

Morningside Parish Church of Scotland, Edinburgh

Scotland · Charity number SC034396

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Part of	The Church of Scotland (SC011353)
Registered	2003-04-13
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Church Office 2 Cluny Gardens Edinburgh EH10 6BQ
Website	www.morningsideparishchurch.org.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of religion'

What the charity does: The Church of Scotland is Trinitarian in doctrine, Reformed in tradition and Presbyterian in polity. 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 of every parish in Scotland through a territorial ministry. It co-operates with other churches in various ecumenical bodies in Scotland and beyond. Morningside Parish Church furthers its charitable purposes by various activities.

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
2024-12-31	£385,546	£456,002	-	6
2023-12-31	£315,014	£390,983	-	6
2022-12-31	£258,304	£325,245	-	6
2021-12-31	£256,530	£297,664	-	6
2020-12-31	£299,473	£394,724	-	6

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Accounts

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**ANNUAL REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2024

Congregation No: 010069

Scottish Charity No: SC 034396

**Morningside Parish Church
Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2024**

The Trustees present the annual report and financial statements for Morningside Parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the General Assembly Regulations for Congregational Finance, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Objects, Activities, Achievements and Performance

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General

In the life of every congregation there are times of ebb and flow, of weakness and strength, and of loss and gain. 2024 saw a great deal of strength and healthy vigorous life in the activities of Morningside Parish Church, for which we are truly grateful in the face of an increasingly secular age. However, the year was also marked by significant bereavements including many who had served our congregation joyfully and generously for many years and we mourn their loss. Like any family the sadness ran deeply and will take some time to adjust to as the months go by, but we are mindful of those no longer with us and the part they played in so many different aspects of our church family life. We are grateful for them all.

Pastoral work continues to be carried out throughout the year by the Minister, Pastoral Assistant, and around 16 volunteers in a visiting group who visit members of the congregation who need more regular visitation. The latter is a quiet, background work but essential to the well-being and support of our congregation.

The work of the Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian Mission plan continues slowly but steadily. 2024 saw two significant shifts. In the grouping we are in which included Fairmilehead, Greenbank, St John's Colinton Mains and ourselves, after thoughtful discussion it was decided that St John's Colinton Mains might be better fitted in another grouping and so they no longer form part of our group. Also under ongoing consideration is the union between Morningside and Greenbank, with Fairmilehead associated in a close parish grouping. After helpful discussion by our Kirk Session they voted in favour of beginning talks with Greenbank about a union process, mindful of the sensitivities and complexities surrounding such a discussion. The process is ongoing.

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Worship

Weekly worship, primarily at the 9.30am Early Service and 10.30am Morning Worship remain at the heart of congregational life. The Early Service which is held from September to early June attracts a varied congregation of between 20-25. The themes at the service are broadly the same as the 10.30am service, but the style of the Early Service is more reflective, and the liturgical style more participative for the congregation. As well as strongly theological and topical preaching, 10.30am Morning Worship benefits from the input of the choir and organist. The choral scholarship scheme means that the blending of scholar and congregational choir membership can continue to provide an impressive range of traditional choral music. In 2024 the choral scholarship programme was funded entirely by donations from the Friends of Morningside, private donations, and fundraising events like the Summer Concerts and the choral evensong organised by the organist and choirmaster. Undoubtedly a highlight of the year for many is the Lessons and Carols service in December, which attracts an even larger congregation than usual. In June the choir and organist led a choral evensong, with donations going towards the choral scholarship programme.

Live-streaming of services is now a weekly occurrence for the 10.30am service, and the average number of viewers is 100. However on Lessons and Carols Sunday the numbers were around 250. When requested, weddings and funerals can be live-streamed too.

Holy Week services were hosted by Greenbank Church. The theme was, 'Place'. The Holy Saturday service of music and readings were held in our Church and included reflective readings and music.

Although the pastoral aspects of the services are key, the worship element of the annual Remembering Service in April and the Blue Christmas Service in December allow members of the congregation and the wider community to gather in Church to remember loved ones who have died as well as difficult memories and situations in the community and wider world. During the services there is an opportunity to write names on stars and attach them to our Remembering tree which will be placed beside the communion table. These two quieter services are a significant addition to our services and do attract support from the wider community.

Home Communion is offered throughout the year by the Minister to those who are unable to come to Church. It is usually tied in with one of the four communion seasons.

One weekly contribution to worship, greatly enjoyed by many, is the contribution by the Flower Committee. The donated flowers, arranged by volunteers, are delivered to people across the congregation and community each Sunday, reminding them of our love and best wishes and difficult and sad times. It is a much appreciated ministry.

This year's Harvest collection for the Edinburgh SE Foodbank resulted in the largest amount ever being donated – over 316kg. This equates to food parcels being issued to 38 single people - or 17 families with two or three children - with sufficient food to feed them for three days. It was an unbelievable response, for which the Foodbank at Southhouse was hugely grateful, particularly as

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stock levels have been diminishing since the cost of living crisis, and the pressure on household budgets, has taken hold. Since 2021, the Harvest appeal for donations to the Foodbank has resulted in over 1 (metric) tonne of food being collected by our Church. Whilst the main focus on the Foodbank is at Harvest, the congregation continues its support throughout the year.

The Local Ecumenical service for the World Day of Prayer took place on 1st March in Greenbank Parish Church. The Theme: "I beg you...Bear with one another in love" (from Ephesians 4:1-3). The service was written by Christian women of Palestine.

Outreach and Communication

Morningside Parish Church continues to retain a significant commitment to the community and wider world.

Our new international charity is The David Nott Foundation which delivers Trauma Medical Training for doctors serving in areas affected by natural disasters or wars, thereby enabling them to save more lives. David Nott is a general and vascular surgeon working for the NHS in major London Hospitals. For more than 25 years he took periods of unpaid leave to volunteer in some of the world's most dangerous war zones including Sarajevo under siege in 1993, spells in Afghanistan and in clandestine hospitals in Aleppo. At various times he worked for the British Red Cross and Médecin Sans Frontières. However, his experiences led him to observe that, while it was useful for him to bring his skills to these areas, his time in these locations was limited and more could be achieved for the wounded if he spent time training local doctors who were perfectly competent in peacetime but lacked the necessary specialised skills to deal with injuries resulting from wars or natural disasters. The charity set up by David Nott uses a diverse mix of teaching methods and materials led by a world class faculty of experienced and distinguished surgeons, including using the internet and bringing doctors to the UK for brief training experience. Their vision is a global network of medical professionals providing the best care to patients in austere or hostile environments.

Support for the Edinburgh Clothing Store and the David Nott Foundation was well maintained during the year. The annual coffee morning in November, held once more in the sanctuary, combined coffee and stalls and was a huge success for the Edinburgh Clothing Store. Over £5,000 was raised, and the following day saw a truly magnificent amount of donated clothing and cash. One of the benefits of the removal of the pews in 2019 has been the enabling of the sanctuary to be more widely used because of the greater flexibility in the space. That being said, though using the space is easier, the amount of work and commitment required to make this event the success it was is a great tribute to the volunteers from the congregation and their friends who work hard to make this an important fundraising event, as well as a fun one too. Queues formed outside and at points seats and tables were hard to come by so more had to be added.

The Third Christmas Tree Festival was held in December and proved to be very popular not only amongst the congregation but by the many groups who use our buildings. It also benefitted from

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at least three very large concerts held by outside groups in the Church, alongside our own concerts and services. As well as congregational and youth organisation trees, and one from South Morningside Primary School, two trees were decorated by the two churches we are seeking to form closer links with: Fairmilehead and Greenbank. We have the same generous sponsor as last year – William Purves – and they also decorated a tree. It is not primarily a fundraising event but through the well-stocked craft stall in particular over £1,500 was raised for charity work, including our Wednesday Club for people with disability. There were more visitors on the weekdays, including from a nursery school and the Primary One Nativity play and families, and on the two Saturdays there were lovely concerts provided by the Junior Musicians from George Watson's College, and once again from the Buckstone Community Choir. The organizing of the event was a tremendous effort by members of the Communications Committee.

Christmas Cards continue to be sent out each year. This is a much-appreciated gesture at Christmas time to all the congregation. The members of the Communication Committee and the Church Office liaise annually to ensure that the list of recipients is correct and excellent organisational skills are engaged to have them signed, stamped and posted on time. The Minister co-operates in signing them all without complaint!

The Wednesday Club for people with disability has been run by the church for almost 70 years. There was a danger of having to close the Club following the withdrawal of transport funded by the Council. As the Club receives no funding and is purely reliant on donations it was deemed that there were insufficient monies in the Club funds to provide transport. If that decision had had to be taken, it would have been with a heavy heart as for some of those attending it is their only night out in the week. However, ongoing support from generous anonymous benefactors emerged to provide funding for the transport which will enable the Club to meet once a month from now until the end of its session in April. The club benefits from a retiring collection after the June communion. The club continued to benefit from the donations received at the Telephone Choir Christmas concert at the end of the year, which were particularly generous this year.

The Morningside Hope project supports people living with dementia, and their carers. It is one of our congregation's success stories and is largely due to the tireless work of our Pastoral Assistant, [REDACTED] and an impressive group of volunteers. The Music and Memories part of the project continues strongly and now has to meet occasionally in the main sanctuary as numbers have outgrown the Cluny Hall. The wonderful engagement not only in singing but conversation that music enables is truly wonderful. Heart for Art, Gentle Exercise and Games Afternoon events have also shown growth this year, meeting the needs of congregation and community alike.

The therapeutic benefits of spending time with animals have long been understood, being with animals does us good. With that in mind, we arranged a special visit from some therapy ponies, giving us a chance to pet, feed and generally enjoy the company of these gentle animals.

There is also continuing success and an increasing in attendance by congregation and community at the several dementia-friendly concerts held throughout the year. A mixture of soloists, groups,

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instrumentalists and choirs have provided a varied programme, and it has been good to see that local nursing homes in the area have also started to attend concerts whenever possible. Increasing links with these bodies has been significant this year.

25 volunteers were able to attend a volunteer celebration organised to thank, in some small way, the wonderful band of volunteers who have helped make Morningside Hope possible over these past three-plus years.

Social

Social activities vary slightly each year because of events outwith our control. e.g. there was no Coronation this year! However, the events which took place were very well supported and people seemed to enjoy them very much.

Coffees continue to be served after Church Services every Sunday. The congregation and visitors to the Church seem to really enjoy the opportunity to meet and chat and feel part of the church community. It is a regular commitment which requires social skills and stamina!

On Easter Sunday in addition to our usual traditional Easter Treats some beautiful Iranian cakes were made by a new member from Iran who has settled in Edinburgh.

In March soup and sandwiches were served to those attending the Pastoral Assistant's Training Classes on two evenings.

In April we helped the Outreach Committee with the catering for the Beetle Drive which was very popular.

In June drinks and nibbles were supplied to the Choir after they had sung Choral Evensong on the last Sunday for this year's choral scholars.

An Afternoon Tea was held on Saturday 13th July when 73 people were served. Arrangements were made to bring people with mobility problems. The event involved many helpers who baked, made sandwiches, set tables, arranged flowers, served tables and cleared up afterwards. Thankfully everyone seemed to enjoy themselves very much.

In December, coffees and mince pies with brandy cream were served on the two Saturday mornings of the Christmas Tree Event – the added draw of musicians from George Watson's College on the first Saturday and Buckstone Community Choir on the second Saturday, ensured busy mornings. The funds raised from catering added £379 to the funds raised otherwise by the Communications committee at this event.

On the Sunday of the December Family service Mulled Wine and Christmas treats were enjoyed again by the congregation.

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At a committee meeting in February 2024, it was agreed that an event would be organised for the churches who, under the Presbytery Plan, were going to be joined in some way. In February 2023 it was thought that a plan would be in place “relatively soon”. Unfortunately, almost a year later, in spite of many meetings a plan has yet to be agreed.

These events are hard work and much effort goes into each one- but they are a vital part of our church's life. Not only do they raise money for the two charities which the church supports as well as the church itself, but they provide an opportunity for members to meet socially, provide a welcoming experience to visitors and new members and much needed social contact for so many people.

It may be hard work, but the committee and helpers claim to have a lot of fun and after expenses have raised over £8100. It is their hope that 2025 will equally prove to be fun and rewarding.

Staffing

To quote Charles Dickens, in many ways 2024 proved to be “the best of times and the worst of times” for staffing issues.

It has been the worst of times because in the last year key members of staff have been affected by illness, but it has been the best of times as those affected are back at work, hopefully having made a full recovery. Even in the worst times it is good to be able to report there was a willingness, particularly by the staff, but also by others to be flexible, to take on extra tasks and generally support what is necessary to ensure the smooth running of the background operations of the church. Necessarily there has been a need to employ some agency staff to cover, and good as they have been, they do bring home how well we are served by our staff.

The Church Administrator continues to bring her considerable skills to the role and in her 30 hour week has not just managed to maintain the work of the office but has enabled progress towards addressing long overdue issues. As an example, her introduction of a booking system has brought a degree of efficiency and professionalism to our lettings which have never been busier.

The caretaking team continue to work together and liaise closely with the administrator to provide the church and its tenants with a welcoming oversight. Cleaning work is outsourced and takes place early on weekday mornings. The Caretakers retain responsibility for the sanctuary and for any necessary “top up” required throughout the day after use of the premises – sometimes a not inconsiderable task. They also provide valuable support to the Property Committee including obtaining estimates and overseeing tradesmen.

The Church Officer has expanded his role from simply that of Church Officer by taking on extra hours to assist with Morningside Hope and is reported to be a welcome addition to the team.

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[REDACTED] continues to perform with excellence the role of Pastoral Assistant to the congregation, in training, and in the work of Morningside Hope. She continues to work to secure additional funding towards the continued work of Morningside Hope. Some of the funding continues to be secured from a series of concerts which perform a double role of fundraising and while being “dementia friendly” are also enjoyed by all of the large numbers of attendees.

[REDACTED] continues to enjoy his role as Organist and Choirmaster, each year recruiting and training choral scholars to supplement longstanding choristers to provide a high standard of choral work.

Volunteers

In common with most churches, Morningside Parish Church relies heavily on the goodwill and generosity of volunteers to help with the running of the Church and its various committees, organisations and activities.

Outreach Committee Report for 2024

Funds received for the Church's supported charities in 2024 totalled £8,424.

Distributions made in 2024 from fundraising in 2022 and 2023:

1. The Edinburgh Clothing Store £4,691
 2. Morningside Parish Church £2,438
 3. Washable Sanitary Pad Project £4,691
- Total: £11,820

This being fundraising of £5,040 received in 2022 and £6,780 received in 2023.

The further sum of £1,644 represents fundraising efforts in 2024. There were more funds raised by the Outreach Committee in late 2024 which will be distributed to the supported charities during 2025.

The funds will be distributed in line with the usual parameters:

The external charities receive an initial sum of £1,500. Any further funds raised after these payments have been met are distributed equally between the external charities and Morningside Parish Church.

Funding for 2024 came from various sources. These included the weekly Sunday teas and coffees and coppers collection, Social and Outreach functions and Christmas Retiring Offerings.

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Financial Review 2024

In 2024 Morningside Parish Church has several sources of income, namely congregational offerings, hall rental income, grant income and investment income.

In 2024 congregational offerings (Free Will Offering and Open Plate) amounted to £129,835 resulting in a 9.5% increase on the 2023 level of giving of £118,584. The total figure came from Free Will Offering of £119,731 and £10,104 from the Open Plate. The total congregational membership roll as at end December 2024 was 313 of which we could identify 195 active contributing members.

An important source of income for the Church comes from the gift aid claimed on gift-aided offerings, and in 2024 this amounted to £36,895 (2023: £28,340) thanks to prompt claims lodged with HMRC by the Free Will Offering and Gift Aid Convener.

Sundry Income, gifts and donations comprised mainly donations from members of congregation. Restricted donations received during 2024 included £33,732 restricted donations from members of congregation and others towards Morningside Hope Project, £648 from [REDACTED] towards Christmas Trees exhibition, £6,830 from members of the congregation which were earmarked for the choral scholarship fund, £796 towards new tables and £800 towards the giving campaign. .

The Kirk Session is very grateful for all donations received during 2024.

Income from Weddings and Funerals during 2024 amounted to £860 (2023: £2,995) shown as "Charitable activities" on page 20 of the Accounts.

Rental income in 2024 for use of our premises in Church Halls amounted to £61,057 which represents an increase of 8.3% over the 2023 rental income of £56,361.

Investment income received from dividends and bank interest amounted to £29,891 in 2024, representing an increase over the total investment income of £28,694 received in 2023.

Under 'Other trading activities' (see note 3 of the Accounts on page 26) congregational fundraising events such as a concerts generated a total of £2,624 (2023: £2,184) that includes £2,188 restricted donations from members of the congregation for choral scholarship fund and £436 towards Morningside Hope Project.

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Financial Review 2024 (continued)

Total income for the year 2024 amounted to £385,546 (2023: £315,014), an overall increase of 22.4% over 2023.

The total market value of investments held on behalf of Morningside Parish Church amounted to a total of £761,557 as at end December 2024 (2023: £825,386). The two holdings were 59,514 units in the Church of Scotland Investors Trust Growth Fund (value as at 31/12/24 £379,699) and 34,526 units in the Church of Scotland Investors Trust Income Fund (value as at 31/12/24 £381,858).

The largest elements of the Church's expenditure for 2024 were our Giving to Grow contribution of £100,064 (2023: £92,395), Staff Costs £125,857 (2023: £108,132) allocated as £57,567 within raising funds through use of premises and £68,290 to charitable activities, principally included in the total for 'other salary costs' £63,910 (2023: £56,102)– see note 6, page 27, Organ and Music of £23,376 (2023: £21,281), Fabric Repairs and Maintenance £45,352 (2023: £48,328).

The cost of raising funds through the use of our premises amounted to £115,168 (2023: £79,032).

Total Expenditure for the year 2024 amounted to £456,002 (2023: £390,983). One-off expenditure at the Church and Church Halls during 2024 amounted to £16,678 (2023: £21,477).

With Income of £385,546 and Expenditure of £456,002 in 2024 there was an operating deficit of £70,456 for the year to end December 2024. After gains on investments of £36,185 the net deficit for the year was £34,271.

At the balance sheet date the unrestricted reserves were £1,383,061 (2023: £1,465,503) including designated funds of £65,548 (2023: £61,021) with £93,119 (2023: £44,948) in restricted funds.

Reserves Policy

At 31 December 2024 the Church held three different types of reserves, set out below:

1. At the year end, the Church held unrestricted general funds, excluding Buildings and Assets Reserves, amounting to £668,534 (2023: £750,674) of which £209,457 represented a provision against approximately six months' expenditure and £459,077 was retained for future developments. The Buildings Reserve stood at £600,000 and the Asset reserve stood at £48,979.

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Reserves Policy (continued)

2. The church also held £93,119 (2023: £44,948) of restricted funds provided for the following purposes specified below.

	£
Benevolent	9,650
Organ and Music	2,371
Flowers	35
Sunday Club	24
Fabric Fund	126
Audio System Maintenance	1,430
Choir Library Fund	1,000
General Upkeep Fund	4,144
Pastoral Care and Outreach Support	525
Morningside Hope	17,937
Morningside Hope – Funds raised for year 4	52,792
Playlist for life fund	2,925
Giving campaign	160
	<u>93,119</u>

3. The church also held £65,548 (2023: £61,021) of unrestricted designated funds provided for the following purposes specified below.

	£
Music Fund	3,041
Organ	6,395
Fabric	32,853
Kirk Session	5,646
Flowers	3,831
Organisational Funds	13,782
	<u>65,548</u>

The organisations for which funds were held included The Cradle Roll, The Wednesday Club and The Social Committee.

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Investment Policy and Performance

The Trustees' investment policy is agreed and monitored by the Stewardship & Finance Committee and endorsed by the Kirk Session. The Trustees seek to obtain equity and fixed interest income from investments in the Church of Scotland Investors Trust, with a spread of assets allocated to the Investors Trust Growth Fund, the Investors Trust Income Fund, and the Investors Trust Deposit Fund in suitable proportions to provide a balanced portfolio producing a rising income consistent with long term capital growth. At end December 2024 the breakdown of investments held by Morningside Parish Church in the Investors Trust Funds was 49% in the Investors Trust Growth Fund and 51% in the Investors Trust Income Fund.

While global stockmarkets have continued to be impacted by the hostilities in Ukraine and the Middle East, most markets delivered modest gains over the past year and as a result both the Growth and the Income Fund delivered positive returns. The COSIT Trustees continue to participate in the Church of Scotland Ethical Oversight Committee which was established by the 2023 General Assembly with a view to defining and making public the Church's investment values.

Growth Fund

The Growth Fund, which is managed by Newton Investment Management, is invested principally in global equities but also has allocations to global bonds and alternative investments (such as holdings in companies which specialise in renewable energy). It seeks to provide investors with growth in capital value while distributing an element of income each year. In the 12-month period to 30 September 2024, the Fund delivered a total return of 13.0% which was very close to the equivalent 13.3% return of ARC Steady Growth Index which measures the performance of a large number of charity investors. Investment performance is constantly kept under review by the COSIT Trustees.

Income Fund

The Income Fund, which is managed by Royal London Asset Management, invests in fixed interest bonds both in the UK and globally and seeks to provide investors with a high and sustainable income and to protect the long-term nominal value of capital. In the 12-month period to 30 September 2024, the Fund delivered a total return of 12.77% which well outperformed its benchmark return of 9.72%. This fund has continued to deliver returns over the long term which are better than that of the benchmark against which the Fund is measured.

As at 31st December 2024 the yield on the Investors Trust Growth Fund was 2.12% and the yield on the Investors Trust Income Fund was 4.97%.

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Plans for Future Periods

Hopefully, Morningside Parish Church looks forward in 2025 and beyond, to continuing and indeed further developing the wide range of worship and witness already reported on above.

A key area of uncertainty for the future relates to the finalisation of proposals, from the Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian, that the congregations of Morningside, Greenbank and Fairmilehead should form a new supportive collaboration with 2 rather than the 3 full time ministers of Word and Sacrament. Originally Presbytery's proposals had included in the group, the congregation of St John's Colinton Mains Parish Church but after months of informal discussion Presbytery has agreed to their request that they should join another grouping. The cluster of the remaining congregations have informal links already in existence but the Presbytery envisage there should be a reduction to 2 congregations. For some time, discussions have been underway as to a possible union between Morningside and Greenbank and how such a union might operate but as yet no definite proposals have been worked out.

However, there is already much synergy in the work undertaken by both Morningside and Greenbank and whether as a single congregation or in a new larger unit there is likely to be a continuation and possible development of many aspects of the work currently undertaken.

For example, it is likely that the live streaming of services will continue, allowing increasing numbers to participate in a live experience of worship although not able physically to attend Church.

It remains the case fewer people carry cash, and while many make their regular giving by Bank Standing orders, there are occasions when additional giving is needed to pay for tickets or coffee or a retiring offering for a special cause. The introduction of Contactless payment machines has been accepted and are widely used – although cash is still very welcome!

There has been an increased use of the premises both for church focused and community activities - a trend which it is hoped will continue. The introduction of new technology in the shape of "Hallmaster" has enabled greater efficiency in halls letting and where appropriate feeing.

It is anticipated that in 2025 the Annual Autumn lectures will once again be held in collaboration with our neighbours at Greenbank and that there will be a return of Speaker Suppers which have proved popular and an opportunity to meet over dinner and learn from different speakers.

Coffees after Sunday services will continue to provide on a regular basis an opportunity for fellowship, both for existing members and visitors. Once again, the Social committee will offer special treats at Easter and at Christmas and organise other special events such as a return of the popular Summer Lunch.

Funds raised by events organised by the Social and Outreach committees are shared between the church and 2 external charities - The Edinburgh Clothing Store and since January 2024 a new charity for us called "The David Nott Foundation". The former offers free clothing, bedding and towels to the most needy in the community who have been referred by a wide variety of caring

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Plans for Future Periods (continued)

agencies. It is staffed entirely by volunteers, a significant number of whom are members of Morningside. The latter is a humanitarian organisation motivated to save the lives of the medical victims of human conflict and natural catastrophe by upskilling the local doctors who care for them. Sadly, the need for such medical skills can be seen regularly in the news.

The Pastoral Care Committee, resourced by the Pastoral Assistant, has secured the necessary funding and will continue to develop under the banner of Morningside Hope a range of events to reach out to those who have a diagnosis of dementia and the people who care for them. The events use exercise, art and music to enhance their lives. It also reaches out to members of the congregation and the wider community. A very welcome bi-product of Morningside Hope is that they organise a wide range of excellent regular concerts suitable for people living with dementia but enjoyable by all. These concerts are open to the public and raise funds for the project. A programme of concerts for 2025 is in planning.

Through its Kirk Session Committees, the congregation continues to plan for the future. Progress will be needed to resolve the challenges set by the proposed grouping with Fairmilehead, and Greenbank to establish how the three churches will work together on shared projects and ensure that there is a coherent and non-duplicative ministry to this part of Edinburgh.

Generally, it is planned not only to continue established activities but to look for new ventures to enrich the life of the congregation and community.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

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

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Members of the Kirk Session 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.

Induction and Training of Trustees

Procedures are in place for the training of Trustees in areas of responsibility, for example in volunteer roles involving contact with children and/or vulnerable adults where PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) clearance is required and applied for through Disclosure Scotland. Compliance with guidelines set out by the Church of Scotland is a requirement of the Trustees and is communicated through the Kirk Session and individually to Trustees by email or hard copy, for example compliance with the Bribery Act as set out in the Morningside Parish Church Guidance Notes on Bribery and Procurement Policy.

**Morningside Parish Church
Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts (continued)
Year ended 31 December 2024**

Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

Organisational Structure

The Kirk Session is responsible for spiritual and temporal affairs within the church. It normally meets for business nine times a year. The Kirk Session has a number of standing committees that help with the more detailed administration of the congregation's life, but all decisions on policy remain the responsibility of the Kirk Session.

Wider network

Morningside Parish Church is part of the Church of Scotland Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian, and as such enjoys the support of a strong local as well as a national network for rules and guidance on structure, governance and management.

Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the church is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the church and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to the major risks. The finances of the Church are overseen by the Stewardship & Finance Committee on a regular basis and reported to the Kirk Session.

There is a Health & Safety Committee, a PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) Committee for compliance and training, Data Protection compliance complete with a Data Protection Officer, and a Bribery and Procurement Policy in place, all reporting to the Kirk Session on a regular basis.

The Kirk Session has identified three key area of risk for close risk management as follows:

FRAUD RISK: in order to minimise exposure to fraud, cash handling always requires a minimum of two people present with countersignatures, and there are only two authorised signatories (the Treasurer and the Church Accountant) at present for making outgoing payments such as invoices and expenses. All possible steps are taken to avoid scam frauds and bank details are only accessible by the two signatories with several layers of security including unique access codes for each sign-on to the Church bank accounts.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: as dictated by the regulations, fire drills for evacuation are organised for the Church and the Church Halls at regular intervals, and food hygiene courses and certificates are mandatory for those handling foods for social events.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE GROUPS (PVG SCHEME): all elders and pastoral visitors in contact with children and vulnerable adults must have membership of the PVG Scheme.

In addition, all members of Morningside Parish Church staff are required to apply for clearance check from Disclosure Scotland to confirm identity, nationality, current address and 5 year address history.

