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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	1	Januar	2024		31	Decem	2024
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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Blantyre Congregational Church
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC016528
Charity's principal address	Craig Street Blantyre

Postcode G72 0NH

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Minister		
2	Fabric Fund		
3	Treasurer		
4	Secretary		
5	Deacon		
6	Treasurer		
7	Deacon		
8	Deacon		
9	Deacon		
10	Deacon		
11	President		
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
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Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The Church shall be composed of those who profess faith, in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and those, whose daily lives are governed according to His teachings. The life and witness of Blantyre Congregational Church is administered in accordance with the terms of the Church Constitution 2011. Blantyre Congregational Church is Independent in its polity and is affiliated to The Federation of Congregational Churches, where the Church shares an inter-dependency.
Trustee recruitment and appointment	Those who serve within the Diaconate of the Church are the charity trustees. The "Diaconate" is a term used to describe The Deacons of the Church. The Deacons of the Church are chosen from those members of the Church Meeting, who are considered to have the appropriate calling, gifts and skills. The Minister, who is a member of the Diaconate, is elected and called by the congregation and inducted as per the procedure of Ordination and induction.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	<p>The following Purpose Statement was adopted by the Church in 2011.</p> <p><i>Blantyre Congregational Church's purpose is to magnify God's name. By doing this, we seek to encourage a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and to journey with those seeking Christian maturity. As an independent Church, we seek to live out the core biblical belief of Congregationalism; "The Priesthood of all Believers" through worshipping, mission and outreach, thus enabling and equipping those called for their ministry in the Church and their mission in the world.</i></p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	<p>The objects of the Church are summarised through the following headings.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Worship. 2. Out-reach. 3. Mission. 4. Chaplaincy. 5. Pastoral support.

Achievements and performance**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period**

Blantyre Congregational Church, continue to fulfil its mission within the community and further beyond by living out its core charitable objectives and purposes, through its mission statement.

Financial review**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Due to the independent polity of the Church, the Church is self-funding. It is the policy of the trustees to hold sufficient funds within designated accounts to ensure any expenditure occurred on behalf of Blantyre Congregational Church will be paid. This policy applies only to unrestricted funds.

Details of any deficit

N/A

Donated facilities and services (if any)

N/A

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Other optional information

The Diaconate of Blantyre Congregational Church takes the view, that the Church premises are a valuable asset, not only for the congregation, but also for the life of the wider community of Blantyre. A host of community groups use the Church Halls during the week, this ensures the Church provides an important service to the community and maximises its outreach to the local community by facilitating community based activities. Many groups use the Church including the Stonefield Nursery and Out of School Group, who use the Church Halls on a daily basis: Newcomers Club, The Voice (Singing Group,) The Loyal Orange Lodge 293, Karate Club, JM Dancing Group, and the 2nd Blantyre Company of the Boys Brigade; Anchor, Junior and Company Sections.

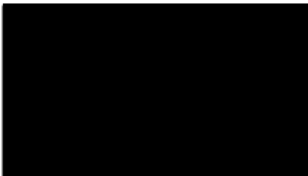
To fulfil our purpose statement, Blantyre Congregational Church has a commitment to help its members explore ways to offer support to other groups and organisations, particularly those that aid and support people in need. Blantyre Congregational Church supports The Hamilton Churches Drop In centre with a group of volunteers in a rota basis helping with the daily preparation and serving of hot meals to those from difficult backgrounds, with our minister serving on the management committee. Our Church is also actively involved the running of the Hamilton & District Food Bank, assisting people in crisis.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Position (e.g. Chair) Secretary

Date 13/09/2025

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Blantyre Congregational Church SCO 16528
Statement of Receipts for the year ended December 2024

RECEIPTS	NOTE	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
Donations				49514	46135
+ gift aid				11297	8250
Fund raising					
lent from				11483	7888
buildings				634	321
Bank Interest					
				72928	62594

PAYMENTS					
grants & donations	(2)			366	1206
Governance fee	(3)			80	80
Cost of charitable					
activities	(4)			65773	54218
				66219	55504

SURPLUS (DEFICIT) 6709 7090

BLANTYRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
STATEMENT OF BALANCES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024

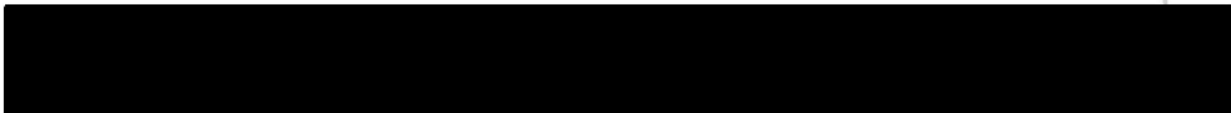
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
Monies AT 31/12/23 51335		51335	44245
SURPLUS 6709		6709	7090
58044		58044	51335

BANK	57969	51260
FLOAT	75	75
PETTY CASH	—	
58044	51335	

APPROVED By TRUSTEES ON 14/9/25

CHAIR

TREASURER



Brantford Congregation Church
 Notes to accounts for the year ended December 2024

② Grants & Donations		TOTAL		TOTAL			
MADE		2024		2023			
HAMILTON CHURCHES DEPT. CENTRE	100	—	80	—	80		
	BRANTFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL						
	SUNDAY SCHOOL						
	BRANTFORD BRANTFORD						
	CHURCH'S OUTREACH FOOD PROGRAMME						
		366		1206			
③ Governance Fee		80		80			
④ COST OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		—		—			
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		TOTAL 2024		TOTAL 2023			

STIPEND/TAX/IN/REVISION	3693	30024
UTILITY BUS	6801	8300
INSURANCE	4938	4411
ORGANIST & PULPIT SUPPLY	1915	3540
CLEANER	880	880
STATIONERY	514	242
PRESENTATIONS	74	119
EQUIPMENT & CLEANING MATERIALS	835	899
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	11655	2047
LIGHTING	—	675
GAS SAFETY CERTIFICATE	54	48
MOBILE DATA	330	32
BACK STORAGE	—	6
RATTLE LICENSE	—	20
TRAVELLING EXPENSES	730	105
WEALTH	31	29
AFFILIATION FEES	723	641
65 773		54218



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name		BUNTYRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH					
Registered charity number	SC	016528						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date		to		Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
	1st	JAN	2024		31st	DEC	2024	
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)							

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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]

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.

Signed:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

Date:

14-09-25

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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APPENDIX 3

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose