

PITLOCHRY BAPTIST CHURCH SCIO
Trustee Annual Report for the year ended 30 November 2024

Registered Charity Number	SC050861
Date of Transfer to SCIO	31 July 2021
Principal address	Atholl Road Pitlochry PH16 5HN

Chairperson

Treasurer

Administration

Other Committee members

Independent Examiner

Bankers

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Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are the pastor and others as recruited on a four-year term basis by election by members of the congregation.

As of 30th November 2024, our membership is 82.

We continue to redevelop areas of our church building year on year. This past year, we installed a new sound and loop system in our sanctuary. We now have a system which can be added to but which is more than sufficient for our needs for the foreseeable future.

Our work among children and young people in Highland Perthshire continued to grow this past year. As a church, we are passionate about young people and provide them with an engaging, valuable and often fun experience every Sunday of the year. Our aim is to offer an environment which encourages young people to grow in their love and in their knowledge of Jesus. A dedicated team of volunteers serve throughout the year as it caters for the youngest through to upper secondary aged young people. On a Wednesday during school term-time, our Stay & Play babies and toddlers group has a weekly attendance of around 25 children, with a further 15-20 adults carers attending. We partner with Scripture Union of Scotland by running the "SU Club" at Pitlochry High School every Wednesday lunchtime during school term-time. This attracts 15+ primary aged children and gives them the opportunity to learn more about Christianity through engaging, enjoyable and age-appropriate activities such as games, craft, music and Bible study or talks. Later in the week, our Friday Night Youth Club has grown so much that the youth leaders split the age groups with Primary 4 - Primary 7 young people attending from 6.30-8pm and secondary aged young people attending from 8-9.30pm. Various events and outings have also spun-off from this group. In total, anything from 35-50 young people attends every Friday. In the Aberfeldy area, we also organise every second Tuesday during school term-time, an after-school event called Make & Bake which is geared towards families with babies and toddlers and up to older primary aged children. For an hour and a half, they participate in various crafts, baking, and games. On average 20-25 children attend, not including their parents and carers. Meaningful connections meant that the Park Fest children's holiday club during a week in July was fully booked with 40 children attending. This is a partnership event between Pitlochry Baptist Church and Aberfeldy Parish Church.

In 2024 we raised up new leaders to develop a work among young adults in and around our church family. This is the first time in decades we have had the need to do this. Being a young adult can often feel like being in a constant, in-between state. Caught between university and career, singleness and marriage, passion and purpose and the list go on. These feelings can often leave our young adults isolated and powerless; which is why we have begun to explore this work and develop a community which encourages our young adults to walk in the way of Jesus.

During the past year our Ministry to Seniors calculated that this area of our church outreach into the wider community has regular contact with 70-80 seniors through the various events we run: from the Friday Soup Lunches (October to April), the Christmas and Easter worship

services, and the Summer Special events (holiday club for seniors). The majority of these events are free, although many choose to make donations at these events to Pitlochry's Food Bank, which is housed at the rear of our church building. Many also eagerly take shoeboxes to fill for the annual Christmas Blythswood appeal. The Ministry to Seniors also connected with the nation-wide "Warm Spaces" initiative to provide a warm safe place to be on Friday afternoons. Those who use this service needed company, friendship, and a level of care. Some were experiencing loneliness's a result of being devoid of close family nearby or people they can share with deeply. And finally, the Ministry to Seniors group ran The Bereavement Journey course this past year, with the intention of doing so again later in 2025.

We continue to serve the local community in diverse ways. Our pastor is chaplain to the local primary and secondary school which allows him to pastorally support staff and pupils when and if required. People within our church family serve Pitlochry's food bank, and in various forms and in a number of programmes at our local independent radio station Heartland FM. Others are active in practical work such as looking after communal green spaces in our community and individual gardens of the infirm. Some volunteer locally to help those whose first language is not English and who might otherwise struggle to integrate or access services. Pitlochry Baptist Church continues to serve the communities of highland Perthshire.

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Receipts and payments account for the year ended 30 November 2024

	Restricted Fund 2024 £	Unrestricted Fund 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
RECEIPTS				
Donations	12442.55	89785.89	102228.44	82876.76
Gift Aid Reclaim		20293.47	20293.47	15429.76
Legacy/Grants	1600		1600	2000
Rental/charges		95	95	165
Sound System	9120		9120	7196
Other income				55.67
	<u>23162.55</u>	<u>110174.36</u>	<u>133336.91</u>	<u>107723.19</u>
PAYMENT FOR CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
Charitable Activities	29785.88	80282.77	110068.65	84286.03
	<u>29785.88</u>	<u>80282.77</u>	<u>110068.65</u>	<u>84286.03</u>
GOVERNANCE COST				
Bank Charges	-	203.28	203.28	-
Preparation of Payroll	-	364	364	269.43
Independent Examiner's Fee	-	150	150	480
	<u>29785.88</u>	<u>81000.05</u>	<u>110785.93</u>	<u>85035.46</u>
OTHER PAYMENTS				
Loan Repayments	-	4230	4230	4230
	<u>29785.88</u>	<u>85230.05</u>	<u>115015.93</u>	<u>89265.46</u>
Deficit/Surplus for Year	<u>-6623.33</u>	<u>24944.31</u>	<u>18320.98</u>	<u>18457.73</u>

There were no recognized gains and losses other than the surplus for the financial reported above. All amounts relate to continuing operations.

