

Bellshill: Central Parish Church Of Scotland

Scotland · Charity number SC012556

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Part of	The Church of Scotland (SC011353)
Registered	1964-11-02
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	12 Beveridge Terrace Bellshill North Lanarkshire County ML4 2RJ
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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of religion'

What the charity does: The advancement of religion.

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

Objectives: The advancement of religion

Geography

- **Main operating location:** North Lanarkshire
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£58,923	£72,677	-	1
2023-12-31	£56,060	£60,139	-	1
2022-12-31	£58,865	£67,270	-	1
2021-12-31	£58,541	£54,801	-	1
2020-12-31	£51,395	£58,969	-	1

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Accounts

Bellshill Central Parish

Church of Scotland

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

AND

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR

THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Congregation No: 171073

Charity No: SC012556

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Year ended 31 December 2024

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Reference and Administrative Information**

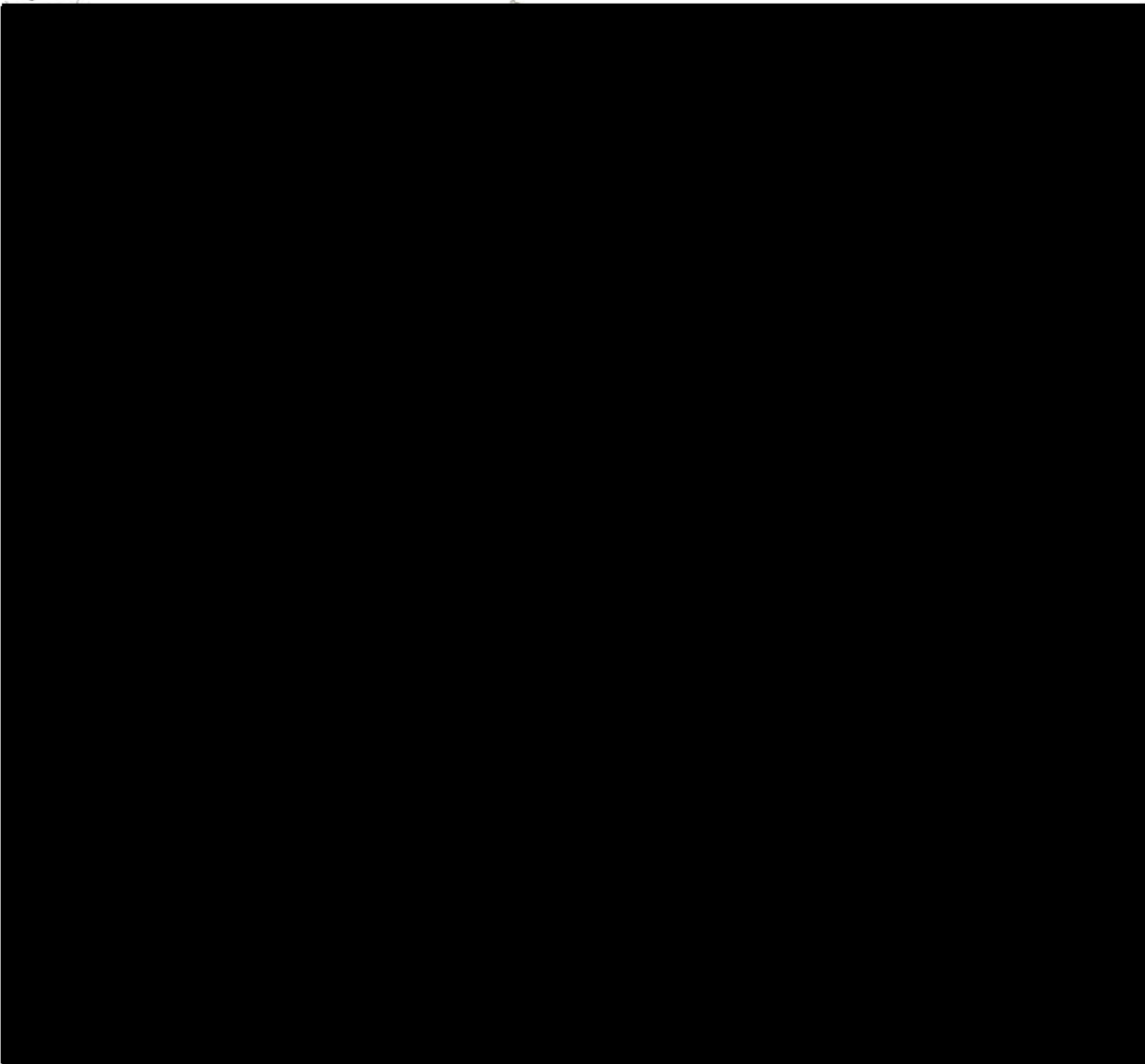
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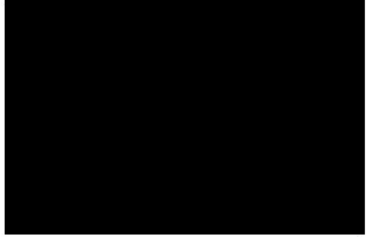
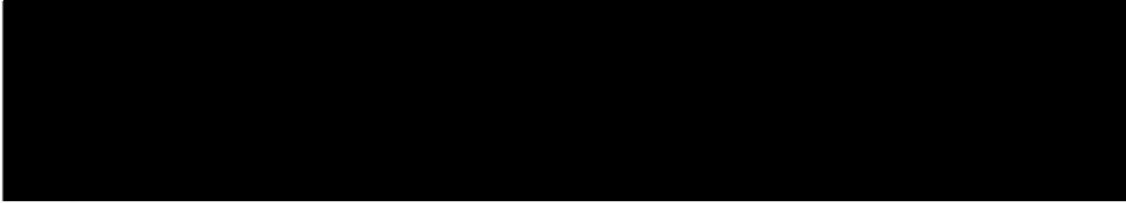
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Trustees

**Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland
Reference and Administrative Information – (Cont)**



Bankers
Bank of Scotland
207 Main Street
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Trustees' Annual Report
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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

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

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 Interim Moderator, who is a member of the Kirk Session, is appointed 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 Interim Moderator and normally meets six times in a year. The Treasurer is assisted by a small finance committee and reports and makes recommendations at each Board meeting. A Property Convener who is assisted by a small Property Committee, oversees the management of the congregation's property

The Kirk Session which normally meets six times a year, is responsible for spiritual affairs within the church.

The Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale

The former Presbyteries of Hamilton, Lanark and Falkirk were merged into a new larger group.

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 Mission Statement of Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland:

"We seek to look forward in faith, to worship God, and to serve Him in the Community, to offer hope of a better future and to encourage people of all ages to know and love Jesus as Lord."

**The Congregation seeks to fulfil its Mission through-
Sunday Morning Services of Worship**

Adults and children gather each Sunday for a time together, including an all-ages introductory address. Children then leave for "Young Church" (Sunday School) with babies and infants cared for in the crèche. Approximately 50 adults usually attend morning worship each Sunday. Services are live-streamed on social media for those who are unable to get to church for whatever reason. Services are also available to view-on-line for an indefinite period of time thereafter and these attract a significant number of views. DVDs and CDs also continue to be available for members who do not have internet access. In the absence of our Minister, many services were arranged by our Worship Team and Prayer Group with many members of the congregation taking an active part in leading worship. We are fortunate to have the assistance of a local Reader, [REDACTED] who leads worship for us on many occasions and has become a good friend of the congregation. Last year our Locum, [REDACTED] was appointed and continues to lead worship on two or three Sundays each month.

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Objectives and Activities (Cont)

Other Services of Worship/opportunities offered to our congregation and wider community included:

- On the 21 January 2024 an in-person service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was hosted by our church with members from local churches taking part, including the EU church, Sacred Heart St Gerard's and the Salvation Army
- In March, The World Day of Prayer Service was held in St Andrew's Church with members of our Church Guild taking part.
- Holy Week opportunities – Wednesday Family Film night, Thursday Communion Service and Good Friday open church for prayer and contemplation.
- Easter Sunday "Son-rise" service outdoors followed by a shared breakfast in the Church Hall.
- In June, Mossend Primary School held their end of session Award Ceremony in the Church.
- In the Autumn, we held our second Pet Service which was enjoyed by the animals and humans who came along.
- Since the Autumn of 2024 we have opened the church twice per month on Friday afternoons as part of an Open Church Initiative. This allows our community to come into the quietness for space, reflection and prayer.
- On the 29 September 2024 the church hosted the Kirking of the Council. Distinguished guests included the Provost and Bishop Toal, who both took part in leading worship.
- We were delighted to welcome the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, [REDACTED] on the 30 October 2024.
- In December, we participated in the annual Blue Service for the bereaved, in conjunction with Potts Funeral Directors, with other faith communities in the town taking part. The service this year was hosted by Sacred Heart Church and will return to us in 2025.
- On the 8 December 2024 the church hosted a Christmas Family service for "Forerunners Scotland," an inter-denominational Christian group of Indonesians in Scotland.
- On the 19 December 2024, a very well attended "Big Sing" was held in the church with the three non-denominational primary schools in the town taking part.
- We had our annual Christingle Carol Service for all ages, where around 100 people gathered at the start of the Christmas Season with Christmas lunch being available afterwards.
- A Carols by Candlelight Service was also held nearer to Christmas.

"Young Church": Young Church is considered to be an integral part of Sunday Morning Services with young people normally following the Scripture Union "Light" programme for their own age group.

Church Choir/Music: Bellshill Central has always been known as a "singing" church and this is aided by the choir of some 15 members, led by the organist. We have met and prepared services throughout the Christian year. Highlights of the year were singing at Hatton Lea Care Home (one of local care homes) on four occasions as part of our Playlist for Life engagement, singing at Beechwood Care Home for Christmas Carols, and participating in the North Lanarkshire Council Kirking of the Council Service. We continue to contribute to Church unity in Bellshill by welcoming singers from Bellshill West Church, now that their own choir is disbanded. They have joined us for various services, and feel part of the extended Bellshill Central Church family.

Since 2020, as part of a weekly check of the organ, the Organist Entertains has been a staple of life at Bellshill Central, and other locations around the world. "The Organist Entertains," which grew from a 15-minute slot into what is now at least an hour, sometimes two hours of excellent organ music, continued throughout 2024. Hymns, Psalms, voluntaries and other popular tunes are chosen by the listeners; originally from Bellshill Central congregation and the local town but now from places as far away as Australia, South Africa and Canada. Around 400 people tune in each week to watch and listen to "The Organist Entertains." Whilst these episodes have become more infrequent, they are still very popular. Our Organist Entertains produces a video at least every 3 months and is very much appreciated as part of our online outreach programme.

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Objectives and Activities (Cont)

Pastoral Care of the Congregation: Kevin has been on leave since early 2023.

Elders continue to visit homes in their district four times a year. As time permits, [REDACTED] our locum, visits those who are housebound or in hospital; and conducts funerals and weddings when possible.

The number of members requiring pastoral help at home and in hospital continues to grow year by year. However, four new Elders were ordained during the year; bringing fresh energy and expertise to our Kirk Session.

The Guild: This year's weekly meetings began in January with our traditional "After Christmas Lunch" held in the local Golf Club; partially funded by a Grant from North Lanarkshire Council. This was a very enjoyable afternoon in pleasant surroundings; a chance to catch up with friends after the Christmas break. During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we welcomed [REDACTED] from Bothwell Parish Church. The month concluded with our Open Night when we welcomed ladies from churches in the area of all denominations to enjoy an evening of entertainment, provided by the Ian Walker Band, who had been found through their advert in Life and Work. Donations received allowed us to send £200 to the Erskine Veterans' Charity.

Major David Wing, from the local Salvation Army, was one of our speakers in February, when he shared his very interesting faith story with us. In March, we were happy to have [REDACTED] tell us about Lanarkshire Carers. [REDACTED] had been a long-serving member of Church and Guild and, in her later years, [REDACTED] had become her carer, drawing support from this organisation of which he is now a Director.

The Closing Social at the end of March 2024 included entertainment and high tea. It was very well attended and appreciated. Some days out to Local Garden Centres and similar establishments, were arranged during the Summer break to allow members to keep in touch.

