

STIRLING METHODIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

Charity Registration Number: SC037707

Contact:

Trustees

Principal Office-bearers

Minister:
Secretary:
Treasurer:

Independent Examiner of Accounts

Structure, Governance and Management

Stirling Methodist Church is an unincorporated association.

The trustees of Stirling Methodist Church are appointed by the members of the church under the terms of 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church'.

Stirling Methodist Church is part of the Forth Valley Methodist Circuit and of the Scotland Methodist District of the Methodist Church in the United Kingdom.

Objectives and Activities

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipline in worship and mission.

It does this through:

- Worship
- Learning and Caring
- Service
- Evangelism

The Church Council, whose members are all trustees, is the principal meeting responsible for the affairs of the church.

Achievements and Performances

Sunday worship, bible studies and church business meetings have continued using online facilities when appropriate.

We continue to benefit from the Forth Valley Circuit and are grateful for the leadership of worship by its ministers and local preachers. In return our members are well represented in the affairs of the Circuit including leading of worship in other churches.

In September 2023, two ministers took up their appointments in the Forth Valley Circuit to serve the Stirling Church and other churches in the Forth Valley Circuit. A particular role of the Deacon Minister is to lead the church to be more active in serving the local community.

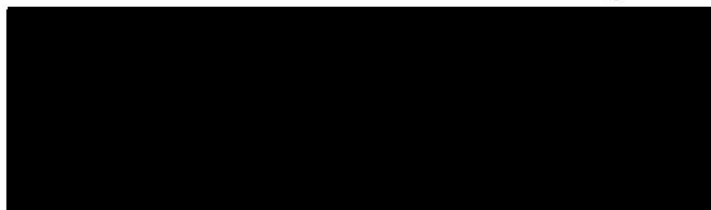
During the year, the decision was made to go ahead with a proposed major refurbishment of the premises. Steps were taken to prepare detailed plans of the development which will enable the church to better equipped as a resource for the community. Fundraising produced generous donations and promising grants from a wide range of sources.

Donations by members to support external organisations raised a record total of £10,473

Reserves Policy

It is the trustees' policy to hold reserves of 6 months expenditure. At the end of the year the reserves in the unrestricted fund totalled £28,923 which represents 6.8 months of next year's budgeted expenditure.

Approved by the trustees on 30.04.25 and signed on their behalf by



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GENERAL FUND

	Note	2023-24	2022-23
RECEIPTS			
Offerings	1	46812	39307
Lettings		1720	1625
Interest	2	1317	1045
Fund Raising for External Organisations	3	10473	6450
Other Income		142	310
Total Receipts		60464	48737
PAYMENTS			
Circuit Assessment		30000	30000
Repairs and Maintenance	4	5916	2866
Utilities	5	7167	6598
Other	6	1310	1177
Gifts to External Organisations	3	10462	6450
Total Payments		54855	47092
Net Surplus		5609	1645
BANK BALANCE AT END OF YEAR			
Current Account		1417	8584
Deposit Account		27506	14730
Total		28923	23314

NOTES TO THE GENERAL FUND

Note 1 Offerings	2023-24	2022-23
Tax refund	6,696	6,285
Standing Order	28,756	26,110
Cash	435	470
Donations	5,169	410
Envelopes	5,756	6,032
	46,812	39,307
Note 2 Interest		
Endowment	541	550
CFB Account	776	495
	1,317	1,045
Note 3 External Organisations		
Action for Children	489	269
All We Can	369	1,311
Amnesty	172	
Christian Aid	3,566	1,325
Direct Link	306	205
Fair Trade Stirling	80	
Iona Community	190	70
Mission in Britain	562	450
JMA	40	110
Leprosy Mission	159	127
Methodist Homes	93	30
Mildmay Hospital		138
Start Up	944	147
Street Pastors	189	-
Samaritans	225	-
Water Aid	2,174	1,453
Womens' Aid	135	147
World Mission	782	737
	10,473	
Note 4 Repairs and Maintenance		
Cleaning	2,160	2,280
Repairs and Maintenance	3,756	3,756
	5,916	6,036
Note 5 Utilities		
Insurance	2,427	2,356
Electricity	1,392	1,230
Gas	3,348	3,012
	7,167	6,598
Note 6 Other Payments		
Leaving Present	125	310
Miscellaneous	345	227
Wifi	333	275
Copyright	327	305
Website	120	60
Ecocongregation	60	
	1,310	1,177

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DEVELOPMENT FUND

RECEIPTS	NOTES	2023-24	2022-23
Donations		40065	3450
Interest		1032	632
Tax Refund		589	1013
Grant		52000	
Fund Raising		351	
Total Receipts		94037	5095
PAYMENTS			
Vision Project	1	11871	1575
Total Payments		11871	1575
Net Surplus		82166	3520
Bank Balance at end of Year			
Current Account		9998	13864
Deposit Account		104861	18829
Total		114859	32693
Notes 1 Vision Project			
Consultant		4029	135
Surveyer		6084	
Engineer		1758	1440
		11871	1575

BENEVOLENCE FUND

	2023-24	2022-23
Income	0	0
Expenditure	0	0
Balance at end of Year	119	119

STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST

	2024	2023
General Fund	28923	23314
Development Fund	114859	32693
Benevolence Fund	119	119
Total	143901	56126

Approved by Church Council and signed on their behalf by Lois Cameron on

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 2023-24

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 Gen Fund	Restricted Funds 2024 Dev Fund	Restricted Fund 2024 Benevolence Fund	Restricted Total 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
RECEIPTS						
Offerings	46812	41005	0	41005	87817	43770
Property Lettings	1720	0	0	0	1720	1625
Interest	1317	1032	0	1032	2349	1677
Fund Raising for External Organisations	10473	0	0	0	10473	6450
Other Income	142	0	0	0	202	310
Grant	0	52000		52000	52000	0
Total Receipts	60464	94037	0	94037	154561	53832
PAYMENTS						
Circuit Assessment	30000	0	0	0	30000	30000
Repairs & Maintenance	5916	0	0	0	5916	2856
Utilities	7167	0	0	0	7167	6598
Gifts to External Organisations	10462	0	0	0	10462	6450
Development Project	0	11871	0	11871	11871	1575
Other	1310	0	0	0	1370	1177
Total Payments	54855	11871	0	11871	66786	65197
TRANSFERS	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	5609	82166	0	82166	87775	5166

Statement of Assets and Liabilities on 31 August 2024

Cash at Bc	1417	9998	119	10117	11534	22567
Cash at Cf	27506	104861	0	104861	132367	33559
Total	28923	114859	119	114978	143901	56126

Secretary of Church Council

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Stirling Methodist Church

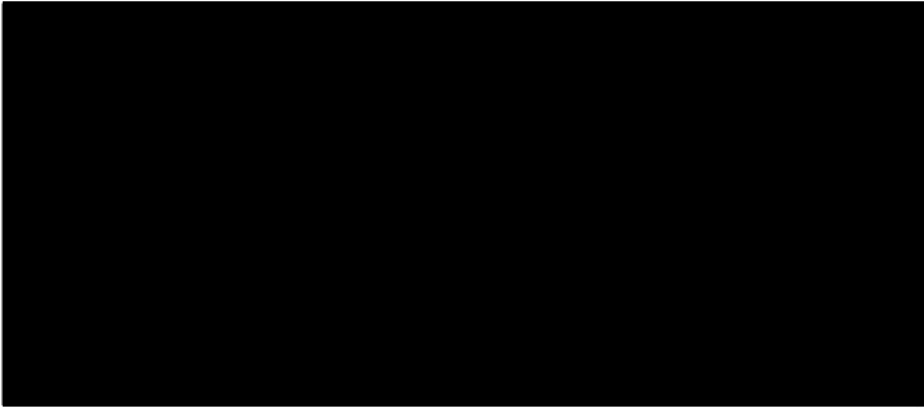
I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31.08.2024

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 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met,

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



Date 18/11/2024

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