

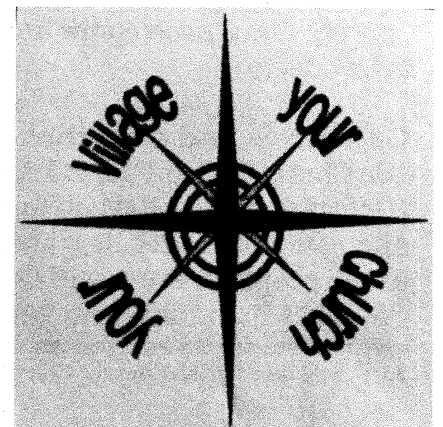


Forth St Paul's Parish Church (Church of Scotland)

Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2020

Congregation No: 130713

Charity No: SC003080



Trustees Annual Report Year ended 31st December 2020

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Forth St Pauls Parish Church (Church of Scotland)
Charity Registration Number: SC003080
Congregation Reference No: 130713
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Trustees (Kirk Session)

Robert Allan	Ann Anderson	Mary Bell	Mary Carruthers
Elma Conn	Ian Conn	Ruby Fowler	Agnes Gallacher
Isa Gardiner	Grace Graham	Jean Haston	Andrew Henderson
Margaret Hunter	Catherine Jardine	Catherine McGurk	Audrey Murphy
Stewart Murphy	Margaret Neilson	Tom Neilson	Karen Nicol
David Nimmo	Jim Sinclair	Janette Stevenson	Jane Savage
Jim Robertson	Ellen Watt	Agnes Harkness (until 21/6/20)	

Principal Office-bearers

Minister: Rev Elspeth J MacLean
Session Clerk: Mrs Margaret Hunter
Church Treasurers: Mrs Margaret Neilson and Mrs Catherine McGurk

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Forth St Paul's Parish Church is administered in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Constitution (Unitary Form) from March 2010.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Members of the Kirk Session are the charity trustees. The Kirk Session members are the active 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.

Organisational Structure

The Kirk Session is moderated by the Minister and meets nine times a year. There are committees for the areas of Resources, Worship and Fellowship, Community and World Issues and Pastoral Care and certain responsibilities are delegated to them. Each committee is convened by a member of the Kirk Session with the membership being made up of elders and representatives from the congregation. Each committee reports regularly to the Kirk Session, with Resources reporting at every meeting.

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. The parish of Forth St Paul's

covers the communities of Forth, Wilsontown, Haywood, Braehead, Climpy, Auchengray, Tarbrax and some farming communities on its borders.

Achievements and Performance

Minister's Report

2020 began, as usual, with a few funerals within the first few weeks which made a difficult start to the year for many families, especially our elder Robert Allan. The highlight of January was our ecumenical service on 22nd January celebrating the week of prayer for church unity with a Songs of Praise in St Mary Magdalene's. The small chapel was packed, and the warmth was definitely spiritual as well as physical.

In February our parish coordinator Karen and I took "Easter Code" to Lanark Presbytery, where this interactive exploration of the Easter story was very well received. I was told by one person that it was the most meaningful experience of the Easter story they had ever known. We also had the joy of a double baptism, of baby Calvin and his Mum Danielle, little did we know that this would be the last time we had a packed church that year.

As our annual Pancake night was in full flow, I was flying out to Zambia for 2 weeks holiday. Returning on 11th March as the whole world was reeling with the COVID-19 pandemic. I was able to attend the rededication service of Carstairs parish church, and I led one service, while maintaining social distancing, before we had to close our church building. My diary is full of appointments and events cancelled, and we all began a very steep learning curve as COVID-19 restrictions were introduced and kept changing.

My previous year participating in meditation online, in the Zoom platform meant I was able to begin leading worship on Zoom fairly quickly, thank you God, and Robert Lalor of meditationchapel.org. I also began a Facebook Live prayer at 7pm each Sunday, and this continues to attract good numbers of people, many of whom never normally attend church. As we began to realise that the pandemic was going to last longer than a few months, I was most grateful to everyone who stepped up to help. Margaret Hunter, who has shared the responsibility of keeping up with regulations, of raising funds to cover the cost of materials needed before we could reopen the church, helping with the enormous task of reopening our church, and managing regular inspections when the building is closed, ably assisting, alongside Agnes Gallagher, Catherine McGurk, and Jean Haston, with our online worship, in addition to all her duties as session clerk. I think Margaret deserves a medal!

I would also like to thank Lynne MacFarland and all the Jigsaw leaders for keeping contact with Jigsaw families, and maintaining their connection with our church, and especially for organising the wonderful Nativity video; Rena Jardine for sending cards in lieu of flowers to bereaved families, and continuing with sending cards on the anniversary of a bereavement, and for counting money along with Jane Savage once we were able to reopen the church; Robert Allan for leading worship as pulpit supply, and for leading prayers and Bible readings during our services; and to all our elders, folk on the Bible reading rota, and everyone who has worked together to help each other during this very difficult year. And most of all I want to stop and thank God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who has been our constant support, source of energy, love and peace, provider of wisdom and all that we need for life.

Looking forwards into 2021 and beyond, we recognise that we do not know what lies ahead. We never really did know the future, but 2020 has made it abundantly clear that, as Rabbin Burns wrote, "the best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft a-gley." So this year I believe we must focus more on prayer, on contemplation, and on reflection, as we try to learn the lessons God is teaching us, and find new ways of being church. What I wrote last year needs to be seen from a new perspective. I think it is still true and valid that, as I wrote last year,

“we are beginning to think about a Gospel development plan, where all the different groups are interconnected and lead to pathways to faith. We want our buildings to be used in the best possible ways, developing our outreach work with children, families, young people and the elderly. We are working to be more inclusive with improved signage and training to become more dementia friendly; to engage with people of all backgrounds, and help them know the love of God regardless of their sexuality, gender, mental health, addictions, grief, financial state, nationality, physical and mental ability or restrictions.

*Our local church review helped us to see how much we are already doing, and we are confident that the work we are starting to develop our church buildings will enable us to fulfil our dreams of being a church which **has** a heart for the community and is **at** the heart of the community.”*

2020 has taught us that we can be a church which has a heart **for** the community and is **at** the heart of the community even when our buildings were not in use.

Worship

The church family of Forth St Paul’s is varied, with people of all ages and experience involved. Sunday worship is held at 11:00am with a vibrant Sunday school known as J.I.G.S.A.W with approximately 18 members. Attendance at services is generally between 80 and 90, with approximately 307 on the roll. Worship is varied with a mixture of traditional and contemporary styles, thereby meeting the needs of differing generations and personalities. Holy Communion is celebrated four times a year on a Sunday, as well as during Holy Week and the week leading up to Christmas, and on occasional Sundays throughout the year. On the second Sunday of the month, there is a short service in the Bank Hall, which is in a sheltered housing complex. However due to the Coronavirus restrictions from March to the end of the year services have mainly taken place online via Zoom and when restrictions eased, we were able to reopen our church every second week (which was always full to capacity in line with guidelines). We are now celebrating communion monthly on Zoom and have developed our worship group to be more involved with facilitating services in different ways to support Rev Elspeth MacLean. The online services has opened our worship to others not physically able to visit, be it due to distance or health disabilities.

Kirk Session Committees (made up of Elders and members)

Pastoral Care

Our group would normally make home visits to church members in the parish who are housebound, or who are now unable to come to church. We also visit those in Crosslaw and Beechgrove care homes in Lanark, these visits are very informal, a chance for a blether and a catch up about what’s happening in our church. Sunday worship is recorded on a USB stick which is distributed to several homes together with the Order of Service. Listening to the children’s address, sermon, prayers and singing helps members retain a more personal connection with our church family. Our visits are very informal, but an important link in keeping a personal contact with our church family. Several members of the group assist with flower deliveries after services each week. Bereavement cards are also sent to families on the first anniversary of a loved ones passing, offering prayers and support, which has been very much appreciated by those families concerned. Several Elders and/or pastoral care members have also undergone safeguarding training, bereavement and dementia awareness training to better support residents within the parish. Regular duties were carried out until the lockdown in March when pastoral care was undertaken by phone to ensure the health and wellbeing of parishioners.

Worship and Fellowship Report

Although a lot of 2020 was cancelled, we were fortunate to have the skills within both the committee and the wider church to be able to move a lot of our worship online.

Our weekly Zoom services are quite well attended and have been led by Elspeth, our worship team, and even a few pre-prepared services by the Moderator himself. The online services are

attended by people who live both locally and further afield. This is done through one of two ways; either by an internet connection or by 'dialling in'. At the end of the service most weeks, we are able to be split into smaller groups known as 'break-out rooms' where we are able to chat like we would at the end of Sunday service in church. During our online services, we have been able to join in the celebration of Holy Communion, where we were able to welcome members from Carnwath and Carstairs during their period of vacancy.

During September, October, and November we were fortunate enough to be able to open the church to have in-person worship for limited numbers under the guidelines of the time, which included no singing, but we were able to watch videos of hymns both contemporary and traditional. These services were held every two weeks to allow us to continue with our online services to reach those who chose to allow others the seats in church.

We have also increased our presence on Facebook where we share daily prayers from the Church of Scotland Facebook page, weekly live prayers on a Sunday at 7pm from Elspeth, and prayers and posts from other relevant sources such as The Guild, Nicky Gumbel, Scottish Bible Society, and many others. Our Facebook page is open to anyone to view whether you have a Facebook account or not, but you do need an account to interact with the page.

We still offer the option of receiving a recording of our weekly services or, if you can access our website, you can listen to the recording there.

So, just because the church building is closed at the minute, doesn't mean our worship is closed. And we look forward to the day we can join in worship and fellowship in person once again.

Community and World Issues

The committee started off 2020 with a meeting in January. During that meeting we organised events to April. Unfortunately, due to restrictions during the pandemic, the only Community event we held was the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Night on Tuesday 25th February. During this event we held a quiz alongside the pancakes. A good evening was had by all.

World Issues

We continued to support Christian Aid by having an e-envelope available for donations and we held a Christian Aid Service on Zoom.

We supported Blythewood Care by providing envelopes for donations and The Salvation Army were also supported with Christmas Gifts and Donations and assisted St Andrew's Hospice with their Light up a Life campaign.

Resources Committee

They have responsibility for property and finance, and it is an onerous task at times. They manage the hall lets for both the church and the community, oversee the employees, keep the building wind and water tight as well as planning required works. They also have the Manse to care for as it is a major asset for the church as well as a family home for the minister. Through 2019/20 and 20/21 we worked in Partnership with Forth Development Trust on a development project securing £60,000 in 2019/20 which helped to refit our kitchen, install a cinema in our main hall and some general upgrading. Fortunately, we were successful again for 2020/21 securing a further £75,000 and are currently working on further upgrading to our halls and securing an outdoor space from the Council for use by our clubs. We also secured a small grant from SLC REF and Levensat Tormywheel fund to cover sanitizing and cleaning equipment to ensure we are able to satisfy all cleaning/safety guidelines (£2329.51). Through the Mission and Ministries Variance Allowance (£3739.98) we were able to purchase recording equipment to allow us to record and live stream services, however further training will be undertaken before live streaming commences.

J.I.G.S.A.W. (Sunday School)

We had 18 regular children this year. The last session of Jigsaw took place on 15th March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the government lockdown imposed. We were therefore unable to celebrate Easter in the usual way so delivered a "Real Easter Egg" to the door of all our

children.

From May to June 2020, we engaged the children by giving out packs with stories, activities and games for them to do at home. These fed into several of Elspeth's virtual services. One particular story was that of Noah's Ark where the children were asked to decorate a rainbow. This was not only part of the story but fitted in with people putting rainbows in their windows to support the NHS. It was also a sign of hope.

On 2nd August, we held a virtual Appreciation Service for our children. Prior to this, we gave all the children a book. The parents kindly sent us photos of the children with their books which were used at this service.

We decided not to give out any more packs at this time as felt that both children and parents were under pressure with getting children back into a school routine after being off for so long then having to cope with home schooling after Christmas.

We held our virtual Nativity play on 13th December via Zoom and 20th December where it was shown in church. We had videos of 16 children all dressed up in their costumes saying their words and dancing which was then combined into the one video. It was a huge success and enjoyed by all!

We are now working on an Easter presentation to be shown at the virtual Easter service. We would like to say a huge thank you to all our amazing children and parents who have supported us throughout the last year.

Rainforest Cafe

This group was established as a follow-on group from our Planet Earth Clubs for teenagers where they can come and chill out with their friends.

They have organised a Tuck Shop which now operated during sessions and at our first event in January we held our New Year dinner which everyone enjoyed with some singing and dancing afterwards.

We arrange a variety of activities including baking nights making scones and pancakes, card making with ink stamps, a chocolate fondue night and foot spa for anyone who wants one and have also held a few movie nights too.

A few of the volunteers who help organise the group often come early and we enjoy a meal together beforehand which has helped develop and build a close-knit team who work well together.

Several volunteers were successful in completing an SQA Award for Volunteering which they worked through, it was hoped to continue on with this course at the next level however due to the pandemic and government restrictions we have not been able to continue at this time but hope to in the future.

