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**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
ST PAUL AND ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MONKLANDS**

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

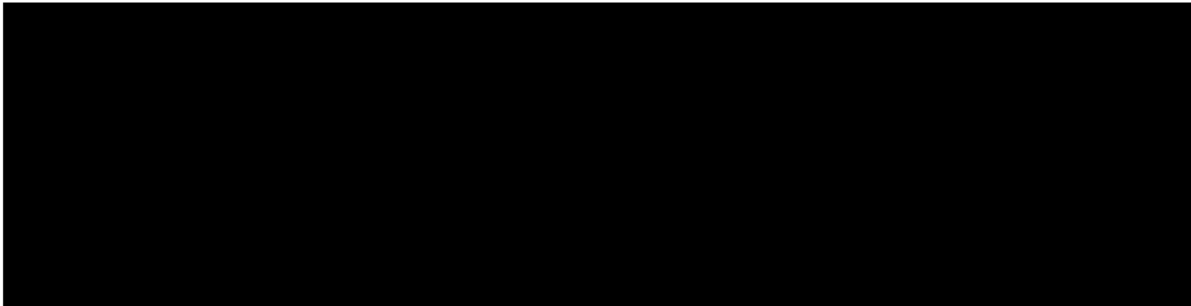
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER **SC006732**

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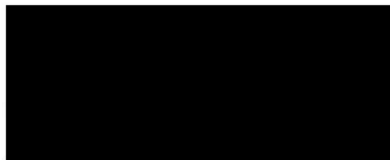


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Annual Report of the Members of the Vestry

Introduction

The Vestry is pleased to present the annual accounts for St Paul and St John the Evangelist, Monklands for the year ended 31st August 2024.

We are a friendly, welcoming congregation whose objective is to advance the mission of the Christian Church (which is the building of the kingdom of heaven) through worship, service and fellowship. We aim to do this through supporting existing church members through worship and prayer gatherings and encouraging new members through community work such as opening our hall to other groups and other outreach work.

The annual report and accounts presents a summary of our financial activities during the year and gives an overview of the general activities which have taken place in the life of our church in the past year.

Activities and Achievements

Once again, the Vestry has had another busy year.

November started with a service for All Saints and All Souls Day, streamed on Zoom through our newly installed WiFi. We also held the first of our calendar's fundraising events, a Mamma Mia film night which was enjoyed by all and raising money in the process. Following this in November was our Remembrance service and Christ the King at the end of the month. We planted 300 spring bulbs in the hope of seeing them in spring!

Some of the congregation joined with our friends at St Andrew's, Wishaw for a St Andrew's Day service and entertainment afterwards. Our Christmas Lunch took place on Sunday 10th December at Alba Bar & Grill and we joined with Holy Name for Christmas Lessons & Carols on Sunday 17th December. We celebrated a joyous Christmas Eve service with hymn singing accompanied by the organ. The Epiphany Lessons & Carols took place on 7th January and although few in numbers, was filled with rejoicing.

Our midweek services followed by tea/coffee and chat resumed and were streamed over Zoom for those unable to attend. The midweek services are being a great source of fellowship for those attending. Epiphany season was quickly followed by Lent which began with a service for Ash Wednesday. Our joint services with Cumbernauld changed time to 10.30am on the third Sunday of the month. Tracey as Lay Rep represented the congregation at Diocesan Synod in Kilmarnock at the beginning of March. The Sundays in Lent took us on a journey of creation following the Consider Creation resource from the Diocese. The first Sunday looked at atmosphere, followed by vegetation, seasons, sky & sea, living creatures, all asking us to reflect on Creation and God's work on Earth. Holy Week began with our Palm Sunday service followed by a Maundy Thursday service as we began to recall the events which led to Jesus' crucifixion. We then gathered for a Good Friday service of The Way of The Cross and we celebrated Easter Sunday with a display in the form of a cross created by our canvasses we made through Lent as we considered

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Annual Report of the Members of the Vestry (continued)

Activities and Achievements (continued)

creation. We also hosted another fundraising event in March, the St Patrick's Night quiz, raising once again valued funds to allow us to continue.

As we moved into spring, we could see the spring bulbs planted beginning to peek through and the bluebells flourish. We celebrated the Ascension of our Lord before moving into the season of Pentecost with Trinity Sunday and St Columba celebrated on a Sunday as well. The pew sheet became available in a digital format for those who wished it and our services for spring/summer changed pattern and have continued in this way. Bishop Kevin gave formal notice of his retirement and his farewell service was held at the Cathedral at the end of June. As a congregation we worked together to submit our *word cloud* of what qualities and skills we hope the next Bishop will embody. As part of this process, the Vestry submitted a written piece on the current life of St Paul and St John's, including what we do well and what we could do better.

Over the summer period, some of the congregation shared their stories of faith and we heard the stories of some Scottish saints on a Sunday. At the end of August, we held a busy Bring and Share lunch which brought the congregation together in fellowship. The process of electing a new Bishop began at the beginning of September at the Cathedral.

We celebrated Harvest in October by once again supporting Monklands Women's Aid and helping those in our local community.

Plans for Future Periods

While continuing our current offering of worship, we will continue to explore ways in which we can serve the wider community through services, events and being present.

Social media and internet access have enabled interest in our Faith, which has resulted in new members attending our services.

We move forward in faith knowing we have a mountain to climb, but also knowing that mountain tops are where the most extraordinary experiences of God have often been encountered. We hope we have started to climb.

Income

St Paul and St John's congregational numbers have decreased considerably in recent years. We appreciate the overall commitment of giving received during the year, especially from those who are unable to attend for health reasons. The letting of our hall has been a valuable source of regular income and we continue our gratitude to the regular income from the John Kelly Trust and Unit Trust investment. We also receive a contribution from The Church of The Holy Name, Cumbernauld towards specific shared costs of our Priest. We continue to be financially supported by a Diocesan Support Grant towards our Priest's costs which is gratefully received and much appreciated. In the past

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Annual Report of the Members of the Vestry (continued)

Income (continued)

year, unrestricted income was again insufficient to cover all expenses. The Vestry is acutely aware of the need to provide for all outgoings and will continue to monitor all expenditure.

Reserves

All our reserves are unrestricted.

Investments

Monies which are not needed to fund day to day expenditure are invested in the Scottish Episcopal Church's Unit Trust Pool (UTP), administered from the Scottish Episcopal Church's provincial office. The Investment policy of the UTP, which accords with that of the Vestry, is to earn a return on the assets over the long term, sufficient at least to maintain the real value of the distribution to unit holders. The Investment Committee represents the Church on the Church Investors Group (CIG) which, in turn, represents institutional investors from many mainstream Church denominations and church related charities. The aims of CIG include encouraging the formulation of investment policies based on Christian ethical principles and responsible business practices, through engagement with company managements. The Investment Committee believes that CIG provides an effective voice for engaging in issues of common concern to Christian investors.

Structure, Governance and Management

St Paul and St John the Evangelist is an unincorporated association, governed by a constitution dated 20th February 2022. As a member congregation of the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway in the Scottish Episcopal Church, it is also governed by Canon Law of the Scottish Episcopal Church. The management team of the Church is known as the Vestry. For the purposes of charities law, the members of the Vestry are Charity Trustees of the Church. Details of the Vestry members are given on page 1.

Apart from the Priest-in-Charge, ordinary Vestry members are elected by the Congregation in annual meeting. Vestry members usually serve for a term of three years. The Secretary and Treasurer are appointed by the Vestry. The Priest-in-Charge is appointed by the Vestry and Bishop of the Diocese.

There is no formal induction programme for new members but ongoing guidance is given to ensure that Vestry members are familiar with the Church's values, aims and responsibilities as the designated Trustees of a charity. The Vestry secretary regularly updates all members of the Vestry on the relevant changes in legislation and best practice relating to charities.

Vestry Responsibilities

The Vestry is responsible for managing and safeguarding the assets of the Church and

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Vestry Responsibilities (continued)

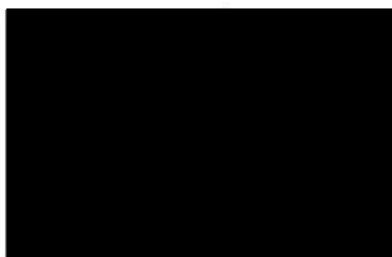
assist the Priest-in-Charge in matters affecting the spiritual welfare of the congregation. It is also responsible for keeping proper accounting records and ensuring that the accounts are prepared in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Act 2006 as amended. The Vestry regularly considers the risks faced by St Paul and St John's and ensures that the appropriate risk management procedures are in place to mitigate those risks, through its Risk Register.

Relationship with Diocese and Province

St Paul and St John the Evangelist is supported by the Diocese and the Province through the pastoral oversight of the Bishop, central support functions provided at Diocesan level and grants from central funds when required. The church is represented at Diocesan level by the Priest-in-Charge and the Lay Representative. As a member of SEC, St Paul and St John's has an obligation to contribute to the costs of the Diocese and the Province through payment of an annual "quota". This amount is based on the level of income of the Church in comparison with that of other churches in the Diocese and Province. We actively participate in the Diocesan Regional structure as members of the Lanarkshire Regional Council.

Conclusion

The members of the Vestry would like to thank all those who contribute their time, energy and money so generously to ensure the continuation and development of St Paul and St John's as a centre of worship and a focus for the community.



2nd February 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE VESTRY OF ST PAUL AND ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MONKLANDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustee 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 as amended.

The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(l)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(l)(c) of the 2005 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 as amended. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning 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(l)(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.

5 May 2025

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Note	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts			
Donations and gift aid	2	17,488	13,471
Grants	3	29,655	24,615
Fundraising	4	371	0
Receipts from investments other than land and buildings	5	497	405
Trust Income	6	<u>7,200</u>	<u>7,200</u>
Total Receipts		55,211	45,691
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Payments			
Payments relating to charitable activities	7	59,939	60,483
		=====	=====
(Deficit) for year		(4,728)	(14,792)
		=====	=====

The notes on pages 8, 9, 10 & 11 form an integral part of these accounts.

The above statement excludes funds raised on behalf of other charities as shown in Note 8.

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST 2024

Funds Reconciliation	2024 £	2023 £
<i>Cash at bank</i>		
At 31 August 2023	14,280	29,072
(Deficit) for year	(4,728)	(14,792)
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At 31 August 2024	9,552	14,280
	=====	=====
<i>Bank Balance</i>		
Bank current account	9,552	14,280
	=====	=====
<i>Investments (SEC Unit Trust Pool)</i>		
Market value at 31 August 2023	13,699	13,485
Unrealised gain/(loss) in year	1,246	214
Market value at 31 August 2024	14,945	13,699
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All funds are unrestricted.

The Notes on pages 9, 10, & 11 form an integral part of these accounts.

Approved by the Trustees on 2nd February and signed on their behalf by:

2nd February 2025

2nd February 2025

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). These consist of a summary of all monies received and paid via the bank and in cash by the church during the financial year, together with a statement of balances. No adjustments have been made for any income due but not received, nor for any expense incurred but not yet paid, at the year end.

Church Buildings

The church and hall, situated in Springwells Avenue, Airdrie ML6 6EA and the rectory, situated in Gartmore Road, Airdrie ML6 9BH are not shown in the statement of balances. The Vestry believes that it is not possible to place a market value on them. The valuation of the church and hall buildings, including contents for insurance purposes is £4,325,516. The valuation of the rectory and contents (common parts) for insurance purposes is £441,629. The Rectory was purchased in August 2010. All properties are owned by St Paul and St John's but for legal purposes are registered in the name of the Diocesan Trustees.

Special Collections

During the year, the church supported two different charities. The funds collected were banked and the total paid over to the respective charity, equal to the amount received. Because the church was simply collecting the money of individual donors and forwarding it to the nominated charity, this income and expenditure is not included in these accounts as part of the income and expenditure of the church. Further details of the collections are given in note 8.

2. Donations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Congregational giving	7,462	8,048
Gift Aid	4,355	0
Baptisms, weddings and funerals	140	250
Use of hall	3,264	3,125
Shared costs – Holy Name, Cumbernauld	2,009	1,607
Altar flowers	218	190
Presentations	40	125
Unspecified	0	126
	<u>17,488</u>	<u>13,471</u>
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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024
(continued)**

3. Grants	2024	2023
	£	£
Diocesan Support	29,655	24,615
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4. Fundraising	2024	2023
	£	£
Mama Mia Singalong	251	0
St Patrick's Quiz Night	<u>120</u>	<u>0</u>
	371	0
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5. Receipts from Investments other than land and buildings

This amount represents investment income from SEC units and interest received from Gift Aid Claims.

6. Trust Income

This is the income from a Trust fund bequeathed by a former member. It is administered externally and no member of St Paul and St John the Evangelist is in any way involved.

7. Payments relating to charitable activities	2024	2023
	£	£
Clergy stipend	32,192	29,580
Travel expenses	158	113
Pension contributions	10,366	9,525
Retreat	0	550
Quota	3,291	3,550
Council tax and other rectory expenses	3,079	7,506
Church building running costs	9,206	5,655
Worship related costs	377	629
Administrative expenses	1,167	2,390
Sundry expenses	<u>103</u>	<u>985</u>
	59,939	60,483
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8. Special collections

During the year the church made two special collections. The funds received were paid directly to the charity and are not shown in these accounts.

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024
(continued)**

8. Special collections (continued)

For information purposes only, the amounts were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
The Leprosy Mission	323	515
Shelter	0	90
Bishop's Lent Appeal	118	0
DEC Lent Appeal	0	182
The Mission to Seafarers	0	0
St Andrew's Hospice	0	40
	<u>441</u>	<u>827</u>
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9. Remuneration and expenses paid to Vestry members

None of the Vestry members received any remuneration or expenses relating to their position as Vestry members. However, the Priest-in-charge received a stipend (and pension contributions) in accordance with SEC approved stipendiary amounts for the post of Priest-in-charge. The full stipend for the year was £32,192 with pension contributions of 32.2%. Additionally, expenses were paid as detailed in note 7. As is customary, the Priest-in-charge occupies, on a rent free basis, the Rectory building owned by St Paul and St John's. The council tax on the Rectory accommodation is also paid for by St Paul and St John's.