

CHARITY NUMBER: SC008121

**KILMORACK & ERCHLESS
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 DECEMBER 2024**

KILMORACK & ERCHLESS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

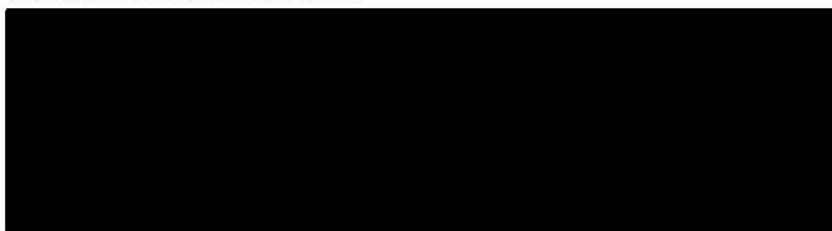
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name	Kilmorack & Erchless Church of Scotland
Charity registration number	SC008121
Congregational number	372139
Principal address	16A Ballifeary Road Inverness IV3 5PJ

Members of the Kirk Session



Congregational Board

During the period, the Congregational Board was made up of all the members of the Kirk Session plus the following members:



Minister

Interim Moderator

Session Clerk

Clerk to the Board

Church Treasurer

Independent Examiner

MacKenzie Kerr Limited
19 Culduthel Road
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IV2 4AA

Bankers

Bank of Scotland
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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Church is administered in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Constitution.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Members of the Kirk Session and the Congregational Board are the Charity 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. The Congregational Board is appointed from within the congregation and members of the congregation are invited to nominate individuals who are believed to have the skills and commitment to contribute to the management affairs of the Church, to become members of the Board. Board members are then appointed at the Stated Annual Meeting and serve for a period of three years after which they must seek re-election at the next Stated Annual Meeting.

Organisational Structure

The Congregational Board is chaired by the minister/interim moderator and meets several times in a year. Certain responsibilities are delegated to the Finance Committee and Property Committee as appropriate. The Kirk Session which meets several times a year is responsible for spiritual affairs within the church.

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 distinctive call and a 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 principal objective of Kilmorack and Erchless Parish Church is to uphold Christian worship and witness. Regular worship services are provided every Sunday in Beauly through the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

The congregation organise periodic social and fund raising events where anyone in the community will find a warm welcome.

The congregation seeks to support community life and in the past year made the church hall available to various community organisations including Brownies, Babyzone and Beauly Toddler Group, Beauly Carers Lunch Club, Highland Dance Groups and Sewing Bee.

The Minister was Chaplain to Beauly and Teanassie Primary Schools.

The Minister responded to requests to conduct funerals, marriages and baptisms throughout the year.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

All of our buildings are well maintained so that they are fit for the purpose for which they are intended. The rolling maintenance programme is currently on hold as directed by the Presbytery.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE CONTINUED

In these ways, Kilmorack and Erchless Parish Church, as part of the National Church, seeks to minister to the spiritual and practical needs of the people who live in the parish.

FUTURE EVENTS

The final service was held in Struy Church on 31 December 2023. The property was put up for sale and on 31 January 2025 was sold, with net proceeds of £68,287.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The principal source of income is from the offerings given at Sunday services i.e. Open Plate and Free Will Offering envelopes. A large proportion of these are Gift Aid donations on which tax is reclaimed. The income from these sources decreased from £32,679 to £26,527, a decrease of 19%. There are a number of individuals who give to the church monthly by direct debit which has resulted in a steady income stream in the year even when there were not always services held in the church.

The total income decreased from £46,630 to £43,218, a decrease of 7%.

The total payments increased from £53,151 to £63,550, an increase of 20%. Only essential fabric repairs were undertaken during the year although these did increase from £10,769 to £13,428, due to essential works.

At the year end total funds were £122,703 (2023 - £143,035), of which £18,548 (2023 - £17,627) were restricted.

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of cash in the General Fund of approximately £10,000 i.e. 2 to 3 months expenditure. Designated funds are unrestricted funds which have been designated by the trustees to cover specific projects. Restricted funds are funds received that are required to be used for a specific purpose.

We have the following properties within the Parish to maintain:

Beaully Church (over 100 years old)

Church Manse

Church Hall

There is a restricted rolling programme of maintenance for the manse as well as essential fabric upkeep for all the properties.

The Church also holds £18,548 of Restricted Funds which are for the purposes specified in Note 4.

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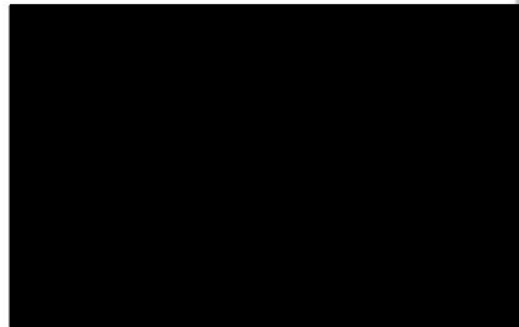
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The members of the Kirk Session/Congregational Board 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/Congregational Board 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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

 has been appointed independent examiner for the ensuing year.



**KILMORACK & ERCHLESS
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
KILMORACK & ERCHLESS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's board of trustees, as a body, for my work or for this report.

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 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.



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Date: 12 March 2025

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Unrestricted Total	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
<u>Receipts</u> See Note 2						
Donations	27,755	536	28,291	-	28,291	35,154
Fundraising Events	-	-	-	-	-	134
Dividends Received	1,958	-	1,958	-	1,958	2,446
Bank & Deposit Interest	7,227	3,536	10,763	921	11,684	7,475
	36,940	4,072	41,012	921	41,933	45,209
Rental of Premises	1,285	-	1,285	-	1,285	1,421
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>38,225</u>	<u>4,072</u>	<u>42,297</u>	<u>921</u>	<u>43,218</u>	<u>46,630</u>
<u>Payments</u> See Note 3						
Charitable Activities	63,181	369	63,550	-	63,550	53,151
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>63,181</u>	<u>369</u>	<u>63,550</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,550</u>	<u>53,151</u>
Excess/Deficit for the year before transfers	(24,956)	3,703	(21,253)	921	(20,332)	(6,521)
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	<u>(24,956)</u>	<u>3,703</u>	<u>(21,253)</u>	<u>921</u>	<u>(20,332)</u>	<u>(6,521)</u>

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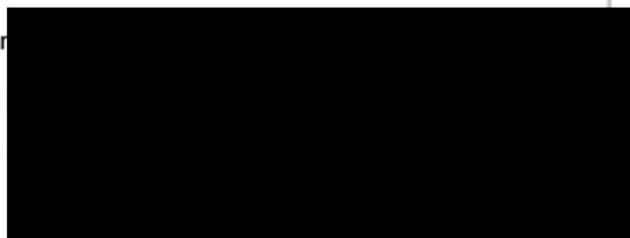
STATEMENT OF BALANCES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	<u>2024</u>	<u>Funds</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Funds</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Bank & Deposit Balances				
At 1 January 2024	125,408	17,627	143,035	149,556
Excess of receipts over payments for year	<u>(21,253)</u>	<u>921</u>	<u>(20,332)</u>	<u>(6,521)</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>104,155</u>	<u>18,548</u>	<u>122,703</u>	<u>143,035</u>
Investments			<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Consolidated Fabric Fund Capital Account - Market Value			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Consolidated Fabric Fund Capital Account II - Market Value			<u>158,905</u>	<u>155,112</u>

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session and Congregational Board on 4 March 2025

For and on behalf of the Kirk Session and Congregation



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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The Accounts are prepared on a cash basis.

Heritable property

Heritable properties, consisting of the Churches, Halls and Manse are not recorded in the accounts.

The Title Deeds are held by the Church of Scotland General Trustees.

Repairs and maintenance

Normal fabric repairs and maintenance are charged to the General Fund.

Minister's stipend

All Church of Scotland congregations contribute to the National Stipend Fund which bears the cost of all ministers' stipends and employers' contributions for national insurance, pension, housing and loan fund.

Ministers' stipends are paid in accordance with the national stipend scale which is related to years of service.

