

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the
trustees/members of

Charity name

St Drostan's Episcopal Church: Insch

Registered charity
number

SC 016023

On the accounts of the
charity for the period

Period start date

Period end date

Day

Month

Year

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Year

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October

2023

to

30

September

2024

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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

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:

Name:

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

Address:

**ST DROSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
INSCH**

Accounts For The Year Ended 30 September 2024

Scottish Charities Number (SC016023)

St Drostan's Episcopal Church, Inch (SC016023)
Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2024

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation of the Accounts

The Accounts have been prepared under the Historical Cost Convention as modified by the revaluation of Investment Assets and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) issued in 2005.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

The Church building has not been reported in the Balance Sheet as the Vestry considers it is not relevant to place a market value on it.

The Church building and Contents are insured at a replacement cost of £6,650,000 (2022 - £2,960,000). The useful life of the Church building exceeds fifty years.

The Rectory at 17 South Road, Inch is valued at cost.

No depreciation has been provided against Heritable Property (Church) as, in the opinion of the Vestry, due to the long useful economic life of the property, no depreciation charge is necessary. Straight Line depreciation is charged on the Extension at 4%.

Expenditure on other Tangible Fixed Assets is expensed as incurred.

Fixed Assets Investments

Investment are shown at current Market Value and unrealised gains / (losses) are included in the accounts

Congregational giving is accounted for when received. Donations, legacies and similar income are accounted for when St Dronstan's Episcopal Church becomes entitled to the income and a reliable estimate of the income and a reliable estimate of the amount can be made.

Disposal of Investments

Realised profits and losses on Investments are recognised on the date of disposal and included in the Accounts.

Governance Costs

Governance Costs relate to those costs necessary to provide the Governance infrastructure which allows St Dronstan's Episcopal Church to operate and generate the information required for public accountability.

Apportionment of Support Costs

Resources expended are shown in the Accounts categorised by charitable activity and governance costs in accordance with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice. The proportion of costs unsuitable for direct attribution to these categories are immaterial (see note 5)

2 Funds

All funds of St Drostan's Episcopal Church are unrestricted funds available for use at the Vestry's discretion in the furtherance of the Church's objectives.

The exceptions to this being grants received specifically relating to the Church Building Repairs.

3 Clergy and Staff Costs and Emoluments

These are detailed in the Accounts - see section 7

The average number of employees during the year was 2 (2022 - 2)

Eligible employees may join the Scottish Episcopal Church Pension Fund which is a non-contributory, final salary defined benefit scheme.

The current Rector is a member of the scheme. There are no other employees currently eligible to join the scheme.

4 Trustee Remuneration, Benefits and Expenses

Except for the Rector, no member of Vestry received remuneration.

No member of the Vestry received reimbursement of expenses other than in respect of expenditure incurred on behalf of the Church.

The Rector is 'ex officio' a member of Vestry and a Trustee, and receives a remuneration, benefits and reimbursement of expenses in respect of services as a stipendiary cleric in line with the scales determined by the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

5 Resources expended on Charitable Activities

Resources expended on Charitable Activities include direct and support costs. St Drostan's has supported other Charities to a value of £8,652 (2023-£5,258)

6 Grants

Grant support has been received in the year of £39,610 (2023 - £0)

7 Fixed Assets

The Church building including the extension in Commerce Street, Inch is owned by St Drostan's.

The original costs of the Church, excluding the extension, are not known and no material improvement cost is known prior to 2013.

In the opinion of the Vestry, the cost of a professional valuation to include a value in the Accounts outweighs the benefits to the users of the Accounts, and therefore no valuation has been included. The Extension is the valued at cost.

St Drostan's has adopted a straight line Deprecation policy based on the estimated useful life of the asset as follows:-

New Buildings 25 years; Fixture & Fittings 5 years; Electronic Equipment 3 years

For Insurance purposes a replacement value of the Building and Contents of £6,659,000 (2023 - £6,659,000) has been covered.

Replacement building costs do not represent the Market Value of the property nor does it include the valuation of the land upon the Church is situated.

The Church also owns a Rectory at 17 South Road, Inch which is included in the Accounts at the 2014 purchase price and currently insured for £282,772

8 Debtors and Prepayments	2024	2023
Debtors and Prepayments	£784	£579
9 Creditors	2024	2023
Investment Management Fee	£2,400	£1,200
Other Creditors & Accruals	£3,357	£3,920
Total	£5,757	£5,120

10 Reconciliation of Movement in Funds

	Balance as of 1st Oct 2023	Income	Expenditure	Loss on Disposal	Unrealised Gain/(Loss)	Balance as of 30th Sept 2024
Total Unrestricted Funds	£1,050,817	£94,364	(£132,676)	£0	£55,784	£1,068,289

11 Analysis of Net Assets

Fixed Assets	2024		2023	
Heritable Property	£285,540.00		£285,540.00	
Church Extension	£220,214.55		£242,246.55	
Fixture & Fittings	£212.00		£4,940.00	
Electronics	£1,095.83		£531.79	
Investments at Market Value	£533,228.61	£1,040,290.99	£530,206.00	£1,063,464.34
Current Assets				
Debtors & Prepayments	£783.77		£658.63	
Bank & Cash	£32,971.20	£33,754.97	£28,030.85	£28,689.48
Current Liabilities				
Creditors & Sundry Accruals		(£5,757.43)		(£1,627.48)
Balance as at 30th September		£1,068,288.53		£1,090,526.34

12 Quota

Quota is paid by St Drostan's to the Diocese of Aberdeen & Orkney for the support of the work of the Diocese and the Scottish Episcopal Church as a whole of £0 (2023 £0)

13 Governance Costs	2024	2023
Independent Examiner's Fee	£50	£50
Solicitor's Fee	£0	£0
Treasurer's Fee	£0	£0
	£50	£50

14 Future Commitments

There are currently no commitments forecast

St Drostan's Episcopal Church, Insch (SC016023)
Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2024

	2024		2023	
Fixed Assets				
Heritable Property at cost - 17 South Rd	285,540		285,540	
Church Extension @ NBV	220,215		231,231	
Fixture & Fittings @ NBV	212		2,576	
Electronics @ NBV	1,096		172	
Investments @ market value	533,229	1,040,291	524,420	1,043,939
Current Assets				
Debtors & Prepayments	784		579	
Bank and Cash	32,971	33,755	11,419	11,996
Current Liabilities				
Creditors & Accruals falling due within one year	5,757.43	5,757	5,120	5,120
Net Current Assets		27,998		6,876
Total Assets less Liabilities		1,068,289		1,050,817
Represented by:-				
Unrestricted Funds				
General	1,100,457		1,046,474	
Tithing Fund	3,307		3,716	
Christmas Lunch Fund	71		71	
	1,103,876		1,050,261	
Restricted Funds - Grant	-35,587		557	
Total Funds		1,068,289		1,050,817
Opening Total Assets less Liabilities		1,050,817		1,090,526
Revenue Surplus / (Deficit) for year		17,471		-39,709
Closing Total Assets less Liabilities		1,068,289		1,050,817

Asset Movements in the year

Fixed Asset				
Heritable Property - Rectory				
Balance as at previous year end	285,540		285,540	
Additions in year at cost	0		0	
Less:- Disposals during Year				
Balance as at year end	285,540		285,540	
Heritable Property - Church Extension				
Balance as at previous year end	275,291		275,291	
Additions in year at cost	0		0	
Less:- Disposals during Year	-55,076		-44,060	
Less:- Depreciation				
Balance as at year end	220,215		231,231	
Fixture & Fittings				
Balance as at previous year end	10,552		10,552	
Additions in year at cost	0		0	
Less:- Disposals during Year				
Less:- Depreciation	-10,340		-7,976	
Balance as at year end	212		2,576	
Electronics				
Balance as at previous year end	1,081		1,081	
Additions in year at cost	1,093		0	
Less:- Disposals during Year				
Less:- Depreciation	-1,078		-909	
Balance as at year end	1,096		172	
Investments				
Balance as at previous year end	524,420		530,206	
Purchased during Year	0		0	
Less:- Disposals during Year	-48,975		-4,655	
	477,445		525,551	
Balance as at year end	533,229		524,420	
Unrealised Gain / (Loss) for the year	55,784		-1,131	

ST DROSTAN'S SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH, INSCH (SC016023)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

SUMMARY

		2023/24	2022/23
REVENUE RECEIPTS			
Congregational and Voluntary	1	28,404	21,323
Special Collections (for charities etc)	2A	5,147	328
Special Collections (for major capital projects)	2B	2,315	7,564
Investment Income	3	14,665	16,066
Property Revenue	4	5,045	5,919
Sundry Income	5	2,645	1,827
Sub-total		58,220	53,027
Grants Received	6	36,144	0
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIPTS		94,364	53,027
REVENUE PAYMENTS			
Clergy Cost	7	42,482	39,210
Property Expenses	8	63,655	24,604
Church Expenses	9	2,800	2,553
Administrative Expenses	10	5,652	6,239
Charitable Payments	11	4,538	5,259
Other Costs	12	0	0
Depreciation	13	13,549	13,740
Sub-total		132,676	91,606
Quota	14	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE PAYMENTS		132,676	91,606
Loss on Sale of Property	16		
REVENUE SURPLUS /(DEFICIT)		-38,312	-38,578
Unrealised Gain / (Loss) on Revaluation of Stocks and Shares		55,784	-1,131
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		17,471	-39,709

ST DROSTAN'S SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH, INSCH (SC016023)
RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	2023/24	2022/23
1. CONGREGATIONAL AND VOLUNTARY INCOME		
a) General Collections, Open Plate etc	4,798	3,355
b) Freewill Offerings, Standing Orders to Bank	0	360
c) Gift Aid	20,200	13,820
d) Tax reclaimed on Gift Aid	3,356	3,788
e) Donations, Gift Days	50	0
f) Refunds	0	0
TOTAL	28,404	21,323
2A. SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR CHARITIES (please specify beneficiaries)		
a) Special Offerings	5,147	328
TOTAL	5,147	328
2B. SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS (please see memo note)		
a) Contra	0	0
b) Building Repairs	2,315	7,564
TOTAL	2,315	7,564
3. INVESTMENT INCOME		
a) Dividends	0	0
b) Interest Received (banks etc)	14,665	16,066
TOTAL	14,665	16,066
4. PROPERTY REVENUE (Please specify source eg hall)		
a) Rents Received	0	0
b) Contributions Received towards Costs	0	10
c) Other (Church Centre hire)	5,045	5,909
TOTAL	5,045	5,919
5. SUNDRY INCOME (Please specify source)		
a) Youth Activities / Family Church	85	135
b) Legacy	0	0
c) Other	236	210
d) Wellbeing Cafe	2,324	1,482
TOTAL	2,645	1,827
6. GRANTS RECEIVED (Please specify source and purpose)		
a) Other	36,144	0
TOTAL	36,144	0

ST DROSTAN'S SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH, INSCH (SC016023)
PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

		2023/24	2022/23
7	CLERGY COST		
	a) Stipend - gross	32,691	30,135
	b) National Insurance - employers contribution	3,256	2,923
	c) Pension contribution	10,430	9,607
	d) Council Tax	3,030	2,942
	e) Locum fees and expenses	0	-33
	f) Travel/mileage allowance	1,036	672
	g) Other - Conferences & Adult Learning	171	275
	h) Other - Telephone	65	99
	i) Other - Books	32	114
	Sub total	50,712	46,734
	Less: Linked Charge Contributions	-4,973	-4,601
	Less: Government Employers' Allowance	-3,256	-2,923
	Total Net	42,482	39,210
8	PROPERTY EXPENSES		
	a1) Insurance <i>Church</i>	1,671	1,585
	a3) <i>Rectory</i>	107.6	362
	b) Routine repairs and renewals: <i>Church</i>	53,498	13,566
	c) <i>Rectory</i>	0	453
	e) Heat and light	5,208	5,228
	g) Cleaner and cleaning materials	2,522	2,151
	h) Gardner	648	1,260
	i) Equipment servicing		
	Total	63,655	24,604
9	CHURCH EXPENSES		
	a) Organist	0	0
	b) Organ maintenance	0	0
	c) Music and choir	468	362
	d) Youth Activities / Family Church	662	847
	e) Altar expenses	125	28
	f) Alpha expenses	0	0
	g) Wellbeing Cafe	34	12
	g) Miscellaneous	1,510	1,304
	Total	2,800	2,553

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PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	2023/24	2022/23
10 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
a) Secretarial costs	0	0
b) Printing and stationery	588	1,248
c) Telephone and postages	389	287
e) Books / Magazines		
f) Other - Computer	0	0
g) Other - Governance Costs	0	50
h) Legal Costs	0	0
i) Investment Management Costs	4,675	4,655
Total	<u>5,652</u>	<u>6,239</u>
11 CHARITABLE PAYMENTS (See Section 2. Please specify beneficiaries.)		
a) Via Tithing account	4,391	4,931
b) Misc - Charitable payments Special Collections	147	328
c) Misc - Discretionary payments	0	0
Total	<u>4,538</u>	<u>5,259</u>
12 OTHER COSTS		
a) Bank charges	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
13 DEPRECIATION		
a) Depreciation - Church Extension	11,016	11,016
b) Depreciation - Fixture & Fittings	2,364	2,364
c) Depreciation - Electronics	169	360
Total	<u>13,549</u>	<u>13,740</u>
14 QUOTA	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>