St Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church
Bathgate

Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2026

Registered Charity No SC023269

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APPENDIX 1

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	10	2025	To	30	09	2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name	St Columba's Episcopal Church, Bathgate
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	**SCO23269**
Charity's principal address	79 Glasgow Road
	Bathgate
	West Lothian
	Postcode EH48 2AJ

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Rosie Addis	Chair of Vestry		
2	David Graham-Service	Treasurer		
3	Jim Adamson	Secretary		
4	Duncan Sinnet	Lay Representative		
5	Jacqueline Jackson			
6	Sheila Lyons			
7	June Bremner			
8	Andrew Wright			
9	Rachel Bell		Stepped down 16/11/25	
10	Doreen Starritt		Resigned 16/11/25	
11	Heather Harrison		Appointed 16/11/25	
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Doreen Starritt	Resigned at General Meeting 16/11/25
Rachael Bell	Stepped down at General Meeting 16/11/25
Heather Harrison	Appointed at General Meeting 16/11/25

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

St Columba's is an unincorporated association, governed by a constitution adopted in 1952. As a member congregation of the Diocese of Edinburgh in the Scottish Episcopal Church, it is also governed by Canon Law of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are proposed and seconded and are appointed at the General Meeting of the Church. If there are more applicants than positions, then a secret ballot will be held at the General Meeting

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

To promote the spiritual wellbeing and care of all by being God's hands, mouth, and feet in this world.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The church is to teach biblical doctrine so all can be grounded in faith. The church is to be a place of fellowship, where Christians can be devoted to one another and honour one another, instruct one another, be kind and compassionate to one another, encourage one another, and love one another.

The church is to be a place where believers can observe the Lord's Supper.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

During this fiscal year, our membership has maintained. Some have left, others have joined us. We participated in our usual established pattern of charitable giving, outreach, worship and work with children and young people. Throughout the year we have supported various charities including: - Poppy Scotland, Christian Aid, Aberlour, Care International and World Day of Prayer.

Our film night on the third Monday of each month continues and is variously attended by the wider community. We continue to host coffee mornings, afternoon teas, and other events which brings in much needed revenue.

We hold family services in support of the children in our church, including special family days, in addition to out-of-Sunday events for children. We marked the important dates in our church calendar – All Saints, All Souls, Advent, Christmas, and Easter. We held Christingle and Christmas Eve services. We celebrated Pentecost, Harvest, Creation tide and are now preparing for the season of Remembrance. Our services of Choral Evensong have been augmented by our friends from the Choir of Bathgate Parish Church (Church of Scotland).
Our ministry to young people continues on a regular basis and the children take part in church services which increases their education in public speaking and active understanding of the life and worship of the Christian faith.

In terms of lay ministry and discipleship we continue to encourage a spiritual awareness through various Bible Study programmes open to all members of the congregation and the wider community. The Bible Study group continues to be particularly well attended by our own congregation and our linked church of St Peter, Linlithgow. We also hold a Lenten study group, open to all.

The building of social relationships outside worship is also an important focus for adults with various social events organised both by the church and outside groups. Our outreach extends to all age groups with links to Meadowvale Care home at one end of the age spectrum and Windyknowe nursery at the other. We also enable weekly AA meetings and a weekly recovery Café.

In terms of the maintenance of the worship of God, our regular services are:

- A Sung Liturgical Eucharist every Sunday,
- Morning Prayer every Monday, a quieter prayerful Eucharist on
- Wednesdays (a said service with hymns).

Our Licenced Lay Reader participates regularly in leading church services. In addition to this there have been various Ecumenical services, funerals, and other evening services and Feast Day celebrations (open to all) who wish to attend. St Columba's works closely with Bathgate Churches Together ensuring that the Gospel message is shared to as wide a group as possible. Our robed SATB (Four-part harmony using soprano, alto, tenor and bass) choir holds practices every week and sings a Communion anthem / motet at each Sunday Service. Our Choir have a particular link with the Choir of Bathgate Parish Church with whom we join twice a year to sing at Easter and Christmas.

As our two local Church of Scotland Parish Churches and the United Reform Church now have full-time incumbent Ministers in place, our Rector has the support from the local ministry team which meets on a regular basis.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The charity aims to hold in reserve a minimum of one full years running costs. The reserves are held in the Scottish Episcopal Church Unit Trust Fund and are currently meeting the policy.
Details of any deficit	None
Donated facilities and services (if any)	None

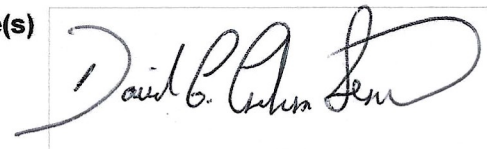
Other optional information

St Columba's is supported by the Diocese and the Province through the pastoral oversight of the Bishop, central support functions provided at Diocesan level and grants from central funds. The church is represented at Diocesan level by the Rector and the Lay Representative. As a member of the SEC (Scottish Episcopal Church), St Columba's has an obligation to contribute to the costs of the Diocese and the Province through payment of an annual 'quota'. This amount is based on the relative level of income of the church in comparison with that of other churches in the Diocese and Province.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report abo...

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	David G Graham-Service	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer	
Date	27/10/26	

Appendix 2

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Scottish Charity Regulator

Enter charity name below: **St Columba's Episcopal Church, Bathgte**

Enter SC No. below: **SC023269**

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date: Day	Month	Year	to	Period end date: Day	Month	Year
	01	10	2025		30	09	2026

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds (to nearest £)	Restricted funds (to nearest £)	Expendable endowment funds (to nearest £)	Permanent endowment funds (to nearest £)	Total funds current period (to nearest £)	Total funds last period (to nearest £)
A1 Receipts						
Donations	26,898				26,898	31,710
Legacies	-				-	-
Grants		9,669			9,669	3,750
Receipts from fundraising activities	5,319				5,319	3,258
Gross trading receipts					-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	2,976				2,976	3,155
Rents from land & buildings	1,956				1,956	520
Gross receipts from other charitable activities (Special Collections)		738			738	11,552
					-	
A1 Sub total	37,149	10,407	-	-	47,556	53,945
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	10,000				10,000	12,000
A2 Sub total	10,000	-	-	-	10,000	12,000
Total receipts	47,149	10,407	-	-	57,556	65,945
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	54,026				54,026	47,780
Grants and donations	99	738			837	11,734
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination	170				170	150
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	-
Other					-	-
					-	-
A3 Sub total	54,295	738	-	-	55,034	59,664
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	-
Purchase of investments	-				-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	54,295	738	-	-	55,034	59,664
Net receipts / (payments)	(7,146)	9,669	-	-	2,523	6,282
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(7,146)	9,669	-	-	2,523	6,282

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Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	20,493				20,493	14,211
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	2,523				2,523	6,282
						-	-
						-	-
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	23,016	-	-	-	23,016	20,493
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))						

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments	Scottish Episcopal Church Unit Trust Funds; 2313 Units @ £31.7802 Book value £32,366	Unrestricted Funds	73,508	88,348
		Total	73,508	88,348

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities	Independent Examiners Fee	Untestricted funds	170	150
		Total	170	150

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	David C Graham-Service	David G Graham-Service	27/10/26

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Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds *(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)*

The nature of funds received are from collections from the congregation, investment income and fund raising by activities such as coffee mornings/film nights/raffles and tabletop sales together with some income from other donations. Funds are spent on maintaining the Church premises, contributing with St Peter's of Linlithgow for the salary, pension and expenses of the Rector and maintaining the Rectory. Other expenses include liturgical expenses, the Quota for the church paid to the Scottish Episcopal Church and maintaining the choir, music, and flowers. Some gifts and charitable donations were also made.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Charity	Poppy Scotland	1	60
Charity	Christian Aid	1	27
Charity	Aberlour	1	235
Charity	World Day of Prayer	1	181
Charity	Care International	1	263
Musicians	Individual	1	71
		Total	837

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£
Share of Stipend for Rector	14,547
Share of Pension for Rector	3,156

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)

C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£
Travel expenses for Rector	1	1,181
Other expenses for Rector & shared costs	1	0

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Direct payments from Congregation	14,578				14,578	16,560
Envelopes collected from Congregation	3,415				3,415	4,025
Open plate donations	2,167				2,167	2,284
Direct Payments from Congregation via "Sumup"	458				458	688
Gift Aid received from HMRC	6,280				6,280	8,153
Total	26,898	-	-	-	26,898	31,710

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £			Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Special Collections		738			738	11,552
SEC		9,669			9,669	2,000
					-	1,750
					-	
Total	-	10,407			10,407	15,302

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Children's Club	-				-	-
Rent	1,956				1,956	520
Candles	87				87	88
Social Fundraising	1,124				1,124	910
Film Nights	187				187	679
Baptisms, funerals, etc.	955				955	300
Sunday, Wednesday Coffees	1,199				1,199	1,172
Other donations	1,767				1,767	110
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	7,276	-	-	-	7,276	3,779

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Share of staffing costs - Rector	18,883				18,883	18,201
Share of Locum Costs	167				167	86
Share of rectory maintenance	2,585				2,585	2,375
Maintenance and Utilities for church	17,974				17,974	18,024
Liturgical Expenses	284				284	1,067
Grant funded work	9,669				9,669	3,750
Membership	110				110	140
Newsletter	-					
Church Quota	3,335				3,335	2,931
Music and Choir	600				600	950
Web hosting & Licenses	419				419	256
Total	54,026	-	-	-	54,026	47,780

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/members of	**St Columba's Episcopal Church**
Registered charity number	**SC023269**

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Period start date				Period end date		
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
1	October	2025	to	30	September	2026

Set out on pages 3 to 12 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]

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, and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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.

Signed: P M Macdonald **Date:** 27/10/26

Name: **P M MacDonald (Director)**

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): **ACA ATT BA**

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Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose