

BONNYBRIDGE ST HELEN'S PARISH
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

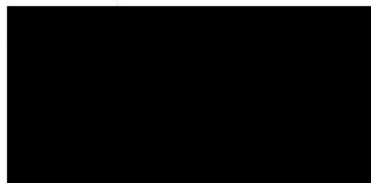
CONGREGATION No : 221354

SCOTTISH CHARITY No : SC015225

Reference & Administration Information

Charity Name	<i>Bonnybridge St Helen's Parish Church</i>
Charity Registration Number	<i>SC015225</i>
Congregational Reference Number	<i>221354</i>
Contact Address	

Independent Examiner :



Bankers

*Royal Bank of Scotland
Falkirk*

Trustees' Annual Report
Year ended 31 December 2024

Structure, Governance & Management

Governing Document

The Church was administered in accordance with the terms of the Unitary Constitution which was approved by the General Assembly on 14th September 2017

Recruitment & 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 or interim moderator, who is a member of the Kirk Session, is elected by the congregation and inducted by Presbytery. The Committee members of the Kirk Session are appointed from the Eldership and from within the congregation but the trustees in the Kirk Session take responsibility for all decisions regarding the life of the congregation, including its financial affairs.

Organizational Structure

The Kirk Session is chaired by the minister or interim moderator and meets up to six times in a year. Certain responsibilities are delegated to the Finance Committee and the Property Committee as appropriate. The Kirk Session is also responsible for spiritual affairs within the church.

Objectives & Activities

The Church of Scotland is Trinitarian in doctrine, Reformed in tradition and Presbyterian in policy. 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.

Achievements & Performance

During 2024 the congregation continued with its activities and teamwork under the guidance of the locum minister, [REDACTED] and the office bearers and elders, who are all Trustees.

The church continues to offer a regular Sunday Worship Service at 11am. Attendance at Sunday worship is an average of 45 persons and about 50 attending at Holy Communion Services held quarterly. The office-bearers continued to support the church meetings and functions of the church.

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The Treasurer's position is still being very proficiently filled by [REDACTED] as Treasurer and Bookkeeper. The Session Clerk [REDACTED] continues in this office and is ably deputised by [REDACTED].

The Communicant Roll continues to show a decrease due to the many elderly members on the Congregational Role. The Locum Minister and congregation have continued to offer ministry to the community and 18 funerals took place. Community activities are continuing and the Tuesday Morning Fellowship group continue to meet in the local Community Centre and many of our members attend a Thursday Group also in the Community Centre and many of the ladies also attend The Rural, which meets Monday monthly within the Church Hall. There has been regular visiting to local care homes and the nearby Forth Valley Royal hospital for members and non members in care or in hospital. Throughout the year we engaged in regular school assemblies with the local Bonnybridge Primary and Antonine Primary schools and they reciprocated by holding their Easter, End of Summer Term, Harvest and Christmas services in the Church. We again hosted the Annual Service of Remembrance and our locum conducted the service at the local war memorial. The year ended with our second, very successful "Carols by Candlelight" in a full Church and a sell-out evening raising funds for both the church and the local charity ROOTS. The Good Companions Ladies Group continue to meet monthly on Friday evenings with a range of speakers each month and successful evenings out at Christmas and Summer. The introduction of a Friday Prayer Group meeting has gone well with several attending and many prayer requests being submitted on cards provided to the congregation.

Financial Review

During 2024 the principal source of income has again been the weekly offerings, which continues to show a decrease due to declining membership (deaths) for gift-aided and non-gift aided contributions. Tax recovered on Gift Aid donations however has remained constant. The Ministries and Mission Allocation, which covers the stipend for the minister, has been reduced during the period of vacancy. The Ministries and Mission amount for 2024 has once again been fully met.

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All the necessary repairs and maintenance to the church and the manse have been carried out and all properties are in good order. The Property Committee has done an excellent job and has also arranged all necessary repairs as well as work on the grounds. The electrical system on the property is in good order, and both the boiler systems have been serviced and are in good repair. The congregation still holds a small reserve in trust with the General Trustees, in case of emergency and contingency projects.

The Trustees on the Kirk Session take responsibility for all fundraising events and a special gift month was held during the year. Despite a reduction in income to the General Fund, the finances of the congregation and the reserves that are held by the General Trustees are sound and reflect the generous support given by the members of the church. This will allow the Church to continue to perform all its charitable functions to the full, through the diligence of the Trustees and members, and by the grace of God.

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustees' policy to hold in reserve a small contingency amount in the General Fund. There is usually sufficient reserve in the General Fund for all the regular expenditure in the budget for the year ahead.

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 financial 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.



Thomas Kirkcaldy
Session Clerk

Date: 25.8.25

Bonnybridge St Helens Parish Church of Scotland
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 December 2024

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts					
Donations 3a	53830	1535	0	55365	43026
Activities for fun 3b	0	0	0	0	0
Investment Income	332	0	0	332	224
Total Receipts	54162	1535	0	55697	43250
Payments					
Cost of Generating Funds (4a)	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities (4b)	54876	998	0	55874	40793
Total Payments	54876	998	0	55874	40793
Excess of Receipts over Payments before transfer	-714	537	0	-177	2457
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	-714	537	0	-177	2457
Statement of Balances At 31 December 2024				2024	2023
Bank and Deposit Balances brought forward	29902	0	0	29902	27622
Movement in Year					
Excess of Receipts over Payments for Year					
Deficit for Year	-714	537	0	-177	2457
Bank Balances carried forward	29188	537	0	29725	30079

Assets

Gift Aid Receivable

7600

80

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session
on

Session Clerk

Interim Treasurer

25.8.25

1. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

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

Movement in Funds

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	At Jan 1st 2024	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2024
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund (Current Account)	19664	53830	54876	400	19018
C of Scotland Investors Trust	6350	332	0	0	6682
Petty Cash Float	266	0	0	0	266
Designated Sunday School Fund	1004	0	0	0	1004
Designated Tuesday Morning Fu	35	477	108	-350	54
Fellowship Team	87	0	0	0	87
Good Companions	18	35	0	-50	3
Totals	27424	54674	54984	0	27114
Restricted Funds					
Flower Fund	239	1023	890	0	372
Youth Education Fund	231	0	0	0	231
Totals	470	1023	890	0	603
Endowment Funds					
Anderson Trust	600	0	0	0	600
McCulloch Bequest NSB	1585	0	0	0	1585
Totals	2185	0	0	0	2185
Total Funds	30079	55697	55874	0	29902

Purpose of restricted funds

Flower Fund: To provide flowers for display and distribution.

Youth Education: Resource materials for the young members of the church.

Purpose of Endowment Funds

The Trustees have not yet decided on the deployment of these funds.

<u>Notes to the Accounts</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endow	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
3 (a) Analysis of Donations					
WFO Non Gift AID	4350			4350	3810
Gift Aid	22945			22945	22064
Open Plate	2983			2983	3552
Retiring Collection	139			139	394
Tax Reclaim	8412			8412	80
Donations	0			0	3282
Use of Premises	1554			1554	3196
Weddings/Funerals	765			765	300
Grant	7500			7500	0
Lady Haig Collection	123			123	0
Christian Aid Collection	267			267	0
Crisis Collection	118			118	0
Driving Force	0			0	319
Fellowship Fundraising	4674			4674	1008
Good Companions	0	35		35	88
Tuesday Morning Group	0	477		477	636
Sunday School Donations	0			0	0
Flower Fund	0	1023		1023	479
Misc	0			0	3818
Totals	<u>53830</u>	<u>1535</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>55365</u>	<u>43026</u>
3(b) Activities for generating funds	0	0	0	0	0

Analysis of Payments

2024 2023

4a Cost of generating funds

0 0

Notes to the Accounts

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endow	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds		2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
4(b) Charitable Activities					
Giving to Grow	14166			14166	12953
Ministers Traveling Expenses	588			588	529
Insurance	3146			3146	2892
Gas	5474			5474	3348
Electricity	1136			1136	724
Organist	3035			3035	4520
Locum Fees	11155			11155	6904
Pulpit Supply	489			489	400
Stationary & Postage	207			207	120
Copier Rental	830			830	1029
Fabric Repairs	11970			11970	1740
Manse Utilities	500			500	1318
Pipe Organ Repairs	0			0	126
Fire Protection	0			0	157
Presbytery Dues	773			773	738
Driving Force	790			790	319
Tuesday Morning	0	108		108	600
Flower Fund	0	890		890	542
Crisis	118			118	0
Christian Aid	267			267	542
Earl Haig	70			70	0
Miscellaneous	162			162	1291
Totals	54876	998		55874	40792

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.

Minister's travelling Expenses

Minister's travelling expenses are recorded and confirmed by an annually attested log sheet and paid on behalf of the congregation by the Central Fund of the Church of Scotland. The congregation makes a quarterly payment upon receipt of an invoice from the Fund.

Minister's travelling Expenses & Council Tax (see 4b)	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£588	£529
	£0	£ 0
6 Collections for Third Parties	2024	2023
Earl Haig	70	0
Poppy Fund	0	0
Christian Aid	267	643
Driving Force	790	319
Crisis	118	0