

Charity registration number: SC006482 (Scotland)

Congregation number: 281720

**ARBROATH AND DISTRICT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

ARBROATH AND DISTRICT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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ARBROATH AND DISTRICT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Mr Colin Lawrence	Mrs Catherine Stockton
Mrs Elizabeth Lawson	Mrs Helen Taylor
Mr David Martin	Mrs Anna Webster
Mrs Anne Wujec	Mrs Christine Fairweather – Res'd 05.05.25
Mrs Carol Walker – Res'd 05.05.25	Mrs Joan MacGregor - Deceased
Mrs Diane McGill – Res'd 10.07.25	Mrs Helen Rosie – Deceased
Mrs Heather Goodbody – Res'd 08.09.25	Mr Derek Atkinson - Res'd 23.03.26

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ARBROATH AND DISTRICT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the church's constitution, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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 (FRS 102)".

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 to duty to bring the ordinances of religion to the people of every parish of the Scotland through a territorial ministry. It co-operates with other Churches in various ecumenical bodies in Scotland and beyond.

Services continue to be held every Sunday in each of our six locations, with four services at 10am in Carmyllie, Inverkeilor, St Andrew's and West kirk and two at 11.30am in Friockheim and St Vigeans. Currently the Kirk Session are seeking a broader range of views on times of worship in a survey to all members with the intention of providing a broader range of worshipping times and styles across our area. We are also looking to extend our streaming service to include St Vigeans together with St Andrew's and West Kirk and continue with recordings available by phone and on Radio North Angus.

Our church premises host a variety of church and community groups each week and our halls are also available for hire to our community. Further information of these can be found on our website – arbroathdistrictcofs.org.uk

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The second year of this newly established church family has continued the deepening and strengthening of relationships with existing routines and traditions affirmed and fresh initiatives welcomed.

During the year the regular pattern of worship has continued with "All Together" services shared over the summer and at Christmas. One of the most popular additions has been the opportunity for specific interest groups within the church family to share about their work during worship, deepening our understanding of one another. Our ecumenical ties have been strengthened as, in addition, to the annual opportunities to meet and worship together during the week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the world Day of Prayer and our Good Friday Walk of Witness, a joint Alpha course was planned and delivered together with friends from the Methodist Church and a further course is planned for the beginning of 2026 with colleagues from the Episcopal Church sharing with us too.

In the summer, thanks to the hard work of the nominating committee we were delighted that the vacancy in our ministry team was filled when Rev Judith Macleod was inducted and we welcomed Judith and gave thanks for the service given by Mr Keith Scott, our locum. Patterns of worship and "Meet and Greet" evenings were scheduled in order for Judith to meet as many as possible and her gifts have already been evidenced in Advent and the soon to be published Lent Reflections, an Advent Quiet Day and a forthcoming Holy Week space to pray and reflect through the Easter Story.

There has been a full programme of children and youth activities with class visits, assemblies and courses in school together with invitations to schools to participate in activity mornings to appreciate the origins of Christmas and Easter. Together with existing children's groups, Lego Club was launched, taking a creative, deeper look into bible stories and during the summer a new look Holiday Club programme was very successful over three full days with another first - a youth trip to Magnitude – a Christian Youth Festival.

Our interest groups and fundraising groups have also continued their great work though terrible weather impacted on our annual Summer Fete. The Kirk Session continues to grapple with the technicalities involved in the sale of some of our building and the ongoing challenges of finance. A stewardship campaign is taking place in February 2026 to encourage our church family to reflect on how far we have come and consider how best to support the work and our ongoing financial challenges going forward. The campaign strapline, "Belong, Believe and Build God's Kingdom" summarises well the work done in November at a Kirk Session Conference as we reflected on where we are now and where we are going. From this day we have now created Kirk Session core groups to take the work forward.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

As we go forward, the Kirk Session core groups will take ownership of the vision and direction of our activities, implementing the short term and planning for the longer term goals of the Presbytery Congregational Action Plan. Building upon the findings of the Missional Listening Exercise, the Kirk Session have committed to Cairn Movement's Learning Communities which is an opportunity to deepen our own relationships and build confidence in welcoming and sharing with others. Alongside this, continuing review of our assets and finances will ensure the longer term sustainability of our church.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial year to 31 December 2024 marked a significant period of transition, following the union of the nine congregations. The transfer of balances on the union amounted to £2,189,529 (as restated), and because of the accounting requirements for a union, this was treated as income in the prior year. This transfer was not a cash donation but comprised a mixture of property, investments, and existing bank balances.

Excluding this, regular income during the year amounted to £563,074 (2024 - £610,274), largely from congregational offerings, Gift Aid, and hall lettings. Total expenditure for the year was £668,704 (2024 - £775,160), primarily relating to ministry costs, property upkeep, and congregational activities.

At the year end, total funds stood at £2,487,341 (2024 - £2,498,089 as restated). This comprised unrestricted funds of £2,096,897 (2024 - £2,086,050 as restated), endowment funds of £133,133 (2024 - £121,070 as restated), and restricted funds of £257,311 (2024 - £290,969). The financial position is reviewed regularly to ensure continued sustainability and alignment with the mission and priorities of the newly united congregation.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the church that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the church's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Investment Policy

Following the union of the nine churches to form Arbroath & District Church of Scotland in 2024 it was decided to maintain the investments held previously by the uniting churches, until the formalities for the change of name, address and of signatories, were complete. This process has taken longer than anticipated.

Overall the Church is committed to the prudent management of its financial resources in a manner that aligns with its Christian values and long-term mission. Investments are currently held in two well-spread charifunds, a few well-spread investments trusts, in Church of Scotland Investors Trust Growth and Income units and a few direct equities. Holdings will be rationalised once the above-mentioned formalities are entirely complete. Investments currently held are well-spread, with a focus on capital preservation and stable income generation. The overall assessment of risk is deemed to be medium.

Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the church is exposed, particularly those relating to finances, and have implemented plans to mitigate these risks. With an ageing congregation both nationally and locally, the ability to continue raising sufficient funds to meet both local needs and contribute to the broader mission of the church remains critical. In line with best practices and guidance, the church will continue to emphasise the importance of stewardship and engage the community in supporting its work. Additionally, the church will seek to make its buildings available to other groups, both as a means of outreach and as a source of income generation.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The long-term financial viability of the church will depend on maintaining strong community connections and exploring new opportunities for income generation. The current leadership remains committed, with a dedicated team of Trustees who continue to support the church's work. However, like many other organisations, the church faces challenges due to demographic changes, with a significant portion of the leadership being of retirement age. The long-term sustainability will depend on creative approaches to maintaining relevance within the community and attracting new engagement.

Non-financial risks such as health and safety, food hygiene, safeguarding, and fire prevention are regularly reviewed by the appropriate teams to ensure a safe environment for all involved.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The congregation is a registered charity, number SC006482 and is administered in accordance with the terms of the Unitary Form of Constitution and is subject to the Acts and Regulations of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Organisational Structure

The day-to-day management and administration of the church is delegated to the principal office bearers, as listed on the Legal and Administrative Information page. These individuals are responsible for overseeing the routine operations of the church in accordance with the decisions and policies set by the trustees.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs Liz Aiken	Mr Ross Cargill	Miss Rose Findlay
Mrs Linda Bird	Mrs Jennie Christie	Mrs Linda Garden
Mrs Kathleen Bruce	Mr Alistair Ferguson	Mrs Margaret Hagan
Mr Ian Cameron	Mrs Sandra Ferguson	Mrs May Herron
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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. The Kirk Session is appointed from within the congregation and members of the congregation are invited to nominate individuals who are believed to have the skills and commitment to contribute to the management affairs of the Church, to become Kirk Session members. The Kirk Session is chaired by the minister and meets at least three times in a year. Certain responsibilities are delegated to the various Task Groups as appropriate. The Kirk Session which meets at least three times a year is responsible for spiritual affairs within the church. The functions of the Kirk Session, both spiritual and temporal shall be delegated to the Kirk Session Executive which shall comprise the Moderator of the Kirk Session, Session Clerks with Link Elders from each task group and shall meet once a month or as deemed necessary. Certain responsibilities are delegated to the Task Groups as appropriate. The Kirk Session shall meet at least annually or when called to do so in accordance with the Deed of Constitution.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Joan Hainsworth
Session Clerk

22 June 2026

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the church for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ARBROATH AND DISTRICT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ARBROATH AND DISTRICT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Arbroath and District Church of Scotland (the 'church') for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the church in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the church's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

ARBROATH AND DISTRICT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ARBROATH AND DISTRICT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the church's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, as outlined above, to detect material mis-statements in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations as detailed below.

The audit team has appropriate skills and expertise required and through discussions with management and Trustees, knowledge of the sector to ensure any non-compliance is recognised and all necessary disclosures are made. The controls in place help the church mitigate the risk of fraud and also aids them in highlighting any instances of fraud that might have occurred.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below:

- Making enquiries of management about any known or suspected instances of non compliance with laws and regulations, including GDPR, employment law, safeguarding law, health and safety laws and fraud
- Review of correspondence with regulators including OSCR, HMRC and legal advisors
- Review of legal fees expenditure and board minutes
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates including the application of judgement-based accounting policies and the allocation of restricted expenses
- Auditing the risk of management override controls, including through testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual transactions.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of management and those charged with governance

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ARBROATH AND DISTRICT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Because of the field in which the charity operates in, we identified the following areas as those most likely to have a material impact on the financial statements:

Direct impact on financial statements:

- FRS 102
- SORP 2019
- The Charities Accounts (Scotland) regulations 2006
- Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

Indirect impact on financial statements:

- Employments laws
- Health & safety laws
- Safeguarding regulations
- GDPR
- Charities Constitution

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Findlays Audit Limited, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
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22 June 2026

Findlays Audit Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the church by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

ARBROATH AND DISTRICT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Endowment funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes					
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	3	298,991	905	35,134	335,030	472,788
Charitable activities	4	21,340	-	300	21,640	24,082
Other trading activities	5	77,187	-	-	77,187	64,966
Investments	6	48,802	2,799	3,562	55,163	48,438
Other income	7	74,054	-	-	74,054	2,189,529
Total income		520,374	3,704	38,996	563,074	2,799,803
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	8	3,649	438	88	4,175	4,848
Charitable activities	9	605,769	-	45,021	650,790	654,667
Other expenditure	14	13,740	-	-	13,740	115,645
Total expenditure		623,158	438	45,109	668,705	775,160
Net gains/(losses) on investments	15	84,751	10,083	49	94,883	76,176
Net income/(expenditure)		(18,033)	13,349	(6,064)	(10,748)	2,100,819
Transfers between funds		28,880	(1,286)	(27,594)	-	-
Net movement in funds	11	10,847	12,063	(33,658)	(10,748)	2,100,819
Reconciliation of funds:						
Fund balances at 1 January 2025		2,086,050	121,070	290,969	2,498,089	397,270
Fund balances at 31 December 2025		2,096,897	133,133	257,311	2,487,341	2,498,089

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

ARBROATH AND DISTRICT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Prior financial year		Unrestricted funds As restated 2024 £	Endowment funds As restated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total As restated 2024 £
	Notes				
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	425,397	-	47,391	472,788
Charitable activities	4	23,012	-	1,070	24,082
Other trading activities	5	64,578	-	388	64,966
Investments	6	46,204	2,234	-	48,438
Other income	7	1,768,870	113,336	307,323	2,189,529
Total income		2,328,061	115,570	356,172	2,799,803
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	8	4,148	262	438	4,848
Charitable activities	9	579,826	-	74,841	654,667
Other expenditure	14	115,645	-	-	115,645
Total expenditure		699,619	262	75,279	775,160
Net gains/(losses) on investments	15	62,949	5,762	7,465	76,176
Net income		1,691,391	121,070	288,358	2,100,819
Transfers between funds		170,195	(170,016)	(179)	-
Net movement in funds	11	1,861,586	(48,946)	288,179	2,100,819
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		224,464	170,016	2,790	397,270
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		2,086,050	121,070	290,969	2,498,089

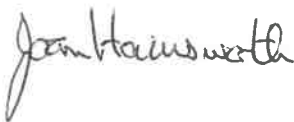
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

		2025		2024 as restated	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	17		514,676		786,361
Investments	18		1,326,266		1,306,124
			<u>1,840,942</u>		<u>2,092,485</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	19	67,527		78,616	
Cash at bank and in hand		695,298		389,862	
			<u>762,825</u>	<u>468,478</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	(116,426)		(62,874)	
Net current assets			<u>646,399</u>		<u>405,604</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>2,487,341</u>		<u>2,498,089</u>
The funds of the church					
Endowment funds	24		133,133		121,070
Restricted income funds	22		257,311		290,969
Unrestricted funds	23		2,096,897		2,086,050
			<u>2,487,341</u>		<u>2,498,089</u>

Approved by the trustees on 15 June 2026 and signed on their behalf on 22 June 2026.



Joan Hainsworth
Session Clerk



Fraser Bews
Treasurer

ARBROATH AND DISTRICT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	28		(145,338)		1,157,903
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(16,444)		(767,535)	
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		337,314		(115,645)	
Purchase of investments		(152,285)		(36,246)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		227,026		38,248	
Investment income received		55,163		48,438	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities			450,774		(832,740)
Net cash generated from financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			305,436		325,163
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			389,862		64,699
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			695,298		389,862

The notes on pages 13 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Arbroath and District Church of Scotland is a registered Scottish Charity (SC006482). The principal address of the charity is Keptie Street, Arbroath, DD11 3AZ.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the church's governing document, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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 (FRS 102)". The church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the church.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the church is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the church has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the church has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Grants, including government grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. Where grants are restricted to specific purposes, they are credited to a restricted fund and recognised in accordance with the terms of the grant.

Income from the rental of church halls and other premises is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the rental services are provided, and the income is receivable.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Governance costs are defined as those incurred in the governance of the charity and its compliance with statutory requirements. These consist solely of audit & independent examination fees. In the prior year, support costs were presented separately. From the current year, they are included within their natural expense categories. Comparative figures have been restated to reflect this change in policy.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. Assets are capitalised when the individual cost is £1,000. Items costing less than £1,000 are treated as expenditure in the year of purchase.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold buildings	No depreciation
Leasehold improvements	10 years straight line
Fixtures and fittings	5 years straight line
Equipment	5 years straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

The buildings have not been depreciated, as the Trustees believe their residual value will exceed their net book value, primarily due to extensive maintenance and upkeep. Certain properties have been recognised at post-year-end sale values, which support the Trustees' view that no depreciation is necessary. Other properties have been valued by the Trustees based on factors such as size, location, and market activity, including recent sales or properties currently listed for sale with similar characteristics.

The church has the right to occupy and use for its charitable objects certain tangible fixed assets, including the church, halls and manse, vested in the Church of Scotland General Trustees. No consideration is payable for the use of these assets. Expenditure incurred on the repair and maintenance of these assets is charged as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which the liability arises.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Investments in the Church of Scotland Unit Trusts are measured at the bid/offer price determined by the Church of Scotland at the year end.

Investments held in investment portfolios are valued at their market value as provided by the investment managers at the year end.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

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1 Accounting policies

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1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The church has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the church's balance sheet when the church becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the church's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the church is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the church's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Depreciation

Depreciation is considered a key accounting estimate, requiring judgment in assessing the useful economic lives and residual values of tangible fixed assets. These estimates are based on the intended use of the assets in delivering the charity's activities, historical experience, and industry norms. The depreciation charge is reviewed annually, and any changes in assumptions could lead to material adjustments in the financial statements.

Property valuation

As part of the union of multiple congregations during the prior year, the charity assumed responsibility for a number of properties (including church halls and a manse) which had not previously been recognised on any balance sheet. Although the Church of Scotland retains ownership of church buildings, these additional properties were confirmed as being locally vested and have therefore had been recognised in the financial statements for the first time in YE24.

In the absence of formal valuations, the trustees have applied judgement in estimating the fair value of these properties for inclusion in the fixed asset register. These estimates were based on a range of factors, including property size, location, recent market activity, condition, and indicative sale prices for comparable buildings. The trustees considered this approach to be reasonable and proportionate, given the nature and use of the assets and the cost of obtaining professional valuations.

The valuation of these properties represents a significant area of estimation and judgement within the financial statements. No revaluation were carried out in the current financial year.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds		Restricted funds		Total		Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds		Restricted funds		Total	
	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	260,629	905			8,424	269,958			246,268	-			8,921		255,189	
Legacies	3,000	-			-	3,000			7,967	-			-		7,967	
Grants	35,362	-			26,710	62,072			171,162	-			38,470		209,632	
	298,991	905			35,134	335,030			425,397	-			47,391		472,788	
Donations and gifts																
Offerings	214,720	-			8,424	223,144			196,546	-			8,921		205,467	
Gift Aid	45,325	-			-	45,325			45,233	-			-		45,233	
Ed Low Memorial Trust	-	-			-	-			4,489	-			-		4,489	
James and Agnes Hynd Bequest	-	905			-	905			-	-			-		-	
Other	584	-			-	584			-	-			-		-	
	260,629	905			8,424	269,958			246,268	-			8,921		255,189	

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3	Income from donations and legacies	(Continued)							
		Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Restricted funds	Total
		2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £
Grants									
Church of Scotland	34,362	-	-	-	34,362	162,846	-	-	162,846
Angus Council	1,000	-	-	26,710	27,710	2,000	-	25,470	27,470
Perth Presbytery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,000	8,000
Hillcrest Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
The Duncan Trust	-	-	-	-	-	3,432	-	-	3,432
Scottish Government	-	-	-	-	-	2,884	-	-	2,884
	35,362	-	-	26,710	62,072	171,162	-	38,470	209,632

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3 Income from donations and legacies

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Church of Scotland grants received during the year relate predominantly to funds reclaimed from the Central Fabric Fund. These funds are earmarked for use by Arbroath and District Church of Scotland but are held centrally and controlled by the Church of Scotland until eligible repair works are completed.

As the charity does not hold or control these funds, they are not included in the balance sheet. Instead, they are recognised as income when reimbursement is confirmed and received, typically in arrears of the related expenditure.

4 Income from charitable activities

	Religious activities 2025 £	Religious activities 2024 £
Groups, clubs & community activities	14,191	20,182
Weddings & funerals	7,449	3,900
	<u>21,640</u>	<u>24,082</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	21,340	23,012
Restricted funds	300	1,070
	<u>21,640</u>	<u>24,082</u>

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Use of premises	<u>77,187</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,187</u>	<u>64,578</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>64,966</u>

Trading income primarily comprises rental income from church halls. It also includes income from the rental of glebes, income related to solar panel installations, and the rental of surplus manses.

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6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £
Dividends and interest received	48,802	2,799	3,562	55,163	46,204	2,234	-	48,438

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	As restated 2024 £	As restated 2024 £	As restated 2024 £	As restated 2024 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	74,054	-	-	74,054	-	-	-	-
Income transferred on union	-	-	-	-	1,768,870	113,336	307,323	2,189,529
	-	-	-	-	1,768,870	113,336	307,323	2,189,529

During the prior year, nine churches united to form a single congregation, now known as Arbroath and District Church of Scotland. As part of that union, the eight merging congregations transferred their closing reserves, totalling £2,189,529 (as restated), to Arbroath and District Church of Scotland. The transfer comprised a combination of cash, investments, tangible fixed assets (including buildings), and other financial instruments. This transfer was recognised in the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 and was disclosed due to its material and non-recurring nature. No such transfers occurred during the year ended 31 December 2025. The funds transferred included both restricted and unrestricted amounts and continue to be applied by Arbroath and District Church of Scotland in accordance with the original purposes of the individual congregations.

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8	Expenditure on raising funds	Unrestricted Endowment funds		Restricted funds		Total		Unrestricted Endowment funds		Restricted funds		Total	
		2025	£	2025	£	2025	£	2024	£	2024	£	2024	£
	Investment management fees	3,649		438		4,175		4,148		438		4,848	

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9 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Religious activities 2025 £	Religious activities 2024 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	112,192	103,203
Depreciation and impairment	11,129	11,129
Ministry costs	320,356	268,195
Church organisations	5,632	6,902
Premises costs	163,403	225,400
Other charitable activities	19,278	24,838
	<u>631,990</u>	<u>639,667</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 10)		
Governance	18,800	15,000
	<u>650,790</u>	<u>654,667</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	605,769	579,826
Restricted funds	45,021	74,841
	<u>650,790</u>	<u>654,667</u>

10 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Governance costs	<u>18,800</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Analysed between:		
Religious activities	<u>18,800</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Governance costs comprise:		
	2025 £	2024 £
Audit fees	11,000	15,000
Audit fees - prior year under accrual	7,800	-
	<u>18,800</u>	<u>15,000</u>

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11	Net movement in funds	2025	2024
		£	£
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	18,800	15,000
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	11,129	11,129
	(Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(60,314)	115,645
		<u></u>	<u></u>

12 Trustees

Trustee Expenses

During the year, the Church met costs totalling £23,807 (2024 - £19,119) in relation to the minister.

These comprised:

- Manse-related expenses of £18,265 (2024 - £14,205), including council tax, utilities, and telecoms.
- Travel costs of £5,542 (2024 - £4,914), incurred in connection with the minister's duties.

Trustee Donations

During the year, trustees donated a total of £48,281 to the Church (2024 - £43,179).

Other Transactions

During the year, the Church entered into the following related party transactions:

- One (2024 - Two) individuals served as both Trustees and employees.
- A Trustee employed by the Church of Scotland served as Children & Family Worker for Arbroath and District Church of Scotland. During the year, a contribution of £41,284 (2024 - £16,409.61) was paid directly to the Church of Scotland towards this Trustee's salary; no payments were made directly to the Trustee.

All remuneration and contributions were made in respect of employment services only and not for services performed as Trustees. These arrangements were conducted on normal commercial terms and with appropriate approval and oversight.

Total related party remuneration and benefits paid during the year, including gross salary, employer pension, employer NIC, and payments to third parties, amounted to £15,623 (2024 - £52,330).

Stipends

All Church of Scotland congregations contribute to the National Stipend Fund, which bears the cost of all ministers' stipends and employer contributions for National Insurance, pensions, housing, and loan funds. 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 £32,433 (2024 - £31,642), and the maximum stipend in the fifth and subsequent years of service was £39,856 (2024 - £38,884).

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13 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Music staff	2	2
Premises maintenance	6	5
Secretarial staff	3	2
Other staff	3	3
Total	14	12

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	109,414	100,643
Other pension costs	2,778	2,560
	112,192	103,203

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

14 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Net loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	13,740	115,645

The net loss of £115,645 in YE24 relates to the write-off of tangible fixed assets following the union of congregations. These assets primarily comprised tenant's improvements to church buildings owned by the Church of Scotland. As the charity did not hold legal title to these properties and the improvements could not be relocated, their carrying value was fully written off. In addition, a number of low-value assets no longer in use were also written off during the prior period.

The net loss of £13,740 relates to the loss on the sale of Inverkeillor Church Hall.

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16 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

17 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold buildings £	Leasehold improvements £	Fixtures and fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 January 2025	736,125	31,410	18,812	21,128	807,475
Additions	16,444	-	-	-	16,444
Disposals	(277,000)	-	-	-	(277,000)
At 31 December 2025	475,569	31,410	18,812	21,128	546,919
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 January 2025	-	3,141	8,465	9,508	21,114
Depreciation charged in the year	-	3,141	3,762	4,226	11,129
At 31 December 2025	-	6,282	12,227	13,734	32,243
Carrying amount					
At 31 December 2025	475,569	25,128	6,585	7,394	514,676
At 31 December 2024	736,125	28,269	10,347	11,620	786,361

18 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Unlisted investments £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2025	708,242	597,882	1,306,124
Additions	152,285	-	152,285
Valuation changes	37,798	41,826	79,624
Disposals	(207,765)	(4,002)	(211,767)
At 31 December 2025	690,560	635,706	1,326,266
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2025	690,560	635,706	1,326,266
At 31 December 2024	708,242	597,882	1,306,124

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18 Fixed asset investments

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Investment risks

FRS 102 requires the disclosure of information in relation to certain investment risks. These risks are set out by FRS 102 as follows:

Credit risk: this is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

Market risk: this comprises currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

Currency risk: this is the risk that the fair value or future cashflows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of the changes in market interest rates.

Interest rate risk: this is the risk that the fair value of future cashflows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Church has exposure to these risks because of the investments it makes to implement its investment strategy. The trustees manage investment risks, including credit risk and market risk, within agreed risk limits which are set taking into accounts the Trust's strategic investment objectives. These investment objectives and risk limits are implemented through the investment manager agreements in place with the Church's investment managers and monitored by the Trustees by regular reviews of the investment portfolios.

Currency risk

The Church is subject to currency risk because some of the Church's investments are held in overseas markets via the pooled investment vehicles. At the year end, the Church's exposure to funds investing in overseas securities was £NIL (2024 - £134,119).

Interest rate risk

The charity is subject to interest rate risk through investments comprising bonds. At the year end the Church's exposure to funds investing in bonds was £NIL (2024 - £43,543).

Other price risk

Other price risk arises principally in relation to equities held in pooled vehicles. The Church manages this exposure to other price risk by constructing a diverse portfolio of investments across various markets. At the year end the funds exposure to these funds was £331,018 (2024 - £300,298).

19 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	12,182	5,402
Other debtors	50,719	73,214
Prepayments and accrued income	4,626	-
	<u>67,527</u>	<u>78,616</u>

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20 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	50,017	2,878
Other creditors	33,709	35,275
Accruals and deferred income	32,700	24,721
	<u>116,426</u>	<u>62,874</u>

Funds Held as Custodian Trustee on Behalf of Others

During the year, the congregation acted as a custodian trustee for amounts held on behalf of third parties. These include both collections made for external charities and funds held within a deposit fund which do not belong to the congregation. Such amounts are not recognised as income and are held within 'other creditors' until remitted to the relevant parties.

As at 31 December 2025, the total amount held on behalf of others was £33,709 (2024: £35,275). These balances are held within the congregation's main bank account but are separately identified in the accounting records and are remitted in due course.

21 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025 £	2024 £
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	<u>2,778</u>	<u>2,560</u>

The church operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the church in an independently administered fund.

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22 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Audio & Music	42,851	25	(3,053)	-	-	39,823
Fabric Fund	142,793	3,787	(8,249)	(32,500)	-	105,831
Havilah	39,925	28,666	(32,504)	3,010	-	39,097
Fun, Food & Friendship	2,290	300	-	-	-	2,590
Mental Health	772	2,443	(1,303)	-	-	1,912
Holiday Meals	114	-	-	-	-	114
Ministry Fund	41,794	3,775	-	610	49	46,228
Overseas Mission	20,430	-	-	-	-	20,430
James & Agnes Hynd Income Fund	-	-	-	1,286	-	1,286
	<u>290,969</u>	<u>38,996</u>	<u>(45,109)</u>	<u>(27,594)</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>257,311</u>

Previous year:

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Audio & Music	-	42,225	(262)	-	889	42,852
Flower Fund	179	-	-	(179)	-	-
Fabric Fund	-	152,827	(15,720)	-	5,685	142,792
Havilah	-	77,954	(38,029)	-	-	39,925
Fun, Food & Friendship	2,611	280	(600)	-	-	2,291
Mental Health	-	818	(46)	-	-	772
Holiday Meals	-	114	-	-	-	114
Ministry Fund	-	61,524	(20,622)	-	891	41,793
Overseas Mission	-	20,430	-	-	-	20,430
	<u>2,790</u>	<u>356,172</u>	<u>(75,279)</u>	<u>(179)</u>	<u>7,465</u>	<u>290,969</u>

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22 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Purpose of Restricted Funds

Music Fund: For the maintenance and upkeep of the organ in Inverkeilor Church and for the maintenance and provision of music resources in St Vigeans Church.

Fabric Fund: For the fabric, maintenance and building projects associated with the church property at St Vigeans and at St Andrew's (Jean Scott Fund).

Havilah: To support individuals who are vulnerable adults.

Fun, Food & Friendship: To provide community meals and a welcoming space.

Mental Health: To provide support for adults with mental health issues.

Overseas Mission: To support and build relationships with overseas partners.

Holiday Meals: Provision of meals for children during school holiday outreach activities.

Ministry Team Fund: To support staffing of the ministry team.

James & Agnes Hynd Income Fund: The fund represents income generated from the James and Agnes Hynd Bequest Endowment. In accordance with the Trust Deed, this income is available for application for the benefit of poor and deserving persons in the Parish of Inverkeillor.

The transfer of £32,500 in YE25 to the designated reserves represents monies from the restricted Fabric investment funds pool to cover Fabric expenditure.

23 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Flower Fund	5,866	103	-	-	381	6,350
Youth Fund	17,070	6,243	(2,826)	-	-	20,487
Guild Fund	4,353	2,515	(2,343)	-	-	4,525
Audio & Music Fund	21,302	901	(21)	-	310	22,492
Fabric Fund	191,970	25,483	(27,231)	32,500	10,501	233,223
Benevolent Fund	40,541	1,702	(1,915)	2,303	956	43,587
Reserve Fund	72,001	610	(88)	-	209	72,732
Capital Fund	21,967	-	(7,988)	-	-	13,979
General Funds	1,710,980	482,817	(580,746)	(5,923)	72,394	1,679,522
	<u>2,086,050</u>	<u>520,374</u>	<u>(623,158)</u>	<u>28,880</u>	<u>84,751</u>	<u>2,096,897</u>

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23 Unrestricted funds

(Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 December 2024 As restated
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Flower Fund	-	5,413	-	179	274	5,866
Youth Fund	1,775	18,568	(3,273)	-	-	17,070
Guild Fund	1,185	5,728	(2,560)	-	-	4,353
Audio & Music Fund	-	21,219	(140)	-	223	21,302
Fabric Fund	-	319,828	(137,888)	-	10,030	191,970
Benevolent Fund	-	40,149	(166)	-	558	40,541
Reserve Fund	-	74,395	(2,634)	-	240	72,001
Capital Fund	29,955	-	(7,988)	-	-	21,967
General Funds	191,549	1,842,761	(544,970)	170,016	51,624	1,710,980
	<u>224,464</u>	<u>2,328,061</u>	<u>(699,619)</u>	<u>170,195</u>	<u>62,949</u>	<u>2,086,050</u>

Purpose of Designated Funds

Flower Fund: To provide flowers for the church and church community.

Youth Fund: To support the funding and running of children and youth activities in church, in school and the wider community.

Guild Fund: To provide for the activities and running of the Guild.

Audio & Music: For the maintenance of and projects associated with sound and music provision in worship.

Fabric Fund: Maintenance of church properties.

Benevolent: To relieve hardship and need within the community.

Reserve: To provide for unforeseen expenses of a general nature.

Capital Fund: Fixed Assets listed in the accounts and depreciated in line with accounting policies each year.

The transfer of £32,500 in YE25 represents monies from the restricted investment funds pool to cover Fabric expenditure.

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24 Endowment funds

These are expendable endowment funds which are material to the church's activities.

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
St Vigeans Charitable Trust	3,494	-	(175)	-	1,044	4,363
Mary Salmond Bequest	56,800	2,418	(263)	-	4,276	63,231
James & Agnes Hynd Bequest	60,776	1,286	-	(1,286)	4,763	65,539
	<u>121,070</u>	<u>3,704</u>	<u>(438)</u>	<u>(1,286)</u>	<u>10,083</u>	<u>133,133</u>

Previous year:	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	As restated £
Tom Aitken Bequest	170,016	-	-	(170,016)	-	-
St Vigeans Charitable Trust	-	789	(262)	-	2,967	3,494
Mary Salmond Bequest	-	57,434	-	-	(634)	56,800
James & Agnes Hynd Bequest	-	57,347	-	-	3,429	60,776
	<u>170,016</u>	<u>115,570</u>	<u>(262)</u>	<u>(170,016)</u>	<u>5,762</u>	<u>121,070</u>

Purpose of Endowment Funds

Tom Aitken Bequest

This legacy was received from the late Mrs Kathleen Patullo in memory of her father, Tom Aitken, and was intended to be used at the discretion of the Kirk Session of the former St Margaret's Church (now part of Arbroath and District Church of Scotland). The legacy had previously been classified as an endowment due to its investment status; however, it has since been reviewed and determined to be an unrestricted legacy. As such, the fund has been released to general funds for use in accordance with the original intention.

St Vigeans Charitable Trust

To relieve hardship and need within the community at the discretion of the Ministry Team.

Mary Salmond Bequest

This fund was established to support stipend costs, with income historically allocated to the Ministry Team Fund. The income shown in the current year does not represent new income earned but rather reflects the transfer of the fund from the former congregation into the newly merged Arbroath and District Church of Scotland.

James & Agnes Hynd Bequest

The fund represents a permanent endowment held in accordance with the Trust Deed. The capital must be retained and invested, with any income generated applied through a restricted fund for the benefit of poor and deserving persons in the Parish of Inverkeilor.

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25 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £
At 31 December 2025:				
Tangible assets	500,697	-	13,979	514,676
Investments	1,192,514	133,133	619	1,326,266
Current assets/(liabilities)	403,686	-	242,713	646,399
	<u>2,096,897</u>	<u>133,133</u>	<u>257,311</u>	<u>2,487,341</u>
	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £
At 31 December 2024:				
Tangible assets	764,394	-	21,967	786,361
Investments	1,184,470	121,070	584	1,306,124
Current assets/(liabilities)	137,186	-	268,418	405,604
	<u>2,086,050</u>	<u>121,070</u>	<u>290,969</u>	<u>2,498,089</u>

26 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none) out with transactions with trustees, which are disclosed within note 12.

27 Volunteers

In common with other congregations of the Church of Scotland the congregation benefits from the contribution made by volunteers who give their time and talents willingly for the benefit of the Church. The areas of congregational life which rely on the contribution of volunteers are many and varied and much of the activity would be unable to continue were it not for the commitment shown.

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28	Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	2025 £	2024 £
	(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(10,748)	1,169,983
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(55,163)	(48,438)
	(Gain)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(60,314)	115,645
	Gain on disposal of investments	(19,773)	-
	Fair value gains and losses on investments	(75,110)	(76,176)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	11,129	11,129
	Movements in working capital:		
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors	11,089	(73,680)
	Increase in creditors	53,552	59,440
	Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	(145,338)	1,157,903

29 Analysis of changes in net funds

The church had no material debt during the year.

30 Prior period adjustment

During the year, the charity identified prior period errors relating to two balances recognised on the union in YE24.

The James and Agnes Hynd Bequest had been included within unrestricted funds but, under the terms of the Trust Deed, should be classified as an endowment fund. This results in a reclassification of £60,776 from unrestricted funds to endowment funds, with no impact on prior year income or total funds.

The JK McDonald Mortification Fund had been recognised within the charity's reserves; however, this balance did not belong to the charity and should have been treated as a third-party liability. This results in a reduction in prior year income of £33,034 and a reduction in unrestricted funds of £33,034, with a corresponding increase in creditors.

The comparatives for the year ended 31 December 2024 have been restated accordingly, reducing total funds from £2,531,123 to £2,498,089 and net movement in funds from £2,133,853 to £2,100,819.