

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 23**

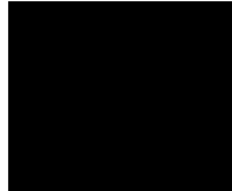
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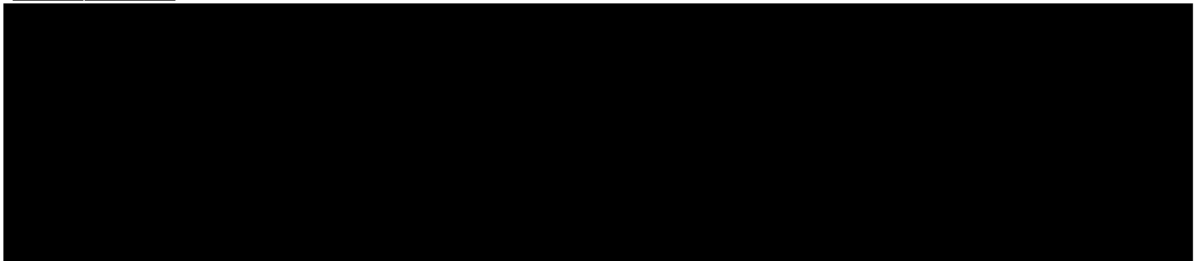


Trustees

Minister

Rev Kay Gilchrist

Kirk Session



Congregational Board



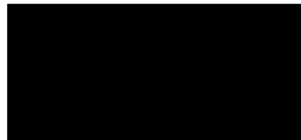
Principal Office-bearers

Minister:

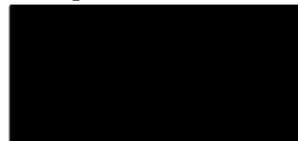
Session Clerk

Clerk to the Board

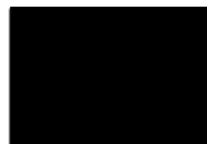
Church Treasurer



Independent Examiner



Bankers



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Year ended 31 December 2023

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 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.

Achievements and Performance

Mr David McKee, Probationer for Full Time Ministry of Word and Sacrament, commenced a placement with Jackson in September 2023, participating at various levels of worship David has been very well received by the congregation. Mr McKee has also introduced a Men's Fellowship.

Rev Kay participated in School Assemblies throughout the year at Hilltop Primary and Caldervale High School. Older nursery Children from Hilltop Primary School, St. Dominic Primary 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.

The Bubblegum and Fluff programme has been delivered in Hilltop Primary, and the hope is this will continue in an 'adapted' form throughout the year. The parable of the Good Samaritan is also being shared with every class, when that finishes another parable will be introduced.

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 and she hopes to re-start the Drop in with the Rev in the 2024. Rev Kay has also been involved with RMPS class discussions re topics such as Euthanasia, Abortion, Just War etc...anything that has a moral or ethical connection and how the Christian Faith impacts on it.

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

Mr Derrick Hannan and Mr Drew Main are both approved Worship Leaders and led the congregation in worship on several occasions during 2023.

During Holy week there was a short service of reflection each evening, with each service being very well attended.

The Sheltered Housing Complex, adjacent to the church, is home to several of our members; in December the SAS (Seekers and Searchers) held a short Christmas service in their Community Room with around 14 residents attending. Refreshments and a time of fellowship followed the service.

Kids for Christ, Bible Bashers and their leaders once again produced a very entertaining Nativity entitled "Busy, Busy, Bethlehem with Santa visiting with Chocolate gifts for all the children in the Church

From November 2022 until March 2023 our church Hall was opened one day a week as a "Place of Warmth" for anybody who wished to spend some time in a Warm Space, enjoying tea and conversation with others.

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 2023 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 17 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 great relationship with the local RC Church and the hope is that the Airdrie Council of Churches, which Jackson has supported and contributed to all ecumenical services, will start again in the coming year.

Mr Geoff Burden retired as Safeguarding Co-ordinator on 30th November 2023. Mr David Alexander, having undertaken relevant training, commenced as Safeguarding Co-ordinator from 1st December 2023. Mr Derrick Hannan continues to be an additional approved Safeguarding Co-ordinator

Seven new elders were ordained and welcomed onto the Kirk Session in May.

Sadly, we lost fourteen of our members during 2023. One member joined by transfer from another church. The Roll of members at the end of the year is 268.

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 Ministry and Mission contribution set by the Church of Scotland; our contribution for 2023 was £56323. 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.


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 £17170.55 plus investments of £124634.28. 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 5 . 2 . 24

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 2023

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.

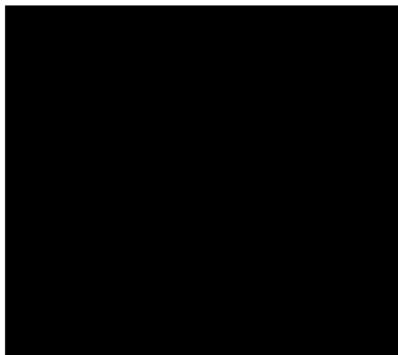
Independent examiner's statement

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 2023

<u>Receipts</u>	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations	3	89029	85011
Legacies			
Activities for Generating Funds			
Bank & Deposit interest		4754	665
Investment income			
		93783	85676
Rental of premises		140	
Sale of assets			
Sale of investments			
Grants			
Receipts from General Trustees			
Other Receipts			
<u>Total Receipts</u>		93923	85676
<u>Payments</u>	4		
Costs of generating funds		402	271
Charitable activities			
Governance costs		90122	81460
<u>Total Payments</u>		90524	81731
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers			
Transfers			
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		3399	3945

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Statement of Balances

At 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Bank & Deposit Balances</u>		151019	147074
Bank & deposit balances brought forward			
Movement in year:		3399	3945
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year			
Bank & deposit balances carried forward		<u>154418</u>	<u>151019</u>
 <u>Investments at market value</u>		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
 <u>Assets</u>			
Gift Aid Receivable		<u>11172</u>	<u>11130</u>
 <u>Liabilities</u>			
Cost of repair not yet billed		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session and Financial Board on 5th February 2023

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 2023 the Minister received £2143.84 for Council Tax, £324 towards her telephone account and £2850 for travelling expenses

2. Movements in Funds

	At 1 Jan				At 31 Dec
	2023	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	2023
Unrestricted funds					
Des. Fabric Fund	4974	975	90	1980	7839
Des. Guild Fund	1060	1994	895	-200	1959
Des. Sunday School Fund	680	1170	475		1375
Des. Summer Club Fund	1395	907	861		1441
Investor Trust Fund	121392	4742		-1500	124634
Benevolent Fund	1655	262			1917
General Fund	19863	83873	88203	-280	15253
	151019	93923	90524	0	154418

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 2023 £	Total 2022 £
3. Analysis of Donations		
WFO Scheme (non Gift Aid)	21424	19990
Gift Aid Donations	44688	44522
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Donations	12309	13374
Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)	5022	3662
Other Offerings, Donations etc	5586	3463
	<u>89029</u>	<u>85011</u>

4. Analysis of Payments

Costs of generating funds

Investment Managers' fees		
Offering envelopes	402	271
	<u>402</u>	<u>271</u>

Charitable activities

Giving to Grow	56323	54415
Presbytery dues	1876	1633
Voluntary Additional Stipend		
Minister's expenses	2850	3013
Ministerial Assistance	324	324
Pulpit supply		
Other staffing costs		
Fabric repairs & maintenance	15582	11826
Council Tax	2144	2017
Heat and light	1793	1420
Insurance	2176	2173
Other building costs		
Church office expenses		
Organ & music	767	602
Printing, stationery and postage	1094	110
Other expenses	5193	3927
	<u>90122</u>	<u>81460</u>

Governance costs

Independent examiner's fees

Other payments

Purchase of assets
Purchase of investments

90524

81731

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 £30135 and the maximum stipend (in the fifth and subsequent years) £37032

	2023	2022
6. Collections for Third Parties	£	£

Chas	100	200
Traidcraft		751
Erskine House	500	320
Christian Aid	712	
Ukraine		650
Stroke Association		200
Turkey Appeal	1000	
Foodbank	160	101
Leprosy Mission	120	
Children in Need	236	
	2828	2222