

Trustees Annual Report
for
St Johns Episcopal Church: Alloa
for the period
to 30th September 2025



Scottish Charity No: SC007316



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Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name: St Johns Episcopal Church: Alloa

Scottish Charity No: SC007316

The Charities Principal Address:
St Johns Church
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Alloa
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Website: stjohnschurchoaloo.org.uk

Charities Trustees on date of approval including office held:

Rector's Warden, Chair of Vestry
Vestry Secretary
Vestry Minute Secretary
Treasurer
Safe Guarding Officer
Lay Rep
Alternate Lay Rep
Fabric Convener & Health & Safety
Assist H&S and Grounds
Grounds Convener
Congregational Rep
Congregational Rep



Names of other trustees during the period:

There were none

Independent Examiner: Sue Bennett ACIE
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JEDBURGH
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The Direct Business Bank
PO Box 17355
Edinburgh EH1 1YH

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Structure, Governance & Management

Governing Document:

The Charity is governed by a governing document under which it was constituted on 1st January 1992 then updated in 2020.

St Johns Church is a congregation of the Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane in the Scottish Episcopal Church and is in full communion with the Anglican Church. The superior authority is the Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane. All of the affairs of the Congregation are governed by the vestry.

Trustee Recruitment & Appointment:

All of the Trustees are appointed or reappointed members of at each Annual General Meeting established by constitution and under Canon Law of the Scottish Episcopal Church. There is no formal induction but ongoing guidance is given to ensure that all Church Council (Vestry) members are familiar with the Church's values; aims and responsibilities as the designated trustee of a charity.

Objectives & Activities

The Charities Charitable Purpose:

As set out in the 'Constitution' and 'The Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005' the purpose(s) of St Johns Episcopal Church: Alloa are the following: -

- The Advancement of Religion

Any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives:

The charity's objectives in relation to the above are as follows:

- To include public worship in sacrament, prayer and Christian education.
- The Church is also involved in charitable work and fund raising for local; national and international needs.
- It provides social activities on a regular basis.

Achievement & Performance for 2024-25

One of the vestry's main objective this year was to have a working agreement with Rev Stuart Gray initially for one day per week. We sought help and support from other vestries and the dioceses and after a few attempts we all agreed on the contract for The Rev Stuart to sign in April 2025.

This changed the [REDACTED] title from Interim in charge to Priest in charge. Our next objective for 2026 is to be able to increase [REDACTED] one day to two days per week. This will require the congregation reviewing their financial commitment to the church. [REDACTED] already has committed to 2 days per week, one of these is unfunded.

Vestry is conscious of the cost of living crisis, and has postponed many discussions with the congregation regarding our financial future so we ask if we could get every tax paying member of the church to complete a gift aid form which will allow us to collect "free money" whilst at the same time reviewing our contributions. Please speak to [REDACTED] re the forms to allow this. Tom will detail this in his report and will keep the congregation updated during the church year.

Spring also saw a change in the Law in regard to Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG). All persons within the church who hold a substantive post or work outside of the church, for the church must be PVG checked. The PVG must be connected and arranged through the church and not a historic or other organisations check. This has given our safeguarding link, a lot of work which we as a church are still working on.

We have had four weddings this year, two of our weddings formed part of our normal Sunday service. It was lovely to see all the congregation make the effort in getting dressed and celebrating the marriages of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] officiated at a hotel wedding due to frailties within the wedding party, thus minimising the stress for all the guests, [REDACTED] in September.

We had a Pet service in June. Some local people and dogs came and took part. Many of the community walk through the church grounds as shortcut but had never been inside our beautiful building.

The summer was different for the church, we should have had the bishop giving [REDACTED] his official change in licence, this has been postponed as [REDACTED] got a knee instead, and [REDACTED] has been providing our cover during this time, The Rector's Warden also had a spell in hospital but everyone is now returning back to work and moving the church forward.

As a Church we have supported our chosen charities. Christian Aid, Park Primary school with uniform and hygiene through the enablement grant, Safe Families, The Gate and ourselves. Funds have been raised through charity lunches or tea and coffee donation money. The Donation jar on the coffee bar has been labelled telling people where the money is going. This has been rewarding for all the charities. We continue also to donate food to the Gate. Church projects which have been paid for via the Donation Jar are the fuse box for the church and we are currently raising funds to support our porch improvement fund. We funded our fuse box replacement from our coffee jar which was an unexpected but necessary improvement that had to be made quickly. Thanks to everyone.

Achievement & Performance cont'd

We have also had very generous donations given to the church. The full carpet at the altar, chancel, nave and free isle were funded and look amazing.

We also had money donated for the refurbishment of our aumbry lamp which hangs next to the ambry cupboard, which stores our reserved sacrament. This will allow us to safely illuminate this sacred area within the church 24/7. We thank our philanthropists for their gifts. We are extremely great full to see our church return to its former splendour.

Our vision on our Pentecostal flames gave a drive for a growing community, outreach within our local community, integrating & encouraging the Young families and children of the community to use our safe space, for mental wellbeing and belonging, Peace within our culture community and the world.

With this our congregational vision and thoughts is how we as a church put this into practice?

This is partially addressed by the Change of Rev Stuarts working Hours, He in Aug 2025, will be working at the church on a Tuesday, this will give Stuart the time to pull together a team of people who are able to go to our Local Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools to offer and develop services / skills/ space for them to use. Building a link to make us scene to be working within our community. This is something **all** the members of the congregation can get involved with then moving forward we could have a Youth Group/ support group.

We acknowledge that we need to make the church more appealing to the youth of today. At Easter we had a young family come and join our service as they saw us in the Garden at the start of our service and curiosity made them come and join our service, along with our welcoming banner which was on the outside of the church, letting the people of Alloa know we are a functioning church.

The church is used by two groups regularly, Thai chi and the fellowship these groups bring together member of our congregation and the extended community.

How can the Church serve our community?

Church will always be a warm space and will be able to be opened with a team of volunteers.

Team of volunteers to support Rev Stuart going out to schools and nurseries.

Develop our presence on line more. Facebook Snapchat Instagram etc

If we have a Youth worker this may encourage more youth to the church. We could maybe ask for a youth worker to come and talk to us and give us ideas about engaging the youth of today who have never entered a church building. Tazie is a young person's pilgrimage this could be looked into.

■■■■ is a pilgrimage we would like to take forward by some of the congregation.

Housebound have been visited by Rev Stuart and a small team $\frac{3}{4}$ times a year.

A service of healing in an afternoon offered as an addition to a small morning service.

Achievement & Performance cont'd

Coffee morning

All this is possible for us to work towards.

Funding for this amazing building is okay; it would be remiss if the church didn't draw your attention to how we fund all this outreach work. We have direct debit mandates available and if a tax payer if we gift aid our donations, we can receive the tax back last year we got £5000.00 approx. this is a valuable asset to the church, we encourage you to sign up for gift aid and if possible, offer a few more pounds to help with the mission of the church.

Special Thanks must be given for the assistance of the [REDACTED]. She has covered [REDACTED] sick leave and is a valuable member of the ministry team.

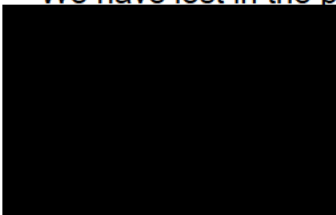
All of the above drive vision and time is led by [REDACTED] and the Vestry, Rev Stuart thanked the church for electing our amazing group of elected trustees of the church. The vestry has a strong healthy outlook for our church and he is great full for our commitment to the growth of St Johns.

Above all [REDACTED] gave thanks to his amazing home Support without whom he could not commit all his time and energy to us here in St John's. Jane and Alexander are as much a vital to our happy minister, ministering to us here at St Johns. Thank you for sharing Rev Stuart with us.

