

The Church of Scotland

Langholm, Eskdalemuir, Ewes & Westerkirk Church of Scotland

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS 2024

Congregation No: 070408

Charity No: SC 011946

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name: Langholm, Eskdalemuir, Ewes & Westerkirk Parish Church

Charity Registration Number: SC011946

Congregation Reference No: 070408

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Principal Office-bearers

Minister: Rev Morag Crossan
Session Clerk: Aileen Cavers/Jackie Henderson
Clerk to the Board: No Board
Church Treasurer: Joyce Ireland

Independent Examiner
Yuliana Murray

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Langholm, Eskdalemuir, Ewes Parish Church Trustees 2024

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Aileen Cavers/Jackie Henderson	Sharing Session Clerk Role			

Year ended 31 December 2024

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Church is administered in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Constitution (Unitary Form).

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 Interim Moderator, Rev. Morag Crossan, who is a member of the Kirk Session, is appointed by Presbytery.

Organisational Structure

The Kirk Session which meets nine times a year is responsible for spiritual and temporal within the church.

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 also co-operates with other Churches in various ecumenical bodies in Scotland and beyond.

The congregation meets for public worship every Sunday at 10:00am, with additional services held at Christmas and Easter.

The Sunday Club for young people also meets weekly at 10:00am with twelve young people regularly attending to explore faith in a fun and engaging way.

Over the past year, there have been two baptisms, two weddings, and twenty-five funerals. School chaplaincy has continued across the local schools, with the Interim Moderator leading end-of-term services, Christmas services, and a Common Riding service for pupils and staff. The annual Common Riding for the town also took place and continues to be a well-supported and valued community event. The congregation holds an annual Church Fete, which is very well supported by the local community. It raises significant funds for the church and provides a meaningful opportunity for fellowship and outreach.

This year the Kirk Session has worked diligently in response to the Presbytery Mission Plan of the South West Presbytery. The plan involves a union with Liddesdale Church and a linkage with Canonbie United Church. From 1st January 2025, the united charge will be known as Eskdale and Liddesdale linked with Canonbie United. Subject to a congregational vote, Rev. Morag Crossan will be inducted as the minister of this newly formed charge.

Financial Review

Total Income in 2024 was £49,666 a year-on-year increase of £10,054.

Ordinary offerings of £36,111 represents the most significant income stream, comprising weekly giving, direct debits and gift aid tax recoveries, Donations received were £6,435, and fundraising generated income of £6,186.

Total Expenditure was £36,881, which was £19,363 favourable compared to last year. Most significant savings achieved related to manse maintenance & heating £10,776; Church maintenance £4,535; photocopier £2,300; Ministers travel expenses £1,921; and Giving to Grow £1,556.

The total net surplus on LEEW Accounts in the year 2024 was £12,785 favourable compared to a net deficit last year of (£16,632).

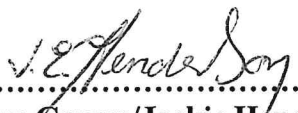
Reserves Policy

The closing bank balance at 31st December 2024 was £36,453, an increase of £12,785 in the year. Trustees have set aside a proportion of these funds as designated funds represented by Organ Fund of £14,694, Fabric Fund £8,500, and Church Projects Fund of £3,324.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The members of the Kirk Session / Congregational Board 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 / Congregational Board 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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Aileen Cavers/Jackie Henderson
Session Clerk

Date ...05/05/2026...

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Langholm, Eskdalemuir, Ewes & Westerkirk Parish Church

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 01 to 06.

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.

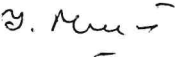
Basis of independent examiner's statement

An examination is 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 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  Yuliana Murray

Address: 1 Waverley Road, Langholm , DG13 0EA

Date 22/04/2026

Langholm Eskdalemuir, Ewes & Westerkirk Parish Church
Receipts and Payments Account
Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Designated Funds 2024	Endowment Funds 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
RECEIPTS					
Donations	36,111	1,360		37,470	36,825
Legacies				0	0
Fundraising Events	5,075	6,186		11,261	1,529
Bank & Deposit Interest	178	441		619	455
Investment Income	315			315	803
	<u>41,679</u>	<u>7,987</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>49,666</u>	<u>39,612</u>
Rental of premises (Drawn from 121)				0	0
Sale of investments(war stock)				0	0
Grants				0	0
Receipts from General Trustees					
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>41,679</u>	<u>7,987</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>49,666</u>	<u>39,612</u>
Payments					
Cost of generating funds	0			0	0
Charitable activities	32,100	4,780		36,881	56,244
Governance costs				0	0
Other payments				0	0
	<u>32,100</u>	<u>4,780</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>36,881</u>	<u>56,244</u>
Total Payments	<u>32,100</u>	<u>4,780</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>36,881</u>	<u>56,244</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	<u>9,579</u>	<u>3,207</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,785</u>	<u>(16,632)</u>

Langholm Eskdalemuir, Ewes & Westerkirk Parish Church
Statement of Balances

Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Designated Funds 2024	Endowment Funds 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
<u>Bank & Cash</u>					
Balances brought forward 01/01/24	356	23,312	0	23,668	40,300
Movement in the Year	9,579	3,207	0	12,785	(16,632)
Balance at 31/12/24	<u>9,934</u>	<u>26,519</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>36,453</u>	<u>23,668</u>
<u>Investments</u>					
Investments at cost	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
<u>Current Assets</u>					
Gift Aid Claim o/s 2024				<u>6,000</u>	<u>14,000</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Ministers Stipend 2021/22/23(o/s to 121)				<u>63,883</u>	<u>70,614</u>

The Accounts were approved by the Kirk Session/Congregational Board on

For and on behalf of the Kirk Session/Congregational Board

J. E. Henderson
Joyce Ireland

Session Clerk

Treasurer

Langholm Eskdalemuir, Ewes & Westerkirk Parish Church
Notes forming part of the financial statements
Year Ended 31 December 2024

1 Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

During the year one trustee received reimbursement of expenses incurred totalling £681.30. Kirk Session Members received payments for services £125 and £25.

2 Movements in Funds

		At 1 January 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2024 £
FUNDS						
Endowment Funds						
Unrestricted funds						
a	Designated Organ Fund	19,474	0	(4,780)		14,694
b	Designated Church Projects Fund	3,264	60	0		3,324
c	General Revenue Reserve Fund	356	41,679	(32,100)	0	9,934
d	Designated Fabric Fund	573	7,927	0	0	8,500
		0				0
		<u>23,668</u>	<u>49,666</u>	<u>(36,881)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>36,453</u>
Total funds		<u>23,668</u>	<u>49,666</u>	<u>(36,881)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>36,453</u>

Purposes of Designated Funds

a **Organ Fund**: This is a fund set up to refurbish and maintain Langholm Church Organ. The closing balance on this restricted fund at year end was £14,694.

b **Church Projects Fund**: This fund was set up for specific projects, and to assist with the cost of installing pew cushions, and fixtures within the church building. The closing balance on this account was £3,324.

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

3 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Designated Funds 2024	Endowment Funds 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
Analysis of Resources Expended					
Costs of Generating Funds					
Investment Manager's Fees				0	0
Offering Envelopes/Penny Boxes/Fundraising		0		0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Charitable Activities					
Ministries and Mission Allocation	5,175			5,175	6,731
Presbytery Dues	545			545	0
Voluntary Additional Stipend				0	0
Minister's Expenses	342			342	2,263
Ministerial Assistance	0			0	0
Pulpit Supply	0			0	0
Other salary costs	3,018	4,136		7,154	7,990
Fabric Repairs & Maintenance	3,865	0		3,865	17,868
Council Tax	0			0	1,307
Other Buildings Costs	17,363			17,363	15,204
Church Office Expenses	432			432	2,844
Organ & Music	270	644		914	771
Other expenses	1,091			1,091	1,266
	<u>32,100</u>	<u>4,780</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>36,881</u>	<u>56,244</u>
Governance Costs					
Independent Examiner's Fee				0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>32,100</u>	<u>4,780</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>36,881</u>	<u>56,244</u>

4 Collections for 3rd Parties (Support for Charities)

	2024 £	2023 £
Sunday School		242
Earle Haig	134	
Wateraid	161 *	166
	<u>295</u>	<u>408</u>

* To be paid out 2025

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APPENDIX

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

<u>Capital Account</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Credit Balances held at 31 December at cost	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Market Value of Balances at 31 December	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Revenue Account	455	346
Credit Balances held at 31 December at cost	<u>455</u>	<u>346</u>
Temporary Account (Eskdalemuir) ***	360	2,600
Credit Balances held at 31 December at cost	<u>360</u>	<u>2,600</u>

NOTES:-
Temporary Account - Eskdalemuir - 121 charged legal costs of Manse and Ewes church against this fund in 2024