

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024
for
Helmsdale and Kinbrace Free Church

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Helmsdale and Kinbrace Free Church

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Helmsdale and Kinbrace Free Church of Scotland is a congregation of the Free Church of Scotland working towards the common aims set out below. It is a Presbyterian church adhering in its worship and doctrine to the position of the Church of Scotland at the Reformation. The Free Church of Scotland has an explanatory document which explains the origins of the Church and which gives the historical background to the Church coming into being in 1843 and lists documents in which is embodied the constitution of the Church. This document is available on request from the Free Church of Scotland, 15 North Bank Street, The Mound, Edinburgh, EH1 2LS.

Significant activities

The principal activity of the Church is the conduct of public worship and associated matters in the context of local congregations.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During the year the church met regularly for worship and carried out various activities in pursuit of the above stated aims.

The congregation continued its commitment to support the National Free church of Scotland both spiritually and financially.

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

In relation to activities:

- Sunday School
- School assemblies and special event for children
- Fundraisers for Charity and Mission work

In relation to congregational funding:

There is a Benevolent Fund which was initiated to give assistance to persons with special needs within the community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources are the various congregational collections.

Reserves policy

The Trustees are satisfied with the level of reserves held by the charity in that they are sufficient to cover the immediate basic operating costs of the Helmsdale and Kinbrace Free Church of Scotland.

At the year-end, the congregation had cash reserves of £22,446 (2023 - £22,610), comprising unrestricted of £21,725 (2023 - £20,141) and restricted of £721 (2023 - £2,469).

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FUTURE PLANS

The congregation will continue its commitment to support the national Free Church of Scotland both spiritually and financially.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Helmsdale and Kinbrace Free Church of Scotland is established by Constitution. The church is a registered Scottish Charity SC038149

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Kirk Session exercises its discretion in determining the most appropriate method of electing new Trustees (Elders and Deacons). Any election process must involve the communicant membership of the congregation. There is no fixed term for Trusteeship. Prior to their appointment new Trustees would have served the Church for some time in various roles and would be familiar with the Church's values, its aims and objectives as well as its day-to-day operations. As part of their induction programme new Trustees are required to understand their statutory responsibilities as well as the responsibilities of their office within the congregation as elder or deacon.

Organisational structure

The congregation is governed and administered by elected office bearers (all volunteers) and its minister. The Kirk Session, being the minister and elected elders, has responsibility for spiritual oversight, while the Deacon's Court, composed of Kirk Session members plus elected deacons, oversees financial and property matters. Under Charity Law, the Deacons' Court are deemed to be the trustees of the congregation as those with responsibility for day to day management and control. This is distinct from the role of property (congregational) trustees who are responsible only for holding property in trust.

The Finance Committee (the Trustees) who served during the year were as follows -

Interim Moderator

Kirk Session Clerk

Elders (Assessor):

along with

Congregational Trustees: (for holding property)

Finance Committee:

asurer
Clerk to Finance Committee

along with

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Wider network

The Free Church of Scotland currently has over 100 congregations in Scotland, as well as one in London and four in North America, and sister Churches founded by mission work in India, Peru and South Africa. The Church also has a seminary in Edinburgh for the training of Ministers and other Christian workers, and sustains an extensive Missionary programme relative to the size of the church.

Dating from 1843 but with its roots in the Reformation, it owes its distinctive title to its historical struggle to remain 'free' from state interference in its internal affairs. It has close and active relations with many other Reformed churches of Jesus Christ throughout the world and stands firmly in the tradition which accepts the Bible in its entirety as the Word of God and, therefore, derives its forms of teaching, worship, ministry and government from it. The main emphasis of our worship is the preaching of the gospel - the good news of a free and sovereign salvation through Jesus Christ alone.

The congregation is authorised by the Church to have a minister paid from the central funds of the Church.

The church building and the minister's manse are the property of the congregation and are held under the Church's model trust deed.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

SC038149

Principal address

Free Church of Scotland
12 Dunrobin Street
Helmsdale
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KW8 6JA

Trustees



Helmsdale and Kinbrace Free Church

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12th May 2025..... and signed on its behalf by:

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Helmsdale and Kinbrace Free Church

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages six to fourteen.