When the Guild re-commenced in October 2024 membership numbers had dropped due to the death of two long-serving members and other health issues. However, we were also pleased to welcome three new members. The session began with our customary joint Communion Service with Burnhead Guild; held this year at Bellshill Central. The first speaker of the new session was a 97-year-old lady accompanied by [REDACTED] who related stories of the Wartime Evacuation of the pupils and teachers of Laurel Bank School in Glasgow to Auchterarder for the duration of the Second World War. [REDACTED] was a very interesting and amusing speaker.

In November, we had a very interesting and informative talk on Glasgow City Mission and, in December, [REDACTED] from the Beyond Srebrenica organisation, told us something of the distressing history of the Bosnian Genocide.

Nationally the Guild has supported six major projects and organisation over the past three years. Information on two of these projects were shared with the congregation when the Guild led Sunday Worship on 1 December 2024 and we have donated £50 to each of these two organisations; similar to previous years. Four new projects will receive Guild support over the next few years and details of these will be shared with the congregation when the Guild continues to lead Sunday Worship on an annual basis.

Prayer Group: The initiative started for Lent 2020 and has remained part of our faith activities. The Prayer Group meets via zoom most Monday evenings for 30 minutes or thereabouts. The time in prayer is recorded and uploaded to our YouTube channel and is appreciated by countless others from as far afield as Australia. In the absence of Kevin, members of the Prayer Group have been greatly involved in leading Sunday Worship; especially prior to the appointment of our part-time Locum.

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Community Involvement:

Guiding: The main activity under the supervision of the Kirk Session by which the congregation engages with its local community is through its successful uniformed Guiding organisations - Guides, Brownies and Rainbows. Girls are not required to attend Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland to be members of these organisations. Leaders are also not required to be members of Bellshill Central Church. This is in accord with the ethos of the Guiding movement. Normally approximately 51 girls from the ages of 4 years to 16 years attend weekly meetings from September through to June. The current waiting list is over 23 but units are at capacity with a shortage of senior children participating in Leadership. The programme of meetings and activities provided is enthusiastically led and received. All guiding units in Bellshill Central contribute to the outreach and engagement at Bellshill Central.

Bowling: The congregation also hosts an informal indoor bowling club during the winter months and members of all sections of the community are welcome to attend. This is a thriving Wednesday afternoon club. As part of our Warm Wednesday initiative in response to the Cost-of-Living Crisis, this club is even more valued by those who attend.

Hall Lets: The hall was used by a Tae Kwan-Do for the first part of last year; and there are frequent requests for birthday parties and to host coffee mornings, etc throughout the year. In 2024 we began a relationship with Hope for Autism, through fundraising events which led to a long-term hall rent for table top activities and Dungeons and Dragons sessions.

Utheo Ltd: Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre (ONC) currently retains a partnership with Bellshill Central Parish Church. Two elders from the congregation remain as Directors of Utheo Ltd, which is the private registered Scottish Charity governing the work of the ONC.

Regular business and activities were slow to pick up following almost two years' closure due to COVID.

Services include the Wee Friendly Group which meet three days per week plus two days for the Men's Group. Group-befriending for four local sheltered housing residents takes place weekly as well as one-to-one Befriending and regular telephone contact. Musical Memories is provided weekly and is also well attended.

An all-day Café operates providing good, nutritious, reasonable meals five days per week and is open to anyone. A Community Fridge initiative opened in October last year for people in the ML4 postcode area and this has had amazing success in such a short time with over 150 members already signed up.

The premises are available for Let to individuals or groups at reasonable rates. Further details can be obtained by calling the Centre.

Volunteers are a necessity to augment the services ONC provide. If anyone has a spare hour or two that could be put to good use, ONC would be delighted to hear from you.

Schools: Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland donates an annual Religious Education prize to Bellshill Academy. Pupils from the primary schools have, in the past, taken part in services of worship with a relevant theme. In June, Mossend Primary School held their end of term Award Ceremony in our church when parents came along. [REDACTED] has taken some assemblies in the schools, helping keep the link with Bellshill Central. A "Big Sing" was held in the Church in December with pupils from Lawmuir, Noble and Mossend Primary Schools taking part and many family members coming along.

