

St Andrew's High Parish Church Musselburgh

Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2025

Charity number: SC000129

Congregational Number: 030247

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Kirk Session

Barbara Edgar (Assistant Treasurer) William Thompson (Gift Aid Treasurer), Hughmina MacHardie (Session Clerk) Emma Stewart (Presbytery Elder) Helen Cleeton, Douglas Forgan, June McCoach, Yvonne McGurk, Rhona Millar, David Monaghan, Faye Rolland, Margaret Steedman, James Surgeon, Doreen Swan, Wendy Swan, Annette Telfer.

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Reference and Administrative Information

For the Year Ended 31st December 2025

Principal Office-bearers (all ex-officio):-

Minister:	Rev Dr A. Leslie Milton
Session Clerk:	Hughmina MacHardie
Church Treasurer:	Andy Thain
Assistant Treasurer:	Barbara Edgar
Gift Aid Treasurer:	William Thompson
Roll Keeper:	Pamela Trichardt

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Trustee's Annual Report

For the Year Ended 31st December 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements in accordance with the accounting policies and comply with the General Assembly Regulations for Congregational Finance, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and Accounting and Reporting to Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16th July 2014.

Structure, Governance and Management:

Governing Document:

The church is administered in accordance with the terms of the Unitary Deed of Constitution.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees:

Operating now under a Unitary Deed, all members of the Kirk Session are the charity trustees.

The Kirk Session members are the elders of the church and are chosen from those members of the church who are considered to have the appropriate gifts and skills. The minister is a member of the Kirk Session.

Organisational Structure:

The Kirk Session is chaired by the minister and usually meets a minimum of four times a year. The Kirk Session was able to meet in person for all the Kirk Session meetings during 2025. The Kirk Session is primarily responsible for the spiritual affairs within the church, but under the unitary constitution, certain responsibilities are delegated as appropriate to the various committees within the Kirk Session eg: the Finance Committee and the Property Committee.

Objectives and Activities:

The Church of Scotland is Trinitarian in doctrine, Reformed in tradition and Presbyterian in policy. It exists to glorify God and to work for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom throughout the world. As a national Church, it acknowledges a distinctive call and duty to bring the ordinances of religion to the people in every parish of Scotland through a territorial ministry. It co-operates with other Churches in various ecumenical bodies in Scotland and beyond.

Achievement and performance 2025:

During 2025, the Minister and members continued to work together to deliver services to the congregation, on Sunday mornings, a monthly midweek and for the principal festivals of the church year. A weekly email is sent out to members highlighting all the weeks activities and news. A printed copy is available in church each Sunday for those who do not receive emails to pick up if required. In 2025 we also established a monthly service in Drummohr Care Home in Wallyford.

St Clement's and St Ninian's Church in Wallyford closed at the end of 2024, and this resulted in the expansion of the parish area of St Andrew's High, including Wallyford village and the area of new housing which is continuing to expand on Musselburgh's eastern edge.

Fortnightly Saturday coffee mornings continued throughout the year. Our Outreach Team has been active in organising events to raise funds for the church and provide support for people in the wider community. We also have a regular men's breakfast on Saturday mornings to develop fellowship among men associated with the congregation. All other Church organisations and External groups met regularly in the foyer space and Church Sanctuary.

Throughout the year, we continued to maintain our buildings and regular checks were made on the Church Building to ensure it remains in good condition.

We are proud of the congregation of St Andrew's High Church Musselburgh who have been willing to maintain the congregation's activities and outreach with love and enthusiasm.

In early 2025 some of our key office-bearers retired and this led to a reorganisation of the way in which church administration is done. Our thanks to Pam Trichardt, Stan Trichardt and Douglas Forgan, who had served as Session Clerk, treasurer and property convenor. Andy Thain, our interim treasurer, maintained our accounts in 2025 until the appointment of a permanent treasurer in January 2026.

In 2025 we continued to provide charitable support for a number of organisations and groups. Among these are Christian Aid and the local food bank, Al Shorouq School for Blind Children in Bethlehem and child sponsorship. St Andrew's High continues to participate in the local Community Cook Club. The club meets in St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church.

In partnership with Dementia Friendly East Lothian, we provide premises for the Musselburgh Dementia Meeting Place, and continue to host a monthly Dementia Café in partnership with Alzheimer's Scotland.

We are pleased to say that our church building and gardens have been used extensively during 2025 for various activities.

The "Growing Young" programme which we participated in in 2024 has formally come to an end, but the activities associated with this continue. We have extended the use of our church and gardens for worship and community events which are geared towards greater engagement and participation of people throughout the community. In the summer months we hold "Play Church" in the church garden, and we run a monthly Family Film afternoon on the last Friday. In partnership with Sustaining Musselburgh, we held a successful "Produce Bank" in the late summer, when local people brought surplus produce from gardens and allotments to distribute to the wider community.

Looking to the future we are aware that restructuring of the Church of Scotland congregations will take place within a few years. In order to facilitate the process of readjustment the congregations are engaged in joint activities to prepare for future developments. The Guild has entered a formal process of creating a single Guild for all Church of Scotland congregations in Musselburgh. We now hold joint services with other Church of Scotland congregations on the last Sunday of each month. St Andrew's High hosts the quarterly Taizé service for the congregations participating in Musselburgh Churches Together.

The congregation's work is dependent upon the dedication of members and friends who provide so much financial, practical and spiritual support, and this report is our opportunity to record our thanks to them all for enabling the continued presence of the church in worship and outreach.

In February 2025 Michael McMullin joined the staff at St Andrew's High as a probationer minister. He has now completed his training and it is anticipated that he will be ordained to his own charge in the early months of 2026.

Independent Examiner:

The Trustees recommend SLD Accountancy and Taxation Services remains as Independent Examiner until further notice.

This report was approved by the Trustees on
and signed on their behalf by:

Hughmina MacHardie

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Session Clerk