



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

**Annual Report and
Accounts**

for the year ending
31st December 2016

Congregation No: 130713

Charity No: SC003080

Trustees Annual Report

Year ended 31st December 2016

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)

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Andrew Henderson	Catherine Jardine	Jacky McCallum	Catherine McGurk
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David Nimmo	Jim Sinclair	Janette Stevenson	Jane Savage

Principal Office-bearers

Minister: Rev Elspeth J MacLean from 26 September 2016
Locum Minister: Rev David Easton to 25 September 2016
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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, Children and Youth, 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

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 small crèche and a vibrant Sunday school known as J.I.G.S.A.W with approximately 10 members. Attendance at services is generally between 70 and 100, with approximately 340 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.

Kirk Session Committees (*made up of Elders and members*)

Pastoral Care

At present, we have a team of seven who visit 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 and until recently anyone in Lockhart hospital.

Sunday morning worship is recorded on CD which is distributed to six homes together with the Order of Service. Information and contact details about the Pastoral Group are included in the Order of Service weekly. Our visits are very informal, but an important link in keeping a personal contact with our church family.

Community and World Issues

This committee is a busy one – we organise events for our Church involving the community. We strive to promote the Church within the community at the same time as fundraising for the Church and World Issues. We meet every second month and are very active.

Community Events During 2016:

Celebration of Forth Evening: This was held on 20th January, we had a display of photographs, a quiz and a display of crafts. There was a slide show showing pictures of weel kent Forth folk and buildings. Lots of discussion and fun was had by all and £80.50 was raised.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Night with lots of games quizzes and crafts for all the family. This was held in February and once again proved to be a very popular event with young and old. It was a busy event which raised £295.20.

Jingle Jars: Throughout March we organised a collection of small coins and raised £116.91.

Flower Show: An event for the community, entries were good but attendance was down. It raised £231.31. The show will be revamped next year.

Christmas Lights Activities: We organised games, crafts and a bouncy castle for the Christmas Lights Celebrations. In the Large Church Hall, there was a Santa's Grotto and teas and stalls for all the family the event was well attended. A service in the Church followed these events and during this service the campaign 'A Light for Aleppo' was supported.

Other Events:

Our Church Shop is opened twice a year, offering goods of all descriptions. In 2016 £3931.45 was raised for funds.

Our Church Website is constantly being updated, this year we followed Mary and Joseph's journey to Christmas, 'The Posada', throughout advent with photographs and information of their adventures.

Christmas cards were delivered to the village and our members.

The Christmas Gift Service: At this service the Salvation Army came along and collected donated Christmas Gifts.

World Issues

We continued to support Christian Aid. We had a quiz, an envelope collection and a 'Big Brekkie' and raised £905.10.

Plate at the Table: We took part in this campaign throughout the festive period and raised £303.

Blythswood: Christmas Shoe Box Appeal – we took part in this appeal and 127 filled boxes were collected.

Worship and Fellowship

The committee continue to provide opportunities for both worship and fellowship within Forth St Paul's, and are pleased to be able to work alongside our new minister, Elspeth.

Bank Hall services continue for those who are unable to attend church and although the number attending fluctuates from month to month but in conjunction with Elspeth, the committee will continue to support the services as this is a valued outreach to the community and continues to show that a church service does not need to be held within the four walls of the church building. As always, this service is open to all who wish to attend and not just for residents at the sheltered housing complex.

The committee continue to provide tea and coffee before and after the services each Sunday and many of the members of the congregation look forward to this chance of fellowship.

The focus of the midweek worship was the Daily Bread bible study produced by Scripture Union and during periods when midweek worship didn't take place, there remained the option to purchase the bible studies to continue studies on an individual basis.

In September, the decision was taken to run an Alpha course once again, this has not been well attended but there is a core few who attend every week.

Resources Committee

The Resources Committee have responsibility for property and finance, and it is an onerous task at times. We 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. We also have the manse to care for as it is a major asset for the church as well as a family home for a minister and their family.

