



October
2023 Newsletter

Old High St Stephen's

Church of Scotland

OUR SUNDAY SERVICES

Are recorded and are available via our [website](#) on our [Twitter feed](#) and [Facebook page](#). So you can enjoy these services at a time suitable to you, links are sent to our e-mail list. To go on our e-mail list, please contact our [Church Administrator](#).

SERVICES AT ST STEPHEN'S

Following the closure of the Old High Church for Sunday Worship, all Sunday services are now held at St Stephen's Church at 10.30am

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THOUGHTS FROM REV JAMES I don't want to move house before Halloween. Now for anyone who has missed the news, my wife is leaving her parish and will be working as a chaplain at Raigmore. As a result, we will be moving out of the manse and relocating somewhere in Inverness. Packing has started. But at the back of the garage, there's a set of Halloween inflatables, and in the downstairs loo, there's a full size skeleton, named Josephine, after Napoleon's wife (on account of her bony-parts). All of these will be dug out to decorate the garden for the children coming round guising. Susan and I have inflatable dinosaur costumes we dig out for the occasion. And there's sweets. Lots and lots of sweets. We really want to have one last Halloween here.

And every year, when we open the door to the kids, and hear some truly awful jokes, there's always at least one parent who, when they discover that this is the manse, seems surprised that we celebrate Halloween.

The English word 'Halloween' comes from "All Hallows' Eve", being the evening before the Christian holy days of All Hallows' Day (All Saints' Day) on 1 November and All Souls' Day on 2 November. These celebrations go back to the 8th century when Pope Gregory III declared a day to pray for Christian martyrs, which over time became a day to celebrate all saints. Over the years, Halloween has gained a lot of baggage, and mixed traditions, and don't get me started on people calling it trick or treating – that's American! In Scotland and Ireland, guising – children disguised in costume going from door to door for food or coins – is a traditional Halloween custom. It is recorded in Scotland at Halloween in 1895 where masqueraders in disguise carrying lanterns made out of scooped out turnips, visit homes to be rewarded with cakes, fruit, and money. Should we be worried about the darker elements of Halloween? Perhaps yes, as there can be harm in focusing on and being drawn towards evil. However, as an event that is usually held in the hours of darkness, Halloween can remind us that Jesus has defeated the power of death and evil over humanity: 'the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it'. At Halloween, the best houses for sweeties, are those with the brightest lights and the best garden displays. At Halloween, just as in life, there is reward for seeking out the light.

NEWS FROM THE CONGREGATION

ANNUAL STATED MEETING As a congregation we are obliged to have an Annual Stated Meeting. This will be held at the conclusion of the morning service on **Sunday 29 October**.

Although the Trustees (the Kirk Session) approve the accounts, the congregation can use this meeting to ask questions on the accounts. I hope you will be able to attend the meeting. Christine MacKenzie, Session Clerk

KIRK SESSION The next meeting will be held in St Stephen's Church on Tuesday 3 October at 7.30pm

PRESBYTERY PLAN UPDATE Presbytery met on Saturday 9 September. The first review of the Presbytery Plan was approved by Presbytery and will now go to 121 for final approval. Please note that Inverness Presbytery are the first in Scotland to carry out a review of their original plan. The following is the narrative for Crown/OHSS:

Implementation of the original proposal was impacted by OHSS congregational vote to accept the current Minister of Crown falling short of a majority. This leaves OHSS in the 'limbo' of deferred Union with Crown. The Mission Implementation Team, mindful of the fact there are no viable alternative adjustments to be explored with other congregations, do not consider that Guardianship or Dissolution provide the right solution.

Despite the outcome of the vote, there had and continues to be significant progress towards joint working and closer relationships between the two existing congregations. Not being able to progress the planned union has raised concerns about the impact on some of that good work, and also the need to significantly re-shape parish boundaries to enable other parts of the plan to move forward within the Mission District.

Therefore, we propose a time-limited Parish Grouping be established to be effected from January 2024 until the Union can be fully implemented. This will allow parts of the proposal for a united parish (boundaries, joint working, shared resources) to continue and grow until such time as the next vacancy, or exceptional circumstances may arise sooner. Christine MacKenzie, Session Clerk

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS 30 SEPTEMBER AND 1 OCTOBER Once again we are celebrating Harvest with a special weekend of festivities. This year the main event is a Flower Festival in the Church.

