

Partick South Church of Scotland, Glasgow
Trustees' Annual Report [Cont.] - Year ended 31 December 2021

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Partick South Church of Scotland, Glasgow
Charity Registration Number: SC008315
Congregation Reference No: 160947
Contact address: 259 Dumbarton Road, Glasgow, G11 6AB

Trustees

Kirk Session [Elders]

[Redacted]

Minister

[Redacted]

Congregational Board

All Members of the Kirk Session are also members of the Congregational Board

Elected by the congregation to serve on the Congregational Board

[Redacted]

Principal Trustees

[Redacted]

Independent Examiner

[Redacted]

Principal Bankers

[Redacted]

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The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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 Kirk Session [Elders] meets approximately six times a year and is responsible for spiritual affairs within the church, the Kirk Session is moderated by the Minister. The Congregational Board is responsible for the temporal affairs of the church. It is chaired by the minister or a designated member, elected from its membership, and meets approximately six times in a year. Certain financial and fabric responsibilities are delegated to the Finance Committee and Property Committee as appropriate. Both the Kirk Session and Congregational Board now meet together and are commonly known as the "Trustees"

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.

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In addition to acts of worship each Sunday at 11.00am, approximately 50 in attendance and 6.30pm with approximately 20 in attendance, we also have a mid-week act of worship and fellowship on a Wednesday with approximately 12 in attendance. We have also developed our online presence with the Sunday morning and Wednesday Worship services now being live streamed on our dedicated YouTube channel. Many of our stay-at-home members appreciate this opportunity to worship and to remain a part of the life and worship of the church. Due to COVID restrictions the congregation temporarily cancelled its weekly prayer meetings and Bible Study groups normally held at various times throughout the year. There is a Crèche, and Young Church, which also met on a Sunday morning. A Brownies youth organisation meets on a Thursday evening. Unfortunately, after more than 30 years dedicated service the Vestibule Tearoom, has now closed. The Sunday Community café re-opened in September and is serving a simple meal to approximately 25 people per week. In 2021 the singing group called Broken Voices continued with approximately 12 members. This year due to COVID restrictions they were unable to group visit Care Homes to entertain the residents. They have also formed a self-help group supporting one another's pastoral needs. Many other groups from the community use the premises, including, two Gaelic Choirs, AA, Al Anon, Gamblers Anonymous [now online], Slimming World, Health Service groups, and many Christian and secular groups looking for a meeting space. We are also members of the wider West End Youth Group called 'The Wheel Trust' and Glasgow Street Pastors which include Prayer Pastors. In our old McColl Halls, we now have a fully functioning Korean Church of Glasgow.

In terms of the charities short term and long term aims, we seek to bring the ordinances of the Christian religion to the Parish that we are called to serve. We seek to work locally within the various Christian and secular community activities. We seek to continue to work alongside and with, Partick Housing Association, and The Annexe Community. The local Greggs support us with free bakery products for the Sunday café. At the heart of the church is one of helping and supporting the most disadvantaged and poorest members of society. We aim to achieve this by continuing to provide free meals, and a welcoming non-judgemental space.

The Trustees believe that they are fulfilling their short term aims as well as building a solid foundation for long-term sustainability.

Achievements and Performance

2021 was the year two of COVID with many of the church functions and operations ceased in the first half of the year and only opening up at a much slower pace from June onwards.

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In the second half of the year, the church continued to open on a Sunday evening to feed the homeless and those in need within our community by offering them a free hot meal, refreshments, bakery products and second-hand clothing. Approximately 25 people attend. The members of the congregation support this by giving financially, as well as giving of their time and talents. The Café is also supported by local businesses, Deoch & Dorus Public House, and Gregg's. This venture is staffed by volunteers from within the church membership, as well as members of the wider Partick community and from the recovering community. Our Sunday morning service and Wednesday worship, were both offered as online or via our steaming service on YouTube. The September Harvest Offering for the Lodging House Mission was a mixture of pre-packed groceries or a financial offering.

The church grounds are maintained by a small dedicated group of church members. As the charity has leased the old building, known as the McColl Halls, to the Glasgow Korean Church, they are now in year 5 of a 10-year lease, previously completing a 5-year lease.

Many general building repairs were made to keep the Sanctuary and halls in good order with no significant spend. This included the upgrade of the large hall flooring and new double glazing. We also upgraded our AV system to live stream various church events, primarily the Sunday service.

The Manse also had various minor repairs attended to, and some rooms decorated, the manse is well maintained and kept in good order.

The Minister conducted 9 funerals, 1 wedding, 2 children Baptism's, 1 naming ceremony and 1 Profession of Faith.

The church continues to look at various ways of expending its presence on various social media and online platforms.

In the forthcoming year we intend to fulfil our social and spiritual aspirations abiding by our mission statement, "Making Jesus known - by praising His name, teaching His word, reaching His people, serving His church, supporting His family".

Financial Review

The offerings, whether by WFO, Open Plate or Standing Order have increased by £3,888 in the current year, however, the ongoing financial climate continues to affect people on fixed income. There was also financial support given via sacrificial offerings. Our Legacy Fund and Manse Fund are both in good financial state.

Reserves Policy

The charity Trustees have considered the reserves required and have taken into account their current and future liabilities. It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of approximately 6 months expenditure including designated funds.

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At the year end the Church held unrestricted cash funds of General fund of £24,011, the Legacy fund was £25,449, and the Manse fund was £11,102 which represents more than six months' reserves due to the legacy received in 2018.

The charity also holds investments in stocks and shares totalling £887,451 as of 31st December 2021. The Trustees are aware of the need to replace the furnishings in the Sanctuary, main hall and various other rooms, and may use the additional reserves for this purpose. The Trustees have made the decision to invest in people by offering various positions of employment to advance the mission of the church.

For a number of years, the congregation has, with Presbytery's approval, been allowed to build up reserves towards the replacement of the old, McColl Halls; Stage 3 is the total replacement of the building. With the Korean Church now leasing the McColl Halls, Stage 3 is now on hold.

Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The Trustees must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Church during the financial year. The Trustees 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 (as amended) and the Regulations Anent Congregational Finance approved by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 2016. 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,



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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
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Congregation Reference No: 160947

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 8 to 11

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 [as amended].

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 [as amended]. 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 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 [as amended], and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations [as amended] have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed –



Date 29th March 2022