Aberdeen African Choir

Trustees' Annual Report

January 2025 to December 2025


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Charity Trustees

1. Dr Anthony Etuk (10th March 2021 to present)
2. Dr Paul Akagwu (28th September 2022 to present)

Objectives and activities

The charitable aim of the Choir is as follows:

i. Advancement of religion

ii. Advancement of African heritage and culture.

The mission of the Choir is to bring different African styles of worship into the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, concerts and special events in order to enrich, inspire, motivate and engage parishioners and community at large in and around Aberdeen and the United Kingdom (UK).

During this financial year, the choir continued to evangelise within the Catholic Church through singing. The songs performed were selected from different African countries to portray the diverse and rich languages and cultures from the continent as well as English and Latin songs. The choir membership continues to represent different tribes mainly from geographical areas of Africa.

The Objectives of the Choir are to:

A. Assist the parish priests of the various parishes in the celebration of Mass through singing.
B. Promote the different African styles of worship and music during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, concerts, and special events. This will aid in the exposure of different African cultures to all parishioners and the community in Aberdeen and the UK.
C. Support other charities through participating in (singing at) charity events to help raise funds in Aberdeen and the United Kingdom.
D. Foster fraternal relationships among members.
E. Render spiritual, material and moral assistance to any member in distress or in need.
F. Provide a forum for all Catholic faithful and aspiring Catholics to discuss issues of common interest, especially those that affect their faith.
G. Evangelise and perform outreach to the community through singing.

The following activities were completed during the financial year:

Internal events:

- Choir retreat
- Summer Picnic
- Christmas Party
- Baby visit
- Executive and general meetings
- Monthly prayer meetings
- Kilt Walk
- Member's send forth Mass/Reception (Rev Sr Chidalu)
- Car wash fundraising event
- Beach cleaning

External Events:

The Choir sang at the following events:

- St Mary's Cathedral Aberdeen (monthly) – including Easter, Christmas, and New Year's Eve
- African Community Masses at St Columba's RC Church, Bridge of Don (monthly)
- Quarterly parish visits
- Afro Caribbean event
- Pluscarden Pilgrimage
- Priestly Anniversary
- Welcome/Open Day for Membership Drive
- Wedding Mass at St Mary's Cathedral
- Funeral Mass at St Mary's Cathedral
- Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Youth Retreat
- Aberdeen African Catholic Ladies (AACL) praise night
- St Mary's Cathedral Concert
- St Mary's Cathedral carol night
- Christmas Carol at the Community Garden

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The governing document for the Choir is its constitution which outlines the charitable aim, objectives, officers of the choir and responsibilities of active members.

The officers of the Choir are:

- President– Kenneth Chiedozie Uyabeme
- Vice-President – Justin Uzo Akpachiogu
- Secretary – Adanma Nwoke
- Assistant Secretary – Chikaodili Manus (February 2024 - June 2025)
- Financial Secretary – Hilda Tsikata
- Provost – Ikebudu Abolle-Okoyeagu (June 2023 - June 2025)
- Assistant Provost – Nwanneamaka Afamah (December 2024 - June 2025)
- Choir Master– Frederick Othuke Ferife
- Assistant Choirmaster– Timothy Joseph (November 2024 - June 2025)

During the year, in June 2025, the choir held its biennial elections, and the positions occupied from the election results are as follows:

- President – Kenneth Chiedozie Uyabeme
- Vice-President – Justin Uzo Akpachiogu
- Secretary – Chikaodili Manus
- Assistant Secretary – Benitalucy Nsofor
- Financial Secretary – Yvonne Oguh
- Provost – Ikebudu Abolle-Okoyeagu
- Assistant Provost – Nwanneamaka Afamah
- Choir Master – Frederick Othuke Ferife
- Assistant Choirmaster – Timothy Joseph

All the above-mentioned positions and officers completed and signed the Affirmation forms at the time of their appointment, affirming the following:

A. Has received a copy of the Constitution
B. Has read and understood the Constitution
C. Agrees to comply with the Constitution
D. Understands the charitable nature of the Choir and engages primarily in activities which

help to accomplish the Choir's purposes

E. Commits to the protection of the Choir's assets by ensuring that the Choir's assets and finances are not distributed to themselves or the Choir's members

The Choir held quarterly Executive and General meetings during the financial year. Also, emergency meetings were held to address urgent situations that required immediate attention and decision-making.

