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## **Morningside United Church**

**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**  
*Year ended 31 December 2023*

# Morningside United Church

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# Morningside United Church

## Report of the Trustees *for the year ended 31 December 2023*

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in pages 8 to 9 of the accounts and comply with the Church of Scotland General Assembly Regulations for Congregational Finance, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland effective from 1 January 2019.

### **Objectives and activities**

The Church exists to glorify God and to work for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom throughout the world. As an ecumenical congregation maintaining membership of the United Reformed Church and the Church of Scotland, Morningside United Church (MUC) bears witness to a heritage of interdenominational cooperation and development that has served the community at Holy Corner Edinburgh for over 40 years. The Church of Scotland as a national Church has distinctive call and duty to bring the ordinances of religion to the people in every parish of Scotland. MUC has a territorial responsibility for the parish allocated to it by the Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian.

MUC also works with other local churches in various ways to promote and encourage ecumenical dialogue and cooperation. The church is also involved in outreach within the parish and with the promotion of Christian education and the care of its members and people who are socially isolated, affected by poverty and other issues. It continues to support ecumenical work with the Romanian Orthodox Community and Edinburgh Napier University Chaplaincy.

### **Achievements and performance**

For most of 2023 MUC was in vacancy with an Interim Moderator appointed by the United Reformed Church. The Interim Moderator continued the dialogue with Presbytery and with our local grouping churches of Marchmont St Giles and St Catherine's Argyle. He also continued the links with Edinburgh Napier University as part of the chaplaincy team. The changes brought about by the Church of Scotland Presbytery plan made the normal vacancy process more complex. The Interim Moderator led the Kirk Session in producing a strategy document presented to the United Reformed Church which led to the appointment in November of a new part-time minister who also has other duties for the National Synod of Scotland.

In the vacancy period we have celebrated worship with a range of visiting ministers and taken part in joint service with other churches. The continuing appointment of our pastoral assistant to help with care home services, visiting elderly and housebound members and conducting parish funerals as required has been of great benefit. She further developed the links the Eric Liddell Community as part of the team preparing for Eric Liddell 100 during 2024. She has also started a group to improve the enclosed space behind the hall to become the Eric Liddell Peace Garden.

We continue to develop ecumenically and have managed to support and integrate into our building the Romanian Orthodox community and to sustain our ecumenical links with the Episcopal Church with whom we have a longstanding historical relationship. The Holy Corner Christian Aid book-sale hosted in our building continued for a second year in the hall.

The congregation has also provided for charities through several special collections and by hosting concerts and community groups. We have assisted Ukrainian refugees by providing them with a space in our building for making camouflage nets for field hospitals and by hosting other one-off events for the Ukrainian community. The vacant manse continued to be used to give accommodation for a small refugee family.

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## Report of the Trustees *for the year ended 31 December 2023*

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### **Financial review**

The financial statements for the year are set out on pages 6 to 14. The Statement of Financial Activities on page 6 reflects net increase in funds of £487,687 (2022: net decrease of ££57,488). The increase in 2023 was from both property revaluation and the receipt of one large and two smaller legacies totalling £206,000.

Voluntary giving and investment income both fell slightly compared to 2022. Voluntary giving represents 28% of normal income excluding legacies in 2023. Hall rental income increased by 38% on the 2022 amount from increased use by community groups. The flat owned by the church, now in the 3rd year of use as refugee accommodation for the City of Edinburgh Council (managed by a housing association) generated rental at the same level as 2022. We eventually received the Ukraine hosting payment from Edinburgh Council and a council tax refund in relation to use of the manse, which is not required for our new minister.

Standard expenditure items vary in comparison to 2022. Ministries and Mission contribution fell as it was based on reduced income of the previous year. Property related expenditure was high in 2023 as it included repairs to the organ, electrical distribution board replacement and various roof related repairs. Energy costs and staffing costs, including pulpit supply increased.

Christian Aid income and donations increased compared to 2022. Some of the book-sale money went directly to Christian Aid by use of an electronic payment system. Collections for third parties do not generally match the donations in note 13 as collections over the Christmas period are not paid out until the next year.

From p.6, there is an excess of income over expenditure of £180,766. With legacies excluded this becomes excess of expenditure over income of £25,234.

### **Investments and Performance**

Investments are held in the Church of Scotland Investors Trust Growth and Income funds and a portfolio of 9 ethical funds managed by Save and Invest. A standard annual withdrawal of £10,000 from the Save and Invest Funds was made. The legacies received were transferred to investments, split unequally to the different holdings. Apart from this increase, all investments rose in value over the year from current market conditions.

### **Risk Management**

The Trustees assess the major risks to which the Charity is exposed on an ongoing basis and have established procedures to mitigate those that are identified as a result of these reviews. The trustees are aware of the need to reduce expenditure, encourage increased giving and seek improved returns from the assets held. Expenditure reductions have been made and a stewardship campaign will be re-commenced in 2024. Ministries and Mission, staff and energy costs are all expected to be higher in 2024

### **Reserves Policy**

The Charity held unrestricted funds amounting to £2,150,641 (2022: £1,666,552), of which approximately three quarters is represented by the value of properties, and restricted funds of £6,579 (2022: £5,981) at the year end. The Trustees aim to have reserves to cover at least six months expenditure.

The Trustees have reviewed the financial requirements of the Congregation and concluded that the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in fixed assets ("the free reserves") held by the congregation should be not less than £80,000. At that level, the Trustees believe that it would be able to meet expenditure in respect of the staff and properties owned by the Congregation.

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**Report of the Trustees** *for the year ended 31 December 2023*

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## **Structure Governance and Management**

Morningside United Church is a registered Scottish charity. It is an ecumenical congregation formally united in 1980 and in membership of both the Church of Scotland and the United Reformed Church. The Church is administered in accordance with its constitution as recognised by an Act of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland (1998) and the United Reformed Church Act (2000). It maintains one single unified roll of members. Members of the Kirk Session are the Charity Trustees. The Kirk Session members are Elders of the Church elected by the congregation to serve for an agreed period. The Minister is moderator of the Kirk Session, responsible for both spiritual and temporal affairs of the church. When the church is in vacancy an interim moderator is appointed by the denominations. A revised constitution approved by the congregation and the URC Synod was sent for approval to the Edinburgh Presbytery in autumn 2021 in advance of sending to OSCR. At the end of 2023 a response was still awaited.

## **Reference and Administrative Information**

### ***Trustees***

Mrs Y Burnett	Mrs L Donald
Mr D Donald	Ms R Kumbanga
Mrs E MacGregor	Rev Sarah Moore (from Nov 2023)
Mrs A Pearson (resigned March 24)	Mr M Pearson (resigned March 24)
Dr S Spurlock (resigned March 24)	Mr M Stubbs (resigned March 24)
Rev D Scott (to Oct 2022)	

### ***Office bearers***

<b>Minister</b>	Rev Sarah Moore (from Nov 2023)
<b>Interim Moderator</b>	Rev David Scott (to Oct 2023)
<b>Session clerk</b>	vacant
<b>Congregational Secretary</b>	Ms R Kumbanga
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mrs Lesley Donald

Those Trustees who are named as office bearers (excluding Interim Moderator) are the Property Trustees in whose name all heritable property is held on behalf of the congregation.

### **Principal office**

15 Chamberlain Road  
Edinburgh  
EH10 4DJ

### **Independent Examiner**

Jamie Brown  
Facts and Figures (Scotland) Limited  
4 – 6 Polwarth Gardens  
Edinburgh  
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### **Bankers**

Bank of Scotland  
Morningside Branch  
PO Box 1000  
BX2 1LB

### **Investment Managers**

Save and Invest  
100 West Regent Street  
Glasgow  
G2 2QD

# Morningside United Church

## Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2023

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### Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the method and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information on the congregation's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

**Approved by the Congregational Meeting and signed on its behalf by:**



**Rose Kumbanga**  
*Congregational Secretary /Trustee*

*Dated: 17 March 2024*

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## Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees *for the year ended 31 December 2023*

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I report on the accounts of the congregation for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 6 to 13.

### **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's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) 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 in 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 8 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.



Jamie Brown  
Director

Facts and Figures (Scotland) Limited  
ICAEW Chartered Accountants

4 – 6 Polwarth Gardens  
Edinburgh  
EH11 1 LW

Date: 22 March 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023			2022		
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>							
Donations and legacies	1	239,513	89	239,602	35,273	4,718	39,991
Charitable activities	2	78,860	7,681	86,541	53,962	7,013	60,975
Investments	3	4,644	139	4,783	6,841	118	6,959
<b>Total income</b>		<b>323,017</b>	<b>7,909</b>	<b>330,926</b>	<b>96,075</b>	<b>11,849</b>	<b>107,925</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Raising funds	4	2,355	-	2,355	2,104	-	2,104
Charitable activities	4	140,848	7,197	148,045	95,523	13,364	108,887
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>143,203</b>	<b>7,197</b>	<b>150,400</b>	<b>97,627</b>	<b>13,364</b>	<b>110,991</b>
<b>Realised gains (losses) on investments</b>	8	240	-	240	(6,705)	-	(6,705)
<b>Net (expenditure)</b>		180,054	712	180,766	(8,257)	(1,515)	(9,772)
<b>Transfers between Funds</b>		225	(225)	-	-	-	-
		180,279	487	180,766	(8,257)	(1,515)	(9,772)
<b>Other recognised gains</b>							
<b>Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments</b>	8	28,810	111	28,921	(47,142)	(534)	(47,676)
<b>Property revaluation</b>		275,000		275,000	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>484,089</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>484,687</b>	<b>(55,399)</b>	<b>(2,049)</b>	<b>(57,448)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		1,666,552	5,981	1,672,533	1,721,951	8,030	1,729,981
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	12	<b>2,150,641</b>	<b>6,579</b>	<b>2,157,220</b>	<b>1,666,552</b>	<b>5,981</b>	<b>1,672,533</b>




# Morningside United Church


Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
	Note				
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>					
Tangible assets	7	1,615,000	-	1,615,000	1,340,000
Investments	8	435,913	3,047	438,960	262,125
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<u>2,050,913</u>	<u>3,047</u>	<u>2,053,960</u>	<u>1,602,125</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	9	4,730	-	4,730	1,432
Cash at bank and in hand		100,236	3,532	103,768	73,412
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>104,966</u>	<u>3,532</u>	<u>108,498</u>	<u>74,844</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors falling due within one year	10	5,463	-	5,463	4,436
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>99,504</u>	<u>3,532</u>	<u>103,035</u>	<u>70,408</u>
<b>Total Assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>2,150,417</u>	<u>6,579</u>	<u>2,156,995</u>	<u>1,672,533</u>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
Unrestricted income funds		2,150,641	-	2,150,641	1,666,552
Restricted income funds		-	6,579	6,579	5,981
<b>Total charity funds</b>	12	<u>2,150,641</u>	<u>6,579</u>	<u>2,157,220</u>	<u>1,672,533</u>

The notes on p 8 to 13 form part of these accounts

The accounts were approved by the Congregational Meeting on 17 March 2024 and signed on their behalf by

  
Rose Kumbanga (Congregational Secretary)

  
Lesley Donald (Treasurer)

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

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## Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently in the current and previous year in dealing with items which are considered material to the accounts, are set out below:

### ***Basis of preparation***

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective from 1 January 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

### ***Fund Accounting***

Funds are classified as either unrestricted funds or restricted funds, defined as follows:

*Restricted funds* are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the charity.

*Endowment funds* are funds which have been given on the condition that the original capital sum is not reduced, but the income there from is used for the purpose defined in accordance with the objects of the charity. No endowment funds are currently held.

*Unrestricted funds* are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

### ***Going concern***

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the ability of the charitable body to continue for the foreseeable future, and therefore has adopted the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements.

### ***Recognition of income***

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

### ***Donated services and facilities***

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) the general volunteer time of congregation members is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised as expenditure in the period of receipt.

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## ***Interest receivable***

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

## ***Recognition and allocation of expenditure***

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure.

## ***Tangible fixed assets and depreciation***

Expenditure incurred on the repair and maintenance of assets noted below is charged as resources expended in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which the liability arises. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis to write off the cost or initial value, less residual value, of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. No provision is made for the depreciation of income producing properties on the basis that the useful economic life of the properly maintained asset is in excess of 50 years.

The church and linked halls are considered to be assets of religious and historic significance owned by the congregation and used for its charitable objects have never previously been capitalised in the Church accounts. A valuation for their current use would be notional only and is not provided.

The Trustees have valued the Manse and the other investment property owned by the Church at current market values by making comparisons with prices of similar properties in comparable areas. Revaluation was made during 2023 (and previously in 2021)

All Furniture and equipment costing in excess of £5,000 having a value to the Church of greater than one year, other than those acquired for specific purposes, are capitalised. No assets are currently capitalised.

## ***Investments***

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Unrealised gains and losses represent the difference between the market value at the beginning and the end of the financial year or, if purchased in the year, the difference between cost and market value at the end of the year. Realised gains and losses represent the difference between the proceeds on disposal and the market value at the start of the year or cost if purchased in the year.

## ***Taxation***

Morningside United Church is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities. The charity is not registered for VAT and resources expended therefore include irrecoverable input VAT.

## ***Cash and cash equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at with the Investors Trust.

## ***Debtors***

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

## ***Creditors***

Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £
<b>Note</b>						
<b>1 Donations and legacies</b>						
Freewill offering /standing order	16,421	-	16,421	17,701	-	17,701
Open plate	6,194	-	6,194	5,906	-	5,906
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	6,498	89	6,587	7,366	712	8,079
Other donations	4,400	-	4,400	4,300	4,006	8,306
Legacies	206,000	-	206,000	-	-	-
	<b>239,513</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>239,602</b>	<b>35,273</b>	<b>4,718</b>	<b>39,991</b>
<b>2 Charitable Activities</b>						
Christian Aid income	-	4,748	4,748	-	4,150	4,150
Use of Premises	57,441	-	57,441	40,499	-	40,499
Flat and office rental	9,013	-	9,013	8,560	-	8,560
Ukraine hosting	5,200	-	5,200	-	-	-
Collections for 3rd parties	-	2,933	2,933	-	2,863	2,863
HMRC CVJR	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	4,902	-	4,902
LPW VAT reclaim	7,205	-	7,205	-	-	-
	<b>78,860</b>	<b>7,681</b>	<b>86,541</b>	<b>53,962</b>	<b>7,013</b>	<b>60,975</b>
<b>3 Investments</b>						
Investment income	4,438	139	4,577	6,808	118	6,926
Deposit interest	206	-	206	33	-	33
	<b>4,644</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>4,783</b>	<b>6,841</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>6,959</b>
<b>4 Analysis of Expenditure</b>						
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £
<b>Raising Funds</b>						
Investment Manager Fees	2,355	-	2,355	2,104	-	2,104
	<b>2,355</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,355</b>	<b>2,104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,104</b>
<b>Charitable Expenditure</b>						
Ministries and Mission contributions	34,720	-	34,720	40,340	-	40,340
Minister's Expenses	1,263	-	1,263	3,182	-	3,182
Pulpit Supply	3,234	-	3,234	875	-	875
Council Tax and Insurance	8,999	-	8,999	12,399	-	12,399
Other salary costs	16,929	-	16,929	10,114	-	10,114
Fabric Repairs & Maintenance	12,384	-	12,384	6,622	-	6,622
Other Buildings Costs	21,058	-	21,058	15,837	-	15,837
Church Office Expenses	1,920	-	1,920	2,302	-	2,302
Organ, piano, music & licences	36,920	-	36,920	1,958	-	1,958
Other expenses	2,341	-	2,341	1,055	-	1,055
Christian Aid donation & expenses	-	4,845	4,845	-	4,124	4,124
Other donations	-	2,352	2,352	-	9,240	9,240
Independent Examination	1,080	-	1,080	840	-	840
	<b>140,848</b>	<b>7,197</b>	<b>148,045</b>	<b>95,523</b>	<b>13,364</b>	<b>108,887</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>143,203</b>	<b>7,197</b>	<b>150,400</b>	<b>97,627</b>	<b>13,364</b>	<b>110,991</b>
<b>5 Analysis of Staff Costs</b>				<b>2023 total £</b>		<b>2022 total £</b>
Salaries and wages				16,929		10,077
Social Security Costs						37
				<b>16,929</b>		<b>10,114</b>
				<b>2023 total No</b>		<b>2022 total No</b>
Ministerial support (from Nov)				1		1
Office personnel				1		1
Music personnel				1		1
				<b>3</b>		<b>3</b>
No employee received total employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2022 nil)						

