1. Accounting Policies

- The main sources of income are the voluntary offerings, donations and other giving of members, adherents, and related organisations, and interest or dividends on Congregation funds.
- The Receipts and Payments of Congregation Funds are recorded and reported on a cash received and cash paid (as invoices/accounts are received) basis respectively. In the event that a commitment is made after the date of the Statement of Balances which will materially reflect on the amount of any Fund(s) this will be reported in the accompanying Notes to these Statements.
- The Balances of Congregation Funds represents sums available for the ongoing work and activities of the Congregation. Stating whether each Fund is Unrestricted, Designated, Restricted or endowment and, where appropriate, for what purpose and how these Funds are held or invested.

2. Land and Property

Land and property consist of Church, Church Hall together with fittings and furnishings (including communion, other ecclesiastical articles). Congregation owns a Manse.

These are held as functional property for the use of the Congregation in fulfilling its aims and mission and in which its activities are carried out and not for investment and/or resale. No market value is placed on these Assets.

3. Trustees Remuneration and Expenses and Related Party Transactions

No trustee received any remuneration during the year. Rev Wm Bruce McDowall was employed by the United Free Church of Scotland.

During the year Rev Wm Bruce McDowall was reimbursed expenses of £7,127 including council tax of £3,676.

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

4. Gift Aid

Gift Aid recovered from H.M Revenue & Customs is accounted for on a cash received basis. Based on donations given by members and adherents during the year ended 31 December 2025 it is estimated that approximately £21,500 will be recovered (year ended 31 December 2024 the recovery was £20,354).

Detailed analysis of Receipts

	2025	2024
	£	£
1 Donations - other		
Choir	260	-
Donation re Funeral	1,000	-
East Midlands - LPW Grant	-	4,901
Flower Club	123	-
Park Church Ladies Association	800	800
Paton Trust	-	500
Postcard and Stamp Group	410	960
Uddingston Guides	500	540
Use of Building for Election	-	300
Various others	190	469
	<u>3,283</u>	<u>8,470</u>

Detailed analysis of Payments

	£	£
2 Heat & Light - Church		
Electricity	2,600	2,800
Gas	5,202	5,686
	<u>7,802</u>	<u>8,486</u>

	£	£
3 Repairs - Church		
AV Upgrades / Repairs	120	140
Boiler Servicing	195	192
Dorma UK	-	265
Drainage Work	916	-
Firepoint	382	203
Masonary Repairs	11,825	-
Miscellaneous	192	288
Repairs relating to dampness in hall	448	-
Repairs relating to rot in accessible toilet	-	1,768
Replacement Lighting in Sanctuary	283	679
Roof Survey	1,044	-
Roofing Repairs	228	-
Smith of Derby - Clock Service / Repair	203	185
	<u>15,836</u>	<u>3,720</u>

	£	£
4 Repairs - Manse		
Back Wall Repairs	-	2,680
British Gas Services - Homecare	1,102	1,059
Cleaning	128	-
Douglas Gardens Mainetance and Feuair Fee	250	-
Guttering Repairs	-	303
Lock Replacement	192	-
Roor Repairs	192	-
Tree Removal	-	1,440
	<u>1,863</u>	<u>5,482</u>

	£	£
5 Printing		
Donation envelopes	94	88
Lease of photocopier	1,990	2,164
Printer for C&F Worker	-	150
Printing materials	181	131
	<u>2,265</u>	<u>2,533</u>

	2025	2024
	£	£
6 Miscellaneous		
Advert for Ministry Assistant	300	-
AV Technical Support	-	300
Banners	44	214
CCLI Annual Licence	812	783
Christmas Tree	170	150
Correction of Notation Error - April 24	250	-
Donation Re: Able - Talk	150	-
Donation Re: Defib Training	100	-
EasyWorship Subscription	372	248
First Aid Supplies	410	94
Flowers	283	239
General Assembly Costs	130	340
Gift to Marcus Bailey - Ministry experience	-	500
Gift to Minister - 25 years	-	500
Hot Water Machine Repair	-	90
Kirkintilloch Brass Band - Gift	100	150
Ministry Resources	486	518
Organ Maintenance	198	-
Pulpit Supply	130	544
Solicitors Fees - Valuation for Church and Manse	-	900
Various others	241	112

	<u>4,176</u>	<u>5,682</u>
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	£	£
Retiral / Special Offering		
Hungary	-	1,500
MAF	2,100	-
Poppy Scotland	65	-
SU Scotland / Ukraine	-	1,000
Sunday School (for SU Holidays Bursaries)	-	600
Transfer from Mission Fund	-	(350)

	<u>2,165</u>	<u>2,750</u>
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	£	£
Mission		
Blythwood Care	-	250
CEF	500	-
Cogwheel Trust	540	480
Joy McCrae	-	277
MAF	-	500
Martin Paterson	500	-
OMF	1,800	1,950
Open Bible (Ukraine)	502	-
Open Doors	500	500
Release International	-	500
Retiral Offering Top Up	-	345
Scottish Bible Society	500	500
Solas	250	-
SU Scotland (Lanarkshire)	1,450	1,000
Sunday School	234	207
UF Easter Appeal	400	-

	<u>7,176</u>	<u>6,509</u>
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SESSION FUND

RECEIPTS	2025	2024	PAYMENTS	2025	2024
	£	£		£	£
Donations	-	2,250	Distributions	-	1,750
			Bank Charges	18	-
Balance at 1 January	724	224	Balance at 31 December	706	724
	<u>724</u>	<u>2,474</u>		<u>724</u>	<u>2,474</u>

LADIES ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS	2025	2024	PAYMENTS	2025	2024
	£	£		£	£
Coffee Mornings	1,434	1,242	Affiliation Fees	200	50
Coin Donations	16	33	Bank Charges	37	-
Offerings	478	433	Cash in hand	87	-
Smarties Project	212	196	Donation - Speakers Charities	300	320
			Flowers	52	53
			Park Church General Fund	800	800
			Scottish Bible Society	100	-
			Speakers' Expenses	95	170
			SU	400	400
			Tea Expenses	13	43
			WHO Special Fund	200	200
Balance at 1 January	2,169	2,301	Balance at 31 December	2,024	2,169
	<u>4,307</u>	<u>4,204</u>		<u>4,307</u>	<u>4,204</u>

SUNDAY SCHOOL

RECEIPTS	2025	2024	PAYMENTS	2025	2024
	£	£		£	£
Leprosy Mission	49	171	Cogwheel Trust	50	50
MAF	48	192	Leprosy Mission	100	200
Offerings	190	147	M.A.F.	100	200
Fund Raiser	-	-	Mega/Connect	188	-
Park Kids & Tots	-	13	Outreach	-	53
Scripture Union	740	900	Park Kids & Park Tots	161	273
			Scripture Union	450	782
			UF Easter Project	-	200
Balance at 1 January	1,186	1,521	Balance at 31 December	1,164	1,186
	<u>2,213</u>	<u>2,943</u>		<u>2,213</u>	<u>2,943</u>

SUNDAY COFFEE SERVICE

RECEIPTS	2025	2024	PAYMENTS	2025	2024
	£	£		£	£
Sales	485	641	Donations	860	381
Interest	62	52			
Balance at 1 January	4,577	4,266	Balance at 31 December	4,263	4,577
	<u>5,124</u>	<u>4,958</u>		<u>5,124</u>	<u>4,958</u>

MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP

RECEIPTS	2025	2024	PAYMENTS	2025	2024
	£	£		£	£
Donations	787	876	Hungarian Visitors	200	-
			OMF International	1,000	800
Balance at 1 January	714	639	Balance at 31 December	302	714
	<u>1,502</u>	<u>1,514</u>		<u>1,502</u>	<u>1,514</u>

FLOWER FUND

RECEIPTS	2025	2024	PAYMENTS	2025	2024
	£	£		£	£
Donations	1,272	-	Expenses	932	-
			Cash in hand	340	-
Balance at 1 January	-	224	Balance at 31 December	-	-
	<u>1,272</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>1,272</u>	<u>-</u>

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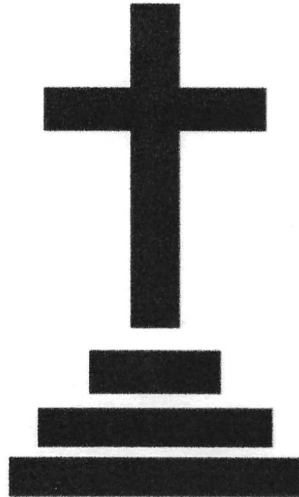
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A Congregation of the United Free Church of Scotland



Congregation Report and Accounts

Year to 31 December 2024

Principal place of worship and of Congregation activities:

Main Street, Uddingston G71 7EW

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**OFFICE BEARERS, TRUSTEES, ELDERS AND MANAGERS OF THE CONGREGATION
DURING THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023**

MINISTER

Rev. Wm Bruce McDowall B.A. B.D

KIRK SESSION

Session Clerk
Elders

Mr. William Vint
Mr. Colin Bickerton
Mr. Alex Hamilton
Mr. Robert Miller
Rev. Ian McQuarrie
Mr. Graeme Stangoe

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Chairman
Deputy Preses and
Halls Convenor
Clerk to Board
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
F.W.O and Gift Aid
Property

Rev. Bruce McDowall
Mrs. Helen Ooi
Mr. Colin Bickerton (E)
Mrs. Janice Clark-Dick
Mr. Graeme Stangoe (E)
Mr. Bill Hillan
Mr. James Paterson
Mr. Scott Armstrong
Ms. Karen Hall
Mrs. Linda Hillan
Mrs. Isabel Martin
Mr. Stuart McLellan
Mr. Robert Miller (E)
Mr. Jim Stirling
Mr. William Vint (E)

TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY

Minister
Session Clerk
Mr. John McIndoe

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr. David Hills FCMA

Congregational Report to year end 31st December 2024

1. Constitution and Principal Activities of the United Free Church of Scotland

The United Free Church of Scotland, with all the Churches of the Reformation, acknowledges as its Supreme Standard, the Word of God, contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

The Church holds as its Subordinate Standard the Westminster Confession of Faith; by its Declaratory Acts it recognises liberty of judgement on points of doctrine which do not enter into the substance of the faith; and it claims the right, as duty may require, to interpret, add to, modify, or change her subordinate standards, under the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit, and with direct responsibility to her Lord.

The Church approves the emphasis of the Declaratory Acts on the love of God for all humanity, the free offer of salvation to all, the obligation of the Universal church to make known the Gospel throughout the world, and the renunciation of coercion, persecution and intolerance in matters of religion.

Accordingly, this Church accepts the obligation to witness to the truth of the Gospel and to serve men and women in the name of Christ with regard to their spiritual and material welfare, both at home and overseas.

2. Responsibilities of the Congregation

As a Congregation of the United Free Church of Scotland, the Congregation is under the jurisdiction and oversight of the superior courts of the Church i.e. the Presbytery of the West (in which this congregation resides) and the General Assembly of the United Free Church in all matters pertaining to its spiritual and temporal (including financial) affairs. It seeks to exercise these obligations within its fellowship and to the people in the community of which it is part.

3. Responsibilities and Appointment of Office Bearers

All matters affecting the spiritual well-being and order of the Congregation is exercised by the Kirk Session of the Congregation. The Kirk Session consists of the Minister and ruling elders, named in Page 2. All temporal affairs, including finance, of the Congregation are administered by the Board of Managers as named in Page 2. The Charity Trustees of the Congregation are also named in Page 2. Office Bearers to the Board of Managers are elected by the Congregation at the Annual Business Meeting held in February. The Minister of this congregation is appointed by the Presbytery of the West. Elders are elected in accordance with the Practice and Procedure of the United Free Church of Scotland.

All offices of the Church are open to any member in full communion. Each Congregation appoints elders to the Presbytery and to be Commissioners to the General Assembly. Presbyterianism means governance of the Church by elders.

4. Activity and Achievements

As we reflect on the past year, we can, once again, give thanks to Almighty God for His faithful care and provision for us as a company of His people. The generous liberality of God's people has allowed

us, not only to meet the main costs of running the church, but to continue to support the post of a Family and Children's Worker and also meet the needs of the wider Church and world.

The ongoing work, under the oversight of Jessica Beecroft, ensures the continued links with the schools in our area. Through the events that deal with RMPS requirements, running Scripture Union groups and our periodic Saturday afternoon MEGA events, contact with children outwith our own congregation is maintained. Whilst we would love to see this become even more fruitful, we are thankful that the connection continues. CONNECT on a Monday evening for young teenagers, is an ideal opportunity for the discipling of some of that age range and the introducing of others to the reality of Jesus Christ.

At the other end of the spectrum, our Ladies' Association, led well by Pat Robertson and her committee, provides a meeting place for women not only within our congregation but also the wider community. The varied program clearly points to Jesus Christ and the good attendance bears testimony to the importance of this gathering and also the effective pastoral care which it undertakes. The local Presbyterial Council is only able to function because the membership of the committee is drawn from Park Church.

All our various Fellowship Groups have seen steady numbers and these gatherings, along with those who attend our midweek church-based Devotionals and our Zoom-based Saturday morning fortnightly Prayer Meeting, point to a congregation where a majority of its members engage in some other activity apart from Sunday morning worship. The ministry of God's Word is central to whenever we meet. The Minister, along with other ministers and members within the congregation, seek in various ways to see the company of believers built up and others enabled to meet with the eternal Word.

The work of Scripture Union in Ukraine and Hungary, as well as the work of SU in Lanarkshire, have all been supported, and gifts have been given to other missionary partners and other Christian agencies. We continue to have a special concern for believers persecuted for the faith elsewhere in the world and, through prayers and gifts, seek to support our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Once again at the beginning of December, we were able to host the Village Christmas School Concert. At Christmas itself, we saw a good number of visitors come amongst us at the various events; our prayer is that with fresh insight and leadership, we will be able to develop more creative ways of engaging with our community.

The leadership of the church has pressed on with thinking and now advertising for the post of Ministry Assistant. With the support of our denomination, we trust that the Lord will provide the right person to work alongside us; the generous gift of £50,000 given a few years ago will enable us to do that. Our continued engagement with the community group, Grow Uddingston, was recognised by it nominating the minister and his wife to attend the Princess of Wales Charity Concert held in Westminster Abbey at the beginning of December. It is certainly noticeable that in the community, we are recognised as being part of *The Village*, and our prayer is that as we look to the future, our church motto, "To Know Christ and to Make Him Known" will continue to determine our life together.

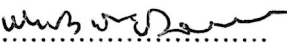
Whilst recognising the challenges that we face, we remain confident that the God who has guided us in the past will continue to lead us forward into 2025 and beyond. To Him be all the Glory!

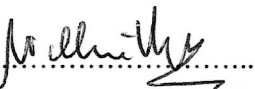
5. Independent Examiner

In accordance with the terms of 'the 2005 Act', Section 44 (c), and as a Charity falling under regulation 8 of 'The Regulations', and required to carry out an audit under paragraph 1(c), an Independent Examiner has been appointed in accordance with regulation 11 of 'the Regulations' to carry out a competent examination of the Report and Accounts of the Congregation. The Independent Examiner's Report for the year to 31st December 2024 is on Page 6.

6. Approval of Congregation Report and Financial Statements

The Board of Managers and the Kirk Session at their meeting on 21 January 2025 approved the Congregational Report and Financial Statements to be presented to the Congregation at the Annual Business Meeting to be held on 23 February 2025. The Office Bearers authorised to sign the Report and Accounts on behalf of the Congregation are: -

Signed  Wm Bruce McDowall **Minister**

Signed  William Vint **Session Clerk**

Signed  Janice Clark-Dick **Treasurer**

Date 23 February 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees and Office Bearers

I report on the Report and Financial Statements of the Congregation for the year ending 31 December 2024 which are set on pages 7 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of Office Bearers and Trustees and Examiner

The Congregation's Office Bearers and Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Report and Accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The Congregation's Office Bearers and Trustees consider that the requirements of Regulation 9 apply but not those of paragraph 9(4) of the Accounts Regulations.

It is my responsibility to examine the Report and Finance Statements as required under section 44(1) (c) of the 2005 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 2006 Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Congregation and a comparison of the report and accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the report and accounts, and seeking explanations from the office bearers and trustees concerning 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 report and 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 Regulations and
 - to prepare report and accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 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 Report and Financial Statements to be reached.

David Hills
FCMA (Fellow member of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants)
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Date: 13 February 2025

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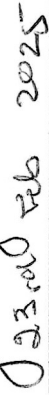
STATEMENT OF BALANCES ON CONGREGATIONAL FUNDS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

FUND	NATURE OF FUND	BALANCE 1/1/24	RECEIPTS 2024	PAYMENTS 2024	SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	NET FUND TRANSFERS	NET CHANGE ON FUNDS	BALANCE 31/12/24	FUNDS HELD
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
GENERAL	UNRESTRICTED	35,202	121,840	-98,443	23,397	-6,300	17,097	52,299	Bank of Scotland plc
FABRIC	DESIGNATED	9,666	10,000	-1,044	8,956	-	8,956	18,622	Bank of Scotland plc
MISSION	DESIGNATED	8,229	-	-6,509	-6,509	6,300	-209	8,020	Bank of Scotland plc
MINISTRY	DESIGNATED	50,190	671	-	671	-	671	50,861	Bank of Scotland plc
PROJECT	DESIGNATED	16,229	900	-	900	-	900	17,129	TSB Bank plc
CHILD & FAMILY	DESIGNATED	7,739	14,365	-13,683	682	-	682	8,421	Bank of Scotland plc
TOTAL		127,255	147,776	-119,679	28,097	0	28,097	155,352	

Nature of Congregational funds :

General	Unrestricted	Ordinary receipts and payments of the congregation
Fabric	Designated	Repairs to external and internal fabric and / or furnishings of Church, halls and Manse
Mission	Designated	Designated for distribution to mission and charities in the UK and overseas
Ministry	Designated	Designated for supporting temporary position of ministry assistant
Project	Designated	Designated for major projects and repairs to Church buildings
Child & Family	Designated	Designated for supporting work with children and families within the Church and Community

Approval of Congregation Financial Statements for the Year ending 31 December 2024 as set out on pages 7-10 by Office Bearers authorised to sign.

Minister and Preses		W. Bruce McDowall
Deputy Preses		Helen Ooi
Treasurer		Janice Clark-Dick
Date		

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GENERAL FUND - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

