

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 25**

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Airdrie Jackson Parish Church of Scotland

Charity Registration Number: SC004083

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Contact Address:

Trustees

Minister

Rev Kay Gilchrist

Kirk Session

Congregational Board

Principal Office-bearers

Minister:

Session Clerk

Clerk to the Board

Church Treasurer

Independent Examiner

Bankers

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Year ended 31 December 2025

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.

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 very good attendance. Youth Club also remains very strong in numbers with between 100-120 young people each week from the local community attending.

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, LAMH, Hilltop PTA and other local groups have also used our halls as requested.

At the General Assembly in 2025 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

From May until September 2025 Rev Kay was mentoring a potential candidate for the ministry throughout his discernment process.

Rev Kay participated in School Assemblies throughout most of the year at Hilltop Primary and Caldervale High School, however these visits had to be curtailed from August while awaiting enhanced Safeguarding permission to visit schools which is being undertaken by North Lanarkshire council. Older Nursery Children from Hilltop Primary School and LCSC Infant Department continue to visit the church for "Breakfast with the Rev" every few weeks with some parents attending 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. These visits have also been curtailed since August while awaiting enhanced Safeguarding approval from North Lanarkshire Council.

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. There are services held in the local Sheltered Housing, Dunrobin Gardens on difference occasions throughout the year.

Mr Derrick Hannan and Mr Drew Main are both approved Worship Leaders who have led the congregation in worship at various times during 2025. 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 during the first three Sundays in July each church in turn welcomed the other two congregations to join them for Sunday morning worship. Annual Monklands Division Girls Brigade Re-Dedication and Commissioning Service was held in Jackson in October and in November Jackson hosted a well-attended Annual Christian Aid Songs of Praise. The BB District Battalion Carol service was held in Jackson. Members also participated in the Airdrie Community Carol Service.

The Annual Remembering service for families who had lost a loved one in the past two years was organised and delivered once again in June by our "Seekers and Searchers" group – a weekly Bible Study Group. This service, and lunch which was served thereafter, was very well attended.

Jackson's Seasons for Growth companions have also completed their refresher training, and it is hoped to run a course in 2026.

The Youth Organisations had their annual giving day service, and Kids for Christ once again produced a very entertaining Nativity which 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 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 2025 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. These young people live in Mexico, Rwanda and Haiti with ages varying from 7 – 20. Jackson also sends monthly donations to both Compassion, Mary's Meals and also Childrens Hospice Across Scotland.

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.

Jackson celebrated 50 years in the current location by planting a commemorative tree.

Sadly, we lost eleven of our members during 2025. Four members joined by transfer from another church. Number of members on the Airdrie: Jackson roll at the end of the year is 257. We currently have 6 potential new members undertaking Communicant classes and will be welcomed as new members in April 2026.

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 2025 was £53617.

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 was 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.

Chairs within in the church that had been in use for past fifty years were replaced by 200 new chairs at the cost of £10,000.

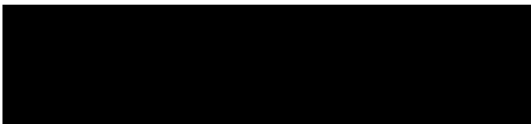
Reserves Policy

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 £9446 plus investments of £97601. 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

Date 2 - 2 - 2026

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 2025 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.

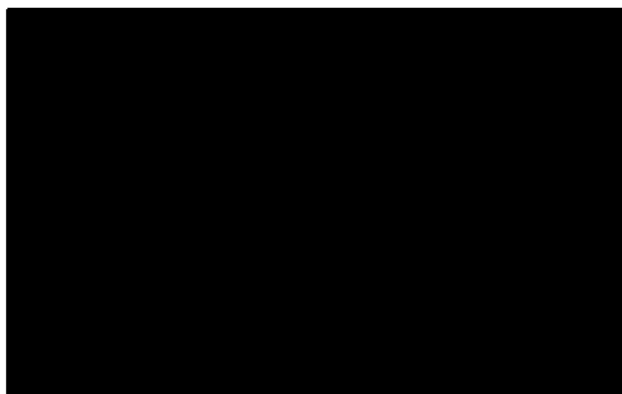
Independent examiner's statement

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 2025

<u>Receipts</u>	Note	Unrestricted	Total
		Funds 2025 £	2024 £
Donations	3	97861	95173
Legacies			
Activities for Generating Funds			
Bank & Deposit interest		5832	7196
Investment income			
		103693	102369
Rental of premises		80	100
Sale of assets			
Sale of investments			
Grants		50000	
Receipts from General Trustees			
Other Receipts			
<u>Total Receipts</u>		153773	102469
<u>Payments</u>	4		
Costs of generating funds		320	320
Charitable activities			
Governance costs		212635	82215
<u>Total Payments</u>		212955	82535
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers			
Transfers			
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		-59182	19934

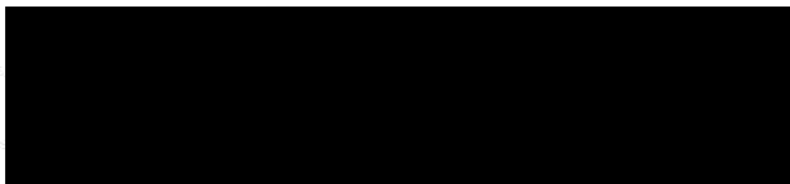
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Statement of Balances

At 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Bank & Deposit Balances</u>		174352	15441
Bank & deposit balances brought forward			
Movement in year:		-59182	19934
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year			
Bank & deposit balances carried forward		<u>115170</u>	<u>17435</u>
<u>Investments at market value</u>			
<u>Assets</u>			
Gift Aid Receivable		<u>14730</u>	<u>12500</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Cost of repair not yet billed			

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session and Financial Board on 2nd February 2026

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 2025 the Minister received £2399.09 for Council Tax, £324 towards her telephone account and £3330.60 for travelling expenses

2. Movements in Funds

	At 1 Jan				At 31 Dec
	2025	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	2025
Unrestricted funds					
Des. Fabric Fund	5053	117		-5170	0
Des. Guild Fund	794	1806	498		2102
Des. Sunday School Fund	648	452	785		315
Des. Summer Club Fund	2395	721	680		2436
Investor Trust Fund	151803	5798		-60000	97601
Benevolent Fund	2345	1123	198		3270
General Fund	11314	143756	210794	65170	9446
	174352	157591	216773	0	115170

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 2025 £	Total 2024 £
3. Analysis of Donations		
WFO Scheme (non Gift Aid)	21465	19774
Gift Aid Donations	51028	49697
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Donations	14906	14189
Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)	6177	6451
Other Offerings, Donations etc	4285	5062
	<u>97861</u>	<u>95173</u>
4. Analysis of Payments		
Costs of generating funds		
Investment Managers' fees		
Offering envelopes	320	320
	<u>320</u>	<u>320</u>
Charitable activities		
Giving to Grow	53617	50298
Presbytery dues	1577	1480
Voluntary Additional Stipend		
Minister's expenses	3331	2760
Ministerial Assistance	324	324
Pulpit supply	100	
Other staffing costs		
Fabric repairs & maintenance	135538	7894
Council Tax	2399	2197
Heat and light	6708	5680
Insurance	2262	2147
Other building costs		
8 Church office expenses		
Organ & music	789	847
Printing, stationery and postage	584	1113
Other expenses	5406	7475
	<u>212635</u>	<u>82215</u>
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fees		
Other payments		
Purchase of assets		
Purchase of investments		
	<u>212955</u>	<u>82535</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 £32433 and the maximum stipend (in the fifth and subsequent years) £39856

2025 2024

6. Collections for Third Parties

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Chas	800	
Christian Aid	424	410
Erskine House	400	560
	1624	970