

Newarthill and Carfin Parish Church of Scotland

Scotland · Charity number SC005427

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Part of	The Church of Scotland (SC011353)
Registered	1969-05-29
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	6 Caledonia Drive Motherwell ML15JN
Website	https://www.nc-church.org

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of religion'

What the charity does: The integral function of our Church is to draw people together in the worship of God and to extend care and love into the community in mission and pastoral work. It is a condition of membership that a person requires to be admitted on profession of faith. Worship services continue to be central to the life and beating heart of our church life and are open to all, not solely church members, as is the provision of pastoral support and inclusion in church-based activities. The Church of Scotland has an open communion table to members of any branch of the Christian Church.

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

Objectives: The advancement of religion.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£73,549	£74,831	-	1
2024-12-31	£249,835	£276,840	-	1
2023-12-31	£60,640	£60,339	-	1
2022-12-31	£56,522	£64,328	-	0
2021-12-31	£58,783	£56,639	-	0

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the Year ended 31 December 2025

Congregation No: 171153

Charity No: SC 005427

Mission Statement:

*To project the Gospel of Christ into the community
through faith, fellowship, and love.*

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Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: **Newarthill & Carfin Parish, Church of Scotland**
Charity Registration Number: **SC 005427**
Congregation Reference No: **171153**
Contact Address: **Ann Pickering, Session Clerk c/o 6 Caledonia Drive,
Newarthill, Motherwell, ML1 5JN.**

Trustees

Mrs Laura Jean Fleming (Interim Moderator)
Andrew Affleck James Burns (retired Apr 25) Ann Pickering
Margaret Armstrong David Cameron Selma Rutherford
Isabella Brownlie Gillian Haggart Catherine Scott
Janette Bryce Jessie Love Allan Webber

Principal Office-Bearers

Minister: The charge is in vacancy
Interim Moderator Laura J Fleming
Interim Minister Rev. Muriel Pearson (appointed October 25)
Session Clerk Ann Pickering
Church Treasurer: Vacancy
Finance Convener: Ann Pickering

Independent Examiner

Sarah Hollis
Chartered Accountant
Hollis Accounting Limited
3 Melville Crescent
Edinburgh
EH3 7HW

Bankers

Royal Bank of Scotland
Hamilton Road Motherwell
ML1 3DA

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Church is administered in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Constitution (Unitary Form).

Recruitment and Appointment of 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 Elders and Minister are charity Trustees and have confirmed that they: believe the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith; promise to seek the unity and peace of this Church; uphold the doctrine, worship, government, and discipline thereof; and to take their due part in the administration of its affairs. The minister, who is a member of the Kirk Session, is elected by the congregation and inducted by Presbytery. The church is currently in vacancy. The Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale appointed Mrs Laura-Jean Fleming to be our Interim Moderator in September 2024.

Organisational Structure

The Kirk Session is moderated by the minister or appointed Interim Moderator and meets monthly except for July, August, and December, unless otherwise intimated.

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 integral function of our Church is to draw people together in the worship of God and to extend care and love into the community in mission and pastoral work. It is a condition of membership that a person requires to be admitted on profession of faith.

Achievements and Performance

Worship services continue to be central to the life and heart of our church and are open to all, as is the provision of pastoral support and inclusion in church-based activities.

The integral function of our Church is to draw people together in the worship of God and to extend care and love into the community in mission and pastoral work. It is a condition of membership that a person requires to be admitted on profession of faith. Worship services continue to be central to the life and heart of our church life and are open to all, not solely church members, as is the provision of pastoral support and inclusion in church-based activities. The Church of Scotland has an open communion table to members of any branch of the Christian church.

Throughout 2025, we celebrated as 3 adults were baptised, 5 members were admitted to membership by profession of faith, and 1 member was admitted by resolution of the Kirk Session. Additionally, 2 new members were admitted by transfer certificate and 1 member transferred out to another Church of Scotland congregation. Sadly, we lost 12 of our committed and loyal members throughout 2025. The deaths from our membership and fellowship significantly impacted us all, as they were beloved having served loyally and provided dedicated membership. We pay tribute to all who have left an indelible mark on the life and witness of our church. We are thankful for their service and legacy and continue to mourn and grieve their loss. As of 31 December 2025, the total number on the communion roll was 141 and the supplementary roll was 91.

We provide regular opportunities for worship, celebration, and the teaching of the Christian faith. Our Sunday morning public worship services provide appropriate ceremonies to mark or celebrate special times of life such as baptism, marriage and funerals. We also provide opportunities to mark or celebrate local and national events such as Thanksgiving, Dedication, Remembrance and others as appropriate and as occasions arise.

We regret that we have no children who regularly attend church, but we are committed with our cluster partners to develop mission to families, children and young people.

In May, we were delighted to jointly host an Ecumenical Service to mark Pentecost Sunday with our neighbouring congregation of St Teresa's RC Church. The service was conducted jointly by Jim Paxton, our Locum, and the Parish Priest, Fr. Kieran Hamilton. Fellowship over tea and cakes was held in Newarthill and Carfin church hall before we processed together to St Teresa's for a service of worship. This has now become an annual event.

We uphold as a congregation the aim of promoting unity among the world's Christian churches and we are pleased to play our part in publicly recognising each other as Christians and as children of God in Christ (Galatians 3: 25-28). We recognise each other as brothers and sisters in Christ, and we wish to express our friendship and respect for one another as fellow Christians, citizens, and partners in announcing the Kingdom of God in our land.

Our Locum, Elders, and Interim Minister provide ongoing spiritual counselling, advice, and support to all living in the Parish, and to our membership during our quarterly elder district visits. Church members continue to deliver the church flowers to those in the Parish identified as celebrating a special occasion, suffering through illness, bereavement or just as a simple reminder to those unable to attend worship or participate in church-based activities.

Our adult organisations of Indoor Bowling Group, Thursday Coffee Morning Group and The Church Choir continue to flourish and are welcome opportunities for the enrichment of church life and fellowship.

We offer our halls for use to the Parish and to individuals and groups who need and request this service. The church's commitment to community is to encourage outside organisations to use its buildings. The halls continue to be offered on a regular hall letting basis to the Rainbow Guides, Brownies, and Guides, the AA group, and The Wee Mobile Foodbank, which has an established base and storage facilities provided within the church premises.

This Foodbank continues to provide essential basic food items to the neediest in our local community, across Lanarkshire and beyond, and as a congregation we provide active support with ongoing food and monetary donations to support their work.

Going forward, however, we require to think carefully and proactively about how we can best promote our buildings for wider use, while ensuring the buildings are used safely and appropriately.

Forth Valley and Clydesdale Presbytery Mission Plan discussions have started with our cluster partners of Holytown, Kirk O' Shotts and New Stevenston: Wrangholm Kirk.

To support the necessary move towards union, Rev. Muriel Pearson, an Interim Minister, was appointed on 20 October 2025 to lead the significant work to be done and support the acknowledged sensitivities around the impact of cluster church closures.

On 30 November, we held the first of our joint cluster worship services with all 4 cluster congregations led by our Interim Minister. This was an uplifting morning worshipping God together marking progress in our journey towards Union and reinforcing our collective commitment to maintaining worship, witnessing and serving our united congregations and Parish.

We continue to commit wholeheartedly and with a real sense of purpose and enthusiasm to all new opportunities for developing our mission and vision within our Parish, working alongside our cluster friends. As we build a new foundation of change, we will continue to strive to achieve the 5 Marks of Mission as we seek to encourage and plant new ideas, which meet our local circumstances, and as a call to Christ's people to do and be something in the image of Christ which actively displays our faithfulness to God.

Notes of thanks

The continuing life of the church owes much to many congregation members, extended family and friends who offer their gifts, talents and time to maintain worship and witness in our Parish. The Kirk Session has several designated committees with the remits delegated to support the smooth operation of the church. Our established committees of Education and Mission, Property, Publicity, Communications and Technology and our Projects Team Committee work tirelessly to deliver on their specific remits and with reports being received monthly at Kirk Session meetings.

Safeguarding

Maintaining a safe church for all is paramount and throughout 2025 our Safeguarding Coordinator, working on behalf of the Kirk Session, has continued to ensure that the instructions, recommendations, training and legislation relating to safeguarding practice in the Church of Scotland have been implemented.

Worship

Worship services depend not only on the worship leader but on our Organist, Choir, our duty teams, Bible readers, flower organisers and those responsible for counting and banking the offerings. The effort put into weekly newsletters, the Herald and the administration of the church Facebook page serve to keep all informed.

Financial Review 2025

The Kirk Session members are all charity Trustees and understand their responsibilities to ensure effective stewardship over our resources. The day-to-day responsibilities in terms of budget setting, the safe management of income and bill paying is remitted to the Finance Committee which is led by the Finance Convener. We continue to actively attempt to recruit members to the committee, but there has been no success to date. As part of our cluster discussions, we are looking to harness experience and talent across the congregations to support each other to tackle all that needs attention.

In terms of our risk management policy, we have strict cash handling procedures with the offering being counted by a member of the Finance team, under the direction of the Finance Convener, which is thereafter banked timeously and safely. All cheques written are signed by two signatories to ensure effective control, accountability and to safeguard the individual finance committee members. All bills are paid by cheque or bank transfer, and no cash is used to settle bills. Our employee is paid by standing order and cheque for any incidental occasions he works to ensure that there are an audit trail and accurate records to inform the tax liability. Encouragement is given to the membership that, where possible, donations should be made online, by bank direct debit, standing order, or by cheque, and so reduce the level of cash that is required to be managed by members of the Finance Team. Over the course of the 2025 financial year, finance reports were provided to the Elders, so that the Trustees were provided with a financial overview of the church's financial position, to support informed decisions, and to allow robust oversight by the Trustees.

Corresponding with the membership remained key throughout 2025 to lay out the absolute necessity for ongoing support for the work of the church, to ensure the viability of the church, and especially so throughout these times of increasing costs, declining members, income, and because we had to expend all of our capital resources and part of our local reserves in meeting the costs of our essential building works.

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At the present time, we have 43 members who have weekly freewill offering envelopes, although disappointingly 5 of these members did not contribute at all over the course of 2025. 27 members pay either by standing order or direct bank transfer monthly. The numbers committed to a means of regular giving equates to 49% of those on the congregational roll, which is a 3% increase from our 2024 position. Comparatively from 2024 our income in all areas has increased, non-gift aid donations, gift aid donations, open plate and other donations have all increased as has the overall income derived from our fundraising efforts. Our financial support of 3rd party charities has also shown an increase demonstrating in full the ongoing generous support of the work and witness of the church and to others.

Newarthill and Carfin Parish Church continues to be registered with easyfundraising to provide the opportunity to raise free donations for us, at no cost to subscribers when they shop online. By year end, we had twenty-seven supporters to our cause, and we continue to promote this manner of fundraising by regular publication in all our correspondence, intimations, and emails.

The Trustees will continue to do all we can to continue to encourage good Christian stewardship, recognising that although the act of giving is a spiritual matter, it is a deeply personal one which should be viewed as central to faithful living as are prayer, bible study and worship. A meeting with the Church of Scotland stewardship team was held in early 2025 to engage their expertise, and which provided us with support resources and encouragement of our financial situation.

We are ending the year with a small deficit of £1,282 in comparison to a significant deficit of £27,005 at the end of December 2024. We had a significant gift aid recovery in January which was a due asset to the charity from December 2024, which has helped boost our overall income in 2025. and so this a clear reason for the financial recovery. For 2025 we have some assets due to the charity, with gift aid payable of approximately £1,500, which will assist to balance the overall deficit, in addition to a claim for pulpit expenses which has been submitted to the Stewardship and Finance Department at the Church of Scotland and for £600. This amount having been paid to our retired Minister of Word and Sacrament, as he has provided pulpit cover for all our Sacrament services.

The Trustees will continue with their efforts on encouragement of the membership's commitment to fruitful regular giving. Positively, we have managed to maintain full payment to our assessed Giving to Grow liability and to satisfying all our bills due.

We are thankful for faithfulness in giving by all who have maintained or increased their offerings, and express gratitude, as the Trustees, that all of us who are lovingly committed to God's work, thus making the Ministry of the church possible, continue to contribute individually and collectively to the congregational vitality of our church both locally and nationally.

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We pray that, as we embark on a new year, we can continue to bring stability to our church finances. However, we can only do so if all members of our church and those interested in joining us, commit to regularly funding the Church's work. Stewardship is not about scraping by; it is about embracing a spirit of generosity that reflects the abundance of God's grace. Whether through our time, talents, or financial contributions, each of us has a role in shaping the Church's future.

Reserves Policy

At the year end the Church held unrestricted cash funds of £27,588 (2024: £28,870) of which £12,551 (2024: £12,509) sits within the unrestricted designated funds specific to the individual church organisations and fabric. The Trustees have considered that it is appropriate to hold these funds which equate to more than 6 months of current general expenditure.

The Church also held investments in the Church of Scotland Investors Trust with a market value of £63,300 (2024: £61,410) the interest on which is used for the general purposes of the church.

Psalm 71:16 'I will go in the strength of the Lord; I will make mention of Thy righteousness, even of Thine only.'

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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 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,

Ann Pickering


Session Clerk

Date 11/3/26

**Independent Examiner's Report to the
Trustees of Newarthill and Carfin Parish, Church of Scotland**

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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 9 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.

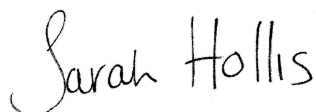
Basis of independent examiner's statement

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.



Sarah Hollis
Chartered Accountant
Hollis Accounting Limited
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Date 26/03/26

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Receipts and Payments account
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		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Note	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations etc.	3	55,327	4,877	-	60,204	43,537
Legacies		-	-	-	-	-
Activities for generating funds		9,316	-	-	9,316	6,432
Bank & Deposit Interest		332	-	-	332	583
Investment Income		3,267	-	-	3,267	3,266
		<u>68,242</u>	<u>4,877</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,119</u>	<u>53,818</u>
Church Hall Lets		430	-	-	430	1,015
Sale of investments		-	-	-	-	-
Grants from General Trustees		-	-	-	-	10,000
Receipts from General Trustees		-	-	-	-	185,002
Other Receipts		-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts		<u>68,672</u>	<u>4,877</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,549</u>	<u>249,835</u>
Payments						
	4					
Costs of generating funds		108	-	-	108	108
Charitable activities		71,688	1,835	-	73,523	275,592
Governance costs		1,200	-	-	1,200	1,140
Total Payments		<u>72,996</u>	<u>1,835</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,831</u>	<u>276,840</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers		(4,324)	3,042	-	(1,282)	(27,005)
Transfers		3,000	(3,000)	-	-	-
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		<u>(1,324)</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,282)</u>	<u>(27,005)</u>

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Statement of Balances
At 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Designated Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Bank & Deposit Balances</u>					
Bank & deposit balances brought forward	16,361	12,509	-	28,870	55,875
Movement in year:					
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	(1,324)	42	-	(1,282)	(27,005)
Bank & deposit balances carried forward	<u>2</u> 15,037	<u>12,551</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,588</u>	<u>28,870</u>
<u>Investments at market value (cost £57,983)</u>	7 63,300	-	-	63,300	61,410
Heritable Property at Cost	5(b) -	-	-	-	-
<u>Assets</u>					
Gift Aid Receivable	1,500	-	-	1,500	7,000
Pulpit supply	600	-	-	600	-
Council tax refund due	-	-	-	-	540
	<u>2,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>7,540</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Locum fees	-	-	-	-	2,632
Independent examination	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,140
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>3,772</u>

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session on 11 March 2026

For and on behalf of the Kirk Session

Session Clerk [Signature] Ann Pickering

Interim Moderator: Laura Fleming Laura Fleming

Notes to the Accounts

Year ending 31 December 2025

1. (a) 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 £32,433 and the maximum stipend (in the fifth and subsequent years) £39,856.

(b) Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

No Trustee or person related to a Trustee received any remuneration or expenses or has a personal interest in any contract or transactions entered into by the charity during the year.

