

**Mid Deeside Parish
Church of Scotland**

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Year ended 31st December 2021

Congregation No: 321931

Charity No: SC 012967

Mid Deeside Parish Church of Scotland
Reference and administrative information

Charity name: Mid Deeside Parish, Church of Scotland
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Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The Church is administered in accordance with the Unitary Constitution of the Church of Scotland.

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.

Organisational structure

The Kirk Session is responsible for spiritual affairs within the Church. It is represented at Presbytery by an elected elder. Day to day affairs are looked after by various Teams which report regularly to Kirk Session.

The Congregational Roll at 31st December 2021 stood at 457 members (2020: 471).

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.

The Kirk Session is keen to try to encourage young people to become involved in the work and worship of the church through Messy Church sessions and social activities though these have been limited due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Activities, achievements and performance

2021 began with yet another period of lockdown due to the rising number of COVID cases in the UK. There were no services in the church until Easter Sunday but online worship on Facebook and YouTube continued every week as well as online Bible study. There was also a virtual coffee time by Zoom after the services.

The Kirk Session has met monthly by Zoom and elders have kept in touch with members in their districts by phone, online or doorstep chats.

The Charity Shop, being a non-essential business, also had to close during this time. It, too, re-opened in April and continues to be well supported by locals and visitors. There were enough surplus funds to allow a disbursement round to local good causes before Christmas.

Our support of the Joyful Motherhood Project in Malawi was able to continue as people knitted many jerseys and toys during lockdown to be sent out to help young mothers at the Joyful Motherhood Project near Lilongwe.

The Parish Pantries, which were set up in October 2020, have continued to provide food and toiletries for those unable to afford to buy them and have been much appreciated by folk in the local communities.

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Activities, achievements and performance (continued)

The pantries are kept supplied by donations from members of the community as well as by the Fair Share charity in Aboyne. We were also very pleased to receive a donation of £500 worth of vouchers from the Co-op in Torphins. The Charity Shop has set aside funds to enable the purchase of slightly larger and more substantial storage units for the pantries.

Easter Sunday began with an outdoor time of worship in the church car park and then our first in-person service of the year in church. The decorated egg competition was done virtually with competitors uploading photographs of their creations. Easter craft boxes were distributed to children to work on over the school holidays.

Two of our elders completed their own Kiltwalk for Christian Aid by walking round the Parish and raised over £1,600, which was collected through the Kiltwalk website. They had some company on parts of the walk and were delighted to be refreshed by coffee and scones at the home of another elder.

The Guild was unable to meet in person, but members collected coins in lieu of their usual fundraising activities and also knitted hats for sailors which are given out at ports when crew come ashore.

Members of the Garden Gang worked on their own at various times to keep the church grounds looking good and the Eco Team established two areas of wildflower meadow to encourage plants attractive to bees and pollinating insects. A beautiful bug hotel, made by an elder, and some bird nesting boxes were also put in place.

The Rev Smith was a Commissioner at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland which took place on line again in 2021.

The Kirk Session were pleased to have four new elders join them in the summer- three by ordination and admission and one by admission and these people have already made a valuable contribution to the work of the Session.

Our audio-visual capabilities continue to evolve and the installation of a video camera in the sanctuary made for a big improvement in the quality of our online streaming. It also enables the congregation to see the children at the front of the church during their time with the minister. This installation, which has yet to be completed, was supported by a grant of £6,800 from the Church of Scotland's 'Adapt and Thrive' initiative and another grant of £3,400 from Allchurches Trust Ltd's 'Hope Beyond' initiative.

In September we appointed Mrs Elizabeth Coulter as a part-time youth worker and she is responsible for running Sunday School and Messy Church. Sunday School meets each week in church to begin with then moves to their own space for age-appropriate lessons.

We held our first Messy Church in October with a Harvest theme and were delighted to welcome 17 families who enjoyed crafts, games, a time of worship and a bowl of soup. The second one was planned in December just as COVID cases began to rise but instead of cancelling we held it outdoors and were blessed with a mild and dry afternoon for activities followed by hot chocolate and mincemeat pies.

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Activities, achievements and performance (continued)

The church was fortunate to be one of the first places to have power restored after the devastation of Storm Arwen and we were able to open for people to come and get warm, have a hot drink, charge their phones and catch up with emails.

Our Christmas services were able to go ahead and the children led our nativity entitled 'The Impossible Promise'. The Christmas Eve offerings were donated to Shelter Box and Home for Good.

Financial review

Presentation of accounts

The Accounts include only those funds held locally by the congregation. Those funds held by the General Trustees at the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh are shown in the Appendix. Legal titles for all church properties are also held by the General Trustees.

General Fund

The General Fund is one of the four 'unrestricted' funds shown in the body of the Accounts, and as it is used for running most of the congregation's activities.

General Fund - income

The principal source of income for the Church is giving from members of the congregation (and tax reclaims thereon). Overall, during 2021 giving through the General Fund totalled £59,635 which was very similar to the previous year (2020: £59,642). While this stability is encouraging during a period including lockdowns and other restrictions, giving is circa 6-8% lower than pre covid levels.

Within the total for giving, the 'open plate' was down 16% (2020: down 63%) to £1,336, 'Free Will Offering envelopes' giving were up 6% (2020: down 35%) to £3,062 and other giving and bank standing orders were down 2% (2020: up 1%) at £42,967. The Gift Aid tax reclaimed from the government generated £12,270 in 2021 (2020: £11,302) which was a 9% increase (2020: down 1%).

Total rental income decreased by 3% to £6,603 in 2021 (2020: £6,839) and this was, understandably, considerably lower than pre pandemic levels (2019: £12,903). Charges made for weddings and funerals in 2021 totalled £1,050 (2020: £nil); income from letting out Ha'berry to Torphins Playgroup was £268 higher at £4,370; income from letting out Lumphanan Hall was £216 lower at £41 and income from letting out the rooms in the church buildings was £1,142 lower at £1,338.

General Fund - expenses

The congregation's largest ongoing cost is the gross allocation made to the central Church of Scotland's Ministries and Mission Fund which totalled £38,433 in 2021 (2020: £44,157) before deducting endowment income of £5,557 (2020: £9,790), which fell due mainly to the lower interest rate environment.

This gross allocation covers the payroll and pension costs of ministers in the Church of Scotland (including our own) together with a contribution towards the wider work of the Church. The gross allocation is calculated by the central church based on a rolling three-year average of each congregation's general income.

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Financial review (continued)

General Fund (continued)

A summary of the main constituents of General Fund income and expenditure is set out in the table below.

<u>General Fund</u>		2021	2020	2019
		£	£	£
Operating income	Giving & Gift Aid reclaimed	59,635	59,642	63,697
	Legacies	-	2,000	7,724
	Grants	10,200	2,250	-
	Fundraising (incl. sales of works)	-	-	3,341
	Rental income (incl. funerals)	6,603	6,839	12,903
	Investment income & bank interest	46	344	451
	Sale of church artefacts/ firewood	1,315	-	50
		77,799	71,075	88,166
Operating expenses	Ministries & Mission allocation	(32,876)	(34,367)	(26,584)
	Nomination Committee expenses	-	-	(59)
	Locum & pulpit supply	(61)	-	(1,060)
	Minister's travel, telephone & coms.	(1,728)	(1,871)	(615)
	Minister's removal & disturbance costs	-	-	(1,912)
	Youth Worker's salary (wef Sept-2021)	(2,135)	-	-
	Presbytery dues	(719)	(696)	(502)
	Organists & cleaners	(4,932)	(5,134)	(4,889)
	Fabric, equipment & upkeep of grounds	(17,100)	(13,926)	(9,640)
	Heat & light	(5,141)	(7,430)	(9,866)
	Misc. building service costs	(770)	(906)	(1,005)
	Insurances – net of rebates	(4,070)	(3,991)	(4,214)
	Council tax & water charges	(3,311)	(2,965)	(1,370)
	Public entertainment & VHF licences	(135)	-	(327)
	Study, music, worship	(155)	(279)	(625)
	Children's Christian education	(988)	(46)	(543)
	Copyright fees	(542)	(525)	(509)
	Website & electronic comms.	(395)	(395)	(440)
	Newsletters & publicity	-	(30)	(1,510)
	Stationery supplies & postage	(137)	(243)	(768)
	Community outreach initiatives	(332)	(886)	(171)
	Training & conference costs	(198)	-	(374)
	Payroll set-up & monthly running costs	(489)	--	
	Other costs & expenses	(216)	(471)	(1,114)
		(76,430)	(74,161)	(68,097)
General Fund surplus/(deficit)		1,369	(3,086)	20,069

Our part time Youth Worker started in September 2021 and was paid a salary of £2,135 in 2021. The cost for pulpit supply on Sunday mornings in 2021 was £61 (2020: £nil). The congregation paid fees to organists of £2,228 in 2021 (2020: £2,348). The cleaner was paid £2,703 (2020: £2,786).

The total cost of heating and lighting all our buildings fell again this year by £2,289 to £5,141 (2020: £7,430). Electricity costs fell by £1,771 in the year due mainly to £697 of rebates and significantly lower usage in the Sanctuary and church extension. Heating oil costs fell by £518 in the year and while the cost per litre of kerosene actually rose by an average of 17% over 2020 levels 28% fewer litres were ordered for the church and meeting rooms.

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Financial review (continued)

General Fund (continued)

The cost of council tax, water rates and sewerage costs for church buildings were higher at £3,311 in 2021 (2020: £2,965). Charges in the new extension relating to broadband, telephone and toilet hygiene services fell by 15% to £770 in 2021 (2020: £906) largely due to the timing of payments. A total of £4,070 (2020: £3,991) was spent on insurances.

Church buildings, equipment and grounds

In 2021 work was again undertaken to improve and maintain the congregation's facilities. The largest item of expenditure was for the video camera and streaming system in the Sanctuary (£9,025) and the congregation is thankful for the grant support towards this cost. Further expenditure on the video camera and streaming system will be incurred in 2022.

Fabric, equipment & grounds (including repairs & maintenance):		2021	2020	2019
		£	£	£
Church & extension	Service & repairs to boiler	143	242	323
	Service & repairs to heating/heat recovery system	1,354	-	633
	Service for fire alarm system & extinguishers	389	352	436
	Service & repairs to electricals & PAT testing	-	1,150	-
	Painting & decorating	1,390	1,961	-
	Wall mounted pin boards in Morven	530	-	-
	Secondary glazing of Sanctuary	-	8,580	-
	Adjustable Canterbury lectern	-	1,416	-
	Folding long tables (x2)	308		
	Other – window cleaning, wifi, mountings, etc.	67	552	891
Old Manse	Architect fees, surveys & planning costs	-	-	1,030
	Other - inspections, boiler & chimney	-	-	123
New Manse	Kitchen equipment & white goods	-	102	1,627
	New oil tank	-	1,946	-
	External wall harling	-	250	-
	Service & repairs to boiler	131	669	-
	Garden equipment & fixtures	-	-	700
	Other – painting & decorating, flooring, etc.	550	758	163
Ha'berry	Repairs to manhole in grounds	120	-	-
	Other, including inspection costs	65	233	94
Charity shop	Joinery, electrics, heating, inspections, etc.	272	1,427	505
Lumphanan church hall	Roof & gutter repairs, joinery work & painting	-	2,351	-
	Drains, inspections, electrics etc.	125	391	101
Upkeep of grounds	Grit & salt, grit spreader, boxes & shovels	165	312	36
	Traffic cones, safety equipment, signage, etc.	120	38	397
	Snow clearing charges	500	430	400
	Tree survey, surgery & pruning	200	1,930	-
	Bedding plants, young trees & gardening	300	-	165
	Ride-on mower service & repairs		-	174
	Garden shed & planning application	202	816	-
Electronic equipment	Video camera & streaming system	9,025	-	-
& software	Laptop computers and printers	1,230	-	1,864
	Microphone	-	-	474
	Control4 & other software (installation)	122	85	215
		17,308	25,991	10,351

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Church buildings, equipment and grounds (continued)

Church buildings, equipment and grounds (continued)

Other large items of expenditure included external paintwork on the windows of the Sanctuary (£1,390), servicing & repairs to the heating and heat recovery system in the church extension (£1,354) and a laptop computer (£1,230).

These costs disclosed in the table above were funded variously through the locally held general, fabric, extension, organ restoration and charity shop funds. In 2021 £208 was funded directly by the Charity Shop.

General Fund – (deficit)/surplus

Before any transfers from the Guild, Charity Shop and Fair Trade Stall and before accounting for third party fundraising, there was a surplus on the General Fund of £1,369 (2020: £3,086 deficit, 2019: £20,069 surplus).

The proportion of operating expenses that is covered by giving in 2021 was 78.0% (2020: 80.4%). The Trustees aim has been to move this stewardship performance indicator closer towards 100% through stewardship programs and by careful control over costs. In the table below, the 114.7% indicator was unusually strong in 2018 because of the lower operating expenses in a time of ministerial vacancy. This indicator dropped back in 2020 and 2021 largely due to the exceptional circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

<u>General Fund</u>		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
		£	£	£	£	£
Giving	Included as part of operating income	59,635	59,642	63,697	64,742	60,354
Operating expenses	In total	76,430	74,161	68,097	56,451	62,898
Proportion of operating expenses covered by giving		78.0%	80.4%	93.5%	114.7%	96.0%

General Fund - reserves policy

It is the Trustees' intention to hold liquid reserves of between three and four months' expenditure in its General Fund at any time using a rolling five year average – between £16,000 and £22,000 approximately. At 31st December 2021, the Church held £62,201 (2020: £61,043) in its General Fund (see Note 8). While this balance in the General Fund is strong, the Trustees are aware of the continuing need to avoid deficits and maintain general reserves in order to meet unexpected items of expenditure. The Kirk Session has plans for using part of the strong balance in the General Fund to finance church growth and increase reserves for future large expenditure on fabric.

At 31st December 2020, Mid Deeside Church held locally funds (including the General Fund referred to above) with a total of £170,991 (2020: £163,454) which have been provided for the purposes explained in Note 2. A breakdown of these balances can be found in Note 8.

Investment policy and performance

It is the Trustees' policy to hold most of its funds in bank and deposit accounts in order to have sufficient liquidity to meet short term emergencies and commitments to contractors. The balance of the Church's capital resources is currently held in the Income Fund administered by the Church of Scotland Investors Trust.

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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, by

Pam Auckland
Session Clerk

24th March 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Mid Deeside Parish Church of Scotland

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on pages 11 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44 (1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Raymond Donald

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9th April 2022

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31st December 2021

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endow ment funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Note</u>	£	£	£	£	£
Donations	[4a]	59,942	870	-	60,812	61,917
Legacies		-	-	-	-	2,000
Grants received		10,200	-	-	10,200	2,250
Activities for generating funds	[4b]	3,394	17,482	-	20,876	14,579
Bank & deposit interest		52	78	-	130	913
Investment income:						
- from Income Fund		377	29	-	406	482
- from Growth Fund		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>73,965</u>	<u>18,459</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92,424</u>	<u>82,141</u>
Rental of premises	[4c]	6,603	-	-	6,603	6,839
		<u>80,568</u>	<u>18,459</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,027</u>	<u>88,980</u>
 <u>Receipts from investment sales</u>						
Proceeds on sale of investments	[7]	-	-	-	-	3,203
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,203</u>
Total receipts		<u>80,568</u>	<u>18,459</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,027</u>	<u>92,183</u>
 <u>Payments</u>						
Costs of generating funds	[5a]	-	(7,818)	-	(7,818)	(7,893)
Governance costs		-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	[5b]	(76,662)	-	-	(76,662)	(85,314)
Grants and donations	[9d]	(2,510)	(4,266)	-	(6,776)	(4,259)
Total payments		<u>(79,172)</u>	<u>(12,084)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(91,256)</u>	<u>(97,466)</u>
Excess of receipts over payments / (payments over receipts)		<u>1,396</u>	<u>6,375</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,771</u>	<u>(5,283)</u>

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Statement of Balances

At 31st December 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<u>Bank & deposit balances:</u>				
Bank & deposit account balances b/f (including £104,180 with the Investors Trust Deposit Fund)	70,887	79,666	150,553	155,836
<i>Movement during the year:</i>				
Excess of receipts over payments/(payments over receipts) for the year	1,396	6,375	7,771	(5,283)
Transfers between funds	43	(43)	-	-
Bank & deposit account balances c/f (including £117,194 with the Investors Trust Deposit Fund)	[2] <u>72,326</u>	<u>85,998</u>	<u>158,324</u>	<u>150,553</u>
<u>Investments at market value:</u>				
(With a cost of £5,188)	[7] <u>11,769</u>	<u>898</u>	<u>12,667</u>	<u>12,901</u>
Total funds	[8] <u><u>84,095</u></u>	<u><u>86,896</u></u>	<u><u>170,991</u></u>	<u><u>163,454</u></u>

There are no other assets or liabilities, although there is a final valuation of £45,000 (2020: £45,000) on the church extension and refurbishment project which has yet to be invoiced by the main contractor. A reserve is being retained in the Extension Project Fund to cover this liability.

