

The Church of Scotland

Airdrie: Jackson Parish Church of Scotland

Congregation No: 171069

Charity No: SC 004083

**Accounts and Annual Report
For the year ended 31 December 24**

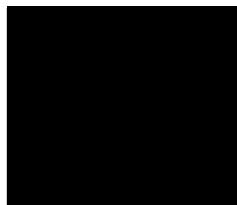
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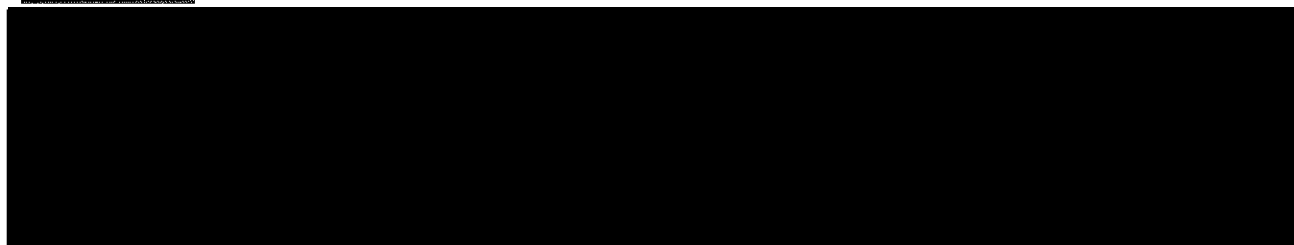


Trustees

Minister

Rev Kay Gilchrist

Kirk Session



Congregational Board



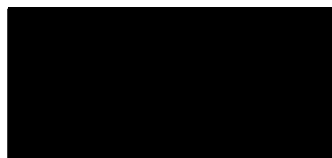
Principal Office-bearers

Minister:

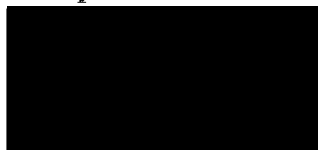
Session Clerk

Clerk to the Board

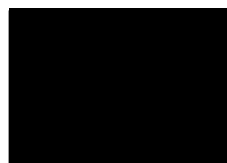
Church Treasurer



Independent Examiner



Bankers



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 believed 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 seek re-election at the next Stated Annual Meeting.

Organisational Structure

The Congregational Board, chaired by the minister, meet bi-monthly/five times in a year. Certain responsibilities are delegated to the Finance Committee and the Property Committee as appropriate.

The Kirk Session, meeting monthly/nine times a year, are 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.

Airdrie: Jackson Parish church has a service on a Sunday morning with additional evening services to celebrate specific Christian events. All services are available On-line to allow members who are infirm or suffering from an illness to continue to worship. Those without an Internet connection can listen to the sermon on their telephone from 11.00am on a Sunday.

We are very fortunate to have committed and enthusiastic leaders and helpers within our uniformed organisations, Kids For Christ, and Bible Bashers. All Uniformed organisations, KFC and Bible Bashers are reporting good attendance. Youth Club also remains very strong in numbers

The Guild, Craft Class, Art Class, Badminton and Line Dancing are reporting good attendance with hall usage almost at full capacity. Enable Scotland meet in the main hall on a weekly basis. Alzheimer's Scotland and LAMH also use our halls as requested.

At the General Assembly in 2024 it was confirmed that the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland approved Forth Valley and Clydesdale Mission Plan. MPAG recommendation for Airdrie: Jackson cluster, which comprises Airdrie: Jackson, Airdrie: The New Wellwynd and Airdrie: St. Columba's, was on the basis of two buildings and two Ministers of Word and Sacrament ; one being Airdrie: Jackson; and the second being a deferred union of New Wellwynd and St Columba's.

Achievements and Performance

Mr David McKee, Probationer for Full Time Ministry of Word and Sacrament, commenced a placement with Airdrie: Jackson in September 2023, participating at various levels of worship, visiting schools and introducing a Men's Fellowship, David was very well received by the congregation and schools. Rev McKee was ordained in Airdrie: Jackson in December with over 200 worshippers supporting him at this very special occasion. Rev Kay is currently mentoring a potential candidate for the ministry throughout his discernment process.

Rev Kay participated in School Assemblies throughout the year at Hilltop Primary and Caldervale High School. Currently Rev Kay is in discussion with Hilltop Primary to re-start a Scripture Union and possibly Season for Growth, or similar sort of bereavement care. Older Nursery Children from Hilltop Primary School and LCSC Infant Department have been coming to the church since September 2022 for "Breakfast with the Rev", some parents attend with the younger children. St. Dominic's Primary have also had an invitation to attend "Breakfast with the Rev" but have so far been unable to visit due to staffing issues.

Rev Kay endeavours to go into Caldervale High School at least one lunch time a week to meet with young people who meet in one of the RMPS classes to share lunch and have general conversations. Rev Kay has also been involved with RMPS class discussions with topics that has a moral or ethical connection and how the Christian Faith impacts on it. Talks with Caldervale High School are ongoing to start a drop-in at lunch time where pupils can come and have a coffee and informal chat with her.

The Children's home, which is within the parish, receives regular visits from Rev Kay. Rev Kay also attends meetings of the Craigneuk and Petersburn Tenants Association, NLC Community Matters, Hilltop Parent Council - this is a productive relationship with the church regarding social and community projects.

Mr Derrick Hannan and Mr Drew Main are both approved Worship Leaders who have led the congregation in worship at various times during 2024. Elders continue to participate in Prayers during Sunday Worship.

Airdrie: Jackson joined other local churches to support World Day of Prayer. Airdrie: Jackson, Airdrie: New Wellwynd and Airdrie: Columba's participated in joint Holy Week Services; and also during the first three Sundays in July when each church in turn welcomed the other two congregations to join them for Sunday morning worship. The BB District Battalion Carol service was held in Jackson. Jackson members also participated in the Airdrie Community Carol Service.

Advent was a busy month – for the first time the Youth club led an evening service, the Youth Organisations had their annual giving day service, the Bible Bashers confidently led a morning worship and Kids for Christ once again produced a very entertaining Nativity entitled "Whoops A Daisy Angel", this was followed by a visit from Santa with Chocolate gifts for all the children in the Church. Christmas Eve started with a "Pyjama" service for the children at 6.30p.m. and then later in the evening a Carol Service and a Watchnight Service with Bible Readings and Carols leading us into Christmas Day.

The Annual Remembering service for families who had lost a loved one in the past two years was held in June; the service was very well attended with lunch served thereafter. Jackson's Seasons for Growth companions have also completed their refresher training, and it is hoped to run a course in 2025.

The local Food Bank continue to receive generous weekly donations from our members. Throughout the Year we have also supported "Diamonds in the Community", with members responding very positively to a request for donations to their Winter Coats appeal. Young people from our uniformed organisations and church members gifted a substantial amount of Christmas gifts which were received by "Diamonds in the Community" for distribution to needy families. During 2024 the congregation also supported Christian Aid, St. Andrews Hospice, Erskine Hospital and Women's Aid.

In conjunction with Compassion UK, the congregation of Jackson currently support three young people to complete their Education (one female and two male). These young people live in Rwanda, Haiti, and Peru. One boy has been supported by Jackson for the last 18 years and is now about to Graduate from University. Jackson also sends monthly donations to both Compassion and Mary's Meals.

We continue to have a good relationship with St. Edwards RC Church, joining them in various social events during the year.

Mr David Alexander has worked very hard over the past year to ensure all people requiring a PVG were identified, and their applications processed. Church of Scotland and Police Scotland re-categorised which positions require a PVG; this meant that our Safeguarding register had to undergo a review which resulted in a number of members being removed from the Safeguarding register. Mr Derrick Hannan continues to be an additional Safeguarding Co-ordinator.

Sadly, we lost seven of our members during 2024 and one member requested to be removed from our roll. Two members joined by transfer from another church, and we welcomed eight new Communicants to our Roll. There were also meetings with every elder where membership within their districts was discussed, resulting in some of the members being moved to the Supplementary Roll. Number of members on the Airdrie: Jackson roll at the end of the year is 266.

Financial Review

Freewill offering envelopes receive weekly offerings. Standing Orders are actively encouraged and can be set up for either a weekly or monthly offering; members are encouraged to seriously consider giving by Standing Order and completing Gift Aid forms where applicable. We in Jackson continue to fulfil our Giving to Grow contribution set by the Church of Scotland; our contribution for 2024 was £50298.

I am pleased to report that this contribution met the full cost of ministry and contributed to work within the National Church and beyond. The Ministry and Mission contribution is made by 10 monthly payments from February to November, set up by standing order. During 2025 our church roof will be replaced costing approximately £120,000 with the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland providing a Grant of £50,000 to augment the £70,000 being provided from Jackson's own resources.

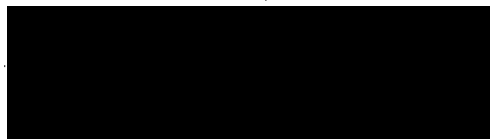
Reserves Policy

It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of approximately three months expenditure including designated funds. At the year end the Church held unrestricted cash funds of £11313.72 plus investments of £151803. Nothing had been designated for fabric fund but if our collections are increased these funds will be used to further improve the fabric of the church, halls, and manse.

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,



Mrs Janet Burden
Session Clerk

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Airdrie Jackson Parish Church of Scotland

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 10

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. 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.

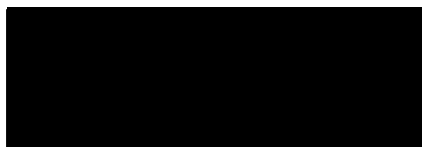
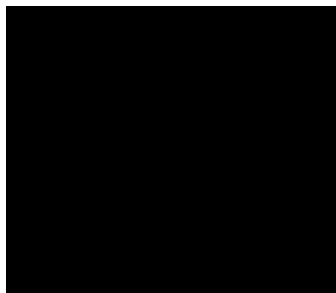
Independent examiner's statement

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.



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Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31 December 2024

<u>Receipts</u>	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations	3	95173	89029
Legacies			
Activities for Generating Funds			
Bank & Deposit interest		7196	4754
Investment income			
		102369	93783
Rental of premises		100	140
Sale of assets			
Sale of investments			
Grants			
Receipts from General Trustees			
Other Receipts			
<u>Total Receipts</u>		102469	93923
<u>Payments</u>	4		
Costs of generating funds		320	402
Charitable activities			
Governance costs		82215	90122
<u>Total Payments</u>		82535	90524
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers			
Transfers			
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		19934	3399

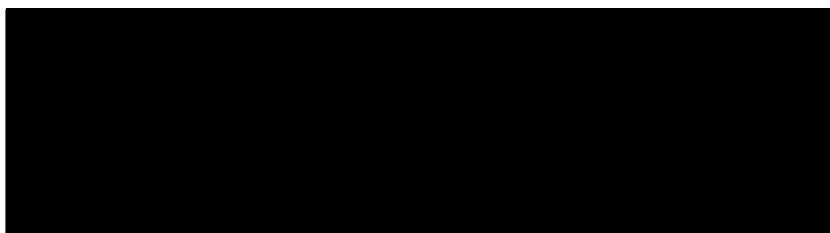
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Statement of Balances

At 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Bank & Deposit Balances</u>		154418	151019
Bank & deposit balances brought forward			
Movement in year:		19934	3399
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year			
Bank & deposit balances carried forward		<u>174352</u>	<u>154418</u>
 <u>Investments at market value</u>			
 <u>Assets</u>			
Gift Aid Receivable		<u>12500</u>	<u>11172</u>
 <u>Liabilities</u>			
Cost of repair not yet billed			

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session and Financial Board on 3rd February 2025

For and on behalf of the Kirk Session and Financial Board



Session Clerk

Treasurer

Jackson Parish Church

Notes to the Accounts

1. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

During the year 2024 the Minister received £2196.62 for Council Tax, £324 towards her telephone account and £2760 for travelling expenses

2. Movements in Funds

	At 1 Jan				At 31 Dec
	2024	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	2024
Unrestricted funds					
Des. Fabric Fund	7839	694	3480		5053
Des. Guild Fund	1959	2260	2725	-700	794
Des. Sunday School Fund	1375	425	1152		648
Des. Summer Club Fund	1441	1238	284		2395
Investor Trust Fund	124634	7169		20000	151803
Benevolent Fund	1917	428			2345
General Fund	15253	90255	74894	-19300	11314
	154418	102469	82535	0	174352

Purposes of Designated Fund

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

Guild Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds for use by the Guild

Sunday School Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds for use by the Sunday School

Summer Club: The Trustees have set aside funds for use by the Summer Club

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2023 £
3. Analysis of Donations		
WFO Scheme (non Gift Aid)	19774	21424
Gift Aid Donations	49697	44688
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Donations	14189	12309
Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)	6451	5022
Other Offerings, Donations etc	5062	5586
	<u>95173</u>	<u>89029</u>
4. Analysis of Payments		
Costs of generating funds		
Investment Managers' fees		
Offering envelopes	320	402
	<u>320</u>	<u>402</u>
Charitable activities		
Giving to Grow	50298	56323
Presbytery dues	1480	1876
Voluntary Additional Stipend		
Minister's expenses	2760	2850
Ministerial Assistance	324	324
Pulpit supply		
Other staffing costs		
Fabric repairs & maintenance	7894	15582
Council Tax	2197	2144
Heat and light	5680	1793
Insurance	2147	2176
Other building costs		
Church office expenses		
Organ & music	847	767
Printing, stationery and postage	1113	1094
Other expenses	7475	5193
	<u>82215</u>	<u>90122</u>
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fees		
Other payments		
Purchase of assets		
Purchase of investments		
	<u>82535</u>	<u>90524</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 £31642 and the maximum stipend (in the fifth and subsequent years) £38884

2024 2023

6. Collections for Third Parties

£ £

Chas		100
Traidcraft		
Erskine House	560	500
Christian Aid	410	712
Ukraine		
Stroke Association		
Turkey Appeal		1000
Foodbank		160
Leprosy Mission		120
Children in Need		236
	<u>970</u>	<u>2828</u>