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Objectives and Activities (Cont)

Heart and Sole: Heart and Sole is the informal Walking Group set up by the Church in 2019. Short walks around the local area or to the nearby Strathclyde Park are organised on a weekly basis during the Spring/Summer/Autumn. These are open to everyone, whether or not there is a church connection. Walking supports wellbeing, physical activity, mental health and gives members the opportunity to meet people from all over the town.

Church Chronicle: The Church Magazine is published at least four times a year and made available on a variety of internet platforms and also delivered to church members without internet access. Church news and photos are included along with quizzes and items from Local Councillors and teachers from local schools. It is a useful method of maintaining contact with the local community.

Open Church Initiative: Since the Autumn of 2024 we have opened the church twice a month on Friday afternoons. This allows our community to come into the quietness for space, reflection and prayer.

Playlist for Life: We are now the local area's Help Point for this organisation.

Co-operation with other churches:

Church members are encouraged to participate in ecumenical services and social events. Joint Services took place with Bellshill West Parish Churches during three Sundays in February; and again during Holy Week, with worship taking place at Bellshill West on Wednesday, Bellshill Central on Thursday and at Bothwell on Friday. During July, Joint Summer Services were held with Bothwell Church and Bellshill West Church.

The Guild actively participates annually in planning and leading the locally organised World Day of Prayer. The Service in 2024 took place in St Andrew's U F Church. The Guild also arrange an annual Open Night when members of all other churches in the area come along for an evening's entertainment followed by tea. Donations at this event raised £200 for Erskine Veterans. The Guild has, for very many years, held a Joint Annual Opening Communion Service with Burnhead Guild which alternates between the premises of the two churches involved.

Fund Raising and Social Activities: Fund raising plays an important part in financing the activities of Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland: while also helping generate a sense of fellowship. Activities during the year included a Burns Lunch, Daffodil Tea, two very popular Clothes Shows, Cheese and Wine, Harvest Lunch and a Christmas Carol Service followed by Lunch.

SUSTAINING OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Christian Stewardship: As the accounts demonstrate the main source of financial support for Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland remains the committed Christian giving of the membership. Members of the congregation have been encouraged to change to direct transfer into the bank to maintain WFO. Details of The Church of Scotland online donate facility and QR code are included in our online magazine, BCPC Chronicle.

Much is given in "time and talents" offered in voluntary service. A regular feature of the quarterly church magazine is an article on some aspect of the wider work of the Church of Scotland.

- In common with most churches throughout Scotland the congregation has a high percentage of older members; many of whom find it difficult to physically visit the church building. During 2022, meeting face to face on Sunday mornings again became the norm but worship continued to be made available with a very meaningful online presence.
- Joint services of worship have always been appreciated by the congregation as helping to foster a sense of Christian unity within Bellshill and it is hoped that these will again become more regular. Members regularly assist in the conduct of worship. This includes the public reading of the Bible, leading prayers, etc. Many people who had not previously read bible passages or prayers during Sunday Worship have become more willing to do so after taking part in online worship during the 2020/2021.
- This has encouraged more members to take an active part in face-to-face worship, meaning additional volunteers are now available for Bible Readings at Sunday Services.

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SUSTAINING OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (Cont)

Achievements and Performance

- The Guild maintains meaningful contact with members. Bellshill Central continues to offer a warm welcome to new members who come along.
- Young Church is also very happy to meet new young people.
- The Bowling Club continues to bring together people of all ages in the spirit of "A Church Without Walls".
- The fabric committee is working their way through a check and repair schedule with the property being checked on a regular basis. In a recent Presbytery Inspection, our property was classified in Category A; where 'A' is retention and 'B' is disposal. This Category was subsequently changed to 'B*' and clarification on that decision is awaited.
- Fund raising continues to be carried out in new ways with the congregation being encouraged to be innovative.
- Contact is maintained with local primary schools and they are encouraged to contribute to our Chronicle.
- Significant contribution of the organist and the church choir enhancing worship and praise.
- The use of the refurbished organ as a community asset to raise funds for other charities. Information on "The Organist Entertains" continues to spread worldwide and more locally. The publicity may encourage more people to attend future fundraisers.
- The Facebook and 'X' accounts of Bellshill Central, and its YouTube channel, have grown in their reach and influence.
- The WhatsApp Group set up in 2020 to allow church members to keep in touch with each other and continues to be a lifeline for more than 60 people.
- Raised £1,121 for local and international charities.
- The Guild donated £200 to Erskine Home and £100 to the Guild's centrally nominated projects.
- Heart and Sole raised more than £400 which was donated to charities.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale

The former Presbyteries of Hamilton, Lanark and Falkirk have now merged into a new larger group.

In 2023, it was noted that: the Church of Scotland was presently undergoing a major review of all churches in Scotland and each Presbytery had been asked to prepare a plan for reorganising all of the churches in their area. This work is still ongoing.

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Trustees' Annual Report (Cont)
Year ended 31 December 2024**

Financial Review

The detailed financial position of the Church is set out in the attached accounts. Total general income was £57,219 with total expenditure £71,869 producing an excess expenditure of £14,650. In addition, deposit interest of £587 was credited to the Organ Fund. The restricted surplus for the year was £309.

The church remains grateful to the J & A Potts Legacy for its continuing support. The income generated of £10,343 represents 18% of general income. A further £702 was received for specific purposes from investments invested by the Blackie Family, Corbett Memorial Trust, Sarah Schorn Bequest and Tom Downs Memorial. The £405 received from the Miss J Blackie Bequest is used for general expenditure.

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of at least 6 months' expenditure excluding designated funds. At the year end, the Church held unrestricted cash funds of £20,875 of which £34 had been designated for the fabric fund and £11,832 for the organ fund. The remaining balance of £9,009 together with the £19,140 held in the COS Growth Fund represents 6 months' expenditure.

The church also held £3,730 of restricted cash funds and £33,176 in the COS Growth Fund which have been provided for the purposes specified in Note 2.

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.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 13 to 17.

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.

Date: 25 March 2025

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
		2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
Receipts	Note				
Donations	3	38,996	415	39,411	39,839
Fundraising:					
Daffodil Tea	1,246				
Christmas Teas	1,905				
Burns Lunch	278				
Fashion Show	1,052				
Easter Breakfast	33				
Quiz	90				
Harvest Lunch	111				
Coin Boxes	462				
Cheese and Wine	410				
		5,587		5,587	4,927
Hire of hall		1,888		1,888	
Bank and deposit interest		587		587	396
J. & A Potts Trust Income		10,343		10,343	9,914
Investment Interest:					
Investors Trust		405	702	1,107	984
Total Receipts		57,806	1,117	58,923	56,060
Payments	4				
Cost of generating funds					
Charitable activities		71,869	808	72,677	60,139
Other payments					
Total Payments		71,869	808	72,677	60,139
Excess of Payments over Receipts for the year before transfers		(14,063)	309	(13,754)	(4,079)
Transfers		764	-764		
Excess of Payments over Receipts for the year		(13,299)	-455	(13,754)	(4,079)

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Statement of Balances

At 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Bank & Deposit Balances</u>					
Bank & deposit balances brought forward		34,174	4,185	38,359	42,438
Movement in year:					
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		(14,063)	309	(13,754)	(4,079)
Transfers Bank & deposit balances		764	-764	-	
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carried forward		<u>20,875</u>	<u>3,730</u>	<u>24,605</u>	<u>38,539</u>
 <u>Investments at market value</u>					
8,200 units in COS Growth Fund (Cost 2024- £4,991 2023 - £4,991)		<u>19,140</u>	<u>33,176</u>	<u>52,316</u>	<u>47,806</u>

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session and Financial Board on 25 March 2025.

For and on behalf of the Kirk Session and Financial Board



Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting Policy

The charity prepares the Financial Statements on a Receipts and Payments basis of accounting.

1a Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

During the year 1 trustee received reimbursement of expenses amounting to £3,990. One trustee received remuneration of £5,315.

No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

2 Movements in Funds	1/1/2024	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	31/12/2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
Designated Fabric Fund	34		-	-	34
Designated Organ Fund	11,245	587			11,832
Miss J Blackie Bequest		405		-405	
General Fund	22,895	56,814	71,869	1,169	9,009
	<u>34,174</u>	<u>57,806</u>	<u>71,869</u>	<u>764</u>	<u>20,875</u>
Restricted funds					
Flower Fund		415	415		
Session Benevolent	340				340
Blackie Family Endowment (Windows)	2,636	75			2,711
Blackie Family Flower Fund		136	136		
Corbett Memorial Flower Fund	679	84	84		679
Corbett Memorial Trust (Bible Knowledge)	296	131		-427	-
Sarah Schorn Bequest (Flowers)		173	173		
Peter Sneddon Bequest (Sunday School)	202	89		-291	-
Tom Downs Memorial (Sunday School)	32	14		-46	-
	<u>4,185</u>	<u>1,117</u>	<u>808</u>	<u>-764</u>	<u>3,730</u>
Total funds	<u>38,359</u>	<u>58,923</u>	<u>72,677</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,605</u>

Purposes of Unrestricted Funds

Fabric Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds for the maintenance of the Church property

Organ Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds for the maintenance of the organ.

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Flower Funds: These funds provide flowers for display during services of worship.

Window Fund: This is to be used for the maintenance of the Church windows.

Bible Knowledge Fund: This is a fund to be used to promote bible knowledge.

Session Benevolent: This fund is to be used for benevolent purposes.

Sunday School Funds: These funds are to be used by the Sunday School.

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	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024	Total 2023 £
3. Analysis of Donations				
WFO Scheme (non Gift Aid)	8,848		8,848	8,759
Gift Aid Donations	18,584		18,584	19,065
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Donations	4,614		4,614	5,013
Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)	2,611		2,611	3,598
Contributions from Congregation Organisations:				
Guild	300			
Bowling Club	700		1,000	850
Other Offerings, Donations etc	3,339	415	3,754	2,554
	38,996	415	39,411	39,839
4 Analysis of Payments				
Costs of generating funds				
Offering envelopes				
Charitable activities				
Giving to Grow	34,553		34,553	33,824
(2024 allocation 34,553 paid 34,553 by direct debit over 10 months)				
Presbytery dues	1,024		1,024	1,022
Minister's expenses	821		821	621
Travel expenses	240		240	1,586
Pulpit supply	1,797		1,797	479
Other staffing costs	5,315		5,315	5,033
Fabric repairs & maintenance	12,101		12,101	4,128
Council charge	2,929		2,929	2,859
Heat and light	6,228		6,228	2,808
Insurance	3,099		3,099	3,288
Organ maintenance	804		804	750
Training & outreach	1,264		1,264	170
Flowers	624	808	1,432	1,720
Internet costs	720		720	720
Printing, stationery & postage				981
Other expenses	350		350	150
	71,869	808	72,677	60,139

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Notes to the Accounts (Cont)

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
4 Continued Other Payments				
5 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 £31,642 and the maximum stipend (in the fifth and subsequent years) £38,884

	2024	2023
6. Collections for Third Parties		
Hope for Autism	413	311
RNLI		
Alzheimers		
Foodbank		
Earl Haig	99	93
Christian Aid	362	236
Trussell Trust	247	
Debra		217
Bradley		498
Leprosy		751
Simon Community		231
	1,121	2,337

7. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
Investments – 8200 units in COS				
Growth Fund	19,140		33,176	52,316
Current Assets	8,554	11,866	4,185	24,605
Net assets 31 December 2024	27,694	11,866	37,361	76,921

APPENDIX

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

<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>	2024	2023
	£	£
Credit Balances held at 31 December 2024	<u>1,391</u>	<u>1,391</u>
Market Value of Balances at 31 December 2024	<u>2,035</u>	<u>1,939</u>

REVENUE ACCOUNT

Credit Balance at 31 December 2024	<u>412</u>	<u>337</u>
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The revenue account received interest of £41, CFF share dividends of £50 and paid interest of £11 during the year. An administration fee of £5 was incurred.

TEMPORARY ACCOUNT

Valuation Report Orbiston Centre – Expenditure	<u>2,832</u>	<u>2,832</u>
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