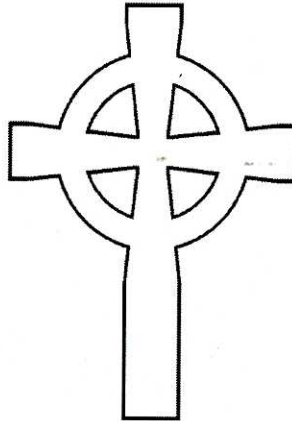


The Church of Scotland

Acharacle and Ardnamurchan Parish Church



2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

Congregation No: 382189

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Reference and Administrative Information

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Reader Mrs Ella Gill

Session Clerk Mrs Bridget Cameron

Church Treasurer Mrs Alison Adam

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Reader Mrs Ella Gill

Session Clerk Mrs Bridget Cameron

Church Treasurer Mrs Alison Adam

Other trustees (Kirk Session Members)

Mrs Moira Fisher

Mrs Valerie Phillipps

Mrs Eilidh Canning

Mr Ken Gill

Marjory MacGillivray

Maureen Webber

Lynne McLuckie (admitted to Kirk Session 10th September 2023)

Independent Examiner

Monte Bleasdale

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Trustees' Annual Report – Acharacle and Ardnamurchan Parish Church SC02916

Year ended 31 December 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Church is administered in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Constitution or the Deed of Constitution (Unitary Form)

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Members of the Kirk Session are the Charity Trustees. The Kirk Session members are the elders of the Church and are chosen from the members of the church who are considered to have the appropriate gifts and skills.

Organisational Structure

The Kirk session meets about six times a year and is responsible for the spiritual affairs of the church. Meetings are moderated by the minister Rev Donald McCorkindale.

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.

This has been an eventful year.

The parishes of Acharacle and Ardnamurchan were united in January 2023 to form the Parish of Acharacle and Ardnamurchan. This parish was then linked with the Parish of Ardgour, Morvern and Strontian to form one charge under the ministry of Rev Donald McCorkindale.

Mrs Ella Gill was attached to the charge as a Reader.

Ms Jade Maclean was assigned to the charge as a probationer minister for 2023.

These acts meant that the Kirk Sessions of Acharacle and Ardnamurchan combined to form a new Kirk Session with Bridget Cameron being appointed as Session Clerk.

Meetings alternate between Kilchoan and Acharacle and provision is made for internet participation when possible.

In spite of the practical reorganisation the purpose and principles of the church remain the same:

Serving the local community lies at the heart of the church. Elders, the congregation and the Reader continue to give pastoral support to those in need. It is hoped that through serving the community, interest may be kindled in why the congregation serves as it does and this may lead others to consider their own beliefs and faith.

Trustees' Annual Report (cont)

Year ended 31 December 2023

Achievements and Performance

The new church at Kilchoan was officially opened in September 2023 by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and it provides a venue for community activities as well as ecumenical worship.

It had been in use since July 2023.

During 2023 several community groups started to use the building on a regular basis and the Free Church began to hold regular monthly services during the winter.

These will continue through 2024.

Worship

Church of Scotland services were held in each location fortnightly and in the summer months, weekly at Kilchoan when there are visiting ministers.

Average attendance at each location is around 20.

Extra services are held at Christmas, Easter and on occasions such as Remembrance there is a service in both places in spite of the fortnightly rota.

During 2023 there were weekly on line services involving people from the whole peninsula area. These services are watched both locally and much further afield.

The exploration of service provision by the internet continues to be explored.

Written versions of the service are distributed to those who request them.

Children, families and the community.

Contact is maintained with all the primary schools and the secondary school within the area.

In August 2023, there was a Holiday Club held using the facilities in the Kilchoan church and church house.

This involved children from Dalkeith as well as local children and families.

This was described in an article in the magazine Life and Work and the event will be repeated in 2024.

The community in Acharacle were involved in 2 events in combination with the Community Centre.

One was a celebration of harvest the other was 'Advent Windows'.

The Harvest celebration took place in the community garden with activities and information whereas the Advent window project encouraged the houses in the village to display Advent Windows for the duration of December until Christmas.

In Kilchoan the fortnightly scones and tea/coffee began as soon as insurance of the new building would allow.

Fundraising and Finance.

Financial donations were given to:

Christian Aid

Lochaber food bank

Ukraine appeal

Embrace to support Education..

Syria and Turkey Earthquake Appeal