2.	At 31.12.24	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31.12.25
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	16,361	68,672	(72,996)	3,000	15,037
	<u>16,361</u>	<u>68,672</u>	<u>(72,996)</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>15,037</u>
Designated funds					
Organisations:					
Craft group	705	-	-	-	705
Indoor Bowling	60	-	-	-	60
Recreation Group	74	-	-	-	74
Guild	304	-	-	-	304
Church Choir	68	-	-	-	68
Church Club	-	-	-	-	-
Thursday Coffee Morning	2,640	4,877	(1,396)	(3,000)	3,121
Tuesday Coffee Morning	177	-	-	-	177
Sunday School	1,105	-	-	-	1,105
Fabric Fund	7,376	-	(439)	-	6,937
	<u>12,509</u>	<u>4,877</u>	<u>(1,835)</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>12,551</u>
Restricted Funds					
Fabric Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	<u><u>28,870</u></u>	<u><u>73,549</u></u>	<u><u>(74,831)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>27,588</u></u>

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Purposes of Designated Funds

Organisations' Funds: The funds associated with the Craft Group, Indoor Bowling, Recreation Group, Guild, Church Choir, Church Club, Thursday Coffee Morning, Tuesday Coffee Morning and Sunday School are for the purpose of managing the financial affairs of the respective organisations. Each organisation appoints a Treasurer who is approved by the Kirk Session to carry out this task and liaise with the Church Treasurer to integrate into the Church Accounts. The majority of these funds are held in an 'organisations' bank account mainly with some older amounts being retained in the main church account. The following organisations are no longer operational: the Guild, Craft Group, Recreation Group and the Tuesday Coffee Morning so the funds remaining will be determined for use by the Trustees in early 2026.

Fabric Fund: This is to be used for Fabric projects. The Trustees originally set aside £15,500 from general funds and organisations transfers for the maintenance of the Church Property including the manse. Donations from the organisations to the general and fabric funds are treated as transfers between funds.

Purposes of Restricted funds

Fabric Fund: This is to be used for fabric and other building expenses. Income comes from grants from the General Trustees and other grants.

Endowment Funds

Income from the MacPhail/Russell Legacies is to be used to provide income for special projects as determined by the trustees. The Endowment fund is held in investments and so not included in the above balances. Investment income is included as general as the Trustees can determine the use.

	Unrestricted Designated Restricted			Total 2025	Total 2024
	Funds 2025	Funds 2025	Funds 2025		
3. Analysis of Donation Receipts					
Donations	£	£	£	£	£
WFO scheme (non Gift Aid)	9,632	-	-	9,632	7,691
Gift Aid Donations	23,148	-	-	23,148	21,337
Gift Aid	13,351	-	-	13,351	4,415
Ordinary offerings (Open Plate	4,343	-	-	4,343	2,027
Organisations income	-	4,877	-	4,877	3,520
Wedding & funeral donations	720	-	-	720	860
Donations for other charities	2,178	-	-	2,178	2,026
Other donations	1,955	-	-	1,955	1,661
	<u>55,327</u>	<u>4,877</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,204</u>	<u>43,537</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Designated Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
4. Analysis of Payments					
Cost of Generating Funds					
FWO envelopes	108	-	-	108	108
Dedication plaques	-	-	-	-	-
	108	-	-	108	108
Charitable activities					
Giving to Grow	37,968	-	-	37,968	28,989
Presbytery Dues	1,137	-	-	1,137	1,011
Minister's expenses	-	-	-	-	430
Locum costs/Pulpit supply	4,513	-	-	4,513	1,000
Organist	2,847	-	-	2,847	2,792
Other salaries	-	-	-	-	-
Fabric repairs and maintenance	5,902	439	-	6,341	219,816
Security Lighting and CCTV	88	-	-	88	352
Council Tax	-	-	-	-	1,438
Cleaning & cleaning materials	952	-	-	952	2,120
Heat, Light, Water & Waste	11,081	-	-	11,081	8,221
Insurances	1,526	-	-	1,526	2,356
Telephone	1,102	-	-	1,102	1,033
Office costs	561	-	-	561	750
Congregational Organisations	-	1,396	-	1,396	1,646
Payroll Administration	570	-	-	570	540
Speakers Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment and Materials	-	-	-	-	-
Socials	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenses	3,441	-	-	3,441	3,098
Total Charitable Activities	71,688	1,835	-	73,523	275,592
Governance Costs					
Accounting and Examination	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,140
Total Payments	72,996	1,835	-	74,831	276,840

5. Fixed Assets - Heritable Properties

- (a) The charity has the right to occupy and use for its charitable objects the following tangible fixed assets, vested in the Church of Scotland General Trustees. No consideration is payable for the use of these assets. Expenditure incurred on the repair and maintenance of these assets is included in payments.
- (b) The manse of Newarthill Parish Church is vested in local Trustees and as such is an asset of the Charity. No original cost information or current valuation is available for the property.

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6. Funds held by Church of Scotland General Trustees

The General Trustees hold funds separate from the charity which can be used for specific purposes. If these funds are drawn they are shown as income in the period. The balance of funds held is shown in the appendix.

7. Fixed Assets -

Investments at Valuation	Unrestricted Designated		Total 2025	Total 2024
	Funds 2025	Funds 2025		
	£	£	£	£
The Church of Scotland Investors Trust – Growth Fund Units				
Newarthill & Carfin General Purposes	1,293	-	1,293	1,199
	<u>1,293</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,293</u>	<u>1,199</u>
The Church of Scotland Investors Trust – Income Fund Units				
Newarthill & Carfin General Purposes	62,007	-	62,007	60,211
	<u>62,007</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,007</u>	<u>60,211</u>
Total Investments	<u>63,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,300</u>	<u>61,410</u>

Funds held in the deposit fund are included in the balance of funds on the statement of balances.

Funds held in investments are shown as an asset but not included in the balances.

8. Bank and Cash Balances

	Unrestricted Designated		Total 2025	Total 2024
	Funds 2025	Funds 2025		
	£	£	£	£
The Church of Scotland Investors Trust – Deposit Fund Units				
Newarthill & Carfin General Purposes	30	-	30	30
General Bank Account	17,460	6,937	24,397	26,208
Organisations Bank Account	(2,453)	5,614	3,161	2,632
Cash Held by Organisations	-	-	-	-
	<u>15,037</u>	<u>12,551</u>	<u>27,588</u>	<u>28,870</u>

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9. Collections for Third Parties (Paid out)	2025	2024
	£	£
Poppy Scotland	550	448
The Wee Mobile foodbank - Harvest	348	250
MacMillan Cancer Support	714	903
Christian Aid	130	425
St. Andrews Hospice	298	-
Orbiston Centre Community Fridge	138	-
	<u>2,178</u>	<u>2,026</u>
Total collected for above charities	2,178	2,026
Net receipt (payment out)	-	-

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

	2025 £	2024 £
<u>REVENUE ACCOUNT</u>		
Balance at 31 December	<u>13,143</u>	<u>12,696</u>
<u>TEMPORARY ACCOUNT</u>		
Balance at 31 December	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>		
Balance at 31 December	<u>3,865</u>	<u>3,865</u>
Market Value at 31 December	<u>6,987</u>	<u>6,574</u>

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Congregation No: 171153

Charity No: SC 005427

**Mission Statement: To project the Gospel of Christ
into the community through faith, fellowship and love.**

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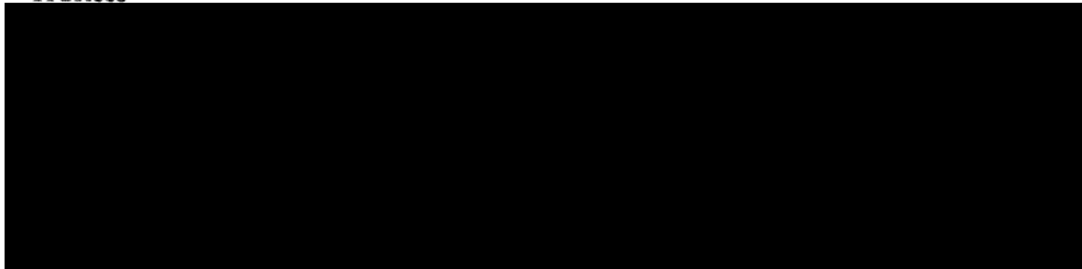
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Contact Address:



Trustees



Principal Office-Bearers

Minister:

The charge is in vacancy

Interim Moderator

Session Clerk

Church Treasurer:

Finance Convener:



Independent Examiner



Chartered Accountant
Hollis Accounting Limited
3 Melville Crescent
Edinburgh
EH3 7HW

Bankers

Royal Bank of Scotland
Hamilton Road Motherwell
ML1 3DA

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ending 31 December 2024

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Church is administered in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Constitution (Unitary Form).

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The Elders and Minister within the Kirk Session of Newarthill and Carfin are the charity Trustees and have confirmed that they: believe the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith; promise to seek the unity and peace of this Church; uphold the doctrine, worship, government, and discipline thereof; and to take their due part in the administration of its affairs. 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. As of 31 July 2024, our Minister retired, leaving the church in vacancy. The Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale appointed [REDACTED] to be our Interim Moderator effective September 2024.

Organisational Structure

The Kirk Session is moderated by the minister or appointed Interim Moderator and meets monthly except for July, August, and December, unless otherwise intimated.

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.

Achievements and Performance

John 12: 26

"If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am there my servant will be also; if anyone serves me, the father will honour him."

The Kirk Session of Newarthill and Carfin Parish Church presents its report and the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2024.

The integral function of our Church is to draw people together in the worship of God and to extend care and love into the community in mission and pastoral work. It is a condition of membership that a person requires to be admitted on profession of faith. Worship services continue to be central to the life and beating heart of our church life and are open to all, not solely church members, as is the provision of pastoral support and inclusion in church-based activities. The Church of Scotland has an open communion table to members of any branch of the Christian church.

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We continue to provide our facilities for worship, fellowship, and the enriching of community life to all who have an interest. We provide regular opportunities for worship, celebration, and the teaching of the Christian faith. We offer and provide our halls for use to the Parish and individuals and groups who need and request this service, although post pandemic take up has been poor and we need to think carefully around how we best promote our buildings for wider use, while ensuring the buildings are used safely and appropriately.

Through the Minister until her retirement at the end of July 2024, and since August 2024 our Locum and Elders, we offer spiritual counselling, advice, and support to anyone living in the Parish, and to our membership during our quarterly Elder-district visits, and pastoral visits by the Locum and Elders. Our church members continue to deliver the church flowers to those in the Parish identified as celebrating a special occasion, suffering through illness, bereavement or just as a simple reminder to those unable to attend worship or participate in church-based activities, for any reason, that we are thinking of them, and to extend our care and support to all.

Our Minister who had been called to serve since April 2014, and served for 10 years, demitted the charge on 31 July 2024, on retirement, placing the congregation in vacancy. With the departure of our Minister, we marked an historic day because with her retirement, this ended the 16th Ministry tenure since the inception of a parish church in Newarthill in 1802. Due to Mission Planning not yet being finalised and with a suspension on our right to call a Minister in our own right, the retiring Minister had the honour of being the 16th and final Minister of our independent charge. When Mission Planning impacts, we will move to union with our identified cluster churches as Mission Planning determines and the name of Newarthill and Carfin Parish Church will move to the annals of history.

To mark the retirement of our Minister, a gift and monetary presentation was given to the Minister, during her last worship service, with a speech delivered by our Session Clerk. At the close of worship, we held a retirement party lunch to give thanks for Elaine's ministry and to wish her well as she embarked on new adventures.

We have now been vacant therefore for a period of 5 months, although we are stifled in our ability to move forward with calling a Minister until Mission Planning decisions are concluded and unions with the cluster congregations are finalised. A timescale for this to happen is not confirmed, as a congregation within our identified cluster group has requested a review of the plan, and as a timescale for conclusion cannot be confirmed, we remain in an indeterminate position.

Meantime, our Locum remains available for all pastoral needs and encourages, by pulpit announcement and use of social media platforms, opportunities to engage with the church and him on a personal level, reaching out to all who would welcome a pastoral visit. Our Locum can be contacted directly for discussion around first communicants' classes, which are planned to commence in March 2025, weddings, funerals or for any other pastoral support need. The Sacraments of Communion and Baptism are reserved for ordained Ministers of Word and Sacrament, and so anyone who wishes to organise a Baptism can contact our Interim Moderator and arrangements will be made to discuss any request in greater detail. Communion services are held quarterly, for which we have pulpit exchange in place.

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We hold public worship services each week on a Sunday morning and provide appropriate ceremonies to mark or celebrate special times of life such as baptisms, marriages, and funerals. We also provide opportunities to mark or celebrate local and national events such as Thanksgiving, Dedication, Remembrance Services, and all others as appropriate and as occasions arise.

For almost 6 months we have had no children attending church on a regular basis and this is a sadness for all within the congregation. We trust that in 2025 we may see a return to worship of children, so that we can re-establish our Sunday School and Crèche; this is a situation that the congregation earnestly pray for.

In May, we were delighted to host a joint Ecumenical Service to mark Pentecost Sunday with our neighbouring congregation of St Teresa's RC Church, and which was jointly conducted by our Minister and the Parish Priest, Fr Kevin. Fellowship over tea and cakes was held in St Teresa's church hall before we processed together to our Sanctuary where a worship service was held. We uphold as a congregation the aim of promoting unity among the world's Christian churches and we are pleased to play our part in publicly recognising each other as Christians and as children of God in Christ (Galatians 3: 25-28). We recognise each other as brothers and sisters in Christ, and we wish to express our friendship and respect for one another as fellow Christians, citizens, and partners in announcing the kingdom of God in our land. **John 17: 20 'that they may all be one, so that the world may believe that he has been sent by the Father.'**

During 2024, 15th Motherwell Boys' Brigade Company, chose not to return to the building following the building closure for essential health and safety works, from the end of January 2024 until just after Easter 2024, and are now no longer affiliated with the church on an interim basis, and so sit within the overall oversight of BB UK. We continue, as a congregation, to pray for the work of BB undertaken locally and nationally.

Our adult organisations of Indoor Bowling Group, Thursday Coffee Morning Group and The Church Choir continue to flourish and are such welcome opportunities for the enrichment of church life and fellowship. In addition, our halls continue to be offered on a regular hall letting basis to the Rainbow Guides, Brownies, and Guides, the AA group, Carluke Young Farmers, and The Wee Mobile Foodbank, which has an established base and storage facilities provided within the church premises. During the closure of our church for 3 months, the Foodbank relocated to alternative premises, however we joyfully welcomed the Foodbank back at the end of 2024. They continue to provide essential basic food items and ad-hoc items to the neediest in our local community and across Lanarkshire and beyond, and as a congregation we provide active support with ongoing food and occasional monetary donations to support their work.

Our halls remain available for hire to the wider community, established groups, or for use on a single event hall let basis for birthday parties, and other suitable events as determined by the Kirk Session. We have a beautiful suite of accommodation which is suitable for most purposes. In Newarthill and Carfin our church building remains central to our mission opportunities and future development plans.

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Romans 12:11 "not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;"

Much of the day-to-day church business is dealt with by the Kirk Session's standing committees with the Conveners presenting their reports for approval and direction to the Elders at our routine business meetings.

The Committees who act on behalf of the Kirk Session are as follows:

Education and Mission Committee

Finance Committee

Projects Team

Property Committee

Publicity, Communications and Technology Committee

All of the committees need new members to support our plans and to lessen the burden on those who continue to work tirelessly on behalf of the congregation. We will continue to actively encourage interest in serving, so that each member can actively play their full part in serving the congregation, Parish, and our Lord and in a way which suits their own time and talents.

The Kirk Session met regularly across 2024, spending time together in prayer and discussing emerging issues and concerns, planning church worship, activities, and in discussion around the Mission Planning proposals, and making essential decisions about the health and safety of our building and the necessary decisions to commit our reserves to pay for the considerable works identified.

As charity trustees, these meetings provide all with the opportunity to play their due part in the administration of the church affairs and to accord with their vows of ordination and Trustee responsibilities. In terms of secular law, the Elders which make up the Kirk Session, are Trustees, with all the duties and responsibilities of that role. In other words, we are responsible, amongst other things, for appointing, managing, resourcing, and supporting sufficient numbers of suitable personnel to run all the church activities we wish to provide.

The Kirk Session is, therefore, responsible for any decisions made on its behalf, for example, decisions of the Safeguarding Panel or Safeguarding Coordinator. It is therefore important that the Session remains aware of its responsibilities in relation to safeguarding and appoint these important roles with care and diligence.

The Session Clerk, appointed in October 2020, continues to serve her 2nd term as Session Clerk and until Mission Planning is determined. The Session Clerk remit brings with it a myriad of roles, however, at the heart of being a good session clerk are healthy relationships and a strengthened understanding of church law, practice, and procedure. We are grateful for the selfless dedication of the clerk, as this is a most helpful and important volunteer role in the life of our parish church, by offering sound and able leadership, especially during periods of vacancy and times of uncertainty.

We have also diligently played our part in the wider work of the church, appointing a representative Elder to the Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale, and a commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, held in May 2024, which is the highest court of the Church of Scotland.

We are grateful, therefore, to those who have and continue to volunteer, exercise guidance and management of the church affairs, and demonstrate readily their faithfulness in service.

