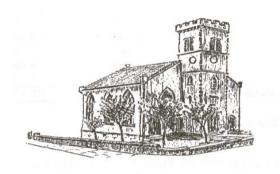
- THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND -

PATHHEAD PARISH CHURCH KIRKCALDY

Congregation Ref. 251510



CONGREGATIONAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Charities Ref: SC002858

Trustees' Annual Report Year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present the annual report and accounts for the Pathhead Parish Church of Scotland, Kirkcaldy for the year ended 31 December 2024

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Pathhead Parish Church of Scotland, Kirkcaldy

Charity Registration Number: SC002858

Congregation Reference No: 251510

The Church Office Contact Address:

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TRUSTEES

Kirk Session

R Barclay**

S Clachers**

A Deas**

E Duncan**

D Duncan

H Galloway

K Glachan

G Grubb

S Harper

M Horn**

A Hugh**

L Hugh**

M Kelly**

P Martin

N Mitchell J Mitchell

H Mackenzie**

R Oliphant**

K Samson**

A Scott**

M Snaddon**

K Walker**

Elders are Ordained for life, however the Church of Scotland allows for those Elders who can no longer fufil the wideranging duties of an Elder, to move to a 'non-active' list and assume the status of Emeritus Elder. Such Elders may, at some future date be invited to return to full membership of the Kirk Session. ** Also member of Congregational Board

Congregational Board

Permanent members

E Brown S Clachers
J Cargill A Deas
E Cockburn A Hugh
G Cox L Hugh
W Neilson M Kelly
M Paterson R Oliphant
D Steedman

Principal Office-bearers

Minister Rev A C Donald, BD, DPS#

Session Clerk L Hugh
Depute Session Clerk A Deas
Clerk to the Board R Oliphant
Church Treasurer M Kelly

Independent Examiner

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Bankers

G Suttie M Taylor

Royal Bank of Scotland Kirkcaldy Branch 23/25 Rosslyn Street Kirkcaldy Fife KY1 3HW

Also Trustee – Moderator of Kirk Session

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 Model Deed of Constitution.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Members of the Kirk Session and the Congregational Board 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 minister, who is a member of the Kirk Session, is elected by the congregation and inducted by Presbytery. The Congregational Board is appointed from within the congregation and members of the congregation are invited to nominate individuals who are considered to have the skills and commitment to contribute to the management affairs of the Church, to become members of the Board. Board Members are then appointed at the Stated Annual Meeting and serve for a period of three years after which they must, if they wish, seek re-election at the next Stated Annual Meeting.

Organisational Structure

The Congregational Board is chaired by the Minister and meets six times in a year, or as required. Certain responsibilities are delegated to the Finance Committee and the Fabric Committee as appropriate. The Kirk Session, which meets ten times a year, or as required, is responsible for spiritual affairs 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 co-operates with other Churches in various ecumenical bodies in Scotland and beyond.

Pathhead Parish Church, situated in the east end of Kirkcaldy, has a congregation of some 258 members. Worship is normally at 11 am on Sunday mornings, and offers a mixture of traditional and modern, with praise being led by an organist along with occasional videos. Approximately 75 attend each Sunday, with many continuing fellowship over tea and coffee in the large hall at the close of the worship. Visitors are assured of a warm welcome from the Minister and members of the Welcome Team on duty. Evening services would normally be held on an ad-hoc basis in conjunction with neighbouring congregations, particularly during the various seasons of the Church's calendar. Further details of the congregation can be found on the website (www.pathheadparishchurch.co.uk). There is also a Facebook page to facilitate communication with those who attend "Messy Church".

Services are also offered online on Zoom with a link supplied on the website to all those who have internet connection to view on You tube.

Although Church membership tends towards the middle-aged/elderly, some 130 young people would normally involve themselves in the routine of the Church, through the various Youth Organisations, i.e. Boys Brigade, Rainbows and Brownies. Other activities for children include the monthly Messy Church Sunday afternoon for children and their parents or grandparents.

The Church is very much part of the community, and the Minister is Chaplain to two nearby schools – one Secondary which includes a department for pupils with Special Needs and one Primary. The large suite of halls normally hosts meetings and events for Church and Community Groups alike, who enjoy their activities in a safe, secure and comfortable environment.

