



R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2023

SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC005122

R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN

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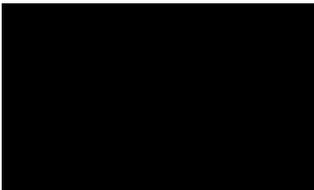
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R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN

ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Deeds of Declaration of Trust, 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.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Structure

The R C Diocese of Aberdeen in communion with the Apostolic See was established in 1131 and restored after the Reformation in 1878.

The R C Diocese of Aberdeen comprises four deaneries, covering 44 parishes in Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Moray, the Highland Council areas, Orkney and Shetland. The parishes are established and operate under the Code of Canon Law (the law of the church) which confers on them separate canonical status, rights and obligations.

Governance

The R C Diocese of Aberdeen is legally constituted as a trust and the relevant Deeds of Declaration of Trust are registered in the Public Records of Scotland. The R C Diocese of Aberdeen is a registered Scottish charity (SC005122).

The Trustees of the Diocese are detailed on page 2 and were appointed in terms of the relevant Deed of Declaration of Trust. When new Trustees are appointed, they are given an introduction to the work of the Diocese and are provided with information they need to fulfil the roles, which includes information about the role of trustees and charity law.

Management

The Diocesan curia is the main vehicle at the disposal of the Bishop for the governance of his Diocese. It is comprised of various organs, offices and persons determined by law as well as other organs and persons which collaborate with the Bishop in his administration and governance of the Diocese. Amongst these are the offices responsible for the administration of the Diocese which take their conduct and direction from the code of Canon Law (the law of the church).

The Management Committee and two sub-committees meet quarterly to discuss and give advice on fabric, financial and major administrative matters. The Council of Priests meets with the Bishop twice a year to assist in matters of pastoral guidance. The College of Consultors, derived from the members of the Council of Priests, but separate from it, must be consulted upon matters of major administrative significance. For acts of extraordinary administration, as defined by Canon Law and quantified by the Bishops Conference of Scotland, the Bishop is required to consult, and in some cases to obtain the consent of, the Council of Priests and/or the College of Consultors.

Day to day administration of the Diocese is carried out by the Bishop with the support of his fellow Trustees, the appropriate committees, priests, lay advisors, volunteers and relevant secretarial and administrative staff. The Trustees are the key management of the Diocese and are not remunerated.

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Management *(continued)*

The Diocesan systems of internal controls, in line with Canon Law, are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mis-statement or loss and include:-

- An annual budget for the activities of the Diocesan curial office, approved by the Management Committee.
- Annual budgets for the parishes, approved by the relevant parish priest.
- Regular provision of management and financial reports to the Trustees and to the Management Committee, showing variances against budget.
- Delegation of authority, supervision and segregation of duties.
- Identification and management of risks.

Risk management

The principal risks faced by the RC Diocese of Aberdeen lie in the performance of investments and operational risks in the ability to ensure income levels are at least maintained.

The operational risk from maintaining income levels is managed by the Trustees, who are developing strategies to encourage the congregations of the parishes to continue to donate to the parish churches and the Diocese itself.

The Trustees consider variability of investment returns to be a financial risk. This is mitigated by the Endowment Trust of the RC Diocese of Aberdeen retaining expert investment managers and having a diversified ethical portfolio.

CONNECTED BODIES

The following charities are connected to the R C Diocese of Aberdeen charitable trust on the basis of control and supervision;

Endowment Trust of the R C Diocese of Aberdeen (SC007816)
Blairs College Chapel Trust (SC025728)

██████████ as principal Trustee of R C Diocese of Aberdeen was also a member of the following bodies which are associated with or are supported by the Diocese. All are outside the scope of these accounts as they are separate entities which are not controlled by the Trustees of the R C Diocese of Aberdeen.

Bishops' Conference of Scotland
John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education
Robert C Grant of Balgowan Trust
Robert C Grant of Balgowan No 2 Trust
Rev Charles C Gordon's Trust
Eskadale Trust
John Menzies of Pitfodels Trust (Charleston Estate)
Bishop George Hay's Trust
Supplementary Aid Society of R C Diocese of Aberdeen
Garioch Charitable Trust
Stella Maris

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

For two thousand years the Catholic Church has sought to preach the Gospel of Christ in response to His command to the Apostles.

In seeking to follow this mission the objectives of the R C Diocese of Aberdeen are defined in civil law in the Deeds of Declaration of Trust and are as follows:-

- The advancement of the Roman Catholic religion.
- The advancement of education.
- The relief of poverty.
- The cure or alleviation of sickness and disease.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The R C Diocese of Aberdeen seeks to fulfil these objectives by the provision and support of various activities relating to pastoral care and assistance. The objectives are achieved principally through its parishes but also through various Catholic organisations and societies within the Diocese.

The Diocese of Aberdeen currently comprises 4 Deaneries, incorporating 44 parishes located in 6 local authority areas on both the mainland of Scotland and the islands of Orkney and Shetland and covering the largest land mass of any R C Diocese in Europe.

The Diocesan activities include support and guidance for clergy in the parishes, support for retired clergy, education of students for the priesthood and permanent diaconate, youth, financial support for national organisations through the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, hospital and prison chaplaincies, university and ecumenical initiatives. Through these networks and initiatives the Diocese assists a significant number of beneficiaries across a wide range of ages and backgrounds. Work is done to help the homeless and needy both through parish, diocesan projects and links with other agencies.

The Curial Office of the Diocese covers the functions of chancery, safeguarding, approval of Catholic teachers as well as provision of financial, property maintenance, health and safety and GDPR advice to parishes.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Much of the work of the Diocese and many of its achievements in the pastoral field are by their very nature unseen and perhaps also unquantifiable. The Diocese has established new ways to share the regular celebration of Masses throughout the Diocese and other gatherings for prayer, faith formation and social events, which had been reduced or suspended, are all now continuing normally. Priests, Religious and lay people work together on a range of apostolic works most often aimed at serving those in greatest need.

The Diocese and its parishes rely heavily on hundreds of volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents to assist in the numerous activities in the life of the church and is indebted to these parishioners for their commitment and support.

The Diocese is committed to creating a safe environment in which to provide pastoral care and seeks to safeguard the welfare of all who are involved in whatever capacity with the Church and its organisations.

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The Statement of Financial Activities on pages 11 to 14 shows total income of £3,373,690 (2022: £2,747,870) and total resources expended of £2,460,340 (2022: £2,206,619) to give net income before net (losses)/gains on investments of £913,350 (2022: £541,251). The value of the Diocesan share of the Endowment Trust saw a reduction in the valuation by £157,538 (2022: increase £376,745). A review of the property portfolio led to no properties being revalued leading to an unrealised gain of £NIL (2022: £356,000). The outturn for the year was an overall increase in funds of £755,812 (2022: increase £1,273,996).

Reserves Policy

The Management Committee maintain an annual budget for the Diocesan curial office and aim to maintain a positive balance in the bank accounts for each fund within the curial office and the parishes. The financial procedures in place, including the regular review of bank balances, ensures that this policy is achieved.

Total funds amount to £23,836,183 (2022: £23,080,371) of which £12,760,961 (2022: £12,480,016) are restricted parish funds and £4,969,463 (2022: £4,788,297) are restricted curial funds. Designated funds amount to £3,318,799 (2022: £3,285,903) reflecting funds allocated by the Trustees for specific purposes as described in note 12. Unrestricted general funds amount to £2,786,960 (2022: £2,526,155).

Principal Funding Sources

The principal funding sources of the RC Diocese of Aberdeen are voluntary income from parishioners, endowment income from the Endowment Trust of RC Diocese of Aberdeen and other donations and trust income.

Funds in Deficit

There were no funds in deficit by a material amount, apart from the parishes with closing reserves in deficit for the reason described in note 12.

Investment Policy

The RC Diocese of Aberdeen owns a share of the total funds of the Endowment Trust of the RC Diocese of Aberdeen. Details of the investment are shown in note 8. The Endowment Trust investments are managed by Investment Fund Managers with a view to providing both income and capital appreciation. All investments must be made on an ethical basis.

The primary objective of the investments is to produce an income for the Diocese, which includes the parishes. The target income set for the investment managers has been consistently met, even in the period following the financial uncertainty arising from the pandemic and the results of Brexit. The secondary objective is the growth of the fund value. A substantial drop in the value of the fund was experienced in March 2020, at the on-set of the pandemic, but the markets have made a recovery since then. This recovery has continued in 2022/23.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The RC Diocese of Aberdeen seeks to continue to promote the Gospel of Christ in accordance with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Trustees and their advisors continue to monitor the financial position of the Diocese, ensuring good stewardship of resources and availability of funds to meet future commitments.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the 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 period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material 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 business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment 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, who held office at the date of approval of this Annual Report as set out above, each confirm that so far as they are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Trust's auditor is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

For and on behalf of the Trustees of the R C Diocese of Aberdeen.



Approved by the Trustees on 11-12-2025 | 17:07 GMT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN CHARITABLE TRUST
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of RC Diocese of Aberdeen Charitable Trust ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 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 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources 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 of 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 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

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

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

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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and 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' annual 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 7, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the 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 accounts

We have been appointed as auditor under Section 44(1)(c) Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. 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 company and the industry in which it operates, and considered the risk of acts by the company that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud. We designed audit procedures to respond to the risk, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

We focused on laws and regulations which could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements, including, but not limited to the Charities and Trustees Investment Act (Scotland) 2005 and Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our tests included agreeing the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation, enquiries with management. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures

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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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts (continued)

As in all our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including testing journals and the consolidation of individual parishes into the Diocesan reporting system and evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the trustees that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the 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's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Date

Sumer Auditco Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity under regulation 10(2) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations by virtue of its eligibility under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Parish – Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOME FROM:					
<i>Income from donations and legacies</i>					
Offertory collections and gift aid	165,773	35,451	1,686,628	1,887,852	1,549,943
Grants	-	190,250	-	190,250	85,572
Donations, gifts and bequests	6,088	35,337	132,542	173,967	412,544
Trust income	10,665	-	-	10,665	9,679
Income from other trading activities	22,904	-	129,928	152,832	109,698
Note 2	<u>205,430</u>	<u>261,038</u>	<u>1,949,098</u>	<u>2,415,566</u>	<u>2,167,436</u>
<i>Investment income:</i>					
Endowment income and interest	28,231	271,171	277,602	577,004	302,539
Income from property	14,711	13,179	190,245	218,135	159,386
Note 2	<u>42,942</u>	<u>284,350</u>	<u>467,847</u>	<u>795,139</u>	<u>461,925</u>
Income from charitable activities					
Other income	18,198	13,272	19,831	51,301	1,994
Miscellaneous income	33,081	207	78,396	111,684	101,335
Note 3	<u>51,279</u>	<u>13,479</u>	<u>98,227</u>	<u>162,985</u>	<u>103,329</u>
Income from charitable activities					
Gain on sale of land and buildings	-	-	-	-	15,180
Total income	<u>299,651</u>	<u>558,867</u>	<u>2,515,172</u>	<u>3,373,690</u>	<u>2,747,870</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income	18,064	300	-	18,364	11,584
Expenses of other property	93,042	3,000	-	96,042	124,408
	<u>111,106</u>	<u>3,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>114,406</u>	<u>135,992</u>

R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Parish – Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Charitable activities					
Parish running expenses (note 4)	168,891	5,098	1,111,056	1,285,045	1,231,637
Administration expenses (note 4)	401,166	51,603	120,551	573,320	307,429
Other expenses (note 4)	5,655	1,780	-	7,435	26,717
Payments to priests and religious orders (note 4)	52,949	294,325	-	347,274	353,325
Bursary/Education	65,158	-	-	65,158	93,569
Hierarchy	-	-	-	-	30,221
Donations	21,495	-	-	21,495	1,291
Depreciation	12,087	-	-	12,087	11,298
Administration: audit (note 4)	34,120	-	-	34,120	15,140
Loss on disposal of property	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>761,521</u>	<u>352,806</u>	<u>1,231,607</u>	<u>2,345,934</u>	<u>2,070,627</u>
Total expenditure	<u>872,627</u>	<u>356,106</u>	<u>1,231,607</u>	<u>2,460,340</u>	<u>2,206,619</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds before gains and losses on investments	(572,976)	202,761	1,283,565	913,350	541,251
Net (Losses)/Gains on investments (note 8)	(85,174)	-	(72,364)	(157,538)	376,745
Net Gains on property revaluations (note 8)	-	-	-	-	356,000
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>(658,150)</u>	<u>202,761</u>	<u>1,211,201</u>	<u>755,812</u>	<u>1,273,996</u>
Fund transfers (note 13)	951,851	(21,595)	(930,256)	-	-
	<u>293,701</u>	<u>181,166</u>	<u>280,945</u>	<u>755,812</u>	<u>1,273,996</u>
Funds reconciliation					
Fund balances brought forward	5,812,058	4,788,297	12,480,016	23,080,371	21,806,375
Fund balances carried forward (note 12)	<u>6,105,759</u>	<u>4,969,463</u>	<u>12,760,961</u>	<u>23,836,183</u>	<u>23,080,371</u>

All of the activities of the Diocese for the current year are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 17 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Parish – Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
INCOME FROM:					
<i>Income from donations and legacies</i>					
Offertory collections and gift aid	-	21,203	1,528,740	1,549,943	1,103,331
Grants	-	85,572	-	85,572	25,409
Donations, gifts and bequests	137,753	122,241	152,550	412,544	580,320
Trust income	9,679	-	-	9,679	11,886
Income from other trading activities	-	-	109,698	109,698	67,942
Note 2	<u>147,432</u>	<u>229,016</u>	<u>1,790,988</u>	<u>2,167,436</u>	<u>1,788,888</u>
<i>Investment income:</i>					
Endowment income and interest	128,015	51,926	122,598	302,539	394,379
Income from property	-	3000	156,386	159,386	123,948
Note 2	<u>128,015</u>	<u>54,926</u>	<u>278,984</u>	<u>461,925</u>	<u>518,327</u>
Income from charitable activities					
Other income	1,994	-	-	1,994	-
Miscellaneous income	56,389	-	44,946	101,335	122,292
Note 3	<u>58,383</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,946</u>	<u>103,329</u>	<u>122,292</u>
Income from charitable activities					
Gain on sale of land and buildings	-	-	15,180	15,180	1,750
Total income	<u>333,830</u>	<u>283,942</u>	<u>2,130,098</u>	<u>2,747,870</u>	<u>2,431,257</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income	-	-	11,584	11,584	10,799
Expenses of other property	11,203	12,177	101,028	124,408	106,691
	<u>11,203</u>	<u>12,177</u>	<u>112,612</u>	<u>135,992</u>	<u>117,490</u>

R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Parish – Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Charitable activities					
Parish running expenses (note 4)	-	-	1,231,637	1,231,637	1,001,904
Administration expenses (note 4)	259,668	47,761	-	307,429	290,346
Other expenses (note 4)	26,717	-	-	26,717	15,963
Payments to priests and religious orders (note 4)	271,688	81,637	-	353,325	364,123
Bursary/Education	7,591	85,978	-	93,569	92,165
Hierarchy	16,069	14,152	-	30,221	28,891
Donations	491	800	-	1,291	3,465
Depreciation	3,404	-	7,894	11,298	11,446
Administration: audit (note 4)	15,140	-	-	15,140	12,600
Loss on disposal of property	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>600,768</u>	<u>230,328</u>	<u>1,239,531</u>	<u>2,070,627</u>	<u>1,820,903</u>
Total expenditure	<u>611,971</u>	<u>242,505</u>	<u>1,352,143</u>	<u>2,206,619</u>	<u>1,938,393</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds before gains and losses on investments	(278,141)	41,437	777,955	541,251	492,864
Net Gains on investments (note 8)	158,067	104,363	114,315	376,745	1,356,628
Net Gains on property revaluations (note 8)	31,000	-	325,000	356,000	-
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>(89,074)</u>	<u>145,800</u>	<u>1,217,270</u>	<u>1,273,996</u>	<u>1,849,492</u>
Fund transfers (note 13)	520,569	(21,329)	(499,240)	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	<u>431,495</u>	<u>124,471</u>	<u>718,028</u>	<u>1,273,996</u>	<u>1,849,492</u>
Funds reconciliation					
Fund balances brought forward	<u>5,380,563</u>	<u>4,663,826</u>	<u>11,761,986</u>	<u>21,806,375</u>	<u>19,956,883</u>
Fund balances carried forward (note 12)	<u>5,812,058</u>	<u>4,788,297</u>	<u>12,480,016</u>	<u>23,080,371</u>	<u>21,806,375</u>

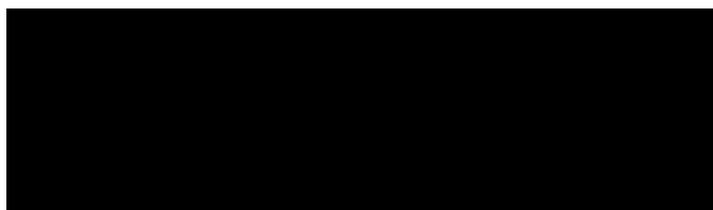
All of the activities of the Diocese for the current year are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 17 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7		8,549,410		8,534,607
Investments	8		11,665,548		11,823,090
			<u>20,214,958</u>		<u>20,357,697</u>
DEBTORS: amounts due after one year					
Loans	9		11,000		11,000
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	800,944		458,113	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>3,601,925</u>		<u>3,150,677</u>	
		4,402,869		3,608,790	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year					
	10	<u>125,207</u>		<u>206,372</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			<u>4,277,662</u>		<u>3,402,418</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
			<u>24,503,620</u>		<u>23,771,115</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after one year					
	10		<u>667,437</u>		<u>690,744</u>
NET ASSETS					
			<u><u>23,836,183</u></u>		<u><u>23,080,371</u></u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:					
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds	12		6,105,759		5,812,058
Restricted Funds	12		4,969,463		4,788,297
Restricted Parish Funds	12		<u>12,760,961</u>		<u>12,480,016</u>
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS					
			<u><u>23,836,183</u></u>		<u><u>23,080,371</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 11-12-2025 | 17:07 GMT and were signed by:



The notes on pages 17 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
NET CASH (USED IN)/FROM/ OPERATING ACTIVITIES	15		(293,694)		(162,507)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES OF FINANCE					
Investment income		795,139		461,925	
Proceeds from sale of investments		-		142,712	
Payments to acquire investments		-		(18,573)	
Payments to acquire property and equipment		(26,890)		(134,585)	
Proceeds from sale of property		-		150,180	
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities			768,249		601,659
			474,555		439,152
Cash flows from financing activities					
Loan repayments		(23,307)		(27,896)	
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Net cash (used by) financing activities			(23,307)		(27,896)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year			451,248		411,256
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward			<u>3,150,677</u>		<u>2,739,421</u>
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward			<u>3,601,925</u>		<u>3,150,677</u>
Being:					
Cash at bank and in hand			<u>3,601,925</u>		<u>3,150,677</u>

R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****a) Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their financial statement in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and 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).

The Diocese constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Diocese's ability to continue as a going concern. With respect to the next report period, 2023-24, the most significant areas of uncertainty which affect the carrying value of assets held by the Trust are the level of investment return, the performance of investment markets (see the investment policy and performance and risk management sections of the Trustee's annual report for more information) and the effect on donations following the pandemic.

b) Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the diocese has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator / executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset having been transferred to the charity.

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. Endowment income is recognised once the income has been distributed by the Endowment Fund.

c) Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution refer to note (e) below.

R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

d) Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

e) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to statutory audit and legal fees.

f) Operating Leases

Rentals in respect of operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities over the lease term. Other costs in respect of operating leases are allocated to the income and expenditure account over the remaining period of the lease.

g) Investments

Investments are included in the accounts at the market value of the share held by the Endowment Trust of the R C Diocese of Aberdeen attributed to the R C Diocese of Aberdeen.

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The Trust does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

h) Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

i) Land and Buildings

The land and buildings owned by the Diocese at 1 April 1994 were previously included in fixed assets at the nominal value of £1. These included the cathedral, parish churches, church halls and presbyteries. The cost of these historic properties cannot be ascertained due to the historic nature of a significant number of them. Given the age of these properties, the net book value would not be material to the financial statements.

In 2008, presbyteries and halls, which are not attached to a church, were valued at market value or depreciated replacement cost. This balance is considered to be a reasonable estimate of the assets' value to the charity and in future will be regarded as the initial carrying amount and not a revaluation.

Properties constructed after 1 April 2005 are capitalised.

j) Investment Properties

Investment properties are shown at their open market value. These properties are held for their investment potential. No depreciation has been charged on the investment properties.

R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)****k) Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets over their expected useful lives at the following rates:

Leasehold	5% straight line
Motor Vehicles	25% straight line basis
Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	15% straight line basis

No depreciation is charged on the land held.

No depreciation has been charged on buildings. The trustees consider that the residual value of the buildings is at least equal to its net book value therefore any depreciation charged would be immaterial.

l) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount of the services receivable estimated to relate to the future periods, measured on a pro rata basis.

m) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank includes cash held in a bank current account, deposit account or a similar type of account, whilst cash in hand relates to petty cash held in the Diocese or Parishes for small or incidental expenses.

n) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the Diocese has a current obligation resulting from a past purchase or event which will result in a future transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discount.

o) Financial instruments

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

Concessionary loans are initially recognised and measured at the amount received, with the carrying amount adjusted in subsequent years to reflect repayments and adjusted if necessary for any impairment. The loan to a parish is a concessionary loan.

p) Restricted Funds

Amounts received which have a specific purpose, decided on by the donor, are held separately by the Diocese in restricted funds.

q) Designated Funds

Unrestricted amounts received which are designated by the Trustees for specific purposes are held separately by the Diocese in designated funds.

These designated funds are used only for expenditure which satisfies the criteria laid down when the designated funds were set up.

R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)

1. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

r) **Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation**

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees have made the following judgements:

Useful lives of tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over a period to reflect their estimated useful lives. The applicability of the assumed lives is reviewed annually, taking into account factors such as physical condition, maintenance and obsolescence. Fixed assets are also assessed as to whether there are indicators of impairment.

Investment property values

The Trustees have made an assessment as to the fair value of investment properties. Whilst no formal valuations have been carried out in the year, the trustees have a good working knowledge of current market values. Although there is some degree of estimation involved in arriving at the fair values the Trustees are content that any potential differences are wholly immaterial.

Accruals

Management estimate requirements for accruals using post year end information and information available from detailed budgets. This identifies costs and income that are expected to be incurred. Accruals are only released when there is a reasonable expectation that these costs will not be invoiced in the future.

R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)2. INCOME

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Parish – Restricted £	2023 Total £
<i>Donations and legacies</i>				
Offertory collections	140,276	35,451	1,428,300	1,604,027
Gift aid rebate	25,497	-	258,328	283,825
Grants	-	190,250	-	190,250
Donations and gifts	6,088	17,817	1,499	25,404
Bequests	-	17,520	131,043	148,563
Trust income	10,665	-	-	10,665
<i>Other trading activities</i>				
Fundraising	200	-	91,979	92,179
Sale of papers etc	22,704	-	37,949	60,653
	<u>205,430</u>	<u>261,038</u>	<u>1,949,098</u>	<u>2,415,566</u>
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Parish – Restricted £	2022 Total £
<i>Donations and legacies</i>				
Offertory collections	-	21,203	1,093,256	1,114,459
Gift aid rebate	-	-	435,484	435,484
Grants	-	85,572	-	85,572
Donations and gifts	7,800	122,241	147,170	277,211
Bequests	129,953	-	5,380	135,333
Trust income	9,679	-	-	9,679
<i>Other trading activities</i>				
Fundraising	-	-	88,223	88,223
Sale of papers etc	-	-	21,475	21,475
	<u>147,432</u>	<u>229,016</u>	<u>1,790,988</u>	<u>2,167,436</u>
<u>Trust income</u>				
			2023 £	2022 £
Bishop Hay's Trust			10,665	9,679
Harold Hood Trust			-	-
			<u>10,665</u>	<u>9,679</u>

R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)**2. INCOMEInvestment income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Parish – Restricted £	2023 Total £
Endowment income	-	271,150	277,580	548,730
Interest received	28,231	21	22	28,274
Rent received	14,711	13,179	190,245	218,135
	<u>42,942</u>	<u>284,350</u>	<u>467,847</u>	<u>795,139</u>

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Parish – Restricted £	2022 Total £
Endowment income	117,009	51,926	122,598	291,533
Interest received	11,006	-	-	11,006
Rent received	-	3,000	156,386	159,386
	<u>128,015</u>	<u>54,926</u>	<u>278,984</u>	<u>461,925</u>

Endowment income represents disbursements received from the Endowment trust of RC Aberdeen

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIESOther income

	2023 £	2022 £
St Michael's Centre	16,108	1,994
Sundry Income	35,193	-
	<u>51,301</u>	<u>1,994</u>

Miscellaneous income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Parish – Restricted £	2023 Total £
Salaries	14,653	-	-	14,653
Re-imbursments	-	-	-	-
Insurance claims & refunds	15,740	-	-	15,740
Sundry	2,688	207	78,396	81,291
	<u>33,081</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>78,396</u>	<u>111,684</u>

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Parish – Restricted £	2022 Total £
Salaries	13,032	-	10,107	23,139
Re-imbursments	-	-	2,348	2,348
Insurance claims	42,194	-	4,627	46,821
Sundry	1,163	-	27,864	29,027
	<u>56,389</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,946</u>	<u>101,335</u>

R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)4. **CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

<u>Parish running expenses</u>	2023	2022
	£	£
Church running expenses	302,711	232,257
House running expenses	166,639	154,238
Maintenance and repairs	120,575	78,449
Approved repairs and projects	111,835	335,546
Insurance	122,304	67,918
Priests NI and employees' salaries	116,425	98,867
Provisions	69,203	68,431
Office expenses	73,275	71,768
Stipends	15,006	7,491
Travel expenses	86,532	71,588
Conference, retreat and supply expenses	97,944	18,836
Hospitality and other expenditure	2,596	26,248
	<u>1,285,045</u>	<u>1,231,637</u>
<u>Administration and running expenses</u>	2023	2022
	£	£
Bishop's residence and office expenses	51,908	71,059
Bishop's contingency fund	240	1,250
Administration costs	427,564	165,538
Light of the North Newsletter	6,434	7,054
Press Office	12,000	12,000
Diocesan Choir	6,109	2,564
Education	67,954	46,961
Day for Life Project – Family Care Centre	1,093	800
General expenses	18	203
	<u>573,320</u>	<u>307,429</u>
Governance costs		
Auditor's remuneration	<u>34,120</u>	<u>15,140</u>
<u>Other expenses</u>	2023	2022
	£	£
Ogilvie Centre expenses	-	2,639
Youth Projects	-	2,500
St Michael's Centre	53	21,157
Bishop's contingency fund	3,500	421
Miscellaneous	3,882	-
	<u>7,435</u>	<u>26,717</u>

R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)4. **CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (continued)****Payments to priests and religious orders**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Priests' allowances	123,173	116,326
Transport allowances	59,216	40,432
Clergy support payments	17,938	27,999
Sick and Retired Priests' Costs	827	25,428
Other	12,425	16,498
	<u>213,579</u>	<u>226,683</u>
Payments to/for Orders	133,695	126,642
	<u>347,274</u>	<u>353,325</u>

5. **AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Audit services	21,300	15,140
Audit – prior years' under/(over)accruals	12,820	-
	<u>34,120</u>	<u>15,140</u>
Audit related assurance services	-	-
	<u>34,120</u>	<u>15,140</u>

6. **STAFF COSTS**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and wages	345,868	290,993
Social security costs	20,403	18,098
Pension costs	7,888	3,591
	<u>374,159</u>	<u>312,682</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

The average number of employees for curial and parish activities during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Head count	21	21
Full Time equivalent	11	11

R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)**6. **STAFF COSTS (continued)****THE REMUNERATION OF TRUSTEES**

The RC Diocese of Aberdeen considers its key management personnel comprise those who have the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Diocese and Parishes. The Trustees, being the Bishop, Vicar General and Procurator, are those responsible for the direction of the Diocese. The Trustees of the Diocese receive no remuneration or reimbursement of expenses for their services as Trustees. Trustees who are clergy of the Diocese of Aberdeen may be housed, remunerated and reimbursed expenses for carrying out their ministry in the same way as other priests of the Diocese, in accordance with the Code of Canon Law. The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 require disclosure of remuneration and expenses paid to Trustees. All benefits received by the clergy who serve as Trustees are given on the same basis as all other clergy who are beneficiaries of the charity and cannot be reasonably calculated.

7. **TANGIBLE ASSETS**

	Land and buildings £	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment £	Motor Vehicles	Total £
COST OR VALUATION				
At 1 April 2021	8,484,144	100,145	1,160	8,585,449
Additions	132,778	-	-	132,778
Net Transfers	(135,000)	-	-	(135,000)
Valuations	31,000	-	-	31,000
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 1 April 2022	8,512,922	100,145	1,160	8,614,227
Additions	21,485	5,406	-	26,891
Net transfers	-	-	-	-
Valuations	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	(4,194)	(1,160)	(5,354)
At 31 March 2023	8,534,407	101,357	-	8,635,764
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2021	-	67,164	1,158	68,322
Charge for the year	-	11,298	-	11,298
On disposals	-	-	-	-
At 1 April 2022	-	78,462	1,158	79,620
Charge for the year	-	12,085	-	12,085
On disposals	-	(4,193)	(1,158)	(5,351)
At 31 March 2023	-	86,354	-	86,354
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2023	8,534,407	15,003	-	8,549,410
At 31 March 2022	8,512,922	21,683	2	8,534,607

R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)**7. **TANGIBLE ASSETS (continued)**

The buildings used for charitable purposes consist of the cathedral, other parish churches, church halls and presbyteries.

8. **INVESTMENTS**

	Fixed asset listed investments £	Investment properties £	Total £
Movement in fixed asset listed investments			
Market value brought forward 1 April 2021	10,635,484	610,000	11,245,484
Additions at cost	18,573	-	18,573
Disposals at cost	-	(135,000)	(135,000)
Withdrawals	(142,712)	-	(142,712)
Net transfers	-	135,000	135,000
Gain/(Loss) on revaluation	376,745	325,000	701,745
	<u>10,888,090</u>	<u>935,000</u>	<u>11,823,090</u>
Market value brought forward 1 April 2022	10,888,090	935,000	11,823,090
Additions at cost			
Disposals at cost			
Withdrawals	-	-	-
Net transfers	-	-	-
Gain/(Loss) on revaluation	(157,142)	-	(157,142)
	<u>10,730,548</u>	<u>935,000</u>	<u>11,665,548</u>
Market value as at 31 March 2023	<u>10,730,548</u>	<u>935,000</u>	<u>11,665,548</u>

The Endowment Trust of the R C Diocese of Aberdeen (“the Company”) is a company limited by guarantee set up to hold the investments gifted or bequeathed to the Diocese for specific and general purposes. The Company is a charitable company which holds its funds in investments listed on a recognised stock exchange and in heritable property. At 31 March 2023 the R C Diocese had ownership of 86% of the total fund (2022 – 86%) as represented in the above note.

The investment has been made to provide ongoing income for parishes, curial funds and Diocesan projects.

All investments are carried at their fair value. Investment in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets. Holdings in common investment funds, unit trusts and open-ended investment companies are at the bid price. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is equivalent to the market value, using the bid price. Asset sales and purchases are recognised at date of trade at cost (that is their transaction value).

The significance of financial instruments to the ongoing financial sustainability of the Diocese is considered in the financial review and investment policy and performance sections of the Trustees’ Annual Report.

R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)9. **DEBTORS****DEBTORS: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Personal and other loans	<u>11,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>

The loans are granted interest free and have no fixed repayment terms.

DEBTORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Car loans to clergy	29,753	54,135
Prepaid insurance	-	58,566
Sundry debtors and prepayments	771,191	345,412
	<u>800,944</u>	<u>458,113</u>

10. **CREDITORS : amounts falling due within one year**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Sundry creditors and accruals	99,693	136,925
Parish creditors	-	43,933
Loan to Parish	4,500	4,500
Loan from Bank of Scotland	21,014	21,014
	<u>125,207</u>	<u>206,372</u>

CREDITORS : amounts falling due after one year

Loan to Parish	36,000	38,250
Loan from Bank of Scotland	631,437	652,494
	<u>667,437</u>	<u>690,744</u>

The loan to the Parish is interest free and to be repaid over a maximum of 20 years. There are no fixed repayment terms.

The loan from the Bank of Scotland is for a fixed term of 25 years. Interest is charged at 4.85% per annum with monthly repayments of £4,435.48. The loan is secured by a standard security over St Mary's House.

R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)11. **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

	2023 £	2022 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	782,191	356,412
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit and loss	10,730,549	10,888,090
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	<u>792,644</u>	<u>898,107</u>

Financial assets measured at amortised cost consist of prepayments and loans.

Financial assets measured at fair value through profit and loss comprise of listed investments.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise of accruals and loans.

12. **FUNDS****TOTAL FUNDS**

	2023 £	2022 £
Balance brought forward	23,080,371	21,806,375
Net Movement in Funds	755,812	1,273,996
Balance carried forward	<u>23,836,183</u>	<u>23,080,371</u>

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers (note 13) £	Gains/ (losses) £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds	<u>5,812,058</u>	<u>299,651</u>	<u>(872,627)</u>	<u>951,851</u>	<u>(85,174)</u>	<u>6,105,759</u>
	At 1/4/21 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers (note 13) £	Gains/ (losses) £	At 31/3/22 £
Unrestricted funds	<u>5,380,563</u>	<u>333,830</u>	<u>(611,971)</u>	<u>520,569</u>	<u>189,067</u>	<u>5,812,058</u>

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Unrestricted funds are made up of general and designated funds as detailed below.

GENERAL FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers (note 13) £	Gains/ (losses) £	At 31/3/23 £
General funds	<u>2,526,155</u>	<u>103,755</u>	<u>(81,293)</u>	<u>265,867</u>	<u>(27,524)</u>	<u>2,786,960</u>

	At 1/4/21 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers (note 13) £	Gains/ (losses) £	At 31/3/22 £
General funds	<u>2,242,713</u>	<u>155,439</u>	<u>(5,205)</u>	<u>(5,241)</u>	<u>138,449</u>	<u>2,526,155</u>

DESIGNATED FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers (note 13) £	Gains/ (losses) £	At 31/3/23 £
Land & buildings	1	-	-	-	-	1
Administration	401,517	-	(409,670)	372,909	(2,567)	362,189
Elgin Convent	527,661	110,617	(51,100)	-	(187)	586,991
Mensal	93,229	7,730	(88,352)	-	(648)	11,959
Education	12,713	-	-	-	-	12,713
Bursary Fund A	91,777	-	-	-	-	91,777
Bursary Fund B	18,920	-	-	-	-	18,920
Clergy	242,178	5,334	(67,306)	-	-	180,206
Insurance premium	158,474	-	(70,280)	101,151	-	189,345
Insurance reserve	54,840	-	(5,000)	2,420	(733)	51,527
Ogilvie Centre	381,535	3,565	(4,115)	2,945	(320)	383,610
Youth Office	295,897	38,466	(25,094)	-	(3,795)	305,474
St Michael's Centre	227,976	16,108	(19,173)	12,250	-	237,161
Schools	554,419	7,974	-	-	(3,760)	558,633
Fabric Support	98,898	3,758	-	-	(1,771)	100,885
Fund for Nuns	8,476	2,344	(12,461)	-	-	(1,641)
Sundry	117,392	-	(38,783)	194,309	(43,869)	229,049
	<u>3,285,903</u>	<u>195,896</u>	<u>(791,334)</u>	<u>685,984</u>	<u>(57,650)</u>	<u>3,318,799</u>

R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)**12. **FUNDS (continued)****DESIGNATED FUNDS (continued)**

The designated funds represent income allocated for a specific purpose.

Administration	– fund to allow for the payment of general administration, salaries, accountancy fees and other miscellaneous expenses.
Elgin Convent	– for the property and its maintenance.
Mensal	– fund set up to allow for expenses of the Bishop, his residence and office.
Education	– funds created for catholic education including the training of catechists.
Bursary A	– Training income for Seminarians
Bursary B	– Training for Priests and Deacons
Clergy	– collected for the support of the clergy.
Insurance premium	– collected monthly for the payment of annual insurance premiums.
Insurance reserve	- for claims below the insurer's excess.
Ogilvie Centre	– fund for the running of courses for religious education.
Youth Office	– fund relating to the development of youth.
St Michael's Centre	– fund for a residential youth centre.
Schools	– property rental and maintenance for properties previously schools.
Fabric Support	– fund to help with fabric repairs
Fund for Nuns	- bequest allocated to provide support to Nuns working in conjunction with R C Diocese of Aberdeen
Sundry	– various smaller funds for specific purposes.

	At 1/4/21	Incoming	Resources	Transfers	Gains/	At 31/3/22
	£	resources	expended	(note 13)	(losses)	£
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Land & buildings	1	-	-	-	-	1
Administration	394,757	48,982	(204,917)	158,748	3,947	401,517
Elgin Convent	490,949	302	(2,058)	7,468	31,000	527,661
Mensal	94,425	13,939	(71,082)	54,950	997	93,229
Education	11,308	13,407	-	(12,002)	-	12,713
Bursary Fund A	71,481	7,271	-	13,025	-	91,777
Bursary Fund B	17,451	2,490	(7,591)	6,570	-	18,920
Clergy	236,746	32,562	(184,757)	157,627	-	242,178
Insurance premium	116,280	42,194	-	-	-	158,474
Insurance reserve	52,530	1,183	-	-	1,127	54,840
Ogilvie Centre	379,604	670	(2,639)	3,900	-	381,535
Youth Office	286,435	6,124	(2,500)	-	5,838	295,897
St Michael's Centre	234,469	1,994	(21,157)	12,670	-	227,976
Schools	549,435	-	-	-	4,984	554,419
Fabric Support	96,173	-	-	-	2,725	98,898
Fund for Nuns	7,737	-	(34,135)	34,874	-	8,476
Sundry	98,069	7,273	(75,930)	87,980	-	117,392
	<u>3,137,850</u>	<u>178,391</u>	<u>(606,766)</u>	<u>525,810</u>	<u>50,618</u>	<u>3,285,903</u>

R C DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)**12. **FUNDS (continued)****RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	At 1/4/22	Incoming	Resources	Transfers	Gains/	At 31/3/23
	£	resources	expended	(note 13)	(losses)	£
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Small parishes	1,079,163	56,763	(9,000)	-	(17,191)	1,109,735
Retired priests	105,444	9,309	-	-	(1,196)	113,557
Communications	5,295	3,173	-	-	-	8,468
Day for Life	5,073	2,545	-	-	-	7,618
Justice & Peace	59,266	4,216	-	-	-	63,482
Education	9,820	62,311	(18,218)	-	-	53,913
Bishops charities	67,486	2,564	-	-	(1,209)	68,841
Bursary A	283,225	32,335	(82,474)	-	(6,048)	227,038
Bursary B	86,130	1,822	-	-	-	87,952
Clergy support	1,143,617	66,668	(953)	74,403	(20,175)	1,263,560
Historic Churches	289,304	7,531	(3,338)	-	(5,182)	288,315
Regowan	72,773	5,701	(3,400)	-	(1,260)	73,814
Hughes Bequest	148	-	-	-	-	148
Meany Trust	13,938	5,141	(5,005)	-	(218)	13,856
Bishop's Reserve	157,687	16,494	(3,000)	-	(2,815)	168,366
Poor of Strathdown	43,723	1,610	-	-	(762)	44,571
Bergin Trust	124,512	4,742	-	-	(2,230)	127,024
Lady Bruce for						
Chapter	9,853	251	-	-	(118)	9,986
Quota Fund	401,202	26,515	(15,444)	-	(7,105)	405,168
Celebrations	13,841	477	-	-	(223)	14,095
Priests Payments	26,516	1,004	-	-	(475)	27,045
Fetternear	7,805	-	-	-	-	7,805
Greenlaw Court	567,835	-	-	-	-	567,835
Miscellaneous	214,641	247,695	(215,274)	(95,998)	66,207	217,271
	<u>4,788,297</u>	<u>558,867</u>	<u>(356,106)</u>	<u>(21,595)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,969,463</u>

The income allocated to restricted funds has been granted for a specific purpose.

Small parishes	-	Fund to give financial support to small parishes
Retired priests	-	Fund for the benefit of retired priests
Communications/Justice & Peace/ Education/Day for Life	-	Collections gathered for specific purposes.
Bishops charities	-	To support charities at the discretion of The Bishop
Bursary A	-	Training income for Seminarians
Bursary B	-	Training for Priests and Deacons
Clergy Support	-	For the support of Clergy in the Diocese
Historic Churches	-	For the upkeep of Historic Churches within the Diocese
Regowan	-	For the upkeep of a house bequeathed to the Diocese
Hughes Bequest	-	Bequest to be used by the Bishop.
Meany Trust	-	Upkeep of specific properties gifted/bequeathed to the Diocese
Bishop's Reserve	-	Bequest to be used by the bishop for Diocesan purposes
Strathdown Trust	-	To support the old, infirm and destitute of Strathdown

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Bergin Trust	-	Bequest to be used to establish a church in Turriff
Lady Bruce for Chapter	-	To support the work of Canons within the Diocese
Quota Fund	-	For incardinated priests of the Diocese
Celebrations	-	Donations to be used for celebratory masses for the dead
Priests payments	-	Bequests for the upkeep of Priests in specific parishes
Fetternear	-	Upkeep of property at Fetternear
Greenlaw Court	-	House to be occupied by a Catholic Community
Miscellaneous	-	Various smaller funds with restrictions on their purpose

