

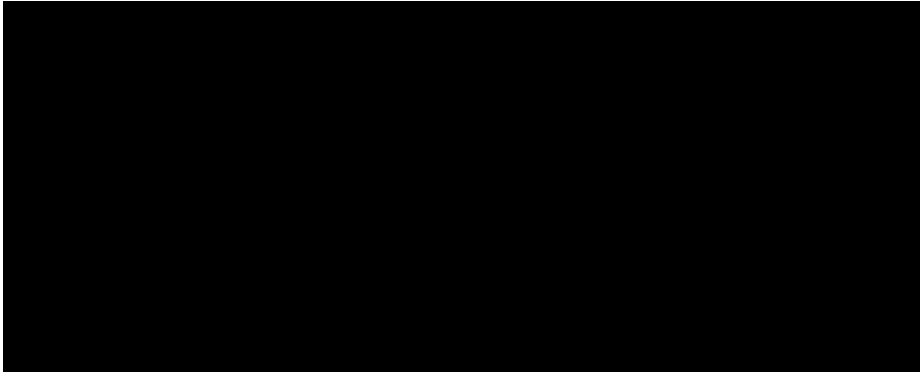
Charity Reference Number – SCO11926

St Adrian's Church, Gullane
Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2025

Report of the Vestry

Year ended 30 September 2025

Charity Trustees – Members of the Vestry



At the Annual General meeting (AGM) held last year on Sunday 8th December 2024, the following re-appointments were made: [REDACTED] as People's Warden, [REDACTED] as Lay Representative to the Diocesan Synod, [REDACTED] as Alternate Lay Representative. [REDACTED] also continued as elected vestry members. [REDACTED] would have been due to finish her term of service on the vestry but agreed to stand again in view of pressure to find sufficient vestry members and she was duly re-elected. [REDACTED] continued as Honorary Treasurer, [REDACTED] as Rector's Warden and [REDACTED] as Vestry Secretary. Since the AGM in 2024, [REDACTED] has now stepped down as Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) officer for St Adrian's and [REDACTED] has now agreed to act as PVG officer for both St Adrian's and St Baldred's churches. [REDACTED] was again unanimously approved as Independent Examiner.

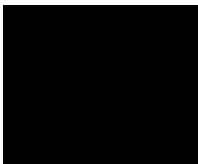
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ST ADRIAN'S CHURCH, GULLANE
Report of the Vestry (continued)
Year ended 30 September 2025

The members of the Vestry present their annual report together with the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2025.

Structure and Governance

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

1. St Adrian's Episcopal Church, Gullane is an unincorporated association registered as a Scottish Charity (SC011926).
2. It is an incumbency in the Diocese of Edinburgh of the Scottish Episcopal Church and is within the Anglican Communion.
3. The superior authority is the Trustees of the Diocese of Edinburgh.
4. The Vestry governs St Adrian's affairs in accordance with its constitution.

Appointment of Vestry Members

Vestry members are elected or appointed by Annual General Meeting established by constitution and under Canon Law of the Scottish Episcopal Church. 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 as the designated trustees of a charity.

Administrative Structure

It is the duty of the Vestry to co-operate with and generally assist the Rector in all matters relating to the spiritual welfare of the congregation and the mission of the whole Church. The Vestry, with the Rector, has responsibility to keep the fabric and property of the Church and Rectory in good working order and to see to the safe custody of the finances of the Church.

Charitable Objectives and Activities

The Church's principal activities are the ministry and mission to the congregation and to the wider community, including worship, education, charitable service and pastoral care.

Volunteers

The Vestry is grateful for the time freely given by many volunteers, whose service and commitment ensure that these objectives and activities are fulfilled.

ST ADRIAN'S CHURCH, GULLANE
Report of the Vestry (continued)
Year ended 30 September 2025

Achievements and performance

This has been a good year for St Adrian's with some really good achievements and we are grateful to vestry members, church members and all visitors and well-wishers for ongoing support of church and our shared mission. Among the highlights of the year are the following:

- The church has worked well with St Baldred's with two shared morning service, a joint vestry meeting and joint eco-committee and support between the two churches for services and events.
- The new doors have been an excellent - there was a wonderful joint service to bless the doors and confirm two people and licence the [REDACTED] as assistant priest to the joint charge in May. The doors have improved insulation and seem to have resolved a problem with people gathering in the porch at nights.
- There has been some really good work in the garden. A dedicated team continue to look after the new wild-flower garden and things have been put in place to attract wild-life. We continue to encourage community use and have put on a number of events in the garden. A memorable example of this was an outdoor exhibition of Stations of the Cross in Holy Week by local artist, [REDACTED].
- A successful relationship with a community choir which uses the church has been very fruitful with two concerts being put on this year.
- We had a really enjoyable Summer Fete supported by both churches. We also had a Pet Service which brought an entirely fresh congregation both human and canine into the church!
- We continue to provide some pastoral outreach through monthly services at Muirfield Nursing Home in Gullane alongside the new Church of Scotland Minister.
- A new facebook page was created and church events are publicized through a number of channels.
- The church fabric has been excellently maintained. A generous gift in celebration of the coming centenary enabled the resurfacing of the chancel floor which was done to a very high standard.
- A lot of ground-work was done on the Church's Centenary Project to improve the church building by adding an extension to the church alongside other possibilities to improve the energy efficiency of the church and move further towards net zero if future fund-raising allows.
- There has been generous support of charities including the Aberlour Children's Charity, Bishop's Lent Appeal and Mission to Seafarers.
- The weekly worship has gone well with new people joining and enhanced by evening services and seasonal services. A memorable success was the children's Crib and Christingle Service on Christmas Eve 2024 which was so well attended that there were about 20 people standing at the back.
- The church has been beautifully decorated with a new organizer of the flower-arranging and her dedicated team

Alongside this the ongoing work and joy of facilitating worship, organizing the church, decorating the church, welcoming visitors, opening the church, organizing social events, looking for ways to serve our community and care for one another and pastoral outreach continues with the support of dedicated volunteers.

ST ADRIAN'S CHURCH, GULLANE
Report of the Vestry (continued)
Year ended 30 September 2025

Financial Review

2025 saw a significant improvement in our financial position with a surplus of £9,271 increasing our cash resources and an unrealised increase in our investments of £21,317 bringing our resources available to support our Christian mission up to £282k. In the year we benefited from a number of 'one off' donations and legacies which together with the funding for our new doors from the Energy Savings Trust, which offset the cost, were the key contributors to the excellent result for the year. It is gratifying to see that member donations in the year were steady and we very much appreciate this ongoing support and commitment.

Plans for Future Periods

We continue to plan for our Centenary celebration in 2027 and we have applied for planning permission for an extension to upgrade our kitchen, toilet and storage facilities. Given the excellent recent investment performance and current market valuations we have realized a sum of £30k from our investments. This will result in cash deposits of £45k in excess of our operating cash requirement. We estimate that the extension will cost c£75k so we plan to raise c£30k over the next two years. We will make an appeal to members, to friends of St Adrian's and to the local business community and we will investigate available grant funding and run further fundraising activities in support of our plans.

In support of the SEC 'Net Zero' ambitions we will explore grant funding for energy saving measures to reduce the carbon footprint of St Adrian's which will reduce energy usage and costs over time and make our church warmer and more welcoming.

We are improving the lighting around the church and particularly on the church path to enable better visibility for use of the church on dark nights which has been a problem. This will make evening services easier and evening rehearsals for the community choir.

We plan to improve our website and to put on some new social events and to continue to look to ways to serve our community and to be a welcoming, prayerful, mission-minded church community.

We will continue to encourage people into the church and gardens and community links

Reserves

St Adrian's reserves fall into the categories of restricted funds, which can only be used for a specified purpose, and unrestricted funds, which can be used for any relevant purpose. Following the fitting of our doors, the restricted funds are the Flower Fund and the Centenary Fund and the unrestricted fund is the General Congregational Fund.

Statement of the Vestry Members' Responsibilities

The members of the Vestry must prepare financial statements that give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Church during the financial year. The members of the Vestry are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that, on request, must reflect the current financial position of the Church at that 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 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.



7th December 2025

ST ADRIAN'S CHURCH, GULLANE
Independent Examiner's Report
To the Vestry of St Adrian's Episcopal Church
For the year ended 30 September 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 30 September 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) 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 (as amended). 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 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 Accounts Regulations (as amended), and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended),

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.


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7th December 2025

ST ADRIAN'S CHURCH, GULLANE
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30th September 2025

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
RECEIPTS					
Donations	1	20	26,075	26,095	26,372
Legacies		-	6,000	6,000	-
Fund raising	2	17,945	4,561	22,506	5,527
Income from investments other than land & buildings		299	7,526	7,825	6,848
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		18,264	44,162	62,426	38,747
RECEIPTS FROM ASSET AND INVESTMENT SALES					
Proceeds from sale of investments		-	-	-	15,000
Energy Savings Trust Loan		2,648	-	2,648	-
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Total Income		20,912	44,162	65,074	53,747
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PAYMENTS					
Payments for charitable activities	3	3,611	39,579	43,190	46,122
Grants and donations paid	4	-	991	991	2,552
Governance costs					
Independent Examiner's fee		-	1,140	1,140	792
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		3,611	41,710	45,321	49,466
PAYMENTS RELATING TO ASSET AND INVESTMENT PURCHASES					
Cost of new doors		10,482	-	10,482	-
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Total Payments		14,093	41,710	55,803	49,466
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Net (payments)/receipts		6,819	2,452	9,271	4,281
Transfers		(111)	111	-	-
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(Deficit)/surplus for the year		£ 6,708	£ 2,563	£ 9,271	£4,281
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ST ADRIAN'S CHURCH, GULLANE
Statement of Balances as at 30th September 2025

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Cash at bank and in hand					
Balance at beginning of year		322	19,758	20,080	15,799
(Deficit)/surplus for the year		6,708	2,563	9,271	4,281
Total cash & bank funds at end of year		7,030	22,321	29,351	20,080
Investments					
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Market value at beginning of year		-	231,569	231,569	215,007
Sale of investments		-	-	-	(15,000)
Realised gains in year		-	-	-	943
Unrealised gain in year		-	21,317	21,317	30,619
Market value at end of year		-	252,886	252,886	231,569
Total net assets		£7,030	£252,886	£282,237	£251,649
FUND BALANCES					
At beginning of year		322	251,327	251,649	230,806
Surplus for the year		6,708	2,563	9,271	4,281
Movement in Investments		-	21,317	21,317	16,562
Fund balances at end of year		£7,030	£275,207	£282,237	£251,649

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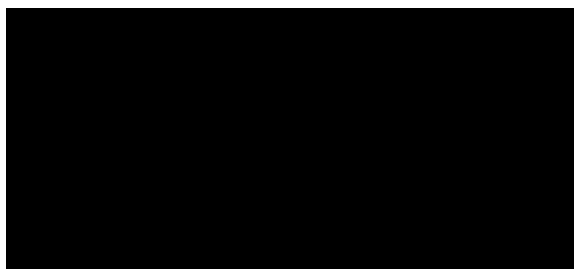
Other assets

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Rectory (50% of value for insurance purposes)	500,000
Gift Aid tax recoverable for the period	2,357

Other liabilities

	£
Accruals – Independent examiners fee	1,320
Creditor – Due to Energy Savings Trust	2,503
Creditor – Due to St Baldreds	671

All 'Other assets' and 'Other liabilities' relate to unrestricted funds.



ST ADRIAN'S CHURCH, GULLANE
Notes on the accounts
For the year ended 30 September 2025

1 Donations

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations - Gift aid	-	15,031	15,031	14,931
Income tax recovered	-	4,781	4,781	4,052
Donations – Non-Gift aid	20-	3,465	3,485	5,190
Cash offerings	-	2,798	2,798	2,199
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Total	20-	£26,075	£26,095	£26,372
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2 Receipts from Fundraising Activities

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Grants and loans received	17,945	3,000	20,945	1,488
Fund raising and other income	-	500	500	2,865
Community groups rents	-	825	825	725
Church fete	-	236	236	499
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Total	£17,945	£4,561	£22,506	£5,527
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3. Payments relating directly to Charitable Activities

St. Adrian's contribution in respect of expenditure shared with the linked charge of St Baldred's is 36.35% in respect of charitable expenditure and 50% in respect of capital expenditure.

