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Urquhart (Ferintosh) & Resolis Free Church of Scotland

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Urquhart (Ferintosh) & Resolis Free Church of Scotland

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Church Information

Trustees

A list of active Trustees during 2024 is provided in the Trustees' Report on Page 2.

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Urquhart (Ferintosh) & Resolis Free Church of Scotland

Report of the Trustees

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Status of Charity and Governing Document

Urquhart (Ferintosh) & Resolis Free Church of Scotland is established by Constitution. It is a registered Scottish Charity (No. SC007775).

Aims and Affiliation

Urquhart (Ferintosh) & Resolis Free Church of Scotland is a congregation of the Free Church of Scotland working towards the common aims set out below. It is a Presbyterian church adhering in its worship and doctrine to the position of the Church of Scotland at the Reformation. The Free Church of Scotland has an explanatory document which explains the origins of the Church and which gives the historical background to the Church coming into being in 1843 and lists documents in which is embodied the constitution of the Church. The document is available on request from the Free Church of Scotland, 15 North Bank St., The Mound, Edinburgh, EH1 2LS.

The Free Church of Scotland currently has over 100 congregations in Scotland, as well as one in London and four in North America, and sister Churches founded by mission work in India, Peru and South Africa. The Church also has a seminary in Edinburgh for the training of ministers and other Christian workers and sustains an extensive missionary programme relative to the size of the church. The principal activity of the Church is the conduct of public worship and associated matters in the context of local congregations.

Dating from 1843 but with its roots in the Reformation, the Free Church of Scotland owes its distinctive title to its historical struggle to remain 'free' from state interference in its internal affairs. It has close and active relations with many other Reformed churches of Jesus Christ throughout the world and stands firmly in the tradition which accepts the Bible in its entirety as the Word of God and, therefore, derives its forms of teaching, worship, ministry and government from it. The main emphasis of our worship is the preaching of the gospel - the good news of a free and sovereign salvation through Jesus Christ alone.

The congregation is authorised by the Church to have a minister paid from central funds of the Church. The church buildings and the minister's manse are the property of the congregation and are held under the Church's model trust deed.

Trustees and Office Bearers

The congregation is governed and administered by elected office bearers (all volunteers) and its minister. The Kirk Session, being the minister and elected elders, has responsibility for spiritual oversight, while the Deacons' Court, composed of Kirk Session members plus elected deacons, oversees financial and property matters. Under Charity Law, the Deacons' Court are deemed to be the trustees of the congregation as those with responsibility for day to day management and control. This is distinct from the role of property (congregational) trustees who are responsible only for holding property in trust.

The members of the Deacons' Court (the Trustees) who served during the year were as follows:-

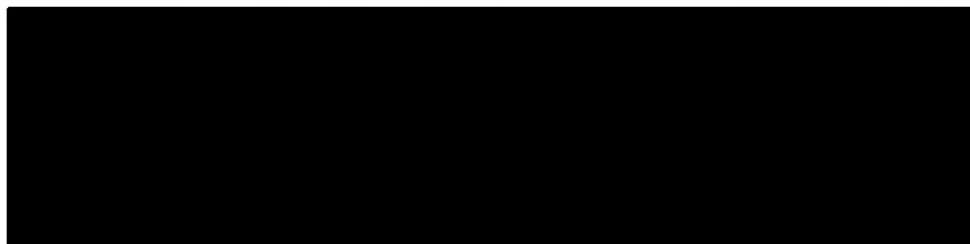
Deacons' Court

Elders

Deacons

Minister

Treasurer



Congregational Trustees



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Report of the Trustees

Appointment of Charity Trustees

The Kirk Session exercises its discretion in determining the most appropriate method of electing new Trustees (Elders, Deacons and Committee Members). Any election process must involve the communicant membership of the congregation. There is no fixed term for Trusteeship. Prior to their appointment, new Trustees would have served the Church for some time in various roles and would be familiar with the Church's values, its aims and objectives as well as its day-to-day operations. As part of their induction programme, new Trustees are required to understand their statutory responsibilities as well as the responsibilities of their office within the congregation as elder or deacon.

Activities and Achievements

During the year, the congregation met regularly for public worship and carried out various activities in pursuit of the above stated aims.

The congregation continued its commitment to support the National Free Church of Scotland both spiritually and financially.

Significant highlights, events and developments of note in the year include the following: -

In relation to **congregational activities**:

During 2024 our Church buildings were open for the full year. We continued to Livestream our Services (and Zoom some Prayer Meetings) during the year to bring the Gospel to our own folks and also to a worldwide audience through our YouTube Channel. Other activities included:

- Benevolent fund payments to needy individuals from the wider Community.
- In Person Children's Sunday School and Holiday Club.
- In Person Youth Fellowship.
- In Person Women for Missions Group Meetings,
- Gifts to Charitable causes and support of Mission and Christian Aid organisations.
- In Person/Zoom weekly Bible Study Groups and monthly Community Group meetings
- Monthly Bite and Blether Community Café; fortnightly Hobbies and Hobnobs get-togethers
- Open Air Service at Historic Site known as "The Burn of Ferintosh".

In relation to **congregational funding**:

- Donations from Church members by weekly offerings, payments directly into Bank, or Paypal.
- Tax amounting to £28,621 recovered from HMRC via Gift Aid reclaims.
- The women of the congregation contributing an annual total in April of £5257 for the WFM fund.
- Bite & Blether coffee mornings raising £800 which will be donated to The Mission to Seafarers.
- We used £51,000 from the Fabric funds for a variety of projects, but to offset some of these costs we raised £12,700 in specific "appeal" donations and £9,560 from grant applications.

Reserves

Results for the year

As a result of a deficit for the year of (£4,763) the Church held unrestricted funds amounting to £24,136 at the year end. That consisted of a General Fund amounting to £1,976 and Designated Funds with a balance of £22,160. Restricted Funds totalling £30,565 were also held in addition to Endowment funds of £10,000. The trustees are satisfied with the level of reserves retained by the charity.

On behalf of the Trustees

Urquhart (Ferintosh) & Resolis Free Church of Scotland

Report of the Independent Examiners to the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

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

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 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 Examiners' Statement

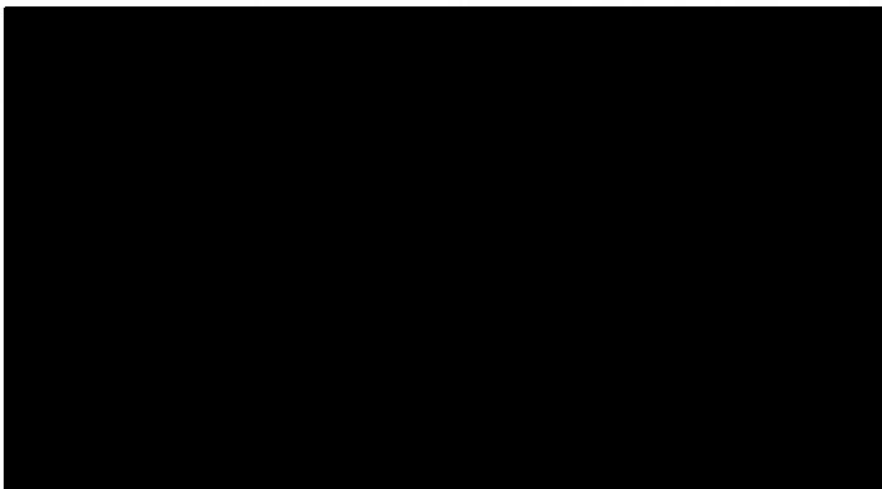
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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.



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Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2024

Urquhart (Ferintosh) & Resolis Free Church of Scotland Receipts and Payments Account For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Voluntary Income	76,549	8,915	78,573		164,039	135,621
Activities for Generating Funds	183				183	312
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities			121		121	
Investment Income		30	346		377	902
Total Receipts	76,732	8,946	79,042		164,720	136,835
Payments						
Charitable Activities	82,258	8,864	78,359		169,482	103,119
Total Payments	82,258	8,864	78,359		169,482	103,119
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	(5,527)	81	682		(4,763)	33,716
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	5,500		5,857	3,000	14,357	9,927
Gross transfers between funds - out	(281)	(10,876)	(3,200)		(14,357)	(9,928)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	(308)	(10,795)	3,339	3,000	(4,763)	33,716
Net movement in funds	(308)	(10,795)	3,339	3,000	(4,763)	33,716
Reconciliation of funds						
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	2,283	32,955	27,226	7,000	69,464	35,747
Excess of receipts over payments for the year	1,976	22,160	30,565	10,000	64,702	69,464
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	1,976				1,976	2,283
Designated						
Benevolent Fund		370			370	370
Church/Manse Utilities		2,335			2,335	3,621
Fabric Resolis		4,829			4,829	10,280
Fabric Urquhart		10,638			10,638	12,195
Local Development		3,986			3,986	6,486
Restricted						
Benevolent Fund			4,360		4,360	2,279
Church/Manse Utilities			2,986		2,986	3,559
Community Cafe			797		797	770
Fabric Resolis			1,923		1,923	2,803
Fabric Urquhart			8,141		8,141	8,770
Gifted Donations			692		692	149
Local Development			8,261		8,261	5,119
Women for Mission			3,400		3,400	3,773
Endowment						
Fabric Resolis				10,000	10,000	7,000

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

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Statement of Balances for the year ended 31 December 2024

Urquhart (Ferintosh) and Resolis Free Church of Scotland - SC007775

Statement of Balances

As at 31 December 2024

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of	35,238	27,226	7,000		69,464	35,747
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and	(11,103)	3,339	3,000	-	(4,764)	33,716
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year (Agree balances with receipts and payments	24,135	30,565	10,000	-	64,700	69,463

1,000

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total		

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total			

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities	Ferintosh Refurb	Ferintosh Fabric Restricted		
	Building Loan			
		Total		

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total		

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

[Redacted Signature Area]

Date of
approval

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Accounting Policies

Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Fixed Assets

The Manse and Church Buildings have not been valued, so no value is shown per recommended practice.

Receipts and Payments Account

For the purpose of the Receipts and Payments account as shown on page 5, funds are defined as follows:

Unrestricted funds comprise grants and other income received for the objects of the church without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Designated funds represent unrestricted funds which have been earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds comprise income which has been received for the objects of the church and specified for a restricted purpose within these objects by the donor.

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Analysis of Receipts for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Analysis of Receipts and Payments

Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Receipts					
Voluntary Income					
1101 - Gift Aid Givings Urquhart	52,365		24,885	77,250	76,110
1102 - Gift Aid Givings Resolis	7,935		6,610	14,545	13,972
1103 - Environ Gift Aid Urquhart	4,890		2,310	7,200	4,750
1104 - Environ Gift Aid Resolis			1,000	1,000	
1105 - Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	2,697	8,915	17,007	28,620	21,716
1107 - Church Door Urquhart	3,624		3,701	7,325	7,472
1108 - Church Door Resolis	4,850		1,426	6,276	4,578
1109 - Donations	186		12,071	12,257	7,011
1111 - Other Income A/c					10
1173 - Grants received			9,562	9,562	
Voluntary Income Totals	76,549	8,915	78,573	164,039	135,621
Activities for Generating Funds					
1112 - Magazine etc-Sales	183			183	312
Activities for Generating Funds Totals	183			183	312
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities					
1116 - Other Income A/c			121	121	
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities Totals			121	121	
Investment Income					
1121 - Rental Income					600
1123 - Interest Received		30	346	377	302
Investment Income Totals		30	346	377	902
Receipts Grand Totals	76,732	8,946	79,042	164,720	136,835

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Analysis of payments for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Analysis of Receipts and Payments

Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

				Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Payments					
Charitable Activities					
1301 - Head Office Remittances	59,040		150	59,190	50,708
1304 - Other Head Office payments	576			576	318
1305 - Presbtery Dues	1,857			1,857	1,816
1310 - Manse Heating and Lighting		40	3,865	3,905	4,588
1311 - Ministers Expenses	3,297			3,297	2,693
1313 - Salaries - Others	1,040		2,258	3,298	1,560
1315 - Employee Travel & Expenses			20	20	
1320 - Heat & Light			4,805	4,805	3,232
1321 - Rates	3,366			3,366	2,534
1322 - Insurance		5,524		5,524	5,237
1323 - Repairs Manse			6,187	6,187	1,425
1324 - Repairs Church	26		42,598	42,625	1,098
1326 - Repairs Equipment	719		402	1,121	747
1327 - Grounds Maintenance			1,900	1,900	221
1331 - Telephone	762		168	931	1,110
1340 - Youth Activities			1,202	1,202	1,531
1353 - Legal Fees		3,300		3,300	1,970
1370 - Gifts	5,350		13,175	18,525	14,733
1380 - Communion Expenses	85			85	346
1381 - Supply Expenses	1,642			1,642	2,482
1382 - Publications	490		318	808	364
1383 - Bookstall Purchase	153		300	453	104
1385 - Provisions	334			334	
1386 - Other Expenses	3,516		1,005	4,521	4,294
Charitable Activities Totals	82,258	8,864	78,359	169,482	103,119
Payments Grand Totals	82,258	8,864	78,359	169,482	103,119