

**Redgorton and Stanley Parish Church
- Church of Scotland**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
and
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
For the Year to 31 December 2024**

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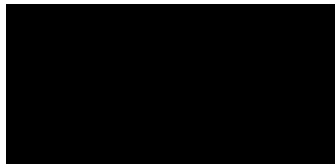
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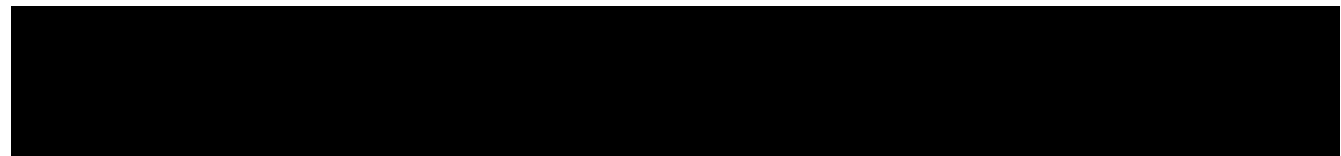
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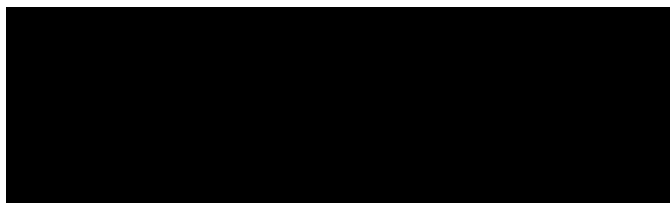
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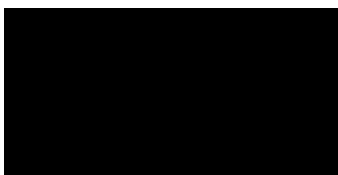
Principal Office-Bearers

Interim Moderator:

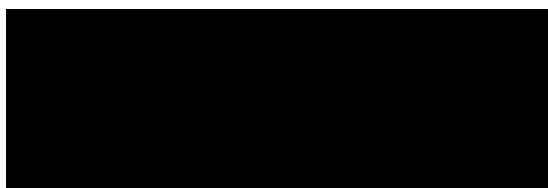
Locum Minister:

Session Clerk:

Church Treasurer:



Independent Examiner



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Trustees' Annual Report

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) dated 23 January 2006.

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.

Organisational Structure

The Kirk Session is responsible for both the temporal and spiritual affairs of the congregation and to facilitate this it is divided into three Working Groups (each of which has members of the congregation co-opted to it).

These Working Groups and their remits were re-structured in March 2011 as follows:

Fabric & Finance:

- i) to oversee the maintenance of the fabric of all congregational properties and ensure compliance with health & safety legislation and with any requirements for insurance or fire certificate purposes.
- ii) to bring to the attention of the Session all matters of fabric, equipment and furnishings that require attention/repair/replacement, subject to their having power to proceed with fabric works up to a cost (inclusive of VAT) of £2,000 in any calendar year without reference to the Kirk Session.
- iii) to prepare the draft Accounts and Budget.
- iv) to ensure compliance with all Regulations of both the Church of Scotland and OSCR re Congregational Finance; and
- v) to create and maintain among members a commitment to provide, by regular giving, sufficient income to meet the cost of the whole financial and other temporal affairs and obligations of the congregation.

Fellowship & Communication:

- i) to encourage fellowship within the congregation and parish by means of social activities, and regular pastoral care
- ii) to keep the congregation and the community informed of the life and worship of the congregation.
- iii) to make arrangements for the preparation and printing of the newsletter (Kirk Byte).
- iv) to pursue the creation of a website for the congregation and to keep under review the use of multi-media technology in the congregation's proclamation of the Gospel; and
- v) to exercise supervision of all congregational organisations, including the arranging of training of members as and when required.

Worship & Nurture:

- i) to remain faithful to our traditional Sunday Morning worship, while also developing alternative types of worship, i.e., Messy Church / Intergenerational Escape Room. The first I.E.R. took place on 23rd December and was well received. We continue to celebrate Communion with the more informal Café Church Communion.
- ii) to nurture the spirituality of the congregation, including the promotion and development of prayer within the congregation and parish.
- iii) to encourage members to participate in worship and in study and discussion groups.
- iv) to plan, in conjunction with the minister and subject to his/her agreement, the means of doing so.

The full Kirk Session met 7 times in 2024.

Working Groups meeting as necessary to fulfil their remits.

The Congregational Annual Stated Meeting was held on the 28th of April 2024.

Presbytery Plan

Many discussions and deliberations continued throughout the year concerning the proposed Presbytery Plan and its sweeping repercussions. We are in a network with North Church, Letham St Marks, Riverside, Bertha Park and Auchtergaven and Moneydie. From 15th April 2024 the Rev. Susan Thorburn, our Interim Moderator was also appointed our Locum Minister. The Presbytery Plan offers us 0.25 FTE Locum Minister to serve us and our linked charge of Auchtergaven and Moneydie and a covenant agreement with Perth North Network.

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.

Redgorton & Stanley Parish Church – Church of Scotland (“the congregation”) is the only Church of Scotland congregation in the villages of Luncarty and Stanley. Worship is conducted in Luncarty Church Centre and Stanley Village Hall. The two villages have a total of approximately 1,500 households and 3,300 inhabitants, of which 44% (1,452 people) reported their religious affiliation as Church of Scotland, well above the national average.

There is only one property within Redgorton and Stanley Parish for which the congregation is responsible, namely, Luncarty Church Centre.

Luncarty Church Centre is a refurbished Victorian farm building that used to be part of Luncarty Home Farm. It is a spacious bright modern building that is well used and much loved by its parishioners. Any maintenance issues are dealt with quickly which means it is in very good condition and, apart from normal running costs, requires modest expenditure to keep it in good condition. Luncarty Church Centre is well used, not only by the parishioners, but also by many external clubs and associations. We feel it has a secure future.

Luncarty Church Centre is insured through Church of Scotland Insurance.

Redgorton and Stanley Parish Church is linked with the Church of Scotland congregation of Auchtergaven and Moneydie.

All ministerial costs continue to be shared equally by the two charges.

The principal activities of the Redgorton and Stanley congregation include its regular weekly worship, alternating between Luncarty (Luncarty Church Centre) and Stanley (Stanley Village Hall) at 10am each Sunday. Occasional joint services with Auchtergaven & Moneydie Parish Church in Bankfoot were held throughout the year.

We have a continuing working relationship with the Scottish Episcopal Church in Stanley (St Columba's) and joint worship has taken place throughout the year, including Celtic Communion and Taize Services. Joint Bible studies/coffee and chat take place on Zoom between Redgorton and Stanley and St Columba's on a weekly basis. The Minister has a working relationship with Stanley Primary School where she has visited classes and helps run the Scripture Union Group, known as the Soul Choir each week. In December our church participated in the Tree Festival at Stanley Primary School by displaying a wooden tree with sticky leaves with prayers and wishes written on them. On the day, those visiting the trees were invited to add their own thoughts, wishes and prayers making it into a living tree.

In May we had a visit from our Missionary Partners Ida and Keith Waddell. They took the Assembly at Stanley Primary School and had lunch in Luncarty Church Centre before giving a Presentation.

A Digital Hymnal programmed by a team of volunteers is used to lead the congregational singing during the services.

Holiday Club ran for 3 mornings at the end of July.

Café Church and Café Communion; Bible Study and Celtic Communion have continued throughout the year.

In November we jointly ran cover for the school's in-service day with Auchtergaven and Moneydie in Bankfoot Church Centre with leaders coming from both parishes. We also have two teenagers helping us as they work towards achieving their Saltire Award..

All Advent Services were supported and augmented by the Worship and Nurture Group plus other members of session.

One member of the Worship and Nurture working group oversees the Cradle Roll, sending out birthday cards to all baptized children, up to and when they are aged three.

The Fellowship and Communication working group continue to organise the publishing and printing of the newsletter (Kirk Byte).

There continues to be regular and generous support for Perth Food Bank with the collection of much needed food items, which are delivered to the Food Bank by volunteers from our Church members. Contributions have been made to Homestart.

Church based organisations include the Guild, Lunch Club, Flower Group, Drama Group (Serendipity), Pins and Needles Group, Mahjong Group. Non-Church Groups who use the Church Centre on a 'pay as you go' basis include Luncarty Alive, (an exercise class for over 50's of all capabilities), Yoga classes, the Community Council and various other groups. Strollers continued with their walks. Events which took place in conjunction with other agencies included Picnic in the Park (Church, Honeypot Nursery and both Care Homes), and the MacMillan Coffee fund raiser which was a joint enterprise with the Honeypot Nursery. The local Parent and Toddler Group use our Church Centre two mornings per week and planned and presented the Christingle service on Christmas Eve.

As of 31 December 2024, the Congregational Roll totalled 258 (2023 – 267), with a further 3 people on the Supplementary Roll. During the year 2024, 9 people were removed by death. There were 9 funerals.

Achievements and Performance

Since September we have a working plan with three goals which we are seeking to achieve within the period September 2024-June 2027. These goals are –

- To bring people to (back to) faith in Jesus and Church community.
- Develop faith through weekly worship; fellowship; bible study and prayer.
- Bring glory to God in this Parish, through our Faith and action.

We also have 4 strategies to help us achieve these goals –

Strategy 1: Discipleship

- Lead people to a deeper understanding of faith.
- Lead people to seek membership (and commitment).
- Encourage growth in faith.
- Encourage daily bible reading and prayer.
- Encourage faith and action

We have been expanding our understanding of our faith through weekly services; Bible Study (on the book of Ruth; and Pete Greig's Prayer Course); Daily Thoughts (prepared by our Minister and distributed through email each Friday where members have been encouraged to explore the book of James; Philippians; Psalms; Psalm 119 and Lent and Advent readings. There is a buzz in both Luncarty and in Stanley about faith and the circulation of the weekly thoughts is growing.

Having conducted joint elder training (with Auchtergaven and Moneydie Parish Church) last year (2023), two elders were ordained in January 2024. And two Baptism's were held in January and in August 2024 and these two babies plus another born in November 2024 have joined the Scottish Bible Societies Bibles for Bairns outreach programme.

Strategy 2: Worship

- Offer traditional worship but also explore fresh expressions (e.g. Café Worship; Intergenerational worship; mid-week worship; Celtic Communion ...)
- Seek to make worship Inclusive through full use of technology and learning strategies.
- Working with St. Columba's Episcopalian Church in Stanley – through Celtic Communion; joint Remembrance activities; World Day of Prayer Sunday, and other opportunities as they arise.
- Increase our link activities with Auchtergaven and Moneydie through 3 joint services (in addition to Christmas and Easter) – joint communion in September [in Luncarty Church Centre]; World Day of Prayer Service in February/March and BBQ and service in Bankfoot Church Centre.
- Aspire to return to holding worship in both Luncarty and Stanley on a weekly basis.

We have continued to hold Café Worship on the first Sunday of every month and this is well received and offers the opportunity for a bit of discussion on the theme of worship for that day. Celtic Communion has been held once a month since September during the week and is well attended (including some members of St. Columba's).

We now have a projector in Stanley Village Hall in addition to the Sound and Visual System installed in Luncarty Church Centre and this allows us to project hymns; use focus videos and learn new hymns. In March we held the first of our joint services in Stanley Village Hall for our World day of prayer service (led by members of our congregation) and many folks from Auchtergaven and Moneydie Church joined us. Our joint communion service, held in Luncarty Church Centre. The second joint service of worship saw us all worshipping together in Bankfoot Church Centre in June followed by a BBQ and the opportunity for children to play on a bouncy castle as the adults came together to enjoy each others company. We welcomed Auchtergaven and Moneydie Church to our church Centre in September for Joint communion.

