



BUCKIE NORTH AND RATHVEN PARISH
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



Statement of Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2025

Scottish Charity Number: SC001235
Congregational Reference number 311920

BUCKIE NORTH AND RATHVEN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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BUCKIE NORTH AND RATHVEN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

KIRK SESSION AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

Registered charity name Buckie North and Rathven Parish Church of Scotland

Charity registration number SC001235

Congregation reference number 311920

Address 11 Braeview Road
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Trustees

Rev. Dr Jacobus Boonzaaier: Mrs Catherine Addison; Mrs Isabelle Annand; Mr William Booth; Mrs Kathryn Cowie (*died 3rd February 2026*); Mr Ian Cowie; Mrs Jean Forbes; Mrs Anna Hay; Mrs Anne McKay; Mr David McWhirter; Mr Alan Merson; Mr Ian Moir; Mrs Naomi Moir; Mrs Freida Murray; Mrs Patricia Phimister; Mr Alexander Ramsay; Mrs Janice Simpson; Mr Neil Simpson; Mrs Eileen Slater; Mrs Catherine Stewart; Mr W. Grant Stewart; Mrs Elizabeth Sutherland; Mrs Margaret Taylor; Mrs Moira Thain; Mrs Alison Vass; Mrs Christine Wojcik; Mrs Helen Wood.

Minister Rev Dr Jacobus Boonzaaier

Session Clerk Mrs Kathryn Cowie (*till 3rd February 2026*)

Acting Session Clerk Rev Dr Jacobus Boonzaaier (*from 3rd February 2026*)

Congregational Treasurer Mrs Catherine Stewart

Gift aid treasurer Mr Alexander Buist

Independent examiner Mrs Arlene Anderson C.A., C.T.A.
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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of trustees and professional advisers on page 1 of the financial statements.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Church is administered in accordance with the terms of the Unitary Constitution. From 1st July 2024 a Union was formed between Buckie North Parish Church and Rathven Parish Church.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The Kirk Session members are the Elders of the Church and the charity trustees and are chosen from those members of the Church who are considered to have the appropriate gifts and skills. The Minister, who is a member of the Kirk Session, is elected by the congregation and inducted by Presbytery.

Organisational Structure

The Kirk Session which meets 8 times a year is responsible both Civil and Ecclesiastical affairs within the church.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Church of Scotland is Trinitarian in doctrine, Reformed in tradition and Presbyterian in polity. 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. It co-operates with other Churches in various ecumenical bodies in Scotland and beyond.

Details of Buckie North & Rathven Parish Church of Scotland

Buckie North is a Church building and fellowship of the North East and Northern Isles Presbytery and is located in the north-eastern quadrant of Cluny Square, right in the heart of the town. At present the congregation numbers 207 members, most of whom live within the Burgh. The Buckie North Church is a focus for the community currently attracting approximately 55 adults and 14 children to worship each Sunday morning. A further 330 view online each Sunday in the morning and 330 view in the evening. The church hall is well used by various church and community groups due to its central position, large capacity, ease of access and spacious parking in the town square.

Worship - Services of Worship are held at 11.00 am most Sundays in the year. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of March, June, September, and December at 11.00 am.

We also take a group to worship in the Care Homes on the first and last Sundays of the month. (Netherha, Burnbank, Linn Coort and Hanover Court). Special services during December to support those who have lost loved ones. Our Church is in collaboration with the Church's Bereavement and in town with the local Funeral Directors.

Café Church - Meet in the Church Hall on the 1st Friday of every month from 2pm – 3.30pm with the speaker being Rev Jaco Boonzaaier. There can be up to 28 attendees from all denominations in the town and residents from the Care Homes also join us, this meeting is open for anyone to attend.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

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The Guild – The Guild continues to meet fortnightly, on the first and third Mondays of the month, from October till the end of March.

As always, National Guild guidelines are followed when planning the syllabus, which again cover a variety of topics, presented by speakers. We have four s new projects, 2 National and 2 International and we will do our best to support them. Our membership this year is 31.

Sunday School - Is now known as JAM (Jesus and Me), and children from pre-school age to Primary. 14 currently meet in the Hall at 10.30 am. The group is supported by parents and friends who assist weekly on a rota basis.

Bible Study and Training for Outreach - Meet every Wednesday at Buckie North & Rathven Parish Church with 14 attending. Bible Study and Training for Outreach.

Monday Club - The Club meet weekly on Mondays from 6.30pm to 8 pm. Approximately 15 children of Primary School age attend and there are 9 adult helpers. Children engage in various activities such as Swing Ball, Space Hoppers, Parachute Games etc. There are also quieter activities on offer e.g. Craft, Card Games, Puzzles etc. There is no charge for attending the club.