Pathhead Christian Outreach, established in 2006, provides a daily meals service to some 22 homes in the Parish and its environs delivering freshly cooked food to elderly housebound customers. The Café St Clair, situated in one of the church halls is a restaurant facility which seats 40 and serving approximately 100 meals per week. Primarily both the meals delivery and the Café are staffed by four salaried people and a dedicated group of volunteers, from both within and outwith the congregation. A Management Committee, comprising Office Bearers and members of the Kirk Session, Café/Outreach volunteers, and chaired by the Minister, oversees the wider management of the initiative.

Over the last year, the long-established Summer and Christmas Fairs, held principally to raise funds for the upkeep of the fabric of the Church, have continued to be held along with many successful social events celebrating Pathhead Parish Church's bicentenary. All were well supported by the local community.

Achievements and Performance during 2024

- Community outreach through the delivery of meals to elderly housebound in the Parish has continued as an essential service.
- We participated in the local Warm Spaces initiative, opening one of the halls for tea/coffee and cake along with board games, chat and fellowship.
- Kirkcaldy Foodbank project have benefitted from a monetary contribution and a drop off area is provided for food donations.
- Poppy Scotland and the R.A.F Benevolent Fund received donations following a retiring offering.
- A retiring offering was taken at our Christmas Eve Service and money sent to Fife Women's Aid.
- A Christmas 'shoebox' collection for Blythswood Trust took place, where gifts of clothing, toys, toiletries, etc. are distributed to those in need in the wider world. A total of 95 boxes were prepared by congregation members and passed on to Blythswood.
- UNICEF Jars of Grace were collected and £307 sent to support their work.
- A Gift Service took place at Christmas and 105 parcels for children and adults were given to Women's Aid for distribution to those homes identified as in need.
- We welcomed a local primary school who held their Easter, Harvest and Christmas services in the church. Both services were very well supported by family members and friends.
- Messy Church meets monthly with groups of 30/35 attending
- The Church took part in Doors Open Day in September and included displays of the history and activities of the church over its 200 years. There was also a Lego trail for children.
- A Summer Fair was held in June and a Christmas Fair in December, both being well-attended by church members and members of the local community.
- Regular social events were held to celebrate the Church's bicentenary including a Scottish night, Alasdair McDonald concert, Quiz Night fundraiser for RNLI and brass band concert.

While in-house fundraising is fundamental to the life of any Church, the congregation of Pathhead is always supportive of the needs of others, whether it be the wider community, national or international.

Of necessity, statistical information forms an integral part of any Annual Report, and the following reflect some core figures in respect of both the Minister and congregation:-

Statistics

Number on Roll as at 01/01/24					261	
Number deduct	ted during year					
	By Death By Certificate Otherwise	(13 0 0	- <u>13</u>		
Number added	during year			- <u>10</u>		
	By Profession of Faith By Certificate By Resolution of Session	(3 6 1	<u>+10</u>		
Number on Ro	oll as at 31/12/2024					258
During the year	there were					
	Baptism Weddings Funerals	1 1 15				

Financial Review

The principal source of income is from Freewill Offerings, Open Plate, Standing Orders, Donations and additional Gift Aid contributions. Our total givings in 2024 reduced by £2,681 over 2023 due to a reduction in donations and no bequests. However, offerings with associated gift aid and income from use of premises increased by 6.5% and 33% respectively. The fundraising total also increased in 2024.

The year ended with a deficit of funds of £13,190 mainly due to substantial increases in fuel (change of supplier), maintenance and fabric costs.

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of approximately six months expenditure including designated funds. At the year end the total unrestricted funds held were £82,020 of which £6,108 has been designated for the Christian Outreach initiative, £1,442 for the Guild, £2,615 for Pathfinders and £27,147 for Fabric leaving unrestricted Church funds of £42,368. This is split between various other smaller designated funds and the general fund of £27,247 with the remaining balance of £15,121 being held in reserve.

The church also held £9,751 restricted funds which have been provided for the purposes specified in Note 6.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,
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Linda Hugh Session Clerk

Date:

Pathhead Parish Church of Scotland, Kirkcaldy SCO02858 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.

The Treasurer has included in the accounts funds of the Church Guild, Pathfinders and Pathhead Christian Outreach. These groups each have a Management Committee accountable to the Kirk Session, their own Treasurer and Independent Examiner. I have not carried out any examination of the accounts produced by these groups except to ensure that they have been properly incorporated within these accounts.

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 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 8 of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

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Date:

Pathhead Parish Church of Scotland, Kirkcaldy

Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently in the current and preceding year in dealing with items which are considered material to the accounts, are set out below.

Funds

Funds are classified as either restricted funds or unrestricted funds, defined as follows.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the charity.

Endowment funds are funds which have been given on the condition that the original capital sum is not reduced, but the income there from is used for the purpose defined in accordance with the objects of the charity.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

Incoming resources

All donations and gifts are included within incoming resources under either unrestricted or restricted funds according to the terms under which the donation is made and when the amount is received.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised as paid.

Pathhead Parish Church of Scotland Receipts and Payments Account Year ended 31st December 2024

Note		Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Endowment Funds 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023	
Incoming Resources							
Incoming resources from							
generated funds							
Donations and Legacies	1	62,585	2,832		65,417	67,142	
Charitable activities	2	80,005	1,985		81,990	78,671	
Other trading activities	3	24,206			24,206	21,395	
Bank Interest		1,187			1,187	1054	
Total Income		167,983	4,817		172,800	168,262	
Resources Expended	4						
Costs of generating funds		73			73	73	
Charitable activities		178,699	3,516		182,215	160,713	
Governance Costs		0			0	500	
Other Payments		3,702			3,702	849	
Resources Expended		182,474	3,516		185,990	162,135	
Net incoming/ outgoing					(
resources before transfers		(14,491)	1,301		(13,190)	6,127	
Transfers between funds	6	572	(572)		0	0	
Net movement in funds		(13,919)	729		(13,190)	6,127	
Total funds brought forward	t	95,939	9,022		104,961	104,220	
2022 Correction						(5,386)	
Total funds carried forward		82,020	9,751		91,771	104,961	

Pathhead Parish Church Statement of Balances at 31st December 2024

Bank and Cash

	RBS Treasurer Account	RBS SIB Account	Pathfinders	Outreach	Guild	Total
Opening balance	1,065	92,792	2,615	7,535	954	104,961
Money In	174,663	67,887	0	77,421	4,431	324,402
Money Out	174,685	82,100	0	76,864	3,943	337,592
Closing Balance	1,043	78,579	2,615	8,092	1,442	91,771

Assets

The Church has no investments at this time

Gift Aid Receivable £0

Liabilities

The Church had no liabilities at the year end.

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session and Congregatio	nal Board on
Date:	
Signed for and on behalf of the Kirk Session and Congregational B	oard:
	. Session Clerk
	. Treasurer
Date:	

Pathhead Parish Church Notes forming part of the financial statements Year ended 31st December 2024

Note 1 Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £	
Donations and legacies						
Envelopes	16,570			16,570	9,932	
Standing Orders (non Gift Aid)	1,705			1,705	2,426	
Standing Orders (Gift Aid)	27,150			27,150	31,280	
Open Plate	5,749			5,749	4,238	
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	10,866			10,866	10,386	
Legacies	0			0	3,639	
Other donations	545			545	3,365	
Retiring Collections	0	2,832		2,832	1,876	
	62,585	2,832		65,417	67,142	

Note 2 Income from charitable activities

Weddings and Funerals	1,530		1,530	1,513	
Christian Outreach	74,828	1,985	76,813	73,878	
Church Guild	3,597		3,597	2,963	
Messy Church	50		50	317	
	80,005	1,985	81,990	78,671	

Note 3 Income from Other Trading Activities

Use of church halls	15,375	15,375	11,530	
Sale of car	0	0	2,212	
Fundraising	5,705	5,705	4,211	
Bicentenary	2,175	2,175	3,110	
Printing	15	15	20	
Other Income (see below)	936	936	312	
	24,206	24,206	21,395	

Other Income - monies received to offset specific expenditure

For Harvest plants	£60
For Crossreach Christmas cards	£276
Reimbursement for Pulpit Supply	£300
Donation toward cost of PC	£300
	£936

Pathhead Parish Church Notes forming part of the financial statements Year ended 31st December 2024

Note 4 Expenditure

Costs of Generating Funds Offering Envelopes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Offering Envelopes	73 73	0	0	73 73	73 73
		<u> </u>	U	13	13
Charitable Activities					
Ministry & Mission Fund	37,894			37,894	35,686
Presbytery Dues	1,589			1,589	1,589
Minister's expenses	1,806			1,806	2,433
Pulpit Supply	800			800	421
Organist/organist supply	0			0	75
Fabric & Maintenance	24,350			24,350	14,058
Manse Council Tax	3,615			3,615	3,534
Car Running Costs	0,010			0	570
Electricity & Gas	18,331			18,331	4,870
Insurance	5,295			5,295	4,831
Church Office Expenses	1,642			1,642	3,190
Licences	1,411			1,411	0,190
	· ·			858	1,680
Photocopying expenses	858 537			537	366
Other expenses	537	162		162	198
Organ Gifts & Donations	18	102		18	210
	10	3,354		3,354	2,381
Retiring Collections	0	3,304		3,354	182
Messy Church				1,189	4,352
Bicentenary	1,189			-	· ·
Church Guild	3,109			3,109	2,659
Christian Outreach	76,255			76,255	77,428
	178,699	3,516	0	182,215	160,713
Governance Costs					
Independent Examiner					500
	0	0	0	0	500
Other Payments (Purchases)					
•	0.45.4			2454	0
Photocopier	2454				
Washing Machine	330			330	0
Lawn Mower	119			119	0
PC for Worship	799			799	0
Furniture					375
Fryer					474
	3,702	0	0	3,702	849

Pathhead Parish Church Notes forming part of the financial statements Year ended 31st December 2024

All Church of Scotland congregations contribute to the National Stipend Fund which bears the cost 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 £31,642 and the maximum stipend, in 5th and subsequent years of service, was £38,884.

Note 5 Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

	2024	2023
Minister's Travel	930	1,669
Manse Telephone	876	764
Manse Council Tax	3,615	3,534
	5,421	5,967

No trustee or person related to a trustee had any interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

Note 6 Movements in Funds

	At 1st January 2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	At 31st December 2024
Restricted Funds					
Youth Fund	1,565				1,565
Dr Citron Memorial Fund	245	133			378
John Y.W. Ogilvie Memorial	434				434
Kelly Fabric Fund	572			(572)	0
Cairns/Kelly Organ Fund	5,647		162		5,485
Retiring Collections	559	2,699	3,354		(96)
Warm Spaces (Outreach)		1,985			1,985
	9,022	4,817	3,516	(572)	9,751
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	35,091	87,033	89,794	(5,083)	27,247
Reserve Fund	15,121				15,121
	50,212	87,033	98,794	(5,083)	42,368
Designated Funds					
Church Guild	954	3,597	3,109		1,442
Outreach Fund	7,535	74,828	76,255		6,108
Fabric Fund	32,820		11,328	5,655	27,147
Pathfinders	2,615				2,615
Messy Church	135	50			185
Technology Fund	1,455	300	799		956
Bicentenary Fund	213	2,175	1,189		1,199
	45,727	80,950	92,680	5,655	39,652

Purpose of Funds

Restricted Funds

Youth Fund: This is to be use to help to promote Youth work

within the church

Dr Citron Memorial Fund: This fund was set up to support the local Cancer

Research Fund and Fife Hospice

John Y. W. Ogilvie Fund: This fund was set up for the upkeep of the Memorial

Garden in the Church grounds.

Kelly Fabric Fund

This fund is to be used for the upkeep of the Fabric of the

Church.

Cairns / Kelly Organ Fund

Retiring Collections

This fund is to be used for the upkeep of the Organ.

These are funds given by the congregation for specific purposes, the full amount of which is then donated to the

charity/organisation concerned.

Warm Spaces (Outreach) Grant received from Fife Council as part of the Warm

Spaces initiative to provide a warm and welcoming place

for people to meet.

Note 7 Collections for Third Parties

	2024 (£)	<u>2023(£)</u>
UNICEF	307	451
Poppy Scotland	120	110
RAF Benevolent Fund	120	110
Christian Aid	288	238
Christian Aid Turkey Appeal	0	550
Women's Aid	230	244
Kirkcaldy Foodbank	388	312
RNLI	290	0
Cancer Care (Dr. Citron Fund)	133	107