Weekly worshipping congregations average around mid to upper twenties, with only a few children and young people attending Sunday worship. The number of young people involved in the congregation, however, continues to be reasonable, attending the holiday club and Christingle and other events. The number of Ecumenical activities and services continue through Celtic Communion and Taize services. Several of our members join with St Columba's on a weekly basis on Zoom for Bible study and coffee and chat. Once again, it was a great joy for us, when the Parent and Toddler Group organised and conducted a Christingle Service on Christmas Eve with many families attending and enjoying the experience.

The Worship Team assisted the Minister in all the Advent Services.

Coffee Mornings have restarted spasmodically this year and other events during the year included Serendipity Drama Group productions in Luncarty, Bankfoot and Moncrieffe Church in Perth.

Strategy 3: Mission and Fellowship

- Offer fellowship opportunities through Weekly activities [Bible Study Group(Mondays fortnightly); The Guild (Tuesdays monthly); through Pop-up Café's and Coffee Mornings and Afternoons etc.]

- Children's Church Activities – Messy Church; all-age worship; intergenerational Church Parties; holiday clubs; working with Bankfoot to offer Inservice Day Childcare.
- School Links – Minister to work with Primary Schools, in class; in church to cover RME curriculum plus assist with the running of SU group/Soul Choir in Stanley and preparing the way for a group in Luncarty.

As previously recorded we have well establish mid-week groups and we held a few pop-up Café's and Coffee Mornings/Afternoons throughout the year run by groups from within the Church and wider Community. We have held a variety of events for Children and families throughout the year and more are planned for 2025. School link in Stanley continues to grow.

The Flower Group created Christmas wreaths which were sold for Church funds.

Strategy 4: Pastoral Care

- Create and train Pastoral Care Team
- Minister to visit members

We are preparing for the re-establishing of our Pastoral Care Team and our Minister has begun to visit members and to meet with people within our community on the fringe of the church.

Conclusion

Once again, it has been a bad year for losing members through death, and this is reflected in the drop in the Roll, something that, sadly, is likely to continue given the age profile of the congregation. We have worked hard to create more interest within the communities and to be a growing presence there.

Financial Review

The congregation's principal source of income (around 40% in the current year – compared to around 47% in the previous year) is through the giving of its members. A substantial part of these givings (around 34% in the current year – a very slight increase from 33% in the previous year) is given through Gift Aid.

A claim to recover the tax on the 2024 Gift Aid payments amounting to £2252 is in the process of being submitted (a decrease of around 23% on 2023's figure).

Fund raising events generated the sum of £645 compared to £3244 in 2023 (a significant decrease of 80%). Income from hall rental increased by nearly 190% from £2714 in 2023 to £5145 in 2023, mainly due to Luncarteenies now meeting in the Church Centre.

Expenses for the year show an increase of £16307 this is due to us purchasing a new Sound System at the cost of £16022 (refunded to us by Church of Scotland from funds held in our Fabric Fund). We had Locum costs amounting to £5503 (£1716 was shared with Auchtergaven and Moneydie who refunded £858). We also had Pulpit costs totalling £2413, (shared with Auchtergaven and Moneydie who refunded £1206).

Fabric and maintenance costs amounted to £995 (a decrease of 16% from 2023). Our Electricity costs amounted to £2590, this included arrears from 2023 as EON had not taken all Direct Debits. The costs do not include the final three months of 2024 as again Eon failed

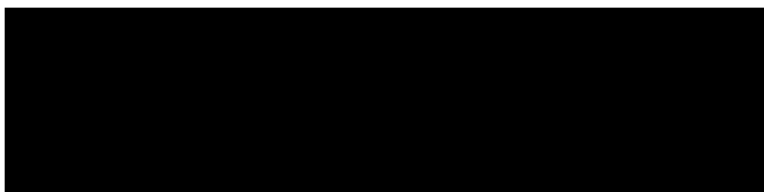
to collect the Direct Payments amounting to £845. The increase in the costs are partly due to the increase in hall bookings.

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of approximately six months expenditure, including designated funds other than the Fabric Fund. At the year end the Church held unrestricted cash funds of £46734, which (on 2024 figures) represents around twelve sixteen months expenditure.

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.



Date 24th March 2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
For the Year to 31 December 2024

Redgorton and Stanley Parish Church – Church of Scotland SC 010629

Report of the Independent Examiner

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 seeking 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 accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination of the statement of account for the year ended 31 December 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 account does not comply with any of the requirements of Regulation 9 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.

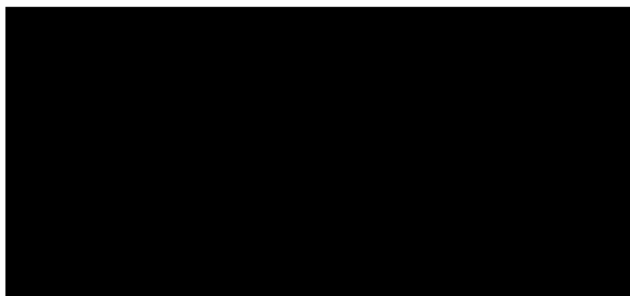
Redgorton and Stanley Parish Church
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment		
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
		2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>						
Donations	3	20,246	0	0	20,246	19,007
Legacies		0	0	0	0	0
Income of Congregational Organisations		4,540	0	0	4,540	5,427
Activities for Generating Funds		645	0	0	645	3,244
Bank & Deposit interest		651	0	0	651	385
Investment income		135	0	0	135	120
		26,217	0	0	26,217	28,183
Rental of premises		5,145	0	0	5,145	2,714
Collections for Third Parties	6	1,298	0	0	1,298	1,811
Refund for Hymnal from CoS Fabric Fund		0	0	0	0	2,820
Refund for Curtains and blinds from CofS		0	0	0	0	1,752
Refund of shared Ministerial expenses from A&M		2,068	0	0	2,068	2,524
Refund for Sound System from CoS Fabric Fund		16,022	0	0	16,022	0
Community Art		0	0	0	0	376
Other Receipts		96	0	0	96	116
<u>Total Receipts</u>		50,846	0	0	50,846	40,296
<u>Payments</u>	4					
Costs of generating funds		99	0	0	99	128
Charitable activities		45,431	0	0	45,431	29,095
Governance costs		0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total Payments</u>		45,530	0	0	45,530	29,223
Excess Receipts (Payments) for the year		5,316	0	0	5,316	11,073

Redgorton and Stanley Parish Church
Statement of Balances
At 31st December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Bank & Deposit Balances</u>	2					
Bank & deposit balances brought forward		48,557	0	0	48,557	37,484
Movement in year:						
Excess of Receipts/(Payments) for the year		5,316	0	0	5,316	11,073
Bank & deposit balances carried forward		<u>53,873</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>53,873</u>	<u>48,557</u>
<u>Investments at market value</u>						
1000 Church of Scotland Investors Trust Growth Fund Units (cost £500)		6,380	0	0	6,380	5,830
<u>Assets</u>						
Former Redgorton Communion Cups (as valued March 2018)		18,000	0	0	18,000	18,000
Gift Aid Receivable 2024		2,252	0	0	2,252	2,993
<u>Liabilities</u>						
EON Electricity supply for 3 month period Oct-Dec 24		848	0	0	848	1015

The Accounts were approved by the Kirk Session on 24th March 2025



Redgorton and Stanley Parish Church

Notes to the 2024 Accounts

1. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

During the year 2024 one Trustee, [REDACTED] £1080 for her services at Luncarty.

