

Scottish Charity No: SC010854

**St Kessog's Church
Auchterarder
Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended 30 September 2025**

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St Kessog's Church, Auchterarder

Reference and administrative information

Charity name and address	St Kessog's Church Auchterarder PH3 1AD
Scottish Charity Number	SC010854
Charity Trustees	<i>Members of the Vestry</i> Rev. Duncan Strathie Rector (ex officio) Jennifer Halsey Secretary (ex officio) Armored Robinson Treasurer (ex officio) John Ferguson-Smith Rector's Warden (ex officio) Neil Gaunt Fabric / Property Ann Gaunt Lay Representative (ex officio) Norma Bibby John Robertson Gilly Wagstaff To January 2025 Nigel Gallier Hilary Bullock People's Warden(ex officio)
Independent Examiner	William J Russell CA Dickson Middleton 20 Barnton Street Stirling FK8 1NA

St Kessog's Church, Auchterarder
Report of the Vestry (Trustees' report)
Year ended 30 September 2025

As the Charity Trustees of St Kessog's Church the Vestry presents its report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2025. These have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies detailed at note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102).

Structure, governance and management

St Kessog's Episcopal Church is a congregation of the Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane in the Scottish Episcopal Church. The Church is governed by a constitution and is subject to the Canons of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Subject to the canonical rights and duties of the Rector, the affairs of the Congregation are under the management of the Vestry, which is elected by the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. New Vestry members are provided with guidance on their role as a Charity Trustee.

Risk policy

The Vestry has assessed the major risks to which the Church is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Church and is satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Adequate insurance cover is provided in respect of the Church buildings.

Objectives

The objectives of the Church are the advancement of the mission of the whole Scottish Episcopal Church. These objectives are carried out through mission and pastoral activities. The principal activities of the Church are public worship and the spiritual development of members.

Achievements and performance

Services continued to be held on Sundays, Wednesdays and at all religious festivals throughout the year. Numbers in the congregation have remained fairly constant but are still lower than pre-Covid days. Financial support, however, continues even from non-attenders. The Rector, Duncan Strathie, continued to visit the housebound, those who are ill and those in care homes, which is much appreciated by those on the receiving end.

Financial review

The main points to note in the accounts are as follows:

General fund

Total income has decreased from the previous year by £16.2k due to there being one very generous, anonymous, donation of £15k in 2024. Expenditure remained constant at £68.5k.

There was a deficit on the General Fund of £2.4k compared to a surplus of £14.5k in 2024. This is more fully outlined on Page 14 of the accounts. In terms of methods of raising income, almost all members support the church through standing orders rather than giving via the plate.

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Financial review (Continued)

Maintenance and Improvement Fund

Income has been principally through generous donations of over £4,100. Expenditure during the year related principally to the upkeep of the church fabric and grounds. There was an overall deficit on the Maintenance and Improvement Fund for the year of £8,500. The Maintenance and Improvement Fund movements are shown on Page 15 of the accounts.

Investments

The church investment portfolio value has significantly increased by £44,849 due to conditions in the markets. At the year end the investment portfolio was valued at £540,982 and had generated income of £17,092, a yield of 3.2%. In line with charity accounting requirements the investments are recorded at market value on the balance sheet date but it should be noted that the accumulated gains on these investments are unrealised and any deterioration in market conditions will lead to a reduction in those gains.

Results

The financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2025 are attached to this report.

The Net Income after Unrealised Gains on the revaluation of investments for the year was £34,353 compared to £71,721 in 2024. Net Assets increased from £530,122 to £564,475.

Given the challenges of the year in terms of both income and expenditure St Kessog's has come through better than could be expected, almost entirely due to the generosity of its members.

Thank you all.

Reserves policy

The Vestry's reserves policy is to maintain, at its own discretion, reserves to meet future capital and revenue expenditure. At the year-end date, there were sufficient free cash reserves to meet at least three months normal operating costs.

Investment policy

The policy is to seek investments where the value of the capital is maintained and a reasonable income is distributed. That objective was achieved during the year.

Plans for the future

The church will continue to provide a place of worship and to engage with the local community in furtherance of its objectives. The Vestry and its congregation have developed a five year strategic plan to ensure that this service will continue long into the future.

The Church has also recently opted in to the Scottish Episcopal Church's Net Zero programme.

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Report of the Vestry (Trustees' report) (Continued)

Year ended 30 September 2025

Statement of responsibilities of Members of Vestry

The members of the Vestry are responsible for preparing the Annual Report of the Vestry and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the members of the Vestry to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church for that period. In preparing the financial statements the members of the Vestry are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Church will continue in operation.

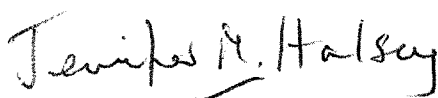
The members of the Vestry are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the Church's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The applicable law also sets out the responsibilities of the members of the Vestry for the preparation and content of the Annual Report of the Vestry.

Independent Examiners

The accounts for the year to 30 September 2025 have been independently examined by William Russell of Dickson Middleton who has indicated that he is willing to be re-appointed and the appropriate resolution will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

ON BEHALF OF THE VESTRY



Jennifer Halsey
Secretary

10 December 2025

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members of the Vestry on the Unaudited Accounts of
St Kessog's Church, Auchterarder.**

I report on the financial statements of St Kessog's Church, Auchterarder for the year ended 30 September 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

This report is made to the members of the Vestry as a body, in accordance with the terms of my engagement. My work has been undertaken to enable me to report my opinion as set out below and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Church and the members of the Vestry, as a body, for my work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of members of the Vestry and independent examiner

The members of the Vestry, as Trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the Act) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the Regulations). The members of the Vestry consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 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.

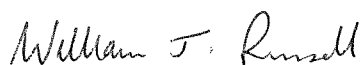
Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the members of the Vestry 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 view given by 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 Regulations, and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave not been met: or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



**William J Russell CA
Dickson Middleton
Chartered Accountants
20 Barnton Street
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22 December 2025

St Kessog's Church, Auchterarder

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 September 2025

	Note	General Fund		Maintenance & Improvement Fund		Total 2025	Total 2024
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted		
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Donations, legacies and similar income (including contributions from St James, Muthill)		248	45,299	4,165	-	49,712	72,253
Investments			17,092			17,092	15,128
Charitable activities			3,264			3,264	200
Total income		248	65,655	4,165	-	70,068	87,581
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities:							
Clergy expenditure			43,721			43,788	44,212
Church and fabric costs			10,674	3,017	9,634	23,011	23,157
Other operating expenses			3,185	20		3,452	2,477
Provincial and diocesan quota			8,459			8,459	8,038
Independent examiners' fees			900			900	960
Fundraising costs			954			954	51
Total expenditure		-	67,893	3,037	9,634	80,564	78,895
Net income / (expenditure) before gains on investments		248	(2,238)	1,128	(9,634)	(10,495)	8,686
Unrealised (losses) / gains on revaluation of investments		-	44,849	-	-	44,849	63,035
Transfers							
Net income / (expenditure)		248	42,611	1,128	(9,634)	34,353	71,721
Total funds brought forward		744	482,595	14,605	32,178	530,122	458,401
Total funds carried forward		992	525,206	15,733	22,544	564,475	530,122

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these financial statements

St Kessog's Church, Auchterarder
Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2025

	Note	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Investments at market value					
15,135 Units SEC Unit Trust Pool	4	504,206		461,704	
2,267 Units M&G Equities Investment Fund for Charities	4	<u>36,776</u>	540,982	<u>34,429</u>	496,133
Current assets					
Cash at bank -					
General account		19,041		24,437	
Maintenance and Improvement account		735		1,498	
Cash on hand		-		178	
		<u>19,776</u>		<u>26,113</u>	
Debtors and prepaid charges	5	<u>5,367</u>		<u>9,501</u>	
		25,143		35,614	
Current liabilities	6	<u>(1,650)</u>		<u>(1,625)</u>	
Net current assets			23,493		33,989
Net assets			<u>564,475</u>		<u>530,122</u>
Charity funds					
Unrestricted funds	7		547,750		514,773
Restricted funds	7		<u>16,725</u>		<u>15,349</u>
Total Charity funds			<u>564,475</u>		<u>530,122</u>

Approved by the Vestry on 10 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:-

D. Strathie

Rev. Duncan Strathie – Chair

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Armored Robinson - Treasurer

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these financial statements

St Kessog's Church, Auchterarder

Cash flow statement for the year ended 30 September 2025

	2025	2024
Net movement in funds	34,353	71,721
Investment income	(17,092)	(15,128)
(Gains) on investments	(44,849)	(63,035)
Decrease /(increase) in debtors	4,134	(6,570)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	25	(424)
Net cash (used in) / provided by operating activities	<u>(23,429)</u>	<u>(13,436)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investment income	17,092	15,128
Net cash (used) / provided by investing activities	<u>17,092</u>	<u>15,128</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(6,337)	1,692
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	26,113	24,421
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	<u>19,776</u>	<u>26,113</u>

St Kessog's Church, Auchterarder

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2025

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

General information and basis of preparation

St Kessog's is a congregation of the Scottish Episcopal Church worshipping in Auchterarder and whose details are provided on page 2 of these financial statements.

The church constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014, the Charities and Trustee (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, other than investments which are stated at market value. The financial statements are presented in sterling, which is the functional currency of the church, and rounded to the nearest £1.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

The Vestry considers that there are no material uncertainties about the church's ability to continue as a going concern. There is uncertainty about the carrying value of investments but it is expected that income from these investments will be maintained at existing levels.

Investment assets

Investment assets are stated at their market value at the balance sheet date using the quoted market price. Unrealised gains and losses are included in the Statement of Financial Activities. Realised gains represent the difference between disposal proceeds and carrying value. These investments do not involve derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

Income recognition

Congregational giving is accounted for when received. Donations, legacies and similar income are accounted for when the Church becomes entitled to the income and a reliable estimate of the amount to be received can be made. Gift Aid tax recoverable is accounted for in the accounting period in which the related donations were receivable.

Funds

Unrestricted funds may be used at the Vestry's discretion to meet future capital and revenue expenditure of the Church.

Restricted funds are those funds which have been raised for specific purposes or whose use has been specified by donors. Details of each restricted fund are given at note 8.

Pensions

The Scottish Episcopal Church operates a defined benefit pension scheme for clergy. When it employs a Rector the congregation pays contributions to this multi-employer scheme in respect of its stipendiary clergy. As it is not possible to identify the church's share of the underlying assets and liabilities the scheme is treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounts purposes and contributions to the scheme are charged in the accounts as they fall due.

Taxation

The church is recognised as a charity by HMRC and is exempt from taxation on investment gains and income. The church is not registered for VAT and expenditure includes irrecoverable input VAT.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2025

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2. Clergy costs and emoluments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross stipend and salary	33,978	32,391
Pension costs	8,316	10,430
	<u>42,294</u>	<u>42,821</u>

The Rector was the only employee.

St James's Church, Muthill contributed £9,000 during the year towards the above clergy costs.

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 per annum.

Pension contributions, designed to spread the pension costs over the working lives of the clergy, are based on Stipend payable and these were set at 32.2% to 31st December 2024 and 22% thereafter.

3. Trustee remuneration, benefits and expenses

Except for the Rector no member of the Vestry received remuneration or reimbursement of expenses, other than reimbursement of purchases made on behalf of the Church. The Rector is *ex officio* a member of the Vestry and a trustee and received remuneration, benefits and reimbursement of expenses in respect of services as a stipendiary cleric in line with scales determined by General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

4. Investments

	Cost		Market value	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
15,135 SEC Unit Trust Pool Units	89,192	86,192	504,206	461,704
2,267 M&G Equity Investment Fund	7,121	7,121	36,776	34,429
	<u>93,313</u>	<u>93,313</u>	<u>540,982</u>	<u>496,133</u>

5. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments and other debtors	2,621	2,464
Tax recoverable	2,747	7,037
	<u>5,367</u>	<u>9,501</u>

6. Creditors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors and accruals	<u>1,650</u>	<u>1,625</u>

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7. Reconciliation of movement in funds

	Restricted Funds £	General Funds £
Balance at 1 October 2024	15,349	514,773
Incoming resources	4,413	65,655
Resources expended	(3,037)	(77,527)
Transfers	-	-
Unrealised gains on investments	-	44,849
Balance at 30 September 2025	<u>16,725</u>	<u>547,750</u>

8. Restricted funds

	At 30.09.24	Transfer	Received	Applied	At 30.09.25
Church fabric / grounds upkeep	8,609	-	800	20	9,389
Graveyard upkeep	538	-	3,553	3,017	1,074
Organ overhaul	2,762	-	60	-	2,822
Rot / stonework damage works	3,440	-	-	-	3,440
	<u>15,349</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,413</u>	<u>3,037</u>	<u>16,725</u>

9. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Designated funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investment assets	-	540,982	-	540,982	496,133
Net current assets	16,725	6,768	-	23,493	33,989
	<u>16,725</u>	<u>547,750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>564,475</u>	<u>530,122</u>

10. Church buildings

The Church and Rectory buildings and their contents were insured during the year at a value of £5,149,541 (2024 - £5,025,189).

St Kessog's Church, Auchterarder
Summary Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 30 September 2025

	2025		2024	
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Collections, other donations and fees	4,413	35,594	6,075	56,861
Contributions by St James', Muthill		9,705	-	9,317
Fund raising proceeds		3,264	-	200
Investments receipts		17,092	-	15,128
Total receipts	4,413	65,655	6,075	81,506
Payments				
Payments for charitable activities	3,037	75,673	7,047	70,837
Fund raising costs	-	954	-	51
Governance costs	-	900	-	960
Total payments	3,037	77,527	7,047	71,848
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	1,376	(11,872)	(972)	9,658
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Gain on revaluation of investments	-	44,849	-	63,035
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for year	1,376	32,977	(972)	72,693
Fund balances - 1 October 2024	15,349	514,773	16,321	442,080
Fund balances - 30 September 2025	16,725	547,750	15,349	514,773

St Kessog's Church, Auchterarder
General Fund Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 30 September 2025

	2025		2024	
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations and recoverable tax	248	35,594	800	56,841
Fundraising proceeds	-	3,264	-	200
Investments receipts	-	17,092	-	15,128
Contributions - St James, Muthill	-	9,705	-	9,317
Total receipts	248	65,655	800	81,486
Payments				
Stipend and NIC		33,978	-	32,391
Pension costs		8,316	-	10,430
Clergy assistance		398	-	314
Council tax - Rectory		3,352	-	3,296
Heat and light - Church		4,125	-	4,951
Insurance - Church		1,790	-	1,776
- Rectory		633	-	598
Altar requisites		978	-	447
Organists		780	-	703
Telephone		953	-	850
Stationery		184	-	415
General expenses		667	100	1,112
Travel expenses		1,426	-	1,077
Diocesan quota		8,459	-	8,038
Rectory upkeep		-	-	-
Independent examiner's fee		900	-	960
Fund raising costs		954	-	51
Diocesan legal fee share		-	-	300
Total payments	-	67,893	100	67,709
Surplus / (Deficit) for year before transfers	248	(2,238)	700	13,777

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Maintenance and Improvement Fund Income and Expenditure Account

for the year ended 30 September 2025

	2025		2024	
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations and recoverable tax	4,165	-	5,275	20
Contributions - St James, Muthill			-	-
Total receipts	<u>4,165</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,275</u>	<u>20</u>
Payments				
Equipment maintenance	-	448	-	81
Upkeep of Rectory	-	2,386	3,493	2,500
Upkeep of church fabric / grounds / graveyard	3,037	6,800	4,447	565
Organ servicing	-	-	-	-
Total payments	<u>3,037</u>	<u>9,634</u>	<u>7,940</u>	<u>3,146</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for year before transfers	<u>1,128</u>	<u>(9,634)</u>	<u>(2,665)</u>	<u>(3,126)</u>