

**Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland
North Tolsta Congregation**

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 December 2024

Charity No SC016415

Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland – North Tolsta Congregation
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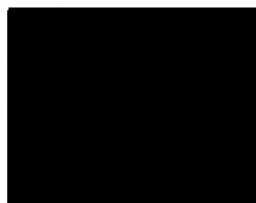
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Church Information

Trustees

Chairman:



(Resigned 01 April 2024)
(Appointed 01 April 2024)

Members:

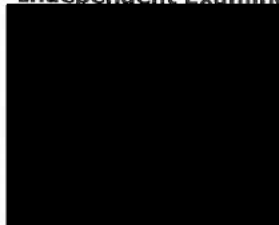
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Report of the Trustees

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Status of Charity and Governing Document

North Tolsta is a congregation of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland ('the Church'). The organisation and government of the Church are based on the Presbyterian system. The constitution of the Church is identified in the deed of separation dated 14 August 1893.

Aims and Affiliation

The congregation provides gospel ordinances and pastoral care in the area of North Tolsta. Any member of the public is welcome to attend the gospel services which are maintained in the Church building throughout the year.

Trustees and Office Bearers

The church is Presbyterian in government and its day to day running is undertaken by the Deacons (the Deacons' Court). The Deacons' Court is responsible for administering the temporal affairs of the Congregation, including the maintenance of the Church finances. All members of the Deacons' Court, except for the Chairman, are Trustees ex-officio.

The Deacons' Court who served during the year were as follows:-



(Resigned 01 April 2024)
(Appointed 01 April 2024)

Interim Moderator:

Congregational Treasurer:



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Report of the Trustees

Appointment of Trustees

The Deacons' Court exercises its discretion in determining the most appropriate method of electing new Deacons (Trustees). Any election process must involve the communicant membership of the congregation. There is no fixed term for Trusteeship. Prior to their appointment, new Trustees would have served the church for some time in various roles and would be familiar with the church's values, its aims and objectives as well as its day-to-day operations. As part of their induction programme, new Trustees are required to understand their statutory responsibilities as well as their responsibility as Deacons.

Achievements and Performance

During the year, the church met regularly for worship and carried out various activities in pursuit of the above stated aims.

Financial review

Principal sources of funding

The church receives its funding from church members and adherents by way of weekly offerings and Gift Aid donations.

Reserves of the Congregation

General Fund

The Church Door Collection, taken by plate at each service, and other donations to Congregational Funds are recorded in the General Fund of the Congregation. The Church Door collection is the main source of income to the local congregation and is used to fund general congregational expenditure, including expenditure on the running and on-going maintenance of the church building and manse. In the year ended 31 December 2024 the General Fund shows a surplus of £888 (2023 - Surplus £23,792). This has led to the General Fund at 31 December 2023 increasing to £180,664 (2023 - £179,776)

Special Collections Fund

Collections and Donations received for specified central funds of the Church are recognised in the Special Collections Fund. The total amount of these collections and donations are remitted to the General Treasurer of the Church. In 2024, the total amount received for special collections was £16,672 (2023 - £19,056). Specific donations of £859 for the work of the Trinitarian Bible Society and £750 for Rev J Talloch were also received and disbursed.

The Deacons' Court are thankful that the funds of the Congregation continue to be in a healthy condition and they acknowledge their indebtedness to the great Head of the Church for His maintenance for His cause among us throughout another year and for giving our people a mind to do what they can in providing for its material needs. However, as always, we should be conscious that these are only a means to an end of advancing the Kingdom of Christ and seeking the good of souls in this world, for which the blessing of the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Clerk



Dated:

21. 3. 25

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Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees *for the year ended 31 December 2024*

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

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 examiner's statement

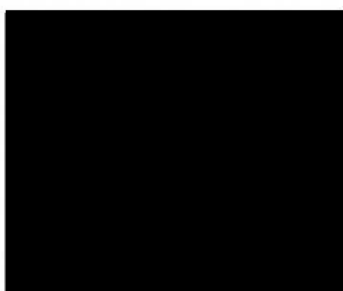
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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 8 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.



Dated: 26.03.25

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted General Fund 2024 £	Restricted Special Collections 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Receipts</u>	Note				
Voluntary Income	4	24,836	18,281	43,117	49,891
Income from Charitable Activities	5	3,574	-	3,574	2,987
Bank & Deposit interest		-	-	-	-
		<u>28,410</u>	<u>18,281</u>	<u>46,691</u>	<u>52,878</u>
<u>Total Receipts</u>		<u>28,410</u>	<u>18,281</u>	<u>46,691</u>	<u>52,878</u>
<u>Payments</u>					
Charitable activities	6	25,758	18,281	44,039	28,836
Governance costs	7	1,764	-	1,764	250
<u>Total Payments</u>		<u>27,522</u>	<u>18,281</u>	<u>45,803</u>	<u>29,086</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers		888	-	888	23,792
Transfers		-	-	-	-
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		888	-	888	23,792

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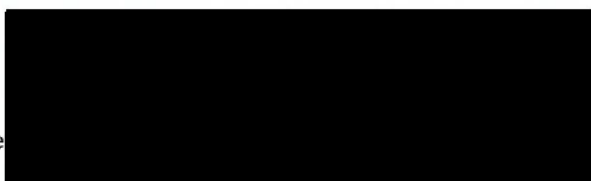
Statement of Balances

At 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted General Fund 2024 £	Restricted Special Collections 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Bank & Deposit Balances</u>				
Bank & deposit balances brought forward	179,776	-	179,776	155,984
Movement in year:				
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	888	-	888	23,792
Bank & deposit balances carried forward	<u>180,664</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,664</u>	<u>179,776</u>
<u>Additional Information</u>				
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	<u>180,664</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,664</u>	<u>179,776</u>
Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The Accounts detailed on pages 5 to 10 were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by the undernoted.

Trustee



Date:

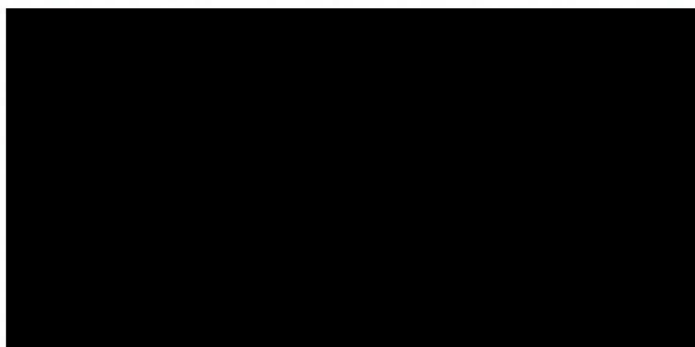
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Trustee



Date:

21-3-25



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Notes to the Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2024

1. Accounting Policies

Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and under the guidelines laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2006)

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis

Church Income

All voluntary income and bank interest is accounted for when received.

Fixed Assets

The congregation owns the Church and Manse. The Trustees do not have cost information available and they do not consider it an appropriate use of congregational funds to have properties valued purely for accounting purposes.

Statement of Balances

For the purpose of the statement of Balance as shown on page 6, funds are defined as follows:

Unrestricted funds comprise grants and other income received for the objects of the church without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds comprise income which has been received for the objects of the church and specified for a restricted purpose within these objects by the donor.

2. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

No Trustees received reimbursement of expenses 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 charity during the year

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3. Movements in Funds

	At 1 Jan 2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	179,776	28,410	27,522	-	180,664
	<u>179,776</u>	<u>28,410</u>	<u>27,522</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,664</u>

Explanation of funds

The General Fund encompasses all income and expenditure relating to the primary focus activities of the charity, other than those for which funding is restricted.

Restricted funds

Special Collections	-	18,281	18,281	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>18,281</u>	<u>18,281</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>179,776</u>	<u>46,691</u>	<u>45,803</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,664</u>

Explanation of funds

Special Collections Fund: Represents donations received for specified central funds of the Church and specific donations received for the Trinitarian Bible Society and a presentation to [REDACTED]. The total amount of the donations for the central funds of the church are remitted to the General Treasurer of the Church.

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4. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations & Grants				
Church Door Collections	19,024	-	19,024	20,644
Communion Collections	3,039	-	3,039	2,126
Sabbath School Income	-	-	-	-
Legacy	-	-	-	2,000
Other Donations	1,520	-	1,520	3,874
Gift Aid received	1,253	1,394	2,647	3,385
Sustentation Fund	-	11,212	11,212	12,061
Home Mission Fund	-	933	933	1,139
Jewish & Foreign Mission Fund	-	814	814	999
College & Library Fund	-	801	801	957
Bookroom Fund	-	382	382	461
General Building Fund	-	427	427	472
Overseas Fund	-	381	381	568
Outreach Fund	-	328	328	385
Trinitarian Bible Society	-	859	859	820
██████████ Presentation	-	750	750	-
	<u>24,836</u>	<u>18,281</u>	<u>43,117</u>	<u>49,891</u>

5. Income from charitable activities

Sale of Church Magazines	1,299	-	1,299	1,186
Pulpit Supply Refunded	2,275	-	2,275	1,801
	<u>3,574</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,574</u>	<u>2,987</u>

6. Charitable activities

Activity	Direct costs £	Support costs £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Local Ministries	23,504	20,535	44,039	28,836
	(Note 8)	(Note 9)		
Of which:				
Relating to unrestricted funds	5,223	20,535	25,758	11,440
Relating to restricted funds	18,281	-	18,281	17,396

7. Governance costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Presbytery and Synod expenses	960	250
Examiners' remuneration	804	-
	<u>1,764</u>	<u>250</u>

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8 Direct Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Congregational Expenses				
Remittances to General Treasurer	-	16,672	16,672	19,056
Pulpit supply	2,275	-	2,275	1,821
Communion expenses	1,390	-	1,390	1,149
Church magazines	1,358	-	1,358	1,186
Sabbath School expenses	-	-	-	-
Tender Grape Magazines	-	-	-	-
General expenses	-	-	-	-
	5,023	16,672	21,695	23,212
Other Donations				
Trinitarian Bible Society	-	859	859	830
██████████ Presentation	-	750	750	-
██████████ Presentation	200	-	200	200
	200	1,609	1,809	1,030
Total other direct costs	5,223	18,281	23,504	24,242
			(Note 6)	

9 Support costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Property insurance	1,193	-	1,193	1,165
Heat & Light - Church	2,114	-	2,114	1,310
Repairs & Maintenance - Church	7,503	-	7,503	138
Heat & Light - Manse	1,747	-	1,747	1,791
Repairs & Maintenance - Manse	7,650	-	7,650	8
Postage	150	-	150	-
Telephone	178	-	178	182
	20,535	-	20,535	4,594
			(Note 6)	