

Overtown Parish Church of Scotland

Scotland · Charity number SC007360

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Part of	The Church of Scotland (SC011353)
Registered	1921-03-09
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address 20 Liath Avenue
Netherton
Motherwell
North Lanarkshire
ML12QU

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of religion'

What the charity does: To preach God's Word throughout the parish and the wider community through Christian Worship, instruction, mission and service. To provide a service to the community and help those in need. Offer fellowship to young and old. We accomplish this in our Services of Worship and various activities for the younger and older members of our Parish. Provision of a safe meeting place for those who are isolated or feeling lonely through our weekly Community Lunch and our Gamechangers Project. We host youth organisations within our Halls including Boys Brigade and Brownies. Our Fundraising and Hospitality activities raise funds for both local and national charities and the congregation contributes to the Local Food Bank. We have a close working relationship with our local Secondary, Primary and Nursery Schools and assist where families are in need. We also support charitable activities worldwide through donations.

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

Objectives: Objects: 1) to offer Christian worship, fellowship, instruction, mission and service. 2) to labour for the advancement of the Kingdom of God throughout the world. 3) to bring the ordinances of religion to the people in every parish of Scotland through a territorial ministry

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	£139,191	£94,741	-	2
2024-12-31	£102,518	£83,182	-	2
2023-12-31	£90,480	£85,471	-	2
2022-12-31	£102,573	£81,915	-	2
2021-12-31	£80,139	£87,822	-	2
2020-12-31	£62,084	£74,342	-	2

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Accounts

OVERTOWN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

2025



Congregation No. – 171141 Charity No. – SC007360

References and Administration Information

Charity Name Overtown Parish Church of Scotland
Charity Registration No. SC007360
Congregational Reference No. 171141
Contact Address John H Anderson, CA
20 Liath Avenue, Motherwell, ML1 2QU

Trustees

Kirk Session (24 active members)

Jack Anderson, John Anderson, Pauline Anderson, Ann Birrell, Phyllis Brooks, Jean Brown, John Brown, Margaret Buttery, Sandra Caddow, Anne Clark, Catherine Dickson, Tom Dudgeon, Jean Giggie, Cheryl Hughes, Robert Hughes, John Lindsay, Gregor Mackie, Jessie Mackie, Linda McNeil, Elaine Ralston, Gillian Stara, Elizabeth Stewart, Gwen Syme and Lorna Wilson.

Elders transferred to Emeritus Status

Marion Cathcart, Rena Graham, Colin Hyslop, Malcolm Mackie, Sandy Morrison, Nancy Pollock and Robin Russell

Principal Office Bearers

Minister Rev Lorna I MacDougall, MA, BD.
Overtown Manse, 146 Main Street, Overtown,
ML2 0QP

Session Clerk Catherine Dickson
32 Gillburn Street, Overtown,
ML2 0QL

Church Treasurer John H Anderson, CA
20 Liath Avenue, Motherwell,
ML1 2QU

Independent Examiner Thomas W Donaldson,
46 Etive Street, Wishaw,
ML2 0NT

Bankers Bank of Scotland
27/29 Main St., Wishaw,
ML2 7AF

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Throughout the year Overtown Parish Church has operated under the Unitary Constitution which comprises the Kirk Session.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Members of the Kirk Session are the Trustees. The Kirk Session members are the Elders of the Church and are chosen from those members of the Church who are considered to have the appropriate gifts and skills. The Minister, who is a member of the Kirk Session, is elected by the congregation and inducted by Presbytery.

Organisational Structure

The Kirk Session is moderated by the Minister and currently meets on a bi-monthly basis. Minister and Kirk Session have the responsibility to oversee the Pastoral, Educational, Mission and Outreach interests of the Church.

Under the Unitary Constitution the Kirk Session oversees the work of various Teams comprising Trustees and co-opted members. These teams meet on alternate months to fulfil the requirements of their remits: Worship, Pastoral, Mission, Youth, Media, Fundraising and Hospitality, Finance and Property.

The Treasurer (Finance Team Convener) is responsible for making and recording all payments to and from the General and Associated Funds, together with the preparation of the Annual Accounts.

The Property Convener is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the Church, Hall and Manse, together with any development or improvement of the properties. An annual condition inspection of the Church, halls and manse must be carried out and reports prepared on all buildings for submission to the Kirk Session and Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale for attestation.

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 parish of Overtown extends to cover the area surrounding Overtown (including the north side of Garrion Bridge), Waterloo and Gowkthrapple.

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Services of Worship

A wide range of worship experiences is offered. Weekly services are held at 11.00 a.m. on a Sunday. The formal dispensing of the Sacrament of Communion occurs four times a year, on the first Sunday of March, June, September and December. Special services are held in accordance with the principal Seasons of the Christian year: these include an annual Christmas Gift Service in aid of a Charity, Christingle Service, Nativity, Christmas Watchnight Service, Maundy Thursday Communion and Good Friday services, an early morning Easter Service with breakfast to follow, Easter Family Communion, Pentecost celebration and Harvest Thanksgiving. In addition, services are tailored around the themes of Fair Trade, Christian Aid, All Saints Service for the bereaved and Remembrance Day, as well as our Annual Boys Brigade Awards Service and Thanksgiving Service for our Sunday Club members.

Membership: During 2025, one new member was admitted by Profession of Faith, one by Resolution of the Kirk Session and ten by Transference Certificate. Sadly six members died in the course of the year.

The Sunday Club continues to meet, albeit with smaller numbers and meets during the Sunday morning service. Lessons are delivered by a dedicated team of leaders, the programme featuring, songs, a Biblical story, activity sheets, prayer and crafts. The children join the congregation for the first part of the service then move through to the hall for their own activities.

Bible Study is offered through study programmes throughout the year

Crafty Church is held bi-monthly to cater for families of all ages. This was launched in September, 2022, as a fresh expressions initiative to replace Messy Church and has been successfully run by a talented team of leaders. The programme is based on Bible stories, songs, prayer, games and crafts with a snack meal to follow

Prayer time is available on Wednesdays from 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

Pastoral:

The Pastoral Team is responsible for visiting housebound members and augments the pastoral responsibilities of the Minister. In addition, our Flower Ministry continues to distribute flowers to the housebound due to the support of individual members.

Mission:

The church also continues to support the local Foodbank by donating food and making monetary donations and essential items. Over the past year the church, through the Mission Team, has continued to support the local High School's Little Shop of Happiness, an initiative to support vulnerable youngsters through the provision of food and other necessary items. An initial donation from our Outreach Fund helped with its setting up and monthly cash donations continue to provide additional support to this project in addition to donations of supplies. The Mission Team is also responsible for promoting Fairtrade and supporting Christian Aid. Liaison with our Missionary Partner in Malawi is maintained regularly. Once again this year a Christmas gift was distributed to 200 people within the local community.

Youth Activities: Our Boys Brigade and Sunday Club for children along with the Brownies continue to attract healthy membership.

Adult Organisations: All adult Groups, i.e. The Guild, The Monday Craft Group, The Game Changers (afternoon activities to address issues of health and well-being and isolation) and Line Dancing are all actively supported.

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Fundraising and Hospitality Events:

A variety of events are organised during the year and are driven by the focus on Health and Well-being. Successful events included Concerts, Sponsored Walk, Plant Sale, Summer Afternoon Tea, Harvest Lunch and Christmas Afternoon Tea. All events are well supported by members of the wider community and the additional generosity of members and friends within the community in supporting the Fundraising events and the Community Lunch has been greatly appreciated. We are also grateful to individual members who have supported the church by making card-craft churches and greetings cards which were sold to members and friends, proceeds being donated to church funds. In addition members have continued to diligently make donations through our small wooden church collection boxes.

Achievements and Performance:

The congregation and church organisations continue to uphold our Christian life and witness. We remain at the heart of the community through the contribution of all organisations which have contributed to the wider life of the congregation and to maintaining our purpose and presence within the community. We have been greatly encouraged by the numbers (members and otherwise) who have also engaged with our Facebook posts.

June 2026 will see the celebration of the church's presence within the community over the past 150 years. In preparation for the 150th Anniversary, planning has been ongoing since June 2025 with various events having been organised to generate interest both within the church and the wider community, e.g. an exhibition of community talents, a scarecrow event which was well supported by members of the community and a concert by Arietta Ladies Choir. Preparation for further events in 2026 is underway, including the sale of 150th Anniversary merchandise.

Chaplaincy to the two local schools, Clyde Valley High School and Orchard Primary and Nursery School, has been well established. The minister has regular contact and conducts assemblies on a regular basis. This affords an opportunity for personal support and engagement with both pupils and staff. End of term services are held in the church with pupils taking an active part.

Charitable Donations: The congregation has continued to offer invaluable financial support to various charities over the course of the year as noted in the Statement of Accounts. In addition £1000 from our Outreach Fund was donated to Joy Children's School in Ruiru, Kenya to assist with the refurbishment of their Dining Hall.

Clothing, Fuel and Hardship Grants: The support given to families facing hardship through the distribution of Grants from our own Outreach Fund has been widely acknowledged and appreciated by parents of pupils at both the local Primary and Secondary Schools. This year £5000 was donated from our Outreach Fund to Orchard Primary School and distributed to those families in need in the form of clothing vouchers. We appreciate the assistance of the Schools for their help in the distribution.

Food Bank: Over the past year we have continued to support the local Food Bank with donations of food and funding.

Community Lunches: A talented team of volunteers provide a 2-course lunch on a Monday, followed by tea/coffee and biscuits for members of the church and community at a nominal charge. This has proved to be very popular and over the course of the year, the numbers have remained constant. Profits are donated to church funds and we are particularly grateful to the volunteers for their commitment and hard work and to attendees who have contributed to making this such a successful venture.

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Monday Bee Craft Group Members take part in various crafts including knitting, crocheting, card making, and cross stitch. We were busy making poppies for the display of poppies at this year's Remembrance Service. Craft items were made for our Christmas Afternoon Tea stall including a lovely tea towel to commemorate our 150th anniversary. We continue to support University Hospital Wishaw's maternity unit by knitting baby blankets and hats.

The Guild: Members have enjoyed a full and varied programme of events during the year. The annual pantomime in November was enjoyed by all, including many members of the community. Current membership is up very slightly on last year and we are happy to welcome new members at any time. We continue to support the Guild projects and also make a financial contribution to Church funds.

The Line Dancing Group continues to be well supported with an increase in membership during the year. All contributions received throughout the year are donated to Church funds.

Game Changers: continues to be well supported with a focus on Health and Well-being, bringing those who live on their own, or who may feel lonely or isolated, to join for a time of fun and fellowship through board games, films and craft activities. Through partnership with the Local Authority, we have been fortunate to obtain grant funding which has also allowed us to provide transport for a couple of days out, e.g. in the past year to a local heritage centre for lunch and musical entertainment. As in the previous year, members enjoyed fellowship over Christmas lunch. The group is open to members and those in the wider community. A core group of volunteers supports the work of this group. Partnership has been established with Beechwood Care Home in Wishaw with a group of residents joining the Game Changers for various activities on a fortnightly basis throughout the year.

Boys' Brigade: 1st Overtown Boys' Brigade continues to be a thriving, vibrant BB Company attached to Overtown Parish Church. They pride themselves on being a Christian organisation for boys and young men in the community and currently have 59 boys registered between the three sections. The Anchor boys is for those who are in P1-P3, the Junior section for those between P4-P6 and the Company section for those between P7-S6. They meet in the Church halls on a Thursday and Friday evening offering various activities based on Christian principles that allow the boys to have fun and fellowship in a safe environment. The BB Company takes a very active part in the life of the Church have boys in uniform at Church on a Sunday morning as part of the welcoming team. They hosted the Wishaw and District Battalion Founders Day parade and service in Overtown Parish Church with one of the boys delivering the Tribute to the Founder. They also had a full parade on Remembrance Sunday with a Colour party and participated in the laying of wreaths at the War memorials in Waterloo and Overtown. They are very fortunate to have so many boys of such a high calibre throughout the three sections who contribute so much to the life of the BB Company. They ran a very successful summer camp to Seahouses where memories were made which will last a lifetime. The boys have also taken part in many and varied competitions at both Battalion and a National level where they have been very successful. For example, the National senior 5-aside team have been Scottish champions two years in a row. At the end of this session they will celebrate 5 young men achieving the highest award in the BB, the Kings badge. There are also 3 young men in the first year of working towards their Kings badge. The Boys and Officers in the Boys' Brigade Company enjoy a very close relationship with the Minister, Kirk Session and congregation of the Church as they continue to strive to advance Christ's Kingdom among Boys and young men in our community.

Acknowledgements: Sincere thanks is expressed to all who have contributed to the work of Overtown Parish Church and for their efforts to build healthy links within the community: Elders and Team members, Organisation Leaders, and members of the congregation, in addition to the sterling work undertaken by the Office Bearers.

**OVERTOWN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

Financial Review

The principal source of our income is from Members' offerings and donations which increased by £5800.86 to £62740.35 (10.2% increase on 2024 levels). We have 61 Gift Aid donors and 27 members who give by standing order. Our Fundraising, Community Lunch and Organisations' events have continued to be well supported and contributed £15555.44 to the surplus achieved for the year. Total income for the year amounted to £139191.87 (2024 - £102518.26) and expenditure increased to £94741.94 (2024 - £83182.18) giving an overall surplus for the year of £44449.93 (2024-£19336.08). The surplus for the year has increased mainly due to the receipt of the residual legacy from Miss I S M Girdwood's Trust of £37194.64.

Grants totalling £1000.00 were obtained during the year as follows:

1. £1000 was received from the Presbytery Small Grants Fund to assist with the purchase of a screen for the small hall.

The Giving to Grow (formerly Ministry & Mission) contribution due by the congregation to Edinburgh was paid in full in 10 monthly instalments.

Looking forward to 2026 it is anticipated that costs will increase substantially as the Giving to Grow contribution, Electricity and Gas costs, Staff wages and Insurance are known to be the subject of increases.

Reserves Policy

At the year end the Church held cash funds totalling £204871.13 (2024 - £160421.20) of which £190214.35 (2024 - £137783.10) was held in Unrestricted Funds and £14656.78 (2024 - £22638.10) in Restricted Funds. It is policy to hold a minimum of 3 months running costs as cash in the General Fund. The balance in the General Fund account of £31737.75 represents approximately 4 months reserve against normal running costs. Any major improvements/refurbishment work would only be carried out if a contribution by way of Grants could be secured.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Catherine Dickson.....

Catherine Dickson, Session Clerk

Date: 10 February 2026

**OVERTOWN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

Charity number: SCO07360

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

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 14.

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

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 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.

Thomas W. Donaldson

**Thomas W. Donaldson
46 Etive Street
Wishaw ML2 0NT**

17th February 2026.

Date

**OVERTOWN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts					
Donations	4	62740.35	-	62740.35	56939.49
Legacies		37194.64	-	37194.64	5000.00
Activities Generating Funds	5	15555.44	-	15555.44	12228.98
Bank & Deposit interest		5367.71	1075.82	6443.53	6213.35
		120858.14	1075.82	121933.96	80381.82
Hall Rentals		1970.00	-	1970.00	2360.00
Grants		1000.00	-	1000.00	8841.36
Other receipts	6	14150.91	137.00	14287.91	10935.08
Total Receipts		137979.05	1212.82	139191.87	102518.26
Payments					
Cost of generating funds		224.31	-	224.31	233.60
Charitable Activities	7	94147.25	170.38	94317.63	82748.58
Governance costs		200.00	-	200.00	200.00
Total Payments		94571.56	170.38	94741.94	83182.18
Excess of Receipts over Payments					
for the year before transfers		43407.49	1042.44	44449.93	19336.08
Transfers		9023.76	-9023.76	-	-
Excess of Receipts over Payments					
for the year		52431.25	-7981.32	44449.93	19336.08

**OVERTOWN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
STATEMENT OF BALANCES
AT 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Bank and Deposit balances				
Brought forward				
General Fund	26114.16	-	26114.16	36489.17
Other Funds	111668.94	22638.10	134307.04	104595.95
	137783.10	22638.10	160421.20	141085.12
Movement in year				
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	52431.25	-7981.32	44449.93	19336.08
Bank and Deposit balances				
Carried forward				
General Fund	31737.75	-	31737.75	26114.16
Other Funds	158476.60	14656.78	173133.38	134307.04
	190214.35	14656.78	204871.13	160421.20


Assets - None

Liabilities - None

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session on 10 February 2026

For and behalf of the Kirk Session

 Catherine Dickson - Session Clerk

 John H Anderson - Treasurer

OVERTOWN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Trustee Remuneration and Related Transactions

£1964.03 was paid in respect of Council Tax for the year for the Manse and £1132.42 was re-imbursed to the Minister in respect of telephone and travel costs.

No remuneration or expenses was paid to any Trustee during the year.

During the year voluntary contributions were received from the Trustees amounting to £14025.91 excluding tax reclaimed under Git Aid.

2 Movements in Funds

	As at 01-Jan 2025 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	As at 31-Dec 2025 £
Unrestricted Funds:					
General Fund	26114.16	133353.97	88147.72	-39582.66	31737.75
Designated Funds:					
Fabric Fund	569.94	-	-	25.31	595.25
Kirk Session	1207.03	-	367.96	300.00	1139.07
Gamechangers	5086.81	1355.20	2607.47	135.77	3970.31
Contingency Fund	103385.63	-	-	48145.34	151530.97
The Guild	1108.31	2856.48	2996.39	-	968.40
Monday Bee	229.20	413.40	370.00	-	272.60
Rosebuds	82.02	-	82.02	-	-
	137783.10	137979.05	94571.56	9023.76	190214.35
Restricted Funds:					
Flower Fund	130.15	137.00	170.38	-	96.77
OPC Trust Fund	22507.95	1075.82	-	-9023.76	14560.01
	22638.10	1212.82	170.38	-9023.76	14656.78
Total Funds	160421.20	139191.87	94741.94	-	204871.13

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Purpose of Designated Funds:

Fabric Fund: For major fabric expenditure in future.

Kirk Session: A small account to be used at the discretion of the Minister and Kirk Session in cases of need, or for worship gifts and resources.

Game Changers: A group that meets weekly for socialisation through games and to address Health and Well-being issues, including isolation. Currently being expanded with the aid of a Grant from Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire.

