ST.CHRISTOPHER'S PRIESTHILL AND NITSHILL CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASGOW

CONGREGATION NO: 161001

SCOTTISH CHARITY NO: SC015858

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNTS FOR

THE YEAR ENDED

31ST DECEMBER, 2019

The trustees present the annual report and accounts for St Christopher's Priesthill and Nitshill Church of Scotland, Glasgow, for the year ended 31 December 2019.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Church is administered in accordance with the terms of 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 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, which meets five or six times a year, and is chaired by the minister, has oversight of the whole life and service of the Church within its Parish; responsibility for the spiritual and temporal oversight of the Congregation's affairs. The Kirk Session delegates some aspects of its work to four committees, namely: the Liaison Committee, the Pastoral Care Committee, the Property and Finance Committee, and the Worship Committee. Membership of each committee consists of elders, and co-opted members of the congregation who have skills and interests relating to the committee that they join.

These co-opted members are called associates and are invited to attend Kirk Session meetings. Associates have no voting rights at Kirk Session meetings but are free to contribute to the discussion of business.

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.

In mid 2017 our two part-time Ministries Development Staff (MDS) began working among us and in 2018 and 2019 their roles and activities within the life of the church and the parish community have become incresingly more established, and to good effect.

Our part-time Parish Assistant, among other things, has led full Sunday worship services, led the Sunday School Club, re-established a fortnightly Bible Study Group, established a new Youth Group, led various aspects of Messy Church, become involved in Pastoral Care, and developed our Social Media outreach.

Our part-time Children and Families Worker, among other things, has established a weekly Hot Chocolate After School Club, established a weekly Parents and Toddlers Group, taken over the role of co-ordinating the Sunday School Club and Messy Church, organized occasional community events such as a car boot sale, become involved in Pastoral Care, and developed our Social Media outreach.

Both MDS workers are excellent at applying for grant money for their various activities and have been very successful in their applications.

Our Local Church Review Five Year Action Plan was agreed at the December 2017 meeting of Glasgow Presbytery.

In the Action Plan we decided to focus on the following areas of church and parish life:

Mission:

- (a) Develop the Daniel Plan as a way of engaging with folks in a holistic way, including faith
- (b) Develop Messy Church
- (c) Develop a Ministry to Men
- (d) Introduce a new Bible Study

Objectives and Activities (cont)

Community Outreach:

Build relationships with families, children and young people

Stewardship:

Carry out a Stewardship Campaign – Time, Talents and Money

Buildings:

- (a) Explore the possibility of refurbishing the sanctuary into a more flexible, economical and environmentally friendly space
- (b) Develop a Quiet Space in the Sanctuary

Social Media:

- (a) Revise the Church Website
- (b) Introduce a Church Facebook Page
- (c) Introduce Instagram (for young people)

Parish Boundaries:

Seek to have the parish boundaries revised

Preparing for Vacancy:

Build the capacity of the elders and others in leadership

In June 2017, the Kirk Session reluctantly decided that, due to a number of factors, we would not hold 9.30am Sunday morning services at Dove Street, our church building in Nitshill, for the foreseeable future. It was felt that holding one service of worship at 11.00am each Sunday at Priesthill Road was the best way forward in building a growing congregation.

In 2018 (going into 2019) we have seen a small but healthy growth in our Sunday congregation, among both adults and children, and it is felt that this is as a result of, among a number of factors, the good ground work being done by our MDS workers and others in the congregation, and the fact that we have the focus of just one Sunday morning service.

As part of the Church of Scotland, St Christopher's Priesthill and Nitshill Church presently has one morning service of worship each Sunday - a Traditional Worship Service in our Priesthill building in Priesthill Road at 11.00am.

We serve a parish population of around 17,400 people in over 7,000 households (as per Census of 2011).

The "All Friends Together" Sunday School Club meet during the Traditional Worship Service at Priesthill. We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion four times per year – on the first Sunday in the months of March, June, September and December.

There is an opportunity at each Sunday morning service for a member of the congregation to choose one of the worship songs. It is called "Congregational Choice."

In 2018 we re-introduced Monthly Youth Church. It is for young people from age 11. This is a relaxed space and time out for them to think about who God is and what He means to them in the 21st century. In 2019 attendance at Monthly Youth Church has been patchy. There is an acknowledgement that, in this present culture, young people have a lot happening in their lives, including other attractive activities, often on Sundays, which can lead to a lack of consistency in attending a regular activity like Monthly Youth Church.

The Life and Faith Group has met fortnightly on Sunday evenings in Priesthill at 6.30pm for many years but it stopped meeting (perhaps temporarily) in the latter end of 2019.

Objectives and Activities (cont)

There is a monthly Healing Service in Priesthill on the first Monday of each month (except during celebrated Bank Holidays when the services take place on the 2nd Monday) during which ministry of Christian healing takes place.

In addition, special services are held on Christmas Eve.

This year, 2019, has been our sixth year of joining together with three neighbouring churches – Carnwadric Parish Church, Darnley United Free Church and Thornliebank Parish Church – to hold joint services on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Holy Week and also an Easter Sunrise Service at Carnwadric, and this will continue into the future.

An annual Bereavement Service is held on a Sunday afternoon in the season of Advent. Members of families who have lost loved ones in the course of the year receive an invitation from the parish minister to attend this service.

St Christopher's Priesthill and Nitshill Church and Thornliebank Parish Church have a reciprocal arrangement by which St Christopher's Priesthill and Nitshill Church supports Thornliebank Parish Church's evening service on the third Sunday of the month called The River and Thornliebank Parish Church supports St Christopher's Priesthill and Nitshill Church's monthly Healing Service.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals are regularly conducted in the parish.

The Healing Group, which has existed for 29 years, continues to meet on a fortnightly basis and to provide the monthly Healing Service.

We run a café and thrift shop - Jacob's Well and the Thrift Shop - on Wednesday mornings in Priesthill during part of the year.

We hold a Summer Fayre and a Christmas Fayre every year.

We had a tradition of hosting a ceilidh annually, to which members of the community would be warmly invited, but this had lapsed in the last several years. However, following a vision which our parish minister had, on 11th September 2018, of people worshipping God through singing and dancing, we organised a Celebration Ceilidh, which took place on St Andrew's Night, 30th November 2019, and which had elements of worship within it, including singing Christian worship songs to Scottish Ceilidh dances, thus fulfilling the vision. Around 100 people attended, many expressing the wish that it would take place on a regular basis.

We regularly give to charities through retiral offerings every three months and through offerings at Harvest and Christmas. We hold occasional fundraising lunches for charities such as Save the Children.

For the last number of years we have been engaging annually in Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

We participate in Christian Aid Week, raising money for some of the world's poorest people. We do our own local Alternative Christmas Card which, likewise, raises money for charities who care for the needs of some of the world's poorest people. This year the charity was Oxfam.

Each Christmas Eve, the church offering is split equally between the Lodging House Mission, Glasgow City Mission, both of whom care for the homeless of the city, and Glasgow South West Foodbank.

We also visit a local housing complex each Christmas Eve to sing Christmas Carols and Christmas Songs with the residents.

Objectives and Activities (cont)

Our parish minister is chaplain to Cleeves Primary School, one of the two non-denominational primary schools in the parish. In previous years our parish minister had been chaplain to Gowanbank Primary School, the other non-denominational primary school in the parish. Due particularly to the good work of our two part-time MDS workers, who ran a 4 week programme for P7 children around the issues of self-esteem and anti-bullying, this relationship was rekindled in 2018. However in 2019 we did not find the opportunity to build on our relationship with Gowanbank Primary School.

We have a community hall complex in Priesthill which is leased to a separate charity – Priesthill Community Hall – Charity No. SC037188. In the constitution of this charity it states that Priesthill Community Hall Management Committee should be chaired by a person nominated by the Kirk Session; that the majority of the Trustees should be community hall users; and that the Trustees who are also church members in St Christopher's Priesthill and Nitshill Church of Scotland, Glasgow must be in a minority on the management committee. St Christopher's Priesthill and Nitshill Church lease the hall complex to the charity, Priesthill Community Hall, for a peppercorn rent of £1 per annum.

The hall and rooms in the complex are subleased to a number of community groups and organisations: AA meetings (2 per week); a TOADS Support Group (an addiction support group) (started in 2013); 2 Pensioners' Clubs (Rainbow Club and Pensioners' Welfare Club); Dance School; a Stroke Club; and the Jeely Piece Club (started during the summer 2016); surgery for the local member of parliament.

Since the autumn of 2016 the 292nd Glasgow Girl Guide Company, the 292nd Glasgow Brownie Pack and the 292nd Glasgow Rainbow Unit have been meeting in the community hall on Thursday evenings. To help accommodate their equipment a large storage container was placed in the grounds of the church in 2017.

Presently there are 11 Guides (aged from 10 to 14 years), 6 Senior Section Guides (aged from 14 to 20 years) and 4 adult leaders; 12 Brownies (aged from 7 to 10 years) and 4 adult leaders; 8 Rainbows (aged from 5 to 7 years). 3 of the adult leaders who lead the Brownies also lead the Rainbows.

Each year the 292nd Guides, Brownies and Rainbows are invited to attend and participate in the annual Remembrance Sunday Service and their families are also encouraged to attend.

In 2018, because of the Centenary of Armistice Day on Sunday, 11th November, they attended a special service at Nitshill War Memorial, at which our parish minster participated and a number of our church members attended.

In 2019, through the invitation of Friends of Nitshill War Memorial, the Guides & Leaders attended a ceremony at 11.00am on Remembrance Sunday at Nitshill War Memorial at which they laid wreaths and also took part in the dedication to the soldiers who had lost their lives in the wars.

The Brownies have been meeting virtually on Zoom since the Coronavirus Lockdown began. This is very well supported by the girls and much appreciated by the parents.

In May 2020, through invitation of Friends of Nitshill War Memorial, Guides, Senior section and Leaders took part in virtual VEday celebrations on Friday, 8th May, alongside others from the local area.

Objectives and Activities (cont)

The hall and rooms are also leased to the church for its various groups and activities.

Levern Community Council meets once a month in a room in the hall complex.

2 rooms leased in the complex are dedicated to Levern Credit Union, which presently has 542 active members, of which 95 are junior members (children under 16).

A room is leased to a hairdressing business, called "Colours", which is open 5 days a week.

The community hall complex is also hired by families in the community for birthday parties, anniversary celebrations and wedding, baptism and funeral receptions. In addition it is hired by community groups to hold fundraising dances.

In recent years the whole hall complex has also been hired out to the local authorities to be used as a polling station for local and national elections, as was the case for the General Election on Thursday, 13th December 2019. It is our expectation that it will continue to be used as a polling station into the future.

In recent years the grounds of our church and community hall in Priesthill have been developed for the growing of vegetables and fruit trees through the input of an organisation called Urban Roots, who in 2013 began a full-time lease of one of the rooms in the hall complex. Urban Roots ended the lease of the room in our hall complex in the spring of 2015. We did, however, reconnect with Urban Roots in December 2019, with them helping to tidy the grounds, and we hope to re-engage in developing the grounds for the growing of fruit and vegetables, perhaps with their help, in the months and years to come.

Our car park in Priesthill continues to be used as a base for a container which stores bicycles for South West Community Cycles.

Our building in Dove Street, Nitshill, was leased for several years to a Children's Nursery, operating during the day from Monday to Friday, until the nursery decided to bring the lease to an end in the summer of 2015 in order to relocate to more suitable premises locally. Beginning in November 2015, we leased our Dove Street premises to "Dancebeat", a dance school, which had sole use of the premises throughout the week other than on a Sunday morning. This lease continued until the autumn of 2018, when the dance school relocated to other premises. With no prospective tenant to lease the hall to, we decide as a Kirk Session to look towards selling our Dove Street building. However, in the autumn of 2019 we were approached by "Dancebeat" to renew the let, and as this would be of substantial help to the church financially, it was agreed that the lease would begin again on 1st December 2019.

Achievements and Performance

At the end of 2019 we had 184 members on the church communion roll (down 9).

Also, at the end of 2019, 54 children aged 17 years or under (up 25), and 39 people 18 years of age or over (up 12), who are not on the communion roll, were involved in the life of the congregation. (This year's increase in children and adults being involved in the life of the church is largely down to the

fluctuation in attendance at Messy Church between 2018 and 2019.)

In the autumn of 2016 we introduced Messy Church. Messy Church is a church with a difference for all ages. It is a family event and all children need to be accompanied by an adult. Taking place over 2 hours, it incorporates games, craft-making, Bible stories, a worship time in the sanctuary and enjoying a meal together. One encouraging aspect of Messy Church is that some of the adults who bring the children are now helping to lead some of the craft activities alongside our leaders.

Messy Church took place on 4 occasions in 2019: February, May, August and December.

Achievements and Performance (cont)

2 infant baptisms were celebrated in the course of the year. (Down 5)

There were no weddings celebrated in 2019 (Down 2)

18 funerals took place during the course of the year, (Up 5) with a few of them including a service taking place in the church sanctuary at Priesthill Road.

Attendance at Sunday worship, which presently takes place solely at Priesthill Road, including adults and children, averages at between 30 to 50 people. This is similar to 2018.

Attendance at the Sunday School Club ranges from 2-15 children, averaging at around 8 children each week. This, too, is similar to 2018.

We hold a Summer Sunday School Club during the summer months.

In 2019, sadly, we lost 8 member of our congregation through death. (7 more than 2018) 1 member transferred their membership to another church. (The same as 2018)

From time to time, we hold a Family Celebration Service on a Sunday morning instead of a Traditional Service. This generally takes place at services in which there is the Celebration of Baptism, and also during major festivals like Christmas, Easter and Harvest. We are constantly seeking to make this service increasingly more culturally accessible to the people of our parish through the use of modern music and instruments and through the giving of short talks with visual aids rather than a traditional sermon. In recent times at Family Celebration Services members of the congregation are invited to write a prayer on a prayer petition slip and then to come forward and place it in our prayer basket which is then lifted up and prayed over.

The introduction in 2018 of the provision of fruit to the food and drink, which is provided at the fellowship time after each Sunday morning service, continues to be well received.

Our tradition at Harvest Thanksgiving has been to bring in harvest goods and share them equally between the Lodging House Mission, Glasgow City Mission and Glasgow South West Foodbank, and money raised through Harvest envelopes goes to Christian Aid.

In 2019 we broke with tradition in one regard. We continued to bring in harvest goods for the Glasgow South West Foodbank but gave a financial offering to the Lodging House Mission, Glasgow City Mission instead of harvest goods.

The monthly healing service, which has been taking place for 28 years, presently attracts 12 to 25 people (similar to last year), some of whom come from other churches and some of whom do not regularly attend church. There continues to be reports of people being helped and, indeed, healed physically, psychologically, emotionally and spiritually.

Members of the Pastoral Care Committee, which includes the parish minister, regularly visit the sick at home and in hospital. They also visit the housebound, and any member of the congregation who has requested a visit. The MDS workers make pastoral contact with members of the congregation and members of the groups they are running.

One of our church members is currently training for the Readership and we are greatly encouraged by this.

We attend the World Day of Prayer Service in our local area, which takes place in March each year.

Achievements and Performance (cont)

In June 2019 we organised a Church Family Day Out to Largs which also attracted a number of adults and children from the local community.

On a Saturday afternoon in June 2019 we participated with other local churches in an outreach event called "Praise in the Park" in Rouken Glen Park.

Our use of computer technology to project the words of worship songs, Bible readings, graphics, photographs and film clips during our Sunday worship services and monthly healing services continues to enhance our experience of worship. We pay for two annual licences from Christian Copyright Licensing International – the Church Copyright Licence (CCL) and the Church Video Licence (CVL). Our internet broadband connection is with BT (Superfast Enhanced).

We produce a weekly parish church newsletter, which contains all the latest church news and events, and it is produced in colour.

In the autumn of 2017, our part-time Children and Families Worker constructed a new more up-to-date, visitor-friendly and comprehensive website www.stchristopherspriesthillandnitshillchurch.com and this a frequently visited site.

In 2017 we also re-established a church and community hall Facebook page, entitled "50p Church & Community Hall Priesthill" which gives us a very strong connection with the local community. Presently 570 'like it' and 595 'follow it.' (Up 163 and 182, respectively, on last year.)

In the spring of 2020 with the onset of the caronavirus lockdown, during which our sanctuary and community hall were closed, we started a "St Christopher's Priesthill and Nitshill Parish Church" Facebook page which presently has 95 members. This has been done to facilitate access to online worship services, which are provided mainly on our church website, and other communications from the church during lockdown.

The Youth Group subscribe to Instagram.

In 2019 we celebrated three aspects of our parish church:

- (a) Union: Nitshill United Free Church became Nitshill Parish Church in the union between the United Free Church and the Church of Scotland in 1929 (90 year anniversary)
- (b) Conception: The land on which the future Househillwood St Christopher's Parish Church building was to be build was conceived of in 1939 (80 year anniversary)
- (c) Birth: Priesthill Parish Church was born in 1949. (70 year anniversary)

Achievements and Performance (cont)

Annual Report of part-time Parish Assistant for Church Accounts y/e 31.12.2019 (Kirsteen Marshall)

It has been an exciting period across all areas of ministry in our church and community.

Youth Group

Our community youth group were awarded funds from Glasgow City Council Greater Pollok Participatory Budget, which allowed us to deliver weekly creative arts workshops to our young people. The young people enjoyed weekly music, dance and art workshops delivered by professionals in the creative industry field. These workshops provided them with the opportunity to learn new skills, increase confidence and self-esteem, and make connections with other young people and industry professionals.

The funds also enabled them to enjoy several outings and trips. We enjoyed a circus skills workshop in Kelvingrove, a Christmas dinner at TGI Fridays, an educational tour from the creative industry department at Glasgow University, a Zombie Apocalypse event in Springburn Park, a local Ceilidh and a residential trip to Edinburgh to see The Lion King.

The young people have also been the sample group for a Glasgow University PhD student thesis. This has enabled the young people to enjoy several outings and shopping trips, as the study topic was 'consumer culture and young women'. This has provided another opportunity for the young people to develop new relationships, be inspired by further education and develop self-awareness.

When Covid-19 surfaced in late March 2020, we quickly moved our youth group provision online, and continued to meet every week to enjoy youth-led quizzes and activities. We facilitated quiz battles between other youth groups and even a quiz battle with local politicians and religious leaders.

An exciting and fun-filled year for the youth group, providing opportunities for young people in the Greater Pollok area to engage in inclusive, diversionary and creative experiences.

Bible study

An informative and spirit-led opportunity for adults to explore the Bible in a safe space. For a period during 2019-20, we met fortnightly and then reduced this to monthly. We share leadership in this ministry; each taking turns to read, explain and explore God's word. When Covid-19 struck in late March 2020, we decided to suspend our Bible study meetings, to help ensure that we were not saturating the leaders or congregation in online commitments.

Sunday School

A weekly opportunity for children to engage in spirit-led and child-friendly ministry. It has been another exciting year for our Sunday School, with the children growing and exploring a range of Christian principles and stories. We have been using a huge range of materials and resources to help ensure that the lessons are as inclusive and fun as possible; covering all of the preferred learning styles. The age range of our Sunday school participants ranges from 2-14, which creates challenges in delivering age appropriate sessions with limited ministry leaders. However, we have allocated sufficient time within 2019-20 to attending leadership planning meetings and training opportunities.

Achievements and Performance (cont)

Annual Accounts y/e 31.12.2019 – Report from Family and Children's Worker: Naomi Sutton

Naomi has provided a diverse range of activities – of both church and community-based nature – throughout 2019.

Naomi has remained highly involved in running the Sunday School program and Messy Church throughout the year.

The Sunday School has maintained good numbers, and the children have been expanding their bible literacy in creative and interactive ways. The Sunday School leaders and assistants, in conjunction with those who assist with the Youth Church and Messy Church initiatives have been participating in a range of training and development activities over this time as well. It is hoped that continued development of the Sunday School program will continue through 2020 keeping the time shared relevant, God-led, educational, and interesting for those who attend. This year the Youth Church, led by Pamela, assisted in the age-relevance of Sunday School programs. The Youth Church would be available for those 10 years and older 1-2 times per month, allowing space for the younger children (aged 1-9) to develop their faith in a style most appropriate to their age. This has been a positive development for our Sunday mornings. The Messy Church has been thriving this year, with our 4 meetings regularly reaching 50+ people in attendance. We have many returning families, as well as the inclusion of many families who have been attending our community-based activities. It has been wonderful to see young people and community families filtering into the life of the church through this ministry. Our main struggle in delivery is maintaining adequate volunteer numbers to facilitate all aspects of a Messy Church. We continue to explore options around how to deliver activities with limited volunteer capacity and the recruitment of new volunteers for this ministry.

Naomi has also remained involved in Pastoral Care for those in the life of the church, in addition to those connecting to the church through other activities.

Naomi has also been running the community-based activities of the Hot Chocolate Club, and Parents & Babies/Toddler group (with Bookbug session) during 2019.

The Hot Chocolate Club saw the successful completion of its first year, and continued into it's second year of operation. This club has operated as a community activity for children in P1-7 once per week during school terms. It has provided a play space, arts and crafts, movie nights, in addition to a range of special activities. The group had a Ceilidh band visit to teach music and dances, a cinema trip, a summer day outing to do watersports, a visit from the Glasgow Science Centre, and a visit from the Village Storytelling Centre. The parent volunteers have been a great support in the running of these sessions, with the volunteer team supporting the ongoing running of the group whilst Naomi took annual leave. Toward the end of 2019 Naomi worked hard with the Jeely Piece Club and the Brownies to secure long-term funding for the three groups as they work together to deliver services to the young people in the Priesthill and surrounding area. This partnership is hoped to assist the group and its volunteers moving forwards with many of the 'behind-the-scenes' aspects of the facilitation of the club – planning, training, finances, resource availability etc.

The Parent and Toddler Group alongside Bookbug has been going really well, with many of these families engaging in other church activities. The group has offered various activities and courses for parents confidence, skills development and parent-child bonding including baby massage, first aid, cooking courses, and ceramics workshops. In addition to these our partnership with Merry-Go-Round has provided parent support activities and pop-up second-hand baby market stalls at the hall. Weekly meetings of song and story time, play time, snacks and socialising for parents have been well received and enjoyed by all attending.

Our Christmas Family Fun day ended the year with a day-long celebration, activities, games, prizes and a movie night where we shared the movie 'The Star' based on the Christian Nativity with those who attended.

Present and Future Plans

Our present and future focus continues to be to put into practice the Local Church Review Five Year Action Plan which was agreed at the December 2017 meeting of Glasgow Presbytery.

Our neighbouring parish church, St James'(Pollok), fell vacant at the end of February 2019 with the retirement of their parish minister.

In the present Presbytery Plan, (2012 - 2022), our parish church and St James' (Pollok) Parish Church are mentioned together in terms of our buildings.

Here is what is says under the column, Building Adjustments:

St James Pollok, Priesthill and Househillwood as their names suggest deal with three distinct parts of what might generically be known as Pollok. The level of continuing maintenance there could require a planning decision to review which of St James and Priesthill or what other buildings might best serve mission in Pollok over the lifetime of the Plan so both buildings remain "4" pending local conversations or new local initiatives. (Designation "4" means the future of the building is still to be decided.)

As we write this report 16 months on from St James' (Pollok) Parish Church falling vacant, Glasgow Presbytery's Strategic Planning Committee is still considering what future provision of ministry in the Greater Pollok area might be appropriate in light of the vacancy.

As we stated in our report last year, our parish church may very well be drawn into their considerations and recommendations. Our future plans may very well be deeply affected by what is, in due course, recommended.

In light of the vacancy at St James' (Pollok), and the decision having still to take place about which church buildings might be retained in the Pollok area, our plan to "explore the possibility of refurbishing the sanctuary into a more flexible, economical and environmentally friendly space" has, therefore, been put on hold.

Our parish minister, the Rev Douglas Nicol, is due to retire in early June 2021. It, therefore, seems extremely unlikely, all things considered, and particularly in light of the time constraint, that there would be enough time to explore this possibility of refurbishing the sanctuary before Mr Nicol's retirement.

This report is being completed during the fourth month of the Covid-19 pandemic and it feels important to note, as a closing statement, that it has reached into every dimension of church life, both locally and nationally, and brought about a lot of uncertainty in regard to the future in its wake.

This theme will, no doubt, be at the heart of next year's report.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

2019 has proved to be yet another challenging year financially. Last year's deficit (2018) of around £10,300 has gone up by around £4,400 to a deficit of around £14,700 this year (when one excludes the amount drawn down from the funds held by the General Trustees of £4,086).

It had been hoped that this year's deficit would have decreased but the reality is that it has increased to a level of just £800 short of the deficit of 2017, which was around £15,500.

There are three main reasons why our deficit increased rather than decreased:

- 1) Our leasing of our Dove Street building for £15,000 per annum, came to an unexpected end in the autumn of 2018, which for this year, 2019, has had the effect of us losing nearly £15,000 in annual income. (The reason why it was not fully £15,000 is explained below.)

 We were moving towards selling the Dove Street building, which would have reduced costs such as heat and light, insurance and repairs, when, in the autumn of this year, 2019, the former leaseholder, Dancebeat, approached us to renew the lease and we agreed a new annual lease of £12,000 beginning in December 2019.
- 2) Our intention to begin a Stewardship Campaign in 2019 did not come to fruition for a number of reasons and has been delayed until 2020.
- 3) The proposition that funds held on our behalf, by the General Trustees in the Consolidated Fabric Fund, may be used to pay for a portion of Stipend annually, thus reducing the deficit, was decided not to be followed through with. This was because any decision to use funds in this way could not be reversed in the future and we felt that this would take away our ability to draw upon these funds in a flexible way.

As we look to 2020, it is our hope that we will be able to return to reducing the deficit. We have two principal reasons for this optimism:

- 1) It is our hope to begin a Stewardship Campaign sometime in 2020 in which we will seek to encourage members of our congregation to consider increasing their Christian giving.
- 2) With our Dove Street Building now being leased again from December 2019, the income coming from the lease will greatly improve our financial situation.

As we write this report, we are nearly four months into the Covid -19 pandemic, which has prevented us from holding Sunday Services in our church building. We are sharply aware that this has the potential to decrease our income from church offerings and the let in Dove Street, so our optimism of reducing the annual deficit is tempered by this reality.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of approximately 6 months expenditure, including Designated funds. At the year end the Church held unrestricted funds of £(10,496) (2017 – £72) comprised of the General Fund of £5,066 and the Designated Fabric Fund of £(15,562). Clearly we presently have no reserves, as described in our policy, and are therefore not able to put this Reserves Policy into practice as we write this report.

However, as a result of the sale of the former St Christopher's manse in 2016 and the sale of the Meikle Road Church building in January 2018, we have over £286,000 in funds, which are retained in a Consolidated Fabric Fund, on our behalf, by the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland. Although these funds are restricted in their use, they will be able to be drawn upon for certain fabric-related utility bills such as Insurance and Heat and Light in the future, if required. Indeed, in the light of the present Covid -19 pandemic, it is our hope that the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland will draw up legislation in the near future which will allow these funds to be used in more flexible ways.

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 (as amended) and the Regulations Anent Congregational Finance approved by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 2016. 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,

Member of the Kirk Session

Date 14 7 2020

St Christopher's Priesthill and Nitshill Church of Scotland Receipts and Payments Account Year ended 31 December 2019

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT(S) REF: SCO15858 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST CHRISTOPHER'S PRIESTHILL AND NITSHILL CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December, 2019 which are set out on pages 16 - 23

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) requirement regulations 2006. The Charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the Accounts Regulation 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.

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 Regulation have not been met
- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper Understanding of the Accounts to be reached

IAN TANDERSON

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

(RETIRED BANKER)

6 PARKGROVE AVENUE GIFFNOCK, GLASGOW

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15th July, 2020

St Christopher's Priesthill and Nitshill Church of Scotland Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December, 2019

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment		
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
		2019	2019	2019	2019	2018
		£	£	£	£	£
	Note					
Receipts						
Donations	3	25,166	238	12	25,404	28,409
Activities for Generating Funds		1,267			1,267	2,005
Designated Fabric Fund raising		650			650	476
Bank & Deposit interest		2020/00			2000	1000000
Investment income		4	40	(*)		
Rental of premises		2,651		5.0	2,651	10,251
Grants and donations for youth group fund, hot chocolate		0.0000000000000000000000000000000000000			0.000.000.00	Construction of the Constr
club and mother and toddlers group		38	16,145	(*)	16,145	6,891
Receipt from General Trustees		4,086	-		4,086	4,106
Other Receipts		1,148	-	-	1,148	961
Total Receipts		34,968	16,383		51,351	53,099
Payments						
Costs of generating funds	4		20			197
Charitable activities	4	45,441	17,045	(1*)	62,486	53,542
Governance costs	4					
		*******		*********	******	
		45,441	17,045	27	62,486	53,739
				**********	*********	
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year						
before Transfers		(10,473)	(662)	177	(11,135)	(640)
Transfers		(95)	95	4		
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year		(10,568)	(567)		(11,135)	(640)

St Christopher's Priesthill and Nitshill Church of Scotland Statement of Balances for the year ended 31st December, 2019

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Restricted Funds 2019 £	Endowment Funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Bank & Deposit Balances						
Bank & deposit balances brought forward		72	24,691	•	24,763	25,403
Movement in year:		(10,568)	(567)	-	(11,135)	(640)

Bank & deposit balances carried forward	2	(10,496)	24,124	THE COLUMN STATE STATE STATE	13,628	24,763
Investments at market value (cost - £nil)				-		Since Sales Annu Sales Sales Sales
Assets Gift Aid Receivable		5,167	ANNEL MANN THAN THAN THAN		5,167	5,404
Liabilities Cost of repair not yet billed				NEW COLD STORE STORE STORE	ann ann ann ann ann	ann ann ann ann ann

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session on 14th July, 2020

For and on behalf of the Kirk Session.

Jano L. Motertell

Session Clerk

Treasurer

St.Christopher's and Priesthill and Nitshill Church of Scotland Notes forming part of the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 2019

1. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with Charties and Trustee Invesment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Regulations anent Congregational Finance approved by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 2012.

2. Movements in Funds

	At				At
	1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	31 Dec
	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
New Fabric Fund			(*)		+
Designated Fabric Fund	(12,469)	650	(3,743)		(15,562)
General Fund	12,541	34,318	(41,698)	(95)	5,066
	72	34,968	(45,441)	(95)	(10,496)
Restricted funds					
Organ & Music Fund	542	2			542
Minibus Fund	9	-			9
Flower Fund	209	69	(10)		268
Model Churches	3,362	20			3,382
Sunday Club	611	145	(95)	95	756
Youth Church Fund (formerly Youth Group Fund)	2,203	4			2,207
Benevolent Fund	676				676
Legacies	13,443				13,443
Youth Group Fund	2,761	12,567	(13,281)		2,047
After School Hot Chocolae Club Fund	378	2,956	(2,835)		499
Parents and Toddlers Group Fund	497	622	(824)		295
	24,691	16,383	(17,045)	95	24,124
			********	********	
Endowment funds					
None					+
	********	********	********	*********	**********
			-	-	-
Total Funds	24,763	51,351	(62,486)		13,628

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St Christopher's Priesthill and Nitshill Church of Scotland

Notes forming part of the Accounts

for the year ended 31st December, 2019

2. Movements in Funds (contd.)

Purpose of Funds

Designated Funds

Fabric Fund: The Trustees have set aside funds for the maintenance of the church property.

Restricted Funds

Organ & Music Fund: This is a fund for the maintenance of the organ and the purchase of music resources for use in worship

Minibus Fund: The minibus fund was for the running of a minibus for hire by the Church Organisations and Community Groups-the minibus is now sold.

Flower Fund: This is a fund to provide flowers for display during services of worship which are then distributed to the sick and bereaved.

Model Churches: This fund is for raising funds specifically for fabric through boxes which people have in their homes

Sunday School Club: This fund is for the purpose of running the Sunday School Club which is a Church Organisation.

Youth Church Fund: This fund is for the purpose of running the Youth Group which is a Church Organisation, which meets monthly. This was formally known as Youth Group Fund.

Benevolent Fund: This is a fund responding to the financial needs of the parish under the jurisdiction of the Minister

Legacy Fund: This fund was inherited at time of Union and have no specific information or documentation as to purpose of this legacy

Youth Group Fund: This fund is for the purpose of running the youth group, a church organisation which is led by our part time parish assistant (MDS).

After School Hot Chocolate Club Fund: This fund is for the purpose of running an after school club for children. It is a church organisation led by our part time children and families worker (MDS).

Parents and Toddlers Group Fund: This fund is for the purpose of running a parents and toddlers group. It is a church organisation led by our part time children and families worker (MDS).

3. Analysis of Donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment		
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	2019	2019	2019	2019	2018
	£	£	ſ	£	£
WFO Scheme (non Gift Aid)	2,936	*	15	2,936	4,111
Gift Aid Donations	13,571			13,571	14,089
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Donations	5,167		9	5,167	5,404
Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)	2,422		+	2,422	2,429
Other Offerings, Donations etc	1,070	9.0		1,070	190
Model Churches	2	20	-	20	50
Flowers		69	+	69	43
Sunday Club	•	145		145	93
Benevolent Fund				-	
Youth Church Fund		4		4	2,000
Youth Group Fund		12,567		12,567	5,090
Hot Chocolate Fund		2,956		2,956	1,022
Parents and Toddlers Group Fund		622		622	779
			**********	********	
	25,166	16,383	2	41,549	35,300
		-			

St Christopher's Priesthill and Nitshill Church of Scotland Notes forming part of the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 2019

4. Analysis of Payments

Analysis of Payments	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment		
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Total	Tota
	2019	2019	2019	2019	2011
		£	£	£	201
Costs of Generating Funds					
Offering Envelopes		843	4		197
	***************************************				7.77
Charitable Activities					
Ministries & Mission Contribution *	18,662			18,662	19,551
Presbytery Dues	790			790	1,042
Pulpit Supply	540			540	60
Minister's Expenses	1,609			1,609	2,307
Manse Council Tax	2,495			2,495	2,429
Other Staffing Costs	1,365			1,365	1,403
Fabric Repairs & Maintenance	1,832			1,832	1,630
Other Building Costs	3,743			3,743	4,137
Heating and Lighting	3,910			3,910	5,445
Insurance	2,767			2,767	1,970
Church Office Expenses	1,741			1,741	1,506
Church Office Equipment	8 .			- 4	89
Organ & Music	183			183	380
Printing, Stationery & Postage	624			624	532
Other expenses	644			644	1,773
Community Hall Lets for Organisations	4,348			4,348	4,812
Part time parish assistant	4-1				4
Part time family worker	11			11	12
Presentations					43
Flower Fund Expenses	2	10		10	20
Sunday School Club/Messy Church	177	95		272	707
Benevolent Fund	177	93		212	707
Meikle Road Church Expenses	2			2	435
Legacies			2		11170
Youth Group Fund Expenses		13,281		13,281	2,329
Hot Chocolate Club Expenses		2,535		2,535	644
Parents and Toddlers Group Expenses		1,124		1,124	282
	45,441	17,045	7.0	62,486	53,542
			-		
Governance Costs	59.5	64			13
Independent Examiner's Fee				*	
	45,441	17,045	23	62,486	53,739

The Ministries and Mission Contributions is NET of endowment income of £4,814 (2018-£4,715) which is paid by the general trustees.

St Christopher's Priesthill and Nitshill Church of Scotland Notes forming part of the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 2019

Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transaction

During the year one trustee received reimbursement of expenses incurred totalling £4,104. In addition Kim O'Donnell who is related to one trustee received £546 for cleaning services.

Minister's Stipend

All Church of Scotland congregations contribute to the National Stipend Fund which bears the costs of all ministers' stipends and employers contributions and 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 £27,585 and the maximum stipend (in fifth and subsequent years) £33,899.

7. Collections for Third Parties

	2019	2018
	£	£
Christian Aid	124	81
Christian Aid Harvest Week	115	125
Barnabas Aid	57	
MAF		65
Smile	45	
Lodging House Mission	99	62
Glasgow City Mission	99	62
Food Bank (Glasgow South West)	64	62
Glasgow Childrens Hospital		
Leprosy Mission	50	
Save the Children(Yemen)		123
Oxfam	30	52
Erskine Hospital		53
Magen David Adom - Charity for pro-	47	
peace between Palestine and Israel		
	730	685

Funds Raised by

Thursday Healing Café - Save the Children - £224.00

APPENDIX

FUNDS HELD ON BEHALF OF THE CONGREGATION BY THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GENERAL TRUSTEES

CONSOLIDATED FABRIC FUND - CAPITAL (55) (Tradtional Mixed Fund)	2019	2018
Credit Balance held at 31st December		£
Credit Balance neld at 51st December	21,381	21,381
Market value of balance at 31st December	27,880	<u>25,456</u>
CONSOLIDATED FABRIC FUND - CAPITAL (56) (Individually Invested)		
Opening Balance at 1st January	257,554	108,702
Plus Transfer from Temporary Fund (85)	-	152,969
Less Transfer to Temporary Fund (85) Property Costs	- (4,086)	- (4,117)
Closing Balance at 31st December	253,468	257,554
CONSOLIDATED FABRIC FUND - REVENUE (50)		
Credit Balance held at 31st December	11,909	<u>8,836</u>
Analysed as follows:		
Opening Balance at 1st January	8,836	8,158
Plus Transfer from Temporary Fund (85) Revenue Interest Share Dividend (CFF) Property costs transferred to Temporary Fund (85) Deposit Fund	- 74 876 - 2,123	- 42 902 - 1,037
Less Property Costs		(1,303)
Closing Balance at 31st December	11,909	8,836

APPENDIX (CONTD)

FUNDS HELD ON BEHALF OF THE CONGREGATION BY THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GENERAL TRUSTEES (CONTD)

TEMPORARY FUND (85)		2019	2018
	£		£
Opening Balance at 1st January		-	2,144
Plus 22/01/18 Property Sales - Meikle Road Building		-	170,000
Deposit Fund		-	124
Revenue Interest		-	3
Transfer from Consolidated Fabric Fund - Capital (56)		-	-
Less Property costs - St Christopher's Manse		-	-
Property costs - Meikle Road Building		-	(889)
Outlays - Meikle Road Building		-	(50)
Transfer to Consolidated Fabric Fund - Capital (56)		-	(152,969)
Transfer to Consolidated Fabric Fund - Revenue (50)		-	-
Levies charged on property sale - Meikle Road Building		-	(16,013)
Levies charged on property sale - St Christopher's Manse		-	-
Law Department Fees -Sale of Meikle Road Building		-	(2,350)
Law Department Fees - Sale of St Christopher's Manse			
Closing Balance at 31st December			