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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	April	2025	To	31	March	2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name	WESTERKIRK PARISH TRUST
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC025312
Charity's principal address	C/o Mrs Anne Murray Douglen Brae, Westerkirk Langholm Dumfriesshire
	Postcode DG13 0NF

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	Mrs Mary Buckley	Chairman		
2	Mrs Anne Murray	Secretary / Treasurer		
3	Dr E Jeanne Taudevin			
4	Mr George Turner			
5	Mr Andrew Johnstone			
6	Rev Morag Crossan			
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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

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Members of the community, who are interested in becoming trustees, are proposed and seconded by the Trustees

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The conservation, maintenance and preservation of Westerkirk Parish Church and its environs for the service of the community, both as a place of worship and for the promotion of any projects designed to improve the amenities or the facilities of the Parish of Westerkirk.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

1. The Church is always available for services, weddings, baptisms and funerals, usually conducted by the Church of Scotland minister whose charge is now the combined Eskdale & Liddesdale Parish linked with Canonbie United Parish Church.
2. The Church is made available for use by other denominations, as required.
3. The Church is open to visitors for special events, fundraising activities and at any time by arrangement, as required.
4. The Trustees ensure that the Church is always well maintained.

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Achievements and performance

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

The Church is fortunate in being able to continue enjoying monthly worship through the services of lay members of the congregation. The Rev. Morag Crossan has conducted services of communion, weddings, baptisms and funerals throughout the year but is moving to a charge in Ayrshire in the near future.

The annual Carol Service took place on Sunday, 21st December 2025.

The Trustees continue to ensure that the fabric of the Church is well maintained, as part of the on-going maintenance program.

The dividends from investments managed by M&G Charities continue to provide a steady income for the Trust and these have seen a small increase in 2025/26. The capital sum has seen an increase of £7,000 over the financial year.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

An investment is held by M&G Charifund and the trustees are hopeful that this will continue to provide a regular income for the Church.

A switch to internet banking provided the opportunity to open an on-line business savings account with the Bank of Scotland.

Details of any deficit

The income and expenditure account for the financial year 2025/26 shows a surplus of £3,200, attributed to the generosity of donors, fund raising, hire of the church for weddings and funerals and a steady income from investments. Westerkirk Church receives a percentage of the offerings taken at the monthly services, which is eligible for a refund from HMRC under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS), provided the criteria are met.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

Not applicable

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Other optional information

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)	Mary Buckley	<i>Anne Murray</i>
Full name(s)	Mary Buckley	Anne Murray
Position	Chairman	Secretary / Treasurer
Date	6 th September 2026	6 th September 2026