

APPENDIX 1



Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	Oct	2024	To	30	Sep	2025

**Reference and administration details**

<b>Charity name</b>	St Thomas' Episcopal Church, Aboyne
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	
<b>Registered charity number</b>	SC001755
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	St Thomas' Episcopal Church, Aboyne
	c/o Tanardale, 52 Barclay Park, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire
	Postcode AB34 5JF

**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	Michael Bruce	Patron		Hereditary
2	Anne Harper	Secretary and Lay representative		AGM Attendees
3	Lesley Thomas	Alternate Lay Representative		"
4	Sue Burgess	Treasurer		"
5	Warren Burgess	People's Warden		"
6	Katherine Rider	Vestry Member		"
7	Sheila Maxwell	Vestry Member		"
8	Carol Simmons	Vestry Member		"
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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
Rev Canon Vittoria Hancock	Oct 24 – May 25

## Structure, governance and management

### Type of governing document

St Thomas' foundation stone was laid in 1907 & the church was consecrated in 1909 under the patronage of George Coats Esquire, later the 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Glentanar.  
A Constitution delineates the Trustees, the Church Officers & their responsibilities & the make up of the Vestry.  
St Thomas' is subject to the Canon Law of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

### Trustee recruitment and appointment

All members of the Vestry have accepted responsibility as Trustees. Apart from the Patron, the other Trustees are appointed by those members of the congregation attending the Annual General Meeting of the Church.

## Objectives and activities

### Charitable purposes

The purpose of the charity is to finance, jointly, with St Kentigern's Ballater, the upkeep of a Rector &, unilaterally, to maintain the fabric & fittings of St Thomas' Church, Aboyne, a Grade 1 listed building. This is with the aim of providing spiritual succour & support to those members of the Anglican communion who live within the village of Aboyne & its environs & to support such others, individuals & groups of any denomination, as may approach it or be brought to its notice from time to time.

### Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

During the year, through Planned Giving, General Collections, Special Collections, Donations, Fund Raising Events, Wedding & Funeral Fees, Investment Income & Grants, the Charity raised £50,411 to finance its charitable purposes.

## Achievements and performance

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

Several special church events were held during the year including a Harvest service, a Service of Nine Lessons & Carols, an Epiphany Carol-a-long, Candlemas and an Ecumenical Easter vigil.

1. Worship, Prayer, Study and Holiness of Life – we continued with the weekly services offering a variety of forms of worship, reflecting the diverse interests of the congregation. Music within the church has continued and the choir have enjoyed Passion Sunday service and an Evening of Praise.
2. Communication – Remote communication methods continue to be important. The weekly email, Facebook, noticeboards and the Tattler magazine contributed to regular communication with members and the community. We now record services and they are available on our YouTube channel.
3. Community Involvement. Mid-week communion attracts a small group and is followed by soul soup lunch available to any visitors or community members. The quiet area within the graveyard was further developed with the help of the local After School Club. Aboyne Festival held a couple of musical events in the church. We hold monthly Hot Chocolate Walks open to all to local places of interest. Food donations went to the local Foodbank.

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on 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.

Reserve funds are partly held in a Fund and Share account which has been actively managed to provide a good return on investments. Through the year, funds have gradually been transferred to the Scottish Episcopal Church Unit Trust Pool which offers good returns with less work for the local finance team.

### Details of any deficit

The deficit of £8109 is due to cost of essential pointing and cleaning of the outside walls of the church to maintain it in good condition, funded by grants, donations and church funds.

### Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

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**Other optional information**

**Declaration**

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

*S. Burgess*

*Sheila L. Maxwell*

Full name

Susan Katherine Burgess

Sheila Maxwell

Position

Treasurer

Vestry member

Date

*20/11/25*

*20/11/25*

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**St Thomas' Episcopal Church**

Scottish Charity Reference Number SCO01755

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

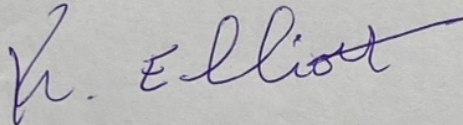
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER REPORT

I have examined the Trustees' Report and the Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Balances that are attached as part of this document.

To the best of my knowledge and belief I find them a true and fair reflection on the records supplied.

Name: Mr K Elliott

Title: Treasurer, St Ternan's Church, Banchory

Signature: 

Date: 21 - 11 - 25

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