As a church we have lost members of the clergy who supported us when we were without a priest,

[REDACTED] passed away in April. Rev Jennette ministered to all of the congregation but especially presided over the service for the elderly and frail members at the afternoon services

We have lost in the past year 4 members of our congregation



May all the of the church remember our past members as they are now have eternal peace.

Financial Review

Statement of Reserves Policy:

The Church Vestry keeps under review the major risks to which the Church is exposed and has established procedures to mitigate any risks identified.

The investing of the Rectory money in the UTPool, together with other transfers to the General Fund UTPool holding has improved the day-to-day finances. However, in year 25/26 paying a full year's stipend is forecast to reduce the annual surplus. The Vestry's hope is that in 26/26 we will be able to offer stipend covering 2 days/week, but this will require fund-raising over and above the present income.

Details of any deficit:

There is no financial deficit this year.

Details of Donated Facilities & Services:

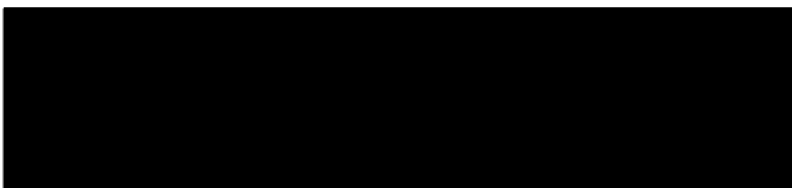
The Church Vestry is grateful for the time freely given by members of the congregation, without whom many of the activities would be unable to operate. Despite the congregation being made up of a majority of retired people their energy and commitment to the life of the church, and the leadership they give, is valued by everyone.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The members of the Charity must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Charity during the financial year. The members of the Charity are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Charity at that time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:




Chairperson

Dated: 18/11/25

Receipts & Payments Account Year Ended 30th September 2025

Receipts & Payments Account	Notes	Un Restricted	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Receipts						
Donations & Voluntary Income	1	31,375.93	35.00	34,958.55	66,369.48	33,207.00
Investment Income	2	16,829.42	0.00	0.00	16,829.42	5,539.22
Charitable Activities		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts		48,205.35	35.00	34,958.55	83,198.90	38,746.22
Payments						
Expenses from Fund Raising Activities	3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Expenses from Charitable Activities	5	33,645.68	110.93	8,536.59	42,293.20	33,366.11
Independent Examination		250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	720.00
Governance Costs	4	962.24	0.00	0.00	962.24	1,452.23
Total Payments		34,857.92	110.93	8,536.59	43,505.44	36,138.31
Net Receipts/(Payments)		13,347.43	(75.93)	26,421.96	39,693.46	2,607.91
Transfer between Funds		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		13,347.43	(75.93)	26,421.96	39,693.46	2,607.91
Statement of Balances As at 30th September 2025						
		Un Restricted	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Balances at Start of Year		73,176.81	2,386.29	254,372.84	329,935.94	86,926.65
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		13,347.43	(75.93)	26,421.96	39,693.46	2,607.91
Adjustment for SEC Unit Pool						240,405.46
Balances at End of Year		86,524.24	2,310.36	280,794.80	369,629.40	329,935.94
Other Assets						
See note 8					294,523	294,523
Liabilities						
No Outstanding Liabilities						

Financial Statements approved by the Charity and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: 

Dated: 27-11-25

Notes to the Accounts

	2025	2024
1. Donations & Voluntary Income		
Unrestricted Funds		
Collections & Donations	25,484.98	22,598.02
Tax Reclaimed (Gift Aid)	5,890.95	4,182.97
Designated Funds		
Sharing Fund	35.00	250.90
Young Fund	0.00	0.00
Restricted Funds		
Repair Fund	0.00	173.70
Park Primary	2,024.37	1,682.70
Charity Lunches	533.99	284.77
Gardens	0.00	1,147.88
Fellowship Group	726.00	1,686.78
Fusebox Fund	2,046.43	1,199.28
Porch Fund	490.73	0.00
Rectory Fund	29,137.03	0.00
	£66,369.48	£33,207.00
2. Investment Income		
Investment Income	5,694.90	2,343.47
Dividend Income	10,047.15	758.16
Bank Interest	1,087.37	518.94
Property Rental Income	0.00	1,918.65
	£16,829.42	£5,539.22
3. Expenses from Fund Raising Activities		
Investment Management: Property Agents Fees	0.00	600.00
	£0.00	£600.00
4. Governance Costs		
Trustee Liability Insurance	391.39	352.23
Administration Fees	550.00	1,100.00
Costs associated with IE	20.85	0.00
	£962.24	£1,452.23

Notes to the Accounts cont'd

	2025	2024
5. Expenses from Charitable Activity		
Unrestricted Funds		
Priest's Stipend	4,374.30	0.00
Priest's Expenses / Travel	2,166.75	2,670.96
Diocesan Quota	5,540.64	5,144.22
Heat & Light	7,496.91	6,810.57
Insurance	4,634.69	4,430.84
Repairs (inc Ground Up keep)	4,250.67	3,591.59
Stationery/Copier & Telephone	2,790.82	2,575.59
Service Supplies & Music	1,108.57	1,128.71
Charitable Distributions	7.99	246.00
Purchase of Assets	188.48	655.79
Cleaning & Other Costs	692.48	609.66
Designated Funds		
Sharing Fund	69.47	500.00
Young Church	41.46	218.61
Restricted Funds		
Repair Fund	0.00	1,500.00
Park Primary	2,123.76	1,888.85
Charity Lunches	447.49	326.81
Gardens	1,380.94	220.10
Fellowship Group	1,354.00	837.78
Fuesbox Fund	3,230.40	
	£42,293.20	£33,366.11

6. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

Notes to the Accounts cont'd

7. Nature & Purpose of Funds

The statements of account for the year show the financial figures for the Charity. The funds are made up of the following as at the 30th September 2025

Bank of Scotland	4,709.08	
Bank of Scotland – Donations Accounts	751.70	
Bath Building Society	13,943.40	
Equals Money Cards	796.00	
G/F UTPool Holding	79,886.73	
Rectory Fund SEC UTP	269,542.49	

Total Funds		£369,629.40
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Restricted Funds

Repair Fund	9,262.70	
Park Primary	552.76	
Charity Lunches	162.97	
Gardens	(453.16)	
Fellowship Group	221.00	
Silver Fund	1,000.00	
Fusebox Fund	15.31	
Porch Fund	490.73	
Rectory Fund	269,542.49	£280,794.80

Designated Funds

Sharing Fund	1,622.43	
Young Church	687.93	£2,310.36

Unrestricted Funds

Geneal Funds		£86,524.24
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Total Funds		£369,629.40
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Notes to the Accounts cont'd

8. Assets

I. Property- Rectory:

The Chairty owns a property in Alloa previously used as a rectory, which has the title the sum insured for that property is £309,514. The Property was rented out and the income is used to supplement unrestricted funds.

II. Property – Church:

The title to the Church building is held by the Scottish Episcopal Church. The Vestry meet the insurance costs and for that purpose the sum insured is £11.2 million.

III. Investments:

In order to meet the requirements of current accounting practice for charities the invested funds are recorded at market value at the accounting date.

	2025
Opening Balance UT Pool 47A010	54,117.11
Transfer to Funds	20,024.72
Increased Value Sept 25	5,694.90
Closing Balance as at 30.09.24	79,836.73

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees of St Johns Episcopal Church: Alloa
Registered charity number SC007316
On the accounts of the charity for the period 30th September 2025
Set out on Pages 9 to 13

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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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. 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 any 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 accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

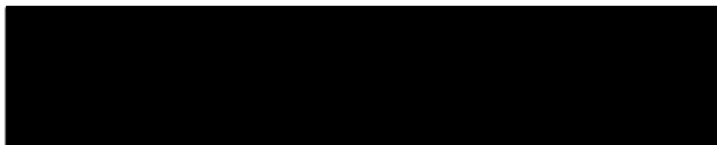
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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.

Signed:



Date: 27 November 2025

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body:

ACIE & Dip Business & Finance