

CROWN TERRACE METHODIST CHURCH, ABERDEEN

Trustees Report for the year ended 31 August 2025

Scottish registered charity number: SC 007882

Principal Address

8 Crown Terrace, Aberdeen, AB11 6HE.

Trustees

Names of the charity trustees on the date of the approval of the Trustees' Annual Report.

Name	Office	Date if not for whole year	Body entitled to appoint trustee
Rev Adam Stevenson	Superintendent of the Scotland Circuit	from 1/9/25	Methodist Conference
Rev Jon Garde	Minister in pastoral charge		Methodist Conference
Deacon Douw Grobler	Deacon appointed to the Circuit		Methodist Conference
Rev David Bidnell	Minister appointed to the Circuit	from 1/9/25	Methodist Conference
Stephen Fowles	Circuit Steward	from 1/9/25	Circuit Meeting
Jacqueline Potts	Secretary to Church Council		Church Council
Sarah Sim	Secretary of Pastoral Committee		Church Council
Alix Thom	Church Steward		Annual Church Meeting
Joan Rae	Church Steward		Annual Church Meeting
Treasure Mmerife	Church Steward		Annual Church Meeting
Marjorie Dick	Church Steward		Annual Church Meeting
Barry Sturman-Mole	Church Steward		Annual Church Meeting
Mavis Annan-Bonny	Treasurer		Church Council
Mercy Ibrahim	Safeguarding representative	resigned 11/2/26	Church Council
Carol Reeves	Open House representative		Church Council
Stanley Mmerife	Children's ministry coordinator		Church Council
Samuel Danso	Secretary of Finance and Property committee		Church Council
Willie Primrose	Congregational Representative		Annual Church Meeting
John Gordon	Congregational Representative		Annual Church Meeting
Elsie Dyer	Congregational Representative		Annual Church Meeting
Seyram Kanda	Congregational Representative		Annual Church Meeting
Lorna Herbert	Congregational Representative	from 1/9/25	Annual Church Meeting

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period).

Name	Office	Date if not for whole year	Body entitled to appoint trustee
Rev Andrew Bryer	Superintendent of the North of Scotland Mission Circuit	to 31/8/25	Methodist Conference
Robert Kelley	Church Steward	to 31/8/25	Annual Church Meeting
Oyaonu Olorunfemi	Congregational Representative	to 31/8/25	Annual Church Meeting

Governing document

The governing document of the Church is the Methodist Church Act 1976.

Trustees' recruitment and appointment

The Church's trustees are the members of the Church Council.

The composition of the Church Council is set out in the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church of Great Britain (CPD). The Minister is appointed by the Methodist Conference. The Circuit Steward is appointed by the Circuit Meeting. Other members are elected by the Annual Church meeting or co-opted by the Church Council so that all areas of the Church's life are represented.

Objectives

The charitable purpose of the Church is the advancement of religion – the Christian Faith.

The mission of the Church is "To make the love of God in Christ known in Aberdeen and beyond through word and action."

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

- Church services and other religious meetings.
- Sunday school and other teaching activities.
- Pastoral care of Church members and others.
- Community outreach.
- Charitable fundraising and giving.

Activities and achievements

Crown Terrace Methodist Church – also known as Aberdeen Methodist Church – is near the city's centre and the congregation is 'gathered' from in and beyond the city of Aberdeen. Our regular Sunday congregation is a mixture of those who have spent their lives in this part of Scotland, and people brought up elsewhere in the UK, or in other countries, particularly Nigeria and Ghana.

During the period covered by this report Aberdeen Methodist Church was one of three Methodist Churches in the North of Scotland Mission Circuit that extended to Peterhead and along the Moray coast. However, from 1st September 2025 the North of Scotland Mission Circuit combined with other Circuits in Scotland to form the Scotland Circuit.

Services for worship were held throughout the year on Sunday mornings. During the year a small group has been meeting for Bible Study before the service.

Aberdeen Methodist Church has a Covenant, for mutual benefit, with the St Peter Methodist Church in Accra, Ghana. We collect funds to assist in projects for St Peter's and the local community in Ghana.

Further opportunities for fellowship, learning and prayer have been provided by small groups meeting mid-week either online or in members' homes. These have included prayer and Bible Study in fellowship with the wider Circuit on Zoom on Wednesday evenings during Advent and Lent, a weekly Thursday evening Discussion Group and a monthly group known as 'Shaken and Stirred'.

Throughout the year, Open Table has provided a hot, three-course meal on Sunday lunchtimes between 1-2pm in the church hall and Open House has met every day from Monday to Friday, 2-4pm in the sanctuary. Open Table is well-supported by volunteers and by the congregation generally, enabling a community to develop for mutual support, serving around 30 meals each week. Open House provides food and activities as a basis for community.

During the year the 21st Aberdeen Girls' Brigade Company became affiliated with the church and began meeting in the church building on Tuesday evenings.

The church's table tennis club has continued to meet regularly and compete in the local table tennis league.

Aberdeen Methodist Church has worked jointly with other churches in Aberdeen to make the love of God known in word and action. It has been represented on Aberdeen Churches Together, which took part in events such as a Walk of Witness on Good Friday and the Aberdeen Christmas Lights Switch-On Parade organised by the City Council.

Financial Review

The accounts show an end of year deficit of approximately £2,400 in unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds show a deficit of nearly £17,000.

Financial Reserves Policy

Our intention is to carry forward in September each year in unrestricted funds half (i.e. six months' worth) of the budgeted expenditure from unrestricted funds for the year. The purpose of this reserve is to be able to continue meeting our financial obligations in the event of unexpected circumstances and also to smooth cashflow over the year.

At 31 August 2025 the unrestricted reserves were £28,659, which is slightly less than six months' expenditure from unrestricted funds.

Signed *Jon Garde*

Date **26/5/2026**

Rev Jon Garde

Chair of the Church Council and Trustee

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Aberdeen Methodist Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	50,838	0	50,838	53,410
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	0	859	859	957
a4	Lettings	3,330	0	3,330	3,925
a5	Other receipts	0	23,122	23,122	57,664
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	54,168	23,982	78,149 (a7)	115,956
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	41,422	0	41,422	52,601
b3	Donations	0	0	0	0
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	2,860	0	2,860	15,399
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	11,243	6,268	17,511	23,432
b6	Miscellaneous	1,049	0	1,049	1,511
b7	Other payments		34,467	34,467	65,011
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	56,573	40,735	97,309 (b9)	157,954
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(2,406)	(16,753)	(19,159)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		31,065	23,792	54,857 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	28,659	7,039	35,698
c4	Transfers and adjustments		0	0	0 (c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	28,659	7,039	35,698 (c8)
Note 5					
SECTION D					
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS				Note 5
(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			£ 0	£ 0
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			3,000	0
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			3,000	0
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		0	-

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Shaken and Stired	0	0	0		0	0
e2				0			0
e3				0			0
e4				0			0
e5				0			0
e6				0			0
e7				0			0
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	0	0	0	0	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	78,149 (a7)	97,309 (b9)	(19,159)	0 (c7)	54,857 (c6)	35,698 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	78,149	97,309	(19,159)	0	54,857 (x)	35,698 (y)

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS
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SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	37,995	17,976
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	16,862	17,722
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	54,857 (c6)	35,698 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	54,857 (x)	35,698 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	13,182	13,182
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,422,321	3,422,321
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	2,250	2,000
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNT

1. Other Receipts, Restricted Funds, comprises:

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
Donations, grants and fundraising for Open Table	£1,000	£500
Donations, grants and fundraising for Open House	£0	£0
Donations for the development of the church	£0	£27,885
Grants to support mission	£21,683	£9,000
Lewis Bequest	£439	£344
Benevolence fund	£0	£0
	£23,122	£37,730

Other receipts include grants from the circuit, district, Oglivie and other to support Open House/Open Table, Chaplaincy costs, missions and children's work. The above amount excludes £3k received and passed on to external organisations noted in Section D

2. Repairs and Maintenance

Repairs and maintenance for the year related to general upkeep of the church as compared to the previous year which had £10,638 paid to John Still Steeple for Roof repairs.

3. Utilities

Total utilities for the year is £17,511.10, of which £6,268.22 has been charged to Open table/Open house costs. An application to the District was made to support utilities allocated to Opentable/Open House. This has been approved and expected to be received in the next financial year.

4. Other Payments, Restricted Funds, comprises:

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
Mission & outreach	£31,842	£7,905
Publicity materials	£0	£0
Extension fund loan repayments (from Buildings Fund)	£250	£500
Building advice and planning (from Development Fund)	£0	£53,631
Open table expenses	£2,258	£2,265
Open house expenses	£117	£261
Lewis Bequest	£0	£400
Benevolence Fund	£0	£50
	£34,467	£65,011

Other payments include amounts of £12,356 for Chaplaincy costs, £4,590 for children mission and £9,467 for property repairs and other related costs

5. Monies received and passed on to external organisations

This is made up of £3k received and passed on to The Methodist Church in Ghana

6. Analysis of Restricted Reserve

Restricted Fund Balances	2024-2025			
	Opening	Receipts	Payments	Closing
Open Table	£1,293	£1,000	£2,258	£35

Open House	£8,008	£0	£6,385	£1,623
Building Fund	£13,909	£859	£250	£14,519
Development Fund	£1,666	£0	£0	£1,666
Flower Fund	£220	£0	£0	£220
Lewis Bequest	£201	£439	£0	£641
Benevolence Fund	£1,028	£0	£0	£1,028
Mission support	£0	£21,683	£21,683	£0
Total	£26,327	£23,982	£30,576	£19,732

Name of Church Crown Terrace Methodist Church

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer *Mavis Annan-Bonny* Date *29/05/2026*

Name and address of treasurer Mavis Annan-Bonny

8 Crown Terrace, Aberdeen Post Code AB11 6HE

Presentation to the Church trustees

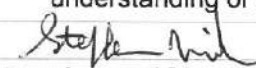
I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 11th February 2026

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Jon Garde*

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev'd Jon Garde Date *25/05/2026*

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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

		Independent examiner's report on the accounts							v2
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	Crown Terrace Methodist Church							
Registered charity number	SC007882								
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date					Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		to	Day	Month	Year	
	01	09	2024			31	08	2025	
Set out on pages								(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.</p>								
Basis of independent examiner's statement	<p>My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.</p>								
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention.</p>								
	<p>1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and• to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations <p>have not been met, or</p> <p>2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p>								
Signed:						Date:	12 th May 2026		
Name:	Stephen Milne FCMA								
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Chartered Management Accountant								
Address:	30 Binghill Road West								
	Milltimber								
	Aberdeen								
	AB13 0JB								

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

**Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose**