

The Church of Scotland
STONELAW PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, RUTHERGLEN

Year ended 31 December 2024

For the year ended

31st December 2024

Congregation No: 160881


Charity No: SC SC013558

STONELAW PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, RUTHERGLEN

Trustees' Annual Report

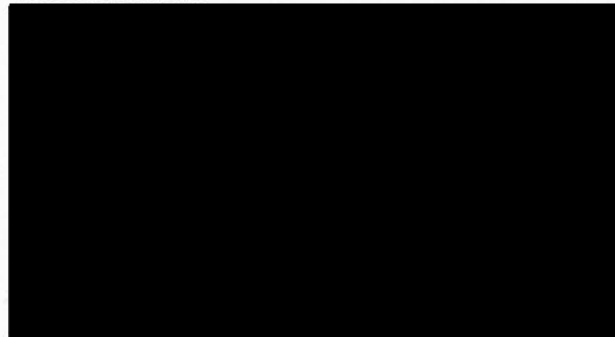
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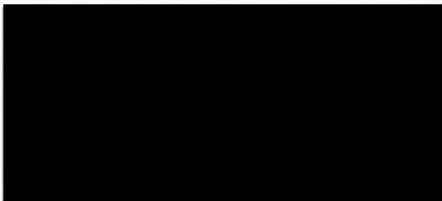
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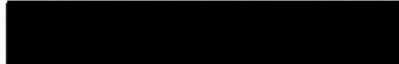
Kirk Session Members



Principal Office-bearers

Minister:	
Session Clerk	
Joint Session Clerk	
Joint Session Clerk	
Convenor of Managers	
Church Treasurer:	

Independent Examiner



Bankers

Bank of Scotland
82 Main Street
Rutherglen G73 2HZ

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Governing Document

The Church adopted the Unitary Constitution on 1 July 2009 and is administered in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Constitution.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Members of the Kirk Session 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.

Organisational Structure

The Kirk Session, which meets ten times a year, is responsible for the spiritual and secular affairs within the church. The Board of Managers is a committee appointed by Session and manages the secular affairs of the church in accordance with the policies advised by Session.

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.

At Stonelaw, we worship and rejoice in the God who created all things. We believe that God is calling a new people together in Jesus Christ. Christians are not simply individuals who believe, but are called to be a community, growing, sharing and worshipping together. Our programme of activities is designed to develop our faith, prayer, fellowship, learning, and commitment to others in the community and worldwide.

Achievements and Performance

As I reflect on the past year, 2024 was another good year for Stonelaw Church. I am grateful for the many blessings and events our congregation has experienced. We have seen the current ministries and initiatives steady and grow, while some new things have been explored and introduced.

This year, with the stepping down of our previous Session Clerk, we celebrated a significant moment by thanking him for the work he carried out in the role and commissioning our two new Joint Session Clerks during our Easter celebrations. Their dedication and service will undoubtedly support our church community well into the future.

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We have witnessed a notable transformation in how our Kirk Session operates, allowing more time between meetings for ministry work and the carrying out of decisions via email. While we are in the bedding in of this, the streamlined approach has enabled us to respond more quickly and effectively to any issues or work that arises, especially in the area of safeguarding.

Our church has also seen a wonderful spiritual revival over this past year, with a number of adult baptisms during the year and witnessing others to choose to reaffirm their faith in Jesus. Our church has also welcomed many new people joining us for worship, with some of those choosing to become formal members, enriching our congregation by doing so.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our congregation, their contributions supported a successful gifting programme and a special weekend dedicated to refurbishing key areas of our Stonelaw facility. This work will no doubt enhance our facility for worship and mission but also for other organisations who use our building throughout the week.

As well as the many ministries highlighted in previous annual reports continuing to grow, I'm also thankful for a couple of new initiatives launched in 2024. We were delighted by the start-up of the MumCo group, providing support and fellowship for mothers with small children. We also celebrated the success of our Alpha Course at the end of the year, which was well attended and proved to be a fruitful journey of faith for those who attended.

There are, of course, many more things that could be written about from this past year, but this hopefully gives a flavour of another successful year for the life and ministry of Stonelaw Church, and we thank God for the opportunities that have been presented to us, as we seek to be and make fully devoted followers of Jesus, and look forward to another successful year of growth in ministry and in faith.


Minister
Stonelaw Parish Church

Financial Review

The principle source of income is from offerings by the congregation and others.

Weekly Freewill Offering and open plate donations increased by 6.4% overall during 2024. This increase in income was supplemented by increases in income from Activities for Generating Income, which included the letting of premises and the Fair Trade Cafe which increased by 15.2%

This allowed costs to be managed and allowed all liabilities and commitments to be discharged.

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Reserves Policy

The main need for reserves arises from a cash requirement to accommodate expensive repairs such as roof, heating system and electrics. The policy is to hold £25k - £30k in cash in the designated Fabric Fund to meet this need. £22,617 was held in the fund at year end (2023 £27,932). The reduction is principally due to necessary work to the Church heating system. While this is below policy, there are sufficient unallocated unreserved funds to meet this cost if required.

A working capital requirement of £10,800 (approximately one month Ministries and Mission payment, salaries, pensions, and council tax) is also required to be held in unreserved funds. This was achieved.

The Church also held £17,334 of restricted funds which have been provided for the purposes specified in Note 2.

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 2016. 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,

Joint Session Clerk

Date

02/09/25

Joint Session Clerk

Date

02/09/25

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Stonelaw Parish Church of Scotland, Rutherglen (SC013558)**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

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 requirements of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts 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 (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 accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, 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 Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (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

Name

Address:

Date

21/12/25

Stonelaw Parish Church
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted	Restricted		Unrestricted	Restricted	
		Funds	Funds	Total	Funds	Funds	Total
		2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
<u>Receipts</u>	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations	3	127,681	16,376	144,057	119,309	2,274	121,583
Legacies	3	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-
Activities for Generating Funds	4	24,373	-	24,373	21,163	-	21,163
Bank & Deposit interest		440	11	451	238	8	246
Grants		2,949	1,750	4,699	128	-	128
Other Receipts		849	-	849	-	-	-
<u>Total Receipts</u>		166,292	18,137	184,429	140,838	2,282	143,120
<u>Payments</u>							
Costs of Generating Funds	5	(2,895)	(1,720)	(4,615)	(4,105)	(1,495)	(5,600)
Charitable Activities	6	(156,917)	(13,240)	(170,157)	(164,368)	(6,583)	(170,951)
<u>Total Payments</u>		(159,812)	(14,960)	(174,772)	(168,473)	(8,078)	(176,551)
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers		6,480	3,177	9,657	(27,635)	(5,796)	(33,431)

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Statement of Balances
Year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted		Unrestricted	Restricted	
	Funds	Funds	Total	Funds	Funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Bank & Deposit Balances</u>						
Bank & deposit balances brought forward	76,131	14,157	90,288	103,766	19,953	123,719
<u>Movement in year:</u>						
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	6,480	3,177	9,657	(27,635)	(5,796)	(33,431)
Bank & deposit balances carried forward	<u>82,611</u>	<u>17,334</u>	<u>99,945</u>	<u>76,131</u>	<u>14,157</u>	<u>90,288</u>
<u>Assets</u>						
Fixed Assets	9 361,556	-	361,556	361,556	-	361,556
Gift Aid Receivable	<u>2,921</u>	<u>200</u>	<u></u>	<u>3,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,870</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Accrued Expenses	<u>(1,777)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,777)</u>	<u>(3,905)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,791)</u>

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session and Financial Board on *2nd September 2025*
For and on behalf of the Kirk Session and Financial Board



02/09/2025 Joint Session Clerk
02/09/2025 Joint Session Clerk
02/09/2025 Minister
02/09/2025 Treasurer

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Notes to the Accounts

1. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

During the year 1 trustee received reimbursement of expenses incurred totalling £4,230. In addition Mr [REDACTED] who is a member of the Kirk Session received £5,584 for providing his services as organist during the year.

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

2. Movements in Funds

	At 1 Jan 2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated Fabric Fund	27,932	4,708	(10,023)	-	22,617
Designated Tuesday Chat	75			-	75
Designated Toddlers Fund	1,135	3,477	(1,350)	(2,500)	762
Designated Fair Trade/ Café Fund	977	12,196	(2,627)	(8,000)	2,546
Designated Life and Work Fund	31	42	(42)	-	31
Designated Legacies Fund	39,991	10,000	-	-	49,991
General Fund	5,990	135,869	(145,770)	10,500	6,589
	<u>76,131</u>	<u>166,292</u>	<u>(159,812)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,611</u>
Restricted funds					
Capital	4,034	-	-	-	4,034
Organ	3,420	-	-	-	3,420
Barr Bequest /Youth Development Fund	231	-	-	-	231
Development Worker	2,825	240	-	-	3,065
Kirk Session Benevolent Fund	1,062	11		-	1,073
Church Refurbishment Fund	-	13,330	(11,058)	-	2,272
Past Times	1,603	3,116	(2,182)	-	2,537
Flower Fund	982	1,440	(1,720)	-	702
	<u>14,157</u>	<u>18,137</u>	<u>(14,960)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,334</u>
Total funds	<u>90,288</u>	<u>184,429</u>	<u>(174,772)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,945</u>

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Purposes of Designated Funds

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

Tuesday Chat Group: The Trustees have set aside funds for use by the Tuesday Chat Group.