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's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeking explanations from you as 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.

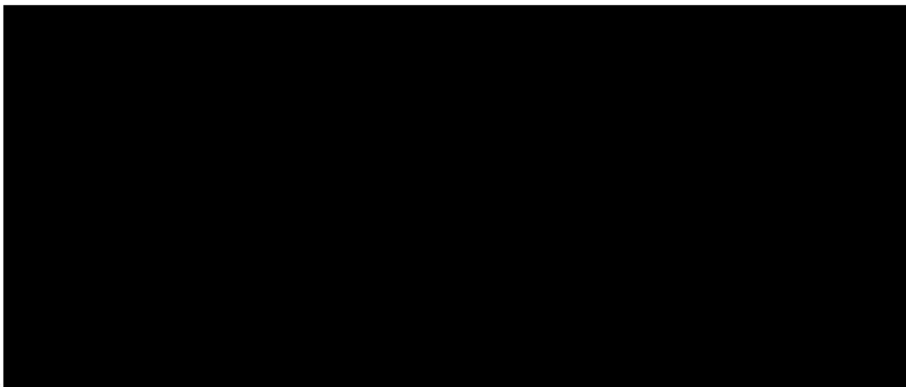
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention :

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to 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.



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Date: 12th May 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		49,896	-	49,896	35,712
Investment income	2	722	-	722	704
Total		<u>50,618</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,618</u>	<u>36,416</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Church		47,340	-	47,340	42,758
Sunday school		-	52	52	45
Building repairs		-	2,360	2,360	-
Total		<u>47,340</u>	<u>2,412</u>	<u>49,752</u>	<u>42,803</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		3,278	(2,412)	866	(6,387)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		13,128	2,470	15,598	21,985
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>16,406</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>16,464</u>	<u>15,598</u>

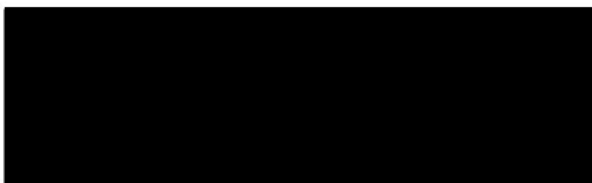
The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		21,725	721	22,446	22,610
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(5,319)	(663)	(5,982)	(7,012)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>16,406</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>16,464</u>	<u>15,598</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		16,406	58	16,464	15,598
NET ASSETS		<u>16,406</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>16,464</u>	<u>15,598</u>
FUNDS	7				
Unrestricted funds				16,406	13,128
Restricted funds				58	2,470
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>16,464</u>	<u>15,598</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on
...12th May 2025..... and were signed on its behalf by:



1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Unrestricted funds include:

General fund

Designated funds:

National Savings Account

Bank of Scotland Guaranteed Reserve

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Restricted funds include:

Sunday School Account

Vacancy Account

Fabric Fund

Benevolent Fund

Youth Work

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Rents received	465	480
Deposit account interest	257	224
	<u>722</u>	<u>704</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	33,712	2,000	35,712
Investment income	<u>704</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>704</u>
Total	<u>34,416</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>36,416</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Church	42,370	388	42,758
Sunday school	<u>-</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>45</u>
Total	<u>42,370</u>	<u>433</u>	<u>42,803</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(7,954)	1,567	(6,387)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	21,082	903	21,985
	<u>13,128</u>	<u>2,470</u>	<u>15,598</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD			

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 6)	663	-
Other creditors	5,319	7,012
	<u>5,982</u>	<u>7,012</u>

6. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	<u>663</u>	<u>-</u>

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(5,025)	3,020	(2,005)
National Savings a/c	7,790	-	7,790
32-day Deposit			
	<u>10,363</u>	<u>258</u>	<u>10,621</u>
	13,128	3,278	16,406
Restricted funds			
Sunday School a/c	142	(52)	90
Vacancy a/c	381	-	381
Fabric fund	1,697	(2,360)	(663)
Benevolent fund	233	-	233
Youth Work	17	-	17
	<u>2,470</u>	<u>(2,412)</u>	<u>58</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>15,598</u>	<u>866</u>	<u>16,464</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	50,360	(47,340)	3,020
32-day Deposit			
	258	-	258
	50,618	(47,340)	3,278
Restricted funds			
Sunday School a/c	-	(52)	(52)
Fabric fund	-	(2,360)	(2,360)
	-	(2,412)	(2,412)
TOTAL FUNDS	50,618	(49,752)	866

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,153	(8,178)	(5,025)
National Savings a/c	7,789	1	7,790
32-day Deposit			
	10,140	223	10,363
	21,082	(7,954)	13,128
Restricted funds			
Sunday School a/c	187	(45)	142
Vacancy a/c	381	-	381
Fabric fund	85	1,612	1,697
Benevolent fund	233	-	233
Youth Work	17	-	17
	903	1,567	2,470
TOTAL FUNDS	21,985	(6,387)	15,598

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	34,192	(42,370)	(8,178)
National Savings a/c	1	-	1
32-day Deposit			
	223	-	223
	34,416	(42,370)	(7,954)
Restricted funds			
Sunday School a/c	-	(45)	(45)
Fabric fund	2,000	(388)	1,612
	2,000	(433)	1,567
TOTAL FUNDS	36,416	(42,803)	(6,387)

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,153	(5,158)	(2,005)
National Savings a/c	7,789	1	7,790
32-day Deposit			
	10,140	481	10,621
	21,082	(4,676)	16,406
Restricted funds			
Sunday School a/c	187	(97)	90
Vacancy a/c	381	-	381
Fabric fund	85	(748)	(663)
Benevolent fund	233	-	233
Youth Work	17	-	17
	903	(845)	58
TOTAL FUNDS	21,985	(5,521)	16,464

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	84,552	(89,710)	(5,158)
National Savings a/c	1	-	1
32-day Deposit			
	481	-	481
	<hr/> 85,034	<hr/> (89,710)	<hr/> (4,676)
Restricted funds			
Sunday School a/c	-	(97)	(97)
Fabric fund	2,000	(2,748)	(748)
	<hr/> 2,000	<hr/> (2,845)	<hr/> (845)
TOTAL FUNDS	<hr/> <hr/> 87,034	<hr/> <hr/> (92,555)	<hr/> <hr/> (5,521)

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

9. PROPERTY HELD BY THE CHURCH

	2023 £	2022 £
Manse	229,000	229,000
Church	200,000	200,000
	<hr/> 429,000	<hr/> 429,000

10. FUNDS HELD CENTRALLY

As at 31st December there were 149.45 share pool units held centrally. The value as at 30th September 2024 was £5.75 per unit, total value of £859.95. A dividend of £20.92 was credited to central funds.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	11,449	2,361
Gift aid givings	22,898	16,877
Envelope scheme - non Gift Aid	5,660	5,045
Church door collections	7,021	6,669
Income tax recovered	2,773	4,760
Magazine income	95	-
	<hr/> 49,896	<hr/> 35,712
Investment income		
Rents received	465	480
Deposit account interest	257	224
	<hr/> 722	<hr/> 704
Total incoming resources	<hr/> 50,618	<hr/> 36,416
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Manse Council Tax	2,528	2,465
Insurance	1,174	809
Light and heat	2,231	1,613
Magazines and stationery	99	163
Sundries	527	588
Remittance to Central Funds	31,596	28,758
Ministers' expenses	3,804	6,818
Pulpit supply & communion exp.	939	453
Presbytery dues and levies	193	326
Repairs and renewals	6,289	388
Bank charges	-	2
	<hr/> 49,380	<hr/> 42,383
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	372	420
	<hr/> 49,752	<hr/> 42,803
Net income/(expenditure)	<hr/> 866	<hr/> (6,387)

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements