



# Forth St Paul's Parish Church (Church of Scotland)

## **Annual Report and Accounts** for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019

Congregation No: 130713

Charity No: SC003080



# Trustees Annual Report Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019

## Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Forth St Pauls Parish Church (Church of Scotland)  
Charity Registration Number: SC003080  
Congregation Reference No: 130713  
Contact Address: 257 Climpy Road, Forth, Lanark, ML11 8EW

## Trustees (Kirk Session)

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## Principal Office-bearers

Minister: [REDACTED]  
Session Clerk: [REDACTED]  
Church Treasurers: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

## Independent Examiner

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## Structure, Governance and Management

### Governing Document

Forth St Paul's Parish Church is administered in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Constitution (Unitary Form) from March 2010.

### Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Members of the Kirk Session are the charity trustees. The Kirk Session members are the active 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.

### Organisational Structure

The Kirk Session is moderated by the Minister and meets nine times a year. There are committees for the areas of Resources, Worship and Fellowship, Community and World Issues and Pastoral Care and certain responsibilities are delegated to them. Each committee is convened by a member of the Kirk Session with the membership being made up of elders and representatives from the congregation. Each committee reports regularly to the Kirk Session, with Resources reporting at every meeting.

### Objectives and Activities

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 in every parish of Scotland through a territorial ministry. It co-operates with other Churches in various ecumenical bodies in Scotland and beyond. The parish of Forth St Paul's

covers the communities of Forth, Wilsontown, Haywood, Braehead, Climpy, Auchengray, Tarbrax and some farming communities on its borders.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### **Minister's Report**

2019 began with a number of funerals within the first few weeks which made a difficult start to the year for many families.

Our parish coordinator [REDACTED] and I took "Reflective Spaces" to Braehead and Auchengray schools in January, where this interactive exploration of prayer was well received.

February brought the baptism of [REDACTED], a happy contrast to funerals.

On 1st March the World Day of Prayer was held in our church, and the following day I helped lead our Lanark Presbytery Retreat Day in Braehead House, with a brief introduction to Christian Meditation. On 17<sup>th</sup> March I had the enormous privilege of dedicating the stained glass panel in memory of Robert Carruthers. It makes a beautiful addition to our sanctuary.

As a Kirk Session and then as a church we have been exploring what it means to be a more Inclusive Church. I attended a conference in Manchester in October which inspired me to keep working towards this.

The school again brought each class down to our church hall to Easter Code, and the school Easter Assembly was again held in the church.

April saw another baptism, [REDACTED], whose Mum [REDACTED] and two brothers have since become regular attenders.

Our Holy Week services were even more varied this year, with sharing chip suppers before watching the film "the Shack" on Wednesday evening, and a small group went to watch the Passion Play in Carluke on Good Friday.

On 28<sup>th</sup> April I drove up to Aberfeldy with three other members of Presbytery to visit "Breathe" and inspiring church youth project there, and the following day I went to Edinburgh for a Preaching Conference.

I performed four wedding ceremonies between July and August, with only one being held in our church.

The Rainforest Café started gradually during 2019, and is involving building relationships with the young people, and helping them gain confidence through support and training.

As a church we celebrated [REDACTED] having been our organist for 51 years at the beginning of October. An amazing achievement!

We had confirmation that we had been successful in bidding for £55,000 from the Town Centre Fund. This money will be used to refurbish and re-equip our kitchen, provide cinema equipment, and café chairs and tables as well as covering architects fees for the next phase of our redevelopment of our church buildings.

November saw another very successful Santa's Grotto and the switching on of Forth's Christmas lights, and our third baptism, [REDACTED]. December flew past with a wide variety of services, parties, meals and the very moving Christmas Glow. The year ended with the retiral of [REDACTED] as church officer.

Looking ahead we are beginning to think about a Gospel development plan, where all the different groups are interconnected and lead to pathways to faith. We want our buildings to be used in the best possible ways, developing our outreach work with children, families, young people and the elderly. We are working to be more inclusive with improved signage and training to become more dementia friendly; to engage with people of all backgrounds, and help them know the love of God regardless of their sexuality, gender, mental health, addictions, grief, financial state, nationality, physical and mental ability or restrictions.

Our local church review helped us to see how much we are already doing, and we are confident that the work we are starting to develop our church buildings will enable us to fulfil our dreams of being a church which **has** a heart for the community and is **at** the heart of the community.

I would like to thank everyone, all of our office bearers who have served this church faithfully for many years, especially our new treasurer [REDACTED]; and our new property convenor [REDACTED]; for the many ways in which they are stepping into their essential roles within our church. I wish to thank [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have done a mammoth amount of work in applying for funding, organising the work, and running both Planet Earth club and the Rainforest Café. And I wish to record my thanks to [REDACTED] who is now [REDACTED] assistant and has just been appointed to follow [REDACTED] as our church officer.

I also wish to record my thanks to all of our elders and our congregation who are so very supportive and encouraging; all of our community who come along and support our various fund raising and social events; and most of all I thank God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who loves us all, guides and directs us, and gives us the strength and wisdom we need to keep praying and so to continue to see God make Forth St Paul's Parish Church flourish in this community.

### **Worship**

The church family of Forth St Paul's is varied, with people of all ages and experience involved. Sunday worship is held at 11:00am with a small crèche and a vibrant Sunday school known as J.I.G.S.A.W with approximately 15 members. Attendance at services is generally between 80 and 90, with approximately 316 on the roll. Worship is varied with a mixture of traditional and contemporary styles, thereby meeting the needs of differing generations and personalities. Holy Communion is celebrated four times a year on a Sunday, as well as during Holy Week and the week leading up to Christmas, and on occasional Sundays throughout the year. On the second Sunday of the month, there is a short service in the Bank Hall, which is in a sheltered housing complex.

### **Kirk Session Committees** (*made up of Elders and members*)

#### ***Pastoral Care***

Our group make home visits to church members in the parish who are housebound, or who are now unable to come to church. We also visit those in Crosslaw and Beechgrove care homes in Lanark, these visits are very informal, a chance for a blether and a catch up about what's happening in our church.

Sunday worship is recorded on CD which is distributed to several homes together with the Order of Service. Listening to the children's address, sermon, prayers and singing helps members retain a more personal connection with our church family. Information and contact details about the Pastoral Group are included in the Order of Service each week. Our visits are very informal, but an important link in keeping a personal contact with our church family.

Several members of the group assist with flower deliveries after services each week.

Bereavement cards are also sent to families on the first anniversary of a loved ones passing, offering prayers and support, which has been very much appreciated by those families concerned.

Several Elders and/or pastoral care members have also undergone safeguarding training, bereavement and dementia awareness training to better support residents within the parish.

### ***Community and World Issues***

The committee meets throughout the year to organise events for the whole community within our parish as well as highlighting world issues and raising monies for various charities at home and abroad.

During 2019 we held various community events. In January a Scottish Social Evening of local entertainment including a supper was enjoyed by all. In March the Shrove Tuesday Pancake

Night, we had a quiz for all ages and a competition for the young people. In April and October we opened our Church Shop. We organised and distributed Christmas Cards to all the houses in our parish.

During December there was a Santa's Grotto, activities for children as well as teas as a lead up to the Christmas Lights turn on

Within the Church community we had Jingle Jars through the month of March. We organised an Advent Supper on the first Sunday in Advent and a Celebration Lunch for our retiring Church Officer in December.

The Committee also organised events to support some World issues. We continued to support Christian Aid. We had a quiz, a Cake Stall, an envelope collection and a 'Big Brekkie' raising a total of £819.08.

We held a Souper Sunday, supporting the Church of Scotland's HIV programme raising £233.55. Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service supported the Salvation Army in Glasgow as well as Embrace the Middle East project 'Growing for Growth' raising £221.62.

Our Church took part in the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal for Blythswood Care helping people in Eastern Europe and collected monies, through retiring offerings, for Just Trading Scotland to help farmers in Malawi.

### ***Worship and Fellowship***

The committee continue to support ██████ by providing cover for the Bank Hall Services and continuing to provide tea and coffee before and after the service on Sundays.

The Worship Team have been involved in leading worship on some Sunday mornings in the past year using material from both Embrace the Middle East and other sources in ██████ absence.

The Worship Team continue to provide the weekly PowerPoint for the service and are offering training for anyone wishing to operate the Sound Desk.

The Bank Hall Services continue to be held on the second Sunday of every month except July, August and December.

### ***Resources Committee***

They have responsibility for property and finance, and it is an onerous task at times. They manage the hall lets for both the church and the community, oversee the employees, keep the building wind and water tight as well as planning required works. They also have the Manse to care for as it is a major asset for the church as well as a family home for the minister.

### ***J.I.G.S.A.W. (Sunday School)***

In 2019, we had 18 regular children in JIGSAW. This year, we participated in the Mothers Day, Easter Sunday and Harvest thanksgiving services.

We gave our collection to Christian Aid and HIV.

On 9<sup>th</sup> June, we had our annual Prize Giving/Appreciation Service for the children where they all received a book. Afterwards, we had a picnic in the hall and hired 2 bouncy castles.

On 7<sup>th</sup> December, we went to Dobbies garden centre and had "tea with Santa".

Our Nativity Play took place in the large hall on 16<sup>th</sup> December and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children even encouraged the adults to dance!

We have enjoyed hearing many bible stories and in particular focusing on 'God's Colourful World' which included the story of Creation and Noah's Ark. As part of this, Calum from Cool Creatures visited us on 22<sup>nd</sup> September with a wide range of animals and he incorporated how God's animals are all different. This was a huge hit with the children and leaders!

JIGSAW meet on Sunday's in the large hall from 10.50am and follow the same holidays as local schools. All children from 3 years to Primary 7 will be made most welcome. We enjoy bible stories, singing, playing games, playing with musical instruments, crafts, snacks time and much more.

### **Rainforest Cafe**

The Rainforest Café was a new group setup to follow on from the Planet Earth Clubs to ensure a link to teenagers and young adults. The core group have developed a strong bond and regularly attend relaxed sessions where they decide what they want to do. They are now gradually becoming involved in other events within our church family; many helped with the Santa's Grotto event, some helped operate the audio-visual equipment during the Christmas Glow event (which was a big help) and two have volunteered to operate the sound desk for Sunday worship. Several members have gained skills in First Aid, Food Hygiene, Safeguarding and twelve people achieved an Award for Volunteering having completed a six-session course and giving a presentation on an aspect of volunteering which they had been involved in. We cook meals and bake cakes and scones regularly and we enjoyed a Christmas dinner event where 20 of our group got together all helping to prepare and organise the meal and we each took part in a Secret Santa so each person got a present from one of the other members of the group, it was a very good evening. This group will continue to build on the strong bond which has developed and will work to invite other youths to come along.

### **Mainly Music**

Our Mainly Music group continues to flourish. Numbers vary as children grow and move on to nursery and Mums go back to work, but we continue to have new families coming and everyone remarks at what a friendly, happy, welcoming group we are.

Mainly Music is a parent and toddler group based around music, and fun. We teach the children and their parents or carers songs which are both educational and fun, and which encourage healthy interaction between the toddlers (and babies) and their adult. After the music part of the session, the children are all given healthy snacks, and then are supervised by our team as they play with toys, giving parents and carers a chance to sit and enjoy a cuppa, cake and chat.

We meet every Tuesday morning, and at the end of October we were fortunate in having the Moderator and his wife visit our group during their time in Lanark Presbytery. They were both very encouraging about the work we're doing, and were happy to be involved during our session, which was great fun.

The whole ethos of Mainly Music is about sharing our faith through our actions and interactions, as we build up relationships with young families. I'd like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has been involved, especially [REDACTED] who is now sharing the leadership of the group with me.

### **Planet Earth Club**

We continue to operate our Planet Earth Afterschool Clubs during school term. Children are collected from school and walked to the Church Hall. We start off with a time of prayer or storytime, snacks followed by various activities (a selection of games, arts and crafts, sports etc. and the children can choose which activity they prefer. Favourite activities include baking, painting, making dough, dancing and singing. We also arrange specific 'challenges' to help them learn new skills for which they can earn points. This year we had fun with some science experiments, decorated gingerbread houses, made our own garlic butter and garlic bread and lots of pancakes.

Our Galaday is a great event for our community with most of the children and parents from our groups joining in and dressing up. This year our theme was 'Books' we had two trailers, the first being a 6 foot high Adventure Bible and the other had various children's books displayed, we

even had a real horse to walk alongside our War Horse book. We all dressed up as our favourite character from a book and had great fun walking in the procession, each child received £2 for taking part and again we had over 80 people walking with us. A lot of help is received from members of our church and community to bring everything together for the event. Thanks to everyone involved.

## **Guild**

Once again we started the year with our festive dinner (committee agreeing members would pay £5 per person and the remaining £7 would be met from Guild funds). Fortnightly meetings were held January, February, March, September, October and November including an 'Open Night' with guests from surrounding guilds and from our congregation. On 1<sup>st</sup> March it was our turn to host the Annual World Day of Prayer Service for Carnwath, Carstairs, Carmichael and Forth. This was a very good ecumenical service which was well attended and very enjoyable.

Our outing in June went to Dundee with a choice of visiting Victoria and Albert Museum, going on to Broughty Ferry or Shopping. Again, a beautiful sunny day added to the enjoyment.

No members from Forth attended the Annual National Guild meeting in Dundee in September due to transportation issues.

At our AGM on 25 March committee and office bearers remained the same and post of president, chairing meetings being shared. September saw the start of the new session with numbers down this year due to bereavement or ill health. The Easter and Christmas Fayres were once again very successful and as the number of members decreases the age of present members increases. We now rely more on help from the congregation and appreciate this and the support we receive from people from the village and further afield.

We have discussed have some meetings in the afternoon but find quite a lot going on either in Bank Hall, Braehead or Resource Centre and as we still provide transport with 'Dan's Taxi' this enables elderly members a chance to go out in the evening.

This winter we are down to 25 members but as a group we are still very proud of this as we all work well together enabling us to donate to the church and organisations' while most guilds are struggling to survive.

## **Parish Community Co-ordinator**

The position of Parish Coordinator was created to support the outreach work in our community working closely with our schools is very important which helps us identify the more vulnerable families requiring support. Through the Planet Earth Afterschool Clubs and what has now become a few annual events with the school we have developed very close links. We continue to have a 'Pancake Day' at school teaching the children how to measure, mix and make pancakes and of course (the best bit) eating them! This helps remind the children about the Easter Code event which they all attend where the hall is separated into various areas and decorated to depict a specific part of the Easter story; every class comes along for two hours to learn through drama and interaction with various different activities depending on the age group. This also supports the school with meeting the criteria for the curriculum for excellence in lots of ways through the different activities the children take part. This large-scale event takes two full weeks to run as well as a lot of advance preparation and is supported by many volunteers each day and in the evening the message is adapted for the adults to come along and reflect upon. This process seems to work well with the school and therefore I am working on other interactive bible stories which can be told in this way.

This year I wrote an Easter Drama for Forth Primary School's Easter Service where the children were dressed in their costumes to act out their part. The primary 1 children were waving their palm branches around the church while many of the older children had speaking parts giving them confidence speaking in public. A lot of parents came along to enjoy the service too.

A lot of time and effort goes into our Church entry to the Galaday parade in June which is a large community day for the whole village and we have worked hard to ensure that our Church plays a big part in the event.

Santa's Grotto and the switch on of Christmas Lights is another great community day. Thank you to all who give up their time to help and provide brilliant home baking. It has been very encouraging to see some of our Rainforest Café youths coming along to help at various fundraising community events, this being one of them.

Our Christmas Glow event and the telling of the Christmas story by candlelight and music, is by far one of my favourite events to organise. This year 90 people attended including our Kirk Session, each person was given a small brochure as a reminder of the experience. The Christmas Glow has received very positive feedback.

Following on from the Prayer Boxes gifted to our congregation, the weekly prayers have continued following the very positive feedback received by [REDACTED].

The Foodbank is an important part of the job collecting food and delivering it to families and people in need. Anyone receiving food must be referred by an agency e.g. money matters, social work, or doctors. Throughout 2019 78 people have received a food parcel and 2 people received special Christmas packs which contained both food and presents.

I also help with our Mainly Music group and have attended Dementia and Bereavement training. I attend meetings regularly with our Kirk Session, Forth Development Trust, Safeguarding and fundraising group. I also help with the church shops and Easter and Christmas Fayres. I work closely with [REDACTED] (our Safeguarding Coordinator) to ensure all volunteers and appropriate people hold a valid PVG. This year a Safeguarding Training event was held here in Forth where 10 of our volunteers attended along with others from throughout the presbytery area.

**Forth St Pauls Parish Church**

**SC 003080**

**Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of Forth St Pauls Parish Church**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2019 which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

**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.

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

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. My 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

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 comply with Regulation 9 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

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Financial Review**

The majority of our financial support comes through offerings, either by open plate or freewill envelope offerings. In 2019, through the freewill offerings, we raised £37,441. In addition £7,452 was recovered on Gift Aid in the year and £5,135 came in the open plate at Sunday worship. There are a significant number of people who give regularly to the Church, but do not attend morning worship. This proves to us how important the church is in our community, which is more apparent at life-changing moments, such as weddings, funerals and baptisms as well as times of crisis and celebration.

The Guild holds coffee mornings in the course of the year, (*e.g. Christmas and Easter*) and each of these generate over £2,000 in a two hour period. They donate a sizeable portion of their funds to the Church, along with supporting other national Guild projects. Church members also set-up and run the Church Shop twice a year, raising again significant funds for the Church and their projects. It has to be said that these events are community events, and usually it is standing room only with people queuing out the door either to buy or to enjoy the social side of the events.

Substantial grant aid was again received during the year from Tormywheel and Go4It, for the funding of a Parish Community Coordinator. This is shown in the accounts as Restricted Funds.

Our total unrestricted income this year was £67,367, a decrease of £15,320 from 2018. We spent £63,323 (2018 £84,221) on running the church and maintenance of property, meaning that, before transfers, we have a surplus of £4,044 (2018 deficit £1,534). Both income and expenditure this year have decreased substantially due to 2018's high level of fabric maintenance and the associated receipt of grants. This means that we have £51,319 available for use by the congregation of Forth St Paul's Parish Church at the end of 2019, plus £27,761 restricted to the funding of a parish coordinator.

## **Reserves Policy**

It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of approximately three months normal expenditure. At the year end the Church held unrestricted cash funds of £51,319 of which £36,640 had been designated for fabric, £3,292 for the use of the Guild and £1,108 for the future provision of IT equipment. The remaining balance of £10,279 represents about two months expenditure and the Trustees are satisfied that sufficient reserves are available.

## **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The members of the Kirk Session must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Church during the financial year. The members of the Kirk Session are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Church at that time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the Regulations Anent Congregational Finance approved by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 2007. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,

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Session Clerk

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Forth St Pauls Parish Church**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**Year ended 31 December 2019**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Restricted Funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>					
Donations	3	52,712	1,500	<b>54,212</b>	50,604
Activities for Generating Funds		12,223	1,720	<b>13,943</b>	11,020
Bank & Deposit Interest		74	12	<b>86</b>	49
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		65,009	3,232	<b>68,241</b>	61,673
Rental of premises		1,822		<b>1,822</b>	1,720
Other Receipts		536		<b>536</b>	354
Repair Grants Received		-		-	19,301
Parish Community Coordinator Fund			12,702	<b>12,702</b>	25,332
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<b><u>Total Receipts</u></b>		<u>67,367</u>	<u>15,934</u>	<u><b>83,301</b></u>	<u>108,380</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>	4				
Costs of generating funds		305		<b>305</b>	283
Charitable activities		63,018	16,913	<b>79,931</b>	101,230
Governance costs		-		-	-
Other Payments		-		-	-
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<b><u>Total Payments</u></b>		<u>63,323</u>	<u>16,913</u>	<u><b>80,236</b></u>	<u>101,513</u>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year (before transfers)</b>		<b>4,044</b>	<b>(979)</b>	<b>3,065</b>	6,867
<b>Transfers</b>		<b>(2,000)</b>	<b>2,000</b>	-	-
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Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year

2,044      1,021      3,065      6,867

**Forth St Pauls Parish Church**

**Statement of Balances**

**At 31 December 2019**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2019 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2019 £</b>	<b>Total 2019 £</b>	<b>Total 2018 £</b>
<b><u>Bank &amp; Deposit Balances</u></b>				
Bank & deposit balances brought forward	49,275	26,740	<b>76,015</b>	69,148
<b>Movement in year:</b>				
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	2,044	1,021	<b>3,065</b>	6,867
<b>Bank &amp; deposit balances carried forward</b>	<u>51,319</u>	<u>27,761</u>	<u><b>79,080</b></u>	<u>76,015</u>

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session and Financial Board on 18/03/2020.  
For and on behalf of the Kirk Session and Financial Board

\_\_\_\_\_ **Session Clerk**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Treasurer**

## **Forth St Pauls Parish Church**

### **Notes to the Accounts**

#### **Trustee Remuneration and Related Party**

##### **1. Transactions**

██████████, who is a member of the Kirk Session, received £1,650 for providing her services as organist.

██████████, who is also a member of the Kirk Session, received £2,325 for providing his services as Church Officer.

██████████ received reimbursement of expenses of £1,694. In addition, Council Tax of £1,554 was paid by the congregation for the Manse.

Other than the above, no trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

##### **2. Movements in Funds**

	<b>At 1 Jan 2019</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>At 31 Dec 2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Designated Fabric Fund	27,219	9,421	-		<b>36,640</b>
Designated IT Fund	1,108	-	-	-	<b>1,108</b>
Designated Guild Fund	3,692	5,636	2,036	(4,000)	<b>3,292</b>
General Fund	17,256	52,310	61,287	2,000	<b>10,279</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Parish Community Coordinator Fund	26,740	15,934	16,913	2,000	<b>27,761</b>
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	76,015	83,301	80,236	-	<b>79,080</b>

#### **Purposes of Designated Funds**

Fabric Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds for the maintenance of the Church property.

Guild Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds for the running of the Guild.

IT Fund: This Fund is for the provision of IT resources to the minister.

#### **Purposes of Restricted Funds**

Parish Community Coordinator Fund: Grant aid has been obtained to fund the employment and associated costs of a coordinator over a three-year period.

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2019 £</b>	<b>Total 2019 £</b>	<b>Total 2018 £</b>
<b>3. Analysis of Donations</b>			
WFO Scheme & Gift Aid	37,441	<b>37,441</b>	36,516
Bequests & Donations	2,684	<b>2,684</b>	1,401
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid			
Donations	7,452	<b>7,452</b>	6,943

Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)	5,135	5,135	5,744
	<u>52,712</u>	<u>52,712</u>	<u>50,604</u>

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### Notes to the Accounts(continued)

	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Restricted Funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
<b>4. Analysis of Payments</b>				
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>				
Offering envelopes	305	-	305	283
	<u>305</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305</u>	<u>283</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Ministries and Mission Allocation	38,718		38,718	35,642
Presbytery Dues	1,117		1,117	1,001
Minister's Expenses	1,694		1,694	1,939
Pulpit Supply	(60)		(60)	239
Other salary costs	6,245	13,073	19,318	17,271
Fabric Repairs & Maintenance	4,479		4,479	27,395
Council Tax	1,554		1,554	1,531
Other Buildings Costs	7,573		7,573	7,588
Church Office Expenses	842		842	1,232
Worship Resources	(17)		(17)	90
Other expenses	873	3,840	4,713	7,302
	<u>63,018</u>	<u>16,913</u>	<u>79,931</u>	<u>101,230</u>
<b>Governance costs</b>				
Independent examiner's fees	-		-	-
<b>Other payments</b>				
Purchase of assets	-		-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

## 5. Minister's Stipend

All Church of Scotland congregations contribute to the National Stipend Fund which bears the costs of all ministers' stipends and employer's contributions for national insurance, pension and housing and loan fund. Ministers' stipends are paid in accordance with the national stipend scale, which is related to years of service. For the year under review the minimum stipend was £27,585 and the maximum stipend (in the tenth and subsequent years) £33,899

2019	2018
£	£

## 6. Collections for Third Parties

Place at the table - Syria appeal	-	-
St Andrew's Hospice	-	140
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### **Notes to the Accounts(continued)**

#### **7. Funds Held by Church of Scotland**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Opening Balance	<b>977</b>	1,755
Interest Received	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
	<b>980</b>	1,761
Amount repaid	<b>980</b>	784
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	<b>-</b>	<b>977</b>
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