

Slateford Longstone Parish Church of Scotland, Edinburgh

Scotland · Charity number SC030896

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Part of	The Church of Scotland (SC011353)
Registered	1927-04-01
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	52 Kingsknowe Road North Edinburgh EH14 2DF
Website	www.slatefordlongstone.org.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of religion'

What the charity does: Part of Church of Scotland, which is Trinitarian in doctrine, Reformed in tradition and Presbyterian in governance. It exists to glorify God and to work for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom throughout the world. As a national Church, it acknowledges a distinctive call and duty to bring the ordinances of religion to the people in every parish of Scotland through a territorial ministry.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: Advancement of religion

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-30	£94,944	£87,731	-	2
2023-12-30	£93,054	£87,791	-	2
2022-12-30	£58,537	£61,252	-	2
2021-12-30	£43,466	£44,245	-	2
2020-12-30	£49,911	£47,753	-	2

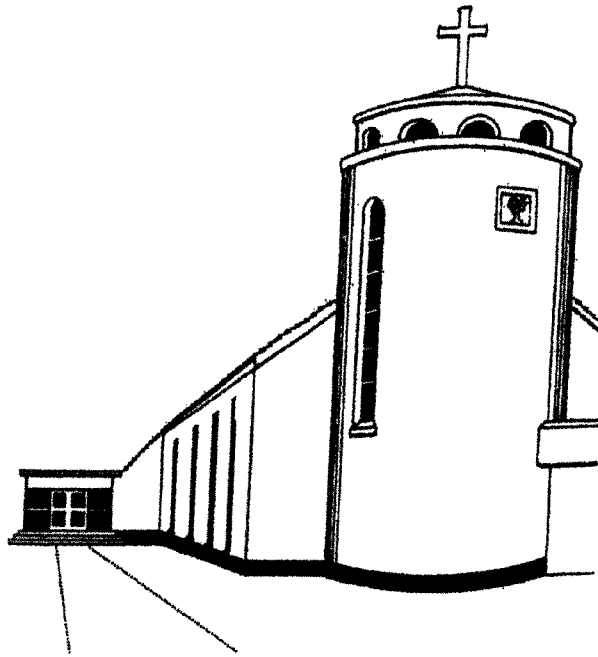
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Accounts

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

SLATEFORD LONGSTONE PARISH CHURCH



**TRUSTEES' REPORT
AND ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
2024**

CONGREGATION No: 010104

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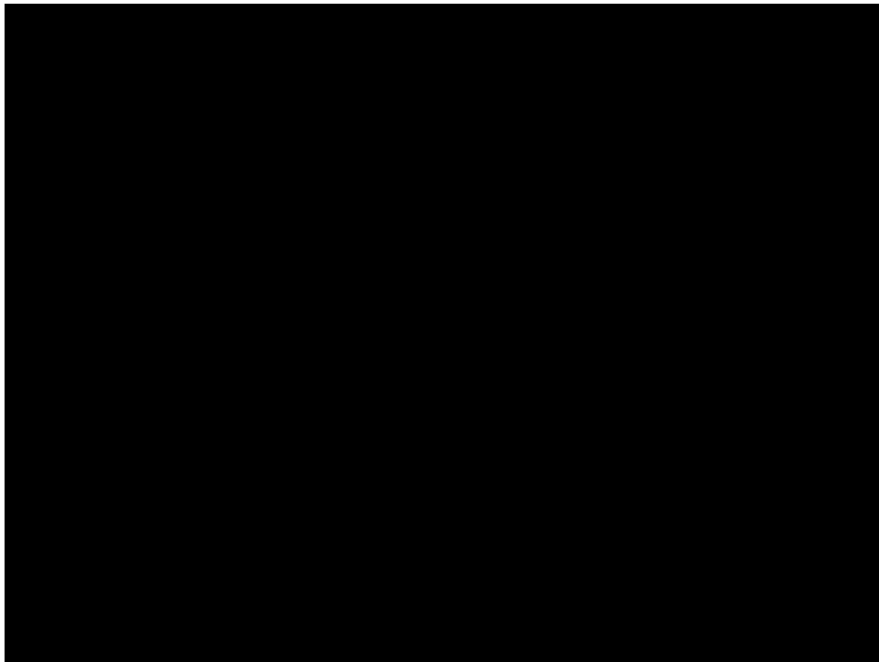
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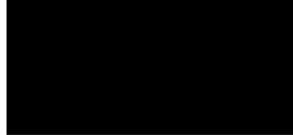
Trustees

Kirk Session Members

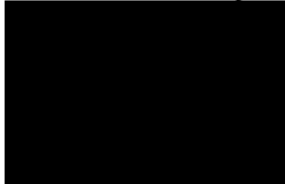


Principal Office-bearers

Minister:
Session Clerk:
Church Treasurer:



Emeritus Elders (No Trustee responsibilities)



Independent Examiner



Hollis Accounting
Chartered Accountants
3, Melville Crescent
Edinburgh
EH3 7HW

Bankers

Bank of Scotland,
206, St. John's Road
Edinburgh
EH12 8SH

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Church was administered in accordance with the terms of the Unitary Constitution.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Members of the Kirk Session were the charity trustees. The Kirk Session members are the elders of the church and are chosen from those who are considered to have the appropriate gifts, Christian maturity and skills. The minister, who is a member of the Kirk Session, is elected by the congregation and inducted by Presbytery.

Organisational Structure

The congregation operated under the Unitary Constitution which means that there is a single governing body - the Kirk Session. The Session has produced its own set of guidelines for the operation of this constitution, identifying, for example, four main areas of ministry - Worship, Mission, Nurture & Fellowship and Service. Each will be closely monitored by Session. Not all these areas of ministry require constituted teams but at present we have two teams to cover Finance and Property. Meetings of Session are held as required with the teams free to meet as required. The intention is to recruit volunteers to these teams without the need for them to become office-bearers.

Objectives and Activities

Slateford Longstone is part of the Church of Scotland, which is Trinitarian in doctrine, Reformed in tradition and Presbyterian in governance. It exists to glorify God and to work for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom throughout the world. As a national Church, it acknowledges a distinctive call and duty to bring the ordinances of religion to the people in every parish of Scotland through a territorial ministry.

Worship: Slateford Longstone has a blended room/zoom style of worship with an increasing number of isolated elderly people connecting with the help of the Tap into IT Missional Community. The room/zoom blend creates community because the gathering is small enough and local enough for people to build real fellowship and this is deeply valued and would be lost in a larger coming together. On average there are 45-50 people in the room and 12 online.

Service:

Our Church Halls have been busy in 2024, used by both Church and Community groups, private individuals and by the Electorate Team for the General Election.

Church groups – Guild, Kindness Kafe, Knit 'n' Natter, Tap into It and Messy Church.

Community Groups – Brownies, Craft Class, Mother & Baby group, NA, Longstone Community Council, Real Life Options, Majorettes and Westenders Drama group.

Group Activities – in their own words

Sunday Club: The Sunday Club continue to meet in the Activities Hall after spending the first part of Sunday service with the Congregation. In 2024 the number of children increased to 4 children attending regularly. On the first Sunday of the month the children enjoy a VeggieTales dvd with bible stories and activities on other Sundays. The two Sunday Club leaders have deferred their retirement due to the increased numbers attending.

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Choir: The choir continues to support the singing during services which is particularly appreciated when we have a hymn that may be unfamiliar to us. Thank you to the choir for turning up every Sunday and leading the singing during worship

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Christmas Shoe Box appeal: The Shoe Box team support Blythswood Care by filling shoe boxes using donations from the congregation and around the Parish and being a drop-off venue and checking station over two weekends. We also hold two coffee mornings to raise funds for postage. We have many people who drop off donations and help check the boxes. In 2024 we managed to fill 701 boxes for deserving children and adults. The support received from the congregation and friends is immense with so many donations. There are also lots of items gifted from our Knit 'n' Natter group and so many, many others that it makes the hard work worthwhile. Planning has already started for 2025.

