

The Church of Scotland
Kirkmuirhill Parish Church

Annual Report and Accounts
For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Congregation No: 130715

Charity No: SC014451

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Kirkmuirhill Parish Church

Charity Registration Number: SC014451

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Charity Address: The Church Office
Kirkmuirhill Parish Church
Lanark Road
Kirkmuirhill
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Website: <https://www.kirkmuirhillparishchurch.org/>

Trustees:

The Trustees who served during the year and to the date of this report were as follows:

Kirk Session

G. Gold
P. McGuigan
D. Waters
R. Boag
A. McDade
D. Lennox
S McGuigan (Treasurer)
C Gold (Session Clerk)
J Lennox
Rev S Harrison. 1 November 2024 until present

Congregational Board

E Neil (elected 11.05.25)
S Dewar (elected 19.05.24)
M Fleming (re-elected 11.05.25)
L Laird (re-elected 11.05.25)
J Brindley (elected 09.06.25)
S Westworth (elected 09.06.25)
A McDade (re-elected 11.05.25, passed away 22.09.25)

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Principal Office-bearers

Locum Minister:	Rev G Lind
Interim Moderator	Rev S Harrison. 1 November 2024 until present
Session Clerk	Mrs Catherine Gold
Church Treasurer:	Sheila McGuigan

Independent Examiner

Fiona McMurray FMAAT
Anderson MacDonald Accountants
29 Hamilton Street
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Bankers

Bank of Scotland
39 Union Street
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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 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's Trustees. The Kirk Session members are the Minister and the Elders of the church. The Elders are chosen by the Kirk Session from those members of the church who are considered to have the appropriate gifts and skills. The Congregational Board comprises Elders appointed by the Kirk Session, together with elected members of the Congregation who are believed to have the skills and commitment to contribute to the management affairs of the church and who are elected at the Stated Annual Meeting. The elected members serve for a period of three years after which they must seek re-election at the next Stated Annual Meeting.

Organisational Structure

The Kirk Session meets bi-monthly during the year and is responsible for the spiritual affairs of the church.

The Congregational Board is responsible for the temporal affairs of the Church, mainly finance and property. It elects its own Chair and meets bi-monthly during the year. Certain responsibilities are delegated to the Finance Committee and the Property Committee. Other Committees are formed as the need arises.

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 in Scotland through a territorial ministry. It co-operates with other Churches in various Ecumenical Bodies in Scotland and beyond.

Trustees' Annual Report (cont)

Year ended 31 December 2025

Achievements and Performance

The year 2025 again proved to be a challenging year not just for Kirkmuirhill Parish Church but for the entire world. Inflation and increasing fuel costs, the wars in Ukraine and Israel and Palestine being some of the challenges during the year. We have been ably led in faithful worship and witness by supply Ministers and since by Locum Rev G Lind building on Kirkmuirhill Church's well deserved reputation. Our Elders continue to support and encourage one another.

Our morning worship has an average attendance of 100.

The Girl's Brigade continues to flourish unfortunately the Boy's Brigade were disbanded during the year. Y-zone meet each Sunday however struggles to achieve more than four attendees.

The Knit and Natter group continue to meet and work to support the Church in practical ways.

The annual, weeklong Holiday Club was held in August with an average attendance of 60 children (primary school age) each morning and 20 teenagers in the evening

Four home Bible Studies take place weekly, periodically throughout the year. Three for women and one for men. These are well attended.

A prayer meeting is held once a week to pray for the work of the church locally and nationally and the wider community.

Men's Games nights have been a positive outreach, bringing together men from the Church and the wider community. They take place bi-monthly with an average attendance of 20 men.

The Guild meets every two weeks between September and March. Average attendance is 39. A wide range of speakers are invited to both entertain and inform.

A monthly Coffee Morning which is free of charge is held during winter months for friendship and fellowship.

A men's breakfast takes place periodically with guest speakers.

Trustees' Annual Report (cont)

Year ended 31 December 2025

Financial Review

The church's principal source of income is the voluntary giving of the congregation through the weekly free will offering scheme and the open plate. This can be supplemented by donations.

Almost half of the congregation use standing order to make their collections.

Separate offerings continue to be taken by donation to bolster funds in the Fabric Fund, a fund set up specifically to support the ongoing maintenance of the church property.

The Gift Aid Scheme, adopted some years ago, continued to be a well-received source of additional funding.

Expenditure over the year was again kept to a minimum. A major source of expenditure each year is our commitment to the Church of Scotland for our Giving to Grow commitment which was £51,253 in 2025 (2024 - £37,083). The significant increase from 2024 as the vacancy allowance due to the charge being vacant no longer applies. The congregation was able to fulfil our commitment for 2025.

Trustees' Annual Report (cont)

Year ended 31 December 2025

Results for the year.

The accounts for the year are set out on pages 10 to 15. Per the statement of Receipts and Payments on page 10, the church reported a profit for the year of £2,308 (2024 – surplus of £1,272). At 31st December 2025 the church's total reserves amounted to £29,487 (2024 – £27,129) of which £10,867 related to Restricted Funds.

Per Note 4, *Charitable Activities* on page 13, the payment for Giving to Grow amounted to £51,253 (2024 - £37,083)

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustees normal policy to hold unrestricted reserves of a minimum of three months of unrestricted expenditure including designated funds. Given the demands of financing fabric repairs and refurbishment this is not always achievable. Including designated funds of £1,210 (Church Fabric Fund) the church held unrestricted funds of £18,620 at 31 December 2025 which was acceptable to the trustees.

The church also held £10,867 in restricted funds which have been provided for the purposes specified in Note 1.

Trustees' Annual Report (cont)

Year ended 31 December 2025

Future

Kirkmuirhill Church now comes under the umbrella of the Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale.

Kirkmuirhill Parish Church were given permission to call a minister on a seven year tenure. A nominee committee was formed and have commenced the process.

Related Parties

Second Chance (Kirkmuirhill) Limited is a trading company (No. SC300274) which was incorporated on 4 April 2006. The shares in the company are described in Note 6 on Page 14.

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 on 25 March 2026 and signed on their behalf,



Mrs Catherine Gold
Session Clerk

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Kirkmuirhill Parish Church

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

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

An 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.



26 March 2026

Fiona McMurray FMAAT
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Kirkmuirhill Parish Church
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 December 2025

Unrestricted Funds							
		General Funds 2025 £	Designated Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Endowment Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Receipts</u>	Note						
<i>Voluntary income</i>							
Offerings		61,881	1,000	1,700		64,581	60,090
Tax received on Gift Aid		10,421				10,421	10,231
Legacies						-	-
Other Gifts and Donations		5,609	300	2,633		8,542	1,362
Organisations						-	-
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>						-	-
Regular Fundraising Events				1,020		1,020	2,484
Use of Premises		1,840				1,840	2,212
Other						-	-
<i>Investment income</i>						-	-
Dividends Received					104	104	104
Interest received				10		10	9
<i>Other incoming resources</i>						-	-
Weddings & Funerals						-	100
Grants			19,450			19,450	-
Life & Work		119				119	-
Other		10,435	16,908	664		28,007	8,321
<u>Total Receipts</u>		90,305	37,658	6,027	104	134,094	84,913
<u>Payments</u>							
Charitable activities	4	84,653	39,585	5,494		129,732	81,621
Independent Examiners Fee		2,060				2,060	2,020
<u>Total Payments</u>		86,713	39,585	5,494	-	131,792	83,641
Net Receipts/(Payments)							
For the year before transfers		3,592	(1,927)	533	104	2,302	1,272
Transfers between funds				64	(64)	-	-
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		3,592	(1,927)	597	40	2,302	1,272

Kirkmuirhill Parish Church
Statement of Balances
At 31 December 2025

Unrestricted						
	General Funds 2025 Note £	Designated Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Endowment Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Bank and Cash in Hand						
Opening balances	14,597	2,352	9,292	938	27,179	25,907
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year	3,592	(1,927)	597	40	2,302	1,272
Closing Balances	18,189	425	9,889	978	29,481	27,179
Reserves						
General Fund	18,189				18,189	14,597
Designated Fund		425			425	2,352
Restricted Fund			9,889		9,889	9,292
Endowment Fund				978	978	938
Closing Balances (Note 7)	18,189	425	9,889	978	29,481	27,179
<u>Assets</u>						
Fixed Asset Investments (Note 3)	-	-	-	5,318	5,318	4,932
<u>Debtors</u>						
Gift Aid Receivable	2,496	-	-	-	2,496	2,550
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Ministries & Missions shortfall	5,389				5,389	5,389
Independent Examiner's Fee	2,060	-	-	-	2,060	2,020
	7,449	-	-	-	7,449	7,409

Approved by the Trustees on 25 March 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Catherine Gold *Sheila McGuigan*

Mrs Catherine Gold
Session Clerk

Sheila McGuigan
Treasurer

Kirkmuirhill Parish Church

Notes to the Accounts year ended 31st December 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The Accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

VAT

The Church is not registered for VAT and, accordingly, expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Purposes of Funds

Unrestricted

The General Fund: This fund encompasses all income and expenditure relating to the primary activities of the church, other than those for which funding is restricted or designated.

Designated Fabric Fund: This fund represents funds set aside by the Trustees for the repair and refurbishment of the Church property.

Restricted Funds

Holiday Club Fund: This fund provides monies for materials used during a week of outreach each August to young people of school age.

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

Study Group Fund: This is a fund assembled from the voluntary giving's of the church members which provides funds to support outreach worldwide, as well as in the local community.

