

Possilpark Parish Church of Scotland, Glasgow

Scotland · Charity number SC003241

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Part of	The Church of Scotland (SC011353)
Registered	1926-02-05
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address Possilpark Parish Church
124 Saracen Street
Glasgow
G22 5AP

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of religion'

What the charity does: Commend the Christian faith to our parish. Our events divide into two main categories. Recovery from addiction and improving the quality of life for all ages under the Christian ethos.

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

Objectives: the advancement of religion

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£54,662	£55,318	-	2
2023-12-31	£52,657	£47,670	-	2
2022-12-31	£58,523	£50,666	-	2
2021-12-31	£92,725	£91,909	-	3
2020-12-31	£68,048	£65,778	-	3

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Accounts

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**Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Congregation No: 160990
Charity No: SC003241**

Possilpark Parish Church of Scotland, Glasgow
Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Possilpark Parish Church of Scotland, Glasgow
Charity Registration Number: SC003241
Congregation Reference Number: 160990
Contact Address: 124 Saracen Street
Glasgow
G22 5AP

Trustees

Kirk Session Members

[REDACTED]

All are also members of the Congregational Board

Congregational Board Members during 2024.

Principal Office-bearers

Interim Moderator

Session Clerk:

Church Treasurer:

Independent Examiner

Bankers:

Royal Bank of Scotland
Bishopbriggs Branch
129 Kirkintilloch Road
Glasgow, G64 2 LR

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Trustees' Annual Report

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Church is administered in accordance with the terms of the Model Deed of Constitution.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Members of the Kirk Session and the Congregational Board are the charity trustees. The Kirk Session members are the elders of the church 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.

The Congregational Board consists of the minister, all the elders and a number of members, who are believed to have the skills and commitment to contribute to the management affairs of the Church, elected at the Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation. The number so elected is decided by the Congregation, but must not exceed the number of elders at the date of the election. They serve for a maximum period of three years after which they are eligible for re-election at the next Stated Annual Meeting.

Organisational Structure

The Kirk Session, which meets nine times a year, is responsible for spiritual affairs within the church.

The Congregational Board which is responsible for the temporal affairs of the church is chaired by the minister and also meets nine times in a year. Certain responsibilities are delegated to the Finance Committee and the Property Committee 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.

We are a centre of worship and teaching in the midst of one of the most deprived parishes in the country and hold worship services every Sunday with Bible Study during the week. There are groups catering for the needs of the members of the congregation such as Sunday School, Bible Study Groups, Pastoral Care Group, Magazine Advisers, Social Activities Team, GK Experience for Youth Outreach, Monday Manoeuvres, Recycled Teenagers, Hobbies Club, Keppoch Campus Learning hubs, Good as New Shop and Friday Fill-UP for free meals with a Community chest collecting food for destitute people referred by the medical centre across the road.

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The Congregation also acts as host for a number of charitable organisations - Alcoholic Anonymous, four Cocaine Anonymous groups one of which is Iranian , two Narcotics groups, a Rape Crisis Drop in Service , North West Recovery Communities Cafe, See the Person for adults with learning needs, Hospitals and Institutions Committee, Kinship Carers and Arthritis Care. This year we opened our doors to the groups from the Community Centre when it was without heating. We participated in community projects such as Possil loves Christmas, Sharing Cowlares and pretty pathways to School.

Also, on Sundays the Assembly of God and the Lighthouse Church, both Pentecostal congregations meet for their worship. Once a year the Cowcaddens District hold their Divine Service in our premises. We also have commercial lets, which are Slimming World, the Constituency Labour Party and the Councillor's Surgery.

Achievements and Performance

Our congregation continues to stand firm, bearing witness to the love of God and the mission of the Church of Scotland in Possilpark, as we offer a safe and welcoming space for whosoever. We are growing both in numbers and Christian maturity, and our Kirk Session is working hard to discern how best we might serve our wider community.

The reputation of the church is enhanced by the level of commitment to expressing the love of God in our community

Financial Review

Although total receipts have increased by approximately £2,000 , £11,536 had to be drawn down from the General Trustees to help fund new Radiators and toilets. Donations have also significantly reduced due to an anonymous donation of £12,000 received in 2023.

The accounts show an increase in expenditure of over £7,000, due to increases in Heat and light of £4,500 and cleaning of £2,500.

Reserves Policy

Over the past few years there have been insufficient funds raised to meet non property costs This year £11,536 was drawn down from The General Trustees to fund the fabric costs which were £19,122 . Usually, funding of fabric costs is very much dependent on the investments held and the Trustees believe it is prudent to continue to retain them for this purpose. At the end of the year our General Fund balance stood at £15,806.

The church has no restricted or endowment funds at the present time.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

**Possilpark Parish Church of Scotland, Glasgow
Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

The Trustees must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Church during the financial year. The Trustees 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 (as amended) and the Regulations Anent Congregational Finance approved by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 2016. 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 on 21/08/2025 and signed on their behalf by.



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**Possilpark Parish Church of Scotland, Glasgow
SC003241**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Possilpark Parish Church of Scotland

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

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 (as amended).

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.

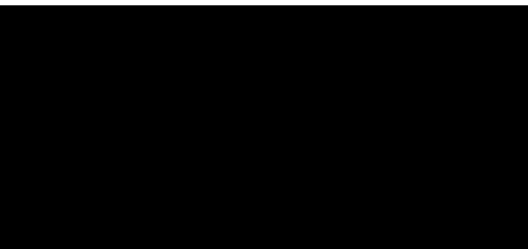
Basis of independent examiner's statement

An examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 *[other than disclosed below*]*

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 (as amended), and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended) 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: 27/8/2025

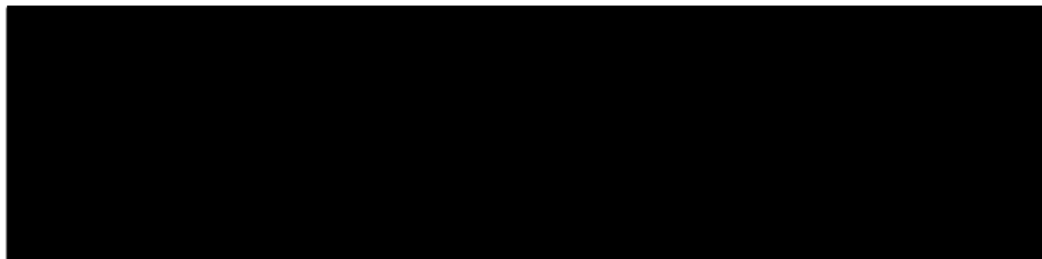
Possilpark Parish Church of Scotland, Glasgow
Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
		2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations	3	23,464	-	-	23,464	31,985
Legacies		-	-	-	-	-
Activities for Generating Funds		6,288	-	-	6,288	4,954
Bank & Deposit Interest		-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income		-	-	-	-	-
Rental of Premises		12,394	-	-	12,394	14,326
Lottery award -contrib to heating		-	-	-	-	1,040
Drawn from Investment Managers		-	-	-	-	-
Drawn from General Trustees		11,536	-	-	11,536	-
Other Receipts		981	-	-	981	351
		<u>54,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,662</u>	<u>52,657</u>
Assets and Investments						
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Receipts		54,662	-	-	54,662	52,657
Payments						
Cost of Generating Funds	4	169	-	-	169	186
Charitable Activities	4	54,874	-	-	54,874	47,248
Governance Costs	4	275	-	-	275	235
		<u>55,318</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,318</u>	<u>47,670</u>
Assets & Investments	4	-	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Payments		55,318	-	-	55,318	47,670
Excess of (Payments) over Receipts for the year before transfers						
		<u>(656)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(656)</u>	<u>4,987</u>
Transfers	2	-	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of (Payments) over Receipts		(656)	-	-	(656)	4,987

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Statement of Balances
At 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Note					
Bank and Deposit Balances						
Bank and deposit balances brought forward		16,463	-	-	16,463	11,475
Movement in year:						
Excess of Receipts over Payments		(656)	-	-	(656)	4,987
Bank and deposit balances carried forward	2	15,806	-	-	15,806	16,463
Investments at market value (cost - £73,185)	7	75,074	-	-	75,074	73,130
Assets						
Gift Aid Receivable		-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities						
Giving to Grow		-	-	-	-	-

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 21/08/2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Possilpark Parish Church of Scotland, Glasgow
Notes forming part of the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Regulations anent Congregational Finance approved by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 2016.

2 Movement in Funds

	At 1 Jan 2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated Fabric Fund	-	-	-	-	-
General Fund	16,463	54,662	(55,318)	-	15,806
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	16,463	54,662	(55,318)	-	15,806
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Restricted funds					
None	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
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Endowment funds					
None	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
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Total Funds	16,463	54,662	(55,318)	-	15,806
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Purpose of Funds

Fabric Fund - Deals with funds set aside by the Trustees for the maintenance of the Church property

General Fund - Deals with the day to day running of the Church

3 Analysis of Donations

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
WFO Scheme (non Gift Aid)	16,318	-	-	16,318	12,987
Gift Aid Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Dons.	-	-	-	-	-
Ordinary Offerings (Open plate)	1,627	-	-	1,627	3,356
Contributions from Organisations	4,997	-	-	4,997	3,068
Other Offerings, Donations, etc	522	-	-	522	12,574
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	23,464	-	-	23,464	31,985
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4 Analysis of Payments

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cost of Generating funds					
Investment Manager's Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Offering envelopes	169	-	-	169	186
	<u>169</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>186</u>
Charitable Activities					
Giving to Grow / M&M allocation	2,440	-	-	2,440	-
Presbytery Dues	783	-	-	783	215
Minister's Travel exps	48	-	-	48	64
Water rates	548	-	-	548	-
Pulpit Supply	4,830	-	-	4,830	4,360
Other Salary Costs	7,080	-	-	7,080	6,520
Fabric repairs Church	19,122	-	-	19,122	19,164
Fabric repairs Manse	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	3,525
Music	802	-	-	802	1,121
Heat and light	10,453	-	-	10,453	5,954
Insurance	1,233	-	-	1,233	1,064
Cleaning and Hygiene	5,562	-	-	5,562	3,114
Printing, Stationery & Postage	196	-	-	196	267
Telephone and Internet	1,188	-	-	1,188	1,227
Other expenses	590	-	-	590	653
	<u>54,874</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,874</u>	<u>47,248</u>
Governance Costs					
Independent Examiner's Fee	275	-	-	275	235
Other Payments					
Purchase of Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u><u>55,318</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>55,318</u></u>	<u><u>47,670</u></u>

5 Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

During the year one trustee was employed as cleaner and received £3,540.

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

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6 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. 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 the fifth and subsequent years) was £38,884.

7 Investments

	Market Value at 1 Jan 2024 £	Invested £	Withdrawn £	Gain/(Loss) on Revaluation £	Market Value at 31 Dec 2024 £
Funds Managed by Rathbones	73,130	-	-	1,944	75,074
	<u>73,130</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,944</u>	<u>75,074</u>
Held in respect of:					
Unrestricted Funds					
Designated Fabric Fund	<u>73,130</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,944</u>	<u>75,074</u>

Although designated for fabric, the investments can be used for general purposes if required.

Disposition of Investments:	2024 £	2023 £
UK Fixed Income	4,011	4,178
Overseas Fixed Income	9,544	9,614
UK Equities	11,784	11,459
Overseas Equities	28,362	27,081
Property	3,178	3,207
Alternative Assets	5,973	5,989
Cash	12,222	11,602
	<u>75,074</u>	<u>73,130</u>

Until June 2024 the portfolio was managed by Investec. Rathbones has now taken over Investec, and the investec Platform was transferred to the new Rathbones one.

8 Collections for Third Parties

	2024 £	2023 £
Christian Aid	200	570
	-	-
	<u>200</u>	<u>570</u>

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Appendix

FUNDS HELD ON BEHALF OF THE CONGREGATION
BY THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GENERAL TRUSTEES

	2024	2023
	£	£
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
Credit Balances held at 31 December at cost	<u>394,309</u>	<u>394,309</u>
Market Value	<u>406,575</u>	<u>404,746</u>
TEMPORARY FUNDS		
Credit Balance at 31 December	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
REVENUE ACCOUNT		
Credit Balance at 31 December	<u>10,066</u>	<u>3,695</u>