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Shared expenses at 35/38%				
Rector's stipend and other remuneration	-	14,104	14,104	15,458
Rectory and office expenses	-	3,057	3,057	3,579
Shared expenses at 50%				
Rectory and Office equipment	-	1,755	1,755	3,123
St Adrian's expenses				
Quota	-	3,547	3,547	5,578
Insurance	-	2,916	2,916	2,844
Maintenance and Repairs	-	5,600	5,600	5,607
Heating and Lighting	-	1,333	1,333	1,940
Organists	-	3,060	3,060	2,000
Grounds and Garden	-	3,329	3,329	3,592
Sundry payments	98	756	854	235
Web hosting	-	122	122	-
Architects fees and permissions	3,513		3,513	2,166
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Total	£3,611	£39,579	£43,190	£46,122
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Notes on the accounts (continued)
For the year ended 30 September 2025

4. Disbursement of Church Funds

The Vestry authorised donations from General funds to the following Charities: £

Mission for	Seafarers		335
Aberlour	Childrens' Trust		406
Bishop's	Lent	Appeal	250
			<u>£991</u>

5. Special Contributions

During the year a total of £729 (2024 - £2,302) was contributed by individuals for special causes and disbursed as follows: £

Mission for	Seafarers		115
Aberlour	Childrens' Trust		394
Bishop's	Lent	Appeal	220
			<u>£729</u>

6. Remuneration and Expenses paid to Vestry Members

The following Vestry members were reimbursed for expenses incurred relating to their roles and responsibilities: [REDACTED] £357, [REDACTED] £39, [REDACTED] £417 and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] received £20 as reimbursement for various expenses relating to St Adrian's.

No other Vestry member received any remuneration or expenses relating to their position as charity trustees.

The Rector received standard stipend and payment of pension contributions in accordance with SEC-approved stipendiary amounts. The full stipend for the year was £33,978 (2024: £32,391) with a pension contributions of £5,406 (15.68%) (2024 £6,647). An Additional Allowance of £504 (2024: £489) was also paid to the Rector by the linked charges, but also funded by the Province. Travel expenses of £747 (2024: £927) and other expenses of £330 (2023: £764) were reimbursed at the SEC- and HMRC-approved rates. St Adrian's 35% and 38% share of these costs is included in Note 3 above.

As is customary, the Rector also occupied the Rectory on a rent-free basis. Council tax on the Rectory is paid by the linked charges.

7. St. Adrian's Church and the Rectory Buildings

The Church at Sandy Loan, Gullane, is owned by St. Adrian's Vestry. The fabric of the building remains sound. The Rectory at 2 May Terrace, North Berwick, is jointly owned by St. Adrian's and St Baldred's Vestries; capital costs are shared on an equal basis. Neither the Church nor the Rectory is shown in the Statement of Balances as the Vestry believes that it is not possible to place a market value on them. The valuation of the Church for insurance purposes is £2,295,619 which is believed to be sufficient.

8. Investments

The free reserves of the Church are invested in units in the Scottish Episcopal Church Unit Trust Pool. In the period Unit values increased in line with values in capital markets. The Unit Trust Pool tracks an unpublished benchmark that is monitored by the Investment Committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

	Market Value at	30 September 2025 £	30 September 2024 £
7,591 Units Episcopal Church Unit Trust Pool		231,569	215,007
Units proceeds of sale		-	(15,000)
Realised gain in period		-	8,379
Unrealised gains in period		21,317	23,183
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (7,591 Units)		£252,886	£231,569

ST ADRIAN'S CHURCH, GULLANE

9. Movement in funds

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The Church has three restricted funds, the Flower Fund, the Porch Door Fund and the Centenary Fund.

The Flower Fund, that collects donations for flowers.

The Porch Door Fund was a new fund set up in 2024 as a result of a contribution to update the Porch Doors and was used in the current year on the installation of the new door when Energy Savings Trust supplied a grant of £7,945 and an interest free loan of £2,648 repayable monthly over 7 years to fund the installation. In the current year we have repaid £146 of the loan leaving a balance outstanding to Energy Savings Trust of £2,502, which will be repaid from general funds.

Vestry has commissioned a project to commemorate our Centenary in 2027. In 2025 we received a generous donation of £10,000 from Foundation Scotland to support the planning and execution of the project as documented in Future Plans above. £3,513 was disbursed from this fund in respect of Architects and Planning fees in the year.