

**The Church of Scotland**  
**Mid Nithsdale Parish Church**

**Year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

**Congregation No: 070460**

**Charity No: SC 012722**

## Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Mid Nithsdale Parish Church

Charity Registration Number: SC012722

Congregation Reference No: 070460

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### Trustees

Mr P Clemson(resigned 01/01/2025), Mrs S Clemson(resigned 01/01/2025), Ms L Connelly, Mr R Gibson, Mrs A Hiddleston(resigned 01/01/2025), Mr N Hiddleston, Mr W Prentice, Mrs E Renicks, Mr D Simpson, Mr S Smith, Mrs W Thomson.

Mrs J Beattie, Mrs M Bromilow, Mr D Dick, Mrs J Dick, Mr J Fawcett, Mr K Hiddleston, Mrs M Irving, Mr R Kinkead, Mr R Lamb, Mr J Millar, Mrs B Moodycliffe, Mrs M Murray, Mrs J McAleer, Mrs A McKinlay, Mrs G McKinley, Mr R McKinley, Mr D McMeeken, Mr R Thomson (all appointed 01/10/25)

### Principal Office-bearers

Minister: Full time post is vacant. Assistant minister Rev Christopher Watt (transferred to Dalkeith Nov 2025).

Locum Minister (Closeburn) Rev W McKenzie

Interim Moderator Mr D Gibson (deceased 01/10/25) Post now vacant

Session Clerk: Mrs E Renicks (resigned 30/09/25) Mr D Dick (appointed 01/10/25)

Clerk to the Board: Mrs S Clemson (resigned 30/09/25)

Church Treasurer: Mr D Simpson

### Independent Examiner

D R Mitchell B.A., C.A.  
Farries, Kirk & McVean  
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### Bankers

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## **Trustees' Annual Report**

**Year ended 31 December 2025**

### **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. From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025, congregational boards were disbanded.

The Kirk Session is indebted to those board members and elders who have retired or resigned during the past year. Their service and dedication to the church is much appreciated and we hope that they will be able to participate in the activities of the church family for many years to come.

#### **Organisational Structure**

The Congregational Board is chaired by the minister and meets at least eight times in a year. The Kirk Session which meets at least six 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 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.

Currently, following a Union of Closeburn, Durisdeer, Penpont and Thornhill churches, services rotate between the three churches, with Durisdeer church remaining closed.

Services of worship are held in one church every Sunday morning and communion services are held quarterly. Christmas Eve service is traditionally shared between the churches.

A Messy Church takes place once a month in Thornhill Community Centre.

Board Buddies takes place in the Friendship Club, Thornhill monthly. This activity provides board games for one hour followed by a light lunch.

Regular coffee mornings have been held over the winter months and have been well supported.

## **Trustees' Annual Report (cont)**

**Year ended 31 December 2025**

### **Achievements and Performance**

An updating and verification of the roll was undertaken in 2025. After the union of the churches and at the close of the current year there were 457 members on the roll (2024: 92 Thornhill only).

The congregation undertakes annual fundraising for Christian Aid.

Mr Colin Bell, Mrs Margaret Gladstone and Mrs Katherine Marsh play the organ regularly at the various venues and the congregation greatly value their contribution to Sunday services. Mr Ranald Lamb operates the Digital Hymnal at other times.

### **Financial Review**

The principal source of Church income is weekly offerings. A significant number of members have signed monthly bank standing orders both for Gift Aid and Freewill Offering purposes.

There are 53 Gift Aid donors.

Non Church attenders are extremely generous to the Church and the Finance Committee is grateful for their support.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees elected to produce Receipts and Payments based accounts, which the church is entitled to produce due to the size of its income, in order to simplify the accounting process.

Following the union with Closeburn, Durisdeer, Penpont and Thornhill the Trustees held reserves of £174,700 (2024: £92,480) in unrestricted funds at the end of 2025. £25,778 (2024: £10,349) being designated for the Fabric Fund and £53,931 (2024: £53,931) for the Contingency Fund. The remaining £94,992 (2024: £28,200) represents money held in the General Fund, Organ Fund, Guild Fund and Sunday School Fund.

Restricted funds of £3,073 (2024: £2,456) and Endowment funds of £180 (2024: £180) were held at the year end.

The Contingency Fund is used to meet any shortfall in Giving to Grow payments.

It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of at least a year's expenditure.

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Mid Nithsdale Parish Church**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 which are set out on pages 6 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 (as amended).

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**

An examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning 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 (as amended), and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended) 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:

## **Trustees' Annual Report (cont)**

**Year ended 31 December 2025**

### **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 (as amended) 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,

**Mr D Dick**

**Session Clerk**

**Date .....**

**Mid Nithsdale Parish Church**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**Year ended 31 December 2025**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment		
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
		2025	2025	2025	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	<b>Note</b>					
Donations	<b>3</b>	30,115	0	0	30,115	20,449
Legacies		0	0	0	0	0
Activities for Generating Funds		852	0	0	852	1,057
Bank & Deposit interest		562	0	0	562	0
Investment income		8,258	2,210	0	10,468	9,997
		<u>39,786</u>	<u>2,210</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>41,997</u>	<u>31,503</u>
Endowment Income		5,325	0	0	5,325	5,182
Glebe Rent		1,774	0	0	1,774	1,500
From General Trustees re payment of Insurance Premium		5,904	0	0	5,904	0
The Transfer of Union Balance		92,966	183	0	93,149	0
Insurance Claim		684	0	0	684	0
VAT Refund		0	0	0	0	1,010
<b><u>Total Receipts</u></b>		<u>146,439</u>	<u>2,393</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>148,833</u>	<u>39,195</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>	<b>4</b>					
Costs of generating funds		261	0	0	261	252
Charitable activities		63,719	1,776	0	65,495	26,457
Governance costs		240	0	0	240	0
Other Payments		0	0	0	0	0
<b><u>Total Payments</u></b>		<u>64,220</u>	<u>1,776</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>65,996</u>	<u>26,709</u>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers</b>		82,220	617	0	82,837	12,486
<b>Transfers</b>		0	0	0	0	0
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year</b>		<u>82,220</u>	<u>617</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>82,837</u>	<u>12,486</u>

**Mid Nithsdale Parish Church**  
**Statement of Balances**  
**At 31 December 2025**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment		
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024
Note	£	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Bank &amp; Deposit Balances</u></b>					
Bank & deposit balances					
brought forward	92,480	2,456	180	95,116	82,630
<b>Movement in year:</b>					
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	82,220	617	0	82,837	12,486
Bank & deposit balances					
carried forward	<u>174,700</u>	<u>3,073</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>177,953</u>	<u>95,116</u>
<b><u>Investments at market value</u></b>					
(cost £273,657)	<u>322,644</u>	<u>111,594</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>434,238</u>	<u>286,484</u>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>					
Lawn Mower	0	0	0	0	1,680
Gift Aid Receivable – estimated	<u>5,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>2,500</u>

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session and Financial Board on    /    /

For and on behalf of the Kirk Session and Financial Board

\_\_\_\_\_ **Session Clerk**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Treasurer**



## **Mid Nithsdale Parish Church**

### **Statement of Balances**

#### **Notes to the Accounts**

#### **1. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions**

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**

	At 1 Jan 2025 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2025 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Designated Fabric Fund	10,349	18,479	3,051	0	25,778
Designated Organ Fund	1,619	3,450	375	0	4,694
Designated Sunday School Fund	393	0	0	0	393
Designated Guild Fund	0	111	0	0	111
Contingency Fund	53,931	0	0	0	53,931
General Fund	26,189	124,399	60,794	0	89,794
	<u>92,481</u>	<u>146,439</u>	<u>64,220</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>174,700</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Designated Roof and Restoration Fund	2,080	2,177	1,776	0	2,481
Hardship Fund	0	183	0	0	183
Bequest Fund	376	33	0	0	409
	<u>2,456</u>	<u>2,393</u>	<u>1,776</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,073</u>
<b>Endowment funds</b>					
Rev D Black Burial Ground	123	0	0	0	123
Mrs Broadfoot Burial Ground	56	0	0	0	56
	<u>180</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>180</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>95,117</u>	<u>148,833</u>	<u>65,996</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>177,953</u>

#### **Purposes of Endowment Funds**

There is hardly any income from the Rev D Black Burial Ground Fund or the Mrs Broadfoot Burial Ground Fund and they have not been used for many years as the Dumfries and Galloway Council attends to the graves in our Church Cemeteries.

#### **Purposes of Restricted Funds**

Roof and Restoration Fund: This a fund to be used specifically for repairs to the church roof and refurbishment of the church.

Bequest Fund: This is a fund to be used for charitable purposes. In the past it was used to purchase coal in cases of hardship but is now used for charitable causes and collections in the Church.

Hardship Fund: This fund is to support any member of the parish suffering from hardship.

#### **Purposes of Designated Funds**

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

Organ Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds to be used as required for Organ repairs.

Sunday School Fund: This is a fund for the general running of a Sunday School.

Church Guild Fund: This is a fund for the running of a Church Guild

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Endowment Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>3. Analysis of Donations</b>					
WFO Scheme (non Gift Aid)	2,754	0	0	2,754	2,882
Gift Aid Donations	12,265	0	0	12,265	9,349
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Donations	8,076	0	0	8,076	2,865
Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)	5,464	0	0	5,464	4,144
Other Offerings, Donations etc	1,555	0	0	1,555	1,210
	<u>30,115</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30,115</u>	<u>20,449</u>
<b>4. Analysis of Payments</b>					
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Fundraising Costs	185	0	0	185	22
Offering envelopes	76	0	0	76	0
	<u>261</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>261</u>	<u>22</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Giving to Grow	32,809	0	0	32,809	12,718
Presbytery dues	2,317	0	0	2,317	476
Minister's expenses	1,408	0	0	1,408	1,093
Pulpit supply	900	0	0	900	425
Pulpit supply expenses	127	0	0	127	19
Other staffing costs	1,685	0	0	1,685	1,224
Fabric repairs & maintenance	4,422	1,776	0	6,199	1,577
Council Tax	0	0	0	0	0
Heat and light	2,544	0	0	2,544	1,979
Other building costs	15,568	0	0	15,568	4,779
Church office expenses	665	0	0	665	564
Donations	100	0	0	100	0
Other expenses	1,173	0	0	1,173	1,604
	<u>63,718</u>	<u>1,776</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>65,495</u>	<u>26,457</u>
<b>Governance costs</b>					
Independent examiner's fees	240	0	0	240	0
<b>Other payments</b>					
Purchase of assets	0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of investments	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

### 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 £32,433 and the maximum stipend (in the 5<sup>th</sup> and subsequent years) was £39,856.

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>6. Collections for Third Parties</b>		
Christian Aid	0	136
	<u>0</u>	<u>136</u>

## APPENDIX

### FUNDS HELD ON BEHALF OF THE CONGREGATION

#### BY THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GENERAL TRUSTEES

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b><u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u></b>		
Credit Balances held at 31 December at cost	<u>469,595</u>	<u>17,360</u>
<b><u>REVENUE ACCOUNT</u></b>		
Credit Balance at 31 December	<u>66,075</u>	<u>11,314</u>
<b><u>TEMPORARY FUNDS</u></b>		
Debit Balance at 31 December	<u>(2,054)</u>	<u>0</u>