

Mary Atwood's Churches' Charity
(A Registered Charity)

Accounts for the year ended 5 April 2025

Registered charity number: 1076260

Mary Atwood's Churches' Charity**Charity information**

Trustees	Name G C Cornelius N M Bowles M S R Griffiths
Charity number	1076260
Principal address	Williamson & Barnes 12-14 Queen Street Deal Kent CT14 6EU
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Solicitors	Williamson & Barnes 12-14 Queen Street Deal Kent CT14 6EU
Independent examiners	Kreston Reeves LLP 37 St Margaret's Street Canterbury Kent CT1 2TU

Mary Atwood's Churches' Charity

Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2025

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Constitution

The Charity was established by the Will dated 27 July 1995 of Mary Irene Atwood late of Katoomba, 19 St George's Road, Sandwich, Kent, who died on 9 November 1995, proved by the Executors, David George Downes and Geoffrey Clark Cornelius in the District Probate Registry at Brighton on 11 December 1995. The Charity was registered on 24 June 1999 with the number 1076260.

Objects of the Charity, principal activities and organisation of our work

The Charity's objects are:-

- a. to pay one half of the annual income of the Charity to the Parochial Church Council of Sandwich for the maintenance repair or improvement of the fabric of St Clements Church, Sandwich.
- b. to pay one half of the annual income of the Charity to the Parochial Church Council of Ash-with-Westmarsh for the maintenance repair or improvement of the fabric of St Nicholas Church, Ash.

The Charity is organised with the Trustees meeting regularly to manage its affairs.

When planning our activities the Trustees have considered the Charities Commission guidance on public benefit.

Development, activities and achievements this year

The Charity has distributed its income for the year to 5 April 2025 to the Parochial Church Councils of Sandwich and Ash.

Reserves policy

The General Fund is used for the day to day running of the Charity. The balance is regularly distributed to the Churches. The Capital Fund is used for generating the income and as such is not for distribution.

Financial review

At the period end, there was a balance in the General Fund of £7,229 (2024: £9,806), and a balance in the Capital Fund of £31,523 (2024 - £50,855)

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Investment powers

The Trustees have the power to invest Trust money as they in their absolute discretion think fit. The Trustees take regular stockbrokers' advice. Details of the investments held are set out in the annexed Accounts.

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**Trustees' report
for the year ended 5 April 2025**

Approval

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



M.S.R Griffiths

Trustee

Date:

17/12/2025

Mary Atwood's Churches' Charity

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Mary Atwood's Churches' Charity

I report to the Charity's Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustee of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Kreston Reeves LLP

Michael Dyer ACA MAAT
Kreston Reeves LLP
Canterbury
Date: 18 December 2025

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Receipts and payments for the year ended 5 April 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
General Fund			
Income Receipts			
From charitable assets:			
- dividends and distributions less accrued interest		62,567.34	63,280.21
- untaxed interest and dividends		3,979.98	3,898.70
		<u>66,547.32</u>	<u>67,178.91</u>
Payments			
Professional fees		1,140.00	1,080.00
Legal fees		990.00	990.00
Payments made to churches:			
- PCC of St Nicholas Church Ash		33,317.32	31,933.80
- PCC of Sandwich (St Clements)		33,317.30	31,934.12
Bank charges		71.25	70.50
		<u>68,835.87</u>	<u>66,008.42</u>
Other receipts and payments in relation to Mary Atwood's St Clement's Church Charity			
Receipts	4	255.80	250.79
Payments		(254.28)	(250.79)
		<u>1.52</u>	<u>-</u>
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		(2,287.03)	1,170.49
Bank balance at 6 April 2024		9,806.38	9,045.89
Net transfers to/from Capital Fund		(290.00)	(410.00)
Bank balance at 5 April 2025		<u>7,229.35</u>	<u>9,806.38</u>
Capital Fund			
Receipts			
Sale of stocks & shares	1	58,727.79	32,000.00
Cash contribution on liquidation		-	235.02
Final maturity		64,309.91	-
Interest		1,290.25	680.03
		<u>124,327.95</u>	<u>32,915.05</u>
Payments			
Stock purchases	2	143,370.69	-
Dealing fees		580.00	605.00
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		(19,622.74)	32,310.05
Bank balances at 6 April 2024		50,855.44	18,135.39
Transfers to/from Income Fund		290.00	410.00
Bank balances at 5 April 2025		<u>31,522.70</u>	<u>50,855.44</u>
Total bank balances at 5 April 2025		<u>38,752.05</u>	<u>60,661.82</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities for the year ended 5 April 2025

	Note	2025	2024
Monetary assets			
CAF Account		7,229.35	9,806.38
CAF Gold Account		6,827.97	6,378.56
Deposit Account		24,694.76	44,476.88
		<u>38,752.05</u>	<u>60,661.82</u>
Investment Assets			
COIF Income shares @ 1948.06p (31/03/24 2043.26p) per share (value 31/03/25) (cost £90,037.17)		144,256.74	145,409.62
Stocks and shares per Redmayne Bentley valuation 05/04/25 - (Cost/probate value £931,216.3)	3	1,477,492.13	1,413,722.00
		<u>1,621,748.87</u>	<u>1,559,131.62</u>
Current liabilities			
Professional fees		1,200.00	1,140.00
Due to Mary Atwood's St Clement's Church Charity		64.72	63.20
		<u>1,264.72</u>	<u>1,203.20</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



M.S.R Griffiths

Trustee

Date:

17/12/2025

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Appendix to the accounts for the year ended 5 April 2025

Note 1 Sale of stocks and shares		2025	2024
Per broker		58,728	32,000
		<u>58,728</u>	<u>32,000</u>
Note 2 Purchase of stocks and shares			
Per broker		143,370.69	-
		<u>143,370.69</u>	<u>-</u>
Note 3 Investment valuations		2025	2025
Holding	Details	Cost/Probate Valuation	Market Value
30,000	UK Gov (LSE) 0.375% BDS GBP1000	28,089	28,570
85,000	UK Gov (LSE) 1.25% GILT GBP1	79,264	80,619
40,000	UK Gov 0.125% SNR DBS GBP1000	35,733	36,257
31,480	Marstons Ord 7.37p	28,970	10,483
1,800	Unilever Plc Ord £0.031111	18,885	84,492
2,175	Haleon PLC Ord £0.01	4,374	8,341
2,000	Diageo Ord £0.28 101/108	10,065	40,240
7,200	BP Ord \$0.25	35,737	26,690
3,836	Shell Transport & Trading Co Ord £0.07	21,053	95,190
5,000	HSBC Holdings PLC ORD USD £0.50	29,165	38,000
6,428	Standard Chartered Bank Ord \$0.50	41,312	61,632
5,331	Abrdn PLC Ord GBP 0.1396825396	24,561	7,224
4,062	Aviva Ord £0.328947368	29,986	21,342
10,500	M&G PLC Ord £0.05	24,960	19,357
1,740	GSK PLC	19,715	24,665
4,500	Relx PLC GBP0.1444	22,969	171,720
2,714	Compass Group Ord £0.1105	6,207	68,121
762	Rio Tinto Ord £0.10	9,912	32,301
17,250	BT Group ORD £0.05	42,179	28,264
29,400	Vodafone Group Ord \$0.2095238	54,482	19,633
6,575	Centrica ORD £0.061728395	19,555	9,698
3,625	Scottish & Southern Energy £0.50	20,828	58,036
5,739	United Utilities Group Plc Ord £0.05	37,081	60,460
7,262	National Grid Transco Ord £0.12431289	30,829	75,089
6,310	Merchants Trust Ord £0.25	25,000	30,667
14,250	Temple Bar Investment Trust Ord £0.05	13,489	38,760
62,956	JP Morgan European Investment Trust Inc Shares £0.005	44,412	64,845
1,850	BHP Billiton Plc \$0.50	31,451	30,553
20,875	Schroder Oriental Income Fund Ord £0.01	22,131	52,814
10,500	Scottish American Investment Co ORD GBP £0.25	33,117	49,928
4,500	Murray International Trust Ord £0.05	19,123	55,463
27,000	Abrdn Diversified Inc & GTH Tst PLC Ord BPB0.01	15,649	12,420
32,500	International Public Partnership Ord GBP0.0001	50,934	35,620
		<u>931,216</u>	<u>1,477,492</u>

Note 4 Related Parties

Due to the minimum bank account opening requirements the Mary Atwood's Churches' Charity agreed to take over the receipts and payments administration of the Mary Atwood's St Clement's Church Charity (charity number 1077118).

The sole purpose of the Mary Atwood St Clement's Church Charity is the upkeep of the Atwood family grave.

Mr G C Cornelius, Mr M S R Griffiths and Mr N M Bowles are also Trustees of the Mary Atwood's St Clement's Church Charity.

At year end, the bank balance attributable to Mary Atwood's St Clement's Church Charity was £64.72 (2024: £63.20)

There were no other related party transactions in the period or prior period.