

Scottish Charity No: SC044820

Holyrood Evangelical Church

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2025

Holyrood Evangelical Church

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Report of the Trustees *for the year ended 31 December 2025*

The Trustees present their report and audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts, and comply with the applicable Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2019), providing a true and fair view for charities preparing accrual accounts.

Governing document

Holyrood Evangelical Church was registered on 24 April 2014 as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator under charity number SC044820.

The Church is governed by a Constitution. The governance and management of the Church is the responsibility of the Elders who are also the Trustees. The Elders appoint one of their number as the Minister, which has the effect of appointing that Elder as chairman of the Elders for the duration of such designation. The Church (and its assets and activities) are managed by the Elders who exercised all the powers of the Church in relation to its property and assets. The Elders meet approximately every three weeks out with the holiday periods (or more often as required) and are responsible for the direction and leadership of the life and work of the congregation; for identifying vision for the church; for setting strategic aims/priorities; for ensuring that aims of fellowship are achieved; for pastoral care and discipline; for encouraging ministry; and for supporting the minister in the conduct of worship.

In terms of the constitution, the Elders may delegate any of their powers to (a) committees which must comprise at least one Elder and other persons who need not be Elders or (b) any one or more of their own number; in each case for such purpose and on such conditions as the Elders may prescribe from time to time. The following teams help to manage the practical aspects of the work of the church:- Finance Team, Buildings Team, Music Team, Catering Team and Communication/AV Team. The Mission Team, Adult Discipleship Team and Youth Discipleship Team are also core teams which help the church meet its vision to be a disciple-making community. Liz Scott continues to help the fellowship in any number of ways as our administrator. In the first half of 2025 we also benefited from having Sam Allen as a Ministry Apprentice.

There is an Advisory Group which is an independent group to assist the Elders and the members of the church. It is able to assist in resolution of disputes; to provide advice regarding handling of complaints and will also provide independent assessment of complaints.

Charitable objectives

Holyrood Evangelical Church's vision is to be a disciple-making community. We want to set up ordinary Christians to grow into mature men and women of faith, hope and love who can help fulfil the Great Commission. Our hope is to train up faithful Christians who can go out into the world and bear witness to the unique hope of the gospel.

Our aim is to grow together into a loving fellowship that can reveal something of the beauty of heaven here on earth. In addition, through diligent prayer and generous giving, we also seek to partner with church plants and missionaries – both at home and abroad – in order to help extend the reach of the gospel across the world.

Public benefit

The Church provides direct public benefit by fulfilling its charitable purpose of the advancement of religion through worship, discipling, pastoral care and outreach.

The Church provides indirect public benefit by:

- Providing education in the Christian faith; and
- Arranging for communicant members to be involved in activities directly relieving poverty and distress.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2025

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity registration number: SC044820

Charity known as: Holyrood Church

Principal Office Address

121 Montgomery Street
Edinburgh
EH7 5EP

Registered Address

121 Montgomery Street
Edinburgh
EH7 5EP

Banker

Bank of Scotland
PO Box 1000
BX2 1LB

Auditor

Sumer Auditco Limited
41 Charlotte Square
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Trustees

The Trustees are the Elders of the Church, and those who served during the year and to the date of this report are listed below:

Aaron Allen		Nick Archer	
Joe Barnard		Alex MacDonald	
Murdo Macleod		Mark Malaczynski	
Andrew Moore	(appointed 29 March 26)	Robert Nelson	(resigned 30 June 25)
Alastair Rankin	(appointed 29 March 26)	Alasdair Roberts	
Andy Scott		Ernie Shippin	
John Stewart		Roy Tatton	

Principal Office Bearers and Key Management Personnel

Senior Minister: Rev Joe Barnard
Session Clerk: Andy Scott
Treasurer: Nick Archer

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The Charity Trustees are also the Elders of the church and are chosen from those members of the church who have been called and are considered to have the appropriate gifts and skills. To be appointed as an Elder a person must (a) be a man, (b) be aged 18 or over, (c) must not be disqualified from being a Charity Trustee under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and (d) must confirm his acceptance of the Church's Basis of Faith to the satisfaction of the Elders. Appointment as an Elder will be solely by resolution of not less than 75% of the Elders in office from time to time.

