



**THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND  
ST COLMON (Arnshean Barrhill and Colmonell) PARISH CHURCH**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
&  
CONGREGATIONAL ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

**CONGREGATION REFERENCE NUMBER: 100591  
SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC014381**

**Trustees' Annual Report  
Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

The trustees present the annual report and accounts for the St Colmon (Arnshean Barrhill and Colmonell) Parish Church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

**Reference and Administrative Information**

**Charity Name:** St Colmon (Arnshean Barrhill and Colmonell) Parish  
Church of Scotland

**Charity Registration Number:** SC014381

**Congregation Reference No:** 100591

**Contact Address:** Mrs Lynne McIlwraith  
St Colmon Church  
c/o 11 Main Street  
Ballantrae  
Girvan KA26 0NA

**Trustees**

**Minister:** Rev Theodore L. Corney

**Elders:** Mr David McCutcheon  
Mrs Lynne McIlwraith  
Mr Brian McIlwraith  
Mrs Claire Pirrie  
Mrs Anne Shankland  
Mrs Irene Wilson

**Elders appointed and ordained on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021:**

Mr George Bain  
Miss Rebekah Donn  
Miss Margaret McNeill

**Payments to Trustees:**

Lynne McIlwraith was paid £1,880 as St Colmon Church organist in 2021, as recommended by the Scottish Federation of Organists. As organist Mrs McIlwraith also receives £50 for playing at each funeral or wedding.

George Bain receives £50 for his role as church officer at each funeral and £50 payment for organ supply as necessary.

Claire Pirrie was reimbursed £392.82 for expenses related to the kirk hall and church buildings' maintenance and cleaning, catering, mission, and administration.

**Principal Office-bearers**

**Minister:** Rev Theodore L. Corney

**Session Clerk:** Lynne McIlwraith

**Church Treasurer:** Claire Pirrie until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

**Independent Examiner:** Colin McNally  
4 Broadwood Park  
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**Bankers:** Bank of Scotland  
Girvan Branch  
17 Dalrymple Street  
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### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### **Governing Document**

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

#### **Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

Members of the kirk session are the charity trustees. Members of the kirk session are elders of the Church and are chosen by the kirk session from those Church members who are considered to have the appropriate gifts and skills.

The minister, who is a member of the kirk session, is called and elected by the congregation and inducted by the Presbytery of Ayr.

To ensure they comply with their responsibilities, St Colmon Church's charitable trustees are advised to subscribe to the regular bulletins of The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

#### **Organisational Structure**

St Colmon Parish Church is linked with Ballantrae Parish Church and the minister resides in the manse in Ballantrae.

The minister is the moderator of the kirk session which held five meetings in 2021 as permitted within Covid restrictions. No virtual meetings were held. The kirk session is responsible for the spiritual and financial affairs of St Colmon Church and is supported by fabric and finance committees. St Colmon Church did not appoint a presbytery elder for 2021 and discussions are ongoing about the reorganization of parishes and presbyteries.

St Colmon Church is reliant on volunteers and is grateful to all who continue to give of their time, talents, and money when possible.

#### **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.

When Covid restrictions allowed, weekly Sunday worship continued in church, but without Bible readers or worship team participation, and no Sunday Club available for children. Monthly services in Barrhill recommenced in October when the Memorial Hall reopened. Monthly services in St Colmon Kirk Hall to facilitate worship for those with restricted mobility have not recommenced.

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St Colmon kirk session administers the Campbell Trust and Templeton Bequest which distribute benefits to residents in need in St Colmon Parish.

### **Achievements and Performance**

Prayer meetings recommenced but stopped due to low attendance.

Ballantrae and St Colmon Churches produce a newsletter and information is provided on St Colmon Church's website.

St Colmon Church held special collections raising £21 for Poppy Scotland, £50 for Crossreach and contributions were made to the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal and the local Food Bank. Stamps are collected to help fund the World Mission appeal.

There was a fall in the amount of half yearly offerings due to not holding normal Communion services, and it is noted that the decreasing congregation makes mission more challenging and reduces the income from services and fundraising.

### **Fundraising and Fellowship**

A summer event held jointly with Colmonell Community Association using the church and kirk hall raised £860.

Coffee after services and coffee mornings were held in the kirk hall when Covid restrictions permitted.

The kirk hall was rented for refreshments following a funeral and Barrhill Wee Whist rented it while Barrhill Memorial Hall was closed.

The minister's right to salmon fishing on the River Stinchar glebe water is rented by Colmonell Angling Club on a three-year lease through the glebe trustees.

As an essential health care provision, two podiatrists held a clinic in the kirk hall with all the necessary Covid precautions.

The Church of Scotland's "Just Giving" fundraising campaign raised £68 which was used to pay for the cost of advertising and providing refreshments for a Christmas service in Barrhill.

### **Financial Review**

Due to the resignation of the bookkeeper who audited the annual accounts and assisted in preparing them for submission to the Church of Scotland Stewardship & Finance department and the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) Colin McNally has volunteered for this role.

Given the significant reduction in income every effort has been made to reduce costs, including no longer paying a cleaner and using less electricity.

The congregation have been invited to contribute through regular direct bank transfers but the majority of funds received for the mission and maintenance of the Church continue to be through offerings at services or individual donations. Two people have set up regular bank transfers.

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HMRC Gift Aid Scheme makes a significant contribution to fundraising for the work of the Church. To enable the Church to claim Gift Aid of 25p on every £1 donation, donors must be paying income tax in each tax year that is at least equal to the amount of tax that the Church will reclaim on their donations for that tax year. 16 people have signed up to the Gift Aid Scheme.

The Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme also enables St Colmon Church to reclaim Gift Aid on anonymous cash donations e.g., at services or any Church events.

For the Church to be able to reclaim tax on cheques or direct bank transfers the donor must have signed a Gift Aid permission form, which can be obtained from the gift aid convenor or the treasurer.

St Colmon Church is grateful to those who use [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) to shop online as this means online stores give a donation to the Church at no cost to the shopper.

The kirk session has closed the Church account with Booker wholesale supplier.

The annual appeal to Scottish Water has been approved, meaning St Colmon Church and kirk hall remain exempt from paying water rates. The Church also remains exempt from paying council tax.

St Colmon Church paid £14,774 as Ministry and Mission contributions in 2021 and the minister's expenses were travel £703, manse insurance £381, manse council tax £1063, manse repairs and maintenance £155.

The rent paid for the glebe land gives an allowance against Ministry and Mission contributions.

Claire Pirrie resigned as treasurer from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, and Margaret McNeill has volunteered to take over with the continued assistance of the volunteer gift aid convenor and weekly freewill offering convenor.

### **Property Review**

The "B" listed church, like all historic stone buildings, suffers recurrent water ingress with internal and external deterioration which is an ongoing financial challenge. A Quinquennial Inspection in 2021 has again identified the need for maintenance and repair to all areas of the church building and parts of the kirk hall including the roof, stained glass, pipe organ and woodwork.

Some monumental stones in the churchyard remain cordoned off until South Ayrshire Council Bereavement Services make them safe. The Council has been asked to provide environmentally friendly safety fencing as their plastic fencing degrades and disintegrates, leaving the churchyard littered with small pieces of orange plastic.

The General Trustees have reminded congregations that any work to be undertaken must be risk assessed, insured, and appropriately supervised. Particular care must be taken if volunteers undertake maintenance tasks.

A team of volunteers has begun to record St Colmon church and churchyard with the assistance of Scotland's Churches Trust.

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Survey reports from the Church of Scotland's energy consultant and a conservation architect have provided information about the future potential of the church buildings and how energy efficiency could be improved, and disabled access provided.

**Reserves Policy**

The trustees consider it prudent to hold reserves of £8,500 (including designated funds) to cover twelve months of normal expenditure. In addition, as the place of worship is a listed building, the trustees seek to hold additional funds in the consolidated fabric fund for unexpected expenditure thereon.

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The members of the kirk session have prepared 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 reflect the financial position of the Church at that time. This has been done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the Regulations Anent Congregational Finance approved by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 2007. 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.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts are available from the treasurer.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf,

Claire Pirrie  
Treasurer until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Margaret McNeill  
Treasurer from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Date: