

Current trustees



Other trustees during the year

None

Contact address.



Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

All of the Church's trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our annual general meeting which is held in February each year.

Statement of Purpose

The Church seeks to advance the Christian faith by encouraging the spread of the knowledge of Jesus Christ through outreach in the local community and beyond.

Charitable purposes

Shotts EU Congregational Church is recognised by the Inland Revenue as a Charity for the purposes of providing religious services and outreach into the community and provide Sunday school for the children. To run various fundraising events for the Church and the community and the local children with all the necessary child protection arrangements in place.

Trustee remuneration and expenses

The trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

Activities and achievements

As Church President it is my remit to present an overview of the Church for the past year.

So much has happened over the past year we have welcomed new members and adherents into fellowship. As we go forward into a new year and reflecting on the year that has just passed we celebrated the Church's 180th Anniversary, I am sure you will agree that it has indeed been a busy and rewarding year as we seen the work done to our driveway and gardens by a grant from EKF Fund which covered the costs. The Boy's Brigade was started

Our Minister continues to work with the community and has made inroads into local Primary Schools we had children in Church from Allanton, Stane & Kirk O'Shotts Primary Schools. The after-school club continues in Dykehead Primary. We again had an Easter Egg Hunt from Dykehead and finishing at our Church. This involves local shops who were extremely pleased to help out.

We again had a Memorial Service this year for people who had lost loved ones, and this is greatly appreciated by the grieving families.

The Craft Class on a Monday evening continues and the ladies who attend this have a very enjoyable evening learning craft which can sell for Church funds.

The Shotts Tots Group on a Tuesday morning continues, and this has been a great success.

Our Wednesday Lunch Club has restarted and again this is proving a great success.

Once again, we had a holiday club for the children and again this was a great success.

The Gents Breakfast Club and Ladies Fellowship are both continuing.

We continue to participate in the Shoe Box Appeal and the Sunday School children enjoy filling the boxes.

Fire inspection and Boiler inspection are carried out yearly.

The Church numbers are steady, and we welcomed new members and adherents, which is a good sign.

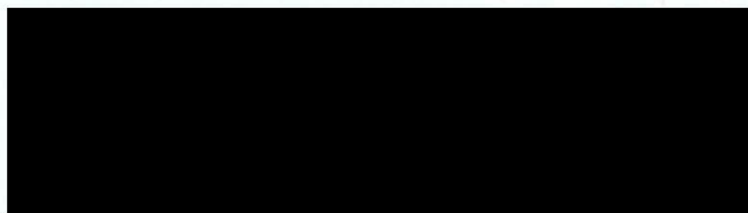
In relation to the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial our Church continues to lead this service.

General maintenance work has been carried out by the men of the Church. The men and women of the Church also keep the Church in a good state of repair and cleanliness and continue to keep the avenue tidy.

Our fundraising activities continue, and we made an amazing amount of money for the Church.

Regarding our financial position we have again shown a loss, but this is due to a considerable amount of expense as can be seen from the Trading Account. We are continuing to pay our lawful debts and the interest from our investments has increased.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.



**SHOTTS E.U. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2024**

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Offerings	£ 34,323	£ 33,018
Gift Aid Rebate	£ 6,118	£ 5,154
Donations	£ 3,969	£ 1,555
Fundraising	£ 4,324	£ 4,618
Rents	£ 210	£ 0
Grant – Garden Tools	£ 0	£ 1,968
Grant – King`s Coronation	£ 0	£ 469
Grant – Holiday Club	£ 0	£ 150
Church Anniversary	£ 446	£ 0
Shed	£ 150	£ 0
Refund Scottish Power	£ 2	£ 0
BT Openreach	£ 158	£ 0
Bank Interest	£ 2,808	£ 1,689
Total Income	£ 52,508	£ 48,621
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<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Ministers Salary costs	£ 25,984	£ 24,109
PAYE/National Insurance	£ 6,601	£ 6,777
Pension	£ 1,849	£ 1,732
Gas Homecare Manse	£ 546	£ 498
Heating and Lighting Church	£ 6,564	£ 6,499
Insurance (Church & Manse)	£ 3,689	£ 3,309
Christian Copyright Licence	£ 0	£ 152
Outreach and Donations	£ 2,266	£ 1,630
Pulpit Supply	£ 130	£ 210
Maintenance, Repairs & Renewals	£ 5,564	£ 4,665
Printing & Stationery	£ 370	£ 320
King`s Coronation	£ 0	£ 469
Fundraising	£ 65	£ 14
Total Expenditure	£ 53,628	£ 50,384
Surplus/Deficit for Year	£ - 1,120	£ - 1,763
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**SHOTTS E.U. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
STATEMENT OF BALANCES
YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2024**

<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Property	£ 130,000	£ 83,000

CASH & BANK BALANCES

Cash in Current Account	£ 39,771	£ 40,891
Cash in Guaranteed Bonus Fund	£ 80,000	£ 80,000
	<u>£ 249,771</u> =====	<u>£ 203,891</u> =====

NOTE

CURRENT LIABILITIES

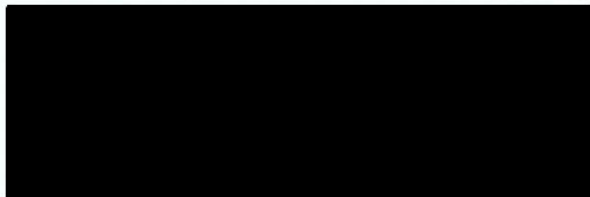
PAYE	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 0</u>
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<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>	£ 249,771	£ 203,981
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<u>SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR YEAR</u>	£ - 1,120	£ - 1,763
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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.



**Independent Examiners` Report to the Trustees/Members of
"Shotts EU Congregational Church
Registered Charity Number SC014231**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 2 to 3.

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 examiners` statement

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

1. which gives us 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 and 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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