Trustees' induction and training

Newly appointed Trustees will have the opportunity to discuss the work of the Church with Trustees to acquaint themselves with the activities of the Church. New Trustees will also be provided with an induction pack that includes a job description and outlines the duties and responsibilities of a Trustee.

Risk management

The Trustees recognise the responsibility to assess and manage potential risks to the charity. This involves identifying the major types of risks which the charity faces and assessing the impact and likelihood of occurrence and identifying means of mitigating them. The Trustees have the "Holyrood Evangelical Church Risk Handbook" which identifies the various potential risks and the policies adopted to minimise these risks. The major risks have been identified as the risk to the members and users involved with the charity and its activities.

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Risk management (continued)

In identification of the major risks appropriate insurance cover has been taken out to cover the risk to both the Trustees and users. This has been reviewed in line with insurance requirements.

Charitable activities have also been reviewed in line with required insurance to cover liability. All volunteers receive appropriate training where needed and require the necessary completion of disclosure forms for the roles taken on.

Achievements and performance

Holyrood is built on word, prayer, fellowship and witnessing. We believe that growth in Christ depends on diligent study of God's word, a shared commitment to prayer, regular fellowship with other believers and courageous witness in the world. All four elements must come together for the church to be the light and salt that Christ has called us to be.

We believe that a congregation is not just defined by what it believes, but also by what it does. There are three key practices that define our congregational life at Holyrood:

1. Sunday worship – We have worship services every Sunday morning and evening. The central act of our worship is the exposition of the Word of God. We want to make sure that the word is accurately understood while also demonstrating its relevance for the lives of modern Christians. As part of our Sunday morning service we have a creche and a Sunday Club for primary school aged children Secondary school aged children meet together every three weeks during term time.
2. Home Groups – Our Home Groups meet twice a month in the 2nd and 4th week. The groups are informal times of encouragement, prayer and discussion centred on the Word of God. We have home groups that meet throughout the city of Edinburgh.
3. Prayer Meeting – We meet for prayer on the 1st and 3rd (and 5th where applicable) Wednesday evening of each month. Prayer meetings have been likened to the central heating of a church. We believe this at Holyrood. Our prayer meeting is a focused time of intercession for the congregation itself as well as other ministries throughout the city and across the world. We will often have ministry partners come to the prayer meeting to update us on their particular ministry.

Our outreach activities

Baby & Toddler Group – Mondays 10.00am – 11.30am (during school term time). The group is open to all parents and unpaid carers.

Warm Space – The church building was opened during the winter months to provide a warm space for everyone. The church is set up in a café style with a workspace area, free Wi-Fi, free tea, coffee and biscuits are served.

Easter Egg Hunt – we ran a family Easter Egg Hunt in Montgomery Street park with refreshments served in the church.

SOLAS event – “Is There Any Hope for the Future” – evangelistic event with Steve Osmond.

Community Picnic – We hosted a community picnic in Montgomery Street park with a “hog roast” in June. In the same month, Paul Garner of Biblical Creation Ministries spoke at an event called “Creation or Evolution?”.

In November, we hosted a CS Lewis event run by the CS Lewis Institution; a Community Quiz Night and a Friends International Thanksgiving meal. We also livestreamed the Responding to the Rebirth conference held in All Souls Langham Place, London.

Our website provides information about the church as well as recordings of services and of past sermons. The church also has a presence on various social media channels.

Christmas Carol Service and Carols by Candlelight event – we held our annual carol service at the church and also organised a carol service taking place in Montgomery Street park with support from the Salvation Army Band, we welcomed visitors to join us.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

Our fellowship and support activities

Men's and Women's Discipleship Groups met at various points throughout the year. There were also a couple of Ladies' Breakfasts and an Afternoon Tea organised for the ladies in the congregation where a guest speaker was invited to speak. In May, a Women's Conference was organised at which Sarah Allen was invited to Speak.

The Church supports the work of missionaries overseas. The Church's Summer Appeal goes to support the work of Lorna Ferguson working with OMF in Japan, James Stewart with OMF in Singapore and Hannu and Hazel Sorsamo working with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Finland.

The church also supports projects supported via a Christmas appeal. In 2025, the Christmas appeal went to support the work of Tranent Community Church, Cross Training Ministries, Galashiels Free Church and East of Scotland Gospel Partnership.

We are greatly indebted to very many members of the congregation who gladly give their time and skills, week in week out, serving the church and allowing many of these activities to take place.

Financial review

Principal funding sources

The financial priorities are, firstly, to ensure a break even position year on year (having met all our day to day commitments including the commitments, whether binding or otherwise, we have to our missionaries and others) and secondly to ensure we are financially strong enough to support all of the activities, current and future, in which we might be engaged.

The overall reserves as at 31st December 2025 are £2,022,524 (2024: £1,419,949). Income levels have come in at £823,423 (2024: £253,667) with £575,241 (2024: £nil) of this in relation to legacies. We have continued to see encouraging levels of giving to our restricted funds including our Summer and Christmas Appeals. We are greatly indebted to the generosity of our congregation in regards to the amounts given, these are detailed in note 9 within the accounts.

Expenditure for the year is £220,848 (2024: £357,055) of which £187,853 (2024: £327,666) came through the General fund. The largest expenditure items relate to building work £32,914 (2024: £162,641), salary expenses at £44,948 (2024: £65,273) and Ministry Support from our appeals £32,995 (2024: £29,389) from Restricted Funds.

The overall funds stand at £2,022,524 (2024: £1,419,949) with the majority of this being held within the value of the buildings as Fixed Assets £1,457,000 (2024: £1,423,080) offset by the associated mortgage liability of £133,831 (2024: £139,101). We anticipate using our finances to support outreach activities during 2026 and beyond. Meanwhile we will continue to manage our finances in respect of the building and our ongoing financial commitments.

Reserves policy

Our reserves across our funds are healthy and we are content with the General Fund reserves we hold at this time in our bank accounts including debtors. These currently sit at £694,086 (2024: £130,629). We are unlikely to want to hold excessive reserves in our unrestricted funds, preferring instead to utilise as much as we sensibly can in more and better outreach and service but we do recognise the need to hold modest reserves.

Going Concern

Trustees have concluded that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis. A detailed cash and income & expenditure budget has been prepared which demonstrates that the charity is budgeted to operate without significant recourse to brought forward reserves in the general fund. The major risk in the assumptions made in preparing the budget is in the assumption that congregational donations will continue to hold up and rise to meet increased levels of assumed donations.

Grant making policy

The Church makes grants to individuals and organisations in accordance with the Constitution and in fulfilment of its charitable objectives. These are disclosed in note 9 to the accounts.

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Plans for the future

The Church will continue to give specific focus to its principal activities of public worship, the spiritual development of its members, and the mission to tell others the good news of Jesus Christ.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity 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 2019 (FRS 102);
- 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the church's financial position and enable the Trustees to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The Trustees 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.

Approved by the Trustees on 29th September 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:



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Andy Scott

Session Clerk/Trustee

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Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees *for the year ended 31 December 2025*

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Holyrood Evangelical Church (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of 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, including its income and expenditure 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 requirements of 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 charity 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 the provisions available to small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 19 to the financial statements 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

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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 require 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.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 5, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which 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 charity'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 liquidate the charity or 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 regulations made under that Act.

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.

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

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the charity and the industry in which it operates, and considered the risk of acts by the charity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud. We focussed on laws and regulations which could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements, including, but not limited to, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). Our tests included agreeing the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation and enquiries with management. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. As in all our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including confirming the classification of transactions from the bank statements and evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the directors that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

Audit response to risks identified

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested a sample of journal entries to identify unusual transactions based on pre-defined risk criteria identified as part of our risk assessment;
- assessed through planned audit procedures, such as recalculation, whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in Note 1 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale and validity of significant or unusual transactions.

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Audit response to risks identified (continued)

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- requesting correspondence with HMRC, OSCR and the legal advisors of the charity.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

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.

Other matters

The prior year accounts were not audited and no audit opinion is expressed on the comparative figures.

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.

Signed by:

Sumer Auditco Limited

Douglas Rae CA

Senior Statutory Auditor

for and on behalf of Sumer Auditco Limited, Statutory Auditor

Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Sumer Auditco Limited

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Date: 30th September 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted General fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	Unrestricted General fund £	Restricted funds £	Restated 2024 Total £
Notes							
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	788,093	30,819	818,912	226,161	27,322	253,483
Investment income	4	4,511	-	4,511	184	-	184
Total income and endowments		792,604	30,819	823,423	226,345	27,322	253,667
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	5	187,853	32,995	220,848	327,666	29,389	357,055
Total expenditure		187,853	32,995	220,848	327,666	29,389	357,055
Net income/(expenditure)		604,751	(2,176)	602,575	(101,321)	(2,067)	(103,388)
Transfers between funds	18	(1,976)	1,976	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		602,775	(200)	602,575	(101,321)	(2,067)	(103,388)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		1,419,749	200	1,419,949	1,521,070	2,267	1,523,337
Total funds carried forward	16,17	2,022,524	-	2,022,524	1,419,749	200	1,419,949
Represented by:							
Unrestricted fund	16						
General		2,022,524	-	2,022,524	1,419,749	-	1,419,749
Restricted funds	17						
Christmas Appeal		-	-	-	-	-	-
Summer Appeal		-	-	-	-	200	200
Total funds		2,022,524	-	2,022,524	1,419,749	200	1,419,949

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted General fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	Restated 2024 Total £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11	1,457,000	-	1,457,000	1,423,080
Total fixed assets		1,457,000	-	1,457,000	1,423,080
Current assets					
Debtors	12	19,351	1,401	20,752	30,708
Cash held on deposit		187,504	-	187,504	-
Cash at bank and in hand		505,638	14,123	519,761	121,339
		712,493	15,524	728,017	152,047
Creditors: falling due within one year	13	(18,407)	(15,524)	(33,931)	(21,218)
Net current assets		694,086	-	694,086	130,829
Total assets less current liabilities		2,151,086	-	2,151,086	1,553,909
Creditors: falling due after one year	14	(128,562)	-	(128,562)	(133,960)
Net assets		2,022,524	-	2,022,524	1,419,949
Funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted fund	16				
General		2,022,524	-	2,022,524	1,419,749
Restricted funds	17				
Christmas Appeal		-	-	-	-
Summer Appeal		-	-	-	200
Total charity funds		2,022,524	-	2,022,524	1,419,949

The financial statements on pages 9 to 20 were approved by the Trustees on 29th September 2026 and signed on their behalf by the undernoted:

Signed by:

Nick Archer

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Nick Archer
Treasurer/Trustee

Signed by:

Andy Scott

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Andy Scott
Session Clerk/Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Net movement in funds for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)		602,575	(103,388)
Adjustments for:			
Reversal of impairment		(33,920)	-
Interest paid		7,812	8,698
(Increase)/decrease in debtors		9,956	(20,103)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors		12,585	(7,329)
Net cash flow from operating activities		599,008	(122,122)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Repayments of long term loans		(5,270)	(4,567)
Interest paid		(7,812)	(8,698)
Net cash flow used in financing activities		(13,082)	(13,265)
Net (decrease) / increase cash and cash equivalents in the year		585,926	(135,387)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		121,339	256,726
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		707,265	121,339

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Notes to the Financial Statements *for the year ended 31 December 2025*

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

Holyrood Evangelical Church is a registered charity in Scotland. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are included in the trustees' report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Church.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure by the terms on which Trustees solicited donations or by restrictions imposed by the donor.

Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP. Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *for the year ended 31 December 2025*

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them; and
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of twelve months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets with a useful life of more than one year are capitalised. Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, with the exception of property. No depreciation has been provided on the property as in the opinion of the Trustees the residual value of the property will be greater than the market value and therefore any depreciation charge would be immaterial.

The Trustees have reviewed fixed assets for possible impairment which has since been fully reversed since, through maintenance, the Trustees believe the impairment of the underlying asset is no longer present and are satisfied that no such impairment is required to the market value.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate, which is an approximation of the amount that the charity would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the balance sheet date.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the balance sheet when there is an 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.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cashflows from the asset expire, or when the charity has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only once the liability has been extinguished through discharge, cancellation or expiry.

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Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution pension scheme. The church's contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 7. The costs of the defined contribution scheme are included within charitable expenditure.

2. Judgements in applying policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions which affect reported income, expenses, assets, and liabilities. Use of available information and application of judgement are inherent in the formation of estimates, together with past experience and expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results in the future could differ from such estimates.

The Trustees are satisfied that the accounting policies are appropriate and applied consistently. Key sources of estimation have been applied in determining the value of the properties and the depreciation rates.

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3. Income from donations and legacies	General fund	Restricted funds	2025 Total	General fund	Restricted funds	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations	172,268	26,950	199,218	163,735	23,210	186,945
Gift Aid	32,459	3,869	36,328	34,761	4,112	38,873
Legacies	575,241	-	575,241	-	-	-
Grants	8,125	-	8,125	27,665	-	27,665
	788,093	30,819	818,912	226,161	27,322	253,483

Included in grants is government grant income received from The Listed Places of Worship Scheme totalling £8,125 (2024: £27,665).

4. Income from investments	General fund	Restricted funds	2025 Total	General fund	Restricted funds	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	4,511	-	4,511	184	-	184
	4,511	-	4,511	184	-	184

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities		General fund	Restricted funds	2025 Total	General fund	Restricted funds	Restated 2024 Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable Activities							
<i>Direct Costs</i>							
Salaries	7	44,948	-	44,948	65,273	-	65,273
Payroll Admin fee		2,786	-	2,786	1,165	-	1,165
Travel & Other Expenses		-	-	-	15	-	15
Pulpit Supply		3,500	-	3,500	2,280	-	2,280
Church Water Rates		2,810	-	2,810	2,523	-	2,523
Manse Council Tax		3,061	-	3,061	5,197	-	5,197
Heat & Light		13,328	-	13,328	7,030	-	7,030
Insurance		5,507	-	5,507	5,437	-	5,437
Repairs, Storage, Maintenance		29,198	-	29,198	15,531	-	15,531
Phone & Internet		1,622	-	1,622	1,753	-	1,753
Equipment		1,894	-	1,894	3,065	-	3,065
Advertising		470	-	470	1,084	-	1,084
Congregational Organisations		6,684	-	6,684	6,389	-	6,389
Organisations - Youth Ministry		970	-	970	354	-	354
Outreach		4,482	-	4,482	6,465	-	6,465
Ministry Support		4,815	-	4,815	6,904	-	6,904
Ministry Support from Appeals		-	238	238	-	-	-
Office Supplies		2,100	-	2,100	2,383	-	2,383
Professional Fees		17,715	-	17,715	17,555	-	17,555
Accounts and Independent Examiners fee		-	-	-	2,040	-	2,040
Mortgage Interest Paid		7,812	-	7,812	8,698	-	8,698
Building Work		32,914	-	32,914	162,641	-	162,641
Bank Charges & Fees		164	-	164	147	-	147
Cleaning Expenses		3,643	-	3,643	3,501	-	3,501
Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-	-
Reversal of impairment		(33,920)	-	(33,920)	-	-	-
<i>Gifts and donations</i>							
Outreach	9	3,350	-	3,350	-	-	-
Ministry Support	9	28,000	-	28,000	236	-	236
Ministry Support from Appeals	9	-	32,757	32,757	-	29,389	29,389
		187,853	32,995	220,848	327,666	29,389	357,055

Since the charity has one primary activity, the Trustees do not differentiate between direct and support costs.

6. Governance costs	General fund	Restricted funds	2025 Total	General fund	Restricted funds	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Auditor's fee	8,580	-	8,580	-	-	-
Accountancy and payroll costs	3,806	-	3,806	2,040	-	2,040
	12,386	-	12,386	2,040	-	2,040

7. Analysis of staff costs		2025	2024
		£	£
Wages and salaries		57,304	55,158
Social security costs		(17,621)	5,101
Defined contribution pension costs		5,265	5,014
		44,948	65,273

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7. Analysis of staff costs (cont'd)

The average number of employees by head count during the year was 2 (2024: 2).

The full time equivalent average number of employees during the year was 2 (2024: 2).

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: none).

The charity operates a defined contribution pension plan for all its permanent employees to which the charity contributes 10% of annual salary. The amount recognised as an expense in the year was £5,265 (2024: £5,014).

Key Management Personnel (see page 2) received total remuneration for the year of £45,460 (2024: £39,359).

8. Auditor's remuneration

The fees paid to Sumer Auditco Limited for audit services of £8,580 (2024: £nil).

9. Gifts and donations

	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Individuals		
L Ferguson - OMF	17,630	7,353
Sorsamos - Wycliffe	19,103	6,000
J Stewart - OMF	8,500	2,000
<i>Sub-total</i>	45,233	15,353
Institutions		
20 Schemes - Tranent Church Plant - Womens Workers	8,610	-
Cross Training Ministry	6,210	-
East of Scotland Gospel Partnership	1,552	-
Galashiels Free Church	1,552	-
Queens Margaret University - Christian Union	250	-
Edinburgh University - Christian Union	250	-
Salvation Army	250	-
Spain Missions	200	-
DBI Christmas Appeal gifts for children	-	4,282
Cornhill Onesimus fund	-	4,282
Sparkle Sisters	-	1,427
Friends International Edinburgh branch	-	1,427
Merchant City Church plant	-	1,427
Bethany Christian Trust	-	1,427
<i>Sub-total</i>	18,874	14,272
Total gifts and donations	64,107	29,625

10. Transactions with Trustees and related parties

Trustees remuneration

Joe Barnard, who is employed as the Church Minister is also a Trustee. During the year he received £45,460 (2024: £39,359) as salary, £4,133 (2024: £3,936) as pension contributions. Other expenses which were paid on his behalf by the church included professional fees of £7,917 (2024: £17,555), Council tax and water rates of £3,061 (2024: £5,196) and phone costs of £780 (2024: £780). No other Trustees received remuneration for their roles as Trustees.

Expenses

During the year, 5 Trustees (2024: 3) received reimbursement of church expenses incurred totalling £980 (2024: £630).

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10. Transactions with Trustees and related parties (cont'd)

Related party payments

During the year, salary payments of £12,445 (2024: £11,859) were made to Elizabeth Scott, who is a relative of Trustee Andy
During the year, Outreach costs of £250 (2024: £nil) were paid to Caleb Barnard, who is a relative of Trustee Joe Barnard.
No other related parties received payments during the year £nil (2024: £nil).

Donations

The aggregate value of donations (including Gift Aid) made by Trustees was £69,369 (2024: £56,714).

11. Tangible fixed assets

Property £	Total £
1,457,000	1,457,000
1,457,000	1,457,000
33,920	33,920
(33,920)	(33,920)
-	-
1,457,000	1,457,000
1,423,080	1,423,080

Cost and revaluation

At 1 January 2025

At 31 December 2025

Depreciation and impairment

At 1 January 2025

Reversal of impairment

At 31 December 2025

Net book value

At 31 December 2025

At 31 December 2024

Tangible fixed assets (comparative)

Property £	Restated Total £
1,457,000	1,457,000
1,457,000	1,457,000
-	-
33,920	33,920
33,920	33,920
1,423,080	1,423,080
1,457,000	1,457,000

Cost and revaluation

At 1 January 2024

At 31 December 2024

Depreciation and impairment

At 1 January 2024

Eliminated on impairment

At 31 December 2024

Net book value

At 31 December 2024

At 31 December 2023

A security is held over the property at Milton West Road, Edinburgh by Kingdom Bank. The net book value of the building at the balance sheet date was £612,000 (2024: £612,000).

12. Debtors

	Unrestricted General fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	Unrestricted General fund £	Restricted funds £	Restated 2024 Total £
Prepayments	1,467	-	1,467	-	-	-
Gift Aid due	263	1,401	1,664	3,043	-	3,043
Accrued income	-	-	-	27,665	-	27,665
Other debtors	17,621	-	17,621	-	-	-
	19,351	1,401	20,752	30,708	-	30,708

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13. Creditors: falling due within one year

	General fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	General fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £
Mortgage	5,269	-	5,269	5,141	-	5,141
Accrued expenses	13,138	15,524	28,662	16,077	-	16,077
	18,407	15,524	33,931	21,218	-	21,218

14. Creditors: falling due after one year

	General fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	General fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £
Mortgage	128,562	-	128,562	133,960	-	133,960
	128,562	-	128,562	133,960	-	133,960

The Kingdom Bank mortgage was granted in June 2021 at a value of £300,000. This is over a 20 year term with a variable interest rate of 6% at 31 December 2025.

Mortgages include aggregate amounts of £105,045 (2024: £111,509) which falls due after five years and which are payable by instalments. The payment terms and interest rate of each creditor for which an amount falls due after five years are as above.

15. Analysis of Net Assets Among Funds

	Unrestricted General fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	Unrestricted General fund £	Restricted funds £	Restated 2024 Total £
Fixed Assets	1,457,000	-	1,457,000	1,423,080	-	1,423,080
Current Assets	712,493	15,524	728,017	137,810	14,237	152,047
Current Liabilities	(18,407)	(15,524)	(33,931)	(7,181)	(14,037)	(21,218)
Long Term Liabilities	(128,562)	-	(128,562)	(133,960)	-	(133,960)
	2,022,524	-	2,022,524	1,419,749	200	1,419,949

16. Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 01.01.25 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31.12.25 £
General fund	1,419,749	792,604	(187,853)	(1,976)	2,022,524
Total unrestricted funds	1,419,749	792,604	(187,853)	(1,976)	2,022,524

Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 01.01.24 £	Restated Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Restated Balance at 31.12.24 £
General fund	1,521,070	226,345	(327,666)	-	1,419,749
Total unrestricted funds	1,521,070	226,345	(327,666)	-	1,419,749

Explanation of funds

The General fund encompasses all income and expenditure relating to the primary focus activities of the charity, other than those for which funding is restricted.

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17. Restricted funds	Balance at 01.01.25	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31.12.25
	£	£	£	£	£
Christmas Appeal	-	13,786	(15,762)	1,976	-
Summer Appeal	200	17,033	(17,233)	-	-
Total restricted funds	200	30,819	(32,995)	1,976	-

Restricted funds	Balance at 01.01.24	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31.12.24
	£	£	£	£	£
Christmas Appeal	-	14,036	(14,036)	-	-
Summer Appeal	2,267	13,286	(15,353)	-	200
Total restricted funds	2,267	27,322	(29,389)	-	200

Explanation of funds

The Christmas Appeal fund relates to funds raised to support Christian projects suggested by the congregation and approved by the Trustees.

The Summer Appeal fund relates to funds raised to support missionaries the Church are associated with overseas.

18. Fund transfers	Unrestricted General fund	Restricted funds	2025 Total
	£	£	£
From General fund to Restricted Christmas appeal fund	(1,976)	1,976	-
	(1,976)	1,976	-

The transfer of £1,976 from General fund to Restricted Christmas appeal fund relates to reallocation of funds to clear deficit.

19. FRC Ethical Standard - Provisions available for small entities

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements and prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities.

20. Analysis of changes in net debt	1 January 2025	Cash flows	Interest accrued	Interest paid	Non cash flows	31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Long-term borrowings	133,960	(441)	7,499	(7,499)	(5,269)	128,250
Short-term borrowings	5,141	(4,829)	313	(313)	5,269	5,581
Total liabilities	139,101	(5,270)	7,812	(7,812)	-	133,831
Cash and cash equivalents (assets)	(121,339)	(585,926)	-	-	-	(707,265)
Total net debt	17,762	(591,196)	7,812	(7,812)	-	(573,434)

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21. Prior Period Adjustment

During the financial year, the Trustees identified material errors relating to the disclosure of the valuation of the Charity's property asset and the recognition of accrued income in the prior reporting period. This resulted in a property impairment being shown as a reduction in cost rather than disclosed separately and an understatement of historical costs as well as an understatement of accrued income.

In order to ensure the accounts provide a true and fair view in accordance with FRS 102 and the Charities SORP, this error has been corrected retrospectively by restating the comparative figures for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The tables below detail the effect of the restatement on the comparative statement of financial position items and statement of financial activities items as of 31 December 2024:

Reconciliation of Funds (Changes to Statement of Financial Position)

	As Previously Reported £	Restatement Adjustment £	Restated Amount £
Balance sheet items			
Tangible Fixed Assets (Gross Cost)	1,423,080	33,920	1,457,000
Impairment of Fixed Assets	-	(33,920)	(33,920)
Total Fixed Assets	1,423,080	-	1,423,080
Current Assets: Debtors (Accrued Income) (Unrestricted funds)	3,043	27,665	30,708
Total Net Assets	1,392,284	27,665	1,419,949
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds	1,392,084	27,665	1,419,749
Restricted funds	200	-	200
Total charity funds	1,392,284	27,665	1,419,949

Reconciliation of Net Income (Changes to Statement of Financial Activities)

	As Previously Reported £	Restatement Adjustment £	Restated Amount £
SOFA line items			
Income from: Donations and Legacies (Unrestricted funds)	225,818	27,665	253,483
Total Income	226,002	27,665	253,667
Net Income/(Expenditure)	226,002	27,665	253,667
Net Movement in Funds	226,002	27,665	253,667
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds	1,392,084	27,665	1,419,749
Restricted funds	200	-	200
Total Funds	1,392,284	27,665	1,419,949