

The Church of Scotland



BLAWARTHILL PARISH CHURCH of SCOTLAND
GLASGOW

CONGREGATION NO. - 160841

SCOTTISH CHARITY NO. - SC006410



ANNUAL REPORT and
CONGREGATIONAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

The following accounts will be presented to the
Congregation of Blawarthill Parish Church

16th April 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

Charity Name: Blawarthill Parish Church of Scotland, Glasgow
Charity Registration Number: SC006410
Congregation Reference No: 160841
Contact Address: [REDACTED]

TRUSTEES

The Trustees of Blawarthill Parish Church are the members of the Kirk Session who served from the 1st Jan 2022 to the date of Trustee approval on 9th April 2023, are as follows -

[REDACTED]

Principal Office Bearers -

Minister Rev. G. Melvyn Wood.
Session Clerks Mr. John Thomson.
Mrs. Ellen C. Smith.
Church Treasurer Mrs. Elizabeth M. M. Glen.

Independent Examiner

Ms. Jennifer Shields,
[REDACTED]

Bankers

Bank of Scotland,
836, Crow Road,
Anniesland, Glasgow. G13 1ET.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT.

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The Church is administered in accordance with the terms of the Church of Scotland's Unitary Deed of Constitution.

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Members of the Kirk Session 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.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Blawarthill Parish Church was founded in 1941 as a congregation of the Church of Scotland. The Kirk Session is chaired by the Minister and meets at least six times in a year. Certain responsibilities are delegated to *ad hoc* action groups as appropriate. Blawarthill Parish includes and lies adjacent to some of the poorest communities in Scotland according to government statistics. Accordingly, the parish is listed on the Church of Scotland's supplementary list of Priority Areas, meaning we can access targeted support and training provided centrally. Our focus for Christian outreach and service remains with serving those suffering from poverty, and in particular, food poverty. Glasgow NW Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust Foodbank network but is administratively an organisation of the congregation with its day to day affairs managed by the Kirk Session's Foodbank Governance Committee, of which the minister is Chair.

Blawarthill Church is part of the Presbytery of Glasgow. In 2022 the congregation entered into a cluster arrangement for Presbytery Planning purposes, with Broomhill Hyndland Church, Jordanhill Church, St. Columba Gaelic Church and St John's-Renfield Church. This arrangement, while mission-focussed, is aimed at managing declining memberships numbers throughout the Church of Scotland, and enabling a fair allocation of the reduced number of ministers. The planning process is expected to result in a sizable number of future adjustments including Unions and Linkages of congregations.

OBJECTIVES

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.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The congregation met weekly for Sunday worship. We have the equipment to livestream special services or record them for our YouTube channel, thanks to a grant from the CofS Small Grant Fund awarded to the St. Columba congregation. Congregational activities at Blawarthill were able fully to recommence following the Covid pandemic. Guild meetings enjoyed strong support and the 184th Coy. Boys Brigade returned to full activity, with the young Anchor Boys' section particularly strong. The Brownie Guide Company also held weekly meetings. The Church Choir is small but met weekly for rehearsals. Blawarthill Sunday School was sadly unable to survive the pandemic, however local families with children are directed to St. Columba's Sunday School. Small groups met from time to time for study and planning purposes. Easter, Remembrance and Christmas services were held as normal.

Our Sanctuary continued to be shared with the congregation of St. Columba Gaelic Church, an arrangement that became permanent due to a decision by the congregation to sell their former church. Furthermore, a Basis of Linkage was agreed by both Kirk Sessions which would lead to a formal Linkage of the congregations into one pastoral charge in 2023.

Blawarthill is a member congregation of the ecumenical Knightswood Fellowship of Churches, and we participated in a number of united services.

The Glasgow NW Foodbank continued to operate as an organisation of the congregation. Operational demands increased over the year, and the Welcome Centre area of the church became devoted solely to Foodbank use. Our full time Foodbank Manager and part-time Project Development Manager led operations, together with a team of volunteers, enabling the Foodbank to provide emergency food parcels through a voucher system and in partnership with referral agencies. This was done from our Blawarthill base and from outlying distribution centres in Possilpark and Maryhill. The Foodbank entered into a partnership with the Fuel Bank enabling it to start issuing Fuel Vouchers to clients who qualified. The Foodbank continued to be supported financially

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and in kind by grant giving bodies and various corporate and personal donors. Its financial position remained buoyant in spite of a growing cost of living crisis. The Manager started a waiting list for volunteers when enquiries to work with us began to outstrip demand on our services.

PERFORMANCE

News about church activities is publicised through a weekly pew-sheet which details church activities. Social media is used to publicise our work and as a mission tool. Facebook and Twitter as well as the church website (www.blawarthillchurch.org) are regularly updated and serve as a public record of our activities.

The church garden with its winding walks continues to encourage inclusivity and community engagement and has been successfully maintained by church members.

We experienced an increasing demand on the letting of the Church Halls by community groups, families etc. during the year, with a corresponding increase in rental income.

The Minister serves as Chaplain to the Knightswood Branch of the Royal British Legion. He is also a Director of the Coming Home Centres, Glasgow (Community Veterans Support) (SCO45047) and acts as Padre to the organisation. His time continues to be shared with St Columba Gaelic Church which he has served as Interim Moderator for the last seven years. He also serves actively in the Presbytery of Glasgow having been appointed as convener of its Community Responsibility Committee in 2022.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The report shows that we again completed our Ministries and Mission quota for 2022. From 2023 this will become '**Giving to Grow**' which is based on our income of 1 year, rather than previously, the average of 3 years income base. During the year 2023 we have been allocated a deduction for **Transitional Funding of £3,715** to soften the increase of contributions.

The Open Plate showed an increase of appx.15% from 2021, the total donations for FWO decreased by appx.20% while Gift Aid Donation increased by appx. 10% during the year. Again, a huge thank you to everyone for the continuing support of your church.

The General Fund Gift Aid tax reclaim has been held over until 2023. Still within the 4 years allowed.

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The Fabric Fund income and expenditure show a marked decrease as we actively promote the care of our church and manse and with the help of anonymous donors offering to reduce our future burden for any works that may arise.

A further increase in the Restricted Foodbank Fund is due to the amazing generosity shown by our extended community of individuals, businesses and clubs, too many to mention by name but with special thanks to the gentlemen who organise the 'Jags for Good' donations during the continuing crisis.

Lastly, due to the lifting of previous Covid restrictions placed upon us, our church hall lets have increased and as such, the income produced amounted to £3,735 compared to the last two years of £560 per year, with thanks to Nancy Smith for her valuable time and organisational skills and all who have assisted in the task of overseeing the opening and closing of those lets.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of approximately three months general expenditure.

As this may vary, see note 2.

Reserve Fund closing bank balance remains at £1,126.00

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

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,

Signed

Mrs Ellen Smith (Session Clerk)

Date 9th April 2023

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

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

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, (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
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: 10th April 2023

Name: Ms. Jennifer Shields

Address: [REDACTED]

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Designated Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total 2022	Total 2021
Receipts						
Donations	3	15,284	524	96,133	111,941	88,496
Legacies		0	0	0	0	0
Activities for Generating Funds		1,183	0	0	1,183	0
Bank & Deposit Interest		0	0	0	0	0
Investment Income		0	0	0	0	0
Use of Church Halls		3,735	0	0	3,735	560
Grants		0	0	39,589	39,589	20,847
Weddings and Funerals		0	0	0	0	0
Grants from General Trustees		0	0	0	0	0
Other Receipts		1,072	0	0	1,072	0
Total Receipts		21,274	524	135,722	157,520	109,903
<i>Org. Tfrs. to Fabric Fund</i>		0	0	0	0	0
F/bank Don/Tfr. to Gen. Fund		0	0	(0)	0	
		21,274	524	135,722	157,520	
PAYMENTS						
Costs of generating funds	4	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	4	22,257	1,319	42,379	65,955	68,390
Governance costs	4	0	0	0	0	0
		22,257	1,319	42,379	65,955	68,390
Assets and Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Total Payments		22,257	1,319	42,379	65,955	68,390
Excess of Receipts/Payments for the year before Transfers		(983)	(795)	93,343	91,565	41,513
Transfers		0	0	,(0)	0	0
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year after Transfers		(983)	(795)	93,343	91,565	41,513

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES - YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Designated Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total 2022	Total 2021
Note	£	£	£	£	£
Bank & Deposit Balances					
Bank & Deposit balances brought forward	20,553	9,017	231,946	261,516	220,004
MOVEMENT IN YEAR					
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	(983)	(795)	93,343	91,565	41,513
Bank & Deposit balances carried forward	2 19,570	8,222	325,289	353,081	261,517
LIABILITIES	1,684	0	0	1,684	1,585
Insurance					

The accounts were approved by
The Trustees on 9th April 2023
For and on behalf of the Trustees

.....Session Clerk

.....Treasurer

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
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1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & 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 2012.

2. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance at 01-Jan- 2022	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	20,553	21,274	22,257	0	19,570
Designated Funds					
Fabric Fund	7,891	524	1,319	0	7,096
Reserve Fund	1,126	0	0	0	1,126
Restricted Funds					
Flower Fund	137	865	949	0	53
Life & Work	264	96	180	0	180
Fellowship	182	0	0	0	182
Food Bank	226,554	132,266	39,841	0	318,979
Choir Fund	430	100	80	0	450
Guild	3,805	2,349	1,329	0	4,825
Sunday School	168	46	0	0	214
Gems	406	0	0	0	406
Total Funds	261,516	157,520	65,955	0	353,081

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PURPOSE OF FUNDS

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

General Fund This fund is for the general day to day running of the Church

DESIGNATED FUNDS

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

Reserve Fund The Trustees have set this aside for any emergency payments or top up the general Fund

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Flower Fund A fund to display flowers in the sanctuary

Life & Work A fund used for the purchase and payment of Life & Work

Fellowship Fellowship Fund Money

Food Bank Food Bank Fund Money

Choir This fund belongs to the Choir

Guild This fund belongs to the Guild

Sunday School Money for Sunday School use

Gems This fund belongs to the Gems

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	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Designated Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
3. ANALYSIS OF DONATIONS					
WFO Scheme	2,809	0	0	2,809	3,574
Gift Aid Donations	10,661	0	38,055	48,716	38,457
Tax recovered on Gift Aid Don.'s	0	0	0	0	0
Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)	1,814	0	0	1,814	1,577
Use of Premises	3,735	0	0	3,735	560
Other Offerings, Donations etc.	2,255	524	97,667	100,446	65,735
	21,274	524	135,722	157,520	109,903

4. ANALYSIS OF PAYMENTS
Costs of Generating Funds

Investment Manager's Fees	0	0	0	0	0
Offering Envelopes	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

Charitable Activities

Ministries and Mission	10,490	0	0	10,490	9,371
Presbytery Dues	243	0	0	243	238
Minister's Travel	1,133	0	0	1,133	1,992
Council Tax	3,002	0	0	3,003	2,913
Manse Phone	600	0	0	600	600
Organ/Pulpit Supply	0	0	0	0	120
Heating & Lighting & Water	4,100	0	639	4,739	2,711
Insurance	2,006	0	0	2,006	396
Church Telephone	0	0	931	931	973
Fabric repairs & maintenance – Church	0	787	861	1,648	16,718
Fabric repairs & maintenance - Manse	0	532	0	532	0
Other expenses	683	0	39,947	40,630	32,358
	22,257	1,319	42,379	65,955	68,390

Governance Costs

Independent Examiner's Fee	0	0	0	0	0
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TOTAL

	22,257	1,319	42,379	65,955	68,390
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5. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Paid from the General Fund of the Church during 2022 for one Trustee, the Reverend Melvyn Wood, was the sum of £4,735.23 for Manse Council Tax (3,002.58); Travel Exp. (1,132.65); Tel/B/band (600.00).

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.

6. 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 £28,700 and the maximum stipend (in the fifth and subsequent years of service) £35,269

7. COLLECTIONS FOR THIRD PARTIES

In addition to the General Income the following income from Special Collections was distributed during the year.

	2022	2021
Christian Aid	61	133
TOTAL	61	133

BANK BALANCES

Bank of Scotland Balance as at 31st December 2021	256,738.19
Flower Fund cash in hand	137.07
Choir Bank Balance as at 31 st December 2021	430.11
Choir Cash in hand	0
Guild Bank Balance as at 31 st December 2021	3,805.04
Guild Cash in hand	0.00
Sunday School Cash in hand	0.00
Gems Bank Balance as at 31 st December 2021	217.55
Gems Cash in hand	<u>188.49</u>
	261,516.45
Add outstanding Lodgement	0.00
Less cheques to be presented	<u>0.00</u>
Total Closing Balance as at 31st December 2021	<u>261,516.45</u>

Bank of Scotland Balance as at 31st December 2022	347,347.20
Flower Fund cash in hand	52.75
Choir Bank Balance as at 31 st December 2022	450.11
Choir Cash in hand	0
Guild Bank Balance as at 31 st December 2022	4,763.04
Guild Cash in Hand	92.00
Sunday School Cash in hand	0.00
Gems Bank Balance as at 31 st December 2022	217.55
Gems Cash in hand	<u>188.49</u>
	353,111.14
Add Outstanding Lodgement	0.00
Less cheques to be presented	<u>30.00</u>
Total Closing Balance as at 31st December 2022	<u>353,081.14</u>

**BLAWARTHILL PARISH CHURCH of SCOTLAND GLASGOW SC006410
GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

	BUDGET 2022	ACTUAL 2022	BUDGET 2023
INCOME			
OFFERINGS – Weekly	23,500	13,470	23,500
Tax recovered on Gift Aid Donations	2,000	0	2,000
Other Offerings and Donations	3,000	1,814	3,000
	28,500	15,284	28,500
Other Ordinary General Income			
Contributions from Congregational Organisations	1,500	0	1,500
Income from Investments	0	0	0
Interest from Bank Accounts	0	0	0
Weddings & Funerals (net income)	100	0	100
Contributions for Use of Premises	1,500	3,735	1,500
Other Income/legacies	1,000	2,255	1,000
	4,100	5,990	4,100
TOTAL ORDINARY GENERAL INCOME	32,600	21,274	32,600
EXPENDITURE			
MINISTRY, MISSION AND WIDER WORK			
Ministry and Mission	10,406	10,490	10,563
Presbytery Dues	243	243	255
	10,649	10,733	13,755
LOCAL MINISTRY			
Minister's Travel Expenses	2,000	1,133	2,000
Manse Council Tax	3,000	3,002	3,000
Manse Phone	600	600	600
Pulpit Supply	200	0	200
	5,800	4,735	5,800
LOCAL CONGREGATIONAL PURPOSES			
Heating & Lighting & Water	4,000	4,100	7,000
Insurance	2,000	2,006	2,105
Church Telephone	1,200	0	500
Organ Supply	100	0	100
Miscellaneous	2,000	683	2,000
Fabric	5,000	1,319	5,000
Printing / Stationery	200	0	200
	14,500	8,108	15,500