

**The Church of Scotland**  
**Fairmilehead Parish Church of Scotland, Edinburgh**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT  
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**for the year ended**

**31 December 2025**

**Congregation No: 000010033**

**Registered Charity No: SC015967**

# Fairmilehead Parish Church of Scotland, Edinburgh

## Trustees' Annual Report Year ended 31 December 2025

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The Trustees present the annual report and financial statements of Fairmilehead Parish Church of Scotland, Edinburgh for the year ended 31 December 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies and comply with the General Assembly Regulations for Congregational Finance, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The Church of Scotland is Trinitarian in doctrine, Reformed in tradition and Presbyterian in polity. It exists to glorify God and to work for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom throughout the world. As a national Church, it acknowledges a distinctive call and duty to bring the ordinances of religion to the people in every parish of Scotland through a territorial ministry. It co-operates with other Churches in various ecumenical bodies in Scotland and beyond.

We hold one Sunday morning service, at 10.30am. There continues to be an increase in the number of families with young children attending worship. The first twenty five minutes of worship are all-age with a focus on our growing number of children. Our Young Church and Creche numbers have also continued to grow, with a Sunday Club continuing to operate for the older children. Tea, coffee and fellowship takes place after Sunday morning worship in one of our halls and is well attended.

Worship through music is led by our Organists and Praise Band who offer a blend of traditional and contemporary music to meet the needs of a varied age group of worshippers. PowerPoint is used for church intimations and hymn singing. During the Summer, worship moves away from the Lectionary and follows a Sermon theme.

The Sacrament of Communion is celebrated monthly on the first Sunday of each month. At least one of the Communion services is for all ages. The Minister meets with all families who enquire about baptism. Sunday services have also been shared or led by the worship team made up of Elders who have undergone Presbytery training. Rev. Dr. John Young, now a member of our church, also supports the Minister with services when required.

Midweek worship is offered monthly on a Thursday. This is a shorter service of music and meditation which also attracts those who would not normally attend a church service. An outreach service is held weekly on a Thursday, for parents, grandparents and toddlers. This includes a short time of prayer, and is led by the Minister and volunteer Elders.

During Holy Week, reflective services are held on the Wednesday and Thursday evenings, with a short service also being held at noon on Good Friday. Maundy Thursday is an Ecumenical Service with St Fillan's Episcopal Church in Buckstone. September worship focuses on Creation and the care of our world. Remembrance Services are held in November, one of which is a youth service for all of our Uniformed Organisations. A service for those who find Christmas difficult is held in December for all those in our Parish. A Lenten Bible Study is held during Lent. A monthly Prayer Diary is offered as a hard copy within worship and is also available on our website.

The church halls are an important asset and meeting place for the surrounding community. Many groups are available for the congregation and others to join including the Guild, our church led book club, our Fairmile project for the isolated, our church knitting group and the uniformed organisations. The halls are also used by the surrounding community.

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### **Achievements and Performance**

The Minister, members of the Kirk Session and its Committees continue to meet the spiritual needs of the congregation through worship, study groups, and social and fellowship events. Members of the Pastoral Care Group assist the Minister by visiting members of the congregation, either at home or in hospital, who find it difficult to attend Church services. Sunday deliveries of flowers from the sanctuary continue.

The Church's magazine 'Crossroads' is published twice yearly. Our outreach through Facebook continues to increase, and our presence as a church community is growing slowly also on Instagram. The bi-monthly newsletter for members of the Congregation has been replaced with a monthly newsletter and prayer diary. Information is provided on the Church website, and banners and other publicity all continue to promote the ways in which the work of the Church to the congregation and wider community continues. The Church is the people, not the building.

Our Minister continues in her role as School Chaplain at the local primary school, Buckstone Primary. She leads school assemblies and holds the Good Samaritan Award, which she introduced and is now part of the school calendar. The Minister also takes part in other school events. The primary school children attended our church for a Christmas Assembly in December 2025. The Minister leads a Summer Holiday Club each year, supported by a team of Elders and volunteers, for around 50 young people. Our Minister is a qualified Healthcare Chaplain and is a volunteer chaplain at Marie Curie Hospice, Edinburgh, visiting when families request a chaplain.