Church of Scotland and United Reformed Church congregations contribute to the respective denominations Stipend Funds which bear the costs of all ministers' stipends and employer's contributions for national insurance, pension and housing and loan fund, as part of a total Mission and Ministries allocation. Ministers are paid in accordance with the different national stipend scales, Morningside United Church is Local Ecumenical Partnership, in membership of both denominations and pays an equal amount to the Mission Funds of both denominations. The total amount is determined by a formula agreed by the Ecumenical Development Group of Action for Churches Together in Scotland. For the year under review the minimum Church of Scotland stipend was £30,135 the maximum stipend (in the tenth and subsequent years) £37,032. The new minister is paid URC stipend which is lower.

## 6 Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

During the year one trustee was remunerated. The Minister, in accordance with the constitutional provisions, received reimbursement of expenses (travel, Council tax, telephone rental, books etc.) totalling £1,263 (2022 - £6,423).

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.

During the year a total of £2,600 was donated to the congregation by trustees, based on Gift Aid records and an estimate for those giving by open plate collection.

## 7 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost / Valuation	Buildings	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
At 1 January 2023	1,340,000	32,000	1,372,000
Revaluation	275,000		275,000
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,615,000</u>	<u>32,000</u>	<u>1,647,000</u>
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>			
At 1 January 2023	-	32,000	32,000
Charge for year	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>32,000</u>	<u>32,200</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
At 31 December 2023	<u><b>1,615,000</b></u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>1,615,000</b></u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,340,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,340,000</u>

## 8 Investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Market value at 1 January	262,125	363,541
Additions	159,598	-
Disposal	(11,755)	(47,194)
Realised gains / (loss) on investments	240	(6,705)
Unrealised gain / (loss) on investments	28,921	(47,676)
Movement in cash held by AJ Bell Securities	(171)	159
Market value at 31 December	<u>438,958</u>	<u>262,125</u>
Cost of Investments held	<u>434,790</u>	<u>274,504</u>

The following investments are held:

Stocks held by AJ Bell Securities and managed by Save and Invest in nine funds.  
Church of Scotland Investors' Trust Income Fund  
Church of Scotland Investors' Trust Growth Fund

## 9 Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Hall lets	3,104	-	3,104	228	-	228
Gift Aid Tax Refund due	1,627	-	1,627	1,028	176	1,204
	<u>4,730</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,730</u>	<u>1,256</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>1,432</u>

## 10 Creditors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Accruals	4,503	-	4,503	3,596	-	3,596
Other Creditors	960	-	960	840	-	840
	<u>5,463</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,463</u>	<u>4,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,436</u>

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## 11 Analysis of Net Assets Among Funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fixed Assets	1,615,000	-	1,615,000
Investments	435,913	3,047	438,960
Current Assets	104,966	3,532	108,498
Current Liabilities	(5,463)	-	(5,463)
<b>Net assets at 31 Dec 2023</b>	<b><u>2,150,417</u></b>	<b><u>6,579</u></b>	<b><u>2,156,995</u></b>

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fixed Assets	1,340,000	-	1,340,000
Investments	259,189	2,936	262,125
Current Assets	71,799	3,045	74,844
Current Liabilities	(4,436)	-	(4,436)
<b>Net assets at 31 Dec 2022</b>	<b><u>1,666,552</u></b>	<b><u>5,981</u></b>	<b><u>1,672,533</u></b>

## 12 Movements in Funds

	At 1 Jan 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gain (loss) Invest £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>						
General Fund	(4,485)	323,017	(140,848)		225	177,909
Designated Assets fund	1,340,000	-	-	275,000	-	1,615,000
Designated Legacy Fund	331,037	-	(2,355)	29,050		357,732
	<u>1,666,552</u>	<u>323,017</u>	<u>(143,203)</u>	<u>304,050</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>2,150,641</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>						
Education Fund	1,653	72	-	58	(199)	1,584
Minister's discretion Fund	2,843	67	-	53	166	3,129
Dementia Fund	412	-	-	-	-	412
Donation Fund	694	3,022	(2,352)	-	(194)	1,170
Christian Aid Fund	380	4,748	(4,845)	-	2	285
	<u>5,981</u>	<u>7,909</u>	<u>(7,197)</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>(225)</u>	<u>6,579</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b><u>1,672,533</u></b>	<b><u>330,926</u></b>	<b><u>(150,400)</u></b>	<b><u>304,161</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>2,157,220</u></b>

## Movements in Funds

	At 1 Jan 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gain (loss) Invest £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>						
General Fund	(2,933)	93,971	(95,523)			(4,485)
Designated Assets fund	1,340,000	-	-	-	-	1,340,000
Designated Legacy Fund	384,884	2,104	(2,104)	(53,847)		331,037
	<u>1,721,951</u>	<u>96,075</u>	<u>(97,627)</u>	<u>(53,847)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,666,552</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>						
Education Fund	1,868	61	-	(276)	-	1,653
Minister's discretion Fund	2,654	2,374	(1,928)	(257)	-	2,843
Dementia Fund	412	-	-	-	-	412
Donation Fund	2,742	5,264	(7,312)	-	-	694
Christian Aid Fund	354	4,150	(4,124)	-	-	380
	<u>8,030</u>	<u>11,849</u>	<u>(13,365)</u>	<u>(533)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,981</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b><u>1,729,981</u></b>	<b><u>107,924</u></b>	<b><u>(110,992)</u></b>	<b><u>(54,380)</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>1,672,533</u></b>

## **Fund Purposes**

### Unrestricted Funds

General Fund	To meet the costs of ministry and all other regular expenditure, including property
Designated Assets Fund	Represents the net book value of properties owned by the Church
Designated Legacy Fund	Funded from unconditional legacies and used at discretion of Trustees

### Restricted funds

Education Fund	For educational purposes
Minister's Fund	To assist deserving causes at discretion of Minister
Dementia Fund	For work with care home residents (formerly via the Eric Liddell Centre)
Christian Aid Fund	For Christian Aid fundraising activities. Holy Corner Churches Committee organise & run the book sale, included in income and expenditure in these accounts.
Donation Fund	For collections for third parties (personal and charitable)

## **13 Volunteers**

In common with all congregations of the Church of Scotland and the United Reformed Church, the congregation benefits from the contribution made by volunteers who give their time and talents willingly for the benefit of the Church. The areas of congregational life which rely on the contribution of volunteers are many and varied and much of the activity would be unable to continue were it not for the commitment shown.

## **14 Collections for Third Parties**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
Salvation Army Gorgie Foodbank	1,907	134
Christian Aid	445	-
Rev Annie Kapinda (Malawi)	-	1,350
Refugee Survival Trust	-	1,335
DEC Ukraine Appeal	-	1,213
Church of Scotland Ukraine Appeal	-	1,420
	<u>2,352</u>	<u>5,452</u>