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2 ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted Funds <u>2024</u>	Designated Funds <u>2024</u>	Unrestricted Total <u>2024</u>	Restricted Funds <u>2024</u>	Total <u>2024</u>	Total <u>2023</u>
<u>Receipts</u>						
F.W.O. (non-Gift aid)	9,005	-	9,005	-	9,005	9,528
Gift aid givings	16,723	-	16,723	-	16,723	17,695
Tax recovered on Gift aid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Open plate	263	536	799	-	799	5,456
Weddings/Funerals	482	-	482	-	482	1,065
Donations	1,282	-	1,282	-	1,282	1,410
Total	27,755	536	28,291	-	28,291	35,154
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-	134
Bank & deposit interest	7,227	3,536	10,763	921	11,684	7,475
Dividends received	1,958	-	1,958	-	1,958	2,446
Rental of premises	1,285	-	1,285	-	1,285	1,421
TOTAL RECEIPTS	38,225	4,072	42,297	921	43,218	46,630

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3 ANALYSIS OF PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Designated Funds 2024	Unrestricted Total 2024	Restricted Total 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
National Ministry & Mission & Wider Work						
National Stipend Fund Allocation	25,925	-	25,925	-	25,925	25,814
Less:- Endowment income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Less:- Glebe rent	-	-	-	-	-	-
Less:- Presbytery allowance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Presbytery dues	-	-	-	-	-	570
	<u>25,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,925</u>	<u>26,384</u>
Local Staffing Costs						
Travel expenses	1,266	-	1,266	-	1,266	1,489
Telephone	430	-	430	-	430	516
Pulpit supply	1,860	-	1,860	-	1,860	932
	<u>3,556</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,556</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,556</u>	<u>2,937</u>
Building Costs						
Fabric repairs & maintenance	13,428	-	13,428	-	13,428	10,769
Heat and light	10,777	-	10,777	-	10,777	4,662
Insurance	3,025	-	3,025	-	3,025	2,859
Manse - Council Tax	2,538	-	2,538	-	2,538	2,479
	<u>29,768</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,768</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,768</u>	<u>20,769</u>
Other Local Costs						
Stationery	36	-	36	-	36	-
Music licence	510	-	510	-	510	483
Social events	517	-	517	-	517	441
Computer	184	-	184	-	184	85
Printing costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning	1,119	-	1,119	-	1,119	660
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Life & work	126	-	126	-	126	252
Accountancy	840	-	840	-	840	780
Fees	600	-	600	-	600	140
Flowers	-	369	369	-	369	220
	<u>3,932</u>	<u>369</u>	<u>4,301</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,301</u>	<u>3,061</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>63,181</u>	<u>369</u>	<u>63,550</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,550</u>	<u>53,151</u>

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4 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1 Jan 2024	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2024
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	56,887	38,225	(63,181)	-	31,931
Designated Funds					
Flower Fund	261	536	(369)	-	428
Craft Group	633	-	-	-	633
Beaully Sunday School	5	-	-	-	5
C.of S.- Deposit Fund - Gen.A/C	61,909	3,237	-	-	65,146
C.of S.- Deposit Fund - Fab.A/C	5,713	299	-	-	6,012
Total	125,408	42,297	(63,550)	-	104,155
Restricted Funds					
██████████ - Cannich Church	52	2	-	-	54
██████████ - Sunday School	860	45	-	-	905
██████████ - Beaully congregation	16,715	874	-	-	17,589
Total	17,627	921	-	-	18,548
TOTAL FUNDS	143,035	43,218	(63,550)	-	122,703

Purposes of Designated Funds

Flower Fund - This fund is to provide flowers for display and enhance the services of worship in Beaully

Craft Group - This group meet for fellowship and to make items for the comfort and enjoyment of the congregation

Beaully Sunday School - provides funds for the Christian Education, Charitable giving and social activities undertaken by the young people of the community

C.of S. Deposit Trust Fund - This fund is suitable for the general and fabric accounts giving a higher rate of interest than the banks accounts

Purposes of Restricted Funds

██████████ - to be used for the maintenance of Cannich Church only (residual interest in account only)

██████████ to be used for Sunday School expenses - course books, prizes etc.

██████████ - to be used for the benefit of Beaully congregation

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5 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No remuneration was paid during the year to any charity trustee.

During the year [REDACTED] were reimbursed expenses totalling £287.

6 SALE OF STRUY CHURCH - POST YEAR END

On 31 January 2025 the Church at Struy was sold. The property was vested in the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland. The net proceeds after costs was £68,287 and this amount will be held in a Consolidated Fabric Fund, on behalf of the Parish, by the General Trustees. This fund is shown on page 7 of these accounts.