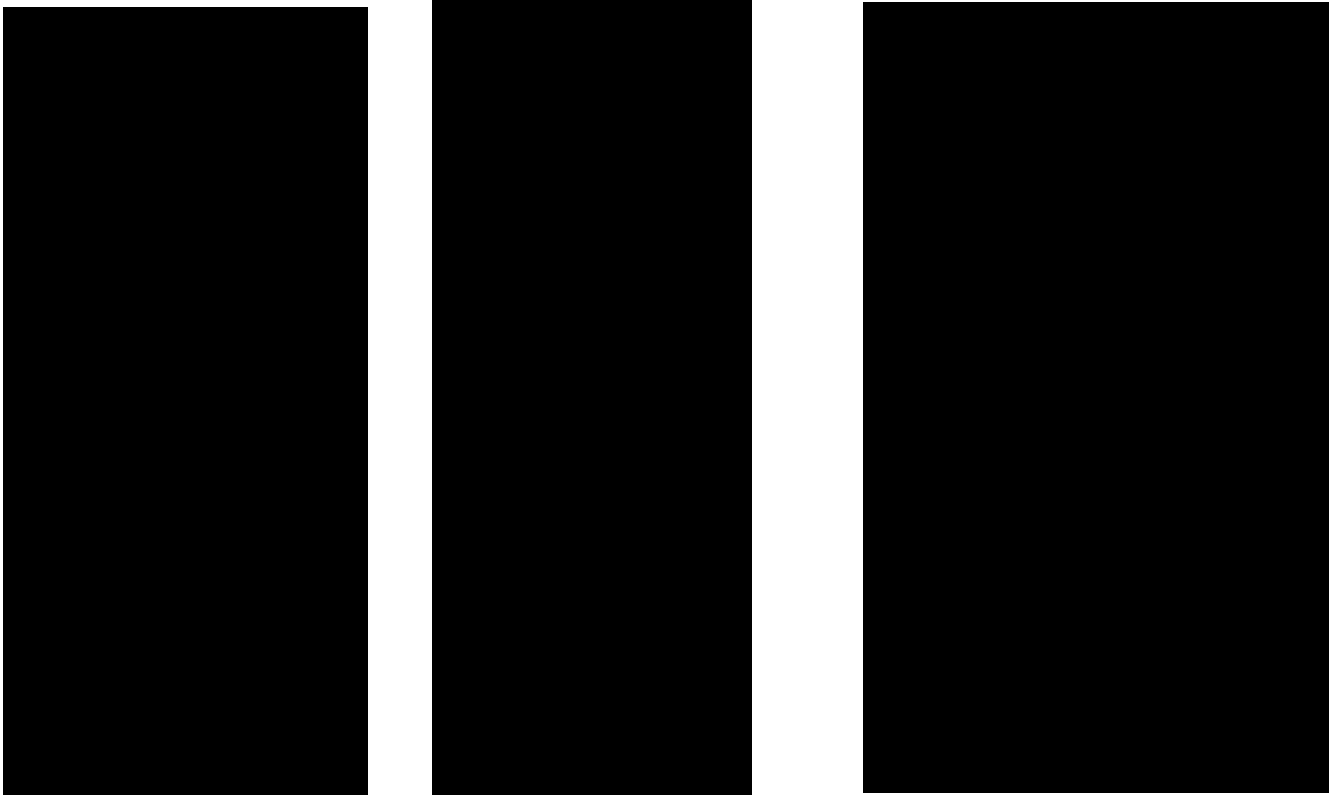
**Morningside Parish Church
Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts (continued)
Year ended 31 December 2024**

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Morningside Parish Church
Charity Registration Number: SC034396
Congregation Reference No: 010069
Contact Address: The Church Office
2 Cluny Gardens
Edinburgh EH10 6BQ

Trustees

Members of the Kirk Session:



Minister: Very Revd [Redacted]

During the year to December 2024 and up to the date the report was approved [Redacted] a member of the Kirk Session, resigned and two others, [Redacted] and [Redacted] died.

Session Clerk: [Redacted]
Church Treasurer: [Redacted]

**Morningside Parish Church
Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts (continued)
Year ended 31 December 2024**

Reference and Administrative Information (continued)

Independent Examiner

Whitelaw Wells
Independent Examiner
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Bank of Scotland plc
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Investment Manager

The Church of Scotland Investors Trust
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**Morningside Parish Church
Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts (continued)
Year ended 31 December 2024**

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

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 financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information on the congregation's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the Trustees on 11 March 2025 and signed on their behalf,

Very Revd 


**Morningside Parish Church
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Morningside Parish Church
Year ended 31 December 2024**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 20 to 36.

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) (a) to (c) of the 2006 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.

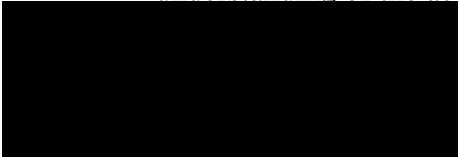
Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention 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
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 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.



Whitelaw Wells
Chartered Accountant
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Morningside Parish Church
Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2024	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
<u>Income and Endowments from:</u>		£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	1	196,012	91,986	287,998	215,380
Charitable activities	2	860	-	860	2,995
Other trading activities	3	61,057	2,624	63,681	58,545
Investments	4	29,891	-	29,891	28,694
Other	5	3,116	-	3,116	9,400
Total Income		<u>290,936</u>	<u>94,610</u>	<u>385,546</u>	<u>315,014</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds	6	115,168	-	115,168	79,032
Charitable activities		<u>303,746</u>	<u>37,088</u>	<u>340,834</u>	<u>311,951</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>418,914</u>	<u>37,088</u>	<u>456,002</u>	<u>390,983</u>
Net gains on investments	11	35,902	283	36,185	46,344
Net (expenditure)/ income		(92,076)	57,805	(34,271)	(29,625)
Transfers between funds	14	9,634	(9,634)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(82,442)	48,171	(34,271)	(29,625)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,465,503</u>	<u>44,948</u>	<u>1,510,451</u>	<u>1,540,076</u>
Total funds carried forward	14	<u>1,383,061</u>	<u>93,119</u>	<u>1,476,180</u>	<u>1,510,451</u>

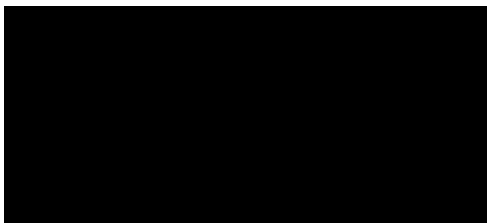
The church has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.
All of the activities of the church are classed as continuing.
The notes on pages 22 to 36 form part of the financial statements.

Morningside Parish Church
Balance Sheet
At 31 December 2024

		2024		2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed assets	9		648,979		653,808
Investments	11		<u>761,557</u>		<u>825,386</u>
			1,410,536		1,479,194
Current Assets					
Debtors	12	18,969		11,019	
Deposits – Church of Scotland		20		20	
Bank and cash		<u>66,829</u>		<u>43,405</u>	
		85,818		54,444	
Creditors					
Falling due within one year	13	<u>20,174</u>		<u>23,187</u>	
Net Current Assets					
			<u>65,644</u>		<u>31,257</u>
Net Assets					
			<u><u>1,476,180</u></u>		<u><u>1,510,451</u></u>
Unrestricted Funds					
	14				
General funds		668,534		750,674	
Buildings Reserve		600,000		600,000	
Asset Reserve		48,979		53,808	
Designated funds		<u>65,548</u>		<u>61,021</u>	
			1,383,061		1,465,503
Restricted Funds					
	14		<u>93,119</u>		<u>44,948</u>
Total Funds					
	15		<u><u>1,476,180</u></u>		<u><u>1,510,451</u></u>

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session on 11 March 2025.

For and on behalf of the Kirk Session:



Session Clerk

Treasurer

Morningside Parish Church
Year ended 31 December 2024

Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently in the current and preceding year in dealing with items considered material to the accounts, are set out below.

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income recognition

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. All costs have been directly attributed to one of the functional categories of resources expended on the SOFA. The Charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in delivery of its activities and services. Costs of raising funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income.

Morningside Parish Church
Year ended 31 December 2024

Accounting Policies (continued)

Tangible fixed assets

The charity has the right to occupy and use for its charitable objects certain tangible fixed assets vested in the Church of Scotland General Trustees, comprising the Church and the Church Halls.

Locally held tangible fixed assets, including the Manse, not vested in the Church of Scotland General Trustees, are included in these accounts at deemed cost derived from valuation. It was not considered necessary to obtain professional valuations of these buildings. The Trustees based their valuation of these buildings on local knowledge and based the valuation of the Manse on recent selling prices of properties in the same area. Expenditure incurred on the repair and maintenance of these assets is charged as expenditure in the statement of financial activities in the period in which the liability arises.

Communion Silver is the other class of asset included at deemed cost derived from valuation. In 2008, the Trustees obtained a professional valuation of communion silver from James Walker.

All tangible fixed assets having a value to the charity greater than one year, other than those acquired for specific purposes, are capitalised. The capitalisation threshold is £1,000.

Finance costs directly attributable to the construction of tangible fixed assets are capitalised as part of the cost of these assets.

Plant and Equipment is included at cost; and depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis to write off the cost or initial value, less residual value, of plant and equipment at the following annual rates over their estimated useful lives:

Plant and machinery	20%
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The locally held buildings and communion silver are not depreciated. The Trustees consider that these assets will, at worst, maintain their present values over time so that their estimated residual values will be no less than current valuations.

Where the recoverable amount of a tangible asset is found to be below its net book value, the asset is written down to its recoverable amount and the loss on impairment is charged as part of charitable activities within the statement of financial activities in the year.

Morningside Parish Church
Year ended 31 December 2024

Accounting Policies (continued)

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

Taxation

Morningside Parish Church is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities. The charity is not registered for VAT and resources expended therefore include irrecoverable input VAT.

Funds

Funds are classified as either restricted funds or unrestricted funds, defined as follows:

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use, but still within the wider objects of the charity. The specific requirements as to use may either be declared by the donor or with the donor's authority or be created through legal processes.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. Such designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

Transfers between funds are made on the authority of the Kirk Session (General Fund) or at the discretion of leaders of congregational organisations in accordance with each organisation's structure (restricted funds).

Leased assets

A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership. All other leases are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Morningside Parish Church
Year ended 31 December 2024

Accounting Policies (continued)

Financial instruments

Financial instruments comprise financial assets and financial liabilities which are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial instruments are classified as "basic" in accordance with FRS102 and are accounted for at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash flows over the life of the financial assets or liability to the net carrying amount on initial recognition. Discounting is not applied to short-term receivables and payables, where the effect is immaterial. Financial assets comprise cash, trade debtors, other debtors and accrued income. Financial liabilities comprise bank overdraft, loans, trade creditors, other creditors and accruals.

Morningside Parish Church
Notes forming part of the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted		
	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
1 Donations and legacies				
Offerings	129,835	-	129,835	118,584
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	30,766	6,129	36,895	28,340
Grant Income	-	43,051	43,051	28,545
Legacies	10,000	-	10,000	-
Sundry Income, gifts & donations	25,411	42,806	68,217	39,911
	<u>196,012</u>	<u>91,986</u>	<u>287,998</u>	<u>215,380</u>

Income from donations and legacies was £287,998 (2023: £215,380) of which £196,012 was unrestricted (2023: £171,810) and £91,986 was restricted (2023: £43,570).

2 Income from charitable activities

	£	£	£	£
Weddings and Funerals	860	-	860	2,995
	<u>860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>860</u>	<u>2,995</u>

Income from charitable activities was £860 (2023: £2,995) of which £860 was unrestricted (2023: £2,995).

3 Other trading activities

	£	£	£	£
Use of Premises	61,057	-	61,057	56,361
Fundraising events	-	2,624	2,624	2,184
	<u>61,057</u>	<u>2,624</u>	<u>63,681</u>	<u>58,545</u>

Income from other trading activities was £63,681 (2023: £58,545) of which £61,057 was unrestricted (2023: £56,361) and £2,624 (2023: £2,184) was restricted.

4 Investment income

	£	£	£	£
Dividends received	28,750	-	28,750	28,139
Bank interest	1,141	-	1,141	555
	<u>29,891</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,891</u>	<u>28,694</u>

Investment income was £29,891 (2023: £28,694) of which £28,891 was unrestricted (2023: £28,694).

Morningside Parish Church
Notes forming part of the financial statements (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
5 Other income				
Insurance claim	3,116	-	3,116	9,400
	<u>3,116</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,116</u>	<u>9,400</u>

Other income was £3,116 (2023: £9,400) of which £3,116 (2023: £9,400) was unrestricted and £nil (2023: £nil) was restricted.

6 Analysis of Expenditure

	£	£	£	£
Raising Funds				
Use of Premises	115,168	-	115,168	79,032
	<u>115,168</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>115,168</u>	<u>79,032</u>
Charitable Activities				
Giving to Grow Contribution	100,064	-	100,064	92,395
Presbytery Dues	2,131	-	2,131	1,831
Expenses of Ministry	4,130	-	4,130	2,932
Pulpit Supply	-	-	-	50
Other salary costs	63,910	-	63,910	56,102
Fabric Repairs & Maintenance	43,908	1,444	45,352	48,328
Council Tax	2,796	-	2,796	2,721
Other Buildings Costs	22,736	-	22,736	13,668
Church Office Expenses	5,964	639	6,603	7,376
Organ & Music	13,376	10,000	23,376	21,281
Accountancy Fees	17,130	-	17,130	16,230
Professional fees	324	-	324	25
Flowers	2,436	196	2,632	2,977
Other Expenses	16,272	24,809	41,081	36,040
Bank charges and interest	1,220	-	1,220	1,073
Depreciation	4,829	-	4,829	6,522
Governance costs:				
External scrutiny:				
- Independent examination fee	2,520	-	2,520	2,400
	<u>2,520</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,520</u>	<u>2,400</u>
	<u>303,746</u>	<u>37,088</u>	<u>340,834</u>	<u>311,951</u>
	<u>418,914</u>	<u>37,088</u>	<u>456,002</u>	<u>390,983</u>

Expenditure on raising funds was £115,168 (2023: £79,032) of which £115,168 was unrestricted (2023: £79,032) and £nil was restricted (2023: £nil).

Morningside Parish Church
Notes forming part of the financial statements (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2024

6 Analysis of Expenditure (continued)

Expenditure on charitable activities was £340,834 (2023: £311,951) of which £303,746 was unrestricted (2023: £279,238) and £37,088 was restricted (2023: £32,713).

	2024	2023
	£	£
7 Staff costs and numbers		
Salaries and wages	117,648	102,095
Social security costs	4,244	2,628
Pension costs	3,965	3,409
Total	<u>125,857</u>	<u>108,132</u>

No employee had employee benefits more than £60,000 (2023: none).

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of a head count, was as follows:

	2024	2023
Ministerial support	1	1
Administration	1	1
Music staff	1	1
Premises maintenance	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

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 (2023: £30,135) and the maximum stipend (in the fifth and subsequent years of service) was £38,884 (2023: £37,032).

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme on behalf of its employees. The scheme and its assets are held by independent managers. The pension charge represents contributions due from the charity and amounted to £3,965 (2023: £3,409) in the year. At the year end an outstanding balance of £nil (2023: £438) was owed to the scheme.

Morningside Parish Church
Notes forming part of the financial statements (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2024

8 Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

Very Revd [REDACTED] the Minister, received expenses, including car and phone expenses, of £3,165 (2023: £2,419). [REDACTED] Council Tax of £2,796 was paid by the Church (2023: £2,721).

Other than the costs of ministry set out above the aggregate amount of Trustee Remuneration in the year is £nil (2023: £nil).

During the year 2024 a total of £37,801 could be identified as being donated to the congregation by Trustees (2023: £42,282).

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Buildings	Communion Silver	Plant & Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2024	600,000	41,219	45,214	686,433
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>600,000</u>	<u>41,219</u>	<u>45,214</u>	<u>686,433</u>
Depreciation and impairments				
At 1 January 2024	-	-	32,625	32,625
Depreciation charge	-	-	4,829	4,829
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,454</u>	<u>37,454</u>
Net Book value				
At 31 December 2024	<u>600,000</u>	<u>41,219</u>	<u>7,760</u>	<u>648,979</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>600,000</u>	<u>41,219</u>	<u>12,589</u>	<u>653,808</u>

Morningside Parish Church
Notes forming part of the financial statements (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2024

9 Tangible Fixed Assets (continued)

The buildings and communion silver are carried at deemed cost derived from valuation. The Trustees have based their valuations of the buildings on their knowledge of local market conditions. The valuation of the Manse was based on recent selling prices of properties in the same area. In 2008, the Trustees obtained a professional valuation of communion silver from [REDACTED]

10 Analysis of Buildings

An analysis of building valuations is set out below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Manse	600,000	600,000
	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>

11 Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2024	825,386	809,048
Additions at cost	-	-
Disposals	(100,014)	(30,006)
Realised gain / (loss) on investments	-	1,429
Unrealised gain / (loss) on investments	36,185	44,915
Market value at 31 December 2024	<u>761,557</u>	<u>825,386</u>

Investments at cost	<u>607,702</u>	<u>690,707</u>
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The following investments are held:	2024	2023
	£	£
Church of Scotland Growth Fund	379,699	396,971
Church of Scotland Income Fund	381,858	428,415
	<u>761,557</u>	<u>825,386</u>

All investments are UK investments.

12 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Hall Rentals	2,167	95
Other	16,802	10,924
	<u>18,969</u>	<u>11,019</u>

Morningside Parish Church
Notes forming part of the financial statements (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2024

13 Creditors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,676	5,378
Accruals	11,645	11,301
Special Collections	1,644	3,789
Taxation and social security	2,132	1,931
Other creditors	1,077	788
	<u>20,174</u>	<u>23,187</u>

14 Movements in Funds

	At 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Gains on investments	Transfers between funds	At 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds						
Benevolent Funds	10,414	-	(1,000)	236	-	9,650
Flower Fund Capital	228	-	(196)	3	-	35
Organ and Music	3,062	9,276	(10,000)	33	-	2,371
Sunday Club	13	-	-	11	-	24
Fabric Fund	126	-	-	-	-	126
Audio System Maintenance	1,430	-	-	-	-	1,430
Choir Library Fund	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,000
Go For It Fund	855	-	(855)	-	-	-
General Upkeep Fund	4,144	-	-	-	-	4,144
Pastoral Care	525	-	-	-	-	525
Morningside Hope	9,479	28,603	(20,145)	-	-	17,937
Morningside Hope – Funds raised for year 4	13,672	41,039	(1,919)	-	-	52,792
LPWS Fund	-	9,634	-	-	(9,634)	-
Playlist for life fund	-	3,814	(889)	-	-	2,925
New tables fund	-	796	(796)	-	-	-
Giving campaign	-	800	(640)	-	-	160
Christmas Tree Festival	-	648	(648)	-	-	-
	<u>44,948</u>	<u>94,610</u>	<u>(37,088)</u>	<u>283</u>	<u>(9,634)</u>	<u>93,119</u>

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Benevolent Funds: These are funds to assist poor or disadvantaged people, especially those within the parish.

Flower Funds: These are funds to provide flowers for display during services of worship.

Organ and Music Funds: These are funds to contribute to the organ and music costs incurred.

Sunday Club Fund: This is a fund to meet costs incurred by the Sunday Club.

Fabric Fund: The Restricted Fabric Fund was established in 2018 to identify fabric (masonry) work on the Church building carried out and paid for by the Church but refunded from the Consolidated Fabric Fund held by the Church of Scotland General Trustees on behalf of the congregation.

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14 Movements in Funds (cont'd)

Audio System Maintenance Fund: This fund is to be used to meet the costs of the maintenance of the audio system.

Choir Library Fund: This fund is to be used to meet the costs of the maintenance of the choir library.

Go For It Fund: This fund represents a Church of Scotland grant awarded for a dementia project lasting one year from grant drawdown date.

General Upkeep Fund: This fund is to be used in the general maintenance of the Church property including gardening and cleaning costs.

Pastoral Care: This Fund is to be used for Pastoral Care costs including appropriate training for volunteer pastoral visitors and any ancillary costs incurred.

Morningside Hope: Morningside Hope is the umbrella name applied by Morningside Parish Church for the dementia-friendly social care projects being made possible by the generous grant received from TOR Christian Foundation and the additional funding from the church itself. It will run initially for 3 years with the hope that further funding will be secured thereafter.

Morningside Hope – funds raised for year 4: Funds raised by Morningside Parish Church in 2024 and previous years to be ring-fenced and deferred for year 4 of the project.

LPWS fund – This restricted grant was received from the Listed Places of Worship Scheme in order to cover the VAT incurred in relation to eligible expenditure. During the year £9,634 was transferred from this fund to unrestricted general funds in relation to the reimbursement of VAT incurred.

Playlist for life fund - creating individual playlists of musical tracks for those living with a diagnosis of dementia; to the things we can offer within the Morningside Hope Project.

New tables fund - this was monies raised at the monthly Jam and Baking and Making Stall to enable the congregation to buy new tables for the Church Halls.

Giving campaign- this was the 2024 appeal to members of the congregation to review and if possible increase their giving to the Church.

Christmas Tree Festival: sponsorship donated by William Purves Funeral Directors for the Christmas Tree Festival held in the Church in December 2024.

Restricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	(Losses) on investments	Transfers between funds	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Benevolent Funds	10,192	-	-	222	-	10,414
Flower Fund Capital	527	-	(302)	3	-	228
Organ and Music	2,850	9,291	(9,110)	31	-	3,062
Sunday Club	2	-	-	11	-	13
Fabric Fund	126	-	-	-	-	126
Audio System Maintenance	1,430	-	-	-	-	1,430
Choir Library Fund	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,000
Go For It Fund	855	-	-	-	-	855
General Upkeep Fund	4,144	-	-	-	-	4,144
Pastoral Care	525	-	-	-	-	525
Morningside Hope	3,527	28,545	(22,593)	-	-	9,479
Morningside Hope – Funds raised for year 4	6,402	7,270	-	-	-	13,672
Christmas Tree Festival	60	648	(708)	-	-	-
	<u>31,640</u>	<u>45,754</u>	<u>(32,713)</u>	<u>267</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,948</u>

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14 Movements in Funds (cont'd)

	At 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Gains on investments	Transfers between funds	At 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds						
Designated Funds:-						
Organisations:-						
Cradle Roll	3	100	(101)	-	-	2
Wednesday Club	1,101	5,756	(2,825)	-	-	4,032
Social Committee	7,537	12,318	(10,107)	-	-	9,748
Other Designated Funds:-						
Flower Fund	3,596	2,671	(2,436)	-	-	3,831
Fabric Fund	32,853	-	-	-	-	32,853
Kirk Session	5,463	-	-	183	-	5,646
Music Fund	2,968	-	-	73	-	3,041
Organ	7,500	-	(1,589)	484	-	6,395
Morningside Hope Project – Funding for MPC pastoral assistant additional hours	-	6,471	(6,471)	-	-	-
Total of Designated Funds	61,021	27,316	(23,529)	740	-	65,548
General Funds:-						
Buildings Reserve	600,000	-	-	-	-	600,000
Assets Reserve	53,808	-	(4,829)	-	-	48,979
General Fund	750,674	263,620	(390,556)	35,162	9,634	668,534
Total of General Funds	1,404,482	263,620	(395,385)	35,162	9,634	1,317,513
Unrestricted Funds (above)	1,465,503	290,936	(418,914)	35,902	9,634	1,383,061
Restricted Funds (b/f)	44,948	94,610	(37,088)	283	(9,634)	93,119
Total funds	1,510,451	385,546	(456,002)	36,185	-	1,476,180

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14 Movements in Funds (cont'd)

	At 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	(Losses) on investments	Transfers between funds	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds						
Designated Funds:-						
Organisations:-						
Cradle Roll	61	-	(58)	-	-	3
Wednesday Club	273	2,463	(1,635)	-	-	1,101
Social Committee	5,134	11,667	(9,264)	-	-	7,537
Other Designated Funds:-						
Flower Fund	3,328	2,943	(2,675)	-	-	3,596
Fabric Fund	32,853	-	-	-	-	32,853
Kirk Session	5,292	-	-	171	-	5,463
Music Fund	2,899	-	-	69	-	2,968
Organ	9,001	-	(1,955)	454	-	7,500
Morningside Hope Project – Funding for MPC pastoral assistant additional hours	-	6,198	(6,198)	-	-	-
Total of Designated Funds	58,841	23,271	(21,785)	694	-	61,021
General Funds:-						
Buildings Reserve	600,000	-	-	-	-	600,000
Assets Reserve	60,330	-	(6,522)	-	-	53,808
General Fund	789,265	245,989	(329,963)	45,383	-	750,674
Total of General Funds	1,449,595	245,989	(336,485)	45,383	-	1,404,482
Unrestricted Funds (above)	1,508,436	269,260	(358,270)	46,077	-	1,465,503
Restricted Funds (b/f)	31,640	45,754	(32,713)	267	-	44,948
Total funds	1,540,076	315,014	(390,983)	46,344	-	1,510,451

Organisations: Their purposes are described in the Trustees' Annual Report ("Objectives and Activities").

Fabric Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds for the maintenance of the charity's properties.

Kirk Session Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds to assist poor or disadvantaged people.

Organ and Music Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds for the purchase and maintenance of organ and music resources for use in worship.

Flower Fund: These are funds to provide flowers for display during services of worship.

Building Reserve and Asset Reserve: These are funds representing the net book value of the relevant fixed assets.

Morningside Hope Project – Funding for MPC pastoral assistant additional hours: funds required to run the project - i.e. in addition to her normal pastoral duties for the congregation.

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15 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	648,979	-	-	648,979
Investments	749,684	8,579	3,294	761,557
Net Current (Liabilities) / Assets	<u>(81,150)</u>	<u>56,969</u>	<u>89,825</u>	<u>65,644</u>
Net assets at 31 Dec 2024	<u>1,317,513</u>	<u>65,548</u>	<u>93,119</u>	<u>1,476,180</u>

Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	653,808	-	-	653,808
Investments	812,973	8,969	3,444	825,386
Net Current (Liabilities) / Assets	<u>(62,299)</u>	<u>52,052</u>	<u>41,504</u>	<u>31,257</u>
Net assets at 31 Dec 2023	<u>1,404,482</u>	<u>61,021</u>	<u>44,948</u>	<u>1,510,451</u>

16 Collections for Third Parties

	2024	2023
	£	£
Collected during the year:		
Save the Children	1,077	-
Poppyscotland	-	174
Edinburgh Clothing Store, WSPP, David Nott Foundation	5,985	8,986
Friends of Morningside Parish Church	-	98
Malawi Cyclone Appeal	-	527
	<u>7,062</u>	<u>9,785</u>

Of these sums collected £2,721 (2023: £2,845) was payable to the third parties following the year end.

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17 Financial Commitments

At 31 December 2024 the Church had total future commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Office Equipment	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Less than 1 year	821	-
Between 1 and 5 years	615	-
	1,436	-
	1,436	-

Operating lease payments made during the year were £781 (2023: £662).

APPENDIX A

**FUNDS HELD ON BEHALF OF THE CONGREGATION
BY THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GENERAL TRUSTEES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		
Consolidated Fabric Fund		
Credit Balances held at 31 December 2024 - at cost	-	-
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Consolidated Fabric Fund		
Market Value of Balances held at 31 December 2024	-	-
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REVENUE ACCOUNT		
Consolidated Fabric Fund		
Balance at 1 January 2024	£ 1	£ 1
Net activity during year	-	-
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Credit Balance at 31 December 2024	1	1
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