Toddlers Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds for use by Stonelaw Toddlers.

Fair Trade/ Café Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds for use by the Stonelaw Fair Trade/ Café group.

Manse Fund: Valuation of the manse according to given charity guidelines.

Life and Work Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds to facilitate members' subscriptions to Life and Work magazine.

Legacies Fund: to hold legacies not directed to a specific fund until spent on an appropriate project

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Capital Fund: This fund is for the specific addition and replacement of equipment and fixtures

Organ Fund: This is a fund for the major maintenance of the pipe organ

Barr Bequest/ Youth Development Fund: This fund is for the development of young persons

Development Worker Fund: This fund meets the cost of the Development Worker

Kirk Session Benevolent Fund: This fund provides financial assistance for members in need

Church Refurbishment Fund: This fund meets the cost of major refurbishment projects

Past Times: This fund meets the cost of providing a dementia-friendly café

Flower Fund: This is a fund to provide flowers for display during services of worship.

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	Unrestricted	Restricted		Funds	Funds	Total
	Funds	Funds		2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£			
3. Analysis of Donations						
Free Will Offerings	99,864	1,390	101,254	94,907	240	95,147
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Donations	20,273	-	20,273	17,731	-	17,731
Ordinary (Open Plate) Offerings	2,580	-	2,580	1,970	-	1,970
Other Offerings	4,964	14,986	19,950	4,701	2,034	6,735
Legacies	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-
	<u>137,681</u>	<u>16,376</u>	<u>154,057</u>	<u>119,309</u>	<u>2,274</u>	<u>121,583</u>

	Unrestricted	Restricted		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds		Funds	Funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
4 Activities for Generating Funds						
Use of Premises	12,243	-	12,243	10,930	-	10,930
Fair Trade Café Sales	12,130	-	12,130	10,233	-	10,233
	<u>24,373</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,373</u>	<u>21,163</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,163</u>

	Unrestricted	Restricted		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds		Funds	Funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
5 Costs of generating funds						
Flower Fund Costs	-	(1,720)	(1,720)	-	(1,495)	(1,495)
Fair Trade Café Expenses	(2,895)	-	(2,895)	(4,105)	-	(4,105)
Donation envelopes	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>(2,895)</u>	<u>(1,720)</u>	<u>(4,615)</u>	<u>(4,105)</u>	<u>(1,495)</u>	<u>(5,600)</u>

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

	Unrestricted	Restricted		Unrestricted	Restricted	
	Funds	Funds	Total	Funds	Funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
6 Charitable activities						
Ministry and Mission Allocation	(69,689)	-	(69,689)	(73,863)	-	(73,863)
Presbytery Dues	(7,528)	-	(7,528)	(4,238)	-	(4,238)
Minister's Travel	(960)	-	(960)	(960)	-	(960)
Other Salary Costs	(26,137)	-	(26,137)	(25,081)	-	(25,081)
Pulpit Supply	(420)	-	(420)	(300)	-	(300)
Organ Supply	(394)	-	(394)	(250)	-	(250)
Water	-	-	-	(178)	-	(178)
Manse Council Tax	(3,270)	-	(3,270)	(3,368)	-	(3,368)
Church House Council Tax	(1,819)	-	(1,819)	(1,595)	-	(1,595)
Insurance	(7,450)	(25)	(7,475)	(7,109)	-	(7,109)
Broadband	(533)	-	(533)	(409)	-	(409)
Other Expenses	(5,561)	(100)	(5,661)	(4,760)	(2,300)	(7,060)
Fabric Repairs and Maintenance	(13,351)	(11,058)	(24,409)	(32,174)	(2,000)	(34,174)
Life and Work Subscriptions	(42)	-	(42)	-	-	-
Postage, Printing and Stationery	(751)	-	(751)	(90)	-	(90)
Website Costs	(245)	-	(245)	(1,822)	-	(1,822)
Heat and Light	(16,767)	(250)	(17,017)	(6,171)	-	(6,171)
Donations	(2,000)	-	(2,000)	(2,000)	-	(2,000)
Past Times Expenses	-	(1,807)	(1,807)	-	(2,283)	(2,283)
	<u>(156,917)</u>	<u>(13,240)</u>	<u>(170,157)</u>	<u>(164,368)</u>	<u>(6,583)</u>	<u>(170,951)</u>

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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 load 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 was £38,884.

	2024	2023
	£	£
8 Collections for Third Parties		
The Well	330	225
Christian Aid	888	1,190
DEC	330	299
Bethany Christian Trust		395
Lodging House Mission	100	225
Reach Out Trust	265	750
Release International	307	-
Tear Fund	-	1,155
	<u>2,220</u>	<u>4,239</u>

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
9 Tangible Fixed Assets						
Manse Valuation	361,556	-	361,556	361,556	-	361,556