

CHURCHES TOGETHER RENFREWSHIRE

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Scottish charity number: SC029653



**Churches Together Renfrewshire
SC029653**

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2025. The charity name was changed from 2gether (Paisley & District Evangelical Alliance) to Churches Together Renfrewshire on 1 November 2020 after consent was granted by OSCR on 8 October 2020. We are currently still in the process of updating our web presence, so some of the references in this report will still refer to the name 2gether.

Reference and administrative information

Charity name:	Churches Together Renfrewshire
Charity registration number:	SC029653
Registered office:	2/2 2 Robertsons Gait, Paisley, PA2 6DN
Bankers:	Royal Bank of Scotland plc, 8 Church Street, Johnstone, PA5 8DX
Website:	www.churchestogetherrenfrewshire.org www.paisley.streetpastors.org.uk
Facebook:	www.facebook.com/2getherRenfrewshire www.facebook.com/PaisleyStreetPastors
Twitter:	@2gether_PDEA @PaisleySP

Trustees

The committee of the charity are its trustees for the purpose of charity law.

The following served as charity trustees during the year and continue to serve on an ongoing basis up to the date of this report:

Phil Arbon	Chair
Hugh Chalk	
Buchan Lennon	
Steven Barr	
Dorothy Barr	
Anietie Matthew	
Unyimeobong Matthew	

Ken Trench has decided to stand down from the committee. We express our thanks for all his support and help in recent years.

Proposal for new committee members:

Stuart Davidson (Church of Scotland Minister and Paisley Street Pastor).
Corinne Watt (Mossvale Community Church) to take up the role as Secretary. This will include communications, website upgrade, social media and Mail Chimp

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Churches Together Renfrewshire ("the charity") is a charitable unincorporated association and is a registered Scottish charity (no SC029653), governed by its written constitution. The charity is a local evangelical fellowship of the Evangelical Alliance UK.

Appointment of trustees

The charity's trustees are appointed or re-appointed by members annually at the Annual General Meeting and in accordance with the terms contained in the charity's constitution.

Administrative Structure

The committee are responsible for the overall direction of the charity and serve on a voluntary basis.

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity are:

- To advance the Christian Religion by:
 - encouraging unity between evangelical Christians and churches throughout the area through communication and co-operation as a pan-evangelical, membership body;
 - co-ordinating evangelical Christian work in the area;
 - being a 'voice' for the evangelical community to local government and media
 - providing a link with the National Evangelical Alliance and be a local expression of Evangelical Alliance UK concerns
- To relieve those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

Significant highlights, events and developments of note in the year include the following:

In relation to activities:

- **Inter-church celebrations.** At least three inter church celebrations are generally held each year, encouraging churches of various denominations to come together for an evening to celebrate Jesus and enjoy the different flavours of worship and teaching at various churches.
- **Good Friday Walk** - from Paisley North via the Cenotaph to Life Church was supported by approx. 100 people.
- **Easter Sunrise Service** was well attended.
- **Filling Station summer evening events** - Six sessions of worship and preaching were held at Mossvale Community Church during July/August 2025.
- **Leaders prayer meetings** took place once every month.
- **Street Pastors.** Paisley Street Pastors continued in the year. The team patrol Paisley town centre on Saturday night. The number of volunteers has remained at the same level, with some new joiners and some leavers.
- **Street Connect.** The charity maintains a partnership with Street Connect, a charity that offers hope that can lead to life transformation for individuals struggling with addiction and associated issues such as homelessness and poor mental health.

In relation to funding

- Ongoing financial support from our members through their annual subscriptions, and regular gifts.
- Street Pastors volunteers contributed towards the on-going running costs of this project.
- Specific gifts received from both individuals and local churches towards the Street Pastors project.

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- Continued participation by supporters in the Gift Aid scheme.
- Occasional gift donations from other supporters.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

- Leaders' prayer meetings and CTR prayer will continue to be held on a regular basis (in-person meetings). A move to holding these meetings at different locations has proved to be popular.
- Working closely with the council, police and local churches, the Street Pastors and Rail Pastors work will continue to be developed. Recruitment of more Street Pastor volunteers is an ongoing priority for the management team in order to ensure the sustainability of the work going forward.

We are grateful to all our supporters and wish to thank them for their ongoing commitment and encouragement.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity reported a surplus of £10,553 (2024: surplus £2,094) for the year and has accumulated reserves of £17,445 (2024: £6,892) as at the year end. The Paisley Street Pastors restricted fund continued to be well supported by the local community. This enabled the project to continue to meet this need within the town.

Reserves policy

The trustees' policy is to maintain unrestricted funds (ie. funds not committed or invested in fixed assets) at a level that equates to approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. The charity's unrestricted reserves at 30 September 2025 amounted to £15,799. Six months unrestricted expenditure was estimated to be between £1,200 and £1,400; therefore the current level of reserves is considered by the trustees to be adequate.

Risk Management

All major insurable risks are subject to normal charity and employer's insurance. Contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into to assess that they could not significantly impact upon the charity's ability to fulfil its objectives. An annual review of all areas of risk is undertaken by the trustees in conjunction with staff and volunteers responsible for the area of activity being reviewed.

Statement of Trustees responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year. In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees confirm that the accounts comply with current statutory requirements and those of the charity's constitution.

Independent examination

The trustees recommend that the accounts are independently examined and Mr Iain Higgins was appointed as independent examiner. The trustees recommend that the services of Mr Higgins are utilised until further notice.

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This report was approved by the trustees on 21/05/2026 and signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip Arbon', written in a cursive style.

Philip Arbon
Chairman

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

I report on the accounts of Churches Together Renfrewshire for the year ending 30 September 2025 which are set out on pages seven to ten.

Respective responsibilities of the 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 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 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 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 explanation from the Trustees concerning 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.

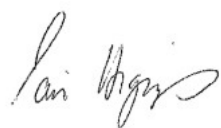
Independent Examiner's statement

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 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

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



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**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
RECEIPTS	Note				
Donations	7	11,735	300	12,035	4,435
Charitable Activities	8	3,131	-	3,131	2,567
Investment income		9	-	9	11
Fundraising activities		-	-	-	-
Total Receipts		14,875	300	15,175	7,013
PAYMENTS					
Charitable Activities	9	3,163	1,259	4,422	4,719
Purchase of Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-
Governance (Independent Examiners Fee)		100	100	200	200
Total Payments		3,263	1,359	4,622	4,919
Surplus / (deficit) before transfers		11,612	(1,059)	10,553	2,094
Transfers		-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) after transfers		11,612	(1,059)	10,553	2,094

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**STATEMENT OF BALANCES
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
BANK AND CASH IN HAND				
Opening balances	4,187	2,705	6,892	4,798
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	11,612	(1,059)	10,553	2,094
Closing balances	15,799	1,646	17,445	6,892
OTHER ASSETS				
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	-	-	-	-
Projector	534	-	534	534
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	534	-	534	534
LIABILITIES				
Evangelical Alliance	400	-	400	350
Independent Examiner's Fee	100	100	200	200
Ascension Trust Levy	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	500	100	600	550

Approved by the trustees on 24/04/2025 and signed on their behalf by



Angela Franke
Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

1. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on a Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. Transactions with trustees or connected persons

During the year, one charity trustee received an amount of remuneration for services provided to the charity. The total received during the year was £2,400 (2023: £2,400). The remuneration was paid in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 Section 67 and met the requirements laid down in the Act. In relation to this remuneration, the charity has a Trustee Remuneration Agreement in place which was agreed at the Annual General Meeting of the charity on 3 April 2013.

No charity trustee received expenses during the period.

3. Grants received

No grants were received in the accounting period.

4. Grants & Donations made

Gifts to external organisations and individuals are considered by the trustees on the basis of need and are only made to those organisations and activities which are compatible with the charitable objectives of the charity. No gifts were made to political parties.

5. Restricted Funds

	30 Sep 24	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	30 Sep 25
	£	£	£	£	£
Paisley Street Pastors	2,705	300	1,359	-	1,646

The Paisley Street Pastors Restricted Fund comprises funding received from various sources to further the work of the Street Pastors project in Paisley which involves a team of volunteers helping and serving those in need on weekend evenings in the town centre.

6. Unrestricted Funds

	30 Sep 24	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	30 Sep 25
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	4,187	14,875	3,263	-	15,799

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

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7. Donations received

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Gifts from churches/organisations	10,870	300	11,170	3,455
Gift Aid Gifts from individuals	685	-	685	655
Membership - organisations	90	-	90	180
Membership - individuals	70	-	70	125
General Gifts from individuals	20	-	20	20
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Total Donations	11,735	300	12,035	4,435

8. Charitable activities income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Inter-church celebration offerings	3,131	-	3,131	2,567
Street Pastors joining fee	-	-	-	-
Other charitable activities offerings	-	-	-	-
Total Charitable Activities income	3,131	-	3,131	2,567

9. Charitable Activities payments

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Staff costs	2,400	-	2,400	2,400
Food	-	-	-	-
Insurance	298	-	298	280
Ascension Trust Levy	-	832	832	975
Website administration	-	-	214	214
Accommodation	-	-	-	-
Postage	-	-	-	-
Office supplies	65	427	492	-
Resources	-	-	-	-
Gifts	-	-	-	500
Bank charges	-	-	-	-
Evangelical Alliance	400	-	400	350
Uniforms	-	-	-	-
Training & Conferences	-	-	-	-
Printing & Publicity	-	-	-	-
Telephone costs	-	-	-	-
Total Charitable Activities	3,163	1,259	4,422	4,719

10. Taxation

The charity is not liable to income tax or capital gains tax on its charitable activities.

The charity is not registered for VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the expense to which it relates.