Towards the end of 2023, it was established that we had a considerable level of essential building works required and as we entered 2024, the scope of the works became clearer. Because of the nature and extent of the works needed, it was determined by the Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale that the building would need to be closed to safeguard all building users and to provide a suitable and safe working environment to the appointed contractors. The building was closed for all purposes, including public worship, at the end of January 2024, and remained closed until early April 2024. This was a time of significant upset and uncertainty for the office bearers and congregation and hampered our work, witness, and finances over this time. Positively though, it provided an opportunity to strengthen our relationships with our three cluster congregations, as our congregation members were free to choose which of the cluster churches, or any other church, they wished to attend for worship and church life events, during the time of closure and until the repair works were completed. We are grateful for the warmth, care and concern extended from our cluster churches and other local churches, and the support of the wider church over this difficult period. We acknowledge the support of the Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale and the Church of Scotland General Trustees, who provided a grant towards the cost of the health and safety works, and for their care, concern, and support as we managed a difficult period in our church life.

During the closure, the Office Bearers continued to work hard, managing the additional demands that the work associated with the church closure brought. The Kirk Session continued to meet out with the church building, giving focus to Mission Planning and our routine business. Despite all the focus on Mission Planning, following the instruction from General Assembly which tasked all Presbyteries and local churches to develop a five-year Mission Plan, this being set against a background of falling minister numbers, a decline in membership and a drop in income both nationally and locally, we remain at the end of December 2024 in a limbo situation, as one of our cluster churches has asked for a review of the plan. Until this is heard, the timescale being unknown, we cannot move forward.

Throughout 2024, we celebrated as one member was admitted by resolution of the Kirk Session, and a new member admitted on profession of faith. There were no new member transfers in, but we transferred two members to a church out with the Church of Scotland. We had 1 adult baptism in 2024; however, no children were baptised. Sadly, we lost 4 of our committed and loyal members throughout 2024, including 1 Elder, who was our much-loved Sunday School Superintendent, Safeguarding Panel member, Presbytery Elder and BB Officer, following a short illness. This loss and all other deaths from our membership and fellowship has significantly impacted us all, as they were beloved of our membership, serving loyally in all their various capacities, and providing dedicated membership. All members and friends of the church that we have lost this past year are missed, and we pay tribute to all who have left an indelible mark on the life and witness of our church and fellowship. We are thankful for their service and legacy and continue to mourn and grieve their loss.

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At the end of December 2024, we had a communion roll of 146 members, with no recorded adherents and with a supplementary roll of 94. The annual revision of the Communion Roll is planned for early 2025, at which the question of adherence to vows of Church membership shall be raised in the case of any person who during the year under review, without obvious and sufficient reason, has not, in the opinion of the Kirk Session, shown sufficient interest or taken an adequate share in the worship, mission and service of our Church.

Publicity, Communications and Technology:

We remain so grateful for the service of our Convener as she provides selfless, dedicated expertise in in this area of church service.

The Publicity, Communications and Technology Committee has worked throughout the year to keep the congregation informed about the ongoing work of the church through weekly intimations, our quarterly magazine 'The Herald', and our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/newarthillandcarfinCoS>),

Over the year congregation members and adherents have continued to be encouraged, where possible, to receive their correspondence electronically; this action having a beneficial impact on the environment and church finances thus playing a small part in our efforts in achieving Mark of Mission No.5: *'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'*. We do, however, still continue to provide paper copies to those who have no access to the internet, or who choose this as their preference.

Weekly intimations and the Order of Service for the coming Sunday are sent out electronically to all members and interested parties who have supplied an email address.

Our main method of staying connected with our Congregation and Parish has continued to be through our Facebook page. The page, which at year end has 585 followers and 477 page-likes, is updated regularly with news, prayers, and items of interest from our own Church and Parish, the Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale and the Church of Scotland. All methods of contact for the church are advertised on the page and parishioners are encouraged to get in touch if they need our support or services. This is an active example of our Mission engagement in action and as expressed in the first of the 5 Marks of Mission. *'To Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.'*

The ability to continue to correspond with all our membership, and particularly with those without internet access, through our quarterly magazine remains key, and with contributions from the Minister, Interim Moderator, Locum, Session Clerk, Committee Conveners, organisation leaders and members of the congregation, provides a medium to keep informing all church membership on church life and offering commentary on impacting current issues. This has been a particularly essential means of maintaining contact with those of our membership and adherents who have been unable, or felt unable, to return to in-person worship or church activities following the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Safeguarding:

Throughout 2024, our Safeguarding Coordinator continued to work to ensure that all activities working with children, young people, and vulnerable adults within Newarthill and Carfin Parish Church, were carried out in accordance with the Church of Scotland's policies on safeguarding. Our Safeguarding Coordinator acts on behalf of the Kirk Session, to help ensure that the instructions, recommendations, and legislation relating to safeguarding practice in the Church are implemented. The Safeguarding Coordinator is supported by the Safeguarding Panel, appointed by the Kirk Session to manage safeguarding matters on its behalf.

Safeguarding is about protecting children and adults at risk. The Gospel proclaims that it is the responsibility of everyone within the fellowship of the Church to prevent harm, be it physical, sexual, or emotional, and we will always seek to reduce risk. We have a duty to ensure a safe Church for all.

The main duties and responsibilities of the Safeguarding Coordinator involve managing the process of recruitment, checking and training of employees and volunteers who wish to work with children and vulnerable adults. All wishing to do 'regulated work' with children or vulnerable adults must become members of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act, 2007 Scheme and attend Safeguarding Training.

The Safeguarding Coordinator reports to Kirk Session so that in the exercise of our mission the Kirk Session remains mindful of its responsibility in ensuring the safeguarding of all individuals and is committed to our duty in providing a safe church for all.

In June 2024, we were devastated by the loss of [REDACTED] our Sunday School Superintendent, Safeguarding Panel member, and BB Leader. We are deeply indebted to [REDACTED] for all she did in our church, and beyond, in ensuring that our children had a good Christian education, in a Church where she strived to ensure all were safe from harm.

In November 2024, due to the preparation for the implementation, to come into force in April 2025, of the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020, which will make it unlawful to have people holding PVG membership and on a Safeguarding Register who are not 'currently actively engaged' in regulated work, the Coordinator was required to undertake a Data Cleanse of our Register. This meant that all volunteers and workers who were not actively engaged in regulated work had to have their details removed.

Sadly, as we had had no children attending church since summer, and therefore we no longer had an active Sunday School, it was necessary to remove all Congregational Children's Workers from our Safeguarding Register. Our one Pastoral Care Worker, who held a PVG for Vulnerable Adults, but was no longer actively engaged in regulated work, was also removed.

Added to this, with 15th Motherwell BB Company no longer meeting in our building, and oversight of the Company, including its safeguarding, being transferred in the interim from the Church to BBUK, at year end all BB Leaders, with the exception of 3 still going through PVG transference at that time, have been removed from our Congregational Safeguarding Register.

Sadly, as we also no longer have a Pastoral Care Team, this means that at 31 December 2024, our SG register consists only of the Safeguarding Coordinator, our 2 remaining members of the Safeguarding Panel, our Church Organist, and the 3 BB Leaders still to transfer.

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During 2024, two Safeguarding Panel members attended mandatory Church of Scotland Advanced Safeguarding Training, our Organist attended Introductory Training, and our Locum attended mandatory refresher training at both Introductory and Advanced levels. This means that the Safeguarding Coordinator, SG Panel members and those within a 'Position of Trust' at Newarthill and Carfin Parish Church are all up to date with all safeguarding requirements.

We continue to work to ensure we have a safe church for all.

Property Committee:

This has been an onerous year for our Convener, Office Bearers generally, and committee members who willingly volunteer in this remit.

As 2023 ended, it became apparent that there were some serious essential works required throughout the building, including re-wiring, renewing of our heating boilers, and the replacement of our accessible access ramp. We worked closely with the Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale and the General Trustees to move the works forward in the early part of 2024, and worked incredibly hard to prepare our buildings to be brought back to a safe, accessible, warm, and welcoming building which is central to the delivery of our traditional outreach of the church by preaching God's word, caring for our communities, and continuing our engagement with the community.

In addition to the essential repair works, we have throughout 2024 continued to carefully care for our buildings, conducting routine maintenance, safety checks and regular cleaning by our diligent, but small team of volunteers.

The work on tidying the church grounds continues to have focus, and we remain delighted that we have a community project involved in assisting with the caring and maintenance of the church grounds and already a huge difference is obvious during the growing season when the overall appearance of the church gardens and grounds is enhanced.