The congregation continues to support Christian Aid and Mediterranean Hope. The donation point for the Baby Foodbank is permanently situated in our church centre foyer. With rising heating bills and inflation this Foodbank collects foodstuffs particularly for young families. Eco matters continue to be taken forward by our Property and Social and International Justice Committees.

The weekly Fairmile Project run by church volunteers continues to offer fellowship to those who are lonely or isolated. Our Pop-Up café continues to thrive with members, visitors and those attending classes in the halls meeting for coffee. Children are most welcome; high chairs, toys and a play mat are available. There is no charge for refreshments although donations are welcomed. This is an opportunity for the church to reach beyond the congregation to the wider community.

Our Nativity Gift Service in December donated new toys to families in need in Edinburgh via the Edinburgh Food Project. At Christmas our retiring collections gathered money for the Trussell Trust Food Bank and for Ciaran's House.

### **Presbytery Plan 2022-2025**

Discussions have continued throughout 2025 on the Congregation's response to the Presbytery Plan, issued initially in December 2021. The current proposal is that Fairmilehead will enter into a Parish Grouping with Greenbank and Morningside Parish Churches, with the other two churches initially working towards forming a union. Ministers and Session Clerks have continued to meet to discuss the way forward.

During 2023, the Church of Scotland conducted an Asset Management Building Audit to assess whether the buildings currently used by the three congregations are fit for purpose and in good order. This determined that the sanctuary and church centre buildings at Fairmilehead are designated as category A – "the right space in the right place".

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## Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

Year ended 31 December 2025

### Financial Review

As shown in the Balance Sheet on page 12 and detailed on page 23, total funds have increased over the year. The increase of £27,853 reflects an increase of £37,160 in restricted funds and a decrease of £9,307 in unrestricted funds. A main element of the increase in funds related to an unrestricted legacy of £28,125 received during the year.

Part of the increase in funds is also due to an increase of £5,249 in the market value of investments. Investment policy and performance are considered under "Investment Objectives and Performance against those Objectives" on page 6. As there is no intention or need to realise our holdings, this review reflects on figures excluding accumulated unrealised losses.

The breakdown of funds, as depicted in the Movements in Funds on page 23, provides the following net movements over the year:

	Incoming Resources	Investment gains	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Net Surplus/ (Deficit)
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund (deficit)	191,349	-	(202,630)	-	(11,281)
Designated Funds surplus	1,289	685	-	-	1,974
Unrestricted Funds (deficit)					<b>(9,307)</b>
Restricted Funds surplus	38,105	4,564	(5,509)	-	37,160
<b>Overall surplus/increase in funds</b>					<b>27,853</b>

Funds are further considered below.

#### *Unrestricted funds*

The general fund deficit of £11,281 is slightly higher than the budget figure of a £10,000 deficit. However, this was only achieved due to the receipt of an unrestricted legacy of £28,125 during the year. Rental income fell around £15,000 below budget as efforts continue to be made to replace the income from Swanston hall which was lost when the Council nursery moved out, with efforts to bring in a replacement private nursery having been thwarted by a change in Local Authority funding policy.

Members' ordinary (unrestricted) offerings and related tax recovered continue to show a decline as the size of the congregation continues to fall, largely due to deaths of members. During 2024, the timing of the method used to reclaim tax from HMRC changed, which meant that the amount of tax claimed for 2024 was higher than for a normal year. The 2025 figure fell back to the normal level.



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### *Restricted funds*

Restricted funds show income of £38,105 against expenses of £5,509 (page 11) with changes in individual funds detailed in Note 15 on page 23. The main changes in the funds are as listed:

- The Manse Fund continues to attract favourable distributions, a rate of return on investments of 5.05%.
- Members of the congregation continue to donate regularly to the Parish & Youth Ministry Fund. These monies are intended to cover the costs of a Parish Assistant and other outreach and related expenses. The Parish Assistant post was not filled during the year, and the Trustees are currently considering how best to approach the resourcing of outreach work in future. The fund has a substantial favourable balance which ensures the ability to continue to fund this activity as well as enabling us to explore further ministerial assistance.

During the year an amount of £1,850 was received from Presbytery in relation to the North Merchiston Fund. This funding is to be used for mission purposes, to develop work in parishes and/or to highlight the work of the church in the local communities. The Trustees agreed to allocate this funding to the Parish and Youth Ministry Fund, and it is being used to contribute to outreach work within the parish.

### **Risk Management**

The average age of the congregation continues to rise with a potential negative impact on ordinary givings. To partially mitigate against loss of donations we set up a contingency fund in 2018, a balance of £25,000 being lodged in the Church of Scotland Investors Trust – Income Fund. This provided income of 4.98% over the year. The level of members' donations is continually under review and appeals are made to members to review regularly the amount of their giving.

Our Fundraising Committee has continued to organize events to raise funds to assist in delivering the mission of the church. Following the successful conclusion of the roof fund appeal, the Kirk Session is currently assessing priorities for the next major fundraising project. Funds raised so far are being held meantime in a restricted fund, which will be renamed once the fundraising project is determined.

The high use of our halls and running costs exposes our vulnerability to reductions in hall let income. It now appears unlikely that the Local Authority policy will allow us to let out one of our halls to a private nursery. Efforts have been made to bring in replacement income, but these are taking some time. Consequently, rental income showed a reduction of around 10% compared with 2024.

### **Reserves Policy**

It is the policy of the Trustees to hold general reserves of a minimum of three months' general expenditure. At the year end the Church held available funds of £38,689 in general funds, equivalent to 2.32 months of budgeted general expenditure for 2026. The reduction in reserves cover from the position at the start of the year reflects the deficit on the General Fund. Had the church not received an unrestricted legacy of £28,125 during the year, the reduction in cover would have been significantly greater.

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## Trustees' Annual Report (continued) Year ended 31 December 2025

### Reserves Policy (continued)

An amount of £31,218 was held at the year end in a fund designated to mitigate against reductions in the level of regular donations. In the event of further deficits arising in future years, the Kirk Session will consider drawing down all or part of this designated fund to supplement the balance in the General Fund. If the balance on this designated fund is included, the level of restricted funds held at 31 December 2025 would equate to 4.19 months of budgeted general expenditure for 2026.

The Church also held £770,967 of restricted funds at 31 December 2025 which are held for the purposes specified in Note 15 on page 23.

### Investment Objectives and Performance against those Objectives

Investment fixed assets are held in the Church of Scotland Investors Trust – Income Fund which invests in a mix of government bonds and corporate bonds with a small exposure to shares. It is therefore a safer investment than the Growth Fund which invests mainly in a mix of shares with some investments in corporate bonds and property. The Income Fund is an appropriate medium-term investment which currently offers a rate of income of around 5%.

Our holdings comprise:

	Cost £	Market value £
Restricted Funds		
- Manse	142,726	136,930
- Projects—Parish & Youth Ministry, Boiler Replacement	19,995	18,292
- Guild	1,004	2,301
Designated Funds		
- Contingency for Loss of Donations	24,994	23,646
	<u>188,719</u>	<u>181,169</u>

Since 2015, the market value of our investment in the Income Fund has, as expected, fluctuated between unrealised gains and unrealised losses. Whilst the market value of the investments at 31 December 2025 remained below the cost, there is neither the intention nor the need to realise our investments in the short term. There is therefore no need to include a provision for any potential loss in the accounts.

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## Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

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### Structure, Governance and Management

The congregation is a registered charity, number SC015967, and is administered in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Constitution (Unitary Form) and is subject to the Acts and Regulations of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Members of the Kirk Session are the charity trustees. The Kirk Session members are the elders of the church and are chosen from those members of the church who are considered to have the appropriate gifts and skills. The minister, who is a member of the Kirk Session, is elected by the congregation and inducted by Presbytery.

The Kirk Session, which normally meets five times per year, and at other times as necessary, is responsible for spiritual affairs within the church. Certain responsibilities are delegated to committees as appropriate. These Committees, including the Finance and Property Committees, report directly to the Kirk Session.

### Reference and Administrative Information

#### Trustees

Marilyn Aithie	Neil Grant	Stuart Monro
Muriel Armstrong (died 27.10.25)	Jane Hamilton	Douglas Pearson
Scott Arthur	Anne Lambert	Lilian Rankine
Jana Bentley	Fiona McGillivray	Katherine Shaw
Pamela Black	Rev Cheryl McKellar-Young	Ron Unwin
Fiona Bonar	Annette Mackenzie	Valerie Walke (resigned 2.3.25)
Aileen Brannan	Rona Mackenzie	Sandra Walton
Jean Broadwood (resigned 11.10.25)	Ron MacPherson	Linda Warman
Maureen Carter	Mary Marek	Duncan Wilson
Nicola Cuthbert	Stan Marek	Norma Wilson
Malcolm Cutt	Jacque Mather	
Fiona Dennistoun (resigned 5.9.25)	Erica Mathieson	
Helen Grant	Carol Morwood	

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## **Trustees' Annual Report (continued)**

**Year ended 31 December 2025**

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### **Principal Office-bearers**

Minister: Rev. Cheryl McKellar-Young  
Session Clerk: Malcolm G Cutt

### **Principal and Registered Office**

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### **Independent Examiner**

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## Trustees' Annual Report (continued) Year ended 31 December 2025

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### Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The charity Trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and 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 charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity, for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the method and principles in the application of Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any 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 charity will continue in operational existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information on the congregation's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,



**Malcolm G Cutt**  
**Session Clerk**

**Date:** 29 March 2026

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Fairmilehead Parish Church of Scotland, Edinburgh**  
**Year ended 31 December 2025**

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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 11 to 26.

**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 Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 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 (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 8 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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**Date:** 1 April 2026

# Fairmilehead Parish Church of Scotland, Edinburgh

## Statement of Financial Activities Year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
<b>Income from:</b>		£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	1	116,887	17,528	134,415	134,987
Charitable activities	2	-	7,882	7,882	8,720
Other trading activities	3	71,873	-	71,873	79,440
Investments	4	2,754	9,776	12,530	11,648
Grants and other income	5	1,124	2,919	4,043	2,087
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u>192,638</u>	<u>38,105</u>	<u>230,743</u>	<u>236,882</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>	6				
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		202,630	5,509	208,139	207,173
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<u>202,630</u>	<u>5,509</u>	<u>208,139</u>	<u>207,173</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income before gains and losses on investments</b>		(9,992)	32,596	22,604	29,709
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	685	4,564	5,249	1,591
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>		<u>(9,307)</u>	<u>37,160</u>	<u>27,853</u>	<u>31,300</u>
Transfers between funds	15	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(9,307)</u>	<u>37,160</u>	<u>27,853</u>	<u>31,300</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		79,214	733,807	813,021	781,721
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	15	<u>69,907</u>	<u>770,967</u>	<u>840,874</u>	<u>813,021</u>

The church has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the church are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 13 to 26 form part of the financial statements.

# Fairmilehead Parish Church of Scotland, Edinburgh

## Balance Sheet At 31 December 2025

		2025		2024	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Fixed assets	9		500,500		500,500
Investments	10		181,169		175,920
			<u>681,669</u>		<u>676,420</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	11	5,785		17,544	
Deposits – Church of Scotland		41,788		33,018	
Bank and cash		<u>119,412</u>		<u>91,721</u>	
		166,985		142,283	
<b>Creditors</b>					
Falling due within one year	12	<u>7,780</u>		<u>5,682</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<u>159,205</u>		<u>136,601</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u><u>840,874</u></u>		<u><u>813,021</u></u>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	15				
General funds		38,689		49,970	
Designated funds		<u>31,218</u>	69,907	<u>29,244</u>	79,214
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	15		<u>770,967</u>		<u>733,807</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>			<u><u>840,874</u></u>		<u><u>813,021</u></u>

The accounts were approved by the Kirk Session on 29 March 2026.

For and on behalf of the Kirk Session:

*Mahesh G. Gutt*

Session Clerk

*Wile A. Raulo*

Trustee



## **Fairmilehead Parish Church of Scotland, Edinburgh**

### **Accounting Policies**

**Year ended 31 December 2025**

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The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently in the current and preceding year in dealing with items considered material to the accounts, are set out below.

#### **Basis of preparation**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### **Fund accounting**

Funds are classified as either restricted funds or unrestricted funds, defined as follows:

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use, but still within the wider objects of the charity. The specific requirements as to use may either be declared by the donor or with the donor's authority, or be created through legal processes.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. Such designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

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### **Accounting Policies (continued)**

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#### **Incoming resources**

All legacies, donations and gifts are included within incoming resources as either unrestricted or restricted funds, according to the terms under which the legacy or donation is made and when the amount can be quantified with reasonable certainty. Donations and gifts in kind are brought into the accounts at their market value to the charity where readily available. Investment income is included within incoming resources as either unrestricted or restricted funds, according to the classification of the funds to which the investments belong, and is brought into the accounts when entitlement to the income arises. Rental income is included within incoming resources as unrestricted funds and is brought into the accounts when entitlement to the income arises.

#### **Donated services**

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) the general volunteer time of congregation members is not recognised.

#### **Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

#### **Resources expended**

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. All costs have been directly attributable to one of the functional categories of resources expended on the SOFA. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in delivery of its activities and services.

Costs of raising funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income.

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### **Accounting Policies (continued)** **Year ended 31 December 2025**

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#### **Tangible fixed assets**

The charity has the right to occupy and use for its charitable objects certain tangible fixed assets, including the Church and halls, vested in the Church of Scotland General Trustees. These assets have been excluded from the accounts. No consideration is payable for the use of these assets. Expenditure incurred on the repair and maintenance of these assets is charged as resources expended in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which the liability arises.

The Manse, which is locally held, is included in these accounts at deemed cost derived from valuation. It was not considered necessary to obtain professional valuations of these buildings. The Trustees have based their valuations on their knowledge of local market conditions.

Expenditure incurred on the repair and maintenance of all these assets is charged as resources expended in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which the liability arises.

All tangible fixed assets costing in excess of £5,000 having a value to the charity greater than one year, other than those acquired for specific purposes, are capitalised. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis to write off the cost or initial value, less residual value, of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives.

The locally-held buildings are not depreciated. The Trustees consider that these assets will, at worst, maintain their present values over time so that their estimated residual values will be no less than current valuations.

#### **Investments**

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

## **Fairmilehead Parish Church of Scotland, Edinburgh**

### **Accounting Policies (continued)** **Year ended 31 December 2025**

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#### **Taxation**

Fairmilehead Parish Church is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities. The charity is not registered for VAT and resources expended therefore include irrecoverable input VAT.

#### **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

#### **Creditors**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

#### **Financial instruments**

Financial instruments comprise financial assets and financial liabilities which are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial instruments are classified as "basic" in accordance with FRS102 and are accounted for at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash flows over the life of the financial assets or liability to the net carrying amount on initial recognition. Discounting is not applied to short-term receivables and payables, where the effect is immaterial. Financial assets comprise cash, trade debtors, other debtors and accrued income. Financial liabilities comprise bank overdraft, trade creditors, other creditors and accruals.



