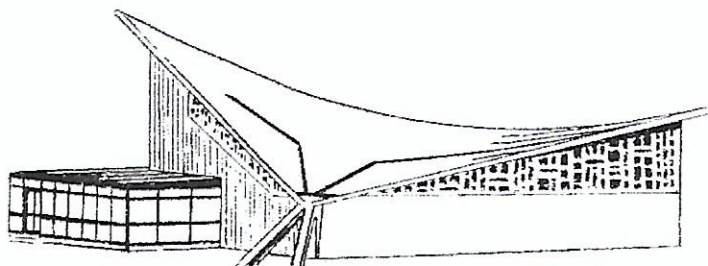


The Church of Scotland
Boghall Parish Church of Scotland, Bathgate



Congregation No: 020137

Scottish Charity No: SC 001881

**Receipts and Payments Accounts
for
Year ended 31 December 2024**

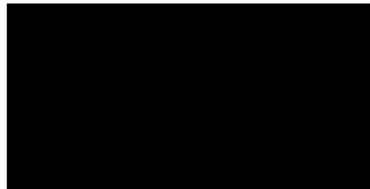
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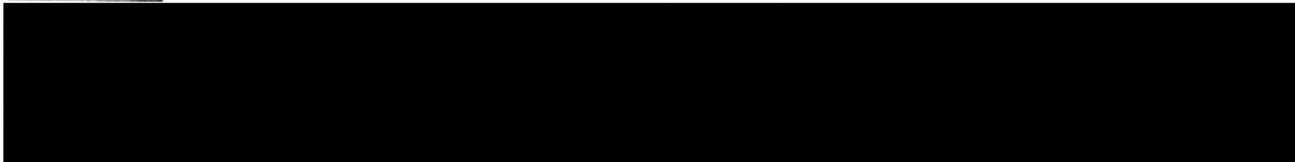
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Trustees

Kirk Session

Active Elders



Inactive Elders



Congregational Board



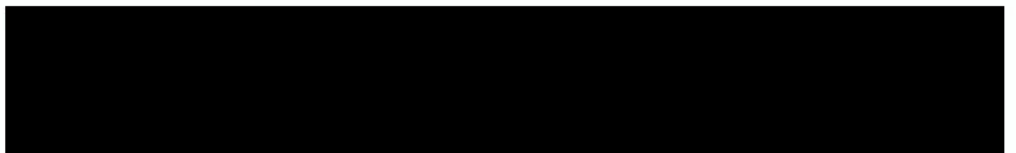
Principal Office-bearers

Interim Moderator

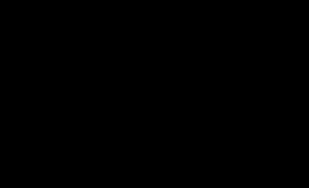
Session Clerks: (Joint)

Clerk to the Board:

Church Treasurer:



Independent Examiner



Bankers

Bank of Scotland

50 Hopetoun Street

Bathgate

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2024

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Church was administered in accordance with the terms of the Model Deed of Constitution. This changed on the 21st April 2024 when we moved to a Unitary Constitution.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Members of the Kirk Session are the charity trustees. The Kirk Session consists of the Minister, or Interim Moderator, and the Elders. The Minister is elected by the Congregation and inducted by Presbytery. The Elders are chosen from those Members of the Church who are considered to have the appropriate gifts and skills.

Organisational Structure

The Kirk Session is moderated by the Minister and is responsible for all affairs within the Church and, normally, meets ten times in a year. Certain responsibilities are delegated to the Finance and Property Committees and the Worship, Outreach and Pastoral Teams. Reports are submitted to Session as appropriate.

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.

The following **information** detailing **Objectives and Activities** of the congregation of **Boghall Parish Church of Scotland, Bathgate** has been broken down into relevant headings and there may be a slight overlap with some items.

Mission Statement

The Mission Statement of Boghall Parish Church of Scotland, Bathgate, reads

"By God's Grace, we seek to serve Him in our community and elsewhere, by sharing the love of Jesus, and to grow in our faith and fellowship through the reading and preaching of His Gospel, and prayer."

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Year ended 31 December 2024

The biggest change this year has been the decision by the Church of Scotland to allow us to call a Minister. A group prepared an excellent Parish Profile. The nominating committee of nine was selected and after advertising, eight people applied to be our Minister. All eight were interviewed and the decision to appoint a sole nominee was unanimous. This decision was approved by the Kirk Session and we look forward to exciting times ahead. Our Interim Moderator gives invaluable advice and support for which we are very grateful.

We continue to provide worship every Sunday, led by a number of visiting Ministers and Worship leaders. We are very grateful for their contributions and view this as a positive experience, hearing different voices leading Worship and introducing new thoughts on scripture.

Throughout all this change, we continue to worship, pray, and provide pastoral care and outreach, making Boghall Church a centre of Worship at the heart of our Community. We have welcomed new people to the church from other churches and from other countries. We had a request from two members of the Congregation to allow a single sex marriage ceremony. This led to a Kirk Session discussion and a subsequent Congregational meeting and vote to “depart from the tradition of Church of Scotland “ and approve the permission of single sex marriages within the Church. The discussion was positive and supportive of the motion and was passed unanimously by the Congregation present for the vote. The Church and hall buildings are used throughout the week for several all-age activities, including the various youth organisations, the many sub-groups and committees forming the Kirk Session within the Unitary Constitution. We also offer Hall Lets for birthday parties. Regular community groups are the Tae Kwon-Do, Gamblers Anonymous and Artlink - a charity helping people with mental health needs. Last year Artlink were given a substantial grant to develop a "Boghall Community Growing and Cooking Group" along with the Church, Boghall Drop in Centre and schools. The plan was to enable vegetables to be grown in raised beds and then to use the produce to provide meals and cookery classes. Raised beds have been completed and planting is taking place . Much of this work was undertaken by Asylum Seekers from the Cairn Hotel. Our Friendship Cafe continues to take place on Wednesday mornings during school term time, when pupils from Boghall Primary School come and serve tea and coffee, play games and chat with those members of the Congregation who come along. This is an experience enjoyed by all. The activities of the Congregation require the generous giving of time, talents, and money on the part of members and adherents. Thanks are due to our Treasurer, who does a wonderful job overseeing our finances and to our two Session Clerks, who work tirelessly for the Church.

Achievements and Performance

Our current roll of Church membership is 175 communicants and 38 adherents. The average attendance at Sunday morning services is approx. 60 members. In addition, worship is streamed via our Facebook in order that anyone can view and take part throughout the week. A recording of worship is also posted on our YouTube channel. DVD recordings are issued to those with no access to the internet. This ensures that Boghall Church reaches out to the maximum number of people possible, in accordance with our Mission Statement. Most of our organisations, under the supervision of the Kirk Session, also continue to be well attended, and adequately staffed. The Church has its own Facebook page and website to advertise events.

Trustees' Annual Report (cont.)

Year ended 31 December 2024

Worship

Sunday morning worship continues although, we have no Minister. We have built up a rota of mainly retired Ministers and Readers. Many are already known to the Congregation. They comment on how much they enjoy coming to Boghall and the warm welcome they receive. Members of the Congregation take an active part in worship every week contributing with readings and prayers. During the year, Services have been led by the Girls Brigade, the Outreach Group and the Worship group.

We have occasional "Cafe Churches" during the year. These take place in the hall, sitting at tables and enjoying tea and coffee before Worship. This slightly less formal Worship has seen us having speakers from various organisations. We also held a United Service on Christmas Day. We held our annual Christmas Celebration in December with choirs from the Girls Brigade, St Columba's RC School, Boghall Primary School and musicians from Bathgate Academy taking part. Their joyful singing along with readings, prayers, music and congregational singing was enjoyed by a large Congregation. An informal form of Worship takes place on Tuesday afternoons as a "House Group". It meets in the Church as this suits most people and also encourages some members to attend who otherwise might not have been able to. Numbers have increased with around 15 participants. A typical meeting lasts about an hour, in which there is some Bible reading, hymns, chat and a bit of laughter! Everyone is free to chip-in and all views are respected. Sometimes there is a cup of tea and occasionally the Group ventures out; the Group enjoyed a lunch at the Fairway in the summer. New faces are always welcome. At Boghall, worship continues to be an inclusive and shared experience, utilising a variety of formats and the talents of the Congregation.

Outreach

We have an active Outreach Committee working on behalf of the Church to engage with the local community and bring wider issues to the Congregation for action.

We delivered various all age Worships including a Sundae Sunday Service where ice cream was served and funds were raised for the HIV/AIDs charity. We also led the Harvest Service where a substantial amount was raised for Bethany Christian Trust. Finally we led the Toy service where many toys were donated to kids across West Lothian via the charity River Kids and where we were able to deliver messages of hope across the wider world via the EMMS charity. We continue our work and links with many organisations including; Christian Aid, Blythswood Care shoebox appeal and Scottish Bible Society. We supported the VIVA Boghall Fun Day which promoted the opening of the Garden project, by holding a craft table for the younger visitors. We continue our support of Dr Graham's Homes, Kalimpong in India and the Mulanje Mission Hospital either directly or through EMMS. Our links with the schools in Boghall continue to thrive. Scripture Union "It's Your Move" booklets were donated to every Primary 7 pupil to help prepare them for life at the Academy and Advent calendars were also donated at Christmas. Boghall Primary again held their Christmas and Easter Service in the Church. The weekly Friendship cafe led by pupils of Boghall Primary and held in the church continues to be a success where all ages meet for a cup of tea and a chat. The two primary schools and the high school were actively involved in the Christmas celebration service which was enjoyed by all. We continue to visit the local high school on a regular basis offering support and Mission where we can. There are many other Outreach activities that take place across the Congregation including the Memory Cafe and work with the Asylum seekers.

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Year ended 31 December 2024

Youth

Girls Brigade continues with dedicated Officers under their Captain and a group of helpful parents. They once again delivered the Christmas post raising valuable funds for their organisation and Kalimpong. The Youth group continue to meet monthly on Sunday nights during Term time with 3 new members joining. Activities include games and crafts, netball, table tennis, cake decorating and pizza nights were among their favourites. One of the members has joined the Worship group. The group also took part in the Harvest Service and this was well received. For the December meeting they were pleased to decorate the Christmas tree in the Hall of Fellowship and welcomed their visiting Elder then too. New faces would be welcome.

Ecumenical

Bathgate Churches Together meets regularly. This comprises Bathgate Parish Church, Boghall Parish Church, the EU-UR Church and St Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church. We hope that Centrepont Church may join us when they move into the town centre. United services for Christian Unity were held in various churches as were Advent Services and the World Day of Prayer Service. Christmas Day Services were held in Boghall Church and St Columba's. The Street Pastors continue their work in Bathgate at weekends helping vulnerable people and are sponsored by the various Churches. Bathgate Churches Together once again took a stall at Bathgate Market to raise money for Christian Aid. They sponsor a Flower Planter in George Street – a visible example of working together.

Pastoral

There are five people on the Pastoral Support Group. The Group and Church Elders stay in contact with members in their districts by visits and telephone calls as well as at Services at the Church, especially when we have tea and coffee after Sunday Worship. The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to give comfort to those who need it and a card is delivered to members on the first anniversary of a bereavement. We have an active Prayer Circle with fifteen people lighting a candle in their own homes on a Wednesday night at 8pm to join together in prayer with a prepared liturgy. Prayers for all situations, either worldwide or personal are added and can be requested by anyone. Members of the Congregation make up the majority of volunteers at the Memory Cafe held monthly in Rosemount Gardens. The cafe provides activities and support, in a safe environment, for people living with dementia along with their carers. Pastoral lunches continue and afford another time of fellowship.

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Year ended 31 December 2024

Stewardship Activities

We continue to make best use of all elements of Stewardship as we can - time, talents and money. The Church in Boghall would not function without the generous amount of time given by many people. Likewise their talents are essential in so many ways, both spiritual and practical.

Last November we held our extremely successful Christmas Fayre. It raised over £2,000. We welcomed a large number of families into our buildings - Santa Claus was kept busy and the teas and coffees afforded people a seat and a chat. We are very grateful to the large number of people who helped raise this marvellous amount and gave our community such a happy evening. Two joint fundraising concerts were held with performances by Bathgate Concert Orchestra and Kirkton Brass Bands. These concerts were well attended and provided a source of income. When added to our income from Easyfundraising and other fundraising activities, the total for the year is £3,321. We support Bethany Christian Trust both financially (including sponsoring a member of the Congregation for the Bethany Sleepout) and in kind with clothing, sleeping bags and blankets also being donated. We continue to support the Asylum Seekers at the Cairn Hotel, by donating Christmas gifts, clothing and shoes. Regular donations for the Foodbank and Women's Aid also have been gratefully received.

Trustees' Annual Report (cont.)

Year ended 31 December 2024

Financial Review

The principal source of income is from bank Standing Orders, Open Plate and weekly offerings via envelopes, although the number of envelopes issued have vastly reduced as the majority of Members now make their offering by bank Standing Order. We are very grateful for the continued financial support from our Congregation. Offerings received in 2024 were £61,034, a decrease of £411 from 2023. The other main source of income is from Gift Aid and the amount due from offerings in 2024 is £13,839. The various fundraising events raised £3,321 and income from users of Church premises came to £4,590. We received Investment Income of £6,193 which is an increase of £1,768 from 2023.

The largest single payment was the Giving to Grow Contribution of £41,050. Other significant payments during the year were Presbytery Dues - £949, Pulpit Supply - £3,836, staffing costs - £17,843, fabric maintenance - £12,246, insurance - £2,372 and gas and electricity - £4,955, an increase of £1,896 from 2023. This is due to a change in the General Trustees energy contracts, with tariffs costing around double the previous contracts. The total unrestricted income for the year was £96,808, expenditure £87,548, giving a surplus for the year of £9,260. Due to Boghall being a Vacant Charge, we received a reduction in our Giving to Grow Contribution of £11,196. We have also received extra income from a Probationer Minister, who is living in the manse, which amounted to £6,000 for the year. If no reduction had been received, and no income from the manse, we would have ended the year with a deficit of £7,936. With regard to the General Congregational Purposes Investment, the Trustees are aware of the significant decrease in value due to current market trends and are continuing to monitor this on a monthly basis. There has been a small increase in the value of the investments, however the dividend income has increased as previously mentioned.

Other Receipts

With regard to Manse Income, this is a donation received from a Probationer Minister at Livingston Old/St Andrews Parish Church. They required accommodation and moved into Boghall manse in October 2023 and will remain there until the manse is required for our new Minister. This is an agreement with Church of Scotland Legal Department using a Caretaker's Agreement. They are responsible for all expenses relating to the manse.

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of approximately 3 months expenditure including designated funds. At the year end the Church held unrestricted funds of £61,586 of which £24,513 has been designated for the General Congregational Purposes Fund, £12,226 for Fabric Fund, £7,335 for Roof Replacement/General Repair Fund, £1,775 for Congregational Purposes, £0.00 for Guild and £15,737 for General Fund.

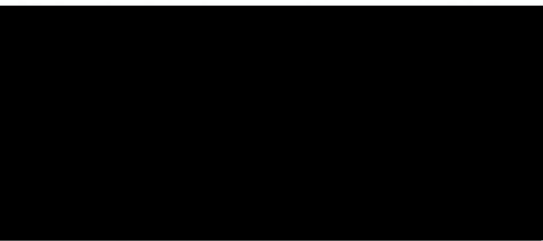
The Church also held £2,071 of restricted funds which have been provided for the purposes specified in Note 2.

Trustees' Annual Report (cont.)
Year ended 31 December 2024

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The members of the Kirk Session must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Church during the financial year. The members of the Kirk Session are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Church at that time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the Regulations Anent Congregational Finance approved by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 2007. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,



Date19/03/2025.....

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Boghall Parish Church

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees 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

An 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.

Date : 20/03/2025

Boghall Parish Church, Bathgate
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment		
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
		2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>	Note					
Donations	3	75583	0	0	75583	75363
Legacies		0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising Events		3321	0	0	3321	2729
Activities for Generating Funds - Congregational Organisations	2	0	0	0	0	1026
Investment income		6077	116	0	6193	4425
		<u>84981</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>85097</u>	<u>83543</u>
Rental of premises- Church Halls/Rooms		4590	0	0	4590	3610
Grants - Faith in Community		0	700	0	700	0
Weddings & Funerals		1220	0	0	1220	488
<u>Other Receipts</u> - Council Tax Reimbursed		0	0	0	0	1460
- Refund Scotwaste		17	0	0	17	
- Kalimpong		0	2015	0	2015	1014
- Manse Income		6000	0	0	6000	1500
<u>Total Receipts</u>	2	<u>96808</u>	<u>2831</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>99639</u>	<u>91615</u>
<u>Payments</u>	4					
Costs of generating funds		79	0	0	79	73
Charitable activities		87469	3316	0	90785	84843
Governance costs		0	0	0	0	0
Other Payments		0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total Payments</u>		<u>87548</u>	<u>3316</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>90864</u>	<u>84916</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers		9260	(485)	0	8775	6699
Transfers		0	0	0	0	0
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		<u>9260</u>	<u>(485)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8775</u>	<u>6699</u>

Boghall Parish Church, Bathgate**Statement of Balances****At 31 December 2024**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment		
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
		2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Bank & Deposit Balances</u>						
Bank & deposit balances	2	52326	2556	0	54882	48183
brought forward						
<u>Movement in year:</u>						
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	2	9260	(485)	0	8775	6699
Bank & deposit balances						
carried forward	2	61586	2071	0	63657	54882
<u>Investments at market value</u>						
(cost £81670)	2	71868	0	2356	74224	73553
<u>Assets</u>						
Gift Aid Receivable		1090	0	0	1090	1032
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Costs not yet billed		0	0	0	0	0

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session and Financial Board on 19/03/2025

For and on behalf of the Kirk Session and Financial Board

Session Clerk

Treasurer

Boghall Parish Church, Bathgate

Statement of Balances

Notes to the Accounts

1. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

During the year one of the Trustees received reimbursement of expenses incurred which totalled £121. The church cleaner, who is related to members of the Kirk Session, received a salary of £7,524 during the year.

2. Movements in Funds

	At 1 Jan 2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Congregational Purposes Fund	19536	4977	0	0	24513
Designated Fabric Fund	11619	607	0	0	12226
Designated Roof Fund	6971	364	0	0	7335
Designated Congregational Purposes	1871	128	(270)	46	1775
General Fund	11900	90732	(86895)	0	15737
<i>Congregational Organisations</i>					
Designated Guild Fund	429	0	(383)	(46)	0
	<u>52326</u>	<u>96808</u>	<u>(87548)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>61586</u>
Restricted funds					
Bibleworld Deposit Fund	1466	89	(116)	0	1439
Faith in the Community - Grant	0	700	(700)	0	0
Garden Fund	43	27	0	0	70
Grounds Maintenance Fund	700	0	(700)	0	0
Kalimpong Fund	(63)	2015	(1800)	0	152
Special Purposes Fund	410	0	0	0	410
	<u>2556</u>	<u>2831</u>	<u>(3316)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2071</u>
Total Unrestricted and Restricted funds	<u>54882</u>	<u>99639</u>	<u>(90864)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>63657</u>
Investments at Market Value					
				Increase/ (Decrease) In Market Value	
Unrestricted funds					
General Congregational Purposes					
Income Fund 6498 units	71218	0	0	650	71868
Endowment funds					
The Murray Bequest 53 units	581	0	0	5	586
The McAlpine Trust 160 units	1754	0	0	16	1770
	<u>73553</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>671</u>	<u>74224</u>
Total funds	<u>128435</u>	<u>99639</u>	<u>(90864)</u>	<u>671</u>	<u>137881</u>

Purposes of Designated Funds

General Congregational Purposes Fund: Deposit Fund for dividends from GCP Income Fund.

Fabric Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds for the maintenance of Church buildings and the manse.

Roof Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds to replace flat roofs and other general building repairs.

Congregational Purposes: To be used when necessary, i.e. In 2024, paid for a new TV and stand for general use in the Church Halls.

Guild: Funds for use by the organisation. The Guild disbanded in 2023 due to various circumstances.

All funds were transferred to the General Fund to be used for Congregational Purposes.

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Bibleworld Deposit Fund: Donated by Bathgate Christian Bookshop after closure. In 2024 Primary 7 leavers booklets were purchased.

Garden Fund: To provide plants, materials for garden.

Grounds Maintenance: Investment income put to garden fund. Capital amount only to be used for major grounds expense. In 2024 funds were used towards cost of refurbishing perimeter railings around the grounds of the Church and buildings. The account is now closed.

Kalimpong Fund: This fund is to sponsor a child's board and education at Dr Graham's Homes, in Kalimpong, India. Full cost per year has increased from £1,500 to £2,400. We were only able to pay £1,800 for 2024.

Special Purpose Fund: This is to fund specific purposes agreed at the time of donation i.e. for use by the minister as a Benevolent Fund within the community. In 2021, clothes and food were purchased to help two people in need.

Purpose of Investment

General Congregational Purposes Income Fund: Surplus funds invested for future general use.

Purposes of Endowment Funds

Murray Bequest and McAlpine Trust - investment income paid into Congregational Purposes account and used when necessary. Capital sum - only to be used in an emergency.

3. Analysis of Donations

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
WFO Scheme (non Gift Aid)	10586	0	0	10586	11065
Gift Aid Donations	49650	0	0	49650	49355
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Donations	13778	0	0	13778	13729
Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)	798	0	0	798	1025
Other Offerings, Donations etc.	401	0	0	401	0
Fabric Boxes	370	0	0	370	189
	<u>75583</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>75583</u>	<u>75363</u>

4. Analysis of Payments

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Costs of generating funds					
Offering envelopes	79	0	0	79	73
	<u>79</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>73</u>
Charitable activities					
Giving to Grow	41050	0	0	41050	45496
Presbytery dues	949	0	0	949	962
Minister's expenses	121	0	0	121	147
Pulpit supply	3836	0	0	3836	3530
Other staffing costs	17843	0	0	17843	16476
Fabric repairs & maintenance	11546	700	0	12246	4108
Council Tax	0	0	0	0	1453
Heat and light	4955	0	0	4955	3059
Insurance	2372	0	0	2372	2239
Equipment	619	0	0	619	180
Organ & music	882	0	0	882	912
Bibleworld Project	0	116	0	116	2204
Grants - Faith in Community	0	700	0	700	0
Kalimpong	0	1800	0	1800	1500
Guild	383	0	0	383	630
Sunday Seekers	0	0	0	0	62
Other expenses	2913	0	0	2913	1885
	<u>87469</u>	<u>3316</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>90785</u>	<u>84843</u>
Other payments					
Purchase of Investments	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

5. Minister's Stipend

All Church of Scotland congregations contribute to the National Stipend Fund which bears the costs of all ministers' stipends and employer's contributions for national insurance, pension and housing and loan fund. Ministers' 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 £31,642 and the maximum stipend in 5th and subsequent years of service was £38,884.

6. Collections for Third Parties

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bethany Christian Trust	108	200
Christian Aid	582	735
EMMS - Mulanje Mission Hospital	100	252
Harvest Thanksgiving - Bethany Christian Trust (Standing Firm Appeal 2023)	695	603
Mulanje Mission Hospital	0	318
Poppy Scotland	215	150
Shelter	108	0
Sundae Sunday HIV/AIDS Project	254	202
Turkey/Syria Appeal	0	700
West Lothian Foodbank	65	0
	<u>2127</u>	<u>3160</u>