	At 1/4/21	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers (note 13)	Gains/ (losses)	At 31/3/22
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Small parishes	1,047,930	25,968	-	(21,179)	26,444	1,079,163
Retired priests	101,674	1,930	-	-	1,840	105,444
Communications	4,607	2,218	(1,530)	-	-	5,295
Day for Life	4,666	1,968	(1,561)	-	-	5,073
Justice & Peace	59,230	3,577	(3,541)	-	-	59,266
Education	23,658	40,952	(55,282)	-	492	9,820
Bishops charities	65,627	-	-	-	1,859	67,486
Bursary A	280,297	81,976	(85,978)	-	6,930	283,225
Bursary B	83,757	-	-	-	2,373	86,130
Clergy support	1,128,086	9,923	(25,427)	-	31,035	1,143,617
Historic Churches	281,333	-	-	-	7,971	289,304
Regowan	69,180	4,885	(812)	-	(480)	72,773
Hughes Bequest	148	-	-	-	-	148
Meany Trust	(22,501)	46,282	(10,179)	-	336	13,938
Bishop's Reserve	153,357	-	-	-	4,330	157,687
Strathdown Trust	42,131	1,220	(800)	-	1,172	43,723
Bergin Trust	117,661	3,507	-	-	3,344	124,512
Lady Bruce for Chapter	9,479	192	-	-	182	9,853
Quota Fund	394,941	11,465	(15,983)	(150)	10,929	401,202
Celebrations	13,156	349	-	-	336	13,841
Priests Payments	25,785	226	(226)	-	731	26,516
Fetternear	7,805	-	-	-	-	7,805
Greenlaw Court	551,333	17,688	(1,186)	-	-	567,835
Miscellaneous	220,486	29,616	(40,000)	-	4,539	214,641
	<u>4,663,826</u>	<u>283,942</u>	<u>(242,505)</u>	<u>(21,329)</u>	<u>104,363</u>	<u>4,788,297</u>

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	At 1/4/22	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers (note 13)	Gains/ (losses)	At 31/3/23
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish funds	<u>12,480,016</u>	<u>2,515,172</u>	<u>(1,231,607)</u>	<u>(930,256)</u>	<u>(72,364)</u>	<u>12,760,961</u>
	At 1/4/21	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers (note 13)	Gains/ (losses)	At 31/3/22
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish funds	<u>11,761,986</u>	<u>2,114,918</u>	<u>(1,352,143)</u>	<u>(499,240)</u>	<u>454,495</u>	<u>12,480,016</u>

Included within the total parish funds for 44 parishes are 3 (2022 – 3) individual parishes which have a closing reserve in deficit. The total deficit amounts to £128,595 (2022 - £166,239) which is the result of loans granted to parishes from aggregated parish funds. These loans were granted primarily for renovations and repairs to properties and are being repaid per the loans policy of the Diocese, as a result reducing the individual deficits.

The closing balance includes investments at a market value of £3,970,500 (2022 - £4,039,797) held by the Endowment Trust of the R C Diocese of Aberdeen.

13. FUND TRANSFERS

The fund transfers in the Statement of Financial Activities are the net balance of levies paid by parishes to Diocesan central funds less allowances received by parishes from Diocesan central funds. Grants and gift aid received by the Diocese on behalf of parishes and paid over in their entirety and special collections taken by the parishes and paid over in their entirety to the Diocese are eliminated in the original receiving entity for the purposes of the full Diocesan Statement of Financial Activities and, therefore, do not appear in fund transfers.

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)14. **ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Tangible Fixed assets £	Investments £	Other net assets £	Total 2023 £
General funds	1,038,410	1,517,418	231,132	2,786,960
Designated funds	731,004	1,366,322	1,221,473	3,318,799
Unrestricted funds	1,769,414	2,883,740	1,452,605	6,105,759
Restricted funds	566,871	4,126,307	276,285	4,969,463
	2,336,285	7,010,048	1,728,621	11,075,222
Restricted funds – parishes	6,213,125	4,655,500	1,892,336	12,760,961
	8,549,410	11,665,548	3,620,957	23,836,183

	Tangible Fixed assets £	Investments £	Other net assets £	Total 2022 £
General funds	1,037,197	1,823,797	(334,839)	2,526,155
Designated funds	731,006	1,351,230	1,203,668	3,285,903
Unrestricted funds	1,768,203	3,175,026	868,829	5,812,058
Restricted funds	566,870	3,923,267	298,160	4,788,297
	2,335,073	7,098,293	1,166,989	10,600,355
Restricted funds – parishes	6,199,534	4,724,797	1,555,685	12,480,016
	8,534,607	11,823,090	2,722,674	23,080,371

15. **RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	2023 £	2022 £
Net movement in funds	755,812	1,273,996
Depreciation charge	12,085	11,298
Investment income shown in investing activities	(795,139)	(461,925)
(Gain)/Loss on investments	157,538	(732,745)
(Gain)/Loss on sale of property/land	-	(15,180)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(342,825)	(231,113)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	(81,165)	(6,838)
Net cash (used in)/from operating activities	(293,694)	(162,507)

16. **ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT**

	At 1 April 2022	Cashflows	At 31 March 2023
Cash at bank and in hand	3,150,676	451,249	3,601,925
Debt due within one year	(25,514)	-	(25,514)
Debt due in more than one year	(690,744)	21,057	(667,437)
	2,434,418	472,306	2,908,974

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17. **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Endowment Trust of R C Diocese of Aberdeen (“the Company”) is a company established to hold investments gifted or bequeathed to the Diocese for specific and general purposes. The Trustees of the Diocese are the Directors of the Company and other members of the Management Committee are members of the Company. Details of the Diocesan share of the assets of the Company are shown in note 8 to the financial statements.

Endowment income of £548,730 (2022 - £291,533), including £277,580 for parishes (2022 - £122,598), was received from the Endowment Trust of R C Diocese of Aberdeen as shown in note 2 to the financial statements. In addition, the Diocese received £12,000 (2022 - £12,000) for accountancy fees and paid rent of £9,000 (2022 - £12,600) to the Endowment Trust.

Donations of £117,500 (2022: £17,500) were received from the Garioch Charitable Trust towards the work within the Diocese of the Dominican Sisters and Choral Director.

A grant of £10,665 was received from the Bishop Hay’s Trust (2022: £9,679).

It is part of the package available to priests that they can borrow up to £5,000 towards the purchase of a car, which is a necessary tool to enable the priest to carry out his duties within his parish. Loans are repayable over a maximum 4-year period. Accordingly, 1 of the priests who is also a Trustee has a car loan at the year end, being £2,383 (2022 - £5,000) due by [REDACTED]