

Aberdeen Christadelphian Ecclesia
Scottish Charity Number SC000005

Report by the Trustees

Accounting period: 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2025

The Aberdeen Christadelphian Ecclesia is a charitable, unincorporated religious body. The name Christadelphian means brothers and sisters in Christ. Our purposes are to provide a place of Christian worship, Bible study, and fellowship, to care for our members and for any in Aberdeen and environs who are interested in understanding the Bible and want to develop Christian faith, hope and love.

The Christadelphian church has ecclesias worldwide. We are a lay community and operate without any central control. We maintain close links with other Christadelphian ecclesias in Scotland. As with each ecclesia our operating costs are entirely met from voluntary donations collected weekly from our members. Collections are also made for external charities, chosen by our members. These external charities focus on preaching the Bible message about Jesus and supporting those in need both in the UK and abroad.

Historical background

Our ecclesia here in Aberdeen has, throughout its history, met in rented accommodation. Being a small church, with now less than 15 members, relieves us of having to expend efforts on maintaining a building. We have Minute books dating back to 1844, when an independent group of Christians met in a room in the Wallace Tower, which was then situated in the town centre. In the 1960s the tower was moved to the edge of Seaton Park where it can be seen today.

In the late eighteen hundreds the group in Aberdeen merged with a network of similar independent Christian groups across the UK and the USA. The name Christadelphians came about by the need for churches to have a formal name if they wished to be conscientious objectors to serving in the armed forces.

Over the years the Aberdeen Ecclesia moved regularly to whatever room or hall they could find to rent. In the recent past, we held our weekly services at the Inchgarth Community Centre, with all our meetings open to the public.

In 2020, prompted by the Covid outbreak, we started hold our meetings online, using Zoom. These meetings traditionally included a Sunday morning Breaking of Bread meeting and a Wednesday evening Bible Class, both using Zoom.

Approximately once a month, on Sundays, instead of local members discussing the Bible readings for the day, we had exhortations given by members of other Scottish ecclesias. In the last few years, the number of sisters giving exhortations and leading Bible Classes has increased.

Our Finances and Charitable Giving

Starting January 2020, with the lack of face-to-face meetings, all our money transactions are accomplished online, including regular gift aid donations from a number of our members. Donations, given out to the charities we regularly support, and donations responding to special appeals are all accomplished using online transactions.

Examples of our supported charities:

- ALS: Preaching and Bible education fund largely focused on UK.
- BMP: Bible Mission Preaching fund focused on Europe and Africa.
- BMW: Bible Mission Welfare fund providing for the needs of our communities in Africa.
- CCH: Running and Maintenance of a number of Care Homes for the elderly in UK.
- BF: Benevolent Fund for supporting those in financial need within our Christadelphian community.
- SF: Samaritan fund responding to charity appeals from outside our community.
- Mday: Meal-a-Day fund supporting and running community projects worldwide, including schools for the disabled, orphanages, medical centres as well as short term projects e.g. provision of pumped water.
- SIYF: Scottish Intercity Youth Fund to support young people in our community to socialise and discuss the Bible and

Christian living. This fund has been expanded in remit to include the support of a growing number of Iranian refugees who had developed a Christian faith while in Iran and now find themselves in Scotland.

Financial Setup

We run two TSB accounts: the first one being a Charity Current Account and the other an Instant Access Savings Account attached to the current account. The setting up of this latter account has increased our ability to respond far quicker to external emergency appeals.

Over the last few years, the ecclesia decided that we would use our savings to at least maintain, if not increase, our donations to charities.

Our support for external charities was £3,400 in 2025. The drop on giving to charities was due to the treasurer being ill for a good number of months at the end of the year.

Year end funds in Current Account: £4714
Year end funds in Savings Account: £41619

Our total funds for 2025 stand at £46358, down from £47413 the year before, giving a loss of £1055. With the small number of members in our ecclesia, and an increasing average age, this is considered a prudent and controlled use of our savings. Over 2025 we donated £3400 in total across eleven external charities.

Aberdeen Christadelphian Trustees

A change in our Ecclesial membership resulted in a change of Trustees. We thank Martin Donachie for his many years of contribution to the running of Aberdeen Ecclesia. His role as trustee has been passed to Lorna Watson.

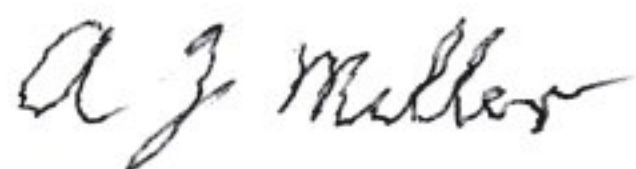
The Trustees: Anthony J Miller: Treasurer and responsibility for
Trustee Induction.
Lorna Watson: Finance duties with responsibility for
Safeguarding.

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This report was approved at the charity's Business Meeting on 8th July
2026.

Signed on behalf of the Aberdeen Christadelphian Ecclesia,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A J Miller', written in a cursive style.

Anthony J Miller (Treasurer)