# Fairmilehead Parish Church of Scotland, Edinburgh

## Notes forming part of the financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted		
	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
<b>1 Donations and Legacies</b>				
Offerings	72,005	14,082	86,087	85,679
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	16,167	2,946	19,113	26,547
Legacies	28,125	-	28,125	20,000
Other offerings, donations, etc.	590	500	1,090	2,761
	<u>116,887</u>	<u>17,528</u>	<u>134,415</u>	<u>134,987</u>

Income from donations and legacies was £134,415 (2024: £134,987) of which £116,887 was unrestricted (2024: £119,905) and £17,528 was restricted (2024: £15,082)

<b>2 Income from charitable activities</b>	£	£	£	£
Cake sales, book sales, etc.	-	7,882	7,882	8,720
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,882</u>	<u>7,882</u>	<u>8,720</u>

Income from charitable activities was £7,882 (2024: £8,720) of which £- was unrestricted (2024: £-) and £7,882 was restricted (2024: £8,720)

<b>3 Income from other trading activities</b>	£	£	£	£
Rent received	71,873	-	71,873	79,440
	<u>71,873</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,873</u>	<u>79,440</u>

Income from other trading activities was £71,873 (2024: £79,440) of which £71,873 was unrestricted (2024: £79,440) and £- was restricted (2024: £-)

<b>4 Investment income</b>	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	1,509	1,478	2,987	2,105
Dividends received	1,245	8,298	9,543	9,543
	<u>2,754</u>	<u>9,776</u>	<u>12,530</u>	<u>11,648</u>

Total investment income was £12,530 (2024: £11,648) of which £2,754 was unrestricted (2024: £2,050) and £9,776 was restricted (2024: £9,598)

<b>5 Grants and other income</b>	£	£	£	£
Grants and other income	1,124	2,919	4,043	2,087
	<u>1,124</u>	<u>2,919</u>	<u>4,043</u>	<u>2,087</u>

Income from other income and grants was £4,043 (2024: £2,087) of which £1,124 was unrestricted (2024: £1,387) and £2,919 was restricted (2024: £700)

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	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
<b>6 Analysis of Resources Expended</b>				
Raising Funds	£	£	£	£
Offering Envelopes	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities				
Giving to Grow contribution	76,570	624	77,194	74,697
Presbytery Dues	1,729	-	1,729	1,444
Expenses of ministry	1,204	-	1,204	1,344
Ministerial assistance	500	-	500	600
Other salary costs	47,729	941	48,670	46,616
Fabric repairs & maintenance	19,714	272	19,986	18,733
Council Tax	4,400	-	4,400	3,728
Other buildings costs	35,062	591	35,653	40,592
Church Office expenses	4,344	1,595	5,939	6,645
Organ & music	7,454	235	7,689	7,624
Other expenses	2,674	1,251	3,925	3,980
Depreciation	-	-	-	-
	201,380	5,509	206,889	206,003
Governance costs				
Independent Examination	1,250	-	1,250	1,170
	202,630	5,509	208,139	207,173

Expenditure on raising funds was £- (2024: £-) of which £- was unrestricted (2024: £-) and £- was restricted (2024: £-).

Expenditure on charitable activities was £208,139 (2024: £207,173) of which £202,630 was unrestricted (2024: £188,345) and £5,509 was restricted (2024: £18,828).

Support costs have not been separately identified as the Trustees consider there is only one charitable activity. Therefore, support costs relate wholly to that activity and have not been separately identified.

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	2025	2024
7 Staff costs and numbers	£	£
Salaries and wages	46,702	49,313
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	718	681
Total	<u>47,420</u>	<u>49,994</u>

The cost of the use of agency staff for the year was £4,535 (2024: £997).

No employee earned more than £60,000 (2024: none).

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of a head count, was as follows:

	2025	2024
Administration	2	2
Music staff	1	2
Premises maintenance	1	1
	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme on behalf of its employees. The pension charge represents contributions due from the charity and amounted to £718 (2024: £681) in the year. At the year end an outstanding balance of £nil (2024: £nil) was owed to the scheme. Pension costs are wholly charged to unrestricted funds.

All Church of Scotland congregations contribute to the National Stipend Fund which bears the costs of all Ministers' stipends and employer's contributions for national insurance, pension and housing and loan fund. Ministers' stipends are paid in accordance with the national stipend scale, which is related to years of service. For the year under review the minimum stipend was £32,433 (2024: £31,642) and the maximum stipend (in the fifth and subsequent years) was £39,856 (2024: £38,884).

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#### 8 Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

Rev. Cheryl McKellar-Young, Minister, received re-imbusement of expenses of £1,204 (2024: £1,344), comprising £960 travel expenses (2024: £960) and £244 telephone allowance (2024: £384).

No other Trustee or a person related to a Trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

During the year a total of £27,834 (including Gift Aid) was donated to the congregation by Trustees (2024: £30,128).

#### 9 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Heritable	Artwork	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025	500,500	5,550	506,050
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>			
At 1 January 2025	-	5,550	5,550
Depreciation	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	-	5,550	5,550
<b>Net Book value</b>			
At 31 December 2024	500,500	-	500,500
At 31 December 2025	500,500	-	500,500



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#### 10 Investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Market value at 1 January	175,920	174,329
Sale of investments	-	-
Realised gains on investments	-	-
Unrealised gain on investments	5,249	1,591
Market value at 31 December	<u>181,169</u>	<u>175,920</u>
Investments at cost	<u>188,719</u>	<u>188,719</u>

All investments are UK investments held in the Church of Scotland Income Fund.

#### 11 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gift aid tax refund due	4,313	14,921
Accrued income – hall rentals	401	674
Other debtors and prepayments	1,071	1,949
	<u>5,785</u>	<u>17,544</u>

#### 12 Creditors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accrued charges and deferred income	<u>7,780</u>	<u>5,682</u>

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### 13 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted		Restricted	Total
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	-	-	500,500	500,500
Investments	-	23,646	157,523	181,169
Net Current Assets	38,689	7,572	112,944	159,205
<b>Net assets at 31 Dec 2025</b>	<b>38,689</b>	<b>31,218</b>	<b>770,967</b>	<b>840,874</b>

	Unrestricted		Restricted	Total
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	-	-	500,500	500,500
Investments	-	22,960	152,960	175,920
Net Current Assets	49,970	6,284	80,347	136,601
<b>Net assets at 31 Dec 2024</b>	<b>49,970</b>	<b>29,244</b>	<b>733,807</b>	<b>813,021</b>

### 14 Volunteers

In common with all congregations of the Church of Scotland, the congregation benefits from the contribution made by volunteers who give their time and talents willingly for the benefit of the Church. The areas of congregational life which rely on the contribution of volunteers are many and varied and much of the activity would be unable to continue were it not for the commitment shown.

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## 15 Movements in Funds

2025	At 1 Jan 2025	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Invest- ment gains/ (losses)	Transfers between funds	At 31 Dec 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted funds</b>						
Manse Fund	662,738	8,681	(863)	3,967	-	674,523
Parish & Youth Ministry Fund	46,502	18,027	(3,502)	265	-	61,292
Sunday Tea/Coffee Fund	1,815	1,961	-	-	-	3,776
Praise Group Fund	2,058	-	-	-	-	2,058
Pastoral Fund	2,519	-	(58)	-	-	2,461
Boiler Replacement Fund	12,111	482	-	265	-	12,858
Caerketton Upgrade Fund	650	-	-	-	-	650
Toilet Refurbishment Fund	2,110	-	-	-	-	2,110
Major Projects Fund	269	7,763	-	-	-	8,032
Guild Fund	3,035	1,191	(1,086)	67	-	3,207
	<u>733,807</u>	<u>38,105</u>	<u>(5,509)</u>	<u>4,564</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>770,967</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>						
<b>Designated funds</b>						
Contingency for Loss of Donations Fund	29,244	1,289	-	685	-	31,218
General Fund	49,970	191,349	(202,630)	-	-	38,689
	<u>79,214</u>	<u>192,638</u>	<u>(202,630)</u>	<u>685</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,907</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u><b>813,021</b></u>	<u><b>230,743</b></u>	<u><b>(208,139)</b></u>	<u><b>5,249</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>840,874</b></u>

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## 15 Movements in Funds (continued)

2024	At 1 Jan 2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Invest- ment gains/ (losses)	Transfers between funds	At 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted funds</b>						
Manse Fund	653,607	8,512	(583)	1,202	-	662,738
Parish & Youth Ministry Fund	37,434	13,993	(5,005)	80	-	46,502
Sunday Tea/Coffee Fund	3,226	2,118	(3,529)	-	-	1,815
Praise Group Fund	2,058	-	-	-	-	2,058
Pastoral Fund	1,545	1,120	(146)	-	-	2,519
Boiler Replacement Fund	11,548	482	-	81	-	12,111
Caerketton Upgrade Fund	650	-	-	-	-	650
Toilet Refurbishment Fund	2,110	-	-	-	-	2,110
Major Projects Fund	137	132	-	-	-	269
Roof Fund	1,711	5,799	(7,510)	-	-	-
Guild Fund	3,326	1,944	(2,055)	20	(200)	3,035
	<u>717,352</u>	<u>34,100</u>	<u>(18,828)</u>	<u>1,383</u>	<u>(200)</u>	<u>733,807</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>						
<b>Designated funds</b>						
Contingency for Loss of Donations Fund	27,743	1,293	-	208	-	29,244
General Fund	36,626	201,489	(188,345)	-	200	49,970
	<u>64,369</u>	<u>202,782</u>	<u>(188,345)</u>	<u>208</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>79,214</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u><b>781,721</b></u>	<u><b>236,882</b></u>	<u><b>(207,173)</b></u>	<u><b>1,591</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>813,021</b></u>

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#### **15 Movements in Funds (continued)**

##### **Purposes of Restricted Funds**

Manse Fund: This reflects the cost price of the manse property and the investment of the net surplus on the sale of the previous manse.

Parish & Youth Ministry Fund: This is a fund to provide for the salary and other costs of ministerial assistance with parish work, outreach and youth ministry; and for youth development and young church expenses.

Sunday Tea/Coffee Fund: This is a fund to be used primarily towards the provision of kitchen equipment, and upgrades to the kitchen, tables and chairs.

Praise Group Fund: This is a fund to be used towards the provision of sound equipment, etc. for use by the Praise Group.

Pastoral Fund: This is a fund to be used towards the costs of providing pastoral care to the elderly and infirm.

Boiler Replacement Fund: This is a fund to be used towards the cost of boiler replacement.

Caerketton Upgrade Fund: This is a fund to be used towards the costs of upgrades to Caerketton Hall.

Toilet Refurbishment Fund: This is a fund to be used towards the refurbishment of the toilets.

Major Projects Fund: The Kirk Session is currently assessing priorities for the next major fundraising project. Funds raised so far are being held in this restricted fund, and will be applied towards the next major project which is as yet not determined.

Roof Fund: This fund was closed in 2024 once the final retention payment for the roof works was made.

Guild Fund: This is a fund administered by the Guild.

##### **Purposes of Designated Funds**

Contingency for Loss of Donations Fund: This fund has been set up as an investment to earn income which will mitigate the effects of a downward trend in ordinary givings due to deaths, transfers and other losses.

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### 16 Collections for Third Parties

	2025 £	2024 £
Christian Aid	543	831
Church of Scotland HIV Programme	-	512
Mediterranean Hope	476	697
Edinburgh Direct Aid	323	-
Ciaran's House	500	-
Marie Curie	-	582
Edinburgh Food Project	1,186	51
	<u>3,028</u>	<u>2,673</u>
<b>Collections from the Guild</b>		
Church of Scotland Programme	846	384
Christian Aid	185	162
Fresh Start	-	121
Butterfly Trust	-	100
Salvation Army	121	-
Fairmilehead Parish Church	200	200
	<u>1,352</u>	<u>967</u>
<b>Total collected for and paid to third parties</b>	3,377	3,357
<b>Due to be paid to third parties</b>	1,003	283
	<u>4,380</u>	<u>3,640</u>