

WINTON PLACE E.U.CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC006327

Annual Report & Financial Statements for year ending 31-3-25

The AGM of the congregation is to be held on Tuesday 13^h May 2025 at 7.30 pm in the church hall.

Members are reminded that they bear equal responsibility for running the affairs of the church.

The business includes:

Reports from Session and Managers

Reports from Organisations

Financial Statements

Election of Office Bearers

Donations

AOCB



Session Report

Session has met in April, August, September, November, January and March. At the November meeting [REDACTED] informed Session that he would retire as Session Clerk at the end of the year after 38 years in office. Session thanked him for his [REDACTED] help and will arrange for the congregation to join in their thanks on April 27th.

[REDACTED]

As the church was closed on the second Sunday of June due to the 'Roon the Toon' road race, those who wished were invited to 'Coffee and Praise' at [REDACTED]. This will be repeated this year. On 16th June the congregation enjoyed a fellowship meal in the large hall after the morning service. As usual gifts were given at Harvest Thanksgiving, which were passed to the Community Fund of the Kilmarnock branch of the Salvation Army. Donations were also given on Remembrance Sunday and Christmas Eve.

This year's Christmas Shoe Box appeal for Blythwood Care was well supported by Rainbows and Brownies as well as the congregation. 95 boxes and £250 were given.

The Trailblazers group for children between 4 and 11 met on a monthly basis. Between 2 and 8 children attended. The Kilmarnock Churches Christmas and Easter Trails for school age children around the town centre churches were well attended.

[REDACTED] Coatdyke Congregational Church, led worship in October ahead of our anniversary close this as a separate service, due to a clash of dates.

Disclosure Scotland has now been appointed to ensure that all church Trustees have a PVG certificate. We are in the process of all being legally recorded.

This year's Lent bible study has been on the theme 'Staying close' to God.

Lastly, the Deacons' Fund has not been used for over 20 years. This £715 is ringfenced in our accounts. It is proposed that at the AGM we close this as a separate account.

Session's thanks are expressed to all who help with church work in a variety of ways throughout the year.

It was with sadness that session reports the death of [REDACTED] in March. Our sympathy is extended to his relatives.

[REDACTED]

Congregational Record

Baptisms/Christenings/Dedications 31st March 2025

None

Weddings to 31st March 2025

None

**New Members to 31st March 2025**

None

Disjunction Certificates to 31st March 2025

None

Transfers to Supplementary Roll to 31st March 2025

None

Members removed from Roll to 31st March 2025

None

Membership as at 31 st March 2024	47
New members to 31 st March 2025	0
Less obituaries to 31 st March 2025	1
Less disjunction certificates to 31 st March 2025	0
Less removals from roll at 31 st March 2025	0
Total membership as at 31 st March 2026	46

Congregational Federation in Scotland

Congregational Churches are independent and each responsible for their own affairs, but we are also inter-dependent and members of the Congregational Federation.

The Congregational Federation in Scotland meets as an Area Council in September, November and February. We are usually represented by [REDACTED]. The Area also holds an Assembly in June and a Conference in October. These are hosted by different churches each year. Last year the assembly was at West End, Kirkcaldy and the Conference, at Motherwell. We attended both meetings by zoom.

The Congregational Federation in Scotland Support Group had hoped to hold a Roadshow to encourage sharing between churches. Despite the preparation of some online material, this has been put on hold, as the Scottish Area Chairman resigned. He has been called to a new charge at Market Harborough. Our new Chairman, [REDACTED] will take up office at the Scottish Assembly in June.

Managers/Trustees Report 2025

In the absence of a permanent president [REDACTED] has continued as Acting President and has chaired the monthly meetings of the managers [REDACTED] has also continued as Treasurer but has intimated her desire to resign and have someone new take on the role. I'm sure everyone knows that this is a vitally important administrative function of church life and it really needs someone who is capable to come forward and take this over. Please consider this prayerfully.

During the past year the church vestibule was painted and the outside windows of the hall were painted and sealed. The insides of the hall windows were also washed, a job that was overdue. The railings and the outside doors were also painted. Both halls and the managers room were tidied during a summer clean-up and vegetation on the outside was also cut back. Several repairs were made to the roof but we did get off fairly lightly with storm damage. The next scheduled job is the pointing at the hall door. Again we had several issues with the church heating which hopefully now have been corrected. The carbon monoxide monitors in the church were also replaced. Thanks again go to [REDACTED] who keep the grass and the grounds in good order during the year, as well as many other unseen things.

We held a congregational meal in June 2024 and this will be repeated this year. The Candle Tea was again a huge success in December.

We took a step forward by acquiring extended Mission Praise books which gives us some new scope in worship and praise.

We also went Eco conscious by taking recycling bins from East Ayrshire, rather than just having a general waste bin. We now have a paper bin and a plastics bin.

Under a new law which came into force on April 1st, all trustees of a charity are required to have a PVG certificate, this work is ongoing but hopefully will be completed in the not too distant future.

Again thanks are due to [REDACTED] for her sterling work, doing whatever she needs to do, wherever she needs to be. Thanks are also due to all the managers for attending to administration and fabric matters to keep the church functioning in the right manner.

Summary of Organisational Accounts

	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Tuesday Club	£ 2214.78	£ 1723.5	£ 491.28
Tear Fund boxes	£ 72.75	£ 72.75	£ 0.00

Winton Place EU Congregational Church, Kilmarnock
Receipts/ Payments for year ending 31/3/2025

Funds Policy

Unrestricted Funds

are funds which are held for the furtherance of the objectives of Winton Place Church and are expendable at the discretion of the Managers

Designated Funds

are unrestricted funds which have been earmarked by the Managers for a particular purpose
This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the use of the fund.

Restricted Funds

are funds which are given for a specific purpose and may only be expended for the purpose specified

Scottish Charity Reference Number: SC 006327

Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24	otal 2022-23
Offerings FWO	3,529		3,529.00	4,535.76	3,308.20
Open Plate	986.66		986.66	1,033.41	925.29
Income Tax Recovered	7,293.54		7,293.54	5,949.46	4,766.31
Gift Aid Income	16,919.10		16,919.10	23,415.00	19,445.00
Other donations(net)	400		400.00	530.00	353.00
Donations from organisations					
Tuesday Club	300		300.00	300.00	250.00
Flower Fund closed acc.	512.38		512.38		
Rainbows/Brownies	450		450.00	500.00	500.00
Guides/Trfoil Guild	200.00		200.00	200.00	100.00
Other Income					
Tear Fund boxes		72.75	72.75	37.42	0.00
Gift Day(net)			0.00	340.00	0.00
Earl Haig Fund		73.00	73.00	144.10	123.35
Watch Night Ret. Off		255.8	255.8	275.80	179.00
Harvest Appeal		110.00	110	220.00	102.00
VAT Refund	864		864.00	3,148.10	850.00
Ukraine appeal(net)		0			230.00
Earthquake appeal					187.00
Loudon Musical Soc	2580		2,580.00	2,400.00	2,790.00
Candle Tea	348		348.00	337.00	65.00
Miscellaneous	36.7		36.70	27.08	46.37
Dividend Charifund	5,439.25		5,439.25	5,168.81	5,018.54
Total receipts	39,858.63	511.55	40,370.18	48,561.94	39,239.06



Payments

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
a) Fundraising expenses		nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
b) Charitable activities						
Ministry	Stipend, Tax and National	7860.15		7,860.15	8,202.55	7,745.65
	Pulpit Supply	650		650	650	400
	Organist	820		820	360	210
Church	Cleaner/materials	3,120		3,120	3,120	3,056
	Gas	2591.3		2,591.30	2,279.75	1,583.04
	Electricity	3708.27		3,708	4,351	1,605
	Insurance	4427.13		4,427.13	4,182.12	4,158.08
	Organ/piano tuning	465		465	415	240
Repairs	Church	10,912.56		10,912.56	31,191.79	9,603.60
Donations	Tear Fund	720	72.75	792.75	757.42	720
	Earl Haig Fund	0	73	73	142	123.35
	Harvest Appeal	50	110	160	220	202
	Christmas Eve	0	255.8	255.8	275.8	200
	Christians Against Poverty	600	0	600	500	0
	Ukraine appeal		0	0		230
	Earthquake appeal		0	0		470
Other	CF Scotland	540		540	530	450
	CF affiliation	616.25	0	616	662	643
	Photocopying	92	0	92	60	94
	Miscellaneous	322.78		322.78	197.7	569.6
	Hymn books	79.64		79.64		
	Scottish B. Soc. Manse				58.00	696.00
	Candle Tea	340		340.00	300.00	0.00
	Children work	43.9	0.00	43.90	24.99	89.64
c) Governance costs			nil			
Total payments		37,915.08	511.55	38,470.53	58,479.80	33,088.95
Excess/ (Deficit) for year				1899.64	-9763.43	5150.21
Statement of Balances						
Cash and Bank balances at start of ye		9603.76	756.37	10,360.13	20,121.56	14,126.31
Excess/(Deficit)				1,899.64	-9,763.43	5,150.21
Cash and Bank balances at end of ye		11544.77	715.00	12,259.77	10,360.13	20,123.56
Investments						
M&G Charifund value at 31/3/25		91253.37		91253.37	88937.03	92371.27
Total net assets 31/3/25		102798.14	715.00	103,513.14	99,297.16	112,494.83



Winton Place E.U. Congregational Church, Kilmarnock

Registered charity number SC006327

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Winton Place E.U. Congregational Church,
Kilmarnock**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 which are enclosed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charities 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) (a) to (c) 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

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts(Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanation from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the 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:
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord wwith 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

ed.