

St Magnus Church Birsay Trust

SC026284

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statement and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2024

Charity Name: St Magnus Church Birsay Trust

Charity No: SC026084

Current Trustees:

Constitution:

The charity is a trust. The trust is governed by its constitution which was adopted on 10 February 1997 and the trust also gained charitable status on the same date.

The trust was incorporated as a SCIO on 27 September 2016.

Appointment of Trustees

Further trustees may be co-opted by the current trustees. Under the constitution there must be a minimum of 4 trustees. 3 trustees must be present to form a quorum.

The trustees are responsible for all the activities organised to fulfil the purposes of the trust, and for all financial matters relating to the upkeep of the building.

All questions arising at any meeting will be decided by a majority of votes.

### Purposes of the Trust:

The responsibilities of the Trustees are:

- To maintain and restore the building for the benefit of the public at large
- To make the historical importance of the building more widely known
- To promote religion

### Activities:

The variety of our events help to attract audiences with different interests, as well as raising funds: thereby enabling us to meet the requirements of our areas of responsibility. Entry to all events is by voluntary donation.

### Use of the Church:

The church year is slowly recovering from closures due to covid. The door was open daily from the Easter period until late September, during this time a steady footfall of visitors came to reflect upon the building and leave donations for the church and for notelets on offer. It was noted that on fair weather days when the door was visibly open the donations were more.

During the above year the church was used for four funerals and, on a lighter note, one local wedding. During the year the trustees undertook to maintain the housekeeping.

This year we held, what used to be, an annual Christmas Carol Service. We have not had one since 2019 so the returned event was welcomed in December. The programme was led by Orkney Rocks, a talented local choir, to get everyone in the festive spirit. This event was the opening of a Christmas Tree Festival week.

Trees were sponsored at trade price from a generous family run business in Kirkwall. Groups from the school, residential care home, local clubs and associations as well as the trust themselves decorated themed trees for the public to enjoy. At the end of the week the trees were re-homed for a donation.

As we return to a more 'normal' time more events are planned for the coming church year.

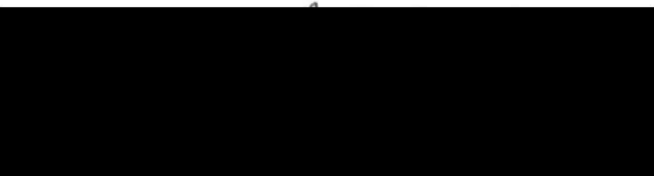
### Financial Review

The trustees have completed renovations and refurbishment for the time being and the church looks fresh and clean

The trust continues to be supported by generous individuals and our window cards continue to bring in additional revenue

Although we have now had a smart meter installed we still are paying very heavily for electricity - At the current time we have been in touch with SSE and given them a meter reading and asked them to send someone to check the supply.

The Christmas Tree festival attracted individuals back to the church and the trustees hope to build on that going forward.



# St Magnus Church Birsay Trust – 2023/2024

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<u>Income Account</u>	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
Printed Paper Items	102.00	204.00
Donations	1182.07	1330.78
Transferred from Account 2	829.28	
Christmas Tree Festival		460.00
	2113.35	1994.78

<u>Expenditure Account</u>		
C of S Insurance	544.48	601.22
Hydro Electric	539.80	1486.87
Robertson – Fire Ext.	84.54	32.40
Refurbishment Expenses	5697.14	157.25
Printing	388.00	
Christmas Tree Festival		379.00
	7253.96	2656.74

<u>Income Account</u>	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
Income	2113.35	1994.78
<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>7253.96(5140.61)deficit</u>	<u>2656.74(661.96)deficit</u>

	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>
Bank Balance	18,025.18	16,521.25
Uncashed cheque	841.97	

09.04.2024

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31.03.24

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 Charity's Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider the audit requirement of regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) 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

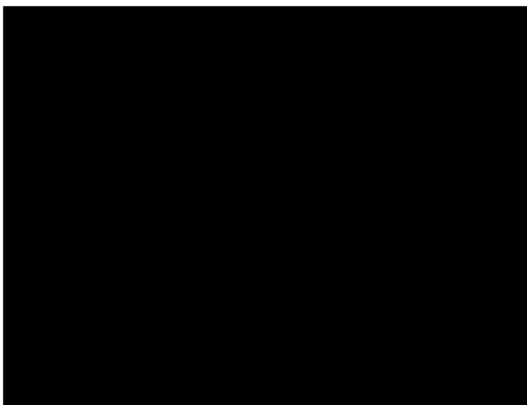
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:-  
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 Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations have not been met, or

Which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



10.04.2024