Children and Young People Committee

Within the congregation of Forth St Paul's there are several groups for our children and young people to be involved in. We operate a crèche every Sunday in the small hall for children aged

up to 3 years and whose parents/carers are attending Sunday worship. The crèche is run with a team of 9 volunteers who work on a rota in pairs. At the moment, we have 2 regular children attending.

Our J.I.G.S.A.W (Sunday School) accommodates children from 3-11 years, this then leads into the Breakfast Club which is for children from P6 upwards and runs every Sunday for the hour before worship, they also help to lead family services throughout the year. We have a small but dedicated company of Boys Brigade and Girls Association members who meet weekly on Thursday and Friday evenings and our Planet Earth Clubs established to provide afterschool activities which was an identified need in our community, each of these group has provided separate reports.

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

In 2016, we have had on average 10 regular children in JIGSAW.

This year we joined with the Breakfast Club and participated in the Mother's Day, Easter and Harvest Thanksgiving services. At Easter, we learned about the Easter Code and were taken around the hall by Karen Nicol to see the 7 points of the cross. The Easter family service was a lively happy one with us dancing around the aisles wearing our bonnets.

In June, we had our prize giving/appreciation service for the children followed by a picnic and a bouncy castle in the hall.

We held our own Remembrance service in the hall.

Along with the Breakfast Club, we had our Nativity Play which was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We have enjoyed hearing bible stories such as Zacchaeus, the Prodigal Son and Jonah and we learned about miracles which Jesus performed. We have enjoyed sharing some of our stories with the congregation. On one occasion, we walked around the church with lion masks on as we had been learning about Daniel in the lion's den.

JIGSAW meet on Sundays in the large hall from 10.50am and follow the same holidays as local schools. All children from 3 years to Primary 7 will be made most welcome. We enjoy bible stories, singing, playing games, crafts, playing with our musical instruments and much more.

Breakfast Club

This year ten youths have regularly come to Breakfast Club, with an average of 7-8 each week. We took part in the Easter service, appreciation service and nativity play. We also took part in the village Gala Day by decorating the church gardens and made a scarecrow for the village Scarecrow Hunt.

We have studied:

- What Jesus was like... teacher, healer, preacher, friend and saviour.
- What Jesus would do about bullying.
- Heroes... ones we know, ones from Bible, modern Christians.
- Christmas... Jesus the unexpected messiah.
- Jesus said... I AM ...
- We have enjoyed a pizza night in the hall, a visit to Lanark Memorial Hall for a panto and a bowling night.

Boys Brigade and Girls Association

The Company currently stands at 5 Anchors, 5 Juniors and 5 Company Section members with 2 of the Company Section being non-commissioned officers. Officer wise we have 6 officers over the 3 sections, 1 of which is a Staff Sergeant.

We are continuing to work on our Drill and improving teamwork through weekly games from a variety of areas. A few of the Company's favourites are kickball rounders', giant noughts and crosses and skittle ball.

The Company is continuing to promote an all-inclusive attitude with the development of a more adaptable programme for our less able members.

The Anchor Section are working on their healthy eating and fitness by enjoying different obstacle courses and preferring a snack of milk and fruit over the crisps and juice choice of the Junior and Company Sections.

Once again at Christmas, the Company invited Inspire Theatre along with their panto, this year it was Mother Goose and we hope to invite them to return this coming Christmas with their next show.

This coming year, the Company have a few fundraising projects in the works. A sponsored silence and then a coffee morning, the money raised from these ventures will be split between the Company funds and the Carronvale Capital Appeal. This is to improve the building of the BB headquarters in Scotland and make it more accessible for disabled visitors by installing a lift, changing some of the rooms into en-suite wet rooms and making the building more user friendly.

We always welcome interest from anyone who wants to join, no matter their abilities and welcome any interest from people willing to share their skills with the boys and girls. 1st Forth Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association is an all-inclusive Company and are willing to develop new strategies for those who are unable to fully participate in some of the activities.

Planet Earth Club

Planet Earth Club has been running for 2 years now and has grown so much that we now have 3 clubs. Monday is for P.2 children, Thursday for P.6 and 7 and Friday for P.3 to 5. We have several volunteers who come on the day that suits them best and we also have volunteers who come to make the snacks and drinks for the children. Our aim is to provide a homely, cosy and friendly place where the children can learn, play and have fun within a safe environment. We have sports every 2 weeks which the children are enjoying and a variety of activities for those who prefer something different. Baking and making pancakes is a favourite as well as arts and crafts. We encourage recycling and made palm trees from old carpet rolls for our Easter Code and Christmas Glow event. We also made prayer boxes from old video cases which the children decorated themselves. We provide prayers and a small jotter and pencil to encourage the children to write their own prayers. Our Planet Earth ball (which is our emblem) was also recycled from an old sports ball which the children paper machéd and painted.

Easter Sunday was a brilliant day where the children came to church with their Easter Bonnets which they made at the club. The Galaday was another great event where a lot of parents joined in with the children by dressing up and walking with us in the procession, they were also a great help decorating our float which was Noah's Ark.

The children have also been taking turns at coming to Church to ring the church bells and to help uplift the offering which they enjoy very much. They complete a worksheet during the service and

are shown around the church and given an explanation of the various items and areas in church. Most of the children have asked to come back and do it again.

We set challenges to encourage the children to try different activities where they earn themselves Planet Earth points. We have planted daffodils and tulips, built a playhouse, build jigsaws, make Lego models and we have some new challenges for 2017.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who come regularly to help and join in the fun, without them the clubs could not happen.

Guild

We began 2016 with our Festive Dinner and with a grant no longer available from South Lanarkshire Council the committee agreed that members pay £5 and the remaining £6 be paid from guild funds.

The fortnightly meetings covered a range of topics including Mary Slessor, Agatha Christie, Mary's Meals and The Vine Trust. We again had a large attendance at our 'Guest Night' with members joining us from surrounding guilds, St. Mary Magdalene's and Polbeth Church. Karen Nicol, our Parish Co-ordinator, was our speaker at our AGM.

In March, several members attended the World Day of Prayer Service held in Carmichael Church and our annual outing in June went to Troon and Ayr returning back to the Robertson's Arms in Carnwath for a meal; it was a lovely day enjoyed by everyone.

The new session started off in September with a talk about the practical work of Street Pastors helping both young and old in the streets of Bathgate at night. Jess Smith came from Comrie and told amazing stories of growing up in the Scottish Travellers Culture. Local lad Richard Paterson, now retired, told of his active life working with the Boys Brigade, Duke of Edinburgh Awards and meeting the Queen. Jim Forrest who started the Clydesdale Parkinson's Group explained about this illness and the support for the sufferers this group provides.

Our Easter and Christmas Fayres were once again busy and successful. We now rely on, and appreciate, the help we get from members of our congregation.

Thirty-seven members joined at the new session in September and we still make use of Dan's Taxi to help keep a good attendance at our meetings.

Parish Community Co-ordinator

The position of Parish Coordinator was developed to engage with the community, help organise church events, co-ordinate deliveries for the Food Bank locally and run the Planet Earth Clubs. This year I have delivered 56 food parcels to residents in Forth as well as Christmas presents and Christmas dinner parcels. We have 3 collection points where we gather food donations to support the Food Bank these are located in Forth St. Paul's Church, the Cooperative and the Resource Centre.

Planet Earth Club has continued to grow this year now with 3 clubs running (Monday for P2, Thursday for P6 to P7 and Friday for P3 to P5). We do a variety of activities and games and provide children with drinks and a snack. We have encouraged the children to take turns ringing the church bells and uplift the offering on a Sunday at Church, whilst there they complete a worksheet during the service and get shown around church before the service starts. The children are really enjoying this and ask if they can come again which is great.

Our first big event was The Easter Code which is a more active way of learning about the Easter story. The hall was set out with different areas and the children were given a booklet with code words to unscramble as they moved around each area. They experienced a night garden, made Easter cards, had marshmallows dipped in melted chocolate, fresh pancakes made by our kind volunteers as well as hearing the story of the last week of Jesus life. Every class from Forth Primary School attended for 2 hours over a two-week period and really enjoyed it. The children of JIGSAW and BB's also attended. This was then expanded for adults to experience with songs and music telling the story at each area, which was also very well attended and enjoyed. Although this took a lot of time preparing scripts, booklets and props it was well worth the effort.

I have developed a very good relationship with Forth Primary School and meet regularly with the head teacher to discuss projects'. Many hours are spent working within the school mainly on environmental, biodiversity and recycling projects linking to the community however, I do get involved generally where asked to help out. Projects include taking classes on litter picks or walks. This year I organised each class to do a recycling activity and prepared a presentation for the local Acorn Awards. We set up recycling stations in every classroom to encourage the children to recycle and be more environmentally friendly. The children also made crafts to enter into our church flower show and posters for a local dog fouling project. We had a Scarecrow Hunt where each class came to the church hall to make a scarecrow from recycled materials which we hid around the village for families to search for, this was to encourage families to get out walking. It is an absolute pleasure to work so closely with the school and be involved.

I worked in partnership with Kirkton Church (Lesley and Amy) on a project called 'Your Move' which helped with the primary 7 children transition to Carluke High School. The children got to meet Lesley and Amy who work in Carluke High at lunchtimes and will help with any problems they might have and each child received a book with helpful information.

I also worked in partnership with the Resource Centre and Zero Waste Scotland on an environmental project to enhance areas around the village. We got 13 established trees to continue our Tree-mendous project with the Planet Earth Club where the children helped to plant trees in the local Recreation Park. We also bought waterproof material to make bright costumes of birds and bees for the children when they go on a litter pick to draw awareness, these will also be used with the school children.

Partnership working with the Resource Centre has proven very worthwhile as several of our volunteers from our Planet Earth Clubs have attended relevant courses organised by them including Health and Safety, Health and Hygiene, First Aid and a Behavioural Course.

Again, in partnership with the Resource Centre we have a Walking Football group which takes place in the church hall where we have tea and a chat as well as football. Another big event was our local Gala Day; our entry from Forth St. Pauls was Noah's Ark and we organised and painted our entry with a lot of help from volunteers. We had over 80 people who walked with us in the procession which made all the hard work so worthwhile.

I have delivered a few presentations at various events, The Guild, Scripture Union events at Carluke High and Cartland Bridge Hotel as well as preparing presentations for the website and the school Easter Service. I also attended a Godly Play day which I really enjoyed learning of new ways to teach children bible stories.

I have attended Safeguarding Training meetings and co-ordinated a training event for our volunteers, 30 people attended the training which was great.

It has been a busy year with looking for a new minister and attending nominating committee meetings as well as looking round churches and attending buildings meetings too. I have helped out with the Church Shops, Flower Show, Christmas and Easter Fayres as well as Santa's Grotto.

This year, as a trial, we organised A Christmas Glow, this was similar to the Easter Code, telling the nativity story through music and songs. I hope it was relaxing and gave folk time out from all the hustle and bustle to hear the true meaning of Christmas. Although this was organised for adults the primary 7 children came and enjoyed Hot Chocolate with marshmallows and cream as a treat while listening to the music and story.

Future Plans

On 26th September 2016, I was inducted to the charge of Forth St Paul's. The warmth of the welcome, worship, and the social, will remain with me for many years. I have received many favourable comments from folk who attended that night, from Tiree, Aberdeenshire, and elsewhere, so a huge thank you to everyone involved.

My plan for my first year here, is to change very little, to spend my time getting to know the people, the parish and the church. It has been a great joy to find the church in such good order after a long vacancy, so well done to all of you, for not only 'hanging in there' but continuing to grow and develop during the last three years.

Two real highlights, amongst many, have been seeing how well the church is integrated with the community. To see the level of support for church events like the shop, Christmas Fayre, and switching on of Lights, brings real joy to my heart. The other is to have so many youngsters involved in the life of the church, through the Crèche, JIGSAW, Breakfast club, Boys Brigade, and Planet Earth club.

I pray that we can continue to support all our brilliant leaders and all the children both in prayer and in practical ways.

Kirk session meetings are always well attended, full of humour as well as being focussed on what is required. We are extremely fortunate in having an excellent team of elders, and office bearers. Our Stewardship campaign, which is usually run in October, was delayed because I had just arrived, and we are now focussing on Time, in particular how to make more time for prayer, during Lent. We will settle back into the usual pattern of Stewardship by undertaking our next Stewardship campaign in October 2017.

I plan to continue developing relationships with individuals and organisations within the Parish, and in the Presbytery, as well as further afield. But I'm in no rush. I want to be a parish minister who always has time for people, rather than always being busy. I also recognise the need for me to take time off from the parish at regular intervals, and I hope you will all support me in this. I love being here, so it's quite difficult to tear myself away.

We are holding a Future Focus in May which is open to everyone in the church. We will look at the past, present and future of Forth St Paul's church. I do encourage as many of you as possible to come to this, we want everyone's voices to be heard.

Thank you all, those I have mentioned and the many I haven't, and most of all thank You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for calling me to ministry here in this community here in Forth. Amen.

Financial Review

The majority of our financial support comes through offerings, either by open plate or freewill envelope offerings. In 2016, through the freewill offerings, we raised £32,591. In addition, £6187 was recovered on Gift Aid in the year and £7,578 came in the open plate at Sunday worship. There are a significant number of people who give regularly to the Church, but do not attend morning worship. 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.

The Guild holds coffee mornings in the course of the year, (*e.g. Christmas and Easter*) and each of these generate over £2,000 in a two-hour period. They donate a sizeable portion of their funds to the Church, along with supporting other national Guild projects. Church members also set-up and run the Church Shop twice a year, raising again significant funds for the Church and their projects. These events are 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.

Overall there has been a decrease in our unrestricted income this year of £9535 due to the 2015 Gift Aid tax reclaim covering two years, and reduced rent income from the manse.

Unrestricted expenditure this year has been substantially greater than 2015, due to a payment to account against 2017 Ministry and Mission costs, payment of the minister's removal costs and increased repairs and maintenance for the manse.

Substantial grant aid was received during the year from the Robertson Trust and Go for IT to fund the position of Parish Community Coordinator over a three-year period. This is shown in the accounts as Restricted Funds.

Our total income this year was £80,417, a decrease of £9,535 from 2015. We spent £87,058 (2015 £60,615) on running the church and maintenance of property, meaning that we have a deficit of £6,641 (2015 surplus £29,337). This means that we have £39,142 available for use by the congregation of Forth St Paul's Parish Church at the end of 2016, plus £9,162 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 £39,142 of which £23,433 had been designated for fabric, £3,651 for the use of the Guild and £1,108 for the future provision of IT equipment. The remaining balance of £10,950 represents about two months' expenditure and the Trustees are satisfied that sufficient reserves are available, taking into account the substantial funds designated for fabric.

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,

_____ Session Clerk

Date: 14th March 2017

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 2016 which are set out on pages 13 to 17.

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.

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Date:

**Forth St Paul's Parish Church
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 December 2016**

		Unrestricted Funds 2016 £	Restricted Funds 2016 £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
<u>Receipts</u>	Note				
Donations	3	49,806		49,806	53,117
Activities for Generating Funds		11,878		11,878	10,572
Bank & Deposit Interest		108		108	58
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		61,792		61,792	63,747
Rental of premises		3,035		3,035	8,297
Other Receipts		628		628	967
Coalfields Regeneration Grant				-	1,980
Parish Community Coordinator Fund			14,961	14,961	14,961
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<u>Total Receipts</u>		<u>65,456</u>	<u>14,961</u>	<u>80,417</u>	<u>89,952</u>
<u>Payments</u>	4				
Costs of Generating Funds		265		265	320
Charitable Activities		71,299	15,494	86,793	60,295
Governance Costs		-		-	-
Other Payments		-		-	-
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<u>Total Payments</u>		<u>71,565</u>	<u>15,494</u>	<u>87,058</u>	<u>60,615</u>
Excess of Receipts Over Payments for the Year		<u>(6,109)</u>	<u>(533)</u>	<u>(6,641)</u>	<u>29,337</u>

