

The Church of Scotland
Rosyth Parish Church of Scotland

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2015

ACCRUED (2015 SORP COMPLIANT) ACCOUNTS

Congregation No: 241477

Charity No: SC 013620

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Trustees' Report
Year ended 31 December 2015

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2015. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the 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 published on 16 July 2014.

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.

Activities, open to all, include:

- Sunday service at 10.30a.m. in the Parish Church, 82a Queensferry Road, Rosyth
- Sunday Kids Club (birth - teenage) and Bible Study (teenage) run during the Sunday Worship Service
- Messy Church (First Saturday of every second month, meanwhile)
- School Holiday Club
- Ecumenical Bible Study Group
- Craft Group
- Food Bank - operating under the auspices of Trussell Trust, for those in need
- Heritage Cafe on Tuesday
- 'Hub' Cafe on Wednesday
- Coffee Morning on Friday
- Book Club
- Ad Hoc Social Events

A Steering Group developing the Rosyth Community and Heritage Development Project saw the completion of work on Phases 2, 3, and 4 of the 'B' listed building, allowing the congregation to return to the building in October 2015. Various church and community activities have taken place in the renovated building. The footfall through the renovated building from October to the end of December was over 2,300.

The Company limited by guarantee set up by the group has continued to raise funds to develop the Commemorative walkway and gardens which will provide inclusive access to the grounds from the Queensferry Road entrance as well as providing a public place where the community can gather at Remembrance time, in the absence of Rosyth having a war memorial. The company will also seek to raise funds for the possible employment of a project development worker to develop activities in the building.

Achievements and Performance

Attendance at Sunday Morning services averages between 70 - 80 worshippers with the Sunday Kids Club and Bible Study attendance averaging around 12 children between the ages of 3 - 15. We also have around 4 under 3's who attend regularly, along with a regular group of Mums.

A Holiday Club was held providing space for 20-25 children from the community. Following the move to the renovated building in October, an open week was held with a number of visitors attending. The building hosted the Rosyth Garden City World War II exhibition for P7 classes in November and the two public events during the week were well attended.

An Ecumenical Bible Study group meets monthly with a Lent and Advent Study group each lasting 4-6 weeks. Average attendance is approximately 12.

The Ministry team continues to provide services of Baptism, Weddings and Funerals to the local community. In 2015 there were 2 Child Baptisms and 32 funerals.

The Ministry team also provide pastoral and post-bereavement care to the congregation and community, and provide chaplaincy services to three local primary schools, Babcock Rosyth, Fife College Training Centre and MOD Caledonia, Rosyth. They also provide spiritual care at Rosyth Resource Centre (day care for elderly) as well as offering support and leadership to many of the groups mentioned herein. The Ministry Team also liaise with local professional and community groups. A lunch time meeting was set up every two months to bring together Professional workers working in the community in order to interact with each other and identify the needs in the community.

The Church provides the use of Hall space to groups including Keep Fit groups, Activity and Dance groups etc. Rosyth Garden City Association uses the Halls for major exhibitions. Local primary schools are heavily involved in these events. The events are well received by the community and the exhibitions regularly take in over 1,000 visitors.

Hub cafe, held on a Wednesday, is open to all age groups in the community. It also provides a meeting place where older people can come for home made soup and a freshly prepared snack lunch and fellowship as well as raising funds for the Development Project. Weekly attendance averages 25 -30. A number of volunteers are unemployed or have a physical or mental health problem and can gain work experience. One has been able to get back into employment.

As part of our future Mission Focus, the Church continued Messy Church (a form of church for children and adults together involving creativity, celebration and hospitality and meeting at a time outwith traditional Sunday Services). In 2015 we had an average of 20 children attending our Messy Church events with Parent/s. It has been encouraging to see so many regulars coming along and the feedback has been extremely positive from the parents.

Achievements and Performance continued

The Nativity Concert involving the Primary School children was a sell out with over 200 people attending and over 100 children in the school choirs. Donations raised the sum of £249 for the migrant humanitarian crises providing help for Syrian Migrants who had come to Fife.

The concert also launched a month long Advent calendar event every day in December for children and their parents looking at the theme of Christmas around the world. The children received a handcraft symbol each day relating to the story.

A new venture tried was a coffee shop operating one afternoon per week proving a welcome social meeting place for community and visitors.

The Church has also, under the auspices of Trussell Trust, continued with a Food Bank to assist those in need in the local community. Many of the Congregation make generous food donations throughout the year. This venture has brought local volunteers into the Church who have no previous Church connections.

Financial Review

The principal source of income for the Congregation remains the congregational offerings. In 2015, there was a slight drop in giving to unrestricted funds - although Gift Aid giving increased slightly. This may be due to the high level of fundraising for the redevelopment project, as the Congregation prepared to move back to the renovated Parish Church. The Friday Coffee Morning and the Wednesday Craft Group, both Church Organisations, raised over £1,600 for general funds. 'Other Offerings' to the General account include around £600 from Sunday morning Teas and Coffees and £200 paid towards the cost of a minibus to bring less able members to Church.

Income received for the rental of premises continues to aid our finances. In 2015 this income remained at the same level as 2014, although interest in the use of hall space is increasing. The halls at the Parish Church continue to be used regularly by a variety of groups including several exercise classes, community groups and a local band. However, the main group renting the hall in 2014 left - which highlights a risk to future income. Fortunately, another group quickly took the place of the main let. Rental of premises income is not guaranteed, and cost of heating and lighting in the redeveloped building will increase.

The Fundraising Committee continued to hold a variety of events to raise funds for the Worship Centre redevelopment Project. The Congregation again responded magnificently to fundraising requests. We have now moved into the renovated building, and look forward to developing its potential.