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Guild: We started the Autumn / Winter session with the Guild Dedication Service taken by Rev. Sam Torrens and we welcomed a few new members. We began the session hearing about TV programmes in the 1950s and 1960s, it was good to see the programmes we enjoyed. We then had talks about The Vine Trust, Tales about The Renegade Monk and Runaway Nun and a Christmas Journey. Our Christmas Dinner was once again held at The Kingsknowe Golf Club.

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Knit 'n' Natter: 2024 was another busy year for the knitting group, mainly knitting hats, scarves, gloves, pencil cases, handbags and puppets for the Shoebox Appeal. In the autumn, ██████████ approached the group to ask if we would consider knitting blankets for the premature baby unit at Simpsons. We are now supporting this worthwhile cause (as well as the Shoeboxes) with help also from members of the congregation. As the Festive Season approached a few ladies knitted Christmas bells and chocolate orange covers, etc. These were sold to raise funds for one of the other Church groups. There was a slight increase in the number of ladies who came along in 2024 and our number now totals 14. We thoroughly enjoy getting together on a Friday afternoon and look forward to a busy 2025.

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Tap into IT: We have completed our third year with Tap into IT, having run two ten week courses with seven participants who all enjoyed learning more about using tablets and mobile phones. An important part of the course is to learn how to connect to the Sunday Church service by Zoom.

Tap into IT continues to lend tablets and internet connectors to learners if they don't have their own tablet or broadband connection at home.

We have four volunteers who sit with the participants in their homes to assist with the ten week course which runs on Zoom. We have also had monthly group meetings where anyone can drop in to learn more about using the internet or to resolve any problems they may have with their tablets. We encouraged the participants to share what they have been learning. We look forward to continuing this initiative.

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Kindness Kafe: The Kindness Kafe has been running for almost three years and has continued to grow and provide a warm, welcoming environment for people to come and enjoy social interaction whilst sharing home made food. It runs fortnightly on a Tuesday and numbers attending have grown from 20 at the start to around 36-40 people now. We still have close links with Broomhouse Hub that enables community sharing and growth. Our philosophy of meals and company for everyone regardless of ability to pay remains therefore there are no price lists for the food provided. We do have a donation box for people to use if able and all offerings are completely anonymous. We are a group of volunteers who share a vision for the cafe and enjoy the interaction with each other and the people who attend. The guild remain a close part of our team. The startup grant from TOR Christian Foundation was instrumental in

allowing us to buy vital equipment to allow this project to start and grow and we have continued to invest in new equipment such as new cooker, fridge, crockery, to ensure the smooth running of the cafe in a pleasant environment for everyone who attends. This year saw us offer a Christmas Eve session for the first time. We felt this was an opportunity to give anyone who otherwise may not have company over the Christmas period a warm welcome and a time to celebrate and share in the festivities. We were slightly overwhelmed at the number of people who attended but all agreed that this was one of our greatest achievements so far. The hall was filled with chatter, carol singing and laughter from the 45 people who attended. This has set a new chapter for Kindness Kafe and we look forward to continuing to grow next year, God willing. Thank you to everyone who supports Kindness Cafe and attends our fortnightly sessions.

Achievements and Performance

In keeping with the need to provide a Mission Narrative for Presbytery Planning the following Narrative reflects the goals and objectives set by the Kirk Session, received by Presbytery and reflected in the Presbytery Mission Plan.

Mission Narrative for Slateford Longstone

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. James 1:27

- 1. The Kirk Session of Slateford Longstone seeks to mobilise and motivate a small church to be financially viable and missionally effective within its own locality and beyond.**
- 2. To do this there needs to be a clear focus and our particular focus is on vulnerable elderly and vulnerable children, aligning ourselves with the missional call to care for “widows and orphans” in their distress.**
- 3. To do this the church doesn't have to be big but it does have to be spiritually healthy, financially viable, and missionally capable. Any adjustment needs to consider the impact on these three essentials.**

Supporting the Elderly

The Need to be connected

1. Tap-into-it

Lockdown propelled us into the world of digital technology and into the lap of Tap into IT, an Award Winning Charity that trains and mentors volunteers to help the elderly frail overcome isolation through virtual media and pastoral support. Slateford Longstone aims to have 30 people connecting over a 3 year period. Many who are currently in a group also connect to the blended room/zoom church service on Sunday. The most significant development in 2024 was the successful application to the Seeds For Growth Fund that will secure the continuation and development of this Missional Community now known as The Tappers.

The Need for a Place to Meet and Eat

2. Lunch Club

Staffed by a Team of volunteers, appointed by the Kirk Session and supported by the Guild, with guidance from Broomhouse Hub, and funded by a TOR Christian Foundation Start Up grant. The Lunch Club is fortnightly on Tuesdays from 12noon to 2pm and is open to those who feel the need for warm food and social connection. The team provides a simple opening devotion and encourages attendance at its meetings.

The Need to Consider How We Depart this Life and the Impact on our children and grandchildren

3. **EDATH** The Elephant in the Room of Every Life
People are vulnerable to the little talked about reality – death. Many live in the fear of it. EDATH (DEATH) is a Preparation for Dying Course that was written with members of Slateford Longstone and is based on [REDACTED] Well Prepared Course (Oxford Diocese) and adapted to make it accessible to hesitant and fearful people. The leadership is now in the hands of a new team who bring their own style and add to the content.

Supporting Children

The Need of Children Beyond our Shores

1. **Blythswood Care Shoebox Ministry**
Slateford Longstone has an established Shoebox ministry with a wide web of connections that extend beyond the church into the community. This ministry is more than a church wrapping a few boxes at Christmas time. This is an annual collaborative effort that involves Coffee Mornings, weekly Knit 'n' Natter gatherings, collaboration with the Brownies, Schools, Shops and a constant gathering of the contents of the Shoeboxes into store rooms and packing rooms within the church with over 650 boxes filled each year. The Missional Challenge is to share more fully the Blythswood Story behind the ministry and of how the distress of children was first encountered on the streets of Glasgow leading to an awareness that faith without works is dead.

The Need of Children on our Doorstep

2. **Messy Church**
Messy Church continues to grow with new families joining. Its goal is to offer local children a church they can call their own, that provides what they need spiritually, socially and creatively. Over the summer school holiday Messy Church and Kindness Kafe teamed up to provide Messy Meals serving hot family meals and offering fun activities on a weekly basis.

The Need of Children within our Local Authority

3. **Home For Good**
Home For Good is a Christian Charity now present in Scotland and working with churches and local authorities to find every child a home that needs it. It has in 2024 merged with Safe Families and Slateford Longstone currently has 9 volunteers being trained by Safe Families as Family Befrienders. Also, 2024 saw the emergence of another Missional Community called SPACE26 which aims to support care experienced adults alongside Home For Good/Safe Families. Slateford Longstone Church remains a Home For Good Church advocating for this need and supporting people where we can.

Evangelism

Messy Church:

Messy Church continues to thrive, with the families faithfully coming along once a month to enjoy learning stories from the Bible through stories, songs and crafts, and enjoying supper together. This is their church, and we strive to meet the Messy Church values of being Christ-centred, all age, creative, hospitable and celebratory. We also try to keep Messy Church and our church congregation connected by reporting monthly at the Sunday service, and inviting Messy Church to attend church activities.

Service:

The congregation continue to support **Fresh Start**. We have a designated cupboard and collect donations from the congregation and people in the parish all year round which are then delivered to the Fresh Start Shop. This has been a particularly hard year for everyone, especially with the rising cost of living and for people who are experiencing hardships for whatever reason, this continued support is very much appreciated and does make a difference to peoples' lives.

Fellowship:

Many people enjoy the fellowship of the various groups in the Church such as Guild, Kindness Kafe, Tap into IT and Knit 'n' Natter.

Stewardship:

The congregation is encouraged to give proportionally for the work of the church, though fund-raising events are usually needed to assist in raising funds for particular projects.

Communication:

The church Facebook page is used by the Messy Church and Shoebox Appeal teams. Kirk News is the quarterly church magazine, delivered to members' homes or by email on a quarterly basis.

Our website page had a refresh in 2023 and is now in a more user-friendly format with an up-to-date calendar for people to see what is going on in the Church.

Property Review

The Property Team have carried out tidy ups to the church grounds/garden and a Spring Clean of the Church buildings.

PAT Testing, Boiler Check, Roof Check and Emergency & Fire Alarm maintenance were all completed.

We completed small maintenance fixes including fixing locks, replacing tiles and replacing sanitaryware. We re-decorated the kitchen, session room, front entrance and rear windows. We dealt with several plumbing issues including a leaking radiator and a major leak in the ladies and accessible toilets.

We purchased an additional fridge for the Church Kitchen and replaced our Audio Visual equipment.

The upstairs hall at the Manse was re-decorated and a new carpet laid and we carried out external painting to the front door, garage door and to the kitchen extension. Boiler and Roof checks at the Manse were completed.

Our Congregation continue to help us both with donations and voluntary help and we are extremely grateful.

Financial Review

The unrestricted income totalled £68,346 and unrestricted expenditure totalled £69,585. Giving a deficit for the year of £1,239.

Unrestricted reserves at 31st December 2024 amounted to £19,926 (2023 - £21,165).

The budget for 2025 shows General Expenditure of £59,858 which we expect to be met from offerings, hall lets and fund raising activities.

Reserves Policy

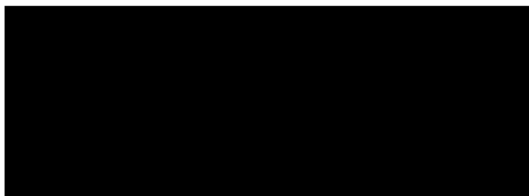
The congregation had unrestricted funds of £19,926 at 31 December 2024 (2023 £21,165) This is considered to be adequate to continue the current activities.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

In common with all charities the trustees recognise their responsibility to prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the charity during the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.
- To keep proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the charity at any time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 as amended.
- Be responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf,



Date: 8. Apr. 2025

**Slateford Longstone
Parish Church of Scotland, Edinburgh**

'Scottish Registered Charity Number' SC030896

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Slateford Longstone Parish Church

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 11 to 16.

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 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.

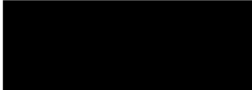
Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 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 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 disclosed above

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 as amended, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations as amended 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.


Relevant professional body: The Institute of Chartered accountants of Scotland
Hollis Accounting
Chartered Accountants
3, Melville Crescent
Edinburgh
EH3 7HW

Date 9/4/25.....

**Slateford Longstone Parish Church
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31st December 2024**

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		Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts	Note				
Voluntary Income	1	44,027	9,911	53,938	43,830
Legacies		-	-	-	200
Bank & Deposit interest		-	-	-	-
Investment income		145	3,687	3,832	2,924
		<u>44,172</u>	<u>13,598</u>	<u>57,770</u>	<u>46,954</u>
Organisations		1,693	-	1,693	1,350
Use of premises		12,581	-	12,581	12,363
Grants		-	13,000	13,000	15,550
Income for 3 rd Parties		8,373	-	8,373	9,634
Receipts from General Trustees		-	-	-	5,000
Other receipts		1,527	-	1,527	2,203
Total Receipts		<u><u>68,346</u></u>	<u><u>26,598</u></u>	<u><u>94,944</u></u>	<u><u>93,054</u></u>
Payments	2				
Charitable activities		68,817	18,074	86,891	87,029
Governance costs		768	72	840	762
Total Payments		<u><u>69,585</u></u>	<u><u>18,146</u></u>	<u><u>87,731</u></u>	<u><u>87,791</u></u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers		(1,239)	8,452	7,213	5,263
Transfers		-	-	-	-
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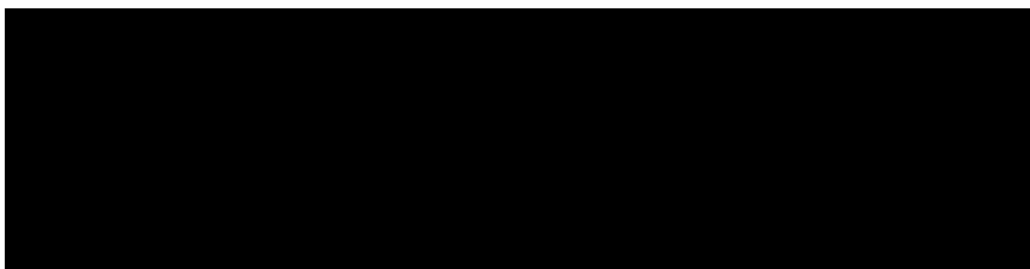
**Slateford Longstone Parish Church
Statement of Balances
At 31st December 2024**

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	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Bank & Deposit Balances</u>					
Bank & deposit balances brought forward	5	21,165	59,147	80,312	75,049
Movement in year:					
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		(1,239)	8,452	7,213	5,263
Bank & deposit balances carried forward	7	<u>19,926</u>	<u>67,599</u>	<u>87,525</u>	<u>80,312</u>
<u>Investments (at market value)</u>					
(cost £58,076)	8	<u>-</u>	<u>53,796</u>	<u>53,796</u>	<u>53,309</u>
<u>Assets</u>					
Gift Aid Receivable		<u>630</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>630</u>	<u>1,338</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Sundry Creditor		<u>2,129</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,129</u>	<u>1,823</u>

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session and Financial Board on ...8/4/25.

For and on behalf of the Kirk Session and Financial Board



Slateford Longstone Parish Church
Year ended 31st December 2024

Notes to the Accounts

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
1. Analysis of Income				
Voluntary Income				
Offerings – Freewill	29,448	-	29,448	28,494
Offerings – Gift Day	5,440	-	5,440	-
Offerings – Donations	1,199	-	1,199	1,918
Offerings – Church Boxes	464	-	464	656
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Donations	7,476	-	7,476	4,500
Messy Church & Holiday Club	-	463	463	952
Messy Meals	-	122	122	-
Mission Grant Messy Meals	-	500	500	-
Lunch Club (Kindness Kafe)	-	1,746	1,746	1,762
Tor Christian Foundation Tap into IT	-	12,668	12,668	15,550
Mission Fund	-	25	25	-
Home for Good	-	6,190	6,190	5,548
Carpet Donations	-	445	445	-
Tappers Funding	-	752	752	-
Legacies	-	-	-	200
Investment Income	145	3,687	3,832	2,924
	<u>44,172</u>	<u>26,598</u>	<u>70,770</u>	<u>62,504</u>
Congregational Organisations				
Guides Brownies Rainbows	577	-	577	350
Lunch Club (Kindness Kafe)	600	-	600	500
Guild	400	-	400	500
Sunday Morning Coffees	843	-	843	880
Messy Meals	116	-	116	-
Use of premises	12,581	-	12,581	12,363
Grants received	-	-	-	-
Income for 3rd Parties	8,373	-	8,373	9,634
Bank Compensation	-	-	-	-
Income from General Trustees	-	-	-	5,000
Other income	684	-	684	1,323
	<u><u>68,346</u></u>	<u><u>26,598</u></u>	<u><u>94,944</u></u>	<u><u>93,054</u></u>

Notes to the Accounts

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
2. Analysis of Payments				
Charitable activities				
Giving to Grow	22,385	-	22,385	18,793
Locum Salary	-	-	-	-
Locum Costs	-	-	-	-
Presbytery dues	429	-	429	372
Ministers Travel expense	960	-	960	960
Minister's other expenses	583	-	583	305
Pulpit supply	200	-	200	520
Organists' Fees	3,128	-	3,128	2,773
Cleaner Salary	4,024	-	4,024	5,385
Fabric repairs & maintenance	7,567	-	7,567	11,219
Cleaning materials	-	-	-	-
Electricity	3,210	-	3,210	1,846
Gas	4,946	-	4,946	2,862
Insurance	1,994	-	1,994	1,893
Garden & Tree Surgeon	1,980	-	1,980	1,980
Manse Fabric repairs	2,611	-	2,611	1,423
Manse Council Tax	3,728	-	3,728	3,627
Printing & Stationery	744	-	744	619
Congregational Organisations	58	-	58	-
Cost of Music & Licences	389	-	389	335
Supply Organist	462	-	462	341
Organ Tuning	360	-	360	348
Website	215	-	215	233
Broadband Talk Talk	471	-	471	429
Bank charges (Hutton Trust)	-	64	64	64
Holiday club & Messy Church	-	769	769	728
Messy meals	-	122	122	-
Mission Grant Messy Meals	-	500	500	-
EDATH	-	37	37	-
Lunch Club (Kindness Kafe)	-	1,646	1,646	1,064
Home for Good	-	1,000	1,000	-
Tor Christian Foundation	-	13,190	13,190	16,541
Tappers Funding	-	596	596	-
Hutton Trust Beneficiaries	-	-	-	2,630
Mission Grant Fund	-	150	150	105
Third Parties	8,373	-	8,373	9,634
	<u>68,817</u>	<u>18,074</u>	<u>86,891</u>	<u>87,029</u>
Governance costs				
Independent examiner's fees	<u>768</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>762</u>

Notes to the Accounts

3. 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 £31,642 and the maximum stipend (in the fifth and subsequent years) £38,884.

4. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

No trustee other than the minister received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year, nor had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year. The minister was reimbursed expenses of £1,543 in the year (2023 £1,265), and the Manse council Tax of £3,728 (2023 £3,627) was paid.

5. Movements in Funds	At 1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	At 31 Dec
	2024				2024
Restricted funds	£	£	£		
Summer Holiday Club	445	-	-	-	445
Messy Church	674	463	(769)	-	368
Messy Meals	-	122	(122)	-	-
Mission Grant Messy Meals	-	500	(500)	-	-
M Henderson Organ Tuition fund	1,471	-	-	-	1,471
EDATH (Presbytery Mission)	400	-	(37)	-	363
Carpet Donations	-	445	-	-	445
Mission Fund	691	25	(150)	-	566
Lunch Club (Kindness Kafe)	1,292	1,746	(1,646)	-	1,392
TOR Christian Foundation	2,800	12,668	(13,190)	-	2,278
John Hutton Trust	45,826	3,687	(136)	-	49,377
Home for Good	5,548	6,190	(1,000)	-	10,738
Tappers Funding & Expenditure	-	752	(596)	-	156
	59,147	26,598	(18,146)	-	67,599
Unrestricted funds					
Church Fabric	2,057			-	2,057
General Fund	19,108	68,346	(69,585)		17,869
	21,165	68,346	(69,585)	-	19,926
Total funds	80,312	94,944	(87,731)	-	87,525

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Summer Holiday Club: Funds set aside to meet expenditure on children's activities during the school holidays.

Messy Church: Funds for the Messy Church programme.

M Henderson Organ Tuition fund: A new fund set up in remembrance of our dear organist Marion Henderson who died 2019. This fund will be used for organ tuition.

EDATH (Presbytery Mission): This is a grant through presbytery for mission work.

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TOR Christian Foundation: Funds for 'Tap into IT' and pastoral care assistant

John Hutton Trust: The object of the fund is to relieve the poor within the Slateford Longstone Parish Boundary area in the local education catchment area.

Purposes of Other Funds

Church Fabric: Funds set aside to meet future expenditure.

General Fund is the main operating fund of the church.

6. Collections for Third Parties (including donations passed on from individuals)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Christian Aid	1,240	1,788
Dodo	-	509
Home for Good	1,000	5,548
Blythwood Care	2,133	1,910
Winifred Kisitu (funeral cost)	85	-
	<u>4,458</u>	<u>9,755</u>

£85 for ██████████ was donated straight to family, this amount is included above.

7. Bank Balances at 31 December

	2024	2023
	£	£
Church of Scotland Deposit Fund	2,928	2,783
General Bank Account	35,220	31,702
John Hutton Trust Accounts	49,377	45,827
	<u>87,525</u>	<u>80,312</u>

8. Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Opening Market Value	53,309	51,364
Unrealised gain/loss on investments	487	1,945
Closing Market Value	<u>53,796</u>	<u>53,309</u>
Investments at cost	58,076	58,076

Investments represent 4,864 (2023 4,864) units of holdings in the Church of Scotland investors Income Unit Trust. These funds held in investments are shown as an asset on the Statement of Balances, but are not included in the balances. Deposit fund balances are included in Bank balances above.

APPENDIX 1

**Funds held on behalf of the Congregation
by the Church of Scotland General Trustees**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Consolidated Fabric Fund		
Balance at 1 st January	11,577	11,250
Additions during the year	-	327
Less: Capital released to Congregation by General Trustees	-	-
Balance at 31 st December	<u>11,577</u>	<u>11,577</u>
Market value of underlying investments	<u>16,948</u>	<u>17,268</u>
General Ledger Card		
Balance at 1 st January	15,861	19,778
Additions during the year	1,432	1,110
Less: Capital released to Congregation by General Trustees		(5,000)
Less: Administration Costs	(79)	(27)
Balance at 31 st December	<u>17,213</u>	<u>15,861</u>

APPENDIX 2

Budget for the Year Ended 31st December 2024
General Account (excluding Fabric Reserve)

	2025	2024
	£	£
National Ministry and Mission & Wider Work		
Ministries and Mission Fund	22,477	22,385
Presbytery Dues	481	429
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Local Staffing Costs		
Minister's travel expenses	960	960
Minister's other expenses	300	583
Pulpit Supply	600	200
Supply Organist	462	462
Other salaries and National Insurance	7,711	7,152
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Building Costs		
Fabric repairs and maintenance	6,000	7,567
Electricity	3,400	3,210
Gas	5,000	4,946
Insurances	2,000	1,994
Grasscutting	1,780	1,980
Manse fabric repairs	2,000	2,611
Manse council tax	3,800	3,728
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Other Local Costs		
Printing and stationery	620	744
Congregational Organisations	50	58
Cost of music and licences	359	389
Organ and piano tuning	360	360
Website	230	215
Independent examiner's fees	768	768
Third Parties	-	8,373
Broadband Talk Talk	500	471
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Total Ordinary General Expenditure	59,858	69,585
Less: Other Ordinary General Income	2,660	44,172
Activities for generating funds	20,000	26,652
Investment income	-	-
Other incoming resources	-	-
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Leaving a balance to be met from Offerings and Gift Aid of		
Offerings and Gift Aid	37,198	-
Surplus (Deficit) on General Account	-	(1,239)