Contingency and General Purposes Fund: The Trustees keep this fund with the Investors Trust Fund with the Church of Scotland and is held for any potential cash flow problems. In addition, any large donation or legacy is deposited here to cover more substantial repairs and improvements to our premises.

The Guild: Is affiliated to the Church of Scotland Guild.

Monday Bee: Small craft group set up to encourage Fellowship within the local community and to enhance Church funds.

Purpose of Restricted Funds:

Flower Fund: This fund provides flowers for display during services of worship when no flowers are gifted by a member of the Congregation.

OPC Trust Fund: Interest on money invested by a member of the Congregation to be used, at the discretion of the Kirk Session, for outreach within our Parish.

Other weekly organisations:

Line Dancing Class: This is now run by members of the Line Dancing Group with proceeds being donated to the Church.

The Community Lunch is organised by the Fundraising and Hospitality Team with all surplus funds donated to the Church.

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3. 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 £32433.00 and the maximum (in the 5th and subsequent years) was £39856.00.

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
4. Analysis of Donations				
FWO Scheme	12024.20	-	12024.20	11973.60
Gift Aid Donations	29569.16	-	29569.16	26595.34
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	9481.73	-	9481.73	9733.94
Open Plate	10067.76	-	10067.76	8436.61
Donations	1597.50	-	1597.50	200.00
TOTAL	62740.35	-	62740.35	56939.49
5. Activities Generating Funds				
Monday Bee	370.00	-	370.00	300.00
Line Dancing	1825.00	-	1825.00	1682.00
Fundraising events	6607.54	-	6607.54	4874.98
Community Lunch	4952.90	-	4952.90	4572.00
The Guild	1800.00	-	1800.00	800.00
TOTAL	15555.44	-	15554.44	12228.98
6. Analysis of Other Income				
Life & Work	378.00	-	378.00	378.00
Wider work collections	3554.14	-	3554.14	3233.99
Weddings and Funerals	495.00	-	495.00	1210.00
Cartridge recycling	100.00	-	100.00	65.00
Sunday Tea and Coffee	1565.19	-	1565.19	1749.81
Insurance claims	2990.00	-	2990.00	-
150 th Anniversary Sales	443.50	-	443.50	-
Designated Funds income	4625.08	137.00	4762.08	4298.28
TOTAL	14150.91	137.00	14287.91	10935.08

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
7. Analysis of Charitable activities				
Giving to Grow payments	35525.02	-	35525.02	35369.00
Presbytery Dues	1001.00	-	1001.00	1166.00
Minister's Expenses	1132.42	-	1132.42	629.90
Locums/Relief Organists	557.40	-	557.40	620.00
Staffing costs	10519.35	-	10519.35	11029.44
Council Tax	1964.03	-	1964.03	1798.37
Heat and Light	7105.32	-	7105.32	5808.30
Insurance	3131.99	-	3131.99	2817.67
Print/Stat./Postage	344.09	-	344.09	226.12
Outreach	10023.76	-	10023.76	9112.88
Cleaning Materials	247.40	-	247.40	287.24
Life & Work	378.00	-	378.00	357.00
Miscellaneous	2962.70	-	2962.70	1716.79
Wider Work	3807.19	-	3807.19	3277.99
Property Maintenance	9023.74	-	9023.74	3570.33
Designated funds	6423.84	170.38	6594.22	4961.55
TOTAL	94147.25	170.38	94317.63	82748.58

8. Collections and donations to third Parties	2025 £	2024 £
Christian Aid	566.20	530.10
Children's Hospice Across Scotland	891.66	-
Beatson Cancer	377.30	-
Wishaw Foodbank (inc.£500 donated food)	815.00	145.50
Poppy Scotland	251.30	439.89
Mary's Meals	-	150.00
SSPCA (Raffle by Line Dancing Group)	142.00	116.00
Salvation Army	-	358.40
Stanmore House School (Capability Scotland)	-	521.40
RNLI	-	176.00
Lanarkshire Cancer Care	376.10	-
Arietta Ladies Choir	100.00	-
Crossreach	250.00	-
Pathfinder Dogs	200.00	-
St Andrew's Hospice	337.63	-
World Day of Prayer	-	282.20
UNICEF	-	297.30
Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance	-	261.20
	4307.19	3277.99

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

<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>	2025 £	2024 £
Credit Balances held at 31 December 2025 at cost	<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>
Market Value of Balances at 31 December 2025	<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>
<u>REVENUE ACCOUNT</u>		
Credit Balance at 31 December 2025	<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>
<u>TEMPORARY ACCOUNT</u>		
Credit Balance at 31 December 2025	<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>

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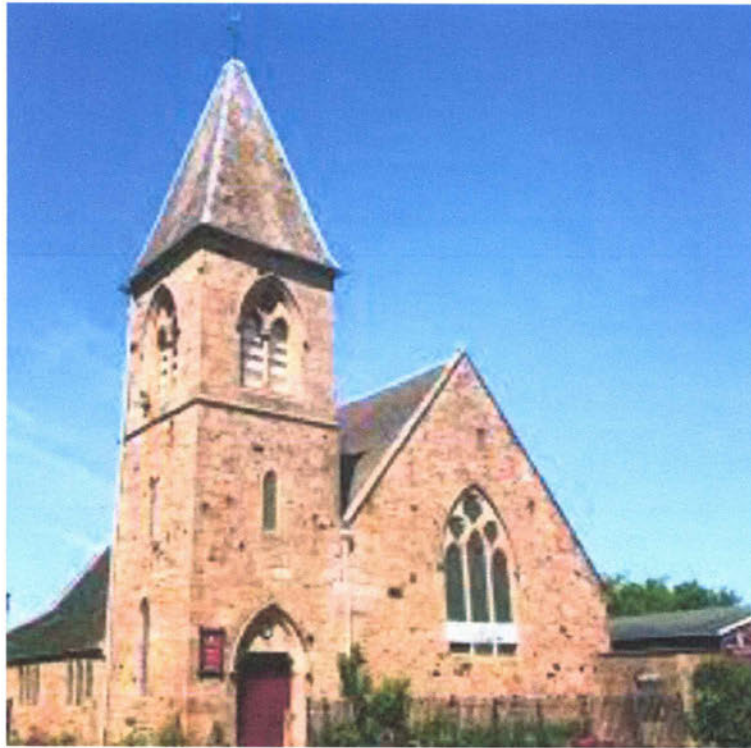
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Accounts

OVERTOWN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

2024



Congregation No. – 171141 Charity No. – SC007360

References and Administration Information

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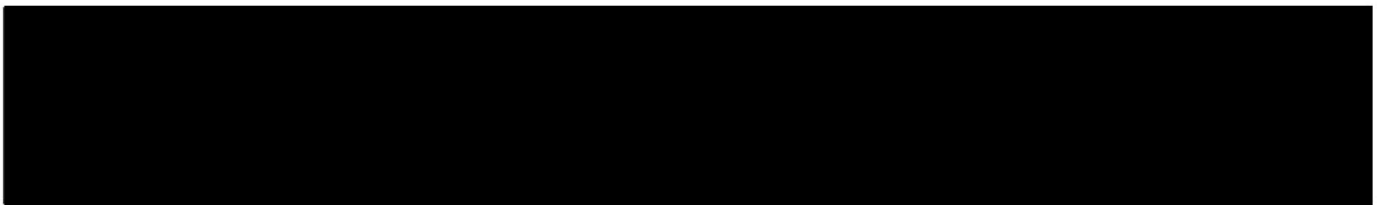
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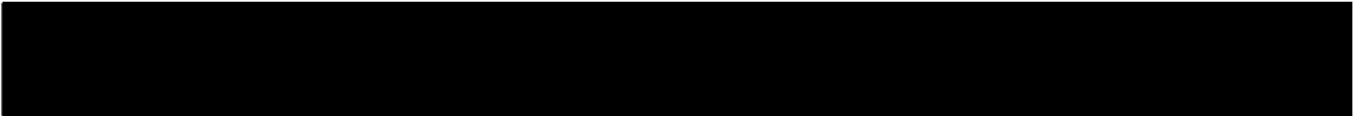


Trustees

Kirk Session (26 active members)



Elders transferred to Emeritus Status



Principal Office Bearers

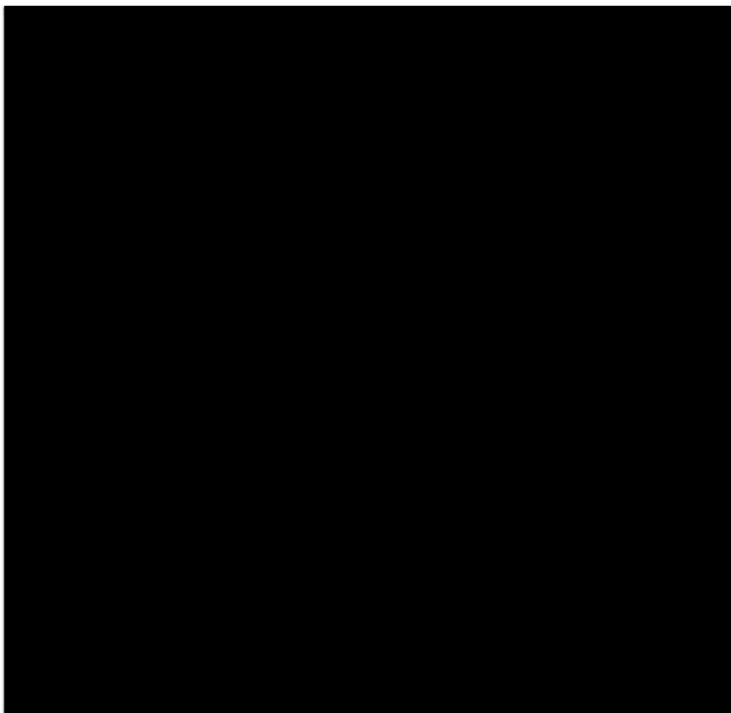
Minister

Session Clerk

Church Treasurer

Independent Examiner

Bankers



Trustees' Annual Report

Trustees' Annual Report Year Ended 31 December 2024 Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Throughout the year Overtown Parish Church has operated under the Unitary Constitution which comprises the Kirk Session.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Members of the Kirk Session are Trustees. The Kirk Session members are the elders of the Church and are chosen from those members of the Church who are considered to have the appropriate gifts and skills. The Minister, who is a member of the Kirk Session, is elected by the congregation and inducted by Presbytery.

Organisational Structure

The Kirk Session is moderated by the Minister and currently meets on a bi-monthly basis. Minister and Kirk Session have the responsibility to oversee the Pastoral, Educational, Mission and Outreach interests of the Church.

Under the Unitary Constitution the Kirk Session oversees the work of various Teams comprising Trustees and co-opted members. These teams meet on alternate months to fulfil the requirements of their remits: Worship, Pastoral, Mission, Youth, Media, Hospitality and Fundraising, Finance and Property.

The Treasurer (Finance Team Convener) is responsible for making and recording all payments to and from the General and Associated Funds, together with the preparation of the Annual Accounts.

The Property Convener is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the Church, Hall and Manse, together with any development or improvement of the properties. An annual condition inspection of the Church, halls and manse must be carried out and reports prepared on all buildings for submission to the Kirk Session and Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale for attestation.

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 parish of Overtown extends to cover the area surrounding Overtown (including the north side of Garrion Bridge), Waterloo and Gowkthrapple.

Services of Worship

A wide range of worship experiences is offered. Weekly services are held at 11.00 a.m. on a Sunday. The formal dispensing of the Sacrament of Communion occurs four times a year. Special services are held in accordance with the principal Seasons of the Christian year: these include an annual Christmas Gift Service in aid of a Charity, Christingle Service, Nativity, Christmas Watchnight Service, Christmas Morning Service, Maundy Thursday Communion and Good Friday services, an early morning Easter Service with breakfast to follow, Easter Family Communion, Pentecost celebration and Harvest Thanksgiving. In addition, services are tailored around the themes of Fair Trade, Christian Aid, All Saints Service for the bereaved and Remembrance Day, as well as our Annual Boys Brigade Awards Service and Thanksgiving Service for our Sunday Club members.

Membership: During 2024, 1 adult baptism was administered; two new members were admitted by Profession of Faith and seven by transference certificate.

The Sunday Club continues to meet, albeit with smaller numbers and meets during the Sunday morning service. Lessons are delivered by a dedicated team of leaders featuring, songs, a Biblical story, activity sheets, prayer and crafts. The children join the congregation for the first part of the service then move through to the hall for their own activities.

Bible Study is offered through study programmes throughout the year

Crafty Church is held bi-monthly to cater for families of all ages. This was launched in September, 2022, as a fresh expressions initiative to replace Messy Church and has been successfully run by a talented team of leaders. The programme is based on Bible stories, songs, prayer, games and crafts with a snack meal to follow

Prayer time is available on Wednesdays from 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

Pastoral:

The Pastoral Team is responsible for visiting housebound members and augments the pastoral responsibilities of the Minister. In addition, our Flower Ministry continues to distribute flowers to the housebound due to the support of individual members.

Mission:

The church also continues to support the local Foodbank by donating food and making monetary donations and essential items. Over the past year the church, through the Mission Team, has continued to support the local High School's Little Shop of Happiness, an initiative to support vulnerable youngsters through the provision of food and other necessary items. An initial donation from our Legacy Fund helped with its setting up and monthly cash donations continue to provide additional support to this project in addition to donations of supplies. The Mission Team is also responsible for promoting Fairtrade and supporting Christian Aid. Liaison with our Missionary Partner in Malawi is maintained regularly and we were delighted to host him for a visit to both our Primary and Secondary schools within the parish. Once again this year a Christmas gift was distributed to 250 people within the local community.

Youth Activities: Our Boys Brigade and Sunday Club for children along with the Brownies continue to attract healthy membership.

Adult Organisations: All adult Groups, i.e. The Guild, The Monday Craft Group, The Game Changers (afternoon activities to address issues of health and well-being and isolation) and Line Dancing are all actively supported.

Fundraising and Hospitality Events:

A variety of events are organised during the year and are driven by the focus on Health and Well-being. Successful events included a Concert, Sponsored Walk, Plant Sale, Summer Afternoon Tea, Harvest Supper and Christmas Afternoon Tea. All events are well supported by members of the wider community and the additional generosity of members and friends within the community in supporting the Fundraising events and the Community Lunch has been greatly appreciated. We are also grateful to individual members who have supported the church by making card-craft churches and greetings cards which were sold to members and friends, proceeds being donated to church funds. In addition members have continued to diligently make donations through our small wooden church collection boxes.

Achievements and Performance:

The congregation and church organisations continue to uphold our Christian life and witness. We remain at the heart of the community through the contribution of all organisations which have contributed to the wider life of the congregation and to maintaining our purpose and presence within the community. We have been greatly encouraged by the numbers (members and otherwise) who have also engaged with our Facebook posts.

Chaplaincy to the two local schools, Clyde Valley High School and Orchard Primary School, has been well established. The minister has regular contact and conducts assemblies on a regular basis. This affords an opportunity for personal support and engagement with both pupils and staff. End of term services are held in the church with pupils taking an active part.

Charitable Donations: The congregation has continued to offer invaluable financial support to various charities over the course of the year as noted in the Statement of Accounts.

Clothing, Fuel and Hardship Grants: The support given to families facing hardship through the distribution of Grants received from the Household Hardship Fund and also our own Outreach Fund has been widely acknowledged and appreciated by parents of pupils at both the local Primary and Secondary Schools. We appreciate the assistance of the Schools for their help in the distribution.

Food Bank: Over the past year we have continued to support the local Food Bank with donations of food and funding.

Community Lunches: A talented team of volunteers provide a 2-course lunch on a Monday, followed by tea/coffee and biscuits for members of the church and community at a nominal charge. This has proved to be very popular and over the course of the year, the numbers have remained constant. Profits are donated to church funds and we are particularly grateful to the volunteers for their commitment and hard work and to attendees who have contributed to making this such a successful venture. Over the past year, Orchard Primary's Nursery Unit joined us on a Monday for lunch which provided the opportunity for the children to share time with adults. This has been highly successful.

Monday Bee Craft Group: members engage in various craft activities, e.g. crocheting, sewing, knitting, tapestry work, cross-stitch and making greetings cards. They have continued to support University Hospital Wishaw's Maternity Unit by knitting blankets and hats for babies. Various craft items are produced for our church Autumn Fayre and the church is highly appreciative of their donation to church funds.

The Guild: Members have had a full and varied programme of events during the year with various interesting speakers and demonstrations. The pantomime in November was a great success and enjoyed by all the community. Current membership is 24 and we continue to financially support our projects and make a financial contribution to church funds.

The Line Dancing Group continues to be well supported with an increase in membership during the year. All contributions received throughout the year are donated to Church funds.

Game Changers: continues to be well supported with a focus on Health and Well-being, bringing those who live on their own, or who may feel lonely or isolated, to join for a time of fun and fellowship through board games, films and craft activities. Through partnership with the Local Authority, we have been fortunate to obtain grant funding which has also allowed us to provide transport for a couple of days out. As in the previous year, members enjoyed fellowship over Christmas lunch. The group is open to members and those in the wider community. A core group of volunteers supports the work of this group. Partnership has been established with the local Primary School with children from the nursery attending which provides the opportunity to engage with adults. They entertain with songs, have a story-time and finish with juice and biscuits while adults share fellowship over tea/coffee and biscuits.

Boys' Brigade: 1st Overtown Boys' Brigade continues to be a thriving, vibrant BB Company attached to Overtown Parish Church. They pride themselves on being a Christian organisation for boys and young men in the community and currently have 52 boys registered between the three sections. The Anchor boys is for those who are in P1-P3, the Junior section for those between P4-P6 and the Company section for those between P7-S6. They meet in the Church halls on a Thursday and Friday evening offering various activities based on Christian principles that allow the boys to have fun and fellowship in a safe environment. The BB Company takes a very active part in the life of the Church have boys in uniform at Church on a Sunday morning as part of the welcoming team. They hosted the Wishaw and District Battalion Founders Day parade and service in Overtown Parish Church with one of the boys delivering the Tribute to the Founder. They also had a full parade on Remembrance Sunday with a Colour party and participated in the laying of wreaths at the War memorials in Waterloo and Overtown. They are very fortunate to have so many boys of such a high calibre throughout the three sections who contribute so much to the life of the BB Company. They ran a very successful summer camp to Derby where memories were made which will last a lifetime. The boys have also taken part in many and varied competitions at both Battalion and a National level where they have been very successful. For example, the National senior 5-aside team have been Scottish champions two years in a row. At the end of this session they will celebrate 3 young men achieving the highest award in the BB, the Kings badge. There are also 6 young men in the first year of working towards their Kings badge. The Boys and Officers in the Boys' Brigade Company enjoy a very close relationship with the Minister, Kirk Session and congregation of the Church as they continue to strive to advance Christ's Kingdom among Boys and young men in our community.

Acknowledgements: Sincere thanks is expressed to all who have contributed to the work of Overtown Parish Church and for their efforts to build healthy links within the community: Elders and Team members, Organisation Leaders, and members of the congregation, in addition to the sterling work undertaken by the Office Bearers.

**OVERTOWN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Financial Review

The principal source of our income is from Members' offerings which show an overall modest increase of 4.4% on 2023 levels. We have 57 Gift Aid donors and 28 members who give by standing order. In addition, our Fundraising, Community Lunch and Organisations' events have continued to be well supported and contribute greatly to the surplus achieved for the year. There was an overall surplus for the year of £19336.08.

Grants totalling £8841.36 were obtained during the year as follows:

1. £6160.00 from VANL to assist with the additional costs involved in the expansion of the Gamechangers Project.
2. £2681.36 from the NLC Digital Challenge Fund to assist with the upgrading of our Audio Visual System and installation of Broadband to enable services to be streamed.

The Giving to Grow (formerly Ministry & Mission) contribution due by the congregation to Edinburgh was paid in full in 10 monthly instalments.

Looking forward to 2025 it is anticipated that costs will increase substantially as Giving to Grow contribution, Electricity and Gas, staff wages and Insurance are known to be the subject of increases.

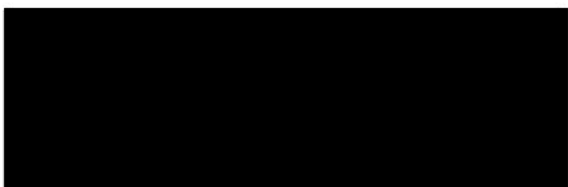
Reserves Policy

At the year end the Church held cash funds totalling £160421.20 of which £137783.10 was held in Unrestricted Funds and £22638.10 in Restricted Funds. It is policy to hold a minimum of 3 months running costs as cash in the General Fund. The balance in the General Fund account of £26114.16 represents approximately 4 months reserve against normal running costs. Any major improvements/refurbishment work would only be carried out if a contribution by way of Grants could be secured.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf



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Date: 11 February 2025

**OVERTOWN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Charity number: SCO07360

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

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 14.

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.

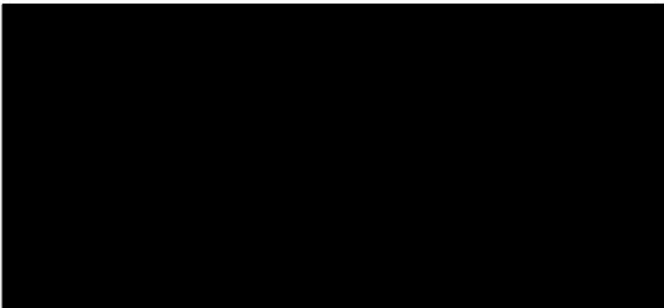
Basis of independent examiner's statement

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 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.



19th FEBRUARY 2025

Date

**OVERTOWN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts					
Donations	4	56939.49	-	56939.49	56141.17
Legacies		-	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00
Activities for Generating Funds	5	12228.98	-	12228.98	15034.65
Bank & Deposit interest		4894.81	1318.54	6213.35	3459.20
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		74063.28	6318.54	80381.82	79635.02
Hall Rentals		2360.00	-	2360.00	1227.50
Grants		8841.36	-	8841.36	924.00
Other receipts	6	10908.08	27.00	10935.08	8694.37
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Total Receipts		96172.72	6345.54	102518.26	90480.89
Payments					
Cost of generating funds		233.60	-	233.60	222.00
Charitable Activities	7	82704.02	44.56	82748.58	85049.78
Governance costs		200.00	-	200.00	200.00
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Total Payments		83137.62	44.56	83182.18	85471.78
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers					
		13035.10	6300.98	19336.08	5009.11
Transfers					
		7411.92	(7411.92)	-	-
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year					
		<hr/> 20447.02	<hr/> (1110.94)	<hr/> 19336.08	<hr/> 5009.11

**OVERTOWN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
STATEMENT OF BALANCES
AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

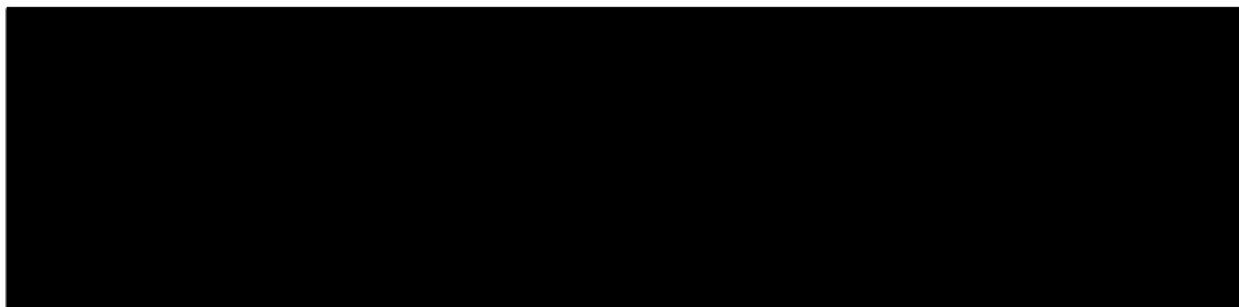
	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Bank and Deposit balances				
Brought forward				
General Fund	36489.17	-	36489.17	56756.43
Other Designated Funds	80846.91	23749.04	104595.95	79319.58
	117336.08	23749.04	141085.12	136076.01
Movement in year				
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	20447.02	(1110.94)	19336.08	5009.11
Bank and Deposit balances				
Carried forward				
General Fund	26114.16	-	26114.16	36489.17
Other Designated Funds	111668.94	22638.10	134307.04	104595.95
	137783.10	22638.10	160421.20	141085.12

Assets - None

Liabilities - None

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session on 11 February 2025

For and behalf of the Kirk Session



**OVERTOWN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1 Trustee Remuneration and Related Transactions

£1798.37 was paid in respect of Council Tax for the year for the Manse and £629.90 was re-imbursed to the Minister in respect of telephone costs.

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee during the year.

During the year voluntary contributions received from Trustees amounted to £14025.91 excluding tax reclaimed under Git Aid.

2 Movements in Funds

	As at 01-Jan 2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	As at 31-Dec 2024 £
Unrestricted Funds:					
General Fund	36489.17	87006.63	78220.63	(19161.01)	26114.16
Designated Funds:					
Fabric Fund	541.63	28.31	-	-	569.94
Kirk Session	980.16	-	73.13	300.00	1207.03
Gamechangers	-	1457.94	2644.06	6272.93	5086.81
Contingency Fund	78696.32	4689.31	-	20000.00	103385.63
The Guild	431.58	2576.53	1899.80	-	1108.31
Monday Bee	115.20	414.00	300.00	-	229.20
Rosebuds	82.02	-	-	-	82.02
	117336.08	96172.72	83137.62	7411.92	137783.10
Restricted Funds:					
Flower Fund	147.71	27.00	44.56	-	130.15
OPC Trust Fund	23601.33	6318.54	-	(7411.92)	22507.95
	23749.04	6345.54	44.56	(7411.92)	22638.10
Total Funds	141085.12	102518.26	83182.18	-	160421.20

**OVERTOWN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Purpose of Designated Funds:

Fabric Fund: For major fabric expenditure in future.

Kirk Session: A small account to be used at the discretion of the Minister and Kirk Session in cases of need, or for worship gifts and resources.

Game Changers: A group that meets weekly for socialisation through games and to address Health and Well-being issues, including isolation. Currently being expanded with the aid of a Grant from Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire.

Contingency and General Purposes Fund: The Trustees keep this fund with the Investors Trust Fund with the Church of Scotland and is held for any potential cash flow problems. In addition, any large donation or legacy is deposited here to cover more substantial repairs and improvements to our premises.

The Guild: Is affiliated to the Church of Scotland Guild.

Monday Bee: Small craft group set up to encourage Fellowship within the local community and to enhance Church funds.

Rosebuds: A weekly group for girls up to P3 to play games and make crafts. This group comes under the care of the Kirk Session.

Purpose of Restricted Funds:

Flower Fund: This fund provides flowers for display during services of worship when no flowers are gifted by a member of the Congregation.

OPC Trust Fund: Interest on money invested by a member of the Congregation to be used, at the discretion of the Kirk Session, for outreach within our Parish.

Other weekly organisations:

Line Dancing Class: This is now run by members of the Line Dancing Group with proceeds being donated to the Church.

The Community Lunch is organised by the Hospitality and Fundraising Team with all surplus funds donated to the Church.

OVERTOWN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3. 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 £31642.00 and the maximum (in the 5th and subsequent years) was £38884.00.

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
4. Analysis of Donations				
FWO Scheme	11973.60	-	11973.60	13310.00
Gift Aid Donations	26595.34	-	26595.34	27783.47
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	9733.94	-	9733.94	8864.65
Open Plate	8436.61	-	8436.61	4383.05
Donations	200.00	-	200.00	1800.00
TOTAL	56939.49	-	56939.49	56141.17
5. Activities Generating Funds				
Monday Bee	300.00	-	300.00	385.00
Line Dancing	1682.00	-	1682.00	1671.00
Fundraising events	4874.98	-	4874.98	4307.29
Community Lunch	4572.00	-	4572.00	5983.70
The Guild	800.00	-	800.00	1600.00
Gamechangers	-	-	-	1087.66
TOTAL	12228.98	-	12228.98	15034.65
6. Analysis of Other Income				
Life & Work	378.00	-	378.00	-
Wider work collections	3233.99	-	3233.99	2986.54
Weddings and Funerals	1210.00	-	1210.00	650.00
Cartridge recycling	65.00	-	65.00	-
Sunday Tea and Coffee	1749.81	-	1749.81	1708.42
Designated Funds income	4271.28	27.00	4298.28	3349.41
TOTAL	10908.08	27.00	10935.08	8694.37

OVERTOWN PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
7. Analysis of Charitable activities				
Giving to Grow payments	35369.00	-	35369.00	33547.00
Presbytery Dues	1166.00	-	1166.00	1157.70
Minister's Expenses	629.90	-	629.90	651.19
Locums/Relief Organists	620.00	-	620.00	720.00
Staffing costs	11029.44	-	11029.44	9064.92
Council Tax	1798.37	-	1798.37	1753.95
Heat and Light	5808.30	-	5808.30	3534.43
Insurance	2817.67	-	2817.67	2695.96
Print/Stat./Postage	226.12	-	226.12	216.04
Outreach	9112.88	-	9112.88	8169.86
Cleaning Materials	287.24	-	287.24	206.70
Life & Work	357.00	-	357.00	245.00
Miscellaneous	1716.79	-	1716.79	1217.67
Wider Work	3277.99	-	3277.99	3072.54
Property Maintenance	3570.33	-	3570.33	15164.44
Designated funds	4916.99	44.56	4961.55	3632.38
TOTAL	82704.02	44.56	82748.58	85049.78

8. Collections and donations to third Parties	2024 £	2023 £
Christian Aid	530.10	557.00
Wishaw Foodbank	145.50	94.00
Erskine Hospital/Poppy Scotland	439.89	312.57
Mary's Meals	150.00	-
SSPCA (Raffle by Line Dancing Group)	116.00	115.00
Salvation Army	358.40	-
Water Aid	-	150.00
Christian Aid – Syrian Earthquake Appeal	-	310.45
Ronald MacDonald House	-	221.51
Shelter	-	160.20
Stanmore House School (Capability Scotland)	521.40	-
RNLI	176.00	-
St Andrew's Hospice	-	343.50
World Day of Prayer	282.20	-
UNICEF	297.30	-
Barnardo's	-	523.00
Guide Dogs for the Blind	-	285.31
Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance	261.20	-
	3277.99	3072.54

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	£	£
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