

CHARITY REFERENCE NUMBER - SC012371

ST FILLAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended
30 September 2025

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CHARITY TRUSTEES - Members of the Vestry

Revd M Johns-Perring	Chair	01/10/24	-	31/8/25
P Bates	Honorary Treasurer	01/10/24	-	present
G Fisher	Property Convener	01/10/24	-	present
D Tarbit	Rector's Warden	01/10/24	-	22/10/25
D Barclay	Peoples Warden	01/10/24	-	present
P Miller	Lay Representative, Honorary secretary	01/10/24	-	present
A Godsell	Vestry Member	01/10/24	-	present
A Gebbie	Vestry Member	01/10/24	-	present
C Barclay	Vestry Member	01/10/24	-	present
J Wilson	Vestry Member	01/10/24	-	Present
N Cox	Vestry Member	27/11/24	-	Present

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REPORT OF THE VESTRY Year Ended 30 September 2025

The members of the Vestry present their annual report together with the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2025

Structure and Governance

In terms of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, the Vestry reports to the congregation as follows:

1. St Fillan's Episcopal Church, Edinburgh, is a registered Scottish Charity (SCO12371).
2. It is a member of the Diocese of Edinburgh of the Scottish Episcopal Church and is in full communion with the Anglican Church.
3. The superior authority is the Bishop of Edinburgh
4. All of its affairs are governed by the Vestry.

Appointment of Vestry Members

Vestry members are elected or appointed by Annual General Meeting established by constitution and under Canon Law of the Scottish Episcopal Church. There is no formal induction programme, but new members are invited to Diocesan awareness Sessions

Ongoing guidance is given to ensure that Vestry members are familiar with the Church's values, aims and responsibilities as the designated trustees of a charity.

Administrative Structure

It is the duty of the Vestry to manage the temporal affairs of the congregation with responsibility to keep the fabric and property of the Church and other buildings in good working order and to look after the finances of the church.

Statement of Risk

The Vestry keeps under review the major risks to which the Church is exposed and has established procedures to mitigate any risks identified.

Charitable Objectives and Activities

The Church's principal activities include public worship in sacrament and prayer; Christian education, charitable work and fund raising for local, national and international needs, social meetings, predominantly of the youth, the elderly and many community groups of all ages. We have committed to achieving a net zero carbon footprint by 2030

Volunteers

The Vestry is grateful for the time freely given by a large number of volunteers, without whom many of the activities would be unable to operate.

Achievements and Performance

A year of great activity with Revd Michael Johns-Perring as Priest in Charge continued to inspire and stimulate the activities of the church both from a pastoral point of view and engaging with the local community. Daily Morning prayer on line, a midweek communion service in addition to regular Sunday Eucharists plus bible study and book groups. He was adept at recognising funding opportunities towards the goal of zero carbon by 2030 with a result that Solar panels were installed on the Church Roof. Finally a personal pilgrimage of 60 miles in 2 days resulted in being able to engage in seeking ways to improve access for disabled people. Sadly for personal family reasons he announced his resignation in August.

As always the congregation are active in many ways in the work of organising the running of the Church in all its aspects – utilising the variety of talents of members. As an outward looking Congregation, we continue to support people in need through charities at home and abroad.

Financial Review

A year of many changes with a number of grants received and more to be realised in the next financial year. Although there was a deficit of some £7088 from the current and savings accounts, the unit Trust Pool accounts grew in value, so that overall assets showed an increase of £3038.

Plans for Future Periods

The Vestry will continue its range of present activities in the foreseeable future.

Reserves

The Vestry has adopted a policy of trying to maintain a level of unrestricted reserves such that, in the event of a significant drop in income, the Church would be able to maintain its current level of activities for a reasonable period until replacement funding is obtained.

Statement of the Vestry Members' Responsibilities

The members of the Vestry must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Church during the financial year. The members of the Vestry are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the current financial position of the Church at that time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Vestry

November 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT to the VESTRY of ST FILLAN'S CHURCH

for the YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 9

Respective Responsibilities of Vestry Members and Examiner

The Church's Vestry members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The Church's members of the Vestry consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(l)(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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 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.