Apart from the foregoing, no Trustee or any 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

	At 1 Jan 2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund:					
Royal Bank of Scotland A/c	41,170	46,306	40,742	0	46,734
Total General Funds	41,170	46,306	40,742	0	46,734
Designated Accounts:					
Guild A/c	816	2,015	1,720	0	1,111
Lunch Club A/c	757	303	127	0	933
Serendipity A/c	5,059	2,139	2900	0	4,298
Children's & Youth Ministry A/c	755	83	41	0	797
Total funds	48,557	50,846	45,530	0	53,873

Purposes of Designated Funds

These Accounts are not operated by the Trustees but by those responsible for the various organisations within the congregation, subject to the overall supervision of the Kirk Session. The funds in these accounts are those ingathered and disbursed by the respective organisations.

			Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment		
			Funds	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
			2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
			£	£	£	£	£
3.	Analysis of Donations						
	WFO Scheme (non Gift Aid)		1,450	0	1450		1,530
	Gift Aid Donations		6,890	0	6890		7,242
	Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Donations		4,650	0	4670		2,905
	Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)		3,820	0	1470		3,993
	Congregational Organisations		2,800	0	2800		2,600
	Other Offerings, Donations etc		636	0	636		737
			20,246	0	20,246		19,007
4.	Analysis of Payments						
	Costs of generating funds						
	Offering envelopes		99	0	99		128
			99	0	99		128
	Charitable activities						
	Giving to Grow		7,357	0	7,357		6,537
	Locum		3,787	0	3,787		0
	Shared Locum expenses		1,716	0	1,716		0
	Presbytery dues		817	0	817		394
	A&M Pulpit/travel		0	0	0		24
	Shared Pulpit supply/travel		2,413	0	2,413		5,000
	R/S Pulpit supply		0	0	0		160
	Non-ministerial staffing costs		1,080	0	1,080		720
	Fabric repairs & maintenance		995	0	995		1,178
	Heat and light		2,590	0	2,590		903
	Insurance		945	0	945		868
	Expenditure of Cong Organisations		4,788	0	4,788		4,741
	Printing, stationery and postage		103	0	103		86
	Collections for Third Parties		1,298	0	1,298		1,811
	Stanley Hall Rent		660	0	660		544
	Curtains and blinds		0	0	0		1,752
	Microphone		23	0	23		0
	Sound System		16,022		16,022		0
	Digital Hymnal		0	0	0		2,820
	Music Licence 2024&2025		190		190		0
	Printer		0	0	0		343
	Community Art		0	0	0		719
	Poppy Scotland - Wreaths		64	0	64		62
	Miscellaneous expenditure		583	0	583		433
			45,431	0	45,431		29,095

5. Minister's Stipend

All Church of Scotland congregations contribute to the National Stipend Fund through their Giving to Grow Contribution. That Fund 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 of these Accounts, the minimum stipend was £31,642 and the maximum (in the 5th and subsequent years) £38,884

									2024	2023
									£	£
6. Collections for Third Parties										
	World Day of Prayer								40	86
	McMillan								660	1,218
	CHAS								0	110
	Tear Fund								113	0
	Food Bank								65	37
	Christian Aid								420	360
									1,298	1,811

APPENDIX				
FUNDS HELD ON BEHALF OF THE CONGREGATION				
BY THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GENERAL TRUSTEES				
		2024		2023
		£		£
<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>				
Credit Balances held at 31 December at cost		441,854		457,887
Market Value of Balances at 31 December		459,703		68,187
<u>REVENUE ACCOUNT</u>				
Credit Balance at 31 December		63,915		40,699
<u>TEMPORARY FUND</u>				
Credit Balance at 31 December		0		0
<i>Note:</i>				
<i>Payments made from the Fabric Fund Revenue Account in 2024 totalled £16,022</i>				