Women's Guild Fund: This is a fund assembled from the voluntary giving's of the church members which provides funds to support outreach worldwide, as well as in the local community.

Knit & Natter Fund: This fund is used for the Knit and Natter group.

Endowment Funds

The Endowment Fund: Income from both bequests is to be used for the purpose of the Sunday School (Y-Zone).

2. Charitable Expenditure

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

3. Fixed Asset Investments

Per the *Statement of Balances* on page 11, Fixed Asset Investments of £5,318 comprise the following:

Listed Investments

Listed fixed asset investments totalling are stated at market value at 31 December 2025 £5,318 (2024 - £4,932). The historic cost of these investments at both 31 December 2025 and 2024 was £2,003.

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Notes to the Accounts year ended 31st December 2025

Unrestricted

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
4. Charitable activities						
Church office expenses	2,601				2,601	1,559
Donations	299		770		1,069	1,062
Donations - Church Organisations			400		400	500
Fabric repairs & maintenance	24	34,926			34,950	2,022
Life & Work	168				168	
Grounds Maintenance					-	-
Harvest Supper					-	-
Materials	98	158	300		556	1,342
Minister's expenses	427				427	2,151
Ministries & Mission allocation	51,253				51,253	37,083
Nomination Committee Expenses					-	-
Organist supply	348				348	498
Other building costs	8,210	698			8,908	10,335
Other expenses	87	3,803	1,582		5,472	2,058
Other Salary Costs	15,071				15,071	13,093
Outreach	1,220		1,837		3,057	3,424
Presbytery dues	1,502				1,502	1,360
Pulpit supply	2,010				2,010	3,224
Stationery	564				564	625
Advertising					-	-
Bank charges	13		30		43	
Subscriptions	758		575		1,333	1,285
	84,653	39,585	5,494	-	129,732	81,621

	2025	2024
	£	£
5(a). Staff Costs and Numbers		
Salaries and Wages	13,024	12,373
Social Security Costs	2,047	720
	15,071	13,093

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of a headcount was as follows :-

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Administration	2	2
Other Staff	2	2
	4	4

5(b). 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 fifth and subsequent years of service) £39,856.

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6. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

During the year 2 trustees received expenses, Minister's expenses and council tax £427 (2024 - £1,342)

Mrs Catherine Gold, Trustee and Session Clerk received remuneration of £5,154 (2024 - £3,680) for her services as church secretary. Mrs C Gold C Gold received expenses in the year of £0 (2024 - £0).

Connected parties

Related parties of the church have invested £2 representing the full holding of the entire share capital of Second Chance (Kirkmuirhill) Ltd which is a company incorporated in Scotland (No. SC300274).

Second Chance (Kirkmuirhill) Ltd is a trading company which was incorporated on 4 April 2006.

The company operates a "good-as-new shop" at 46 Thornton Road, Kirkmuirhill. The shares in Second Chance (Kirkmuirhill) Ltd are owned by nominees, Mrs Catherine Gold, Session Clerk the Interim Moderator and from March 2019 the Minister. Church Trustees, Mr D Waters, R Boag, D Lennox, P McGuigan and R Moore are Directors of Second Chance (Kirkmuirhill) Ltd. Second Chance (Kirkmuirhill) Ltd makes donations to local charities and clubs as well as to Kirkmuirhill Parish Church.

7. Movements in Funds

	At 1 Jan 2025 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	14,597	90,305	(86,713)		18,189
	14,597	90,305	(86,713)	0	18,189
Designated					
Designated Fabric Fund	2,352	37,658	(39,585)		425
	2,352	37,658	(39,585)	0	425
Restricted funds					
Holiday Club Fund	6,426	2,411	(2,355)	64	6,546
Flower Fund	549	449	(251)		747
Study Group Fund	383	154	(449)		88
Women's Guild Fund	472	2,238	(2,399)		311
Knit & Natter	-	775	(40)		735
Covid 19 Recovery	1,462				1,462
	9,292	6,027	(5,494)	64	9,889
Endowment funds					
George Jackson Bequest	938	40		-	978
Susan Yuill Bequest	-	64		(64)	-
	938	104	0	(64)	978
Total funds	27,179	134,094	(131,792)	-	29,481

Kirkmuirhill Parish Church
Appendix

**Funds held on behalf of the congregation by the Church of
Scotland General Trustees**

	2025	2024
<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>	£	£
Credit Balances held at 31 December at cost	<u>121,230</u>	<u>128,230</u>
Market Value of Balances at 31 December	<u>121,230</u>	<u>128,230</u>
 <u>REVENUE ACCOUNT</u>	 £	 £
Credit Balances held at 31 December	<u>2,288</u>	<u>4,968</u>
 <u>TEMPORARY ACCOUNT</u>	 £	 £
Credit Balances held at 31 December	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>