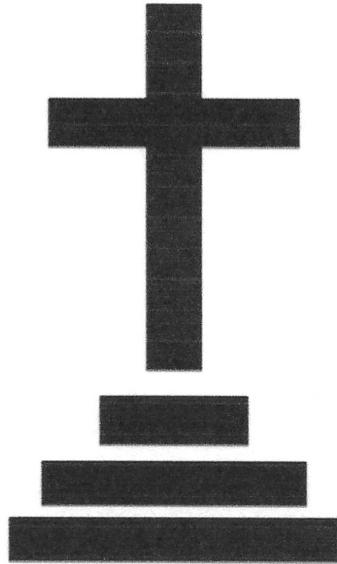


UDDINGSTON: PARK UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Scottish Registered Charity No.SC000928

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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**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
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. Stuart McLellan
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.

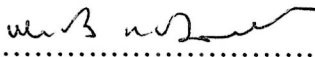
May Park Church continue to be that place where people find their souls being restored, spiritual life being encountered, and the Knowledge of the Shepherd King, the Lord Jesus Christ, deepened.

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 

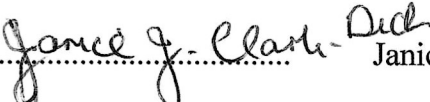
Wm Bruce McDowall

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

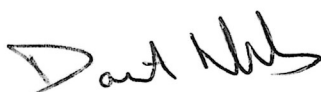
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Date: 12 February 2026





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		

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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		2025	2024
	£	£		£	£
1 Donations - other			6 Miscellaneous		
Choir	260	-	Advert for Ministry Assistant	300	-
Donation re Funeral	1,000	-	AV Technical Support	-	300
East Midlands - LPW Grant	-	4,901	Banners	44	214
Flower Club	123	-	CCLI Annual Licence	812	783
Park Church Ladies Association	800	800	Christmas Tree	170	150
Paton Trust	-	500	Correction of Notation Error - April 24	250	-
Postcard and Stamp Group	410	960	Donation Re: Able - Talk	150	-
Uddingston Guides	500	540	Donation Re: Defib Training	100	-
Use of Building for Election	-	300	EasyWorship Subscription	372	248
Various others	190	469	First Aid Supplies	410	94
	<u>3,283</u>	<u>8,470</u>	Flowers	283	239
			General Assembly Costs	130	340
Detailed analysis of Payments			Gift to Marcus Bailey - Ministry experience	-	500
2 Heat & Light - Church			Gift to Minister - 25 years	-	500
Electricity	2,600	2,800	Hot Water Machine Repair	-	90
Gas	5,202	5,686	Kirkintilloch Brass Band - Gift	100	150
	<u>7,802</u>	<u>8,486</u>	Ministry Resources	486	518
			Organ Maintenance	198	-
3 Repairs - Church			Pulpit Supply	130	544
AV Upgrades / Repairs	120	140	Solicitors Fees - Valuation for Church and Manse	-	900
Boiler Servicing	195	192	Various others	241	112
Dorma UK	-	265		<u>4,176</u>	<u>5,682</u>
Drainage Work	916	-	7		
Firepoint	382	203	Retiral / Special Offering		
Masonary Repairs	11,825	-	Hungary	-	1,500
Miscellaneous	192	288	MAF	2,100	-
Repairs relating to dampness in hall	448	-	Poppy Scotland	65	-
Repairs relating to rot in accessible toilet	-	1,768	SU Scotland / Ukraine	-	1,000
Replacement Lighting in Sanctuary	283	679	Sunday School (for SU Holidays Bursaries)	-	600
Roof Survey	1,044	-	Transfer from Mission Fund	-	(350)
Roofing Repairs	228	-		<u>2,165</u>	<u>2,750</u>
Smith of Derby - Clock Service / Repair	203	185	8		
	<u>15,836</u>	<u>3,720</u>	Mission		
			Blythwood Care	-	250
4 Repairs - Manse			CEF	500	-
Back Wall Repairs	-	2,680	Cogwheel Trust	540	480
British Gas Services - Homecare	1,102	1,059	Joy McCrae	-	277
Cleaning	128	-	MAF	-	500
Douglas Gardens Mainetance and Feuar Fee	250	-	Martin Paterson	500	-
Guttering Repairs	-	303	OMF	1,800	1,950
Lock Replacement	192	-	Open Bible (Ukraine)	502	-
Roor Repairs	192	-	Open Doors	500	500
Tree Removal	-	1,440	Release International	-	500
	<u>1,863</u>	<u>5,482</u>	Retiral Offering Top Up	-	345
			Scottish Bible Society	500	500
5 Printing			Solas	250	-
Donation envelopes	94	88	SU Scotland (Lanarkshire)	1,450	1,000
Lease of photocopier	1,990	2,164	Sunday School	234	207
Printer for C&F Worker	-	150	UF Easter Appeal	400	-
Printing materials	181	131		<u>7,176</u>	<u>6,509</u>
	<u>2,265</u>	<u>2,533</u>			

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>