3”C” s (Coffee Claic and Company) - This meeting takes place on the Mondays between Guild meetings at 2 - 4 pm in Room 2. All are welcome and some bring their Knitting, Crochet, or other Craft to work on, but the main principle is Company and Chat. About 12 - 15 attends.

Indoor (Carpet) Bowling Club - The Club meets on Wednesday and Friday evenings from October to April and provides a social as well as a sporting activity for those who take part. The Club is open to all members of the community and would welcome new members.

Church Hall - is used regularly for Coffee Mornings, Strawberry Teas, and Community gatherings.

Holy Week - For many years, Buckie North & Rathven has joined in rotation, with the other Fellowships in the Town, to celebrate Easter, by way of daily Communion Breakfasts, Evening Communion on Maundy Thursday, and a Special Service on Good Friday. Local Fellowships share the hosting and Leadership, of all these Services.

CHURCH GIVING

Christian Aid – This is supported by a Retiral Offering on the Sunday during Christian Aid week.

Food Banks - Donations of foodstuffs can still be received from the congregation to aid the local food banks.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Since the last Ecclesiastical Property Report was received most of the work requiring attention to the Church, Hall and Manse has been undertaken involving a considerable amount of roof work and replacement of guttering. Recently a high-level survey of the tower and the clock was undertaken. The report shows quite a lot of remedial work is required on the tower. Some stonework and repointing are required at a lower level on the west wall of the Church.

Major Refurbishment Plan

The major work to be undertaken over the next 4 or more years include:

- 1) Remedial work on the Tower and Repointing of the Church.
- 2) Major renovation of the Clock was undertaken in 2019 at a cost of £10,000 financed by a Local Charity. In 2024 the clock was overhauled and funded by a Grant from the local authority Common Good Fund.
- 3) Work on the South Elevation was scheduled for early 2020 at a cost of £34,000 financed by a Local Council Grant of 50% and our own Repair Fund. This has now been completed.
- 4) Repair Renovation and Painting of the Louvers in the Tower completed 2019.
- 5) The Vestibule and inside of the Sanctuary have been repaired.

The major work still to be undertaken and completed over the forthcoming years include:

- 6) Replacement of the Central Heating Boiler was completed in January 2025.
- 7) Adding double glazing units to the inside of the Church windows.
- 8) Following in depth Building Report by the Building Officer, Session have decided to replace the Manse at 14 St Peters Road in due time.

The above pages 1- 4 were approved by the Trustees on 3 March 2026

Jacobus Boonzaaier

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Rev Dr Jacobus Boonzaaier
Acting Session Clerk

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Accounts are prepared on a cash basis. Heritable properties, consisting of the Church, Hall and Manse, are not recorded in the Accounts. All fabric matters are dealt with through the Fabric Fund. It is the policy of the Trustees to transfer whenever possible an annual provision from the General Fund to the Fabric Fund. It is also the policy of the Trustees to hold a Reserve Fund for emergencies of approximately £2,000.

At the end of 2025 the Church held unrestricted funds of £11,796 (2024: £25,956). The Church also had £85 (2024: £324) of restricted Repair Funds which will be used towards the purposes specified by the Trustees.

No legacies were received in the year.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mrs Arlene Anderson C.A., C.T.A. has been appointed as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

BUCKIE NORTH AND RATHVEN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BUCKIE NORTH AND RATHVEN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 set out on pages 1 to 14.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND INDEPENDENT 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's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of my examination as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act, 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 seeking explanations from you as 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 whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view'.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Arlene Anderson

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6 March 2026

BUCKIE NORTH AND RATHVEN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
RECEIPTS					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary income	2	45,092	-	45,092	56,372
Activities for generating funds	3	14,185	-	14,185	13,952
Investment income	4	37,968	-	37,968	96
Other incoming resources		7,312	-	7,312	25,056
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>104,557</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>104,557</u>	<u>95,476</u>
PAYMENTS					
Costs of generating funds:					
Costs of generating voluntary income	5	(164)	-	(164)	(164)
Charitable activities	6	(112,893)	(4,945)	(117,838)	(78,310)
Governance costs	7	(954)	-	(954)	(923)
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>(114,011)</u>	<u>(4,945)</u>	<u>(118,956)</u>	<u>(79,397)</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR PRIOR TO TRANSFERS		(9,454)	(4,945)	(14,399)	16,079
Transfer between funds		(4,706)	4,706	-	-
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<u>(14,160)</u>	<u>(239)</u>	<u>(14,399)</u>	<u>16,079</u>

BUCKIE NORTH AND RATHVEN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £ (note 9)	Restricted Funds £ (note 10)	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
FUNDS RECONCILIATION				
Cash at bank 01/01/25	25,956	324	26,280	10,201
(Deficit)/surplus for year	(14,160)	(239)	(14,399)	16,079
Cash at bank 31/12/25	<u>11,796</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>11,881</u>	<u>26,280</u>
BANK & CASH BALANCES			£	£
Unrestricted Funds:				
Bank current a/c			570	4,478
Designated Reserve Funds a/c			7,581	17,487
Fabric Fund			137	269
Guild Fund			765	1,232
Sunday School			1,837	1,759
Bowling Club			491	316
Session Fund			415	415
			<u>11,796</u>	<u>25,956</u>
Restricted Funds:				
Repair Fund			50	289
Reserve Fund			35	35
			<u>85</u>	<u>324</u>
TOTAL BANK & CASH FUNDS			<u>11,881</u>	<u>26,280</u>
INVESTMENTS as market values				
Cost Value £330			<u>3,578</u>	<u>3,317</u>
ASSETS				
Gift Aid accrued on donations at year end			<u>2,817</u>	<u>2,165</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved and signed by the member of the committee and authorised for issue on 3 March 2026.

Jacobus Boonzaaier

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Rev Dr Jacobus Boonzaaier
Acting Session Clerk

Catherine Stewart

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Mrs Catherine Stewart
Treasurer

BUCKIE NORTH AND RATHVEN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations				
WFO scheme (non-Gift Aid)	10,351	-	10,351	9,453
Gift aid donations	13,253	-	13,253	14,495
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	4,662	-	4,662	6,398
Ordinary offerings (open plate)	8,747	-	8,747	8,530
Other donations from church organisations	1,658	-	1,658	2,475
Weddings & funerals	1,340	-	1,340	2,635
Donations	1,211	-	1,211	1,846
Sundries	-	-	-	240
Grants receivable				
Common Good Fund	-	-	-	5,633
Other income				
Guild	2,019	-	2,019	3,237
Sunday School	502	-	502	797
Bowling Club	653	-	653	451
Session	154	-	154	182
Repair fund	542	-	542	-
	<u>45,092</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,092</u>	<u>56,372</u>

3. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
General fundraising	7,756	-	7,756	7,462
Rental of premises	5,755	-	5,755	6,390
Glebe land	300	-	300	100
Streaming (net of expenses)	374	-	374	-
	<u>14,185</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,185</u>	<u>13,952</u>

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Dividends	159	-	159	96
Drawdown of Invested Funds	37,809	-	37,809	-
	<u>37,968</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,968</u>	<u>96</u>

5. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
The transfer of The Union Balance	-	-	-	25,056
LPW VAT claim	7,312	-	7,312	-
	<u>7,312</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,312</u>	<u>25,056</u>

6. COSTS OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donation envelopes	164	-	164	164
	<u>164</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>164</u>	<u>164</u>

7. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Church expenditure	108,682	-	108,682	65,000
Other Funds expenditure	4,211	4,945	9,156	13,310
	<u>112,893</u>	<u>4,945</u>	<u>117,838</u>	<u>78,310</u>

8. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Accountancy fees	954	-	954	923
	<u>954</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>954</u>	<u>923</u>

9. STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS

All Church of Scotland congregations contribute to the National Stipend Fund which bears the costs of all the minister's stipends and employers contributions for national insurance, pension and housing and loan fund. Minister's 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 (2024: £31,642) and the maximum stipend in the 5th and subsequent years of service £39,856 (2024: £38,884).

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

10. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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

11. RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 Jan 2025	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 31 Dec 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Repair Fund	289	-	(4,945)	4,706	50
Reserve fund	35	-	-	-	35
	<u>324</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,945)</u>	<u>4,706</u>	<u>85</u>

12. UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 Jan 2025	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 31 Dec 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	4,478	100,687	(109,795)	5,200	570
Designated Reserve Fund	17,487	-	-	(9,906)	7,581
Designated Fabric Fund	269	542	(674)	-	137
Guild Fund	1,232	2,019	(2,486)	-	765
Sunday School Fund	1,759	502	(424)	-	1,837
Bowling Club	316	653	(478)	-	491
Session Fund	415	154	(154)	-	415
	<u>25,956</u>	<u>104,557</u>	<u>(114,011)</u>	<u>(4,706)</u>	<u>11,796</u>

Purposes of Designated Funds

Reserve Fund:

The Trustees have set aside emergency funds to give any other fund a loan if required. Any such loan being repaid when the situation improves. A restricted reserve provides a temporary home for any receipts which will become payments.

Fabric Fund:

The Trustees have set aside funds for the maintenance of the church and manse properties.

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Repair Fund:

This is to provide funds, through various restricted fundraising events and from restricted donations, for various projects as agreed by the Trustees. The main item for which restricted funds are now required is for the refurbishment of the tower.