

The Church of Scotland  
East Church of Scotland Inverness

Trustees' Report and Accounts  
For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Congregation No: 372143

Charity No: SC016866

East Church of Scotland  
Trustees' Annual Report  
Year ended 31 December 2021

The trustees present the annual report and accounts for the East Church of Scotland Inverness for year ended 31 December 2021.

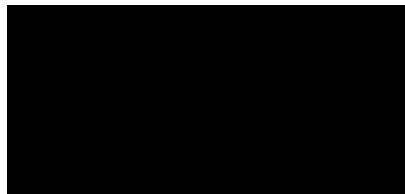
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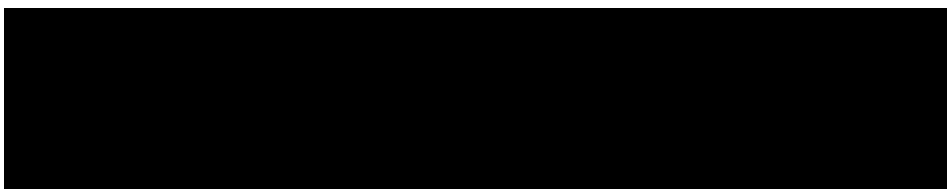
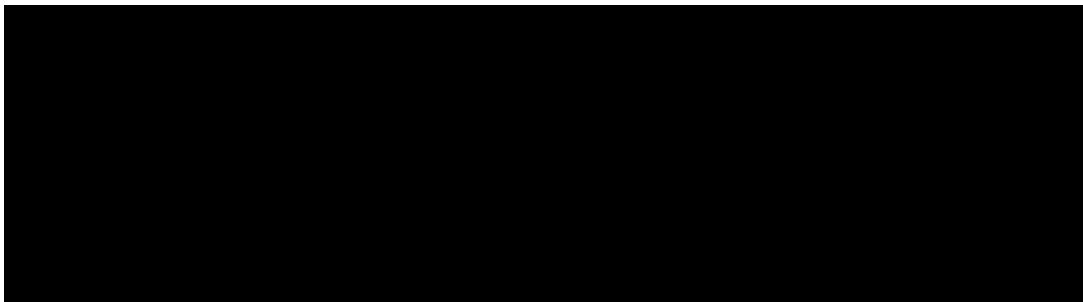
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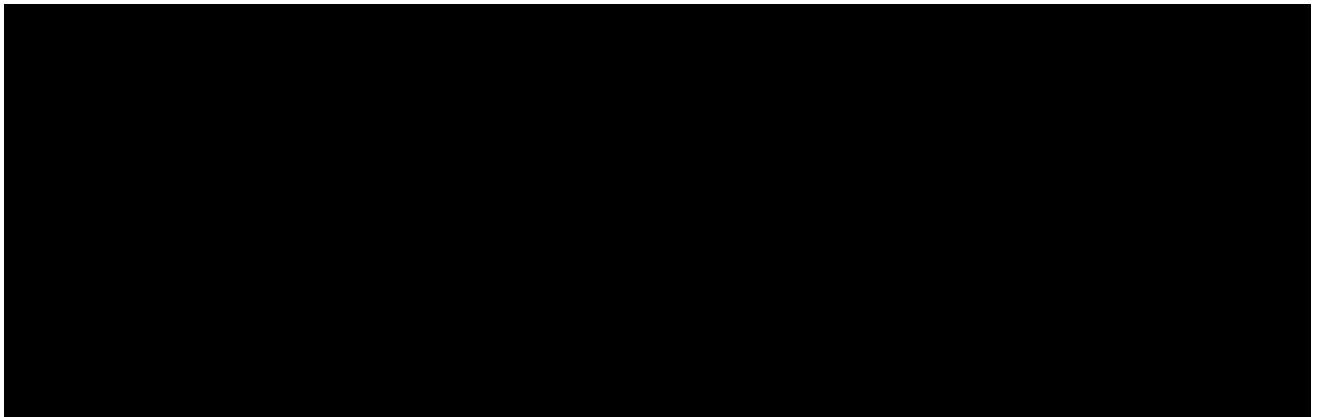
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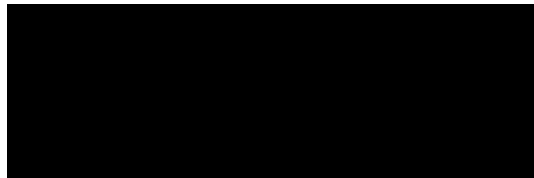
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### **Deacons' Court**



### **Principal Office-bearers**

Minister (Interim Moderator):  
Session Clerk:  
Chairman of the Deacons' Court:  
Church Treasurer:



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# **East Church of Scotland Inverness Trustees' Annual Report (cont) Year ended 31**

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### **Governing Document**

The congregation has a Kirk Session and Deacons' Court. The congregation is a registered charity, number SC016866 and is administered in accordance with the terms of the Model Deed of Constitution (Unitary Form) and is subject to the Acts and Regulations of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

### **Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

Members of the Kirk Session and the Deacons' Court 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, who is a member of the Kirk Session, is elected by the congregation and inducted by Presbytery. The Deacons' Court is composed of the elders, together with an equal number of elected members of the congregation. These elected members are chosen by free vote at the Annual Stated Meeting of the congregation and are then called Deacons. They serve for three years and are then eligible for re-election. Two of the Deacons, however, were appointed for life under a former constitution of the congregation.

### **Organisational Structure**

The Kirk Session is chaired by the Interim Moderator [REDACTED] Watt and meets approximately five times per year for a full meeting and occasionally as required, for example, at communion seasons. It is responsible for the spiritual and pastoral oversight of the congregation and for the mission and outreach of the congregation. The Deacons' Court is chaired by [REDACTED]. It meets approximately five times per year (alternating monthly with the Kirk Session). It has two standing sub-committees, the Finance Committee and the Fabric Committee. The Annual Stated Meeting is held in March each year.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The Church of Scotland arose out of the Scottish Reformation in 1560. It is Reformed in theology and Presbyterian in practice. The Church of Scotland affirms the Scriptures as its supreme rule of faith and life and the Westminster Confession of Faith as its principal subordinate standard. The Church of Scotland is the established Church and seeks to maintain a national, territorial ministry to the whole of Scotland through its parish system.

At the beginning of 2021 as the vacancy continued, [REDACTED] continued as Interim Moderator [REDACTED] [REDACTED] also continued as full-time secretary for the church.

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### **Year ended 31 December 2021**

#### **Objectives and Activities (continued)**

At the start of the year 2021 the coronavirus pandemic continued. The sanctuary was effectively closed for worship. Services however were recorded weekly for the congregation's benefit and relayed technologically. Services were conducted by different preachers, ministers and elders. This expedient form of worship appeared to be popular with figures showing heartening attendance responses.

The weekly meeting for Bible Study and prayer continued through the year by means of Video Conference. Numbers attending averaging between twenty to thirty.

With national and local reduction in Covid 19 prevalence the Kirk Session moved to reopen the Church for morning worship, this after a period of sixteen months. The first service was conducted by [REDACTED] on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Between seventy and eighty returned to Church for this service.

The Nominating Committee met on a number of occasions in the first half of the year by Video Conference. The Kirk Session and Deacons' Court and sub-committees also met by this means to continue the Church business.

[REDACTED], once a member of the East Church and latterly Free Church Minister in Lochgilhead, Argyll-shire was invited by the Kirk Session to become locum minister. He started this role on 29<sup>th</sup> August and has provided a degree of continuity as well as his very acceptable preaching and pastoral care. [REDACTED] preaches for the Church each Sunday morning bar the first Sunday of each month and commits to two days pastoral work.

Sunday School, Youth Group and Girls' Brigade all returned to the Church at different stages in the second half of the year.

Due to pressures facing the Church of Scotland a Dictat was released by the Principal Clerk in June 2021, instructing that all congregations in vacancy were to be sisted forthwith. Presbyteries throughout Scotland were also instructed to formulate a Mission Plan to address pressures on the denomination within their respective areas. The Nominating Committee was consequently discharged and the Kirk Session was advised to wait for further consultation regarding the Mission Plan.

This year has proven to be very challenging for our Church yet despite the real uncertainty of the future we have been conscious of God's guidance in taking us to this point.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

During the year under review no members joined the Church.

Fifteen members were lost through death or transference.

The current number of members stands at one hundred and eighty-four by the end of 2021.

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**Year ended 31 December 2021**

**Financial Review**

For the year ended 31 December 2021 the charity recorded a surplus of £14,427 (2020- £4,135). The principal source of receipts continued to be the weekly offerings. These decreased by £944 in the year under review from £80,274 in 2020 to £79,330 in the current period. Total payments for the year were £106,667 in comparison to £114,159 for 2020 which is a reduction of £7,492. The main savings during the year were in the Presbytery Dues and Fabric Expenditure.

**Reserves Policy**

It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of approximately six months expenditure including designated funds. At the year end the Church held unrestricted cash funds of £40,266 (£25,840 - 2020).

The Church also held £21,914 (£21,914 - 2020) of restricted funds which have been provided for the purposes specified in Note 2.

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The members of the Kirk Session and Deacons' Court 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 and Deacons' Court 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 and signed on their behalf,

  
**Session Clerk**

**Date .....**

## **East Church of Scotland Inverness**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of East Church of Scotland Inverness**

**Year ended 31 December 2021**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

#### **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 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.

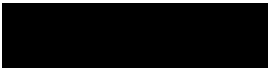
#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

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.

#### **Use of our report**

This report is made to the charity's board of trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of engagement. My work has been undertaken to enable me to undertake an independent examination of the charity's accounts on behalf of the charity's board of trustees and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's board of trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.



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Date: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022

**East Church of Scotland**  
**Receipts and Payments**  
**Account**  
**Year ended 31 December 2021**

		<b>Unrestricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total 2021 £</b>	<b>Total 2020 £</b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	<b>Note</b>				
Donations	3	98,450		98,450	98,176
Bank & Deposit interest		19		19	39
Investment income		7,800		7,800	6,300
Rental of premises		560		560	2370
Fabric		2,595		2,595	600
Grants			11,669	11,669	10,809
<b><u>Total Receipts</u></b>		109,424	11,669	121,093	118,294
<b><u>Payments</u></b>	<b>4</b>				
Expenditure on raising funds		195		195	264
Charitable activities		94,803	11,669	106,472	113,895
<b><u>Total Payments</u></b>		94,998	11,669	106,667	114,159
<b>Excess of Payments over Receipts for the year before transfers</b>		14,426		14,426	4,135
Transfers					
<b>Excess of Payments over Receipts for the year</b>		14,426		14,426	4,135



**East Church of Scotland****Statement of Balances****At 31 December 2021**

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Bank &amp; Deposit Balances</b>				
Bank & deposit balances brought forward	25,840	21,914	47,754	43,619
<b>Movement in year:</b>				
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	14,426		14,426	4,135
Bank & deposit balances carried forward	40,266	21,914	62,180	47,754
<b>Investments at market value</b>				
1,086 ordinary shares in Lloyds Banking Group costing £1,773	519		519	397
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	70,288	284,179	354,467	362,293
<b>Investment Property</b>	140,000		140,000	140,000
<b>Assets</b>				
Gift Aid Receivable	4,889		4,889	5,502
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Costs not yet billed				2,075

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session and Financial Board on ...

For and on behalf of the Kirk Session and Financial Board

\_\_\_\_\_  
Session Clerk

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Treasurer

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Statement of Balances  
Notes to the Accounts

**1. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions**

The following member of the Deacons' Court received remuneration during the accounting period for carrying out services as the Church Secretary [REDACTED] £14,950 (2020 - £14,962) Remuneration comprises salary, employer's national insurance contributions and employer's pension contributions.

The Minister received expenses of £918 (2020 - £126) which relates to travelling expenses during the year.

**2. Movements in Funds**

	Note	At 1 Jan 2021 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2021 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>						
Designated Fabric Fund		3,107	2,595	1,790		3,912
Designated Youth Fund		2,441	258	397		2,302
Designated Ministries Fund			10,095	18,075	7,990	10
General Fund		20,292	96,476	74,736	(7,990)	34,042
		<u>25,840</u>	<u>109,424</u>	<u>94,998</u>		<u>40,266</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>						
Grants			11,669	11,669		
Mission Fund		2,908				2,908
Manse Fund		19,006				19,006
		<u>21,914</u>	<u>11,669</u>	<u>11,669</u>		<u>21,914</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>47,754</u>	<u>121,093</u>	<u>106,667</u>		<u>62,180</u>

Purposes of Designated Funds

Fabric Fund: the Trustees have set aside funds for the maintenance of the church property.

Youth Fund: to provide funds to operate the Sunday School and Youth Fellowship.

Ministries Fund: to provide funds to extend the work of the church to new areas of the parish and the city centre. The fund currently pays for a church secretary and continuing outreach work. Following guidance from The Church of Scotland this fund was reclassified from Restricted Funds to Designated funds during the prior year.

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Scottish Government Adapt and Thrive Grant : to provide funds to support ongoing expenditure

especially for cameras for online service broadcasting. Grant also received from Local

Presbytery towards expenditure.

Mission Fund: to provide funds for mission work in the UK and abroad

Manse Fund: to provide funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the Manse.

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	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total 2021 £</b>	<b>Total 2020 £</b>
<b>Note</b>				
<b>3 . Analysis of Donations</b>				
Offerings	79,330		79,330	80,274
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Donations	19,120		19,120	17,902
	<u>98,450</u>		<u>98,450</u>	<u>98,176</u>
<b>4. Analysis of Payments</b>				
<b>Expenditure on raising funds</b>				
Offering envelopes	195		195	264
	<u>195</u>		<u>195</u>	<u>264</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Ministries & Mission allocation	51,054		51,054	63,115
Presbytery dues		573	573	1,772
Minister Expenses	918		918	126
Pulpit supply	3,691	565	4,256	1,341
Organ and Maintenance	702		702	25
Church gas, electricity and insurance	4,927	3,376	8,303	10,331
Fabric repairs & maintenance	1,790		1,790	6,216
Property management, insurance and repairs	1,789		1,789	3,600
Manse Council Tax, Insurance and Upkeep	938		938	981
Church office expenses	5,823	323	6,146	7,096
IT Costs	2,237	6,832	9,069	
Ministries Fund	18,075		18,075	16,559
Sunday School and Youth Fellowship	397		397	506
Flowers	492		492	106
Other expenses	770		770	801
<b>Governance costs</b>				
Independent examiner's fees	1,200		1,200	1,320
	<u>94,803</u>	<u>11,669</u>	<u>106,472</u>	<u>113,895</u>

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**5. 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 £28,137 and the maximum stipend (in the fifth and subsequent years) £34,577.