Mainly Music

Mainly Music is a parent and toddler group based around music, and fun. We teach the children and their parents or carers songs which are both educational and fun, and which encourage healthy interaction between the toddlers (and babies) and their adult. After the music part of the session, the children are all given healthy snacks, and then are supervised by our team as they play with toys, giving parents and carers a chance to sit and enjoy a cuppa, cake and chat. We met every Tuesday morning, from 14th January until we had to close for the pandemic in March.

We tried to keep in touch with our families through a WhatsApp group, email, letters, and occasionally meeting when out walking. The Mainly Music organisation responded quite quickly and provided video sessions which I emailed to all our families. Many of them told how much the children enjoyed the songs and games although everyone really missed being able to meet together. The children are all growing up and many have moved on to nursery, or even school. We pray and hope that once we can use our church halls again, we will be able to attract new members, although at present we would not be allowed to sing, nor to share refreshments, so we are actively looking for new ways to be Mainly Music. The whole ethos of Mainly Music is about sharing our faith through our actions and interactions, as we build up relationships with young families. I'd like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has been involved.

Planet Earth Club

Unfortunately, we haven't had many clubs this year with the lockdown.

Clubs ran as usual throughout January to mid-March and during this time the children were involved in several activities including painting and a variety of games. They made gingerbread men and iced them and baked more pancakes (which are a favourite). We created craft packs for the children which were available at the food hub while they were off school.

This year we have been granted funding to create an outdoor space for our church which will be a great asset especially for the children to play outside safely. We look forward to welcoming the children back when it is safe to do so.

Guild

In January we enjoyed our Festive Dinner which this year was held in the small hall due to a reduction in members. Normally we hold two meetings per month however due to bad weather and hall maintenance several meetings were cancelled. Our final meeting on 9 March 2020 prior to lockdown undoubtedly lifted spirits and helped us end on a high as our guest speaker was Rev David Scott accompanied by his wife Mary Catherine. Forth St Paul's Church was his first charge and after almost ten years, the Scott family left many happy memories. Following David's recent retirement, he told of his journey through the years and the different churches he became minister to. We welcomed members of the congregation to the meeting so had a full and lively session of memories during tea time. We were also proud that evening as our hall and kitchen had just been upgraded and redecorated with the help of a grant from the Town Centre Fund.

In October a letter was received from Guild headquarters stating that capitation fees were being reduced from £12 to £9 per member. Due to the pandemic and restrictions of access to our halls the AGM to elect office bearers and our committee for the year 20/21 was unable to take place as well as any sessions or guild activities for the remainder of the year. It was agreed to send a donation of £100 in place of capitation fees which was sent on the due date in January 2021.

We look forward to a time when we will be able to restart our Guild and enjoy the meetings with our friends.

Parish Community Co-ordinator

This year started off with Elspeth and I attending the school Burns Supper, it was great to see all the children taking part and we had a lovely meal too.

A few weeks later I made pancakes with each class at Forth Primary over a few days. They each get a turn at making them and really enjoy eating them. This was then followed by our own pancake night at church where we made more pancakes and a quiz night for everyone to enjoy.

We provided a demonstration of our Annual Easter Code event to Lanark Presbytery which we do with the school children. We set up the Gazebos and a few props and prepared a presentation explaining how we manage our event; a few people were interested to come to Forth and experience it fully but unfortunately with lockdown restrictions we were unable to do this. With

the help of volunteers, we have made 12 disciple costumes for something different for the next Easter Code as the children always enjoy dressing up.

I completed a Dementia and Bereavement Training session at The Haven with a few others from our church which was very informative.

We received a grant for a new kitchen and cinema which were installed in January and a few volunteers and I painted the kitchen, small hall and part of main hall. We also met with the Environmental Health to check the regulations for the kitchen.

I delivered Food Bank deliveries as normal until March when the Food Hub was set up at Forth by The Development Trust; Forth St Paul's have worked in partnership throughout the pandemic with The Trust to ensure a coordinated response for our parish. We all took turns manning the Food Hub and I also helped organise groups to go out for a paid lunch which was funded through a COVID-19 response grant to encourage people to socialise and meet others again, this was really appreciated by our elderly residents and for those who preferred not to go out we delivered an Afternoon Tea box to their homes. At Christmas I assisted with the delivery of 20 Christmas dinners to those in need.

With our Galaday being postponed we organised a Scarecrow Hunt around the village to encourage families to make a scarecrow and display it in their own garden for the judging day. We had 105 scarecrows and there was a competition to see how many they could find. It was great to see families out searching for scarecrows and fortunately we were blessed with great weather.

Our new cinema was installed which is marvellous and with a few more volunteers we did a bit more painting in the hall and toilet. New trolleys for the new tables and chairs were built which will make moving things around a lot easier.

Julie and I built a replica of a boat in Jesus times for a display for church as Elspeth had asked me to prepare a talk on a passage from Marks Gospel with music to accompany it. Julie and I both enjoyed the challenge, socially distanced of course.

I have also worked with the Forth Community Resource Centre in the project of connecting Scotland digitally.

People who have no access to the internet and would like to give it a try are given a device. I have been recommending eligible people who would like one and help them to get set up and learn how to use it. It has enabled people to connect with their families through Facetime or Zoom when they have been unable to visit during lockdown restrictions.

At Christmas this year we had to do the Christmas Glow digitally which went better than I expected. We did miss the hot fruit punch and mincemeat pies though! We printed booklets which went to every person in the village with the Christmas message and their Christmas card.

It's been a tough year not seeing everyone or being able to meet at church but hopefully we will be back with a bit more normality soon. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Forth St Pauls Parish Church

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Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of Forth St Pauls Parish Church

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 9 to 14.

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. My 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

Name: Ian Ivison

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Signature: Ian Ivison

Date: 7th May 2021

Financial Review

The majority of our financial support comes through offerings, either by open plate or freewill envelope offerings. In 2020, through the freewill offerings, we raised £32,104. In addition, £8,071 was recovered on Gift Aid in the year and £1,114 came in the open plate at Sunday worship. The impact of the pandemic on this element of our finances has not been as bad as might be expected. This proves to us how important the church is in our community, which is more apparent at life-changing moments, such as weddings, funerals and baptisms as well as times of crisis and celebration.

However, the impact on fundraising events has been severe. The Guild has been unable to hold its usual fund-raising events this year, but has still transferred a similar sum to the church as in the past. Other normal fundraising has been massively reduced. It has to be said that these events have always been community events, and usually it is standing room only with people queuing out the door either to buy or to enjoy the social side of the events.

Grant aid was again received during the year from Tormywheel, for the funding of a Parish Community Coordinator. This is shown in the accounts as Restricted Funds.

Grant aid totalling £60,000 has been obtained to upgrade facilities and to install AV equipment. A total of £59,697 was spent during the year and income received was £49,529. At the year-end, £10,464 was due from South Lanarkshire Council, being the last instalment of the grant. This sum was received in March 2021.

Our total unrestricted income this year was £46,543, a decrease of £20,824 from 2019. We spent £53,767 (2019 £63,323) on running the church and maintenance of property, meaning that we have a deficit of £7,224 (2019 surplus £4,044). Both income and expenditure this year have decreased substantially due to the impact of the pandemic.

This means that we have £44,095 available for use by the congregation of Forth St Paul's Parish Church at the end of 2020, plus £27,761 restricted to the funding of a parish coordinator.

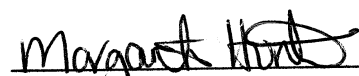
Reserves Policy

It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of approximately three months normal expenditure. At the year end the Church held unrestricted cash funds of £44,095 of which £16,830 had been designated for fabric, £455 for the use of the Guild and £1,108 for the future provision of IT equipment. The remaining balance of £25,701 represents about six months expenditure and the Trustees are satisfied that sufficient reserves are available.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The members of the Kirk Session 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 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,


Date: 17th March 2021

Session Clerk

Forth St Pauls Parish Church
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 December 2020

		Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<u>Receipts</u>	Note				
Donations	3	42,829	1,219	44,048	54,212
Activities for Generating Funds		2,135	-	2,135	13,943
Bank & Deposit Interest		20	12	32	86
		<u>44,984</u>	<u>1,231</u>	<u>46,215</u>	<u>68,241</u>
Rental of premises		239		239	1,822
Other Receipts		18		18	536
Government Furlough Scheme		1,302	6,571	7,873	-
Parish Community Coordinator Fund			6,574	6,574	12,702
Buildings & Development Fund			49,529	49,529	-
<u>Total Receipts</u>		<u>46,543</u>	<u>63,905</u>	<u>110,448</u>	<u>83,301</u>
<u>Payments</u>	4				
Costs of generating funds		224		224	305
Charitable activities		53,543	79,679	133,222	79,931
Governance costs		-		-	-
Other Payments		-		-	-
<u>Total Payments</u>		<u>53,767</u>	<u>79,679</u>	<u>133,446</u>	<u>80,236</u>
Excess of Payments over Receipts for the year (before transfers)		(7,224)	(15,774)	(22,998)	3,065
Transfers		-	-	-	-
Excess of Payments over Receipts for the year		<u>(7,224)</u>	<u>(15,774)</u>	<u>(22,998)</u>	<u>3,065</u>

Forth St Pauls Parish Church

Statement of Balances

At 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	2020	2019
	2020	2020	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
<u>Bank & Deposit Balances</u>				
Bank & deposit balances brought forward	51,319	27,761	79,080	76,015
Movement in year:				
Excess of Payments over Receipts for the year	(7,224)	(15,774)	(22,998)	3,065
Bank & deposit balances carried forward	<u>44,095</u>	<u>11,987</u>	<u>56,082</u>	<u>79,080</u>

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session and Financial Board on 17/3/21.
For and on behalf of the Kirk Session and Financial Board

Margaret Hunter Session Clerk

Margaret K. Nelson Treasurer

Forth St Pauls Parish Church

Notes to the Accounts

1. **Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions**

Mrs A Murphy, who is a member of the Kirk Session, received £1,700 for providing her services as organist.

Mr Robert Allan, who is a member of the Kirk Session, received £300 for provision of pulpit supply.

Ms Karen Nicol, who is a member of the Kirk Session, received £11,375 for her services as coordinator.

Rev. Elspeth McLean received reimbursement of expenses of £1,624. In addition Council Tax of £1,592 was paid by the congregation for the Manse

Other than the above, no trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

2. **Movements in Funds**

	At 1 Jan 2020 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2020 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated Fabric Fund	36,640	190	-	(20,000)	16,830
Designated IT Fund	1,108	-	-	-	1,108
Designated Guild Fund	3,292	410	847	(2,400)	455
General Fund	10,279	45,943	52,920	22,400	25,701
Restricted Funds					
Parish Community Coordinator Fund	27,761	14,376	19,982	-	22,155
Buildings & Development Fund	-	49,529	59,697	-	(10,168)
	<u>79,080</u>	<u>110,448</u>	<u>133,446</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,082</u>

Purposes of Designated Funds

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

Guild Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds for the running of the Guild.

IT Fund: This Fund is for the provision of IT resources to the minister.

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Parish Community Coordinator Fund : Grant aid has been obtained to fund the employment and associated costs of a coordinator over a three year period.

Buildings & Development Fund: Grant aid totalling £60,000 has been obtained to upgrade facilities and to install AV equipment. At the year end £10,464 was due from South Lanarkshire Council being the last instalment of the grants. This sum was received in March 2021.

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
3. Analysis of Donations			
WFO Scheme & Gift Aid	32,104	32,104	37,441
Bequests & Donations	1,539	1,539	2,684
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Donations	8,071	8,071	7,452
Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)	1,114	1,114	5,135
	<u>42,829</u>	<u>42,829</u>	<u>-</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
4. Analysis of Payments				
Costs of generating funds				
Offering envelopes	224	-	224	305
	<u>224</u>		<u>224</u>	<u>305</u>
Charitable activities				
Ministries and Mission Allocation	31,362		31,362	38,718
Presbytery Dues	614		614	1,117
Minister's Expenses	1,624		1,624	1,694
Pulpit Supply	360		360	(60)
Other salary costs	6,402	13,204	19,606	19,318
Fabric Repairs & Maintenance	5,152	59,697	64,849	4,479
Council Tax	1,592		1,592	1,554
Other Buildings Costs	4,932		4,932	7,573
Church Office Expenses	-		-	842
Worship Resources	-		-	(17)
Other expenses	1,505	6,778	8,283	4,713
	<u>53,543</u>	<u>79,679</u>	<u>133,222</u>	<u>79,931</u>
Governance costs				
Independent examiner's fees	-		-	-
Other payments				
Purchase of assets	-		-	-
	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</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 £28,137 and the maximum stipend (in the tenth and subsequent years) £34,577

	2020 £	2019 £
6. Collections for Third Parties		
Place at the table - Syria appeal	-	-
St Andrew's Hospice	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

7. Funds Held by Church of Scotland

	2020 £	2019 £
Opening Balance		977
Interest Received		<u>3</u> 980
Amount repaid		<u>980</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>