UNRESTRICTED FUND

RECEIPTS	£	2024	£	Supplementary 2023 sheet	PAYMENTS	£	2024	£	Supplementary 2023 sheet
Offerings					Ministry				
Open	4,840		6,517		Stipend (incl. NI)	43,745		42,087	
Free Will	84,813		77,812		Minister's expenses	3,072		3,090	
Gift Aid Tax recovered	20,354		17,697		Manse telephone	572		501	
					Target	11,548		11,253	
					Presbytery dues	-		357	
							58,937	57,288	
Donations					Property				
Others	8,470		55,499	Supp.1	Council Tax	3,451		3,368	
		8,470	55,499		Insurance	497		3,321	
					Heating, Lighting	-		9,133	
Other receipts					Repairs, maintenance	5,482		40,587	
Stedfast	20		15			9,430		56,409	
Other income	671		190				24,797		
		691	205						
					Other Congregational Payments				
Ordinary receipts					Stedfast	528		792	
Extraordinary receipts					Printing & Donation Envelopes	2,533		2,246	
Retiral / Special Offering	2,673		3,206		Cleaning	2,699		2,750	
					Internet	517		475	
					Miscellaneous	5,682		3,086	
							11,959	9,350	
		119,167	157,730						
Ordinary receipts					Ordinary payments		95,693	123,047	
Extraordinary receipts					Extraordinary payments				
Retiral / Special Offering	2,673		3,206		Retiral / Special Offering	2,750		4,850	
							2,750	4,850	
Total receipts					Total payments		98,443	127,897	
		121,840	160,936		Surplus in year		23,397	33,040	
							121,840	160,936	
Surplus / (deficit) for Year		23,397	33,040				6,300	57,000	
Balance at 1 January		35,203	59,163		Balance at 31 December		52,299	35,203	
		58,599	92,203				58,599	92,203	

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FABRIC FUND - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024**

DESIGNATED FUND

RECEIPTS	2024	2023	PAYMENTS	2024	2023
	£	£		£	£
Donation	10,000	150	Roofing Repairs	1,044	-
Balance at 1 January	<u>9,666</u>	<u>9,516</u>	Balance at 31 December	<u>18,622</u>	<u>9,666</u>
	<u>19,666</u>	<u>9,666</u>		<u>19,666</u>	<u>9,666</u>

MISSION FUND - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

DESIGNATED FUND

RECEIPTS	2024	2023	PAYMENTS	2024	2023
	£	£		£	£
Donations	-	6,000	Distribution	6,509	12,736 Supp.8
Transfer from other funds	6,300	7,000			
Balance at 1 January	<u>8,229</u>	<u>7,965</u>	Balance at 31 December	<u>8,020</u>	<u>8,229</u>
	<u>14,529</u>	<u>20,965</u>		<u>14,529</u>	<u>20,965</u>

MINISTRY FUND - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR PERIOD 31 DECEMBER 2024

DESIGNATED FUND

RECEIPTS	2024	2023	PAYMENTS	2024	2023
	£	£		£	£
Transfer from other funds	-	50,000	Expenditure	-	-
Bank Interest	671	190			
Balance at 1 January	<u>50,190</u>	<u>-</u>	Balance at 31 December	<u>50,861</u>	<u>50,190</u>
	<u>50,861</u>	<u>50,190</u>		<u>50,861</u>	<u>50,190</u>

PROJECT FUND - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

DESIGNATED FUND

RECEIPTS	2024	2023	PAYMENTS	2024	2023
	£	£		£	£
Pledges & donations	900	910	Transfer to other funds	-	-
Gift Aid Tax received	-	230			
Balance at 1 January	<u>16,229</u>	<u>15,089</u>	Balance at 31 December	<u>17,129</u>	<u>16,229</u>
	<u>17,129</u>	<u>16,229</u>		<u>17,129</u>	<u>16,229</u>

CHILD & FAMILY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR PERIOD 31 DECEMBER 2024

DESIGNATED FUND

RECEIPTS	2024	2023	PAYMENTS	2024	2023
	£	£		£	£
Pledges & donations	14,080	1,410	Salary and other expenses	13,683	8,436
Gift Aid	285	195			
Balance at 1 January	<u>7,739</u>	<u>14,570</u>	Balance at 31 December	<u>8,421</u>	<u>7,739</u>
	<u>22,104</u>	<u>16,175</u>		<u>22,104</u>	<u>16,175</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1. Accounting Policies

- The main sources of income are the voluntary offerings, donations and other giving of members, adherents, and related organisations, and interest or dividends on Congregation funds.
- The Receipts and Payments of Congregation Funds are recorded and reported on a cash received and cash paid (as invoices/accounts are received) basis respectively. In the event that a commitment is made after the date of the Statement of Balances which will materially reflect on the amount of any Fund(s) this will be reported in the accompanying Notes to these Statements.
- The Balances of Congregation Funds represents sums available for the ongoing work and activities of the Congregation. Stating whether each Fund is Unrestricted, Designated, Restricted or endowment and, where appropriate, for what purpose and how these Funds are held or invested.

2. Land and Property

Land and property consist of Church, Church Hall together with fittings and furnishings (including communion, other ecclesiastical articles). Congregation owns a Manse.

These are held as functional property for the use of the Congregation in fulfilling its aims and mission and in which its activities are carried out and not for investment and/or resale. No market value is placed on these Assets.

3. Trustees Remuneration and Expenses and Related Party Transactions

No trustee received any remuneration during the year. Rev Wm Bruce McDowall was employed by the United Free Church of Scotland.

During the year Rev Wm Bruce McDowall was reimbursed expenses of £6,959 including council tax of £3,368.

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

4. Gift Aid

Gift Aid recovered from H.M Revenue & Customs is accounted for on a cash received basis. Based on donations given by members and adherents during the year ended 31 December 2024 it is estimated that approximately £18,500 will be recovered (year ended 31 December 2023 the recovery was £17,697).

Detailed analysis of Receipts

	2024	2023		2024	2023
	£	£		£	£
1 Donations - other			6 Miscellaneous		
East Midlands - LPW Grant	4,901	-	AV Technical Support	300	-
Executry - Julia MacLeod	-	50,000	Banners	214	141
General Donation (new AV equipment)	-	2,000	CCLI Annual Licence	783	1,121
Park Church Ladies Association	800	400	Christmas Tree	150	150
Paton Trust	500	500	EasyWorship Subscription	248	-
Postcard and Stamp Group	960	450	First Aid Supplies	94	100
SU Scotland	-	50	Flowers	239	40
Uddingston Guides	540	440	General Assembly Costs	340	120
Use of Building for Election	300	-	Gift to Marcus Bailey - Ministry experience	500	-
Various others	469	159	Gift to Minister - 25 years	500	-
Viewpark Church Hampers	-	1,500	Hot Water Machine Repair	90	89
			Independent Examination	-	55
	<u>8,470</u>	<u>55,499</u>	Kirkintilloch Brass Band - Gift	150	-
			Ministry Resources	518	628
Detailed analysis of Payments			Pulpit Supply	544	430
2 Heat & Light - Church	£	£	Solicitors Fees - Valuation for Church and M:	900	-
Electricity	2,800	3,000	Various others	112	212
Gas	5,686	6,133			
				<u>5,682</u>	<u>3,086</u>
	<u>8,486</u>	<u>9,133</u>			
3 Repairs - Church	£	£	7 Retiral / Special Offering	£	£
AV Upgrades / Repairs	140	7,598	Christian Aid	-	600
Boiler Servicing	192	-	Hungary	1,500	-
Dorma UK	265	252	Poppy Scotland	-	450
Firepoint	203	-	Scottish Bible Society	-	1,800
Miscellaneous	288	67	SU Scotland / Ukraine	1,000	-
Repairs relating to rot in accessible toilet	1,768	31,153	Sunday School (for SU Holidays Bursaries)	600	500
Replacement Lighting in Sanctuary	679	-	Transfer from Mission Fund	(350)	-
Smith of Derby - Clock Service / Repair	185	168	Viewpark Church Hampers	-	1,500
	<u>3,720</u>	<u>39,239</u>		<u>2,750</u>	<u>4,850</u>
4 Repairs - Manse	£	£	8 Mission	£	£
Back Wall Repairs	2,680	-	Blythswood Care	250	-
British Gas Services - Homecare	1,059	988	C Anwar	-	500
Douglas Gardens Mainentance and Feuar Fee	-	360	Cogwheel Trust	480	440
Guttering Repairs	303	-	Fabri & Elaine Toni (Italy)	-	5,461
Tree Removal	1,440	-	Joy McCrae	277	-
			Local Community Funds from Harvest	-	65
	<u>5,482</u>	<u>1,348</u>	MAF	500	500
5 Printing	£	£	OMF	1,950	1,650
Donation envelopes	88	82	Open Bible (Ukraine)	-	500
Lease of photocopier	2,164	2,164	Open Doors	500	800
Printer for C&F Worker	150	-	Release International	500	500
Printing materials	131	-	Retiral Offering Top Up	345	-
			Scottish Bible Society	500	200
	<u>2,533</u>	<u>2,246</u>	SU Scotland (Lanarkshire)	1,000	2,000
			Sunday School	207	120
				<u>6,509</u>	<u>12,736</u>

SESSION FUND

RECEIPTS	2024	2023	PAYMENTS	2024	2023
	£	£		£	£
Donations	2,250	-	Distributions	1,750	-
Balance at 1 January	224	224	Balance at 31 December	724	224
	<u>2,474</u>	<u>224</u>		<u>2,474</u>	<u>224</u>

LADIES ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS	2024	2023	PAYMENTS	2024	2023
	£	£		£	£
Christmas Coffee Morning	-	538	Affiliation Fees	50	50
Christmas Craft Sale	-	284	Cash in hand	-	71
Coin Donations	33	-	Coffee Pots	-	40
Donations	-	570	Donation - Speakers Charities	320	200
Coffee Mornings	1,242	764	Flowers	53	63
May Craft Sale	-	239	Grow Uddingston	-	100
Offerings	433	386	Kilbride Hospice	-	200
Smarties Project	196	206	Park Church General Fund	800	400
			Red X - Ukraine	-	200
			Speakers' Expenses	170	50
			Stationery	-	16
			SU	400	200
			Tea Expenses	43	40
			WHO Special Fund	200	200
Balance at 1 January	2,301	1,144	Balance at 31 December	2,169	2,301
	<u>4,204</u>	<u>4,130</u>		<u>4,204</u>	<u>4,130</u>

SUNDAY SCHOOL

RECEIPTS	2024	2023	PAYMENTS	2024	2023
	£	£		£	£
Leprosy Mission	171	120	Cogwheel Trust	50	50
MAF	192	117	Leprosy Mission	200	130
Offerings	147	178	M.A.F.	200	130
Fund Raiser	-	190	Outreach	53	296
Park Kids & Tots	13	500	Park Kids & Park Tots	273	102
Scripture Union	900	1,530	UF Easter Project	200	-
			Scripture Union	782	667
Balance at 1 January	1,521	260	Balance at 31 December	1,186	1,521
	<u>2,943</u>	<u>2,895</u>		<u>2,943</u>	<u>2,895</u>

SUNDAY COFFEE SERVICE

RECEIPTS	2024	2023	PAYMENTS	2024	2023
	£	£		£	£
Sales	641	-	Donations	381	528
Interest	52	12	Provisions Purchased	-	30
Balance at 1 January	4,266	4,812	Balance at 31 December	4,577	4,266
	<u>4,958</u>	<u>4,824</u>		<u>4,958</u>	<u>4,824</u>

MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP

RECEIPTS	2024	2023	PAYMENTS	2024	2023
	£	£		£	£
Donations	876	719	OMF International	800	600
Balance at 1 January	639	520	Balance at 31 December	714	639
	<u>1,514</u>	<u>1,239</u>		<u>1,514</u>	<u>1,239</u>