

**CHARITY REFERENCE NUMBER: SC008553**

**ST. TERNAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BANCHORY**

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

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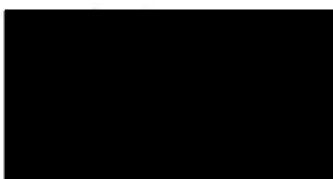
**CHARITY TRUSTEES for the Annual General meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025, which approved the accounts for the financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025.**

**CHARITY TRUSTEES – Members of the Vestry**



Rector  
People's Warden  
Rector's Warden  
Treasurer  
Lay Representative  
Secretary

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**



**BANKERS**

Virgin Money  
Previously at 38, High Street  
Banchory  
Kincardineshire AB31 5SR

**CHURCH ADDRESS/ PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

St. Ternan's Episcopal Church  
High Street  
Banchory  
Kincardineshire AB31 5TB

## **ST. TERNAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

### **REPORT OF THE VESTRY**

#### **FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

The members of the Vestry present their 2025 Annual Return and Supplementary Monitoring Return, together with the financial statements for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

#### **Structure and Governance**

In terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, the Vestry reports to the congregation as follows:

1. St. Ternan's Episcopal Church, Banchory is a registered Scottish Charity (SC008553).
2. It is a member of the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney of the Scottish Episcopal Church, and is in full Communion with the Anglican Church.
3. The superior authority is the Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney.
4. All of its affairs are governed by the Vestry, according to the requirements of Canon Law of the Scottish Episcopal Church and the Church constitution.

#### **Appointment of Vestry Members**

Vestry Members are elected or appointed at the Annual General meeting. There is no formal induction programme, but ongoing guidance is given to ensure that Vestry members are familiar with the Church's values, aims and responsibilities, particularly as the designated trustees of a charity.

#### **Administrative Structure**

It is the duty of the Vestry to support and advise the Rector in the spiritual affairs of the Church, and to manage the temporal affairs of the congregation, with responsibility to keep the fabric of the church and other buildings in good working order, and to manage the finances of the Church.

#### **Statement of Risk**

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

#### **Charitable Objectives and Activities**

The Church's principal activities include public worship in sacrament, Bible study and prayer, congregational spiritual development, Christian education, working with young people in learning and development, and fund raising for local, national and international needs.

#### **Volunteers**

The Church has a full-time stipendiary rector, appointed in August 2018. All other work is carried out by a large number of volunteers who freely donate their time and talents, and without whom the Church would struggle to fully function.

#### **Use and Stewardship of Resources**

The Church continues to make its facilities available for use for the whole community, for worship or other appropriate activities.

### **Financial Summary**

A deficit of £22,436 has been made during the financial year compared to a deficit of £14,212 for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Whereas congregational numbers are slowly on the rise after the Covid pandemic the demography of the attendees is heavily skewed towards those of pensionable age, with many on fixed incomes. Revenue, therefore, is static, but expenditure rises inexorably with increases in stipend and utility costs. We have, therefore, begun to utilise investment savings to sustain cash flow. During the reported year we utilised £23,000 of savings for this purpose, thus giving an apparent surplus of £564 in the accounts.

### **Plans for future periods**

In the near term the focus will be on re-establishing worship, pastoral work and seeking to re-establish a younger generation of worshippers, even if not in the church building.

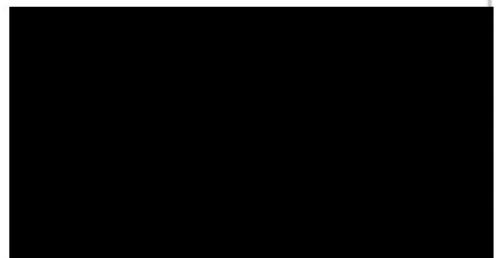
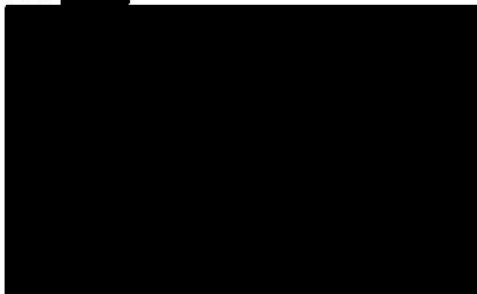
### **Reserves**

At the end of the year the Church held £146,115 of invested reserves; all of these are un-restricted. The Vestry has a policy of trying to maintain the maximum level of un-restricted reserves such that, in the event of a significant drop in income or an unforeseen requirement for fabric expenditure, the Church would be able to maintain its current level of activities for a reasonable period until replacement funding is available.

### **Statement of the Vestry Members' Constitutional Responsibilities regarding Finance**

The members of the Vestry must have prepared financial statements that give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Church during the financial year, and have the appropriate control and accountability processes in place to enable them to properly fulfil their stewardship role. The members of the Vestry are responsible for ensuring that proper accounting records are kept which, on request, must reflect the current financial position of the Church at the time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/ or detection of fraud or any other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the



8th February 2026

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

### **TO THE VESTRY OF ST. TERNAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BANCHORY**

### **FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 which are detailed in the attachment, which was approved at the Annual General Meeting held on 9th December 2025.

#### **Respective responsibilities of Vestry Members and examiner**

The Church's Vestry members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The members of the Vestry 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 has been carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Account (Scotland) Regulations 2006. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and sought explanation from trustees concerning such matters. In this case there were no such unusual items or disclosures. The procedure I undertook did not include a review of all the evidence that would be required in an audit; consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the review of these accounts.

#### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

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

Consequently, I have reasonable cause to believe that in all material respects:

- the accounting records are kept in accordance with Section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- the annual accounts submitted accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations.

I, therefore, confirm that the accounts submitted properly reflect the true state of the St. Ternan's, Banchory finances for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.



## ST. TERNAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BANCHORY

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### YEAR ENDED 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

##### **1. PROPERTY**

The church, hall and rectory are not shown in the statement of balances as the Vestry believes that it not possible to put a market value on them.

The valuation for the church and hall for insurance purposes is £3,931,827, and the rectory £321,048.

##### **2. FUNDS**

All funds are un-restricted

##### **3. TRUSTEE EXPENSES**

Total gross remuneration to the rector, who is a trustee of the church was £45,213. The breakdown of this was as follows:

	2024	2025
	£	£
Stipend	32,357	33,867
National Insurance	0	0 (note 1)
Pension	10,430	8,316
Rectory Council Tax	2,064	2,650
Locum Fees	0	0
Travel and other expenses	362	777
<b>Gross Total</b>	<b>45,213</b>	<b>45,610</b>
Linked Charge contribn	0	0
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>45,213</b>	<b>45,610</b>

There were no other payments to the charity trustees

Note 1: Employment Allowance covered all liabilities.

##### **4. PROPERTY EXPENSES**

Heat and Light	5,187	5,352
Church/ Rectory repairs	2,437	2,121
Insurance	3,882	4,249
Other	1,840	1,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,346</b>	<b>13,522</b>

##### **5. CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

Cystic Fibrosis Trust	<b>500</b>	680
Mary's Meals		600

##### **6. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

<b>0</b>	0
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**ST. TERNAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

	Notes	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2025</u> £
<b>Receipts</b>			
Donations received			
Voluntary Income: Pledged Giving		32,839	34,309
General Plate Collections		488	288
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed		6,203	10,897
Donations		610	150
Other			0
Receipts from investments other than land or buildings			
Investment income		5,083	5,124
Bank interest			
Gross receipts from other charitable activities			
Charitable donations		500	1,357
Use of the church hall		1,350	1,700
Rectory Rent		0	0
Fabric Upgrade		6,997	3,760
Grants received		24,620	1,337
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>78,690</b>	<b>58,922</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Payments for charitable activities			
Net Clergy cost	3	45,213	45,610
Quota		6,495	7,834
Non-Clergy Trustee expenses	3		
Property expenses	4	13,346	13,522
Administrative expenses		1,703	3,096
Church expenses		2,453	1,995
Exceptional (Fabric Upgrade)		23,192	0
0			
<b>Total payments for charitable activities</b>		<b>92,402</b>	<b>66,294</b>
Charitable donations	5	500	
Capital expenditure	6	0	0
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>92,902</b>	<b>81,358</b>
<b>Surplus/ (deficit) for the year</b>		<b>(14,212)</b>	<b>(22,436)</b>

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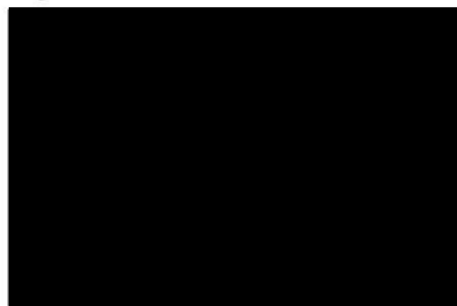
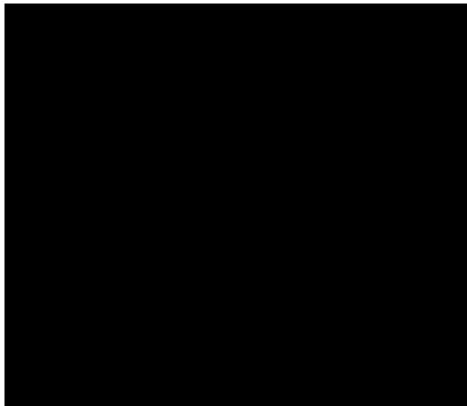
**STATEMENT OF BALANCES**

**AS AT 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

	2024	2025
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<b>Bank and cash in hand</b>		
Opening balances	18,706	4,494
Surplus/ (deficit) for the year	(14,212)	(22,436)
Savings Liquidated		23,000
Closing balances	4,494	5,058
 <b>Investments</b>		
Market value at beginning of year	154,641	157,898
Investment capital purchase / liquidated		(23,000)
Unrealised gain/ (loss) in year	3,257	11,217
 Market value at end of year	157,898	146,115

**All funds are unrestricted**

Approved by the Vestry on December 8th 2025 and signed on their behalf





SC008553

## THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN &amp; ORKNEY

## NAME OF CHARGE: ST. TERNAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BANCHORY

## ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Note	2023/2024 £	2024/2025 £
<b>A. RECEIPTS</b>			
Congregational & Voluntary	1	33,937	34,747
Special Collections	2	500	1,357
G/A tax + Investments	3	11,286	16,021
Property	4	1,350	1,700
Sundry Income	5	6,997	3,760
Grants/Loans Received	6	24,620	1,337
Capital Liquidated	6	0	23,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>78,690</b>	<b>81,922</b>
<b>B. PAYMENTS</b>			
Clergy Cost	7	46,776	45,610
Property Expenses	8	11,783	13,522
Church Expenses	9	2,453	1,995
Administrative Expenses	10	1,703	3,096
Charitable Payments	11	500	1,280
		<u>63,215</u>	<u>65,503</u>
Quota	12	6,495	7,834
Capital Payments	13	0	0
Exceptional Items	14	23,192	8,021
		<u>92,902</u>	<u>81,358</u>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR (A-B)</b>		<b>-14,212</b>	<b>564</b>
Bank & Cash Balances at 1st October		18,706	4,494
add Surplus/(Deficit) for year		-14,212	564
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances at 30th September</b>		<b>4,494</b>	<b>5,058</b>
<b>Represented by Funds in the following accounts:</b>			
Clydesdale Bank Current Account		3,313	3,348
Clydesdale Bank Cash Management A/c - Covenants		1,181	1,710
		<u>4,494</u>	<u>5,058</u>

