



We invite you to come and celebrate Holy Communion at our morning service on

Sunday, October 20th at 11 a.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US

Pulpit Supply for October 2024

Sunday, 6th October	Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 11:00 am – Rev. Alasdair Graham
Sunday, 13th October	Joint Service at Moncreiffe Church - Service at 10:30 am
Sunday, 20th October	Holy Communion Service at 11:00 am – Rev. Philip Majcher
Sunday, 27th October	Morning Service at 11:00 am – Mr Ian Roy

Worship in the hall.

It has been our custom, for many years now, to hold our Sunday morning services in the hall over the winter months. We are very aware, that the extravagance of heating our sanctuary, (which takes a number of hours to reach the right temperature) does not sit well with our ethos as an Eco church. Worshipping in the hall is a different experience, which brings many benefits, including closer fellowship, reduced energy consumption and considerable cost saving.

Our Kirk Session agreed that we will move into the hall the week after the October Communion service, i.e. Sunday October 27 and return to the Sanctuary for our Easter Service on Sunday, April 20, 2025. Exceptions to this include, Thursday, December 19, Inchview Primary School Christmas service at 2pm and Tuesday, December 24, Family Christmas Service at 6pm.

Visitors

It is always lovely to welcome visitors to our church and we hope that you find us to be a friendly and welcoming congregation. It is very encouraging to see, that quite a number of our visitors have become regulars, worshipping with us and staying on for a chat over tea or coffee in the hall after the service. One Sunday, I counted 11 non-members in our congregation and I thought it was worth mentioning, that if you wish to become a member, please speak to any of the welcome team for further information. Our roll keeper, Dorothy Moir, will be happy to speak to you and can be contacted on 01738 624402, or email dmoir150@gmail.com

Otherwise, it is just great to see you ... member or not!

Beryl Smeaton

Special Appeal, and 2023 Report and Accounts – Please refer to the Newsletter Appendices

Songs and Memories at St Leonard's in the Fields - Dementia Friendly Singing Group

All welcome for songs, tea, and biscuits.

When?

3rd Monday of the month at 2pm - 4pm

Where?

St Leonards in the Fields Hall James Street,
Perth PH2 8AG

For more details please contact:

Beryl Smeaton – beryl.s.111@outlook.com or Mary Wright marywright27@gmail.com

St Leonard's in the Fields

Shoebox Appeal 2024

Wrapped shoeboxes are now available in the church and hall. Leaflets and rubber bands are in the boxes.

Please make sure that your checklist is completed and **taped** to the **outside** lid of the box.

Please return your boxes to the church by **October 27th** and they will be delivered to the collection point at the Baptist Church.

Since 1993 Blythswood's Shoebox Appeal has delivered over 2.6 million boxes to people in need in Eastern Europe.

Thank you for your support and kindness, as always.

If you need help or advice do not hesitate to get in touch.

Pat Giles tel. 01738 625805

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We come together monthly from all denominations, to share a time of fellowship, talents and a cuppa, of course. Small beginnings saw a project to knit squares, which resulted in four blankets being presented to four city centre churches, who were hoping to work together. Shawls continue to be our project, but local needs are also being met. We meet up in our hall the last

Saturday of the month from 10am – 12pm.

You are very welcome to join us to knit or crochet, or to learn how to.

Our shawls are made to help people to celebrate happy occasions or to offer comfort in sad situations.

If you know of anyone who would like a shawl, please contact Moira Laing on 01738 634588.

Christian Aid

Another enjoyable and successful quiz was held in August.

Almost £800 was raised on the evening for the work of Christian Aid. Many thanks to those who took part.

Marion McMillan

Carol singing

Dobbies Garden Centre has asked us to sing Christmas carols on Saturday 14th December. Half hour sessions start at 11am to 12.30 with afternoon sessions starting at 1.30pm until 3pm.

Please come along and join in. Don't want to sing? Come along anyway and hold a collection bucket, you would be much appreciated.

Marion McMillan

Doors Open Weekend – 14th & 15th September

St Leonard's in the Fields welcomed 108 visitors during the weekend (Sat. 58, Sun. 50). It was clear from visitors' comments that visitors enjoyed their visit.

The church hall had displays of some of the many prayer shawls knitted for charity organisations, and the tiny knitted hats and jackets for premature babies at the Neo-Natal Unit of Ninewells Hospital.

The book stall had a wide range of books, and there was an exhibition of 18 paintings, prints, maps, and objects relating to Perth trains and railways. Also on display was a 1950s Hornby train set of the 'Duchess of Montrose'.

Phil Kinmont played the organ on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and the music helped create a wonderful welcoming atmosphere.

The Doors Open Days were such a success due to the wonderful church volunteers who helped set up the stalls and information displays, and who welcomed visitors at the door and in the hall. The refreshments were much appreciated by many folk.

Craig Cross

Sunday Coffees

Ladies of the Catering Committee unfailingly serve coffee and tea after the Service on Sundays. These refreshments are enjoyed by members of the Congregation giving the opportunity to chat together. We would like more volunteers to help on Sundays as the Team Leaders are frequently having to double up to help each other. Thank you to those loyal ladies who do help. Please add your name to the list in the kitchen if you are able to join a team on a Sunday of your choice.

Linzee Lindsay

Jambouree

As we go on into autumn my thoughts are already turning to music for Christmas 2024 in St. Leonard's in the Fields.

The annual Jambouree Christmas concert will take place at 3.00 pm on Saturday 14th December.

I consulted with many people who come to concerts, singers in Jambouree and people who might come to concerts. There was a general feeling that Saturday afternoon would be a good time to hold the concert as e.g. buses were more frequent, people coming to church on a Sunday morning might not want to return again in the afternoon etc.

The concert will run for approximately 75 minutes with refreshments in the church hall to follow.

Pavlina is now very happily settled in Venice. She is living in Mestre, which is really part of Venice, and commutes to Venice by bus, which only takes a short time.

Ca' Foscari, as you may know, is a palace on the Grand Canal with spectacular views from the lecture theatres.

She will be back around Christmas but not for the Jambouree Christmas concert and of course will be in St. Leonard's at some point. She was delighted to tell me that "A Sentimental Journey" raised approximately £2000 to support her studies, and gratefully thanks everyone who attended the Concert and donated to her studies fund. I have one card left as her 'post-person' to deliver. If she knew who had donated, she sent a thank you card. A huge thank you from Pavlina to everyone.

The Concert is available to watch at

www.jambouree.co.uk

Edna Auld

CROSSREACH

(The Church of Scotland Social Care Council)

CROSSREACH NEWS - The latest magazine is available in the front vestibule and in the hall. Please help yourself to a copy and pass it on to someone else when you are finished with it.

CrossReach Wall Calendars

are now available in the vestibule and in the hall following the service. The Wall Calendars feature breath-taking scenery from around Scotland. The box layout of days gives plenty of space to note appointments and the year planner gives you the whole of next year at a glance. Images by Duncan McEwan. Superb value at £5.50.

If you would like me to deliver a calendar to you at home, please contact me on 07460 002206

Mary Wright

Book Group

The Book Club started up at the end of September for their winter session. Twenty-two ladies were present and the discussion was as always lively and interesting. We discussed two books this month - Isabelle Allende's 'The Wind knows my Name' and 'The Keeper of Stories' by Sally Page.

'The Wind Knows my Name' scored on average 4-stars from the group as some people rated it very highly while others found it quite disturbing. A good insight into life in some South American countries.

'The Keeper of Stories' was liked well enough by most but not enough to rate it any more than 3.5 stars. Mrs Yeah Yeah's dog Decius was certainly the most characterful of the characters in the book. Compared him to Six Thirty the dog in Lessons in Chemistry ... both talking dogs!

Our recommended reads for October are :

'The Nightingale' by Kristin Hannah (A gripping story about two French sisters who during the war helped the resistance in different ways.) and 'The Salt Path' by Raynor Winn (a beautifully written true story of the author's journey along the Salt Path with his wife Moth.)

The Group next meet on the 29th October at 2pm in St Leonard's in the Fields church hall. Happy Reading,

Liz Stewart



There is one service a week at 10:30, alternating between Moncreiffe (Glenbruar Crescent) and Craigie (Wilson Street and Abbot Street).

On the last Sunday of the month, from September to May, Messy Church is at 10:45 in Moncreiffe.

October

- 6th October Craigie (Harvest Thanksgiving)
- 13th October Moncreiffe (joint service with St Leonard's in the Fields)
- 20th October Craigie
- 27th October Moncreiffe (Messy Church)

The members of Craigie and Moncreiffe Churches extend a warm invitation to anyone from St Leonard's in the Field congregation to join them in the church activities

	Moncreiffe	Craigie
Sunday	*Messy Church – 10.45am-1pm (Last Sunday of the month)	
Monday	Beavers - 6.15 –7.15pm Cubs – 6.45-8pm, Scouts – 7.30-9pm	Country Dancing – 7.30–9.30pm
Tuesday	Youth Group – 5.30–7.00pm (Primary 6&7)	Toddler & Baby Group – 9.15–11.30am The Guild* – 2.00–4.00pm (alternate weeks) Rainbows – 5.45–6.45pm
Wednesday	Child Minding – 9.15–11.30am Bible Study – 10.00am–12.00noon	Toddler & Baby Group – 9am–12noon Brownies – 6.00–7.30pm, Guides – 7.30–9.15pm
Friday	Taekwondo – 5.00–8.00pm	

St John's Kirk - Services

For anyone not able to get along to St Leonard's services on a Sunday, the 9.30am Sunday service can be followed online at <https://www.youtube.com/@stjohnskirkofperth6605/streams>
Also, St John's kirk has a short Wednesday service at 1pm. <https://www.st-johns-kirk.co.uk/>

St Leonard's in The Fields Walking Group

The walks are intended to provide some light exercise and pleasant company around Perth and slightly further afield. There is a short stop (about 20 minutes) during the walk for a drink and snack and we usually find a café after the walk for those who wish to continue the fellowship.
B Graded walks can be a little longer and involve some parts which are uphill and MAY have short steep sections.

Thursday 3rd October 10:00
Kinnoull Hill. Grade B Circular.
Distance: 3 miles.

Start Point: Jubilee Car Park at the end of Muirhall Road (NO 144 236)

Tuesday 22nd October 10:30
Autumn Colours by the Tay. Grade B Circular. Distance: 7 miles

Start Point: NTS car park for The Hermitage (NO 013 422) just off the A9.

Please check your email the night before a walk just in case there is a problem.

My email is slioch69@aol.com and my mobile number is 07388 501827. *Andy Riches*

Kinnoull Church Blether Buddies

Last Wednesday of each month in the **Kinnoull Church hall** at 2pm – 4pm. An informal meeting for men and women of all ages.

Play Dominoes or board games or bring any crafts you are interested in.

For more details contact Stella McIntosh 01738561998 or Helen Ramsay 01738560570

Starter packs is a charity run solely by volunteers which provides packs containing basic household items such as pots, pans, crockery, cutlery, towels, toiletries, bedding etc to low income and previously homeless individuals and families who have been given a new tenancy in the Perth and Kinross area.

They also provide kettles, toasters and slow cookers when they are donated or when funding allows. Cash donations are used to supplement the packs when there is a shortfall and to pay for the running of our unit where they store the goods and make up the packs.

Starter Packs are supported by Perth Action of Churches Together and Perth Action for the Homeless. If you are looking for a volunteering opportunity, Starter Packs would be delighted to hear from you.

Contact numbers:

01738 580188 or
07565 774619, 07761 134776,
or 07900 394532

or e-mail

starterpacks@cath-org.co.uk
Mary Wright

Perth & Kinross Foodbank provides three days' nutritionally-balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred in crisis. Leave donations in the front vestibule of the church or locate your nearest drop-off point:

<https://perthkinross.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

The following items are needed at this time:

- Fruit Juice (long life)
- Tinned meat / fish
- Long-life UHT milk
- Potato mash
- Instant meals / snacks
- Jam
- Sweets, Crisps

If you, or someone you know, need help from the Foodbank, get in touch by contacting:

Perth & Kinross Scottish Welfare Fund Team on 0345 30 111 00 (Mon-Fri 9-4pm) or email welfarefund@pkc.gov.uk Depending on your circumstances you could be eligible for a crisis grant, otherwise you could be referred for a food parcel.

'**Get Nourished**' is a helpline that provides practical tips and advice on how to stay nourished. It is open to members of the public living in Tayside who are experiencing unintended weight loss or poor appetite, and are concerned about the impact this is having on their health and wellbeing. The helpline is also available for carers and family members who are concerned about an individual they are supporting. The advice line will provide food advice and support to help prevent signpost undernutrition and will callers to appropriate services and partners within the community. Gemma Johnsen, Health Improvement Practitioner with NHS Tayside, said, "It is important to be aware of your weight and appetite,

particularly if you are older or have a pre-existing medical condition. There are many things which can affect our nutritional wellbeing including loneliness, mental health conditions and recovery during illness."

The Get Nourished team can be contacted on 01738 450556.

Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal 2024

Firmly Planted is a community-based agroforestry initiative with the ambition of making a sustainable impact across Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. This year, by donating our used stamps, stamp appeal proceeds will go towards establishing the tree nurseries. Please leave a border of ½ inch / 1.25cms around each stamp. You can either bring your stamps to church on a Sunday, give them to your church visitor, or we can arrange to collect them from you at home. *Mary Wright*

Perth North Church, Mill Street

Meet to pray every Sunday from 0930 to 0955 using Zoom. On the Website in 'Sunday Live' click on the link which takes you to Live Prayer Meeting and then just follow the instructions.

Kinnoull Church Zoom Prayer meeting

Every Wednesday at 8pm
Click on this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/Kinnoull>
or join Zoom with Meeting ID 745 1404 3580 and Passcode OkphBE

<http://www.kinnoullparishchurch.co.uk/>

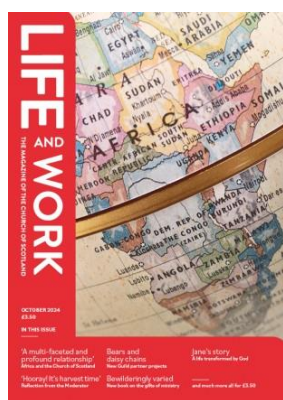
Perth North Church, Mill Street

Dementia Café is a monthly gathering where people with dementia, their family, caregivers and friends can be together in a safe, welcoming environment, in the company of other caregivers. This is a group for people who are able to attend safely on their own, or who are accompanied by someone to support them. Volunteers and health and social care professionals are available for the purpose of emotional support, advice/guidance and opportunities for social interaction.

The **October meeting** is a special 'awareness day' and will include several stalls, with Telecare services, Citizens' Advice Bureau, Macnabs Solicitors, PKC finance, housing, and community health teams. The Dementia Cafe is held on the first Wednesday of the month at North Church Hall, High Street, Perth between 10am-12:30pm. For more information, please phone Andy Bennett on 01738 474566 or Diane McLellan on 01738 476831.

Life and Work - the magazine of the Church of Scotland.

The next edition of Life and Work for October is now available.



A multi-faceted and profound relationship - Africa and the Church of Scotland
Bears and daisy chains - New Guild partner projects
Jane's story - A life transformed by God
Bewilderingly varied - New book on the gifts of ministry
Our Presbyteries - The Presbytery of South West Scotland

Regulars

- The Moderator on Harvest
- Reflection by the Rev Dr Richard Frazer
- Worship column by the Rev Roddy Hamilton
- The Rev Ruth Kennedy on digital church
- A new series of Bible studies by the Rev Richard Baxter
- My Church: David Thompson of Christ Church, Bermuda

<https://www.lifeandwork.org/about-us/current-issue>

From the Archive

**Dalkeith Advertiser –
Thursday 14 June 1894
Semi-Jubilee of Rev. Dr
Bannerman**

On Wednesday evening last the Rev. Dr Bannerman, who has just completed his semi-jubilee as a minister of the Free Church, and who has at the same time attained his silver wedding, was presented with a silver fruit service by the congregation of Free St Leonard's at Perth. Ex-Provost Macdonald presided, and welcomed Mr and Mrs Bannerman home after a lengthened tour in Italy and Rome. Mr George A. Mackenzie, W.S., said that for a long time the congregation had been desiring to have an opportunity of speaking out what was in their hearts towards Dr Bannerman and his wife, and when it became known that it was 25 years ago since their esteemed minister had been

ordained a minister of the Free Church, that was considered an interesting matter, and possibly would require some notice. Not only were they brought face to face with that anniversary, but they were also reminded that there was another interesting anniversary of a more private nature, which it would not be unseemly of them to take notice of. Twenty-five years ago Dr Bannerman was inducted to his first charge at Dalkeith, and at the same time he brought home to that manse a very lovely bride. (Applause.) This combination of circumstances had led the people of St Leonard's to speak out what they all felt so much. He concluded by asking Dr Bannerman to accept their gifts as a token of affection and esteem from his people. Dr Bannerman, in acknowledging the presentation, said he felt how very kind it was of

his friends to gather together in that way and in such numbers with the objects they had in view. It was a good thing when it came in a natural way and in the providence of God that there should be some opportunity of giving expression to feelings of goodwill and affection such as should subsist between a minister and the members of his congregation. For himself he had cause for thankfulness. He felt that his lines had fallen in pleasant places. During the fifteen years they had been in Perth, Mrs Bannerman had not been kept in the house for a day by illness, and for himself he had never been kept out of the pulpit on account of his health. They had further reason to be thankful for the large amount of congregational harmony and peace and goodwill among the office-bearers and the people.

St Leonard's in the Fields, Marshall Place, Perth PH2 8AG

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St Leonard's in the Fields Newsletter – November

The final date for receipt of articles etc for the October edition of your Newsletter is **Thursday, 24th October**.

Please send anything you think will be of interest to the congregation to **StLeonardsPerth@gmail.com** at any time before then.





26 September 2024

To the Members of St Leonard's in the Fields, Perth

Dear fellow member,

A Special Appeal for 2024

Session has asked me to write to set before you the continuing challenges which face our Church and to seek your help once again.

Session and its sub-committees have worked hard throughout the year since I last wrote to you to manage the costs of running and maintaining our Church, but inflation and related issues are steadily increasing our costs while at the same time our general offerings are slowly but inexorably falling. As you know from my earlier reports to you, we also make a significant contribution to the Church centrally. Over many years you have responded magnificently to our pleas, and we do hope you will do so again to help protect the heritage in our stewardship.

To help you understand our finances I attach a copy of my report and abbreviated 2023 annual accounts which I recently presented to the Stated Annual meeting.

On behalf of Session, I can assure you St Leonard's in the Fields will be a place to worship throughout 2025 and for at least the duration of Presbytery's 5 year-plan which runs for a further 2 years beyond that but to protect this position we need your help to improve its viability.

There will be a special service to receive contributions on Sunday 20 October 2024. It is also possible to make contributions in the ways listed on the appendix to this letter.

We do recognise that you too face financial challenges but if you are able, we strongly urge you to support this appeal.

Yours sincerely,

David

DAVID E GRANT

Congregational Treasurer

St Leonard's in the Fields

A Financial Report and Appeal – page 2

Note on methods of Giving:

Direct bank transfer to our account with Virgin Money:

Sort code: 82 67 09

Account number: 00540338

Appeal envelopes may be handed or posted to any of the following:

David Grant
15 Corsie Avenue, Perth PH2 7BS

Beryl Smeaton
4 Braeside Gardens, Perth PH1 1DB

Margaret MacArthur
3 Stuart Avenue, Perth PH2 0LJ

Pat Giles
190 Oakbank Road, Perth PH1 1EG

St Leonard's in the Fields Donations -

Donating online to Perth St Leonard's-in-the-Fields

A donation from you can help support the Church's work at St Leonard's in the Fields and ensure the Church is sufficiently equipped and resourced to serve the congregations and our community.

Whether you are a church member who wants to give your regular offering or a friend to the Church who is moved to contribute for the good of our community, we want to help you support the Church in whichever way you feel led.

Through the donation form (at <https://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/donate> , or by scanning the QR code) you may choose to give a one-off donation or donate every month.

You will not be personally charged extra to donate through this facility, provided your donation is made in UK pounds. PayPal does charge a processing fee on all transactions which will be deducted from your donation before it reaches your chosen recipient. The fee applied is the charity transaction rate which is currently 1.4% + 20p. For more information on fees please visit the PayPal website. Please note that you do not require a PayPal account to make a donation.



For ongoing support, consider donating via Standing Order. Standing orders are still the most convenient and cost-effective method for regular givers and supporters. A simple [standing order form](#) is available for download.

(Please note: the form can be filled out on a computer but you must download it before filling it out, otherwise you will not be able to save your changes.)

Perth - St Leonard's-in-the-Fields, Church of Scotland

Abbreviated Statement of Income and Expenditure for 2023

ALL FUNDS:	2023	2022
	<u>£s</u>	<u>£s</u>
Income		
From the Congregation		
Offerings, legacies, donations etc	55,840	56,729
From the Inland Revenue		
Tax recovered through Gift Aid	10,465	12,219
Other Sources		
Weddings, funerals, Jrs grants & misc income	450	505
Use of Premises		
Hall rents	13,195	12,709
Fund- raising Profits		
Coffee mornings etc	1,670	1,633
Investment Income and Interest		
Dividends, bank interest etc	3,010	3,113
	<u>84,630</u>	<u>86,908</u>
Expenditure		
Contribution to the CofS - Giving to Grow	37,725	46,540
Presbytery Dues	1,158	854
Ministry Support		
Minister's expenses, pulpit supply	790	1,052
Locum Fees and Expenses	8,236	3,334
Staff Costs	10,213	10,848
Fabric: Church	7,141	4,721
Manse	-	1,098
Other Building Costs	26,858	21,251
see note 2 attached.		
Church Office Costs	2,528	2,883
Organ and Music	456	310
Other Expenses		
Includes amortisation of refurbishment costs	2,939	3,796
	<u>98,044</u>	<u>96,687</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		
Before changes in investment values	-13,414	-9,779
Gain (Loss) on revaluation of Investments	6,270	-15,684
	<u>-7,144</u>	<u>-25,463</u>

Note 1 (attached) provides a short financial review.

Perth - St Leonard's-in-the-Fields, Church of Scotland

Statement of Funds and Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £s	Restricted Funds £s	Endowment Funds £s	TOTAL 2023 £s	TOTAL 2022 £s
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-12,964	-547	97	-13,414	-10,754
Revaluation and Other Gains/(Losses)	5,746	931	-407	6,270	-10,566
Net Movement in Funds	<u>-7,218</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>-310</u>	<u>-7,144</u>	<u>-21,320</u>
Total Funds brought forward	97,677	36,637	4,279	138,593	159,913
Total Funds at 31.12.22	<u>90,459</u>	<u>37,021</u>	<u>3,969</u>	<u>131,449</u>	<u>138,593</u>

Represented by:

Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets				19,349	20,855
Investments				<u>80,897</u>	<u>89,629</u>
				100,246	110,484

Current Assets

Debtors			7,300		12,472
Bank and Cash			<u>33,759</u>		<u>26,678</u>
			41,059		39,150

Less: **Current Liabilities**
falling due within one year

Creditors			<u>9,856</u>		<u>11,041</u>
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Net Current Assets 31,203 28,109

Net Assets 131,449 138,593

Note: Funds held on behalf of the Congregation by the Church of Scotland General Trustees

Capital Account	286,393	38,105
Revenue Account	10,754	3,944

Notes to the Abbreviated Accounts 2023

1 Performance:

1. Yet another challenging year with an operating deficit of £13,414 (2022: £10,754). This deficit is reduced by a gain on investments of £6,270 (2022: a loss of £10,566) to a net deficit of £7,144 (2022: a deficit of £21,320).
2. Despite an excellent response to the annual special appeal £8,763 (2022: £7,827), overall offerings fell to £51,603 (2022: £54,668). A legacy of £3,813 (2022: Nil) has partly mitigated the drop in income.
3. Premises income at £13,195 (2022: £12,709) continues as a major plank of the Church's income profile. Investments and other income have also contributed to containing the overall reduction in total income to £1,234; 2023 £84,630 (2022: £85,864).
4. Total costs at £98,044 (2022: £96,618) have risen by £1,426, largely increasing energy cost. St Leonard's continues to make a significant contribution to the Church centrally £37,725 (2022: £46,540), this reduction is a result of the shared vacancy allowance and is almost wholly offset by Locum fees of £8,236 (2022: Nil).
5. Once more the operating deficit has necessitated a further draw down from our reserves of £15,002 from the sale of investments (2022: £8,000)
6. The increase in funds held with the General Trustee (see page 2) of £255,098 is from our share of the proceeds from the sale of our former manse at Kinfauns.

The **risk analysis** is largely unchanged from earlier years with the additional caveat surrounding a possible union with Craggie/Moncreiffe

2 Other Building Costs:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cleaning & Materials	8,697	5,210
Heat, Light & Power	7,981	6,454
Insurances	8,331	7,705
Grounds upkeep	1,600	1,600
Sundries	249	282
	<u>26,858</u>	<u>21,251</u>

3 Charitable Donations & Collections:

Christian Aid Scotland	1,612	1,456
Poppy Scotland	-	242
Water Aid	356	-
Tayside Children with Cancer and Leukaemia	251	154
Foodbank	250	-
	<u>2,469</u>	<u>1,852</u>

Many Christian Aid donations are subject to Gift Aid which enhances the overall value of the donations.

4 The Balance Sheet:

This has been reworked to take account of new advice. Funds in our name, but subject to the oversight of Presbytery and the General Trustees are now shown as a note to the accounts rather than as before incorporated in the Balance Sheet. Our own wholly managed funds continue to be shown in the Balance sheet