

Achnacarry Church

(referred to as St Ciaran's Church)

Registered Charity No. SC0 16878 at Crann Beag, Achnacarry, Inverness-shire PH344EJ

Trustees Annual Report for the year 01 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Current Trustees; (at July 2026)

Donald Andrew Cameron of Lochiel.
Frances Love.
Johnny Bell.
Sandy Edmond.
Sandy Fleming.

Other Trustees during the year; Sadly, Edward Robinson, Trustee for many years and a stalwart of the Church, died in June 2025. His contribution will be much missed.

Governing Document.

Achnacarry Church is governed by the Feu Charter dated 31st May 1910 by Captain D.W. Cameron of Lochiel in favour of the Trustees of the Church at Achnacarry. The Charter sets out the composition and succession of the Trustees. The Charter allows only for the erection and use of one Church for the benefit of the local people of the Achnacarry area and surrounds. The Charter sets out how the ministry of the Church shall be managed. The Charter sets out how the Trustees shall act, how their actions shall be minuted and how the finances shall be managed. No amendments to the Feu Charter of 1910 are known or recorded.

Trustee Appointment.

The Trustees shall comprise;
The incumbent proprietor of the Estate of Lochiel, if willing and able.
The incumbent Minister of the Parish of Kilmallie, if willing and able.
Three other persons as may from time to time be appointed. Such appointees may serve for a period of three years, but may be re-elected.
Trustees may be elected by majority vote at a meeting of members of the Church and shall at all times be five or more in number.
Sandy Fleming was proposed as a Trustee in August 2025 and all Trustees supported this nomination.

Charitable Purpose.

Achnacarry Church exists to allow for the practice and advancement of religion.

Policy on reserves.

Achnacarry Church has no regular income and minimal regular outgoings. Reserves are maintained by restricting outgoings through use of volunteer inputs at little or no cost, and by application to a variety of funding sources as and when the need for additional funding arises.

Summary of activities and achievements for the year.

Services; no regular services were held during the year. An Easter service was held on Good Friday, well attended, and led by Rev. Euan Dodds and accompanied by Rachel Walker. Father Paul of St Andrews Church led a thanksgiving service in October and Bill Skene led the Christmas service. All services were enjoyed by a good turnout of folk. We are grateful to all involved for these well attended and enjoyable services.

Finance; the accounts for the year were circulated, having been scrutinised by Jan Moncrieff, thanks to Jan for this. Income was £1417, including £250 donation from Jennifer Ogilvy Fund and £265 power outage compensation from SSE. Expenditure was £561 including insurance (£120), and electricity (£322). The Darlington Building Society Account was closed and a savings account opened with Bank of Scotland. Year-end figures show £5722 in the BoS current account and £14922 in the BoS savings account. Noted that the electricity cost this year was high due to EDF recouping payments for consumption from October 2024 to March 2025 that they had failed to invoice. Anticipated minimum expenditure for the 2026/27 year will be £130 for insurance and £300 for electricity ; income will be minimal, maybe £400 from ad hoc donations and offerings, without further donations/grants. There is potential to break even on basic income and expenditure.

Fabric; the church fabric remains satisfactory. No significant works were required or carried out this year. Gutters and downpipes have been kept clear, and bracken and rhododendron removals continue around the church.

Visitors; Visitors continue to show their appreciation for the church being open and accessible. Donations continue to be left in the cash box (£380 for the year). The 'Text to Donate' feature has not been successful, being rarely used.

Internet; A Facebook page has been set up and is linked to the other local church websites and pages, thereby promoting our services across other congregations. Attendance figures suggest that posting events on-line is worthwhile. Thanks to Sandy (F) and Johnny for setting this up.

That concludes the annual report.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donald Cameron', written in a cursive style.

Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Trustee and Chair.

05/08/26