CHARITY REFERENCE NUMBER – SC033254

THE SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST CUTHBERT

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31MAY 2026

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MAY 2026

Structure and Governance

The Society is constituted as an unincorporated association of those who hold the Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Edinburgh, in their affection and are willing to take some part in its care and development. It is governed by a Board of Trustees, consisting of the Office Bearers, two members of the congregation, one of whom should be a member of the Kirk Session, and two others who may be from out with the congregation, up to a maximum of four. Apart from the Minister, who is ex officio, the Office Bearers and other Trustees are elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting.

Charitable Objectives and Activities

According to the Constitution, the objectives of the Society are to promote further the charitable objectives of the Parish Church, Edinburgh, in furtherance thereof but not otherwise the charity shall:

- Support the mission of the congregation by interest and prayers of the Friends.
- Support the care of the church and its continued preservation.
- Support any objective connected with the enhancement of the church or the development of the mission of the congregation, always subject to the approval of the Kirk Session and other interested authorities.
- Receive donations or legacies and hold such funds as may appear for any of the foregoing activities.

Trustees

There were no changes.

Membership

Membership of the Society is open to all who value the mission and outreach of the Parish Church of St Cuthbert and are willing to take part in its continuation and development. There are currently 65 members on record, of whom only 30 paid their subscriptions in the reporting period. The annual subscription stands at £10, with most giving considerably more.

The Trustees must, in the future, look for ways to promote and sustain membership in the coming year, including:

STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charity Trustees must prepare accounts which give sufficient detail to enable appreciation of the transactions during the financial year.

The Charity Trustees are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which must reflect the current financial position of the Charity. This must be done to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) (Regulation 2006 as amended).

The applicable law also sets out the Trustees' responsibilities for the preparation and content of the Trustees Annual Report. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signature Fiona Pengelly Date 1.11.24

Mrs. Fiona Pengelly
Secretary

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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 31 MAY 2026

	2026	2025
Income	**£**	**£**
Subscriptions	2,610	2,410
Annual Lunch	80	
Donation	20	
Bank Interest	158	204
Total Receipts	**2,868**	**2,614**

Expenditure	**£**	**£**
Postage & Stationery	50	64
Annual Lunch	79	166
Guest Preacher	53	96
Others	556	93
Donation to Church		2,990
Independent Examiner of Accounts		
Total Payments	**738**	**3,409**
Surplus for the year	**2,130**	**(795)**

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Notes to Accounts for the year ending 31 May 2026

1. **Accounting Policies**
   Basis for preparation

   The Accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payment basis in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

2. **Funds held at the Royal Bank of Scotland in Business Savings and Current Accounts**
   None of the funds held by the Trustees are restricted for any other purpose nor have any been designated by the Trustees for special purposes. All the funds held are unrestricted and are used in meeting any of the charitable objects of the Society.

3. **Trustees Remuneration**
   No remuneration or expenses are paid to any Trustees or persons connected to the Trustees.

4. **Presentation Currency**
   The presentation currency of the accounts is pounds sterling (£).