Titles for all church properties are held by the General Trustees in Edinburgh.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees of Mid Deeside Parish Church of Scotland on **24th March 2022** and are signed on their behalf by:

Pam Auckland, *Session Clerk*

Neil Mathers, *Finance Team*

Bob Auckland, *Treasurer*

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Notes to the Accounts

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1. Trustee remuneration and related party transactions

During the year five (2020: three) Trustees received reimbursement for day to day church expenses, equipment purchases and other costs incurred on behalf of the congregation totalling £5,149 (2020: £2,323). In 2021 two Trustees received fees for carrying out beadle duties at funerals (2020: None).

Rev. Holly Smith received reimbursement of £1,200 (2020: £1,191) for travel expenses (paid through the central Church of Scotland offices) and reimbursement of £529 (2020: £680) for the rental and working cost of the manse telephone and a subscription to Zoom used for church meetings. Rev. Smith was also reimbursed a total of £1,125 (2020: £1,130) for the cost of community initiatives such as ingredients for craft bags, Advent boxes and for other ministry and manse expenses.

2. Movements in funds

Comprising bank and deposit account balances only (i.e. investment balances are not included in this movements table).

	At 1st January 2021 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31st December 2021 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General Fund	61,043	79,342	(76,430)	43	62,201
- To good causes [9]			(1,797)		
Fabric Fund	4,112	378	-	-	4,490
Development Fund	5,207	5	-	-	5,212
The Guild	525	843	(232)	-	423
- To good causes [9]			(713)		
	<u>70,887</u>	<u>80,568</u>	<u>(79,172)</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>72,326</u>
Restricted funds:					
Fair Trade Stall	-	1,133	(960)	-	173
- To good causes [9]			-		
Charity Shop	8,288	16,354	(6,858)	(1,043)	13,535
- To good causes [9]			(3,206)		
Extension Project Fund	50,056	156	-	-	50,212
Organ Restoration Fund	14,713	763	-	-	15,476
Children's Christian Education Fund	3,205	32	-	-	3,237
Spark Clock Fund	1,175	1	-	-	1,176
Benevolent Fund	2,229	20	(1,060)	1,000	2,189
	<u>79,666</u>	<u>18,459</u>	<u>(12,084)</u>	<u>(43)</u>	<u>85,998</u>
Total funds	<u>150,553</u>	<u>99,027</u>	<u>(91,256)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>158,324</u>

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2. Movement in funds (continued)

Purposes of Designated or Restricted funds

(a) Funds held locally:

General Fund: for the day-to-day income and expenses of Church life.

Fabric Fund: for the maintenance of church properties.

Development Fund: for the development of church buildings, their interiors, fixtures and multi-media equipment.

The Guild: The aim of the Guild is to invite and encourage men and women to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and to enable them to express their faith in worship, prayer and action.

Fair Trade Stall: This activity supports farmers and producers in less developed countries.

Charity Shop: This activity supports the church and causes within the Parish.

Extension Project Fund: for the sanctuary refurbishment, extension and improvements.

Organ Restoration Fund: for the restoration and ongoing maintenance of the pipe organ.

Children's Christian Education Fund: for supporting the work of young people's groups.

Spark Clock Fund: for the maintenance of the clock in the tower of the former Lumphanan sanctuary of Mid Deeside Church.

Benevolent Fund: for the Minister to make discretionary and confidential grants to those in real need within the Parish.

(b) Funds held by the General Trustees in Edinburgh:

Miss J Spark Fund: This fund is to be used for the upkeep and replacement of fabric of church properties.

G Spark Fund: This fund is to be used for the upkeep and replacement of fabric of church properties.

3. Accounting policies

The accounts are prepared on a cash basis. This means that only income received and expenditure incurred in the financial year is included in these accounts.

Normal repairs and maintenance to the fabric of the buildings are charged against the General Fund and the Fabric Fund. Exceptional and significant repairs and/or improvements are met from the Development Fund, Extension Project Fund or by special fundraising efforts. The Charity Shop activities generate funding for fabric repairs, maintenance and improvements relating to the Charity Shop.

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	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
4. Receipts				
(a) Donations				
Free Will Offering envelopes	3,062	-	3,062	2,884
Tax recovered on Gift Aid donations	12,270	150	12,420	11,427
Open plate	1,336	-	1,336	1,587
Bank standing orders	40,798	700	41,498	41,761
Other offerings	2,476	20	2,496	4,258
	59,942	870	60,812	61,917
(b) Activities for generating funds				
Fundraising events/activities:				
- For Mid Deeside Church	-	-	-	-
- For third party charities, etc.	2,079	-	2,079	1,841
Sale of Fair Trade stock	-	1,133	1,133	966
Charity Shop "Bread of Life" sales	-	16,349	16,349	11,772
Sale of Airfix models & wood	1,315	-	1,315	-
	3,394	17,482	20,876	14,579
(c) Rental of premises				
Church, halls & meeting rooms:				
- Weddings & funerals	1,050	-	1,050	-
- Other	1,142	-	1,142	2,480
Ha'berry (incl. recharging electricity)	4,370	-	4,370	4,102
MDC Hall, Lumphanan	41	-	41	257
	6,603	-	6,603	6,839
5. Payments				
(a) Costs of generating funds				
<i>Fair Trade stall:</i>				
Purchase of Fair Trade stock	-	960	960	725
<i>Charity Shop "Bread of Life":</i>				
Rental costs	-	4,800	4,800	4,800
Fabric - repairs & maintenance	-	208	208	1,253
Water charges	-	566	566	238
Council tax	-	-	-	108
Heat & light	-	480	480	375
Insurances	-	395	395	-
Stationery	-	41	41	23
Other expenses	-	368	368	371
	-	6,858	6,858	7,168
Total payments relating to the cost of generating funds	-	7,818	7,818	7,893

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
5. Payments (continued)				
<u>(b) Charitable activities:</u>				
Ministries & Mission gross allocation	38,433	-	38,433	44,157
Endowment income & glebe rents	(5,557)	-	(5,557)	(9,790)
Net payment made to the Church of Scotland Ministries and Mission funds	32,876	-	32,876	34,367
Presbytery dues	908	-	908	1,004
Minister's expenses	1,728	-	1,728	1,871
Locum & pulpit supply costs	61	-	61	-
Youth Worker's salary	2,135	-	2,135	-
Other staffing costs	4,932	-	4,932	5,134
Community outreach initiatives (including craft bags & Advent boxes)	332	-	332	886
Fabric, equipment & repairs	5,236	-	5,236	21,127
Electronic equipment & software	10,377	-	10,377	85
Upkeep of grounds	1,487	-	1,487	3,526
Broadband, telecom & sundries	770	-	770	906
Council tax & water charges	3,311	-	3,311	2,965
Heat and light	5,141	-	5,141	7,430
Insurances	4,070	-	4,070	3,991
Website & electronic communications	395	-	395	395
Worship, music & teaching	1,820	-	1,820	850
Training, conferences/courses	198	-	198	-
Printing, stationery & postage	137	-	137	243
Newsletter production	-	-	-	30
Other expenses	748	-	748	504
Total payments relating to the charitable activities	76,662	-	76,662	85,314

6. Minister's stipend

All Church of Scotland congregations contribute to the National Stipend Fund which bears the costs of all ministers' stipends and employers' 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.

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Year ended 31st December 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
7. Investments at market value				
<i>Church of Scotland Investors Trust:</i>				
Income Fund	11,769	898	12,667	12,901
Growth Fund	-	-	-	-
	<u>11,769</u>	<u>898</u>	<u>12,667</u>	<u>12,901</u>

Overall, the market value of investments decreased by £234 in 2021 (2020: increased by £214).

	2021 £	2020 £
8. Total value of funds held locally (including investments stated at their market value)		
Unrestricted funds		
General Fund	62,201	61,043
Fabric Fund	16,259	16,098
Development Fund	5,212	5,207
The Guild	423	525
	<u>84,095</u>	<u>82,873</u>
Restricted funds		
Fair Trade Stall	173	-
Charity Shop	13,535	8,288
Extension Project Fund	50,212	50,056
Organ Restoration Fund (Session has approved an additional £4,000 to be transferred to this fund from one of the other funds when the organ restoration project is contracted).	15,476	14,713
Children's Christian Education Fund	4,135	4,120
Spark Clock Fund	1,176	1,175
Benevolent Fund	2,189	2,229
	<u>86,896</u>	<u>80,581</u>
Endowment funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>170,991</u>	<u>163,454</u>

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	2021	2020
	£	£
9. Grants and donations to charities and other good causes		
<u>(a) International:</u>		
From the General Fund:		
Christian Aid	200	-
Book Aid International	41	101
Mend My Broken Smile	17	101
Shelter Box	63	-
Joyful Motherhood project – Malawi (mainly postage of parcels)	539	910
United Christian Broadcasters Ltd – “WORD for today”	16	25
From the Fair Trade stall:		
Fairtrade projects in the developing world	-	302
From the Guild:		
World Day of Prayer (from the Guild)	115	185
Joyful Motherhood project – Malawi – postage costs financed	-	50
Guild project – Sailors Society	-	230
Guild project – Friends of Bolenga	167	160
Guild project – Journeying Together - Zambia	165	-
Guild project – Malawi fruits	-	205
Guild project – Leprosy Mission (developing world)	101	72
	1,424	2,341
<u>(b) National & Regional:</u>		
From the General Fund:		
Poppy Appeal	98	38
Banchory Foodbank	-	50
Home for Good	63	-
From the Guild:		
Guild project – Boys Brigade	165	-
	326	88

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	2021	2020
	£	£
9. Grants and donations to charities and other good causes		
(continued)		
<u>(c) Within the Parish:</u>		
From the General fund:		
Parish Pantries – produce purchased	760	-
From the Charity Shop:		
Kincardine O’Neil Community Association – defibrillator	200	-
Kincardine O’Neil School – help for children	-	125
Lumphanan School – help for children	-	200
The Hut, Lumphanan – help for children	-	100
Torphins Paths Group – path improvements	1,600	-
Torphins Golf Club – fertilizer spreader	450	-
Torphins Primary School – help for children		950
Torphins Playgroup – help for children	1,000	100
Contribution to an overhead hoist for a disabled person	856	-
Grants for young people taking foreign trips - returned	(900)	-
From the Benevolent Fund:		
Grants to alleviate hardship situations	1,060	355
	<u>5,026</u>	<u>1,830</u>
	<u>6,776</u>	<u>4,259</u>
	2021	2020
	£	£
<u>(d) Summary</u>		
The grants and donations were made out of the following funds:		
General Fund	1,797	1,225
The Guild	713	902
Total for unrestricted funds	<u>2,510</u>	<u>2,127</u>
Fair Trade Stall (via the General Fund)	-	302
Charity Shop	3,206	1,475
Benevolent Fund	1,060	355
Total for restricted funds	<u>4,266</u>	<u>2,132</u>
	<u>6,776</u>	<u>4,259</u>

APPENDIX – 1 -

**FUNDS HELD ON BEHALF OF THE MID DEESIDE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND CONGREGATION BY THE
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GENERAL TRUSTEES**

	2021	2020
	£	£
<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT (Investments)</u>		
Market value of credit balances at 31 December (With a cost of £8,594 at 31 st December 2021 and at 31 st December 2020)	32,501	28,896
<u>REVENUE ACCOUNT (Deposit & current accounts)</u>		
Credit balance at 31 December	16,408	15,746
Total value of funds	<u>48,909</u>	<u>44,642</u>

The balances on the individual funds held by the General Trustees are as follows:

	Miss J Spark Fund	G Spark Fund	Manse marketing & legal costs	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit & current accounts	12,977	3,233	198	16,408	15,746
<u>Investments at market value:</u>					
Growth Fund	15,897	16,604	-	32,501	28,896
Total value of funds	<u>28,874</u>	<u>19,837</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>48,909</u>	<u>44,642</u>

The movement on the individual funds held by the General Trustees during the year was as follows:

	Miss J Spark Fund	G Spark Fund	Manse marketing & legal expenses	Total funds held by the General Trustees
	£	£	£	£
Value of funds - 1st January 2021	<u>26,779</u>	<u>17,665</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>44,642</u>
<u>Receipts:</u>				
Deposit account interest	-	-	-	-
Investment income	332	330	-	662
<u>Payments:</u>				
Marketing & legal expenses	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Change in market value	1,763	1,842	-	3,605
Value of funds - 31st December 2021	<u>28,874</u>	<u>19,837</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>48,909</u>