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Statement of Balances

At 31 December 2016

	Unrestricted Funds 2016 £	Restricted Funds 2016 £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
<u>Bank & Deposit Balances</u>				
Bank & deposit balances brought forward	45,251	9,695	54,946	25,609
Movement in Year:				
Excess of Receipts Over Payments for the Year	(6,109)	(533)	(6,641)	29,337
Bank & Deposit Balances Carried Forward	<u>39,142</u>	<u>9,162</u>	<u>48,305</u>	<u>54,946</u>

Included in the above balances is an amount of £1720 held, on behalf of the congregation, by the General Trustees, in respect of rent received from letting of the manse. (See Note 7)

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session and Financial Board on 19/03/2017.
For and on behalf of the Kirk Session and Financial Board.

Session Clerk

Treasurer

Forth St Paul's 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 £1562 for providing her services as organist.

Mr D Nimmo, who is also a member of the Kirk Session, received £2088 for providing his services as Church Officer.

Rev. Elspeth McLean received reimbursement of telephone expenses of £212 and as required by the Church of Scotland, her removal expenses of £5177 were paid by the congregation from funds held by the General Trustees.

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 2016 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2016 £
Unrestricted Funds					
Designated Fabric Fund	19,482	3,951	-	-	23,433
Designated IT Fund	1,108	-	-	-	1,108
Designated Guild Fund	3,169	6,318	2,836	(3,000)	3,651
General Fund	21,492	55,186	68,729	3,000	10,950
Restricted Funds					
Parish Community Coordinator Fund	9,695	14,961	15,494		9,163
	<u>54,946</u>	<u>80,417</u>	<u>87,058</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,305</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.

	Unrestricted Funds 2016 £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
3. Analysis of Donations			
WFO Scheme & Gift Aid	32,591	32,591	33,306
Bequests & Donations	3,450	3,450	-
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Donations	6,187	6,187	13,387
Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)	7,578	7,578	6,424
	<u>49,806</u>	<u>49,806</u>	<u>53,117</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds 2016 £	Restricted Funds 2016 £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
4. Analysis of Payments				
Costs of Generating Funds				
Offering Envelopes	265		265	320
	<u>265</u>		<u>265</u>	<u>320</u>
Charitable Activities				
Ministries and Mission Allocation	23,803		23,803	23,375
Payment to Account re 2017 Allocation	7,538		7,538	-
Presbytery Dues	1,008		1,008	858
Minister's & Locum's Expenses	2,019		2,019	1,489
Ministers Removal Costs	5,177		5,177	-
Pulpit Supply & Locum	5,161		5,161	5,958
Other Salary Costs	6,113	7,800	13,913	10,696
Fabric Repairs & Maintenance	9,556		9,556	3,104
Council Tax	167		167	(1,106)
Other Buildings Costs	7,609		7,609	9,378
Church Office Expenses	787		787	357
Worship Resources	40		40	616
Other Expenses	2,321	7,694	10,014	5,569
			-	-
	<u>71,299</u>	<u>15,494</u>	<u>86,793</u>	<u>60,294</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 £26380 and the maximum stipend (in the tenth and subsequent years) £32419.

	2016 £	2015 £
6. Collections for Third Parties		
Place at the Table - Syria Appeal	305	-
	<u>305</u>	<u>-</u>

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7. Funds Held by Church of Scotland

	2016	2015
	£	£
Opening Balance	6545	0
Rent Income received	1800	6600
Interest Received	89	45
	8435	6645
Less : Utilised to pay removal expenses	6715	0
	1720	6645