Note: £22,168 revenue from SECUT sales held in a separate account

# RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	2023/2024	2024/2025
	£	£
<b>1. CONGREGATIONAL &amp; VOLUNTARY INCOME</b>		
General Collections	488	288
Covenants - Direct Receipts	32,839	34,309
Donations	610	150
Functions	0	0
Other	0	0
	<u>33,937</u>	<u>34,747</u>
<b>2. SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>		
Cystic Fibrosis Trust	500	497
Bishop's Appeal	0	0
Mary's Meals	0	860
	<u>500</u>	<u>1,357</u>
<b>3. ENDOWMENT INCOME &amp; INTEREST</b>		
Dividends	5,083	5,124
Tax Recovered	6,203	10,897
Interest Received	0	0
	<u>11,286</u>	<u>16,021</u>
<b>4. PROPERTY REVENUE</b>		
Contributions received towards Costs	<u>1,350</u>	<u>1,700</u>
<b>5. SUNDRY INCOME</b>		
Fabric Fund	6,525	3,760
Grants for Rector Work	0	0
Youth Work	472	0
Bequests	0	0
Grants for ministry	0	0
Rectory Rent	0	0
Sale of Investments	0	0
NET School	0	0
	<u>6,997</u>	<u>3,760</u>
<b>6. GRANTS/LOANS RECEIVED</b>		
	<u>24,620</u>	<u>1,337</u>
Capital Liquidated	0	23,000

# PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	2023/2024	2024/2025
	£	£
<b>7. CLERGY COST</b>		
Stipend (gross)	32,357	33,867
National Insurance (employers)	0	0
Pension	10,430	8,316
Council Tax	2,064	2,650
Locum Fees and other allowances	0	0
Travel/Mileage Allowance	362	777
Rectory Upkeep	1,563	0
Total	46,776	45,610
Less: Linked Charge Contribution	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,776</b>	<b>45,610</b>
<b>8. FABRIC MAINTENANCE EXPENSES</b>		
Insurance Premiums	3,882	4,249
Water & Sewerage Rates		
Church	0	0
Hall	0	0
Routine Repairs & Renewals		
Church	874	2,121
Rectory	0	
Heat & Light	5,187	5,352
Verger/Cleaner	1,840	1,800
Other		
Total	11,783	13,522
Less Linked Charge Contribution	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,783</b>	<b>13,522</b>
<b>9. CHURCH EXPENSES</b>		
Organist	878	1,000
Organ Maintenance	644	327
Music & Choir	206	215
Altar Expenses	358	239
Books	0	0
Other	367	214
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,453</b>	<b>1,995</b>
<b>10. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>		
Secretarial & Office Costs	0	0
Printing, Stationery	351	1,956
Advertising and Publicity	0	0
Telephone & Postage	446	571
Youth Ministry	446	376
Training and Development	0	0
Bank Interest & Charges	154	143
Sundry	306	50
Total	1,703	3,096
Less Linked Charge Contribution	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>3,096</b>

**PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 (continued)**

	<b>2023/2024</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>
<b>11. CHARITABLE DONATIONS</b>		
General	0	0
Cystic Fibrosis Trust	500	680
Scientists in Congregations	0	0
Mary's Meals	0	600
	0	
	0	
Bishop's Lent Appeal	0	
	<u>500</u>	<u>1,280</u>
<b>12. QUOTA</b>	<u>6,495</u>	<u>7,834</u>
<b>13. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>14. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS</b>		
Church Fabric Repair/ Upgrade	23,192	8,021
Rectory Fabric Repair/ Upgrade	0	0
Hall Fabric Repair/ Upgrade		
Relocation	0	0
	<u>23,192</u>	<u>8,021</u>

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

Name of Fund	Holding @30/9/2025		Income	
	Book Cost	Market Value	Market Value	2023/2024 2024/2025
	£	2024 £	2025 £	£ £
5,176 Units SEC Unit Trust	77,701	157,898		5,083
4,386 Units SEC Unit Trust	65,841		146,115	5,124
		157,898	146,115	5,083 5,124

Note: 790 units liquidated in August 2025 to yield an income of £25,000

Note: the Market Value of the Scottish Episcopal Church Unit Trust Pools is stated as at 30th September 2025.

Accounts Prepared by:

[Redacted Signature]

Approved on behalf of the Vestry

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