

Kelso North and Country Churches (Church of Scotland)

Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended

31 December 2025

Congregation No: 030266

Charity No: SC 014039

Kelso North and Country Churches (Church of Scotland)

Year ended 31 December 2025

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Kelso North and Country Churches (Church of Scotland)

Charity Registration Number: SC014039

Congregation Reference No: 030266

Principal Office: Church Office
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Principal Office Bearers

Minister:	Revd Anna Rodwell
Session Clerk:	Miss Catherine Fish
Church Treasurer:	Mr Ian Duncanson

Independent Examiner

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Trustees - Kirk Session/ (see over)...

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Reference and Administrative Information (cont)

Trustees - Kirk Session

Revd Anna Rodwell
Miss M Aitken (died 25 August 2025)
Mrs S Anderson
Mrs K Baird
Mrs K Binnie
Mr J Blain
Mrs V Bolton
Mrs H Broomfield
Mrs C Burnside
Mrs M Campbell (to 3 June 2026)
Mr C Carruthers (to 20 December 2025)
Mr J Colledge
Mr D Currie
Mr G Currie
Mrs E Docherty
Mrs P Donaldson (to 23 September 2025)
Mrs J Duncan
Mr R Duncan
Mrs S Duncan
Mr I Duncanson (Treasurer)
Mrs J Duncanson
Mr B Finlay
Miss C Fish (Session Clerk)
Mr D Forbes (to 5 October 2025)
Mrs S Glendinning
Mrs K Halliday
Mrs M Hardie (to 21 December 2025)
Mr I Henderson
Mrs J Henderson-Dott (to 31 October 2025)
Mr R Hodge (to 5 March 2026)
Mrs D Hogg
Mr A Hutton
Mrs D Knox
Ms A Legge
Mrs G Mabon

Mr J Mackie
Mrs R McGuckin
Mrs E Meins
Mr R Monie
Mrs H Muldoon (to 16 August 2025)
Mr C Orr (to 7 August 2025)
Miss E Orr (Deputy Treasurer)
Mr K Otoo
Mrs J Paterson
Mr J Payne
Mr A Pike
Mrs S Plasting
Mrs H Pratt
Mrs E Raitt
Mrs N Renwick
Mrs W Robson
Mr P Small
Mr D Smith
Mr J Smith (Deputy Session Clerk)
Mrs L Stark
Mrs M Stone
Mrs G Strickland
Mr M Sunderland
Mrs E Tait
Mr C Taylor
Mrs T Tinlin
Mr I Topping
Mrs M Topping
Mrs I Urquhart
Miss J Wardhaugh
Mrs M Watson
Mr WG White
Mr J Wight
Miss E Wood
Mr E Easton (from 3 June 2026)

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Trustees' Report

Year ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their annual report and 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 on pages 10 to 11 of the accounts and comply with the General Assembly Regulations for Congregational Finance, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and 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 effective from 1 January 2019.

Objectives and Activities

The Church of Scotland is Trinitarian in doctrine, Reformed in tradition and Presbyterian in polity. It exists to glorify God and to work for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom throughout the world. As a national Church, it acknowledges a distinctive call and duty to bring the ordinances of religion to the people in every parish of Scotland through a territorial ministry. It co-operates with other Churches in various ecumenical bodies in Scotland and beyond.

Achievements and Performance

We continue to hold weekly worship in Stichill at 9.30am and Kelso North at 11am. Alongside these services, we offer new worshipping opportunities, through evening services in Ednam Kirk and cafe church in Makerstoun Kirk once a month. This continues to open up the churches so new worshipping communities can be formed. The possibility of offering Makerstoun Kirk as a sanctuary for pilgrims on the Borders Abbey Way is being investigated.

Music plays a vital role in our churches and our two organists lead our worship week by week and produce wonderful musical afternoons and evenings throughout the year. The choir continues to lead worship in Kelso North.

Our lay people are regularly involved in worship, through leading of prayers, Bible readings and leading worship.

We celebrate the sacrament of communion four times a year during morning worship and on Maundy Thursday in the evening. Communion was also held in Ednam Kirk.

We have been blessed by the sacrament of baptism in our church, both children and adults, and the joy of weddings too. We are privileged to be with families at the end of this earthly journey for their loved ones and our churches have held many funerals over the past year. (In 2025 there were 5 weddings and 46 funerals in which the church was involved.)

We meet weekly for prayer and Bible study. Acorns, our Sunday School group, meet monthly. Men@KNCC, Women Together and Tuesday Fellowship offer fun and fellowship.

Our church magazine, 'Town and Country Messenger' goes out 4 times a year, offering news, inspiration and information.

The Growing Younger Group continues to assess current church culture and identify areas for improvement to foster meaningful connections across age groups. They have held film nights in the church and organised a series of concerts./ (cont over)....

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Year ended 31 December 2025

We livestream the 11am service in Kelso North and are grateful to our team of technicians who make this possible. We are thankful also, for the two teams in Stichill and Kelso North who prepare and present the powerpoints for our services. We were able to install a new audiovisual system at Stichill thanks to the great generosity of a local benefactor.

We have an up-to-date website and a facebook presence, which help in our mission and outreach.

During 2025 a number of new fundraising initiatives were undertaken which provided opportunities to gather together and connect with the local community, as well as raising funds.

The churches are able to function because of a commitment from the congregation and a small paid staff who are all living out their Christian faith in words and action. Session Clerks, treasurers, elders, property conveners, church officers, flower arrangers, members, friends and members of the communities where the churches are, all play a vital role.

Financial Review

On 16 June 2024 Kelso North and Ednam Parish united with Kelso Country Churches. The comparative figures for 2024 are for Kelso North and Ednam Parish to 16 June 2024 and the united congregation of Kelso North and Country Churches from that date.

The principal source of income is from offerings; this raised £98,035 (2024: £97,991) including the tax on Gift Aid with our overall unrestricted income being £161,594 (2024: £149,897). During the year there were increases in funds from a number of our income sources including Gift Aid offerings of £58,978 (2024: £51,969) The use of Digital Giving raised £1,351 (2024: £706). The rental income from Use of Premises raised £5,432 (2024: £6,515). Other Income raised £41,339 as detailed in note 5 (the grant of £16,504 was for the Stichill audiovisual project). Investment Income from Dividends has increased with a particularly encouraging performance of funds held by The Church of Scotland Investors Trust Growth Fund. Total unrestricted expenditure for the year was £184,678 (2024: £166,329).

The purpose of the RC Kerr Fund was changed during 2025 as it could no longer be used for the upkeep of the organ at Smailholm, the building and organ there having been sold in 2021. The new purpose is listed on page 18 of the accounts. The reorganisation was carried out through an application to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) under section 43A of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Investment Policy and Performance

Long term investments are mainly held in the Church of Scotland Growth Fund where the objectives are to achieve capital growth and a twice yearly distribution of income. The fund performance was 10% in 2025.

Shorter term investments are held in both the Bank of Scotland and the Church of Scotland Deposit Fund, both of which provide a high interest rate – in 2025 the Bank of Scotland interest rate was 3.5% (for a deposit which matured in July 2025) and the Church of Scotland Deposit Fund's average interest rate was 4.23% for 2025.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Year ended 31 December 2025

Risk Management

Two main risks have been identified – the increasing average age of the congregation, which is being addressed by the Growing Young programme, and deficits in our annual accounts. To address the latter, work is being carried out by the congregation to consider and implement ongoing fundraising and stewardship strategies.

Reserves Policy

Kelso North and Country Churches' Reserves Policy is based on the need to identify significant predicted spend in the coming years and the provision for expenditure that may arise during those years. As detailed in note 13, at the year end the Church held unrestricted funds of £95,774, of which £93,448 had been designated for the General Fund. The church also held £27,852 of restricted funds which have been provided for the purposes specified in note 13. These are stated at cost value rather than market value.

The funds held on behalf of the congregation by the Church of Scotland General Trustees in the Consolidated Fabric Fund (see Appendix) are available to meet some of the annual fabric costs which we incur on the various buildings which the congregation has responsibility for (four churches, the manse, and two halls, one of which has ancillary rooms). In particular, up to £85,000 of these funds have been committed by the Kirk Session to a project in 2026 to update the vestry, kitchen and toilet facilities at Kelso North Church.

The Trustees are aware of our generous resources at this point in time but we are also aware of the ongoing need to maintain and also upgrade our buildings to extend the advancement of Christian Mission in and around Kelso.

Structure, Governance and Management

The congregation is a registered charity, number SC014039, and is administered in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Constitution (Unitary Form). It is subject to the Acts and Regulations of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Members of the Kirk Session are the charity trustees. The Kirk Session members are the elders of the church and are chosen from those members of the church who are considered to have the appropriate gifts and skills. The minister, who is a member of the Kirk Session, is elected by the congregation and inducted by Presbytery.

The Kirk Session, which meets five or six times a year, is responsible for the spiritual and temporal affairs within the church. Various committees have been set up and meet separately before reporting back to the Session.

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Trustees' Report (continued)
Year ended 31 December 2025

Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and 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 charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the method and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them 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). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information on the congregation's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:-

Catherine Fish

Miss Catherine Fish, Session Clerk

29th July 2026

Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Kelso North and Country Churches (Church of Scotland) Year ended 31 December 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 8 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended), and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended) have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Gordon Chisholm

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31st July 2026

Date

Kelso North and Country Churches (Church of Scotland)
Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 December 2025

		General Unrestricted Funds 2025	Other Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total 2025	General Unrestricted Funds 2024	Other Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total 2024
	Note								
Income and endowments from:									
Donations and legacies	1	98,035	-	-	98,035	97,991	-	-	97,991
Charitable activities	2	13,018	-	-	13,018	8,558	-	-	8,558
Other trading activities	3	5,432	-	-	5,432	6,515	-	-	6,515
Investments	4	3,770	-	1,164	4,934	3,496	-	648	4,144
Other	5	41,339	-	-	41,339	33,337	27,820	40,929	102,086
Total income		<u>161,594</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,164</u>	<u>162,758</u>	<u>149,897</u>	<u>27,820</u>	<u>41,577</u>	<u>219,294</u>
Expenditure on:									
	6								
Raising funds		209	-	-	209	235	-	-	235
Charitable activities		182,069	-	300	182,369	163,934	-	480	164,414
Governance costs		2,400	-	-	2,400	2,160	-	-	2,160
Total expenditure		<u>184,678</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>184,978</u>	<u>166,329</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>166,809</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before gains and losses on investments		(23,084)	-	864	(22,220)	(16,432)	27,820	41,097	52,485
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	8,576	2,020	10,596	-	5,917	1,212	7,129
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>(23,084)</u>	<u>8,576</u>	<u>2,884</u>	<u>(11,624)</u>	<u>(16,432)</u>	<u>33,737</u>	<u>42,309</u>	<u>59,614</u>
Transfers between Funds		195	-	(195)	-	3,100	-	(3,100)	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(22,889)</u>	<u>8,576</u>	<u>2,689</u>	<u>(11,624)</u>	<u>(13,332)</u>	<u>33,737</u>	<u>39,209</u>	<u>59,614</u>
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		118,663	35,747	42,392	196,802	131,995	2,010	3,183	137,188
Total funds carried forward		<u>95,774</u>	<u>44,323</u>	<u>45,081</u>	<u>185,178</u>	<u>118,663</u>	<u>35,747</u>	<u>42,392</u>	<u>196,802</u>

Kelso North and Country Churches (Church of Scotland)
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2025

		General	Other			General	Other		
		Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Restricted		Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Total	Funds	Funds	Funds	Total
	Note	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024	2024
Fixed Assets									
Investments	10	50,656	44,323	27,802	122,781	50,656	35,747	25,782	112,185
Total Fixed Assets		50,656	44,323	27,802	122,781	50,656	35,747	25,782	112,185
Current Assets									
Debtors	11	16,744	-	-	16,744	14,791	-	-	14,791
Cash at bank and in hand		36,934	-	17,279	54,213	64,240	-	16,610	80,850
Total Current Assets		53,678	-	17,279	70,957	79,031	-	16,610	95,641
Liabilities									
Creditors falling due within one year	12	(8,560)	-	-	(8,560)	(11,024)	-	-	(11,024)
Net Current Assets		45,118	-	17,279	62,397	68,007	-	16,610	84,617
Net Assets		95,774	44,323	45,081	185,178	118,663	35,747	42,392	196,802
The funds of the charity:									
General unrestricted funds	13	95,774	-	-	95,774	118,663	-	-	118,663
Revaluation fund		-	44,323	17,229	61,552	-	35,747	15,208	50,955
Restricted funds		-	-	27,852	27,852	-	-	27,184	27,184
Total charity funds		95,774	44,323	45,081	185,178	118,663	35,747	42,392	196,802

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 29th July 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Catherine Fish

Miss Catherine Fish, Session Clerk

Ian Duncanson

Mr Ian Duncanson, Treasurer

Kelso North and Country Churches (Church of Scotland)

Year ended 31 December 2025

Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently in the current and preceding year in dealing with items which are considered material to the accounts, are set out below.

Basis of preparation

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 Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective from 1 January 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Fund accounting

Funds are classified as either restricted funds or unrestricted funds, defined as follows:

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the charity.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the ability of the charitable company to continue for the foreseeable future, and therefore has adopted the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements.

Recognition of income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) the general volunteer time of congregation members is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised as expenditure in the period of receipt.

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Accounting Policies (cont)

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Recognition and allocation of expenditure

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure.

Fixed Assets

The charity has the right to occupy and use for its charitable objects certain tangible fixed assets, including the Church, halls and manse, vested in the Church of Scotland General Trustees. No consideration is payable for the use of these assets. Expenditure incurred on the repair and maintenance of these assets is charged as resources expended in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which the liability arises.

All tangible fixed assets costing in excess of £5,000 having a value to the charity greater than one year, other than those acquired for specific purposes, are capitalised. There are no tangible fixed assets.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Unrealised gains and losses represent the difference between the market value at the beginning and end of the financial year or, if purchased in the year, the difference between cost and market value at the end of the year. Realised gains and losses represent the difference between the proceeds on disposal and the market value at the start of the year or cost if purchased in the year.

Taxation

Kelso North and Country Churches (Church of Scotland) is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities. The charity is not registered for VAT and resources expended therefore include irrecoverable input VAT.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at the Bank of Scotland and with the Investors Trust.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

Creditors

Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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for the year ended 31 December 2025

	General Unrestricted Funds 2025	Other Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total 2025	General Unrestricted Funds 2024	Other Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total 2024
1 Donations and Legacies								
Offerings	80,419	-	-	80,419	72,248	-	-	72,248
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	7,509	-	-	7,509	17,678	-	-	17,678
Legacies	2,200	-	-	2,200	250	-	-	250
Other	7,907	-	-	7,907	7,815	-	-	7,815
	<u>98,035</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,035</u>	<u>97,991</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>97,991</u>
2 Income from charitable activities								
Weddings and funerals	5,725	-	-	5,725	4,400	-	-	4,400
Fundraising events	5,580	-	-	5,580	2,589	-	-	2,589
Other income	1,713	-	-	1,713	1,569	-	-	1,569
	<u>13,018</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,018</u>	<u>8,558</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,558</u>
3 Income from other trading activities								
Rent received	<u>5,432</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,432</u>	<u>6,515</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,515</u>
4 Investment income								
Dividends received	1,832	-	795	2,627	1,078	-	427	1,505
Deposit interest	1,938	-	369	2,307	2,418	-	221	2,639
	<u>3,770</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,164</u>	<u>4,934</u>	<u>3,496</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>648</u>	<u>4,144</u>
5 Other income								
Transfer of Union Balance	-	-	-	-	30,577	27,820	40,929	99,326
Receipts from General Trustees	24,835	-	-	24,835	-	-	-	-
Grants	16,504	-	-	16,504	2,760	-	-	2,760
	<u>41,339</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,339</u>	<u>33,337</u>	<u>27,820</u>	<u>40,929</u>	<u>102,086</u>

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Notes forming part of the financial statements
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6 Analysis of Expenditure

Raising Funds

Offering Envelopes	209	-	-	209	235	-	-	235
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Charitable Activities

Giving to Grow' Contribution	65,108	-	-	65,108	58,864	-	-	58,864
Presbytery Dues	1,771	-	-	1,771	1,832	-	-	1,832
Minister's Expenses	2,745	-	-	2,745	3,517	-	-	3,517
Pulpit Supply	785	-	-	785	150	-	-	150
Other salary costs	29,186	-	-	29,186	28,368	-	-	28,368
Fabric Repairs & Maintenance	16,162	-	-	16,162	8,075	-	-	8,075
Council Tax	3,887	-	-	3,887	3,558	-	-	3,558
Other Buildings Costs: Heat & Light	19,591	-	-	19,591	22,052	-	-	22,052
Other Buildings Costs: Insurances	14,017	-	-	14,017	12,767	-	-	12,767
Other Buildings Costs: Cleaning	1,117	-	-	1,117	1,608	-	-	1,608
Church Office Expenses	850	-	-	850	736	-	-	736
Organ & Music	2,446	-	-	2,446	2,495	-	-	2,495
Printing, Stationery & Postage	3,641	-	-	3,641	3,273	-	-	3,273
Other Expenses	3,609	-	300	3,909	5,202	-	480	5,682
Kelso North Vestry & Kitchen Project	650	-	-	650	4,185	-	-	4,185
Kelso North New Projector	-	-	-	-	7,252	-	-	7,252
Stichill New Audio Visual Project	16,504	-	-	16,504	-	-	-	-
	<u>182,069</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>182,369</u>	<u>163,934</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>164,414</u>
Governance Costs	2,400	-	-	2,400	2,160	-	-	2,160
Total	<u>184,678</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>184,978</u>	<u>166,329</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>166,809</u>

Support costs have not been separately identified as the trustees consider there is only one charitable activity. Therefore support costs relate wholly to that activity and have not been separately identified.

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for the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
7 Staff costs and numbers		
Salaries and wages	29,186	28,368
Social security costs	-	-
	<u>29,186</u>	<u>28,368</u>

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Ministerial support	1	1
Music staff	2	2
Premises maintenance	2	2
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

No employee had employee benefits in excess of £50,000 (2024 - Nil).

All Church of Scotland congregations contribute to the National Stipend Fund - part of the Giving to Grow payment on page 13 - which bears the costs of all ministers' stipends and employer's contributions for national insurance, pension and housing and loan fund. Ministers' stipends are paid in accordance with the national stipend scale, which is related to years of service. For the year under review the minimum stipend was £32,433 and the maximum stipend (in the fifth and subsequent years) £39,856.

The Church of Scotland applied the following sums to offset Kelso North and Country Churches' contribution to the National Stipend Fund in the year to 31 December 2025:

£18,749 endowment income from the Church of Scotland Consolidated Stipend Fund and £2,398 in respect of glebe rent.

8 Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

During the year 9 trustees received reimbursement of expenses incurred totalling £8,184 (2024 - 7 trustees received £7,880). Payments were made to the following individuals who are Trustees or connected to Trustees for providing the following services during the year.

Name	Services provided	2025
		Total payments
		£
Mr B Fairfield	Church Officer	338
Mrs R McGuckin	Church Officer	61
Mrs E Meins	Church Officer	1,060
Mr K Otto	Church Officer	495
Mrs J Paterson	Church Office Secretary	6,121
Mrs G Payne	Organist	3,231
Mr C Taylor	Church Officer	350

9 Volunteers

In common with all congregations of the Church of Scotland the congregation benefits from the contribution made by volunteers who give their time and talents willingly for the benefit of the Church. The areas of congregational life which rely on the contribution of volunteers are many and varied and much of the activity would be unable to continue were it not for the commitment shown.

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10 Investments	2025	2024
	£	£
Market value at 31 December 2024	112,185	34,285
Transferred from Kelso Country Churches	-	70,771
Unrealised gain / (loss) on investments	10,596	7,129
Market value at 31 December 2025	<u>122,781</u>	<u>112,185</u>
Investments at cost	61,229	61,229
Accumulated Gain	<u>61,552</u>	<u>50,956</u>
	<u>122,781</u>	<u>112,185</u>

The following investments are held:

	Original Cost £	Market Value 2025 £	Market Value 2024 £
Unrestricted Funds:			
Rolls Royce: 252 Ordinary Shares of 20p	1,449	2,898	1,432
Astra Zeneca: 18 Ordinary Shares of US \$0.25	831	2,483	1,884
Church of Scotland Investors Trust:			
Growth fund: 13,023 Units	48,376	89,598	83,087
	<u>50,656</u>	<u>94,979</u>	<u>86,403</u>
Restricted funds:			
Church of Scotland Investors Trust:			
Growth fund:			
Stichill Welfare Fund: 1,199 Units	3,004	8,249	7,650
Hay McLaren & Lady Grissel Baillie Fund: 172 Units	441	1,183	1,097
McDougal Bequest Fund: 68 Units	175	468	434
Rev R.C.Kerr Memorial Fund: 2,602 Units	6,953	17,902	16,601
	<u>10,573</u>	<u>27,802</u>	<u>25,782</u>
	<u>61,229</u>	<u>122,781</u>	<u>112,185</u>

11 Debtors	2025	2024
	£	£
Gift Aid Tax Refund Due	16,725	14,589
Other Debtors	19	202
	<u>16,744</u>	<u>14,791</u>

12 Creditors	2025	2024
	£	£
Pre Paid Income	5,525	7,735
Other	1,962	2,322
Undistributed Balances	1,073	967
	<u>8,560</u>	<u>11,024</u>

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13 Movements in Funds

	At 1 January 2025 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2025 £
Restricted funds					
Roof & Steeple Fund	77	-	-	(77)	-
Kelso Quest Account	18	-	-	(18)	-
RC Kerr Fund	14,821	582	-	-	15,403
Walter Hogg Fund	1,767	250	-	-	2,017
Younger Bequest	454	-	-	-	454
McDougall Bequest	579	9	-	-	588
Hay McLaren & Grissel Baillie	1,449	23	-	-	1,472
Stichill Welfare Fund	7,859	299	(300)	-	7,858
Stichill Fund	60	-	-	-	60
Young People's Fund	100	-	-	(100)	-
	<u>27,184</u>	<u>1,163</u>	<u>(300)</u>	<u>(195)</u>	<u>27,852</u>
Other Restricted funds					
Revaluation Fund	15,208	2,021	-	-	17,229
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	115,459	155,932	(182,339)	4,396	93,448
Reserve Fund	16	-	-	(16)	-
Flower Fund	1,054	-	(200)	-	854
Social Fund	121	-	(17)	-	104
Benevolent Fund	444	-	-	-	444
Saturday C.M.Fund	1,067	166	(732)	-	501
Women Together Fund	250	152	-	-	402
Tuesday Fellowship	252	390	(740)	-	(98)
Project Fund	-	4,954	(650)	(4,185)	119
	<u>118,663</u>	<u>161,594</u>	<u>(184,678)</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>95,774</u>
Other Unrestricted funds					
Revaluation Fund	35,747	8,576	-	-	44,323
Total funds	<u>196,802</u>	<u>173,354</u>	<u>(184,978)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>185,178</u>

Purposes of funds / (see page 18)

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13 Movement in Funds - 2024 Comparitives

	At 1 January 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Roof & Steeple Fund	1,865	12	-	(1,800)	77
Kelso Quest Account	1,318	-	-	(1,300)	18
RC Kerr Fund	-	14,821	-	-	14,821
Walter Hogg Fund	-	1,767	-	-	1,767
Younger Bequest	-	934	(480)	-	454
McDougall Bequest	-	579	-	-	579
Hay McLaren & Grissel Baillie	-	1,449	-	-	1,449
Stichill Welfare Fund	-	7,859	-	-	7,859
Stichill Fund	-	60	-	-	60
Young People's Fund	-	100	-	-	100
	<u>3,183</u>	<u>27,581</u>	<u>(480)</u>	<u>(3,100)</u>	<u>27,184</u>
Other Restricted funds					
Revaluation Fund	-	15,208	-	-	15,208
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	129,236	118,208	(160,127)	28,142	115,459
Reserve Fund	16	-	-	-	16
Flower Fund	254	-	(200)	1,000	1,054
Social Fund	121	-	-	-	121
Benevolent Fund	583	-	(139)	-	444
Saturday C.M.Fund	1,398	440	(771)	-	1,067
Women Together Fund	250	-	-	-	250
Tuesday Fellowship	137	770	(907)	252	252
Project Fund	-	-	(4,185)	4,185	-
KCC Reserve Fund	-	15,444	-	(15,444)	-
KCC Music Fund	-	4,532	-	(4,532)	-
KCC Fabric Fund	-	10,503	-	(10,503)	-
	<u>131,995</u>	<u>149,897</u>	<u>(166,329)</u>	<u>3,100</u>	<u>118,663</u>
Other Unrestricted funds					
Revaluation Fund	2,010	33,737	-	-	35,747
Total funds	<u>137,188</u>	<u>226,423</u>	<u>(166,809)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>196,802</u>

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Purposes of Restricted Funds

Roof & Steeple Fund	For work on the steeple and roof.
Kelso Quest	To employ a youth worker to work with young people in connection with Kelso North & Ednam, Kelso Old & Sprouston and Kelso Country Churches.
RC Kerr Fund	For the provision of music and worship resources and equipment including but not limited to any costs incurred in the upkeep, maintenance and repair of organs in any congregational buildings and the cost of organists fees or salaries.
Walter Hogg Fund	Maintenance of the church fabric in the village of Smailholm.
Younger Bequest	For the benefit of Makerstoun Church.
McDougall Bequest	Used at minister's discretion for poor of parish of Makerstoun.
Hay McLaren & Grissel Baillie	Used at minister's discretion for poor of parish of Smailholm.
Stichill Welfare Fund	For poor of parish of Stichill, Hume and Nenthorn.
Stichill Fund	For the benefit of Stichill Church.
Young People's Fund	For work with young people in the church.

Purposes of Unrestricted Designated Funds

General Fund	For the general purposes of the congregation.
Reserve Fund	The Trustees have set aside funds to meet future expenditure.
Flower Fund	To provide flowers for display during services of worship.
Social Fund	To help fund the social activities within the Church.
Benevolent Fund	To help those in need at the discretion of the Minister.
Saturday C.M.Fund	To fund charitable donations.
Women Together Fund	For use by Women Together.
Tuesday Fellowship	For use by the Tuesday Fellowship.
Project Fund	For the vestry/kitchen/toilet project at Kelso North Church.

14 Collections for Third Parties

	2025	2024
	£	£
Christian Aid	385	-
Hope & Homes for Children	1,242	729
Poppy Appeal	-	145
Blythwood Care Appeal	-	395
Dr Graham's Homes	-	541
Collection to assist an individual	-	940
Self Help Africa	868	491
Borders Womens Aid	-	478
Margaret Kerr Unit	-	478
Church of Scotland National Guild Projects	536	-
St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital	359	-
	<u>3,390</u>	<u>4,197</u>

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APPENDIX 1

**FUNDS HELD ON BEHALF OF THE CONGREGATION
BY THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GENERAL TRUSTEES**

CONSOLIDATED FABRIC FUND

	31 Dec 2025 £	31 Dec 2024 £
<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>		
Credit Balance held at 1 January at cost	577,651	-
Transferred from Kelso Country Churches at the date of the union 16 June 2024	-	577,651
Credit Balance held at 31 December at cost	<u>577,651</u>	<u>577,651</u>
 Market Value of Balances at 31 December	 <u>630,347</u>	 <u>623,378</u>
 <u>REVENUE ACCOUNT</u>		
Credit Balance held at 1 January	31,673	-
Transferred from Kelso Country Churches at the date of the union 16 June 2024	-	17,652
Interest and dividends received during year (2024 - from 16 June 2024)	27,628	15,168
Less - to General Fund for fabric costs	(20,000)	-
Less - to Project Fund for fabric costs	(4,835)	-
Less - General Trustees' administration charges	(440)	(1,147)
Credit Balance held at 31 December	<u>34,026</u>	<u>31,673</u>