



The Church of Scotland

Skene Parish Church



ACCRUED (SORP COMPLIANT) ACCOUNTS

Congregation No. 331992

Scottish Charity No. SC009462

Year Ended 31 December 2022

Skene Parish Church Trustees' Report Year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 15 of the accounts and comply with the General Assembly Regulations for Congregational Finance, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014.

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.

As a Parish Church in the Church of Scotland, we operate from two buildings, Trinity Church in Westhill and Skene Church in Kirkton of Skene. We share our building in Westhill with our friends, the local Roman Catholic Church. Trinity Church is also home to a number of non-Church community organisations.

As Moderator of the Kirk Session, the Minister is assisted by other office bearers and leaders of Church organisations in the completion of this report which covers our objectives, activities, achievements and performance.

A summary of the values that are important to us.

Our desire is to be

- strongly and deeply rooted in our faith, with the help of God's grace and the Holy Spirit
- committed to caring for creation,
- reaching out and reflecting the love of God the Father into our community and the wider world; and
- sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with every generation.

We do this by seeking to listen to God and to encourage one another as we journey together.



Achievements and Performance

2022 saw normality return in and through many of the activities that the church is involved with. We had some of our favourite events re-emerge and we enjoyed the opportunities which arose to build on relationships and connections. However, it also proved to be a challenging year, through the impact of external circumstances on everyone's lives.

God has been faithful throughout and we trust that He will continue to lead us as we step forward in faith.

We take this opportunity to thank all those involved in the life of the church, from behind the scenes to being upfront. It is a great team effort and much appreciated.

Worship and Pastoral Care

We continued our usual pattern of worship, with Sunday services in both church buildings and a regular livestream from Trinity Church. Our numbers have held steady between 100 and 120 people and we know that those who watch online very much appreciate being part of worship. We had decreased some of our online output, as other activities returned. However, during important moments in the year, we put the skills we have learned during the COVID pandemic to good use.

At Trinity Church our music group expanded to include additional singers and the joint choir performed at our Christmas candlelight service.

In addition, two of our elders, John Ritchie and Eva Will, successfully undertook the training provided by Gordon Presbytery to enable them to lead worship. Eva is currently continuing her training through the Centre for Ministry Studies at Aberdeen University.

During the summer we decided to host two outdoor services, one at the manse in Kirkton of Skene and one at Trinity Church. The sun shone for one and the rain came for the other, but folks enjoyed both.

We have continued publishing our weekly service sheets, including bible readings and prayers, and have found it helpful to continue to provide a weekly email update to our members, which helps everyone stay up-to-date.

Our monthly services at Pitcairn Lodge and Blackhills Court hit a better rhythm and it was good to feel better connected with them. We also restarted our Afternoon Tea Service, which has been well received.

In Lent, we were delighted to meet in person with our friends from the Roman Catholic and Westhill Community Church congregations. We enjoyed worship and lunch together. This culminated in a joint Good Friday service, which was incredibly special.

Westhill Prays, our monthly ecumenical prayer gathering, ran steadily throughout the year and included a wonderful prayer walk around the community in the summer.

Our Pastoral Care team visited countless homes during the year, together with the ministry team undertaking hospital visiting. Rev Dr Ibidun Daramola established Hope Café, a grief support group which meets once a month at Trinity Church. It is open to anyone experiencing any form of loss and the meetings have been beneficial to all who attend.

Towards the end of the year we started Warm Wednesdays. This was an outreach into our community – providing a warm space and a bowl of soup/cup of tea. It has proved popular and the buzz in the room is a great sign. We co-ordinated with other organisations in Westhill, to help with cross-posting and to encourage one another.

Sadly, 2022 saw a number of people less able to participate in activities through ill health and, as always, we suffered the loss of some of our members, including Mrs Eileen Brunton (Elder Emeritus). The congregation did its best to care and support those in need and we participated, for the first time, in a memorial service organised by Berriedale Funeral Home, which was well received in the community.

On a personal note, Rev Stella wishes to express her gratitude for the particular care shown to her and her family during the year.

Staffing/Volunteers

Our team has largely remained the same during 2022. We were sad to announce Rev Dr Ibidun Daramola's resignation at the end of year. We give thanks for all that she has been able to contribute and wish her well in her future.

A big thanks goes to all our staff members, convenors and volunteers. Many people step up to make things happen in our church and do so with grace, patience and energy. We have a lot of fun with what we do, which makes a difference, but folks are also committed and diligent.

Strategic Planning

Our renamed "Cabinet" met on a monthly basis throughout the year, as agreed by the Kirk Session. It consists of the treasurer, secretary, clerks and ministers. It considers the business of the church and helps in the preparation for Congregational Board and Kirk Session meetings.

As the year progressed, four key matters emerged:

- Plan to extend the building at Trinity Church to expand office space. This was progressed throughout the year and permission from Gordon Presbytery was granted. Kirk Cottage was put on the market and it is hoped the monies raised from the sale will allow the work to start. Our planning included considering the sustainability of the building and what could be done around decarbonising the building. Much work is still to be undertaken in that regard.
- The impact of the Presbytery Mission Plan agreed by Gordon Presbytery. This influenced our decision to form a group that would consider the utilisation of Skene Kirk and a very successful townhall meeting was held in the autumn.
- In addition, the Presbytery Mission Plan led us into negotiations with Kingswells Parish Church and it is likely that we will enter into a union with them at some point in 2023. A working group has been formed and is tasked with negotiating a draft basis of union and enabling the congregations to progress towards a union.
- The boundary of the parish was increased to include the town of Blackburn. This will be a focus of mission for us in the future. However, it will be important to establish our future with Kingswells Parish Church before undertaking a mission audit.

Children and Young People

Messy Church has continued to run on the last Sunday of each month. We have been experimenting in ways to reach out and engage with families in our community. Latterly this

has seen the service move back to its original time of 4 pm. We look forward to continuing to build our relationships with the families that attend and hope to increase the numbers attending in the coming year as we continue with this outreach.

Skene Club has continued to run from the end of September to the beginning of March. The club has been well supported with an average of around 30 of Skene School's Primary 1 to Primary 7 aged children attending each Thursday night for an hour of noisy, sweet fuelled fun.

The Boys' and Girls' Brigades ran successful programmes in 2022, with numbers increasing across both. During the year Donald Struthers and Steve Cole retired from the BB. Donald was thanked for his tremendous years of service as captain. Niall MacBeath agreed to become captain and this was approved by the Kirk Session.

2022 saw the chaplaincy team being able to meet more regularly in the schools and to provide assemblies and pastoral care. We very much value our relationships with each of the schools across the parish.

Our 2022 Holiday Bible Club was based at the Ashdale Hall and involved Rev Stella in another funny coloured wig. Some things never change. It was well attended and the organising team were delighted to have much more freedom in running it than had been possible over the previous two years.

Looking Forward

2023 will be a significant year in the life of our church as we move into a new united charge and begin to flesh out what mission looks like across the whole of our newly defined parish. Much time will be spent on getting to know the people of Kingswells Parish Church and we look forward to exploring shared values with them.

We pray that God will bring the right person to join our ministry team, once we are able to advertise the post of Associate Minister.

As we expressed last year, we continue to be in a season of change and transition. But we have been strengthened in our bonds with one another and we know that God is not only alongside us, but He also goes ahead of us. And as we have discovered, through our exploration of Joshua, we are still called to not be afraid, but to be strong, because God is with us.

Safeguarding

Opportunities for young people to meet returned to a more normal pattern this year with Girls' Brigade, Boys' Brigade, Skene Youth Club and Messy Church all restarting. This year also saw the introduction of Warm Wednesdays providing a social opportunity for people who are lonely and concerned about the significant rise in heating bills over the winter time. The work of protecting these groups continues in terms of Safeguarding, ensuring safe recruitment and training of volunteers.

Skene Parish Church has two Safeguarding Co-ordinators. There are 51 volunteers on the Congregational Register who work with children and young people, 9 volunteers on the Register for work with vulnerable adults and 9 volunteers with PVG clearance for both. Six volunteers attended introductory level safeguarding training in 2022, which continued to be delivered online.

The Kirk Session is updated regularly with changes to the Safeguarding Congregational Register and developments or changes made by the General Assembly and the Church of Scotland Safeguarding Service.

Financial Review

Our main source of income relies on members giving regularly to our Church. Income from offerings, including tax recovered on Gift Aid, amounted to £130,114 which was only marginally less than the previous year. Legacies totalled £101,500 including £100,000 from the estate of the late Elsie Duguid which is designated for fabric projects in our Church buildings.

In 2021 rental income was affected as a result of the pandemic so it is pleasing to report a significant increase on that year with £16,244 being generated from lets at Trinity Church.

Grants of £16,500 to support the Children & Families work and our employment of the Children & Families Development Worker were received in the year. Of this, £12,500 was from the Joseph Rank Trust who have also committed to the same amount of support in 2023.

Our total expenditure of £212,976 was some £32,000 greater than in 2021. The most significant increases in expenditure were in our Ministries and Mission allocation and in fabric repairs and maintenance with several property repairs and improvements being completed.

Primarily, as a result of the legacy income, the outcome for the year is a surplus of £65,455 which compares with a surplus of £14,833 in 2021. Excluding the significant legacy referred to above, the accounts would show a deficit of £34,545 largely due to increased costs.

We continue to be extremely grateful to all our members who give regularly and most generously to support the work of the Church.

Risk Management

The trustees have identified that the principal risks and uncertainties facing the Church are:

1. An ageing congregation

In order to minimise the impact of an ageing congregation and a drop in numbers through illness or death, the trustees established and are continuing to support the Messy Church Project Fund. This fund is used to employ our Children and Families Worker. The main aim of the project is to develop and deepen relationships with young families who have a connection with the Church and also those with no Church links. In addition to this project, we continue to investigate ways of developing our Sunday morning services to welcome and attract the younger generations.

We are also striving to provide services to assist the elderly to attend services of worship and church events by, for example, providing transport.

2. A reduction in regular giving

Regular monitoring of income and expenditure gives an opportunity to bring to the trustees' attention any significant changes to our financial situation and where appropriate take early action.

3. Building repairs

Skene Parish Church has responsibility for the care and repair of four properties vested in the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland. Regular assessment of these properties is carried out and any work required is done timeously. There are also ongoing annual maintenance contracts in place for boiler servicing, fire alarms and fire extinguishers.

4. Data Protection

The charity trustees are aware of the importance of protecting personal data. In order to minimise any risks which may result in the loss of data, all Office Bearers have been trained in Data Protection principles, and the Church has invested in encrypted hardware for storing electronic data. Personal and financial records are all stored in securely locked cupboards.

Reserves Policy

The charity trustees have considered the reserves required and have taken into account their current and future liabilities. At a meeting of our trustees in June 2016, the trustees agreed to amend the ideal amounts held in our reserves and these have been approved again.

The Reserves Policy was amended to hold ideal reserves of £60,000 in our General Fund, which equates to four months' worth of expenditure. The reserves are held by the congregation to meet the day-to-day running costs of our two churches. Reserves are also held in the Emergency Repairs Fund to meet future capital requirements and significant building repairs. The ideal balance held in this fund is £30,000.

The balance held in the Mission Development Fund was used to fund our Children & Families Development Worker position and consequently, no longer has a reserve balance.

At the year end the Church held unrestricted funds of £158,541 of which £65,385 had been designated for Fabric Fund and £30,623 for Emergency Repairs. The remaining balance of £62,533 is held in our General Fund to meet our day-to-day expenditure.

The Church also held £148,929 of restricted funds which have been provided for the purposes specified in Note 15 of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Structure, Governance and Management

The congregation is a registered charity, number SC009462 and is administered in accordance with the terms of the Model Deed of Constitution and is subject to the Acts and Regulations of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

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.

Congregational Board

The Congregational Board is chaired by the Minister and met four times during 2022. The Board has at present 22 members comprising 9 elected representatives of the congregation and 13 Elders. Certain responsibilities are delegated to the Finance and Fabric Committees as appropriate, and then reported back to the Board for approval. The Board also hears reports from the Eco Group. The Social Group was in abeyance throughout the Covid pandemic and has yet to restart regular meetings.

Kirk Session

The Kirk Session is responsible for spiritual affairs within the Church. The Kirk Session comprises the Minister, Associate Minister, Children & Families Development Officer and 54 Elders (24 male and 30 female). The Kirk Session met for ordinary business on seven occasions during 2022. There were an additional three meetings involving all of the charity trustees.

Reference and Administrative Information

Trustees

Ministers

Rev Stella Campbell	Minister
Rev Dr Ibidun Daramola	Associate Minister

Elders at 31st December 2022

Irene Arthur	Carol Green	Dawn Miller	Jane Roberts
Joyce Carter	Alison Hendry	Iain Miller	Fiona Robertson
Jill Chessor	Kirsteen Knight	Brian Milne	Kay Saddler
Crosby Chisholm	David Lawson	Heather Murchie	Jean Simon
Julia Chisholm	Elsbeth Lawson	Innes Murchie	Mary Singer
Malcolm Christie	Bill Leslie	Elizabeth Norris	Margaret Smith
Alan Crane	George Low	Elinor O'Brien	Donald Struthers
David Duguid	Niall MacBeath	Ann Paterson	Ian Thomson
Clifford Eastmond	Sheena McIntosh	Elaine Percival	Ian Traquair
Philip Fletcher	Sandy McPherson	Chris Pinnell	Maureen Traquair
Stewart Forbes	Margaret Mearns	Joyce Pinnell	Donald Wallace
Mary Fraser	Jim Menzies	Lorraine Pirie	Eva Will
Elizabeth Gray	James Michie	Lesley Reid	Peter Wright
Sheila Gray		John Ritchie	

Elders Who Ceased to be a Trustee During 2022

Gordon Argo
Allan Fair
Sandy Weir
Jack Mearns

Congregational Board

The following are the members of the Congregational Board:

Bill Bilsland: Flora Buthlay: Jill Cozens; Barbara Emmerson: Anne McNeill:
Hendry Morrison (resigned 29 May 2022): Muriel Reith: Rona Ritchie: Resifina Seyara:
Alison Smith: Dorothy Williamson (resigned 29 May 2022).

As at 31 December 2022, the number of elected Elders on the Board was thirteen. At the 2022 Stated Annual Meeting, twelve Elders stood for re-election. Seven were re-elected to stay on the Board and five opted to resign. One other Elder resigned during the year. Also, at the Stated Annual Meeting, Eva Will was appointed to serve on the Board as an elected Elder.

Principal Office Bearers

Minister:	Rev Stella Campbell
Associate Minister:	Rev Dr Ibidun Daramola
Session Clerk:	Chris Pinnell
Clerk to Congregational Board:	Fiona Robertson
Church Treasurer:	John Chessor
Principal Office:	Skene Parish Church Trinity Church Office Westhill Drive Westhill Aberdeenshire AB32 6FY
Independent Examiner:	ESP Bookkeeping Craigshannoch Alford Aberdeenshire AB33 8EE
Bankers:	Royal Bank of Scotland Queens Cross, Aberdeen Branch 40 Albyn Place Aberdeen AB10 1YN

Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

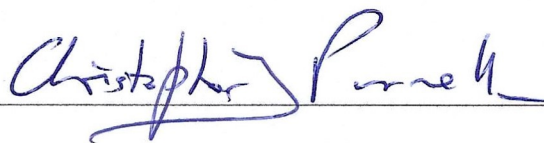
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the method and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 (as amended). 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information on the congregation's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,

Signed:



Chris Pinnell
Session Clerk
Skene Parish Church

Date:

14 March 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Skene Parish Church Year ended 31 December 2022

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 13 to 24.

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 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.

Signed:  Date: 14th March 2023
Name: Stephen Milne FCMA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Chartered Management Accountant

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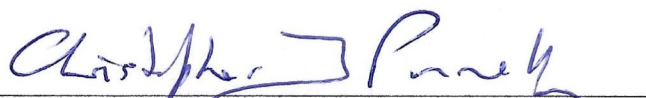
**Statement of Financial
Activities
Year ended 31 December 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Endowment Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Endowment Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Income and endowments from:									
Donations and legacies	1	128,421	103,193	-	231,614	138,822	10,147	-	148,969
Charitable activities	2	5,488	132	-	5,620	2,800	352	-	3,152
Other trading activities	3	22,251	-	-	22,251	10,203	-	-	10,203
Investments	4	2,439	-	7	2,446	(94)	-	-	(94)
Other	5	-	16,500	-	16,500	4,786	28,264	-	33,050
Total income		158,599	119,825	7	278,431	156,517	38,763	-	195,280
Expenditure on:									
Raising funds	6	284	-	-	284	328	-	-	328
Charitable activities		183,736	28,949	7	212,692	152,687	27,432	-	180,119
Other		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		184,020	28,949	7	212,976	153,015	27,432	-	180,447
Net income/(expenditure)		(25,421)	90,876	-	65,455	3,502	11,331	-	14,833
Transfers between Funds - in			2,533	-	2,533	-	31,936	-	31,936
Transfers between Funds - out		(2,533)		-	(2,533)	(31,936)	-	-	(31,936)
Net movement in funds		(27,954)	93,409	-	65,455	(28,434)	43,267	-	14,833
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		183,962	58,053	847	242,862	212,396	14,786	847	228,029
Total funds carried forward		156,008	151,462	847	308,317	183,962	58,053	847	242,862

**Balance Sheet
At 31 December 2022**

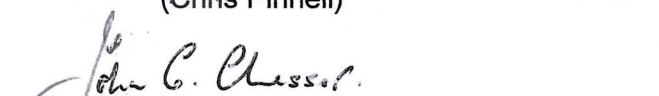
	<u>Note</u>	Total Funds 2022	Prior Year 2021
Fixed Assets:			
Tangible assets	9	8,358	6,723
Total Fixed Assets		8,358	6,723
Current Assets			
Church of Scotland Investors' Trust	10	280,000	190,000
Cash at bank and in hand		10,936	41,715
Debtors	11	15,403	10,166
Total Current Assets		306,339	241,881
Liabilities			
Creditors falling due within one year	12	6,380	5,742
Net Current Assets		299,959	236,139
Net Assets		308,317	242,862
The funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds	15	847	847
Restricted income funds		148,929	58,053
Unrestricted income funds		158,541	183,962
Total charity funds	15	308,317	242,862

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 14 March 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



(Chris Pinnell)

Session Clerk



(John Chessor)

Treasurer

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.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

Fund accounting

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

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) the general volunteer time of congregation members is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised as expenditure in the period of receipt.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Fixed Assets

The charity has the right to occupy and use for its charitable objects certain tangible fixed assets, including the Church, halls and manse, vested in the Church of Scotland General Trustees. No consideration is payable for the use of these assets. Expenditure incurred on the repair and maintenance of these assets is charged as resources expended in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which the liability arises.

All tangible fixed assets costing in excess of £750 having a value to the charity greater than one year, other than those acquired for specific purposes, are capitalised. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis to write off the cost or initial value, less residual value, of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives:

Fixtures, fittings and office equipment - 5 (five) years

Taxation

Skene Parish Church is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities. The charity is not registered for VAT and resources expended therefore include irrecoverable input VAT.

	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Endowment Funds 2022	Total 2022	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Endowment Funds 2021	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1. Donations and Legacies								
Offerings	105,085	2,163	-	107,248	109,497	668	-	110,165
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	22,836	30	-	22,866	23,891	40	-	23,931
Legacies	500	101,000	-	101,500	5,434	-	-	5,434
National Giving Day	-	-	-	-	-	9,439	-	9,439
	128,421	103,193	-	231,614	138,822	10,147	-	148,969
2. Income from charitable activities								
Weddings and Funerals	1,350	-	-	1,350	2,600	-	-	2,600
Coffee mornings etc	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Concerts and Social Events	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	4,138	132	-	4,270	200	352	-	552
	5,488	132	-	5,620	2,800	352	-	3,152
3. Income from other trading activities								
Rent Received	6,007	-	-	6,007	6,013	-	-	6,013
Letting Income	16,244	-	-	16,244	4,190	-	-	4,190
	22,251	-	-	22,251	10,203	-	-	10,203
4. Investment Income								
Deposit Interest	2,439	-	7	2,446	(94)	-	-	(94)
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2,439	-	7	2,446	(94)	-	-	(94)
5. Other Income								
Grants Received	-	16,500	-	16,500	-	23,700	-	23,700
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	-	-	-	-	4,786	4,564	-	9,350
	-	16,500	-	16,500	4,786	28,264	-	33,050

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6. Analysis of Expenditure								
<u>Raising Funds</u>								
Offering Envelopes	214	-	-	214	230	-	-	230
Text and Direct Debit Donation Fees	70	-	-	70	98	-	-	98
	284	-	-	284	328	-	-	328
<u>Charitable Activities</u>								
Ministries & Mission Allocation	84,172	-	-	84,172	78,576	-	-	78,576
Presbytery Dues	678	-	-	678	721	-	-	721
Pastoral Travel Expenses	2,844	-	-	2,844	2,183	-	-	2,183
Minister Telephone Costs	781	-	-	781	618	-	-	618
Pulpit Supply	-	-	-	-	81	-	-	81
Salaries & Pension	22,358	27,041	-	49,399	20,405	26,258	-	46,663
Fabric, Repairs & Maintenance	38,477	-	-	38,477	16,577	-	-	16,577
Gardening	2,703	38	-	2,741	1,777	-	-	1,777
Heating & Lighting	6,944	-	-	6,944	6,437	-	-	6,437
Insurance	3,503	-	-	3,503	3,369	-	-	3,369
Water Charges	-	-	-	-	249	-	-	249
Council Taxes	5,078	-	-	5,078	3,980	-	-	3,980
Youth Club	(92)	47	-	(45)	-	75	-	75
Guild Expenses	-	65	-	65	-	174	-	174
Church Office Expenses	4,758	-	-	4,758	4,220	-	-	4,220
Independent Examination Fee	450	-	-	450	500	-	-	500
Communion Expenses	-	-	-	-	99	-	-	99
Bank Charges	1,135	-	-	1,135	-	-	-	-
Training & Conferences	200	-	-	200	-	-	-	-
Worship Resources	1,620	-	-	1,620	3,007	-	-	3,007
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,097	127	7	3,231	2,027	127	-	2,154

Notes forming part of the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022

Skene Parish Church
Scottish Charity No SC009462
Year ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Endowment Funds 2022	Total 2022	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Endowment Funds 2021	Total 2021
Analysis of Expenditure (cont.)								
Social Events	-	249	-	249	-	-	-	-
Messy Church Expenses	-	650	-	650	-	677	-	677
Church Flowers	-	375	-	375	-	100	-	100
Rabboni Plants & Cards	-	357	-	357	-	12	-	12
Warm Wednesdays	264	-	-	264	-	-	-	-
Eco Congregation	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	9
Depreciation of Assets	4,766	-	-	4,766	7,861	-	-	7,861
	183,736	28,949	7	212,692	152,687	27,432	-	180,119
Total	184,020	28,949	7	212,976	153,015	27,432	-	180,447

Support costs have not been separately identified as the trustees consider there is only one charitable activity. Therefore, support costs relate wholly to that activity and have not been separately identified.

	2022	2021
	£	£
7. Staff costs and numbers		
Salaries	48,623	45,905
Employer Pension Contributions	776	758
Total	<u><u>49,399</u></u>	<u><u>46,663</u></u>

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Ministerial support	1	1
Church Officers / Wardens	2	2
Organists	1	2
Church Secretary	1	1
Premises maintenance	1	1
	<u><u>6</u></u>	<u><u>7</u></u>

No employee had employee benefits in excess of £50,000 (2021 nil)

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 £28,700 and the maximum stipend (in the fifth and subsequent years of service) £35,269.

8. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

During the year 7 trustees received reimbursement of expenses incurred totalling £1,939. These incidental expenses included mobile phone top-ups, stationery items, postages, cleaning materials, COVID related PPE and catering items.

Skene Parish Church met the costs of Council Tax for Rev S Campbell and also pastoral telephone and broadband charges for Rev S Campbell and Rev I Daramola. Total costs amounted to £3,450.

In addition, Mrs E Will received £6,036 for secretarial services at Trinity & Skene Churches, Mr B Milne received £2,965 for Church Officer duties at Skene Church, Mrs M Singer received £4,003 for cleaning duties at Trinity Church, Mrs J Cozens received £4,460 for Organist services, Mrs E Norris received £4,894 for Warden duties at Trinity Church and Mr A McPherson received £2,484 for maintenance work carried out at all four church properties.

During the year a total of £29,595 was donated to the congregation by trustees.

9. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Buildings	Equipment	Total
Cost			
At 1 January 2022	-	85,500	85,500
Additions	-	6,401	6,401
Disposals	-	(6,995)	(6,995)
At 31 December 2022	-	84,906	84,906
Accumulated Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	-	78,777	78,777
Charge for year	-	4,766	4,766
Eliminated on Disposals	-	(6,995)	(6,995)
At 31 December 2022	-	76,548	76,548
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2022	-	8,358	8,358
At 31 December 2021	-	6,723	6,723

10. Investments

The funds held in the Church of Scotland Investors' Trust are held in the Deposit Fund. This fund is intended for short-term investment and aims to provide a high rate of interest. Deposits are repayable on demand with interest calculated quarterly in arrears, paid gross in May and November.

11. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade Debtors	-	-
Other Debtors	13,452	1,023
Prepayments and accrued income	1,951	9,143
	15,403	10,166

12. Creditors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade Creditors	3,216	1,694
Accruals	3,164	4,048
	6,380	5,742

13. Analysis of Net Assets Among Funds

	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Fixed Assets	8,358	-	-	-	8,358
Current Assets:					
Church of Scotland Investors' Trust	80,000	100,000	100,000	-	280,000
Bank and Cash	5,587	-	4,502	847	10,936
Receivables	15,403	-	-	-	15,403
Payables	(6,380)	-	-	-	(6,380)
Net assets at 31 December 2022	102,968	100,000	104,502	847	308,317

14. Volunteers

In common with all congregations of the Church of Scotland the congregation benefits from the contribution made by volunteers who give their time and talents willingly for the benefit of the Church. The areas of congregational life which rely on the contribution of volunteers are many and varied and much of the activity would be unable to continue were it not for the commitment shown.

15. Movements in Funds

	At 1 January 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2022 £
Endowment funds					
Agnes Smith	847	7	(7)	-	847
	847	7	(7)	-	847
Restricted funds					
Elsie Duguid Legacy	-	100,000	-	-	100,000
Flower Fund	319	1,040	(375)	-	984
Rabboni Fund	2,660	50	(357)	-	2,353
Action Group	2,439	-	(248)	-	2,191
Eco Congregation Fund	20	112	(39)	-	93
Guild	2,545	2,023	(66)	-	4,502
Afternoon Teas	6,290	-	(126)	-	6,164
Youth Club	412	-	(47)	-	365
Messy Church Project	42,687	16,600	(27,691)	2,533	34,129
Pastoral Care Fund	681	-	-	-	681
	58,053	119,825	(28,949)	2,533	151,462
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	60,000	158,605	(156,072)	(2,533)	60,000
Fabric Fund (Designated)	93,339	-	(27,954)	-	65,385
Emergency Repairs (Designated)	30,623	-	-	-	30,623
	183,962	158,605	(184,026)	(2,533)	156,008
Total funds	242,862	278,437	(212,982)	-	308,317

Purposes of Endowment Funds

Income from the Agnes Smith Bequest Fund is paid to the Parish Minister on 31 December each year to be used at her own discretion.

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Elsie Duguid Legacy: This legacy is designated for fabric projects in our Church buildings.

Flower Fund: This is a fund to provide flowers to enhance the beauty of the Church.

Rabboni Fund: This fund provides for a gift to people in the Parish, of a plant on the first anniversary of the death of a loved one.

Action Group Fund: This is a fund to provide social events and companionship for older people in the Parish of Skene.

Eco Congregation Fund: This fund has been established as part of our work as an 'Eco Congregation' and caring for our environment.

Guild: Women and men from all walks of life who meet together with the common aim of committing their lives to Jesus Christ and expressing their faith in worship, prayer and action.

Afternoon Teas: A fund established from the sale of refreshments at Wednesday afternoon teas, now discontinued. The surplus will be used to support future projects.

Youth Club: Evening fellowship and fun for young people in the Parish of Skene.

Messy Church Project Fund: Fund to develop and deepen relationships with young Church families and also those with no Church links.

Pastoral Care Fund: A fund established for those in the parish who need extra support and care during periods of illness. Expenditure is at the discretion of the Parish Minister.

Purposes of Designated Funds

Fabric Fund: Is used to meet the costs of upgrading our buildings and significant building repairs to our four Church properties

Emergency Repairs Fund: Is used to fund repairs to both Church buildings.

16. Lease commitments

A 5-year lease of a photocopier in the Church Office was renewed during the year. As at 31 December 2022 the future commitment for payments in relation to this lease was £3,991.

17. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net movement in funds	65,455	14,833
Add back depreciation charge	4,766	7,861
Purchase of fixed assets	(6,401)	(5,395)
Decrease (Increase) in inventories	0	0
Decrease (Increase) in receivables	(5,237)	(1,645)
Increase (Decrease) in payables	638	621
Net cash generated from operating activities	59,221	16,275

18. Cash and Cash equivalents	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash Investment	280,000	190,000
Cash at bank and in hand	10,936	41,715
	<u>290,936</u>	<u>231,715</u>
19. Collections for Third Parties	2022	2021
	£	£
Christian Aid	3,842	2,569
British Red Cross – Ukraine Appeal	1,857	-
Church of Scotland – Ukraine Appeal	1,263	-
North Aberdeenshire Foodbank	656	-
Poppy Scotland	402	195
Barnardos	583	-
Pitcairn Residents Amenity Fund	214	-
Nkhoma Hospital	-	1,918
MacMillan Cancer Care	-	704
Bible Society	-	704
Tear Fund Afghanistan	-	476
	<u>8,817</u>	<u>6,566</u>

All monies collected in our appeals were remitted to the respective charities during the financial year. The income and payments collected in our appeals are not included in the Annual Accounts for Skene Parish Church.

General Fund Budget

Skene Parish Church
Scottish Charity No SC009462
Year ended 31 December 2022

INCOME	Budget 2023 £	Actual 2022 £
Offerings		
WFO Scheme & Standing Order Donations	90,000	90,536
Tax recovered on Gift Aid Donations	22,500	22,836
Legacies	-	500
Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)	4,000	4,044
Ordinary Offerings, Donations, Gift days etc.	10,000	10,505
	126,500	128,421
Other Ordinary General Income		
Use of premises	22,000	22,251
Other Income (incl Fees & Fundraising)	5,000	5,488
Interest	2,500	2,439
	29,500	30,178
Total Ordinary General Income	156,000	158,599
EXPENDITURE		
National Ministry and Mission & Wider Work		
Giving to Grow Contribution	77,150	84,172
Presbytery Dues	700	678
	77,850	84,850
Local Staffing Costs		
Minister & Assoc Minister Travelling Expenses	2,800	2,844
Church Officer	3,200	2,965
Organist	3,900	4,460
Church Cleaner	4,300	4,003
Church Secretary	8,100	6,036
Trinity Church Warden	5,400	4,894
	27,700	25,202
Building Costs		
Repairs and Maintenance	35,000	38,477
Gardening	3,000	2,703
Heating & Lighting	7,000	6,944
Insurance	3,500	3,503
Council Taxes	5,300	5,078
	53,800	56,705
Other Local Costs		
Bank charges	1,200	1,135
Youth Group Expenses	-	(92)
Church Office Expenses	5,200	4,758
Minister & Assoc Minister Telephone	750	781
Warm Wednesdays	500	264
Training	200	200
Worship Resources	1,750	1,620
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,250	3,097
Independent Examination fee	500	450
Depreciation	2,500	4,766
	15,850	16,979
Total Ordinary General Expenditure	175,200	183,736
(DEFICIT) / SURPLUS	(19,200)	(25,137)