

ST PAUL'S SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ROTHESAY

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT WITH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

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Charity Trustees – Members of the Vestry at 30.09.2025**Ex-Officio Members:**

Rev David Rushton	Rector (from 9/4/2025)
Judith Robinson	People's Warden
Alison Clark	Rector's Warden

Constituent Members:

Fiona Grom	Vestry Secretary (also Lay Representative)
Janet O'Sullivan	Vestry Treasurer
Elizabeth Doig	
Sheila Murray	
Margaret Lamb	

Other trustees in the period:

Violet Axworthy (resigned as trustee during the financial year)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The members of the Vestry present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2025.

Structure and Governance

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

- St Paul's Episcopal Church, Rothesay is a registered Scottish Charity (SC023178)
- St Paul's is a church within The Diocese of Argyll and the Isles, of the Scottish Episcopal Church, a province of the Anglican Communion.
- The superior authority is the Bishop of Argyll and The Isles.
- All its affairs are governed by the Vestry.
- St Paul's Rothesay is a financially 'linked charge' (with a Memorandum of Agreement dated June 2010) with Holy Trinity Church Dunoon. This is reviewed and the amounts amended annually.

Appointment of Vestry Members

The Vestry members are elected or appointed by Annual General Meeting established by constitution and by the Code of Canons of the Scottish Episcopal Church as follow:

The Rector or Priest in Charge – ex officio

The Lay Representative – ex officio, elected each year from the Church Membership in accordance with the Code of Canons.

The Rector's Warden, appointed annually by the Rector. The People's Warden, elected annually by the congregation.

Not more than six nor fewer than three constituent members, elected at the annual meeting. Members may be co-opted between annual meetings.

The Vestry appoints a Secretary and a Treasurer who need not be members of the Vestry. No changes are made to the Vestry membership during a vacancy.

There is no formal induction programme, but 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. Training days are held approximately every 18 months.

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. The Vestry shall co-operate with and generally assist the Rector in all matters relating to the spiritual welfare of the congregation and the mission of the whole Church, subject always to the canonical rights and duties of the clergy.

Charitable Purposes

St Paul's Rothesay shares in the mission and objectives of the Scottish Episcopal Church, with activities which include public worship in sacrament and prayer, Christian education, charitable work and fundraising for local, national and international needs, social meetings of various groups within the community.

Main Activities

St Paul's continues in the work and mission of the church through worship, teaching, fellowship and outreach to the community. Many members of the church live out their faith by becoming actively involved in the community and local organisations, and the church supports the work of charities such as Christian Aid, Mission to Seafarers, Fairtrade (St Paul's is a Fairtrade Church) and Eco Congregations, again being a registered Eco church. Special appeals during the year are also supported.

Summary of Main Achievement

During the year St Paul's has continued with its regular pattern of worship and has continued its commitment to maintaining an 'Open Church' throughout the year. We have a dedicated team of volunteers who ensure that the church is available to the community as a place of prayer, reflection, and peace. We have regular visitors with an increase in footfall during the spring and summer holiday seasons. Our visitors book records regular thanks for the Open Church.

Church Life: Church life - church services are held regularly on Wednesdays and Sundays. Online services, at other times, are also available regularly in conjunction with our Linked church of Holy Trinity Dunoon. Despite many changes in the wider church community on the island the joint churches of Bute radio services continued. The hall has a busy, weekly schedule of bookings from a wide range of community groups. This has been enhanced by the installation of a stair lift (the hall is on the first floor). The congregation use the hall for fellowship after Sunday services and on special service days. There was a well-attended buffet lunch following the Collation service for the new Rector, and a Harvest Festival lunch as part of the celebration of Creation in September. Coffee and cake after church services are very popular.

Worship: A new Rector Revd David Rushton, was appointed in January 2025, Collated to the Linked Charge in April 2025. The number of lay service leaders within the congregation at the end of the period is two, although other worship leaders (lay and ordained) from Dunoon and the wider diocese have been supporting St Paul's when required. Regular weekly services are Sunday at 11.00am, and Wednesday at 11.00am. Most Sunday services are a Sung Eucharist, with some Sundays offering a service of Communion from The Reserved Sacrament, led by our two licensed worship leaders. Most Wednesday services are a said Eucharist with homily, interspersed throughout the year with either a Service of the Word, or Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

We are fortunate to enjoy the ministry of a retired Priest on the island along with a self-supporting Priest who came to live on the island during the year.

Building works:

- I. The new church doors and associated repairs have been completed. The work was largely financed by grants from the Province, the Benefact Trust and individual donations, with the VAT reclaimed through LPOW scheme.
- II. The repairs on the spire were completed. The Province awarded a grant, with the VAT reclaimed through the LPOW scheme
- III. The chancel arch in the church needs repair. The Vestry has agreed to seek the advice of a Conservation Architect to enable a range of quotes to be sought before seeking support from grant making bodies. This will be an ongoing process during the year ahead.
- IV. The church hall – internal repairs and maintenance are up to date with a review of the kitchen under discussion by the Vestry. This will continue into the new Vestry year.
- V. The ground floor of the hall is a shop, with some repairs /investigative work started on the front upper window section during Oct/Nov 2025. The timberwork on the end gable is in needs of further investigation following an initial report from the building contractors and associated structural engineers. The Vestry has appointed an architect to provide architectural services and Principal Designer services to advise on how to proceed. The architectural survey will commence in December 2025.
- VI. On-going repairs and required building and equipment testing have been carried out within both the hall and church. Smart meters have been installed in the hall for both gas and electricity.

Finance:

St Paul's started the financial year with a large cash balance over what was required for reserves. As a number of large building projects were due for completion it was felt best to hold the monies as cash. However, the budget for 2024/25 forecast a £10,000 deficit; to balance at year end it was hoped that monies would remain, and a drawdown of investments would not be needed. The shortfall was £5000. The predicted gap for 2025/26 is £3000

The Quota paid to the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles for 2025 was £3,713 and is anticipated to be similar for 2026.

Ministry costs in terms of stipend increased by 3.3%, in line with the agreement reached at General Synod in 2020; there will be a further increase in 2026 of 6%. This will be the last of the changes needed to reach real 2006 level. Further annual increases in Stipends will be in line with the cost of living as agreed on an annual basis at Provincial Level.

Overall, the expenditure figures were above budget, mainly because of increased fabric maintenance costs and utility bills. However, income also exceeded expectations with the hall income rising and generous congregational giving.

The investment income was higher than expected as the rates held up well. Gift Aid and GASDS income increased this year in line with the rise in congregational giving and donations.

The interest on the loans for purchase of the interim Rectory will reduce by £102 per monthly payment as the interest rate on these loans has been reduced. Each church in the Linked Charge will be allowed a two month "holiday" from contributions – October and November 2025.

The Rectory Provision:

The loan interest repayment schedule regarding the Diocesan and Provincial SEC loans for the purchase of the interim Rectory in FY 2022-23 started in November 2023 and total interest repayments of £1,228 have been made in this financial year.

With the new Rector in post all plans regarding a future Rectory provision are being reviewed with the support of congregational members from each of the two charges. This review will continue into 2025/26.

Restricted Funds

All restricted funds for Building works were spent.

There is a restricted fund at 30 September 2025 of £57 relating to donations for community events and warm spaces.

There is a Provincial Building Grant awarded for work on the shop front, invoices must be paid by St Paul's then claimed back against this grant.

Independent Examiner

During the year the Vestry decided to change Independent Examiner due to the increase in fees. Mr J R B Ross BA CA has been appointed to examine the 2024-25 Accounts.

Policy on Reserves

The trustees intend that the reserves which are held as investments should be retained in order that the work of the church may be continued. The reserves are broadly split into investments/bonds and the bank balance. The Vestry decides on the best location for the reserves based on interest and investment risks. Good practice is to ensure that cash in the charity's accounts is sufficient to keep the accounts solvent during the year's activities. The unrestricted available cash balance (bank account) held at 30 September 2025 was £26,792. This is higher than in previous financial years but given the amount of building work and repairs currently planned and in progress it is an appropriate level.

The unrestricted investments valued at £114,766 are held in unit trusts primarily to maximise revenue income. These will also be drawn down as more local reserves are required in the future.

Risk Management

The Church has two comprehensive insurance policies with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group (EIG) who specialise in Church Insurance and put all profits into church development charities. The policy values are updated each year by the company in line with their experience. The values, as reported in this report, are based on the previous cover level and index increased by EIG. The Vestry is confident that the insurance cover is adequate.

Policies

The Vestry in February reviewed and approved the Reserve Policy, Health and Safety Policy and Vulnerable People policy, and also the Fire risk assessments (separate risk assessments for the church and hall for fire safety have been carried out and are on file.)

Training

The two church Vestries and a Joint subcommittee have been heavily involved in the plans for the new Rectory, selection of a Bishop, and the preparation and search for a new Rector. These demands have required additional support and training to enable individuals to fulfil these responsibilities.

Clergy, worship leaders, and some Vestry members attended a day training workshop provided by the Provincial Safeguarding Team. This training has been provided across the Dioceses of the Scottish Episcopal Church with future training updates offered via online portals.

Ecological Report

St Paul's members have continued with their efforts to be "green", recycling where possible and using eco cleaning products.

The church and hall electricity are on green tariffs, including the new contracts commencing in April 2026.

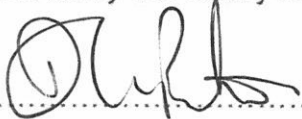
The Scottish Episcopal Church is committed to supporting all congregations to take part in assessments of their buildings "green footprint", starting with monitoring fuel usage and costs. The figures for 2024 have been submitted.

St Paul's is a member of Eco-congregation.

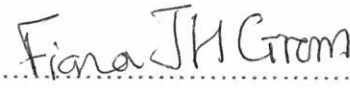
Plans for the Future

The previously expressed aims of continuing to work to grow and develop the congregation and community of St Paul's are still those of the Trustees. With the new Rector now in post since April 2025, the year ahead will enable the Vestry, with congregational input, to focus on developing our vision and associated plan for the years ahead. This will include a commitment to reduce our Carbon Footprint, in association with the Net Zero Policy agreed at the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Approved by the Vestry and signed on their behalf by:



The Reverend David Rushton
Chair of Trustees



Fiona Grom
Vestry Secretary

Date: 14/6/26

Date: 16/6/2026

ANNUAL MEETING 2025 - RECTOR'S REPORT

There is no doubt that this year has been, for St Paul's, one of transition, arrivals, and new opportunities. There is much to celebrate and give thanks for within our community here at the "church on the harbour front".

Within just 12 months you have appointed a new Rector, welcomed him (and his wee dog!) into your life here on the Isle of Bute. Working with our sister church of Holy Trinity Dunoon, I have been able to get to know so much of the life of this wonderful area of the west coast. Death and Resurrection are the heart of our faith, and my arrival, just as we entered the Holy Week journey was a poignant beginning of my ministry amongst you; I am most grateful to have been able to begin my life here with you in that way.

There continues to be a healthy mix of regular attendees at St Paul's reflecting several Christian traditions and denominations, all offering a welcome range of perspectives to our life together.

Average attendance at Sunday services and our regular weekday Eucharists have shown some increase throughout the past 12 months with a strong commitment throughout the period of the vacancy. On behalf of you all, I would like to record my thanks to The Reverend Tracy Dowling for all she has done to minister to you on the island during the vacancy and for her continued ministry amongst us. I am also thrilled that The Reverend Mark Batchelor is ministering amongst us; his ministry is, I know already a much-valued part of life at St Paul's. Thanks too for the support of Canon Paddy Allen, who has ministered here, especially during the vacancy. We are very blessed to have so many clergy able to support us on our island!

A special thanks must also go to Alison Clark and Margaret Lamb who, who have given so much in leading worship. I am particularly pleased that this ministry will continue through the time ahead; it adds to the richness of the worshipping life of our small church. It could be said that we punch above our weight!

Online worship, which began during the dark days of the Covid crisis has continued to offer opportunities for regular prayer, complementing our "in-person" worship, which the team at our sister church of Holy Trinity have enthusiastically led and are committed to continuing with. Whilst I recognise that this style of worship is not to everybody's taste, and indeed is not technologically accessible to all, it has enabled us to keep in touch through prayer across the water.

There are many roles that are carried out with faithfulness throughout the year, many of which are often unseen. We would not be able to offer our worship or support our community without your hard work and commitment. On behalf of all of us at St Paul's, a huge thank you to all you who ensure our church is open throughout the year, our readers, welcomers, intercessors, altar linen launderers, polishers, flower arrangers, bakers, coffee makers; not an exhaustive list...a huge thank you to you all!

To Isobel and Sarah, who offer an important ministry through music, thank you so much for everything that you do, it makes such a difference to our worshipping life.

Your church would not be able to function without some structure and oversight, which, within our Episcopal model comes from the Vestry members working closely with me to ensure that we look after our buildings and financial assets, but most importantly that we keep you and all our visitors, safe. Our charitable status offers an oversight which ensures that we are not only accountable to you, and the Diocese, but also offers transparency to the wider community, as is our statutory duty as a Scottish Charity.

I would like to offer an enormous thank you to all members of the Vestry, especially for all the extra work that has been required of them during the vacancy and the appointment process of your new Rector. Once again, much of this work continues behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of our church. To your Warden, Jude, a special thank you on behalf of you all. To the Rector's Warden, Alison; a personal thank you for your wisdom and kindness...it means a great deal.

Your treasurer, Janet O'Sullivan has carried a great deal of responsibility well beyond that of the treasurer, and again, very much under the radar. I would like to record, on your behalf a huge thanks to Janet for all that she has done and indeed continues to give. The Vestry appoint both the treasurer and secretary and Fiona Grom brings her calm and knowledge to every meeting and indeed well beyond that in helping to steer the Vestry. Thank you, Fiona for everything that you do alongside us all.

It is always difficult in naming some people with the danger of missing people out; but I would like to say a huge thank you to all the other constituent members of the Vestry who give so much of their time and energy. Sheila, Liz, and Margaret, thank you for everything that you do which is very often not seen but without your time and commitment we would be far worse off here at St Paul's.

We offer our warmest thanks to Violet Axworthy for her service on the Vestry over many years; Violet stepped down from these duties during this year.

Working behind the scenes as our bookkeeper is Mary Swift, known to many members of St Paul's. Mary is immense value to the Vestry and in working closely with our Treasurer, Janet they ensure that our finances are not only well managed but are made understandable to those of us without their in-depth knowledge. A huge thank you to Mary for all that she gives to us so freely, it is appreciated so very much.

Care of our buildings is a prime responsibility of the Vestry, and much has been done in the past few months to consider our priorities for the year ahead. We have commissioned a specialist survey of the church hall to enable us to consider our next steps in managing any repairs that are identified. We will continue to update you all as this progresses. Some of these costs will be supported by an existing grant from the Province.

There is so much more that I ought to mention, but with the fear that I end up missing somebody out, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to each one of you for all you bring to our special community at St Paul's. Your care for each other is not something that we should take for granted; it is something very precious.

Thank you for making me so welcome here, helping me to feel that I have lived here much longer than just 8 months! I feel very much part of Bute and Dunoon and hope that will continue to develop as the years go by.

As we journey together through this Advent season, we look ahead with hope and longing to Christmas; God Incarnate as a vulnerable baby and, though we can rejoice in growth, we can also embrace fragility in our life as a community as we face all the challenges in our world.

Your generosity, both financial and with your time, and your prayers will keep us faithful to our mission. Christ is among us, at work through us; let his light shine in us.

God bless you all,

David

The Revd David Rushton

Rector, St Paul's Rothesay and Holy Trinity Dunoon

Independent Examiner's Report to the Vestry of St Paul's Episcopal Church**For the Year Ended 30th September 2025**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2025 which are set out on pages 1-18 of this document.

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. 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 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 give 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.



James R B Ross B.A., C.A.
Chartered Accountant
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Date: 12 June 2026

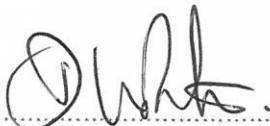
St Paul's Episcopal Church Rothesay

		Receipts & Payments to 30th Sep 25			
		2025	2025	2025	2024
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
A1 Receipts	Notes				
Donations Received	1				
Regular Donations (Giving)		-	12,337	12,337	9,760
Tax Reclaimed (Gift Aids & GASDS)		90	240	330	2,195
One-Off Donations		-	574	574	936
Missing Grants		-	102	102	2,081
Investment Income					
SEC Unit Trusts	2	-	3,410	3,410	3,151
Receipts from Fundraising	3	40	-	40	665
Other Income					
Income related to land and Buildings	4	-	13,350	13,350	10,845
Grants for Fabric Repair	5	8,277	3,568	11,845	2,300
A1 Sub Total Receipts		8,407	33,581	41,988	31,933
A2 Receipts from Asset and Investment Sales					
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	7	-	-	-	23,800
Proceeds from Sale of Investments		-	-	-	10,000
A2 Sub Total Receipts		-	-	-	33,800
Total Receipts		8,047	33,581	41,988	65,733
		=====	=====	=====	=====
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activities					
Ministry Costs	8	-	14,776	14,776	16,581
Diocesan/Provincial Quota	9	-	3,713	3,713	3,064
Interin Rectory Loan Interest	10	-	1,228	1,228	1,059
Administration Costs	11	-	215	215	195
Property Expenses	12	-	12,234	12,234	12,143
Building Repair Projects	13	12,697	7,415	20,112	1,294
Other General	14	-	644	644	250
Worship	15	-	910	910	385
Mission Expenditure	16	-	160	160	7,608
Governance Costs:					
Legal Fees and Outlays	17	-	-	-	377
Independent Examiner's Fee	18	-	828	828	1,194
A3 Sub Total		12,697	42,123	54,820	44,150
A4 Payments Relating to Asset & Investment Movements					
Purchase of Fixed Assets	20	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-
A4 Sub Total		-	-	-	-
Total Payments		12,697	42,123	54,820	44,150
		=====	=====	=====	=====
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(4,290)	(8,542)	(12,832)	21,583
		=====	=====	=====	=====
A5 Transfers to / (from) Funds		-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for Year		(4,290)	(8,542)	(12,832)	21,583
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St Paul's Episcopal Church RothesayStatement of Balances at 30th Sep 25

	2025 Restricted £	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Bank and Cash in Hand				
Opening Balances (Bank and Bonds)	4,347	35,334	39,681	18,098
Cash Surplus / Deficit for Year	(4,290)	(8,542)	(12,832)	21,583
Closing Balances	57	26,792	26,849	39,681
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Investments				
SEC unit Trust: Market value at year start	-	105,092	105,092	100,038
Withdrawal	-	-	-	(10,000)
Unrealised gain/(loss) in year	-	9,674	9,674	15,054
Market value at year end	-	114,766	114,766	105,092
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Fixed Assets – See Note 20	-	69,160	69,160	69,160
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Total Funds as of 30 September	57	210,718	210,775	213,933
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Debtors – See Note 22	-	2,455	2,455	327
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Creditors – See Note 22				
Creditors due in over 1 Year	-	26,600	26,600	26,600
	-	26,600	26,600	26,600
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Liabilities – See Note 18				
Accrual – Ross & Co. Independent Examiners				
Fee for 2024-2025 Accounts	-	900	900	792
	-	900	900	792
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Approved by the Vestry and signed on their behalf by:


Rev. David Rushton
Chair of Trustees

Date: 14/6/26


Janet Osullivan
Vestry Treasurer

Date: 12-6-26

St Paul's Episcopal Church Rothesay**Notes to Accounts – Year to 30.09.2025****INCOME NOTES**

	2025 Restricted £	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
1 Income from Donations & Legacies				
<u>All Giving</u>				
Received at Services/by standing order	-	12,337	12,337	9,760
<u>Tax Reclaimed</u>				
Gift Aid	90	145	235	725
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme	-	95	95	1,470
Subtotal Gift Aid	90	240	330	2,195
<u>Donations</u>				
General (non -regular) Donations	-	324	324	606
Occasional Office Donations	-	250	250	-
Restricted – Community Lunches / Warm Spaces	-	-	-	230
Restricted – Building / Repair Projects	-	-	-	100
Subtotal Donations	-	574	574	936
<u>Mission Grants</u>				
SEC Recovery & Renewal Grant	-	-	-	1,081
For Bute Grant re Stairlift replacement in Hall	-	-	-	1,000
Diocese of Argyll & Isles – re Try Praying Booklets	-	102	102	-
Subtotal Mission Grants	-	102	102	2,081
Totals	90	13,253	13,343	14,972
2 Income from Investments				
<u>Investment Income</u>			2025 £	2024 £
Scottish Episcopal Church Unit Trust Scheme	-	3,410	3,410	3,151
Totals	-	3,410	3,410	3,151
3 Income From Fundraising				
The following fundraising activities took place this year:				
	2025 Restricted £	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Sponsored walk – for church building repairs	40	-	40	665
Totals	40	-	40	665

	2025 Restricted £	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
4 Income from Land and Buildings				
<u>Shop Rent</u>				
The church owns a shop unit in Dead Hood PI And receives regular rent	-	4,920	4,920	4,920
<u>Hall Rent and Rates</u>				
The church rents the hall to local groups and users for a range of events and activities	-	8,430	8,430	5,925
Totals	-	13,350	13,350	10,845

5 Income for Restricted Building ProjectsChurch Repair Projects

Work was been begun in FY 2023-24 to repair the spire, doors and internal stonework of the church. The work to the repairs/ replacement of church doors and repairs to the spire were completed in FY 2024-25.

(N.B. As the VAT on the buildings projects was paid from St Paul's unrestricted funds and the funds retrospectively reclaimed from the Listed Place of Worship Scheme - the grants for the VAT reclaim are received as unrestricted grant income.)

	2025 Restricted £	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Benefact Trust Grant – re church spire/ door projects	-	-	-	2,300
SEC General Synod Office – re Church Door repairs	4,277	-	4,277	-
SEC General Synod Office – re Church Spire repairs	4,000	-	4,000	-
LPW VAT Reclaim Scheme – re Church Door work	-	1,970	1,970	-
LPW VAT Reclaim Scheme – re Church Spire work	-	1,598	1,598	-
Totals	8,277	3,568	11,845	2,300

6 Loan Income for Purchase of Interim Rectory

In FY 2022-23 St Paul's Trustee's entered into an agreement with the Trustees of Holy Trinity Dunoon to purchase an interim Rectory in Dunoon for the shared Priest. It was agreed that St Pauls would provide a 38% share of the funds required for the purchase. The Purchase price was £182,000 and £70,000 of this was funded by loans to the joint charges of £35,000 from the Diocese of Argyll & The Isles and £35,000 from The General Synod Office of the Scottish Episcopal Church. St Paul's would be responsible for repayment of a 38% share of these joint loans (totalling £26,600) and a 38% share of the 5% loan interest on same. This agreement is formalised via a Supplementary Memorandum of Agreement 2023 re The Provision of Rectory Accommodation. (N.B. These loans were paid direct to Twin Deer Law who carried out the Conveyancing for the property purchase)

Balance of Loan Funds at 30/09/2025

	2025 Restricted £	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Loan from Diocese of Argyll & The Isles	-	13,300	13,300	13,330
Loan from General Synod Office of SEC	-	13,300	13,300	13,300
Totals	-	26,600	26,600	26,600

7 Income from Sale of Fixed Assets

In FY 2023-2024 the former Rectory at 55 Kilbride Road, Dunoon Argyll PA23 7LN was sold for £340,000. Legal fees and outlays for the sale totaled £5,391. The net sale proceeds of £334,609 were split between Holy Trinity, Dunoon (93%) and St Paul's, Rothesay(7%) per the Supplementary Memorandum of Agreement 2023 re the Provision of Rectory Accommodation.

St Paul's 7% share of the sale proceeds and costs was therefore:

7% share of £340,000 sale price = £23,800

7% share of £5,391 legal fees & outlays deducted from sale proceeds = £377.37

7% share of net sale proceeds received by St Paul's on 06/08/2024 = £23,422.63

EXPENDITURE NOTES**8 Expenditure on Ministry Costs**

St Paul's Rothesay is in a 'linked charge' arrangement with Holy Trinity Dunoon. This arrangement is governed by a 'Memorandum of Agreement' dated June 2010. The expenses of paying clergy costs are shared between these two charges. In the period reported £14,776 (2024: £16,581) was paid to the Holy Trinity Dunoon who cover all the clergy employment costs and expenses on behalf of both church.

(N.B. There was a clergy vacancy from August 2024 to April 2025)

9 Expenditure on Diocesan/Provincial Quota

This payment is levied by the parent charity, the Scottish Episcopal Diocese of Argyll and The Isles. It is based on an average of the previous (plus one) three years' income, and is used to fund the activities of the diocese, the bishop and also to make a small grant to the province, the Scottish Episcopal Church.

In 2024-25 the total quota paid was £3,713 (2024: £3,064)

10 Payments re Interim Rectory Loan Interest

	2025	2024
	£	£
Loan interest paid to the Diocese of Argyll & The Isles	665	443
Loan interest paid to General Synod Office of SEC	563	616
	1,228	1,059
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B The Provincial Administration Board reviewed their Loan rates in March 2025 and agreed to reduce the interest rate on the Cowal & Bute Loan to 3% effective from 18th March 2025 we were notified of this on 5th August 2025 by which time St Paul's had already paid the August Loan interest payment of £332.50 (per the 5% interest rate calculation) a refund of £101.75 was received by St Paul's in September 2025 and the net figure of £230.75 has been used in the above table of interest paid. The Diocese of Argyll & The Isles has also agreed to reduce their interest rate to 3% in line with the Provincial Administration Board Decision.

11 Expenditure on Administration

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donation to Bishop's Lent Appeal from church funds re chq error	-	-
Communication – Notice Board updates & banners	72	122
Administration – Photocopying / stationery / postage etc	143	73
	215	195
	=====	=====

12	Expenditure on Property			2025	2024
				£	£
	<u>Church & Hall Shared Expenses</u>				
	Cleaning			2,379	1,677
	Subtotal			2,379	1,677
	<u>Church Costs</u>				
	Recurring Costs				
	Electricity			1,213	3,225
	Repairs, servicing etc			1,345	1,382
	Insurance			1,818	1,858
	Subtotal			4,376	6,465
	<u>Hall Costs</u>				
	Recurring Costs				
	Utilities (Gas & Electricity)			2,082	1,661
	Repair / servicing (including stairlift contract & toilet floor repair)			2,194	994
	Insurance			1,203	1,108
	Subtotal			5,479	3,763
	<u>Shop Costs</u>				
	Recurring Costs				
	Property Maintenance / Repairs			-	238
	<u>Total Recurring Costs</u>			12,234	12,143
				=====	=====
13	Building Project Expenditure				
	<u>Church Door Repairs Project</u>				
		2025	2025	2025	2024
		Restricted	Unrestricted		
		£	£	£	£
	George Hanson's – Payment to Account	-	-	-	1,294
	George Hanson's Invoice	8,592	1,931	10,523	-
	Totals	8,592	1,931	10,523	1,294
	<u>Church Spire Repairs Project</u>				
		2025	2025	2025	2024
		Restricted	Unrestricted		
		£	£	£	£
	George Hanson's – Payment to Account	4,105	2,784	6,889	-
	George Hanson's Invoice	-	2,700	2,700	-
	Totals	4,105	5,484	9,589	-
	<u>Total Building Project Costs</u>	12,697	7,415	20,112	1,294
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14	Expenditure on Other General Areas			2025	2024
				£	£
	Cleaning & Catering Supplies			139	155
	Petty Cash re cleaning & catering etc			90	90
	Church contribution to Rector's housewarming flowers			-	5
	Cost of Catering for lunch at Rector's Installation			415	-
				644	250
				=====	=====

15 Expenditure on Worship	2025	2024
	£	£
Organist fees	65	25
Altar & other consumables	584	141
Music/Copyright Licence	198	194
Music Equipment / Sound System	63	25
	<u>910</u>	<u>385</u>
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16 Mission Expenditure ProjectsChurch Hall Stair Lift Replacement Project

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Restricted	Unrestricted		
	£	£	£	£
For Bute Grant re Stairlift replacement in Hall	-	-	-	1,000
Balance of Acorn Stairlift Invoice	-	-	-	6,190
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,190</u>

Community Christmas & Harvest Lunches

Harvest Lunch cards	-	-	-	18
Catering re Harvest Lunch	-	-	-	180
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>198</u>

Other Mission Expenses

Baptism & Confirmation Resources

Try Praying booklets

-	58	58	-
-	102	102	-
<u>-</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>-</u>

SEC Recovery & Renewal Grant Expenditure

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Restricted	Unrestricted		
	£	£	£	£
Noticeboards & Banners	-	-	-	220
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>220</u>
Total Mission Projects Expenditure				<u>7,608</u>
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18 Expenditure on Independent Examiner's Fee

The examination fee of £828 Paid to Ross & Co. shown for the 2023-24 accounts in FY 2024-25.

An accrual liability of £900 for Ross & Co's examination fees has been declared for FY 2025-26 for examination of the 2024-25 accounts.

19 Special Collections were made and passed directly to charities concerned

	2025	2024
	£	£
They do not appear in the accounts		
Bishop's Lent Appeal	-	-
Congregational donations to Rector's House warming flowers	-	20
Congregational donations to Rector's leaving gift	-	498
Mission to Seafarers	74	-
SEI Training Fund	128	-
	<u>202</u>	<u>518</u>

20 Value of Fixed Assets

	2025 Restricted £	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Value of St Paul's 38% share of Interim Rectory at 6 Crawford Lane, Hunters Quay, Dunoon PA23 8JP purchased 31 August 2023	-	69,160	69,160	69,160
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The Church and hall are not shown in the statement of balances as these are vested in the Diocesan Trustees. The insured value of these properties as at 30 Sep was:

	2025 £	2024 £
Church Building & Contents	7,320,000	6,650,000
Hall	772,661	745,808
Hall Contents	44,733	44,733
Total	8,137,394	7,440,541
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21 Expenditure on Trustees' & Connected Persons' Expenses

	2025 £	2024 £
No Expenses were paid to and of the trustees other than reimbursement for purchase of good on behalf of the charity.	-	-
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Payment for cleaning were made to Claire Murray, daughter of Sheila Murray, Vestry Member. She is therefore a 'connected person'	2025 £	2024 £
Cleaning Payments	2,379	1,677
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Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Dunoon is a related party by way of linked Trustees. All transactions with Holy Trinity are disclosed with the notes of the accounts.

22 Debtors/Creditors at period end

Debtors : The intention is that these debts will be claimed in FY 2025-2026. HMRC is a debtor on quantified Gift Aid and Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme eligible donations Gift Aid (GA):

On £4,451 of GA eligible donations there is a debt of £1,135.25 (all unrestricted funds).

Gift Aid on Small Donations Scheme (GASDS):

On £5,279.07 of GASDS eligible donations there is a debt of £1,319.77 (all unrestricted funds).

Creditors & Liabilities**Creditors due after 1 Year**

£13,300 being 38% share of £35,000 loan from the Diocese of Argyll & Isles re Rectory purchase – per note 6

£13,300 being 38% share of £35,000 loan from the General Synod Office of the Scottish Episcopal Church re Rectory purchase – per note 6

Liabilities

The accrued Independent Examiners fee – per note 18

23 Restricted funds held at 30 September 2025

	£
Restricted donations re community events / warm spaces	57
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Total of Restricted funds held at YR end	57
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