We were delighted to be awarded a defibrillator from the British Heart Foundation, following a successful bid submission in March 2024. The defibrillator has been installed prominently on the external façade of the church building and is for all in the local community to use. The unit is linked to a system called Circuit so that the ambulance service is aware of its location and can direct first responders. Having this piece of life-saving equipment at the heart of our community is vital as it empowers all, contributes towards community spirit and resilience, and allows a quicker first aid response to anyone in need.

Education and Mission:

Members of our Education and Mission Team continue to actively support the work of the Motherwell Area Christian Aid Committee and encourage support for their collective fundraising efforts and our own local fundraising activities across the year. We offered the opportunity for the congregation to contribute to the Church of Scotland stamp appeal which supports the Firmly Planted Project in Malawi to create tree nurseries. We are wholly committed to supporting the work of Christian Aid in aiming to eradicate poverty and injustice. We stand alongside all who work for this aim so that all across the world can thrive and share life in its rich fullness. 4th Mark of Mission: 'To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation'.

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In 2024 we raised funds for third party charities, Poppyscotland, Macmillan Cancer Support and Christian Aid, and, as always, the congregation and wider Parish donated so very generously. Our annual Harvest Service in October 2024, from which food donations and monetary donations were given to The Wee Mobile Foodbank, which has provided food and essentials items over the past 4 years to so many families in acute need. The Kirk Session agreed to provide a base for the Foodbank operations in 2022 and agreed the establishment of a Community Food Larder. The congregation generously supports the work of the Foodbank on an ongoing basis over the course of each year. We give grateful thanks for the work done by this small band of people, and pledge our continuing commitment to work with the Foodbank to do what we can to support the poor and needy in our Parish and beyond, as living evidence of our commitment to the third of the 5 Marks of Mission: **'To respond to human need by loving service'**.

In November 2024, we held a public worship service in the Sanctuary on Remembrance Sunday, where we had a good turnout of regular worshippers, visitors, and Brownies and Guides on parade. Following the close of worship, a community and civic wreath laying service, led by our Locum, took place at the War Memorial on High Street, Newarthill where a great number of the wider community attended. We were delighted and privileged to welcome along to both worship services the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, who laid a wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of King Charles III.

We do remain blessed that we can continue to deliver church organisations and opportunities for fellowship, and trust that with God's grace and mercy new groups and activities can be established as we forge ahead with our mission and outreach work. The leaders of the organisations and groups involved in church life commit their lives to service, and we gratefully acknowledge their commitment and service in action.

Projects:

Over the course of 2024, our Projects volunteers met to share fundraising ideas and to organise various fund-raising events with a focus on raising vital funds for the church.

Christmas Stockings: The congregation members are given a knitted Christmas stocking and asked to give a donation in lieu of sending individual Christmas cards to each congregation member. The stocking is then hung on the Christmas tree and dedicated in December. We think this is a most fitting way of giving Jesus a Christmas gift, while raising funds to support the work and witness of the church.

Sponsored Hymn: Most weeks throughout the year, we had a Sponsored Hymn, Solo or Organ Voluntary, chosen by a member of the congregation, included in our morning worship, and this has proved to be a successful and popular method of raising vital funds for the church.

Christmas Coffee Morning: The Projects Committee organised a Christmas Coffee Morning at the end of November 2024, and thanks to the support from the congregation and Parish, it was incredibly well attended, despite the heavy snow. It proved to be a successful day, full of fun, and gave an opportunity for enriching Christian fellowship and community outreach, while raising crucial funds for the work of the church.

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Fashion Shows: The congregation played host to Taylor Fashions on two occasions throughout the year raising income for church funds. These events were well supported by the congregation and wider community and were lovely afternoons of social opportunities and friendship, held in our warm and welcoming halls.

Wine Tasting event: We held a super event in May 2024 to raise funds for church funds and to extend an opportunity for social engagement and fellowship. This was a successful night, busy and fun, and we are grateful for the support given by all who attended and for the beneficial outcome of raising much needed funds for our church.

The Church Choir:

The choir, remains small in number, but is big in enthusiasm, ability, and the members delight in being part of our Choir. The choir would love new members to join them, and all are encouraged to think about joining to boost the numbers. The choir meets each Friday evening in the church sanctuary from September until May, to rehearse and plan for the choir's contribution to weekly worship and concert performances. The choir is taught by our Choir Master and Organist, with the choir continuing to lead worship following an early Sunday morning practice and contributes most weeks with an introit and anthem.

On 4 December 2024, the 3rd annual 'Big Christmas Sing', organised by our Choir Musical Director/Organist, was held during which the church choir and the choirs of two of our local Primary Schools took part in a concert within the Sanctuary. All the children who participated were gifted with a chocolate selection box, which were received with great excitement and delight. Refreshments and fellowship followed in the large hall at the end of the concert. This was such a happy, joyful night, and it was so heartening to see the church full and to hear the church ring with the happy sound of children's voices, bringing enthusiastic worship and leaving an uplifted congregation filled with the Christmas spirit as we journeyed through Advent.

We have always been a singing congregation, we love singing, praising God, while recognising that the singing of hymns in the house of the Lord, builds our church identity, and we look forward with joy, and appreciation of the choir's contribution to worship and musical opportunities in the new year.

Psalm 104:33: 'As long as I live, I will sing praise to God.'

Ephesians 5:15 'Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.'

The Indoor Bowling:

The group normally meets weekly on a Monday afternoon with the session running from September to May and offers church members, parishioners, friends, and family the opportunity of meeting for gentle exercise, fun and relaxation. The group offers a real opportunity for inclusion in a happy, warm, and welcoming environment. The group has continued to grow its memberships over the year, and warmly welcomes any new members wishing to join. The group enjoys social outings together out with their weekly meetings. The group provides an annual donation to the church towards heating and lighting costs.

Ephesians 5:30 – 'For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.'

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The Thursday Coffee Morning Group:

The Coffee Morning, met most weeks on a Thursday morning throughout 2024, following the re-opening of the church building in April 2024, except for any additional intimated breaks across the year. The Coffee Morning is a superb opportunity for the congregation and Parish at large to come together to enjoy tasty food and fellowship. The income derived from the Coffee Morning is from the sale of bought in goods and donations. The group fundraises on behalf of the church and on behalf of Kirk Session approved charitable organisations on a specified frequency throughout the year.

The Coffee Morning is a deeply cherished church activity, and we give thanks for the work of those who commit weekly to the organisation, those who donate, give of their time and talents, and the warm welcome which awaits all who come along. We were delighted to receive a visit from a Christian Aid representative in May 2024 when our coffee morning proceeds were being donated to the work of Christian Aid and to hear first-hand of the outstanding work being done by the organisation in their mission to help people of all faiths and none live their lives in hope and dignity. *Revelation 3: 20 'Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me.'*

The Sunday School and Crèche: -

We have had only 3 children within the Sunday School this year and sadly they have not attended in recent months. The congregation always enjoyed their youthful presence, energy, fun and enthusiasm in worship, and we give thanks to the Sunday School leaders who have in the past given of their own time in the development of the children in Bible study, song and art, giving the children a firm and nurturing foundation for Christian life. We pray that in 2025 we will see a return to children participating in our worship service and church life and commit to doing all we can to encourage and welcome families back to worship. **'All are welcome in this place.'**

5 Marks of Mission point 2: **'To teach, baptise and nurture new believers.'**

We remain blessed as a congregation for those called to serve in this place as members, office bearers, Elders, and organisation leaders whose steadfast dedication, loyalty and determined hard work ensure that we can continue in our mission and ministry in Newarthill and Carfin Parish Church. We give thanks to God for endowing each individual member with their distinctive gifts and for those who have answered the call of responsibility. We remember prayerfully, and with thanks, those of our membership called home during 2024 and for the pledge they gave in life to be true followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3: 23-24 'Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.'

1 Corinthians 15: 58 'Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.'

2024 saw an ongoing decline in membership, due to deaths and roll changes as members moved on, but despite this we have an outstanding band of loyal, dedicated people worshipping and working together in the service of God and we are justly proud of our ability to continue, even though situations have been most challenging across 2024.

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As we look ahead and to the outcome of the Mission Planning decisions, which we pray will be finalised in the Spring of 2025 to allow us to move forward with certainty, we are fully aware and prepared that no matter the outcome, momentous change lies ahead. As we continue to charter the Mission Planning process, we will continue in our efforts to inspire the people of our Parish and beyond with the good news of Jesus Christ through enthusiastic worshipping, nurturing, witnessing and in our best endeavours to serve our Congregation and Parish.

We are grateful to our Locum for his contribution to worship and his commitment to focused mission work. We have been heartened in the latter part of 2024 by old faces returning to worship and new attenders joining us for the first time. We are so encouraged by this and the enthusiasm they bring to our fellowship and worship. As 2024 ends we are uplifted in spirit of a rejuvenation in attendance and the opportunities that lie in store for us.

Despite the times of uncertainty and threat to our individual viability, we commit wholeheartedly and with a real sense of purpose and enthusiasm to all new opportunities for developing our mission and vision within our Parish, ensuring that we are striving to deliver on the 5 Marks of Mission as we seek to encourage and plant new ideas, which meet our local circumstances, and as a call to Christ's people to do and be something in the image of Christ which actively displays our faithfulness to God.

Financial Review 2024

2 Corinthians 9:7 – 'Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'

The Kirk Session members are all charity Trustees and understand their responsibilities to ensure effective stewardship over our resources. The day-to-day responsibilities in terms of budget setting, the safe management of income and bill paying is remitted to the Finance Committee which is led by the Finance Convener. We continue to actively attempt to recruit members to the committee but there has been no success to date.

In terms of our risk management policy, we have strict cash handling procedures with the offering being counted by a member of the Finance team, under the direction of the Finance Convener, which is thereafter banked timeously and safely. All cheques written are signed by two signatories to ensure effective control, accountability and to safeguard the individual finance committee members. All bills are paid by cheque or bank transfer and no cash is used to settle bills. Our employee is paid by standing order and cheque for any incidental occasions he works to ensure that there is an audit trail and accurate records to inform the tax liability. Encouragement is given to the membership that, where possible, donations should be made online, by bank direct debit, standing order, or by cheque, and so reduce the level of cash that is required to be managed by members of the Finance Team. Over the course of the 2024 financial year, finance reports were provided to the Elders, so that the Trustees were provided with a financial overview of the church's financial position, to support informed decisions, and to allow robust oversight by the Trustees.

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Financial Review 2024 (continued)

Corresponding with the membership remained key throughout 2024 to lay out the absolute necessity for ongoing support for the work of the church, to ensure the viability of the church, and especially so throughout these times of increasing costs, declining members, income, and because we had to expend all of our capital resources and part of our local reserves in meeting the costs of our essential building works. At the present time, we have 46 members who have weekly freewill offering envelopes, although disappointingly 3 of these members did not contribute at all over the course of 2024. 21 members pay either by standing order or direct bank transfer on a monthly basis. The numbers committed to a means of regular giving equates to 46% of those on the congregational roll, which is a 6% decrease from our 2023 position.

This year has been a significant challenge as the identified health and safety repair works value required us to use all of our capital reserves and a huge sum from our local reserves, leaving us financially vulnerable.

We are ending the year with a deficit of £27,005 in comparison to a small surplus at year ending December 2023. We have some assets due to the charity, with gift aid of approximately £7000 and a refund of council tax due of £540, which will assist to reduce the overall deficit. However, we are still concerned about this level of deficit, despite such a significantly challenging year in terms of property expenditure and a declining role, income, a reduction in those of the membership committed to regular giving, and the fact that we were closed for a 3 month period, which has had a direct negative impact on our income, both regular and hall letting. We lost a long term hall let due to the closure of the building for 3 months, but we did have a shorter term let secured for the last quarter of the year and have an occasional use of the halls for parties or events. Rental income, however, is down in comparison to our 2023 position. We have not been able to recover from being closed for a quarter of the year.

Newarthill and Carfin Parish Church continues to be registered with easyfundraising to provide the opportunity to raise free donations for us, at no cost to subscribers, when they shop online. By year end, we had twenty-two supporters to our cause, and we continue to promote this manner of fundraising by regular publication in all of our correspondence, intimations, and emails. Our regular fundraising efforts have been reasonably steady over the course of 2024, but due to resources we have not been enabled to hold the same level of fundraising events this past year. This is something we trust and pray can pick up again as we move forward throughout 2025.

The Trustees will continue to do all we can to continue to encourage good Christian stewardship, recognising that although the act of giving is a spiritual matter, it is a deeply personal one which should be viewed as central to faithful living as are prayer, bible study and worship. A meeting with the Church of Scotland stewardship team has been arranged for early 2025 to engage their expertise, to provide us with much needed financial direction in light of the financial challenges we have endured across 2024 and predict for 2025, and to support us in steadying the ship.

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Financial Review 2024 (continued)

The Trustees will continue with their efforts on reigniting the membership's commitment to fruitful regular giving. Positively, we have managed to maintain full payment to our assessed Giving to Grow liability and to satisfying all our bills due, however our local reserves are significantly diminished, as we had to utilise all of our consolidated reserves and a significant amount of our local reserves to meet the costs of the essential health and safety works and all our routine payments and liabilities.

We are thankful for faithfulness in giving by all who have maintained or increased their offerings, and express gratitude, as the Trustees, that all of us who are lovingly committed to God's work, thus making the Ministry of the church possible, continue to contribute individually and collectively to the congregational vitality of our church both locally and nationally.

We pray that, as we embark on a new year, we can bring stability to our church finances. However, we can only do so if all members of our church and those interested in joining us, commit to regularly funding the Church's work. Without this commitment to ongoing support and meaningful Christian stewardship, in all aspects of our life, our ability to grow as followers of Jesus is hindered, and we are impeded in our desire and mission which is to project the gospel of Christ into the community through faith, fellowship, and love.

Psalm 71:16 'I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD; I will make mention of Thy righteousness, even of Thine only.'

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Reserves Policy

Previously, it was the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of approximately £10,000 in the general fund as a contingency for unforeseen events. At the year end the Church held unrestricted cash funds of £28,870 (2023: £55,875) of which £12,509 (2023: £13,159) sits within the unrestricted designated funds specific to the individual church organisations and fabric. The Trustees have considered that it is appropriate to hold these funds which equate to more than 6 months of current general expenditure.

The Church also held investments in the Church of Scotland Investors Trust with a market value of £61,410 (2023: £60,762) the interest on which is used for the general purposes of the church.

At the end of 2024 the charity has incurred a deficit of £27,005 (2023: surplus of £301). The building was closed at the end of January 2024 until early April 2024, for a significant level of essential works and of a health and safety nature. Therefore we predicted a deficit in the year of (£27,005) being reduced significantly by the drawdown from the Consolidated Fabric Funds.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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 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,

Session Clerk

Date 12 MARCH 2025

**Independent Examiner's Report to the
Trustees of Newarthill and Carfin Parish, Church of Scotland**

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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 18 to 24.

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.

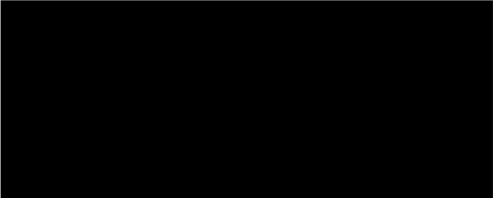
Basis of independent examiner's statement

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.



Follis Accounting Limited
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Edinburgh
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Date

24/3/2025

Newarthill and Carfin Parish, Church of Scotland
Receipts and Payments account
Year ending 31 December 2024

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		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
	Note	Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
		2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations etc.	3	40,017	3,520	-	43,537	48,909
Legacies		-	-	-	-	-
Activities for generating funds		6,432	-	-	6,432	5,996
Bank & Deposit Interest		583	-	-	583	661
Investment Income		3,266	-	-	3,266	3,754
		<u>50,298</u>	<u>3,520</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,818</u>	<u>59,320</u>
Church Hall Lets		1,015	-	-	1,015	1,320
Sale of investments		-	-	-	-	-
Grants from General Trustees		-	-	10,000	10,000	-
Receipts from General Trustees		-	-	185,002	185,002	-
Other Receipts		-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts		<u>51,313</u>	<u>3,520</u>	<u>195,002</u>	<u>249,835</u>	<u>60,640</u>
Payments						
Costs of generating funds	4	108	-	-	108	159
Charitable activities		78,520	2,070	195,002	275,592	59,130
Governance costs		1,140	-	-	1,140	1,050
Total Payments		<u>79,768</u>	<u>2,070</u>	<u>195,002</u>	<u>276,840</u>	<u>60,339</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before		(28,455)	1,450	-	(27,005)	301
Transfers		2,100	(2,100)	-	-	-
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		<u>(26,355)</u>	<u>(650)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(27,005)</u>	<u>301</u>

Newarthill and Carfin Parish, Church of Scotland
Statement of Balances
At 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Designated Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Note					
<u>Bank & Deposit Balances</u>					
Bank & deposit balances brought forward	42,716	13,159	-	55,875	55,574
Movement in year:					
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	(26,355)	(650)	-	(27,005)	301
Bank & deposit balances carried forward	2 <u>16,361</u>	<u>12,509</u>	-	<u>28,870</u>	<u>55,875</u>
<u>Investments at market value</u> (cost £57,983)	7 61,410	-	-	61,410	60,762
Heritable Property at Cost	5(b) -	-	-	-	-
<u>Assets</u>					
Gift Aid Receivable	7,000	-	-	7,000	3,653
Council tax refund due	540	-	-	540	-
	<u>7,540</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,540</u>	<u>3,653</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Locum fees	2,632	-	-	2,632	-
Independent examination	1,140	-	-	1,140	1,020
	<u>3,772</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,772</u>	<u>1,020</u>

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session and Financial Board on 12 MARCH 2025

For and on behalf of the Kirk Session and Financial Board

Session Clerk

Trustee:

Notes to the Accounts

Year ending 31 December 2024

1. (a) 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 the fifth and subsequent years) £38,884.

(b) Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

received £430 (2023 £516) for expenses and £1,438 (2023 £1,754) council tax was paid. No Trustee or person related to a Trustee has a personal interest in any contract or transactions entered into by the charity during the year.

2.	At 31.12.23	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31.12.24
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	42,716	51,313	(79,768)	2,100	16,361
	<u>42,716</u>	<u>51,313</u>	<u>(79,768)</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>16,361</u>
Designated funds					
Organisations:					
Craft group	705	-	-	-	705
Indoor Bowling	160	-	-	(100)	60
Recreation Group	74	-	-	-	74
Guild	304	-	-	-	304
Church Choir	68	-	-	-	68
Church Club	-	-	-	-	-
Thursday Coffee Morning	2,776	3,510	(1,646)	(2,000)	2,640
Tuesday Coffee Morning	177	-	-	-	177
Sunday School	1,095	10	-	-	1,105
Fabric Fund	7,800	-	(424)	-	7,376
	<u>13,159</u>	<u>3,520</u>	<u>(2,070)</u>	<u>(2,100)</u>	<u>12,509</u>
Restricted Funds					
Fabric Fund	-	195,002	(195,002)	-	-
Total funds	<u>55,875</u>	<u>249,835</u>	<u>(276,840)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,870</u>

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

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Purposes of Designated Funds

Organisations' Funds: The funds associated with the Craft Group, Indoor Bowling, Recreation Group, Guild, Church Choir, Church Club, Thursday Coffee Morning, Tuesday Coffee Morning and Sunday School are for the purpose of managing the financial affairs of the respective organisations. Each organisation appoints a Treasurer who is approved by the Kirk Session to carry out this task and liaise with the Church Treasurer to integrate into the Church Accounts. The majority of these funds are held in an 'organisations' bank account mainly with some older amounts being retained in the main church account. The following organisations are no longer operational: the Guild, Craft Group, Recreation Group and the Tuesday Coffee Morning so the funds remaining will be determined for use by the Trustees in early 2025.

Fabric Fund: This is to be used for Fabric projects. The Trustees set aside £15,500 from general funds and organisations transfers for the maintenance of the Church Property including the manse. Donations from the organisations to the general and fabric funds are treated as transfers between funds.

Purposes of Restricted funds

Fabric Fund: This is to be used for fabric and other building expenses. Income comes from grants from the General Trustees and other grants.

Endowment Funds

Income from the MacPhail/Russell Legacies is to be used to provide income for special projects as determined by the trustees. The Endowment fund is held in investments and so not included in the above balances. Investment income is included as general as the Trustees can determine the use.

	Unrestricted Designated Restricted			Total 2024	Total 2023
	Funds 2024	Funds 2024	Funds 2024		
3. Analysis of Donation Receipts					
Donations	£	£	£	£	£
WFO scheme (non Gift Aid)	7,691	-	-	7,691	9,218
Gift Aid Donations	21,337	-	-	21,337	22,743
Gift Aid	4,415	-	-	4,415	6,515
Ordinary offerings (Open Plate)	2,027	-	-	2,027	2,499
Organisations income	-	3,520	-	3,520	3,508
Wedding & funeral donations	860	-	-	860	1,545
Donations for other charities	2,026	-	-	2,026	964
Other donations	1,661	-	-	1,661	1,917
	<u>40,017</u>	<u>3,520</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,537</u>	<u>48,909</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Designated Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
4. Analysis of Payments					
Cost of Generating Funds					
FWO envelopes	108	-	-	108	159
Dedication plaques	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>108</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>159</u>
Charitable activities					
Giving to Grow	28,989	-	-	28,989	32,540
Presbytery Dues	1,011	-	-	1,011	949
Minister's expenses	430	-	-	430	516
Locum costs/Pulpit supply	1,000	-	-	1,000	180
Organist	2,792	-	-	2,792	3,052
Other salaries	-	-	-	-	-
Fabric repairs and maintenance	24,390	424	195,002	219,816	3,053
Security Lighting and CCTV	352	-	-	352	352
Council Tax	1,438	-	-	1,438	1,754
Cleaning & cleaning materials	2,120	-	-	2,120	649
Heat, Light, Water & Waste	8,221	-	-	8,221	6,652
Insurances	2,356	-	-	2,356	2,219
Telephone	1,033	-	-	1,033	958
Office costs	750	-	-	750	1,190
Congregational Organisations	-	1,646	-	1,646	1,356
Payroll Administration	540	-	-	540	504
Speakers Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment and Materials	-	-	-	-	-
Socials	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenses	3,098	-	-	3,098	3,206
Total Charitable Activities	<u>78,520</u>	<u>2,070</u>	<u>195,002</u>	<u>275,592</u>	<u>59,130</u>
Governance Costs					
Accounting and Examination	1,140	-	-	1,140	1,050
Total Payments	<u>79,768</u>	<u>2,070</u>	<u>195,002</u>	<u>276,840</u>	<u>60,339</u>

5. Fixed Assets - Heritable Properties

- (a) The charity has the right to occupy and use for its charitable objects the following tangible fixed assets, vested in the Church of Scotland General Trustees. No consideration is payable for the use of these assets. Expenditure incurred on the repair and maintenance of these assets is included in payments.
- (b) The manse of Newarthill Parish Church is vested in local Trustees and as such is an asset of the Charity. No original cost information or current valuation is available for the property.

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6. Funds held by Church of Scotland General Trustees

The General Trustees hold funds separate from the charity which can be used for specific purposes. If these funds are drawn they are shown as income in the period. The balance of funds held is shown in the appendix.

7. Fixed Assets -

Investments at Valuation	Unrestricted		Designated	
	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
The Church of Scotland Investors Trust – Growth Fund Units				
Newarthill & Carfin General Purposes	1,199	-	1,199	1,096
	<u>1,199</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,199</u>	<u>1,096</u>
The Church of Scotland Investors Trust – Income Fund Units				
Newarthill & Carfin General Purposes	60,211	-	60,211	59,666
	<u>60,211</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,211</u>	<u>59,666</u>
Total Investments	<u>61,410</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,410</u>	<u>60,762</u>

Funds held in the deposit fund are included in the balance of funds on the statement of balances.
Funds held in investments are shown as an asset but not included in the balances.

8. Bank and Cash Balances

	Unrestricted		Designated	
	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
The Church of Scotland Investors Trust – Deposit Fund Units				
Newarthill & Carfin General Purposes	30	-	30	30
General Bank Account	18,832	7,376	26,208	53,033
Organisations Bank Account	(2,501)	5,133	2,632	2,682
Cash Held by Organisations	-	-	-	130
	<u>16,361</u>	<u>12,509</u>	<u>28,870</u>	<u>55,875</u>

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9. Collections for Third Parties (Paid out)	2024	2023
	£	£
Poppy Scotland	448	187
The Wee Mobile foodbank - Harvest	250	-
MacMillan Cancer Support	903	-
Christian Aid	425	404
DEC Turkey	-	373
	<u>2,026</u>	<u>964</u>
Total collected for above charities	2,026	964
Net receipt (payment out)	-	-

Appendix

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

	2024 £	2023 £
<u>REVENUE ACCOUNT</u>		
Balance at 31 December	<u>12,696</u>	<u>7,925</u>
<u>TEMPORARY ACCOUNT</u>		
Balance at 31 December	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>		
Balance at 31 December	<u>3,865</u>	<u>188,867</u>
Market Value at 31 December	<u>6,574</u>	<u>189,032</u>