In our lovely Church there will be many floral arrangements for you to admire. Pick up a cup of tea and a piece of cake in the Hall, and go through to the Church. Sit in a pew and take in all the beautiful displays of flowers and listen to some cheerful music. Could you think of a better way to enjoy some time on a busy Saturday afternoon?

This year our chosen charity is Maggie's, Highland as we wish to add to the money James, our minister, raised when he took part in the Run the Runway at Inverness Airport. There will be a Home Baking Stall, with jams and pickles, a plant stall and a vegetable stall. Buy fresh veg for the first soup of the Winter! There will be something for the children too - a bouncy castle and face painting so bring them along.

We also would be grateful if you brought some longlife food, tins of mince/meatballs, oatcakes and crackers, pot noodles, Weetabix, jars of jam as well as toiletries or cleaning materials, including small packets of washing powder. These will be donated to **Cafe 1668** and the **Highland Food Bank**. We will be collecting for these charities during the week beginning Monday 25 September. The Church will be open on Thursday and Friday mornings from 10am to 12 noon for goods to be left. These can also be **taken to Church on Sunday 1 October** when we celebrate our Harvest Thanksgiving. The Church will also be open that afternoon for you to see the Flower arrangements. Our flower ladies have been working hard to get ready for this special occasion. Please give them your support. Contact Joan Darcy if you have any queries. 07765 073 583. joandarcy@gmail.com

To complete our Thanksgiving for Harvest, we invite you to be part of our Church community and join us at our family service at St Stephen's Church on Sunday 1 October at 1030am.

OHSS WALK AND DINNER SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER We are arranging the last outing of the Summer, and plan something local with a walk at the Ness Islands-Riverside, and an early evening meal. I have provisionally booked the Glenmoriston/Contrast. A 2-course dinner is £25 and a non-refundable deposit of £10 is required. You can check out the current menu (look at Sunday lunch) on their website, though this may change before then.

As previously, non-walkers are welcome. If you would like to come, please contact one of us.

We will aim to meet at the hotel for 2p.m and have the meal about 4.00 p.m. If you would like to come but don't have transport, please let one of us know.

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MUSIC AT ST STEPHEN'S - AUTUMN 2023 **Musicinverness**, our local chamber music society, has a fresh programme of recitals starting shortly, to take place in St Stephen's and Crown Churches from the autumn through till next spring. People who become members for an annual subscription of £25 are asked for a lower entry donation on each occasion

Sunday 22 October at 4pm, St Stephen's: 'Chiara' Piano trio (violin, cello, piano) perform Haydn, Brahms and Schubert.

Saturday 4 November at 7.30pm, Crown: 'Resol' String Quartet perform Beethoven

Sunday 19 November at 5pm, Crown: 'Piano Sunday' Two soloists with a light supper between the performances. More details nearer the time.

Further info: contact Andrew Stevenson: (01463) 242767 or stevenson.ata@btinternet.com

JAMES' MARATHONS I was never much of a runner, but I've found myself in the position where I now have two marathons under my belt, and there's a third on the horizon. I don't care if I finish at the back, because that's where the party is!

Last month I ran the Inverness Airport Runway at midnight to raise funds for the Maggie's Centre.



Maggie's Centres are a network of drop-in centres across the United Kingdom and Hong Kong, which aim to help anyone who has been affected by cancer. Maggie's was founded by, and named after, the late Maggie Keswick Jencks, who died of cancer in 1995. Maggie believed in the ability of buildings to uplift people, and also wanted to bring people together in a calm and friendly space that would help them to find comfort in the experiences of others. Maggie died shortly before the first centre opened, but now there are 28 (if my sums are correct) Centres, with another 6 in development.

As an aircraft geek, I wanted to take part in this last runway run. Out on the runway it was pitch black, and we were following the runway lights. It started raining heavily in the last 10 mins or so. The request was we turned up in fancy dress, so I dug out the fancy dress I wore for getting vaccinated. Fortunately, it is mainly polyester, so it dripped dry when I got back home. So far, I've raised about £330 for Maggie's, and thanks very much to all who donated. I think they raised nearly £80,000 on the night.

For my next adventure, I'm running the **Yorkshire Marathon on 15 October** in aid of the **Scottish Association for Mental Health**, a charity that I've supported for some time. A mental health problem feels

just as bad, or worse, than any other illness - only you cannot see it. Although mental health problems are very common - affecting one in four people in Scotland - there is still stigma and discrimination towards people with mental health problems, as well as many myths about what different diagnoses mean. SAMH is Scotland's national mental health charity which operates over 70 services in communities across Scotland, providing mental health social care support, addictions and employment services, among others.

For my next race, I'm running with Nic, Ben and Emma - three of my fellow heavy metal friends from England. Despite speaking online, we have never met in person, never mind ran together. Please pray for our feet on the 15th!

If you'd like to keep track of my progress, and hopefully see some pictures from the day, as well as donate to SAMH, please follow the link below.

<https://justgiving.com/fundraising/revruns>

SWEATY CHURCH 23RD SEPTEMBER - SHARING FOOD

This was our 5th Sweaty Church and we now have some regular attenders. James explained the story of the Five Loaves and Two Fishes and then the children played games on that theme. Obstacle relay, pass the parcel, and ducking for apples and strawberries were very popular. Some parents stayed to be team score keepers and one also helped with the dishes! Thanks as always to the team of James, Jack and Kirstie and also to Freda, Sandie and Sylvia for helping with the catering.



We shared the leftovers out amongst the team and families. Next Sweaty Church 25 November 4-6pm. Deborah Macrae

THANK YOU The joint Pastoral Care Teams of Old High St Stephen's and Crown wish to say a big thank you to all the helpers, the bakers, the sandwich makers, the tablet makers, the crafters and Christine for her lovely hamper all for the **Afternoon Tea held at Crown Church**. This was to raise funds for the Friends of Cameron House. Grateful

thanks to everyone who braved the rain and came to support the fund-raiser and spent so generously. Thanks also for donations received. The wonderful sum of £2,000+ has been raised which has exceeded all expectations. Thank you to all. Val Cantlay and Brian MacGill

OHSS WEDDINGS here is a lovely photo of our most recent bride and groom, Claire Darcy and Arran McMaster, who were married at St Stephen's on Saturday 2 September.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS The Annual Financial Statements for 2022 were approved by the Trustees at a meeting of the Kirk Session on 22 August 2022. These have also been Examined and signed off by Frame Kennedy, Chartered Accountants. The Accounts have also been submitted to Presbytery and to the Church of Scotland at 121 George Street, Edinburgh.

A basic Income and Expenditure breakdown has been included in the newsletter for those not motivated to read the detailed accounts! This breakdown is taken simply from the bank account and some figures differ slightly from the Annual Statements due to differences in year allocations.

The 2022 figures show an excess of expenditure over income and it is important to note that we are becoming increasingly reliant on monies being generated by the hire of the St Stephen's Church Hall and the rental received from the Manse and the Old High Hall. Congregational giving is greatly appreciated but we do need to recognise that this is in decline and it would be extremely helpful if this could be turned around going forward.

I am always happy to try and answer any questions any member of the congregation may have about the finances of OHSS. Colin Craig, Treasurer.

*Reports are included at the end of this Newsletter. If anyone wishes the full set of accounts, please contact the Treasurer c.j.craig@talk21.com

OTHER NEWS

What is Café 1668?

Café 1668 is a social café with three core beliefs informing our work:



We believe that anyone can find themselves in need of a helping hand and, if we can, we should offer support.

Food waste is avoidable; it is both detrimental to our environment and heart breaking when so many adults and children live with hunger

as a part of their daily lives.

Employment and skills can make a real difference to building positivity in our futures and life chances.

The Café facilitates a food larder, and works alongside the [Community Justice Partnership](#) in facilitating a safe place for individuals involved in the criminal justice environment.

REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR DETAILS



So we can continue to keep in touch with you, please remember to let us know if you have changed your home address, and if you have a new e-mail address or mobile number it would be helpful if you e-mailed invernesschurch@gmail.com with the new details.



2022 - Income/Expenditure

Income

Giving & Donations	50,357
Manse Rental	10,839
OH Hall Income	2,250
OH Church Rental	570
OH Music	0
OH Wedding	0
OH Funeral	0
St St Hall Income	12,263
St St Church Income	601
St St Wedding	450
St St Funeral	500
Cos General Fund	404
Interest Cons Rev	0
Interest Growth	0
Bridge Supper	0
Misc	13,140
Transfer	14,149
Gift Aid Repay	9,624
Christmas Fayre	0
OH Hall Post Lease	16,079
	131,227
Ddt Transfer & Legacy	112,077
Budget End December	111,600
3rd Party Givng	4,845

Expenditure

Min & Miss	52,636
Pulpit Supply	503
Minister's Expenses	89
Minister Tele + Internet	1,892
Pastoral Assistant	0
Mission Assistant	12,962
Manse Maintenance	1,365
Manse Rates	0
Insurance	8,688
OH Ch Maintenance	10,678
OH Ch Renewals	0
OH Hall Maintenance	219
OH Ch Telephone	57
OH Hall Bins	0
OH Music Church	1,203
OH Organ	0
OH Music Programme	441
St St Ch Maintenance	3,052
St St Ch Renewal	0
St St Hall Maintenance	4,887
St St Hall Renewals	0
St St Music	3,135
Office Support	1,993
Stationery	1,588
Consummables	0
Presbytery	578
Energy	16,452
Life & Work	0
Miscellaneous	2,694
Transfer	0
Accountant	0
OH Hall Post Lease	9,346
	134,459
Ddt Transfer	134,459
Budget End December	132,000
3rd Party Giving	7,117

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: SC035073

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022
for
Old High St Stephen's Church of Scotland**

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for the year ended 31st December 2022**

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**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st December 2022**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

The Kirk Session met on 9 occasions during the year. Meetings have continued to be by Zoom. The Leadership Group normally met the week before the Kirk Session.

COVID restrictions were still in place in early 2022 and cases of COVID had to be reported at both Old High and St Stephen's. Track and Trace and masks were in place until March 2022.

St Stephen's celebrated its 125th Anniversary on 15 October and a lunch was held in Loch Ness Country House to mark this event. This was a very happy occasion and well attended by the congregation. A letter of good wishes was received from the Moderator of the Church of Scotland.

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for the year ended 31st December 2022

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

Statistics

Membership 282

Deaths 13

Certificates Received 2

Certificates Issues 13

We are sorry to record the death of Cliff Sim. Cliff had been an elder for many years, Treasurer, Free-Will Offering Treasurer, Chair of the Old High Organ Restoration Fund, Reader, Beadle etc. One of life's true gentlemen, his Christian Faith meant a great to him and his willingness to do whatever was asked of him was a true inspiration. He will be a great miss to our congregation but give thanks for his friendship to all members of the congregation and remembering the great care and support he gave to those on his elders' district.

Streaming

Streaming the Sunday morning Services started in March and after some initial issues with broadband speed this is now in place and much appreciated by those unable to attend the morning services. A live stream of the service can be accessed by Facebook and a link for the recording is circulated by e-mail after the morning service.

Worship

The final congregational service held in the Old High Church was held on Sunday 30 January and included the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The service, arranged by the Presbytery of Inverness, to mark the closure of the building for Worship was held on Friday 4 March. This was done with sensitivity and the sermon was preached by Rev Scott Polworth, our Interim Moderator. Both these services were tinged with a great deal of sadness as it brought closure to the City's Church and many hundreds of years of history and worship services. For many of the congregation it brought to a close generations of worship within the building.

An Alpha Course was held early in 2023 and this was arranged jointly by OHSS and Crown Church. Although numbers were not significant those who did attend found it very useful.

Rev James Bissett arranged a Service of Remembrance on 13 February. This had been requested by clients of 1668 Cafe who suffered the loss of around 20 deaths during the previous year all with connections to the Cafe. On the day, James had COVID and Deacon Dot Getliffe took the service. The service was well received and is being repeated again at St Stephen's in 2023.

A Lent Calendar was shared with Crown Church, including their Mission Partner in Jamaica. An Advent Calendar was shared with Crown Church and St John's Episcopal Church. We are grateful to those who participated in the readings and to James for his editing.

Informal services are held monthly at Southside Nursing Home and we are grateful to those leading these services.

A small informal prayer group meet by Zoom on a Thursday morning.

Communion cloths from both buildings were donated to Inverness Royal Academy Home Economics Department who will use them to teach tie-dying.

Property

Despite very hard work the lease on the Old High Hall is still unsigned. The missives were agreed in December 2021 and the agreed rent is paid. Graham and Sibbald were appointed to act as Factors for the lease and this has worked well.

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The Manse is still rented out although this will be reviewed as part of the Basis of Union. It is likely to be sold later in 2023. Only minor repairs have been required during the year.

We had three attempted break-ins at Old High Church. Two small stained glass windows had to be replaced. Insurance covered most of the cost of repairs.

Two pews have been removed, on a temporary, basis in St Stephen's Church to allow a small play area for children.

The grand piano, on loan from Highland Council, was moved from the Old High Church to St Stephen's. At one with Music, who hold concerts in the Church, contributed to the cost of the removal.

The Old High Church was placed on the market by the Law Department in Edinburgh in August. Despite many viewings a closing date has not yet been fixed. Due to the building being a Class A Listed building there are many restrictions on future use. The graveyard surrounding the church is owned and maintained by Highland Council.

Presbytery Mission Plan

The draft plan was issued on 30 July. There was much disappointment that the plan included the disposal of St Stephen's Church at the end of 2023. After deliberation by the Kirk Session and the Presbytery Mission Planning Committee this was extended to 2024.

A Basis of Union was issued towards the end of 2022 and this is now under discussion with Crown Church. The Kirk Session are trying very hard to keep the congregation informed of developments. There is much work to be done before the Union can be agreed.

Meetings with Crown Elders Council

These meetings continued during the year. Towards the end of 2022 it was agreed to form two groups - Joint Ventures - who would look at activities we could do together. A second Group - Union Enabling Group was set up to review the Basis of Union and work in the background moving the Union forwards.

Sandie Craig has agreed to join the Board of Young Crown.

Outreach

James has a close relationship with the 1668 Cafe in Church Street. The congregation now have a monthly collection of food for their clients. They provide a free hot meal to anyone in need on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Customers to the cafe can pay forward for a meal or coffee. Many of their clients are living in bedsits in the city centre with little or no cooking facilities.

We have now started Sweaty Church (sport and dance) and this will be held on a regular basis.

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care team all work hard throughout the year ensuring that we keep in contact with the sick and bereaved. Visiting, particularly nursing homes, was very restricted at the beginning of 2022. The team continue to provide cards to the housebound, sick and bereaved and remember those recently bereaved with bulbs at Christmas.

The Flower Ministry continues to be an important part of our weekly service. We are grateful to the ladies in the Flower Team who provide such lovely flowers each Sunday which are then taken to the sick, bereaved, housebound or those in Nursing Homes.

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for the year ended 31st December 2022**

A new exercise class (Fit as a Fiddle) started in St Stephen's Church Hall in February 2022. This is designed for older members of the congregation and has been well supported. The class is held fortnightly. A craft class is also held fortnightly.

HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee was marked with Coffee and Cake after the service on Sunday 5 June. This was much enjoyed by members.

A strawberry tea was held on Saturday 11 June and this was enjoyed by members, particularly those not able to come to church on a Sunday morning.

The group organised a Christmas appeal for 1668 cafe and Prisoners' Children. This was very successful and 1668 cafe were able to give 50 gifts of hats, scarves, etc to their clients.

Staff

We were pleased to welcome Finlay Hamilton and Finlay MacDonald to assist with the streaming. Finlay MacDonald left our employment towards the end of 2022 and we are pleased to welcome Elsa Silver. We are grateful to Graeme Watt for his technical assistance, particularly with the installation of streaming and for training the young people.

Following the closure of the Old High Church the cleaner, Eilidh Ross was made redundant. Eilidh had given many years service.

We are grateful to Pat MacLeod for all the work she does as our administrator, not least for the considerable work arranging zoom meetings and editing the newsletter.

To Pam McCulloch for her considerable work with the choir and community choir and for the inspirational music she brings to us.

To our organists for their faithful service each week.

Charity

Christian Aid

A coffee morning and plant stall was held on 14 May. This was well supported by the congregation and surrounding community and raised £1612.

Medical Equipment for the Gambia

The congregation supported the work by assisting with finance to get equipment to the hospital and later in the year for a Cardiologist and Technician to give hands-on training in Gambia.

Harvest Fun Day

A harvest fun day was held on 1 October. 80 bags of food was collected together with £1300 in cash. This was split between Blythswood Food Bank and 1668 Cafe. The Cafe were able to purchase two new water heaters with the cash.

CHAS

We are grateful to the Choir and Community Choir for their concerts just prior to Christmas when over £5000 was raised for the work of the Children's Hospice Scotland and local At Home Service. It was so good to have the concerts back in the Church.

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**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st December 2022**

Thanks

We give thanks for the hard work of the Interim Moderator, Rev Scott Polworth and for his constant support to the office-bearers and congregation. To Rev James Bissett our Locum who works hard for our members but also with 1668 Cafe and the Air Cadets.

Thanks to the choir, readers, beadles, tea and coffee makers, organists, sound system team and all who assist the congregation throughout the year.
assist in keeping our congregation running throughout the year.

Financial review

Financial position

Total income for the year was £132,935 (2021 - £162,486) with total expenditure being £137,354 (2021 - £117,542).

Reserves policy

The charity trustees have considered the reserves required and have taken into account their current and future liabilities. It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves for at least six months expenditure including designated funds. At the year end, the church held unrestricted funds of £493,767 (2021 - £554,413). The trustees are aware of the need for major property repairs and improvements and may use the additional reserves for this purpose.

Copies of the annual accounts are provided to members at the appropriate time. However we continue to run at a loss year on year despite considerable reserves. Giving reduced during the year, partly due to the closure of the Old High Church.

We are grateful to Ken Cantlay for his service as Treasurer over a number of years when he stepped down from the post in December 2022. We are grateful to Colin Craig who has taken over as Treasurer. Sandie Craig has also been appointed Free Will Offering Treasurer.

Structure, governance and management

The congregation is a registered charity, no SC035073 and is administered in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Constitution (Unitary Form), signed in 2013, and is subject to the Acts and Regulations of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

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 appropriate gifts and skills. The minister, who is a member of the Kirk Session, is elected by the congregation and inducted by Presbytery.

The Kirk Session normally meets six times a year and is responsible for all affairs within the church. There is a leadership team and six action teams designated to specific areas of the church - worship and education, finance and stewardship, pastoral care, social fund-raising, property, outreach and communication.

Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity number

SC035073

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Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st December 2022

Trustees

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John Clarkson
Colin Craig
Sandie Craig
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Joan Darcy
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Rachel Hutcheson
Fiona Kelly
Roberta MacKintosh
Christine MacKenzie
Stuart MacKenzie
Susan MacLeod
Deborah MacRae
Malcolm MacRae
Etta Malcolm
Ruth Martin
Margaret McAleer
Frank McCubbin
Rosa McDiarmid
Flora Milne
Jennifer Morrison
Florence Munro (resigned 31 July 2022)
Linda Philip
Andy Pyott
Jaye Rankine
Cliff Sim (deceased 05 September 2022)
Andrew Stevenson

Independent Examiner

Jillian Munro, M.A., C.A.
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Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st December 2022

Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

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Ms C MacKenzie - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Old High St Stephen's Church of Scotland**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 set out on pages nine to nineteen.

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 the independent examiner's report

My examination was 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 seeking explanations from you as 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 connection with 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 to comply with Regulation 8 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.

Jillian Munro, M.A, C.A.
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

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Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	75,649	-	75,649	117,087
Charitable activities	5	950	-	950	550
Charitable activities					
Other trading activities	3	48,736	-	48,736	33,402
Investment income	4	12,847	-	12,847	11,447
Total		138,182	-	138,182	162,486
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	6	142,601	-	142,601	117,542
Charitable activities					
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(56,227)	-	(56,227)	4,883
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(60,646)	-	(60,646)	49,827
Transfers between funds	15	2,573	(2,573)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(58,073)	(2,573)	(60,646)	49,827
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		554,413	2,573	556,986	507,159
Total funds carried forward		496,340	-	496,340	556,986

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Old High St Stephen's Church of Scotland

Balance Sheet
31st December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	5,442	6,802
Investments	11	393,650	449,877
		<u>399,092</u>	<u>456,679</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	11,326	9,136
Cash at bank		92,580	94,423
		<u>103,906</u>	<u>103,559</u>
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(6,658)	(3,252)
		<u>97,248</u>	<u>100,307</u>
Net current assets			
		<u>97,248</u>	<u>100,307</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>496,340</u>	<u>556,986</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>496,340</u>	<u>556,986</u>
Funds	15		
Unrestricted funds		496,340	554,413
Endowment funds		-	2,573
Total funds		<u>496,340</u>	<u>556,986</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on
and were signed on its behalf by:

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Rev J Bissett - Trustee

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Ms C MacKenzie - Trustee

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