

The John Paton Foundation

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 August 2025

The John Paton Foundation

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the Foundation for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Reference and administrative details

Principal and registered address

St Silas Church Office
69 Park Road
Glasgow
G4 9JE

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The John Paton Foundation is a Scottish Charity (No. SC049285). The Foundation was registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) with the Scottish Charity Regulator on 9 May 2019.

Aims and affiliations

The Conviction of the Founding Trustees of The John Paton Foundation is that God is building His Kingdom in the world today through the faithful, prayerful scattering of the word of God, as taught by Jesus in his parable of the sower (Mark 4:1-20). Jesus therefore commanded his followers, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” (Matthew 9:37-38).

In Glasgow, and across the west of Scotland, there is a great need for a fresh explosion of Biblically faithful, prayerfully dependent, missional, Christ-centred ministry. But the stark reality is that one of the barriers to meeting that need is a lack of available financial support, to train up and support gospel workers, to resource church workers, and to pump-prime church planting initiatives.

To this extent the aim of the John Paton Foundation, working primarily alongside St Silas church, is to fund and support those training for ministry, working in ministry, and planting churches, for the salvation of many, to the glory of the name of Jesus Christ.

Trustees

Management of the Foundation remains with the Trustees. The Trustees who served during the year are as set out below:

Rev Martin Ayers	(Chair)	(term of office expired 8 May 2025)
Martin Brandmeier	(Chair)	(with effect from 9 May 2025)
Laura Fishbacher		(appointed 28 October 2024)
Andrew Gemmill		(appointed 9 May 2025)
Nicola Hettle		
Katie Parker	(Treasurer)	
Jack Strain		(appointed 24 March 2025)
Amy Wicks		(re-appointed 23 September 2024 – resigned 24 March 2025)
Roderick Maciver	(Administrator)	

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

The Foundation’s objectives and aims are to further the advancement of the Christian religion in Scotland and the world, founded on its Basis of Faith as set out in paragraph 7 of its Constitution. These include:

- awarding grants or bursaries to students, workers, volunteers, ministry trainees and leaders in training, who are undertaking training through churches, institutions or colleges engaged in training students for Christian work or ministry;
- awarding grants or bursaries to those engaged in Bible teaching ministry or theological education throughout the world and to those engaged in training others to undertake Bible teaching or theological education;

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Objectives and aims (continued)

- awarding grants to support institutions, colleges or churches engaged in training students or workers for Christian work or ministry; and
- carrying out or supporting other charitable work or purposes within the definition of charitable purposes or objectives under Charity Law insofar as such work and purposes are not inconsistent with those set out above.

Significant activities

Our main activities in relation to these objectives are to receive donations in support of the Foundation's objectives, receive applications from funding from potential beneficiaries (who may be either individuals or appropriate institutions) and make a grant payment where the Trustees decide to approve any such application.

The Foundation also publishes a newsletter which seeks to provide a regular update on how it is helping to further the objectives and aims set out in its Constitution.

Achievements and performance

During the year, the Foundation has approved:

- two grant applications from St Silas' Church in Glasgow which helped fund the costs of employing a Minister in Training and Cross-Cultural Worker in Training at the Church;
- four individual grant applications from Ministry Trainees entering their first year of training at St Silas' Church, Glasgow, to contribute towards their training costs for the 2025/26 academic year; and
- two individual grant applications from a Ministry Trainee at Harper Church, Glasgow and subsequently at Hope Community Church, Barlanark, to contribute towards their training costs for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 academic years.

Financial review

Results for the year

The financial statements for the year are set out in pages 4 to 6. The Receipts and Payments Account on page 4 reflects a decrease in funds of £19,082 (2024: increase in funds £6,456). This gives unrestricted funds carried forward of £12,885 (2024: £31,967). The total funds carried forward are £12,885 (2024: £31,967).

Reserves

It is the policy of the Foundation to maintain unrestricted funds at a level that equates to approximately 3 months of unrestricted expenditure. As shown on page 4, the level of unrestricted reserves at 31 August 2025 amounted to £12,885 (2024: £31,967) which is above the required level.

Approved by the Trustees on 18th November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:

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Martin Brandmeier
Chairperson/Trustee

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Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2025

I report on the accounts of the Foundation for the year ended 31 August 2025 which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

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) Act 2005 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 (as amended), and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended) 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.

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Jonathan Innes

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Jonathan N Innes FCCA

Managing Director

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Chartered Certified Accountants

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Date: 18th November 2025

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Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes	General fund £	2025 Total funds £	General Fund	2024 Total funds £
Receipts					
Donations		15,151	15,151	18,134	18,134
Bank interest received		71	71	67	67
Total receipts		15,222	15,222	18,201	18,201
Payments					
Grants and donations	4	33,500	33,500	11,000	11,000
Bank charges		60	60	61	61
Professional fees		144	144	144	144
Independent examination		600	600	540	540
Total payments		34,304	34,304	11,745	11,745
Net (decrease) / increase in cash for the year		(19,082)	(19,082)	6,456	6,456
Cash balances brought forward		31,967	31,967	25,511	25,511
Cash balances carried forward		12,885	12,885	31,967	31,967

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Statement of Balances as at 31 August 2025

	Notes	2025			2024		
		Opening balance £	(Deficit) for year £	Closing balance £	Opening balance £	Surplus for year £	Closing balance £
Bank account balance		31,967	(19,082)	12,885	25,511	6,456	31,967
Total cash balances		31,967	(19,082)	12,885	25,511	6,456	31,967

Represented by:

Unrestricted funds

General

5

12,885

31,967

12,885

31,967

Statement of creditors at 31 August 2025

Professional fees

144

144

Independent Examination

600

600

744

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The financial statements on pages 4 to 6 were approved by the Trustees on 18th November 2025 and signed on their behalf by the undernoted:

Signed by:

Martin Brandmeier

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Martin Brandmeier

Chairperson/Trustee

The notes on page 6 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025

1. Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Receipts and Payments Account

For the purpose of the Receipts and Payments account as shown on page 4, funds are defined as follows:

Unrestricted funds comprise grants and other income received for the objects of the Charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

2. Transactions with Trustees and reimbursement of expenses

No Trustees received payments or reimbursement of personal expenses during the year ending 31 August 2025 (2024: nil).

3. Related party transactions

There were no transactions with related parties during the year ending 31 August 2025 (2024: nil).

4. Grants paid

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants to individuals x 7 (2024: 3)	33,500	11,000
	33,500	11,000

5. Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 01.09.24	Receipts	Payments	Balance at 31.08.25
	£	£	£	£
General fund	31,967	15,222	(34,304)	12,885
Total unrestricted funds	31,967	15,222	(34,304)	12,885

Explanation of funds

The General Fund - encompasses all income and expenditure relating to the primary focus activities of the charity, other than those for which funding is restricted.