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Statement of Balances as of 30 November 2024

Fund Balances	Start of Year	Total Fund	Expenditure	End of Year
	£	£	£	£
General Fund	33767.33	109674.36	85230.05	58211.64
Fellowship Fund	1399.02	3900	2505	2794.02
Steadfast Global	0	800	800	0
YWAM-Claire	0	6900	6900	0
Special Gift to Claire	0	500	500	0
Rev Barrie-trip to Brazil	0	50	50	0
Sound system	7126	9120	16246	0
Wreath making donations	0	352.55	352.55	0
Youth Club (Pool Table)	0	320	320	0
Andie Miller Trust	2000	0	2000	0
Youth Club-EFCT	0	1600	112.33	1487.67
Food bank	0	120	0	120
Total	<u>44292.35</u>	<u>133336.91</u>	<u>115015.93</u>	<u>62613.33</u>
Assets				
Church Building	-	-	-	25000
Manse	-	-	-	325000
Furniture, Fittings, PA				
System	-	-	-	20000
Gift Aid Reclaim Receivable	-	-	-	4448.78
				<u>374448.78</u>
Liabilities				
Baptist Union Loan	-	-	-	9870
Independent Examiners Fee	-	-	-	150
				<u>10020</u>

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Notes to the account for the year to November 2024

1. Accounting policies

(a) basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

(b) Income is included in the financial statements when received and entered in the accounting records (i.e. under the cash basis).

(c) Expenditure is charged to the income and expenditure accounts on an as paid basis.

(d) The Church is not registered for Value Added Tax purposes.

2. Remuneration/reimbursement of expenses

The pastor of the church is paid a stipend, pension contributions and reasonable expenses and provided with living accommodation.

3. Assets

The value of the fixed assets is an estimate made by the trustees.

The Trustees have put a notional value on the church building as a result of issues arising from listed building status and uncertainties regarding likely planning permissions.

4. Funds

The reserves are normally maintained at £25k taking account of anticipated variations of normal income and expenditure.

The nature and purpose of each fund is as follows:

General fund

This comprises donations, and grants received that will be spent on the primary objects of the organisation.

Restricted funds

- Fellowship Fund – Funds collected to support the local community.
- Enchanted Forest Community Trust – Funds for the running cost of Friday Night Youth Club and Youth Café.
- Andie Millar Trust for Storage – Funds collected for the purpose building a storage for toys
- Steadfast Global - Funds collected on behalf of other causes.
- YWAM and special gifts to Claire Simpson- Funds collected for the purpose of supporting Claire, a missionary based in Norway.
 - Sound System- Funds collected for the purpose of revamping the sound system.
 - Food bank- Funds gifted to food bank through the church.
 - Youth - A gift to buy a pool table for the youth club.
 - Brazil Trip- A gift for Rev Barrie on his missionary trip to Brazil
 - Wreath making- Funds collected for the purpose of running the wreath making.

5. Analysis of Payments

Payments related to charitable causes

	Restricted Funds 2024	Unrestricted Fund 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Pastors stipend/Ni/Pension	-	40076.81	40076.81	40393.16
Exceptional Staff cost including pension deficit	-	4587.28	4587.28	3827.87
Sundries	-	418.38	418.38	314.65
Outreach, Training and Development	-	6560.6	6560.6	4513.97
Children and Youth	-	1755.45	1755.45	768.94
Sunday Services incl Pulpit Supply	-	1600.56	1600.56	1591.67
Church Family Expenses	-	125.62	125.62	46.67
Worship, Music, Sound and Visual	-	1725.68	1725.68	1353.07
Manse Maintenance	-	2164.28	2164.28	408.94
Church Maintenance	-	1345.04	1345.04	1402.44
Insurance and Rates	-	6461.52	6461.52	6192.28
Church Cleaning	-	1759	1759	1758.85
Church Utilities	-	3866.37	3866.37	2717.98
Baptist Union Membership and Assembly	-	3600	3600	3600
Internet Church and Manse	-	305.83	305.83	533.89
General Admin	-	401.43	401.43	927.54
Chair Fund	-	-	-	3007.13
Fellowship Fund	2505	-	2505	3406.98
Steadfast Global	800	-	800	500
YWAM-Claire	6900	-	6900	7020
Special Gift to Claire	500	-	500	-
Rev Barrie-trip to Brazil	50	-	50	-
Sound system	16246	3528.92	19774.92	-
Wreath making	352.55	-	352.55	-
Youth Club (Pool Table)	320	-	320	-
Andie Miller Trust (Storage)	2000	-	2000	-
Youth Club-EFCT	112.33	-	112.33	-
Total	<u>29785.88</u>	<u>80,282.77</u>	<u>110068.65</u>	<u>84286.03</u>

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Year Ended 30th November 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity trustees consider that an independent examination is needed under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts 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

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 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 accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination of the statement of accounts for the year ended 30th November 2024, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:


Accounting records have not been kept in accordance with Section 44 (1)(a) of the Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006

The accounts do not accord with those records

The statement of accounts do not comply with any of the requirements of Regulation 8 of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006

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

Date: 4th March 2025



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