The date for the Executive meetings were:

- 17th March 2025
- 17th June 2025
- 22nd September 2025
- 20th November 2025

The date for the General meetings were:

- 19th March 2025
- 28th June 2025
- 27th September 2025
- 29th November 2025

The charity's financial reports were generated and discussed during each meeting.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

There have been no changes in trustees in 2025. The process of appointing a trustee follows a process of drawing up a list of Catholics within the UK known to the choir and then shortlisting a number of them based on the criteria as set out in the charity's constitution section 6.10.2. Once a trustee is selected, discussions on the roles and responsibilities of being a charity trustee are held with the selected person and once accepted, the person is appointed a trustee.

Achievements and performance

March 2025: Choir Annual Retreat, Aberdeen





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RETREAT

PROGRAM

10:00 AM	MASS
11:00-11:15 AM	PRAISE & WORSHIP(INTERCESSORY PRAYERS)
11:15-12:00 PM	FIRST SESSION(FR GABRIEL)
12:00-12:30 PM	CONFESSION /ADORATION
12:30-12:45 PM	PRAISE & WORSHIP(INTERCESSORY PRAYERS)
12:45-13:20 PM	LUNCH
13:20-13:30 PM	PRAISE & WORSHIP(INTERCESSORY PRAYERS)
13:30-14:15 PM	SECOND SESSION(FR GABRIEL)
14:15-14:20 PM	WORSHIP
14:20-14:50 PM	BREAKOUT SESSION(GROUPS)
14:50-15:00 PM	WORSHIP
15:00-15:15 PM	DIVINE MERCY PRAYER AND CHAPLET
15:15-15:30 PM	VOTE OF THANKS/ FINAL BLESSING
15:30-15:45 PM	CLEAN UP

April 2025: Easter Sunday, Aberdeen



June 2025: Kilt walk fundraising event





June 2025: Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage, Pluscarden Abbey, Elgin



July 2025: Aberdeen African Choir's Summer Picnic



July 2025: Priestly Anniversary, Stirling



July 2025: Beach Cleaning



August 2025: Car Wash, Aberdeen





September 2025: Aid to the Church in Need Youth Retreat





October 2025: Aberdeen African Choir's Membership Drive/Sr Chidalu's Send forth



October 2025: St Mary's Cathedral Concert, Aberdeen





November 2025: Priestly Anniversary, Aberdeen





December 2025: St Mary's Cathedral Carol night, Aberdeen



2025 End of Year Event (Christmas Party flyer)



December 2025: Christmas Party, Aberdeen





All the above activities were aimed towards achieving our charity's objective of evangelisation and support of members.

Financial review

The Choir maintains a Current Account with an appointed and regulated UK Bank, Barclays Bank. All funds collected in favour of *the Choir* are lodged in the account.

Funds received are from the following activities:

1. Dues
2. Sponsorships
3. Grants
4. Other donations and charitable activities (Car wash, kilt walk, picnic, Christmas party, youth event, weddings, birthday, funeral etc).

The funds received were used for the following:

i. Church hall use – St Mary's Cathedral
ii. Transportation cost to event locations
iii. Annual Choir retreat
iv. Annual Christmas party
v. Summer picnic
vi. Thanksgiving donation to African Catholic Community Aberdeen (ACCA) Thanksgiving Harvest.
vii. Goodwill donation to choir members' events including weddings, new-borns, farewell gifts to parting members etc.

Receipts and payments account for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payment

A1 Receipts

	Notes	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Total for the period £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Total for the period £
Donations	1	2,885	-	**2,885**	3,607	-	**3,607**
Grants	2	-	2,920	**2,920**	-	-	**-**
Income from investments	3	191	-	**191**	161	-	**161**
Gross receipts from fundraising activities	4	3,035	-	**3,035**	3,255	-	**3,255**
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	5	850	947	**1,797**	350	875	**1,225**
A1 Subtotal		***6,961***	***3,867***	***10,828***	***7,373***	***875***	***8,248***
Total receipts		***6,961***	***3,867***	***10,828***	***7,373***	***875***	***8,248***

A3 Payments

	Notes	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Total for the period £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Total for the period £
Grants and donations	6	(1,319)	-	**(1,319)**	(1,626)	-	**(1,626)**
Payments directly relating to charitable activities	9	(550)	-	**(550)**	(774)	-	**(774)**
Payments directly relating to fundraising activities	8	(92)	-	**(92)**	(103)	-	**(103)**
Payments for other charitable activities	7	(1,763)	(4,168)	**(5,931)**	(1,124)	(1,114)	**(2,238)**
A3 Payments Subtotal		**(3,724)**	**(4,168)**	**(7,892)**	**(3,627)**	**(1,114)**	**(4,741)**

A4 Payments relating to assets

	Notes	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Total for the period £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Total for the period £
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Subtotal		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Payments		**(3,724)**	**(4,168)**	**(7,892)**	**(3,627)**	**(1,114)**	**(4,741)**
Net receipts/(payments)		**3,237**	**(301)**	**2,936**	**3,746**	**(239)**	**3,507**

A5 Transfers and movements

Transfer (from) Unrestricted funds to Restricted Funds	10	(301)	301	-	(239)	239	-

Surplus/(deficit) for the year	**2,936**	-	**2,936**	**3,507**	**-**	**3,507**

Other Information

	Notes	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Total for the period £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Total for the period £
Condolence Contributions and Payments							
Condolence Contributions from members	11	-	1,980	**1,980**	-	4,925	**4,925**
Payment of members' condolence contribution to bereaved member	11	-	(1,970)	**(1,970)**	-	(4,945)	**(4,945)**
Total		***-***	***10***	***10***	***-***	***(20)***	***(20)***

Section B Statement of balances

B1 Cash funds

	Notes	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Total for the period £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Total for the period £
Cash and bank balances at start of the period (1 Jan 2025)		12,894	-	**12,894**	9,387	20	**9,407**
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	12	2,936	-	**2,936**	3,507	-	**3,507**
Other information balance	11	-	10	**10**	-	(20)	**(20)**
Cash and bank balances at end of period	13	**15,830**	**10**	**15,840**	**12,894**	**-**	**12,894**

B3 Other assets

	Notes	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Total for the period £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Total for the period £
Musical Instruments, printer, choir apparels (robes and uniforms) and accessories	14	5,659	-	**5,659**	5,479	-	**5,479**
Blue Uniforms (donated)		-	-	**-**	100	-	**100**
Dashiki (donated)		-	-	**-**	80	-	**80**
Total		**5,659**	**-**	**5,659**	**5,659**	**-**	**5,659**

Signed
Name of Trustee: Anthony Etuk
Designation: Trustee
Date of Approval: 29 September 2026

C1 Nature and purpose of funds

Funds Structure – Restricted and Unrestricted

The Choir's funds comprise both Restricted and Unrestricted balances. Restricted funds are presented throughout the accounts and relate primarily to income received for specific purposes. These include grants from the Ethnic Minority Development Fund to support the Christmas party, the Faith in Community Faithful Welcome Grant used to supplement the summer picnic, and member contributions earmarked for activities such as the annual retreat and picnic.

Unrestricted funds consist mainly of general income raised through membership dues, donations from sponsors, car wash fundraiser, Kilt walk fundraiser and other miscellaneous fundraising activities. These funds are available to support the Choir's wider operations and activities that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions.

Further details are provided in the Additional Notes section.

C2 Grants and Donations

Type of activity	Individual/ Institution	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 No of grants made	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 No of grants made	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 £
Donation of Car Wash Fundraiser proceeds to St Joseph's RC Church (2024: donated to St Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen)	Institution	1	(500)	1	(680)
Donations towards the annual harvest of a church society within the diocese	Institution	1	(100)	1	(80)
Donations towards members' new-born babies	Individual	1	(50)	4	(292)
Donation towards the farewell of a religious who is also a member of the choir who has been transferred to Edinburgh	Individual	1	(141)	-	-
Donation to bereaved members for the loss of a parent	Individual	1	(83)	6	(450)
Farewell gifts to parting members	Individual	3	(140)	1	(24)
Wedding gift to a member	Individual	1	(80)	-	-
Farewell gift to the Cathedral's Music Director on her retirement	Individual	1	(52)	-	-
Gift/expenditure towards priestly ordination anniversary celebration	Individual	2	(173)	-	-
Farewell gift to a priest leaving the parish	Individual	-	-	1	(50)
Donations to one of the societies within the diocese	Institution	-	-	1	(50)
Total			**(1,319)**		**(1,626)**

C3 Trustee remuneration	No remuneration paid to trustees in the year.
C4 Trustee expenses	No expenses paid to trustees in the year.
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons	No transactions with trustees and connected persons during the year.

Additional Analysis

1 Donations

	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Total for the period £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Total for the period £
Annual dues from members	2,885	-	**2,885**	3,307	-	**3,307**
Donations from an individual	-	-	**-**	100	-	**100**
Donation from a trust	-	-	**-**	200	-	**200**
Total	**2,885**	**-**	**2,885**	**3,607**	**-**	**3,607**

Annual dues from members

Each choir member contributes £8 per month (£96 annually) as their standard dues. Concessions are available for students and for members who request support due to personal circumstances.

2 Grants

	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Total for the period £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Total for the period £
The Ethnic Minority Development Fund Grant (End of year event – Christmas Gala)	-	2,420	**2,420**	-	-	**-**
Faith in Community Welcome Grant (Summer Picnic Event)	-	500	**500**	-	-	**-**
Total	**-**	**2,920**	**2,920**	**-**	**-**	**-**

The Ethnic Minority Development Fund Grant (End of year event)

This represents a grant received from the Ethnic Minority Development Fund in support of the Choir's annual year-end Christmas event, themed Christmas Gala. The related expenditure funded by this grant is detailed in Note 7.

Faith in Community Welcome Grant (Summer Picnic Event)

This represents a grant received from the Faith in Community Fund under the "Faithful Welcome Small Grants" programme. The grant supported the Choir's summer picnic, an event attended by choir members, their families, and refugees. The related expenditure supported by this grant is detailed in Note 7.

3 Income from investments

	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Total for the period £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Total for the period £
Bank interest on savings	191	-	**191**	161	-	**161**
Total	**191**	**-**	**191**	**161**	**-**	**161**

Bank Interest

This amount reflects the interest earned on our bank savings.

4 Gross receipts from fundraising activities

	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Total for the period £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Total for the period £
Carwash fundraiser	1,438	-	**1,438**	1,731	-	**1,731**
Gift Aid from carwash fundraiser	171	-	**171**	-	-	**-**
Kilt walk fundraiser	899	-	**899**	1,209	-	**1,209**
Gift Aid from Kilt walk fundraiser	181	-	**181**	-	-	**-**
Sponsorships	346	-	**346**	315	-	**315**
Total	**3,035**	**-**	**3,035**	**3,255**	**-**	**3,255**

Carwash fundraiser
During the year, the choir organised a car-wash fundraiser at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Woodside, Aberdeen. This amount represents the gross proceeds from the event. The net proceeds were shared with St Joseph's Parish; see Note 6 for the portion remitted to the Parish.

Gift Aid from carwash fundraiser
This represents the Gift Aid amounts received through the JustGiving platform in connection with the car-wash fundraiser.

Kilt walk fundraiser
During the year, the choir participated in the annual Aberdeen Kilt walk to raise funds. This represents the gross proceeds from the walk.

Gift Aid from Kilt walk fundraiser
This represents the Gift Aid amounts received through the JustGiving platform in connection with the Kilt walk fundraiser.

Sponsorships
These represent freewill donations received through the choir's fundraising activities led by the Fundraising Committee. The contributions comprise both one-off payments and periodic donations.

5 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Total for the period £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Total for the period £
Donation from a charity	400	-	**400**	-	-	**-**
Donation from a church society	100	-	**100**	100	-	**100**
Donation for performing at a wedding	150	-	**150**	150	-	**150**
Donation for performing at a funeral	100	-	**100**	-	-	**-**
Donation for performing at a birthday party	100	-	**100**	-	-	**-**
Retreat (Members' donation)	-	170	**170**	-	-	**-**
Picnic (Members' contribution)	-	777	**777**	-	-	**-**
Donation for performance at priestly ordination	-	-	**-**	100	-	**100**
Christmas party - members' contribution	-	-	**-**	-	875	**875**
Total	**850**	**947**	**1,797**	**350**	**875**	**1,225**

Donation from a charity
This amount represents funds donated by Aid to the Church in Need in recognition of the choir's performance at the Youth Conference in Hamilton.

Donation from a church society
This amount represents funds donated by a diocesan church society, the Aberdeen African Catholic Ladies (AACL), in recognition of the choir's performance at the Annual Praise Party.

Donation for performing at a wedding
This represents a donation made to the choir in appreciation of its performance at a wedding event within the diocese.

Donation for performing at a funeral
This represents a donation made to the choir in appreciation of its performance at a funeral within the diocese.

Donation for performing at a birthday party
This represents a donation made to the choir in appreciation of its performance at a milestone birthday.

Retreat (members' contribution)
This represents funds contributed by a few choir members to support the choir's annual retreat program.

Picnic (members' contribution)
This represents contributions made by choir members towards the annual summer picnic. These funds supplemented the grant received for the event, as disclosed in Note 2 above.

6 Grants and Donations

Type of activity	Individual/ Institution	No of grants made	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 £	No of grants made	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 £
Donation of Car Wash Fundraiser proceeds to St Joseph's RC Church (2024: donated to St Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen)	Institution	1	(500)	1	(680)
Donations towards the annual harvest of a church society within the diocese	Institution	1	(100)	1	(80)
Donations towards members' new-born babies	Individual	1	(50)	4	(292)
Donation for the farewell event of a Religious and choir member transferred to Edinburgh	Individual	1	(141)	-	-
Donation to bereaved members for the loss of a parent	Individual	1	(83)	6	(450)
Farewell gifts to parting members	Individual	3	(140)	1	(24)
Wedding gift to a member	Individual	1	(80)	-	-
Farewell gift to the Cathedral's Music Director on her retirement	Individual	1	(52)	-	-
Gift towards Priestly Ordination Anniversary celebrations	Individual	2	(173)	-	-
Farewell gift to a priest leaving the parish	Individual	-	-	1	(50)
Donations to one of the societies within the diocese	Institution	-	-	1	(50)
Total			**(1,319)**		**(1,626)**

Donation of Car Wash Fundraiser proceeds to St Joseph's RC Church (2024: donated to St Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen)
This represents the portion of proceeds from the Choir's Car Wash Fundraiser that was donated to St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Woodside, Aberdeen. In the prior year, a portion was donated to St Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen.

Donations towards the annual harvest of a church society within the diocese
This represents a donation made to the African Catholic Community Aberdeen in support of their annual harvest celebration.

Donations towards members' new-born babies
This represents a donation made to a choir member who welcomed a baby.

Donation for the farewell event of a Religious and choir member transferred to Edinburgh
This represents a donation made towards the farewell of a Religious (a Reverend Sister) who is also a member of the choir and was recently transferred to Edinburgh.

Donation to bereaved members for the loss of a parent
This represents a donation made to a choir member who lost a parent.

Farewell gifts to parting members
This represents the cost of farewell gifts presented to three choir members who departed Aberdeen during the year.

Wedding gift to a member
This represents the cost of a wedding gift presented to a choir member during the year.

Farewell gift to the Cathedral's Music Director on her retirement
This represents the cost of a farewell gift presented to the Cathedral's Music Director upon her retirement.

Gift towards Priestly Ordination Anniversary celebrations
This represents the cost of gifts and related expenditure made in support of the priestly ordination anniversary celebrations of two priests.

7 Payments for other charitable activities

	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Total for the period £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Total for the period £
Pluscarden Pilgrimage expenditure	(629)	-	**(629)**	(452)	-	**(452)**
Retreat expenditure	-	(625)	**(625)**	(350)	-	**(350)**
Picnic expenditure	-	(1,019)	**(1,019)**	(140)	-	**(140)**
General Expenditure	(509)	-	**(509)**	(182)	-	**(182)**
Year-end Event (Christmas Gala) expenditure	-	(2,524)	**(2,524)**	-	(1,114)	**(1,114)**
General meeting refreshment	(327)	-	**(327)**	-	-	**-**
Beach clean activity expenditure	(158)	-	**(158)**	-	-	**-**
Youth event expenditure (Aid to the Church in Need)	(140)	-	**(140)**	-	-	**-**
Total	**(1,763)**	**(4,168)**	**(5,931)**	**(1,124)**	**(1,114)**	**(2,238)**

Pluscarden Pilgrimage expenditure
This represents the costs incurred for the Choir's annual pilgrimage to Pluscarden Abbey in Elgin. Expenditure for the year comprised coach transport of £540 and £30 for plastic tubs used for food packaging and £59 for snacks. Food and drinks for the pilgrimage were provided by the Choir's June birthday celebrants, resulting in a lower overall cost to the Choir.

Retreat expenditure
This represents the expenses incurred for the Choir's annual retreat, including refreshments, hall hire, childcare provision, and a donation to the facilitator. The retreat was partially funded by contributions from members, as disclosed in Note 5, with the remaining costs met from the Choir's coffers.

Picnic expenditure
This represents the expenditure incurred for the Choir's summer picnic, covering refreshments and logistics. The event was funded by the £500 grant from Faith in Community, as disclosed in Note 2, together with contributions from choir members, as disclosed in Note 5.

General Expenditure
This represents various general running costs incurred during the year, including £390 for choir-branded T-shirts, £52 for printing, £39 for takeaway packs used for food packaging, and £21 for Google storage, among other minor expenses.

Year-end event (Christmas Gala) expenditure
This represents the expenditure incurred for the Choir's year-end Christmas Gala, covering venue hire, décor, logistics, refreshments, and other related costs. The event was largely funded by the grant received from the Ethnic Minority Development Fund, as disclosed in Note 2.

General Meeting Refreshment
This represents the cost of refreshment provided during one of the quarterly general meetings held during the year.

Beach Clean Activity Expenditure
This represents the costs incurred in providing refreshments during the Choir's beach clean-up activity. The initiative formed part of the Choir's commitment to promoting a clean and sustainable environment and contributing meaningfully to community well-being.

Youth Event Expenditure (Aid to the Church in Need)
This represents the expenditure incurred in support of a youth event organised by the charity Aid to the Church in Need. The costs relate to the Choir's participation in the programme, including refreshments and minor logistical expenses to facilitate meaningful engagement with the young people. The charity also donated £400 (see Note 5) to the Choir to cover these expenses and to acknowledge and appreciate the Choir's contribution to the event.

8 Payments directly relating to fundraising activities

	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Total for the period £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Total for the period £
Car wash expenditure	(72)	-	**(72)**	(70)		**(70)**
Kilt walk Expenditure	(20)	-	**(20)**	(33)		**(33)**
Total	**(92)**	**-**	**(92)**	**(103)**	**-**	**(103)**

Car wash expenditure
This represents the expenses incurred for the Choir's car-wash fundraiser that were paid directly from the Choir's purse. Additional costs associated with the event were covered by choir members and their associates.

Kilt walk expenditure
This represents the costs incurred for the Choir's participation in the Kilt walk, primarily covering participant registration fees. Additional support, including refreshments, was generously provided by choir members.

9 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Total for the period £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Total for the period £
Hall use donation	(550)	-	**(550)**	(774)	-	**(774)**
Total	**(550)**	**-**	**(550)**	**(774)**	**-**	**(774)**

Hall Use Donation
This represents the monthly goodwill donation of £50 made by the Choir for the use of the upper hall at St Mary's Cathedral, which serves as the venue for rehearsals and as storage space for Choir property.

10 Transfers and movements

	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Total for the period £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Total for the period £
Transfer (from) Unrestricted funds to Restricted Funds	(301)	301	**-**	(239)	239	**-**
Total	**(301)**	**301**	**-**	**(239)**	**239**	**-**

Transfers and Movements
This represents the transfer of unrestricted funds into the restricted funds category to ensure that expenditure within the restricted fund could be fully met. Restricted income for the period was insufficient to cover the associated costs, and the movement of unrestricted funds was therefore required to support and balance the restricted fund activities.

11 Other Information

	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Total for the period £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Total for the period £
Condolence Contributions and Payments						
Condolence contributions from members	-	1,980	**1,980**	-	4,925	**4,925**
Payment of condolence contribution to bereaved member	-	(1,970)	**(1,970)**	-	(4,945)	**(4,945)**
Total	**-**	**10**	**10**	**-**	**(20)**	**(20)**

Condolence Contributions from Members
This represents contributions made by choir members to support colleagues who experienced bereavement during the year. Approximately ten bereavements were recorded, with some affected members receiving an additional token from the Choir's purse in line with established practice, while others were supported solely through member contributions.

Payment of Condolence Contribution to Bereaved Member

This represents the payment of condolence contributions collected from choir members and remitted to the bereaved individual. While the amount contributed should ordinarily match the amount disbursed, a £10 variance arose due to a late contribution received after the initial payment had already been made. This additional £10 was subsequently paid to the bereaved in the following financial year.

12 Surplus/(deficit) for the year

	Notes	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Total for the period £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Total for the period £
Net Receipts and Payments - Movement during the year		3,237	(301)	**2,936**	3,746	(239)	**3,507**
Transfers and movements	10	(301)	301	**-**	(239)	239	**-**
Total		**2,936**	**-**	**2,936**	**3,507**	**-**	**3,507**

Net Receipts and Payments – Movement during the year
This represents the net movement for the year, comprising total receipts received during the period offset by payments made in the same period. The calculation excludes the balance classified under 'Other Information' as disclosed in Note 11.

13 Cash and bank balances at end of period

	Notes	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Total for the period £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Total for the period £
Cash and Bank balance as at 31 Dec 2025		15,830	-	**15,830**	12,894	-	**12,894**
Other information	11	-	10	**10**	-	-	**-**
Total		**15,830**	**10**	**15,840**	**12,894**	**-**	**12,894**

Cash and Bank Balances as at 31 Dec 2025

This represents the cash balance held in the Choir's bank account at the end of the 2025 financial year.

14 Other assets

	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 Total for the period £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Unrestricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Restricted funds £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 Total for the period £
Other assets balance	5,659	-	**5,659**	5,659	-	**5,659**
Total	**5,659**	**-**	**5,659**	**5,659**	**-**	**5,659**

Other Assets Balance

This represents the Choir's asset holdings, comprising musical instruments, a printer, apparel, accessories, and other operational items. Certain assets are recorded at original cost, while others are valued using reference prices of comparable items as at 2021. Assets acquired or donated in subsequent years have been recognised at the estimated cost they would have incurred at the time of purchase or donation.

All figures disclosed in the Statement of Receipts and Payments, the Statement of Balances, and the accompanying notes have been rounded to the nearest pound (£).

Reserves Policy

The reserves are monitored and reviewed annually with the aim of keeping it positive. The Charity's policy is to maintain sufficient reserves to cover known expenditures as well as contingencies needed to fulfil the purposes of this Charity. The Charity seeks to maintain a positive reserve to enable the continued running of its activities in the event of a decline in incoming resources or an unexpected increase in expenditure.

Donated facilities and services

See note 6 for details of donations made in the period.

Future plans

1. Monthly engagements at both the Cathedral and African Mass
2. Pluscarden pilgrimage - Annual Aberdeen/ Aberdeenshire Diocese pilgrimage for spiritual growth for members of the choir
3. Fundraising events such as the Kilt walk, car wash and other activities to raise funds will be considered to support the Choir's activities and maintain a strong presence in the community.
4. Charitable events including beach cleaning will be considered so that the Choir can in various ways impact lives and contribute positively to the community.
5. Parish visits - to continue the Choir's mission of evangelisation in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire
6. Priestly Ordination anniversary
7. Visit to care homes to sing and evangelise
8. Evangelisation and awareness creation about the choir's upcoming 20th anniversary
9. Membership drive - after a successful membership drive in 2025, the Choir will continue to welcome new members who share the same vision.
10. St Mary's Cathedral Concert
11. Aberdeen Diocesan Christmas Carol
12. Aberdeen African Catholic Ladies (AACL) praise event
13. Other internal activities:
    a. Retreat
    b. Summer Picnic
    c. Christmas Party
    d. Baby visits

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Print name: Anthony Etuk
Designation: Trustee
Date: 29 September 2026