Signature and date

Neil Leadbeater 23/12/25

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Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 30 September 2025

RECEIPTS

Notes	2024 25	2023 - 24	
	£	£	
Donations			
	Regular Giving	21272	20451
3	Collection Plate	172	564
4	Tax Reclaimed on donations (Gift Aid)	6430	5512
	Legacy	235	1000
	28109	27527	
Other			
	Bank Interest	0	764
5	SECUTP units Interest	3380	2970
	Hall Donations	22103	20737
6	Grants	1500	12044
7	Receipts from Other Activities	13994	3067
	40977	39582	
	Total Receipts	69086	67109

PAYMENTS

Notes

	Ministry Costs	43335	45297
	Quota	4643	4310
8	Trustee Expenses	144	260
9	Property Expenses	18709	24746
	Administration Expenses	875	854
	Garden Expenses	387	500
	Altar Expenses	62	111
	Other Expenditure	844	219
	Solar Panels	7175	0
	Total Payments	76174	762970
2	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	-7088	31886

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES

as at 30 September 2024

Bank Balances & Unit Trust Pool Investment

			£
HBOS	close	30 September 2024	58265
	close	30 September 2025	<u>25978</u>
		Surplus/(deficit)	(32287)
HBOS SavingsAccount	close	30 September 2024	0
HBOS SavingsAccount	close	30 September 2025	<u>025738</u>
		Surplus/(deficit)	25738
SECUTP units	value	30 September 2024	104146
	value	30 September 2025	<u>113733</u>
		Surplus/(deficit)	9587
	Total Assets	30 September 2024	<u>146691</u>
		30 September 2025	<u>165449</u>
		Surplus/(deficit)	<u>3038</u>

P. J. Bates

Patrick Miller

Peter J Bates
Honorary Treasurer

Vestry Chair

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NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

Year Ended 30 September 2025

1. Property

The Church, hall and Rectory are not shown in the Statement of Balances as the Vestry believes that it is not possible to put a market value on them. The valuation of these buildings for insurance is Main Hall - £707346; Small Hall - £63547; and Rectory - £252849

2. Income and Expenditure

The receipts and payments statement does not include transfers between the two bank accounts, nor temporary floats for fund raising activities.

At the direction of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the **Receipts and Payments** schedule does not include amounts raised for specific charities including the Gift Aid passed on. The Charitable Fund Raising section (note 6 below) gives details for each such charity. The **Bank Balances** do include these amounts and the growth of investments.

3. Collection Plate

The term Collection plate here refers to funds donated at Church services and similar support donations. HMI uses a wider definition of Open Plate for any voluntary donations which can attract Gift Aid

4. Gift Aid Reclaimed

The total shown here is the Gift Aid claimed on donations to St Fillans. It does not include Gift Aid claimed and passed on to other Charities. Total claimed was £6949 of which £519 was passed on.

5. SECUTP Units

St Fillans holds a reserve in the Scottish Episcopal Church Unit Trust Pool. This Trust Pool was set up for funds of the General Synod, Dioceses and individual congregations of the Church to enable them to be managed professionally and ethically. Interest is included but growth in value of the units is not included as this is not income that has been realised. The accounts show the valuation of these units as of 30th September 2025. The value of these units has shown growth over the years although like all such investments, they are subject to stock market fluctuations and have declined in value this year. More details can be found at

<http://www.scotland.anglican.org/vestry-resources/general-information/unit-trust-pool/>

6. Grants

The following grants were received:-

Stipend Supplement £400

Episcopal St Andrew Fund £500 (part fund of Survey - Solar Panels)

Edinburgh Diocese Youth Grant £100 (Materials for young people)

Edinburgh Diocese £500

7. Receipts from other charitable activities

Includes income such as donations for tea/coffee, funerals, flowers, the "Piggy" etc

9. Property Expenses

	2024-25	2023-24
	£	£
Heat and Light	6240	6755
Church Maintenance	3152	2197
All Property Repairs	4720	10281
Rectory Repairs and Renovation	1361	0
Rectory Council Tax	3533	4346
Insurance	1064	1011
Garden Expenses	387	500

This note shows the major items of expenditure (**but not all**). Rectory Repairs are a subset of All property repairs

10. Charitable Fund Raising 2024– 25

Event/Beneficiary	Amount donated £
St Salvador Food Bank	125
Rainforest Saver	450
Bishop's Lent Appeal	313
MACS	634
Aberlour	12
L'Arche	674
Enable	455

These totals include Gift Aid claimed where appropriate to a total value of £519