

St Columba Episcopal Church: Aberdour

Scotland · Charity number SC023298

Details

Status Active

Legal form Unincorporated association

Part of General Synod Of The Scottish Episcopal Church (SC015962)

Registered 1902-01-01

Register [View on the OSCR register](#)

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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of religion'

What the charity does: We are a small Christian church holding regular services for local residents and visitors alike. We hold occasional fund raising events such as coffee mornings and support local charities and food banks.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The Charge is established for exclusively charitable purposes, primarily for the advancement of Christian religion and to provide public benefit. (The expression 'charitable purposes' shall mean a charitable purposes as defined in section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 as amended from time to time ('the 2005 Act') which is also regarded as a charitable purpose in relation to the application of the Taxes Acts from time to time in force.)

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Fife
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£28,152	£19,382	-	0
2024-09-30	£24,533	£24,340	-	0
2023-09-30	£22,708	£26,202	-	0
2022-09-30	£23,422	£27,994	-	0
2021-09-30	£34,551	£32,042	-	0

Accounts

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Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended
30 September 2025

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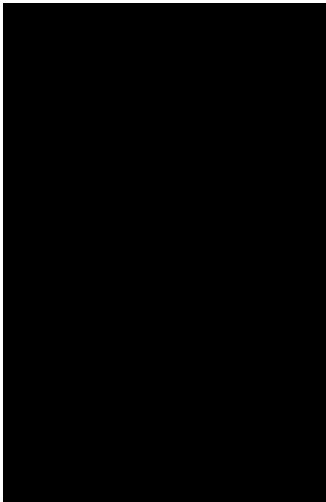
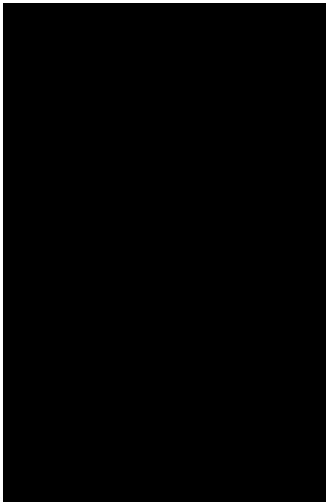
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St Columba Episcopal Church, Aberdour

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name and address	St Columba Episcopal Church 
Scottish Charity Number	SC023298
Charity Trustees	 Chairman (Appointed 1 November 2024) (Resigned 1 June 2025) Secretary Treasurer Retired 28 January 2025
Ministry Team	 Interim Minister (Resigned 1 June 2025) Appointed 15 September 2025
Bankers	Royal Bank of Scotland
Independent Examiner	Craig C Hunter CA Haines Watts Business Advisors and Accountants Cluny Court, John Smith Business Park Kirkcaldy KY2 6QJ

Report of Vestry (Trustees' report)

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, the Vestry reports to the congregation as follows:

1. St Columba Episcopal Church, Aberdour is a registered Scottish charity (SC023298)
2. It is a member of the diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane and is in full communion with the Anglican Church.
3. The superior authority is the Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane.
4. All of its affairs are governed by the Vestry.

Appointment of Vestry Members

During the year the Vestry has met regularly in person. The meetings continue with the Priest in Charge or the Secretary to the Vestry acting as the Chair.

The Vestry members are elected by communicant members of the congregation at the Annual General Meeting. Members serve for a term of one year and are eligible for re-election. The communicant members also elect a Lay Representative and a Chairman of the Vestry. (The Canons of the Scottish Episcopal Church define the basis on which a person is a communicant and the office of a Lay Representative). The Rector and Priest in Charge of the Congregation chairs the Annual General Meeting and is ex officio a member of the Vestry.

The Vestry members elect a Secretary and a Treasurer, and if either or both are not an elected Vestry member, that person is co-opted on to the Vestry.

The purpose of the Vestry is to co-operate with and assist the Priest in Charge in all matters relating to the spiritual welfare of the congregation and mission of the Church.

Administrative Structure

It is the duty of the Vestry to manage the ongoing affairs of the congregation with responsibility, specifically to keep the fabric and property of the Church in good working order and to look after 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. The church has a Risk Assessment and a Fire Risk Assessment which are referred to at each Vestry meeting. Quinquennial reviews for the church and The Rectory have been completed in September 2025. The inspection for the five yearly Electrical Installation Certificate will be carried out in October 2025.

Charitable Objectives and Activities

The Church's principal activities include public worship in sacrament and prayer, Christian education, charitable work and fundraising for local, national and international needs and includes social meetings for the congregation and local community.

Volunteers

The Vestry is grateful for the time which is given freely by a large number of volunteers, without whom many of the Church's activities would not operate.

Maintenance and Upkeep

Work to maintain the building has included servicing of the organ, general building and garden maintenance and tree lopping. The electrical distribution board was replaced following a malfunction and three new display signs have been erected outside the church. Following the retirement of Rev Dean Norby the Rectory has been unoccupied, but it is heated as appropriate and inspected weekly.

Mission Activities

Following the retirement of our Minister [REDACTED] 2024, the linked charge All Souls Fife lapsed and the church is now in Vacancy. An Interim Minister [REDACTED] was appointed on 1st November 2024 but resigned due to ill health on 1st June 2025. We are very grateful to him for his contribution and wish him a full and speedy recovery. Our services in the year have been conducted by Rev Tim Tunley until his retirement and by visiting Ministers and Lay Leaders from the congregation.

Our mission activities reflect our love for God, and for each other in our community and these are shared with local churches including St Serf's Episcopal Church in Burntisland and Forthview Parish Church St Fillan's Aberdour.

There was a joint Songs of Praise service in St Columba's to mark the end of The Aberdour Festival at which some 70 people attended.

Wreaths were laid at the War Memorial on Remembrance Day and again on VJ Day to mark the end of the war in Japan which was attended by 50 people.

St Columba staged the annual Flower Festival for four days during the Aberdour Festival as well as a Coffee Morning on 26th April. Although the Coffee Morning is for primarily for raising funds there is a missional aspect to this since it is very much a social occasion and builds the church's profile in the community.

Services and Membership

During the last 12 months the following attendance pertains the major festivals:

Christmas Day 29, Ash Wednesday 13, Palm Sunday 21, Good Friday 26, Easter Day 27. The Songs of Praise service this year was attended by 70 people. The average number of people attending our weekly services was 23.

Eucharist has been celebrated every Sunday with either a Minister or a Lay Leader and the Vestry are grateful to all who have made this possible. We are now fortunate to have an extremely accomplished organist who adds greatly to our services.

Our records on membership continues to benefit through the positive recording to meet the needs of GDPR. The funeral of Philip Street was held in the church on 8th May when we paid our respects to our long standing friend and parishioner. The numbers attending our services have shown an encouraging increase, the latest Membership Roll shows 50 communicants [+6] and a total membership of 68 [+6].

Communication and Publicity

Jeremy Hawkings continues to produce the informative monthly columns for the Dalgety Bay Diary and The Aberdour News and we have a page on the Sacred Scotland web site and information on the Diocesan website. New sign boards have been put up in the car park and a notice board has been installed outside the church which allows news items to be displayed. [REDACTED] has continued to up-date the St Columba's Face Book page on current and planned events.

Fundraising

Charitable collections have been made in the year for Blood Bikes Scotland and for The Mission to Seafarers Scotland, following their activities during the Aberdour Festival.

The Rag Bag initiative continues to collect clothes to be sent overseas and St Columba's collects dried and tinned food which is distributed to a local foodbank.

We are very grateful for the contribution to our funds from the sale of eggs from the Trentham hens.

Financial Review

A surplus of £8,770 (2024 - £193) has been recorded during this financial year. The accounts have been produced by our independent examiners. The Vestry remain satisfied by the financial results given at this time and will continue its range of activities in the foreseeable future.

Reserves

The Vestry continues to adopt a policy of trying to maintain a level of unrestricted reserves so that in the event of a significant drop in income, the church would be able to maintain its current level of activities for a reasonable period until replacement funding is obtained.

Plans for Future Period

During the year the vestry continues with its policy to set aside funds to support the upkeep of St. Columba's. Looking to the future we have yet to replace the boundary fence between the church and the trees to the south of St Columba's and along the back of the Rectory. In addition some stabilization is required to the ground between the church and the newly built Rectory. Our building fund is ready to cope with any action arising from the Quinquennial review held during September 2025 and tasks are discussed at our vestry meetings.

Statement of Responsibilities of Members of Vestry

The members of the vestry must prepare financial statements which 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 which, on request, must reflect the current financial position of the church at this time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustees 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 and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Trustees

[REDACTED]

**Independent Examiner's Report
To the Vestry of St Columba Episcopal Church, Aberdour
For the year ended 30 September 2025**

I report on the financial statements of the church for the year ended 30 September 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's Trustees are responsible of the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The Church's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations do 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.

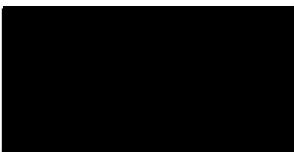
Basis of Independent Examiners Statement

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

1. which give 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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St Columba Episcopal Church, Aberdour

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 30 September 2025

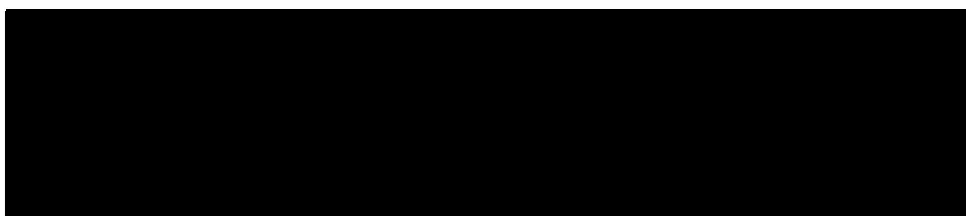
		Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds		Total	Total
		General fund	Rectory Fund	Building Fund	2025	2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations	2	24,249	-	-	24,249	22,172
Grant	3	-	560	1,637	2,197	632
Receipts from fundraising activities	4	1,395	-	-	1,395	1,573
Receipts from investments other than land & buildings	5	311	-	-	311	156
Total Receipts		25,955	560	1,637	28,152	24,533
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities		60			60	120
Payments relating to charitable activities	6	17,202	-	1,637	18,839	23,507
Donations relating directly to charitable activities	7	105	-	-	105	203
Governance costs		378	-	-	378	510
Total Payments		17,745	-	1,637	19,382	24,340
Surplus for the year		8,210	560	-	8,770	193

St Columba Episcopal Church, Aberdour
Statement of Balances as at 30 September 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2024 £
<i>Cash at bank & in hand</i>				
Balance at beginning of year	10,322	15,346	25,668	25,475
Surplus for the year	8,210	560	8,770	193
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Cash Funds at end of year</i>	<u>18,532</u>	<u>15,906</u>	<u>34,438</u>	<u>25,668</u>
 <i>Other Assets and Liabilities - for Information only</i>				
Assets				
Organ	2,188	-	2,188	2,188
 Liabilities				
Independent examiner's fee	378	-	378	360

Approved by the Vestry on 2. 12. 2025

and signed on their behalf by



St Columba Episcopal Church, Aberdour
Notes to the Accounts as at 30 September 2025

1. Accounting policies

Basis of Preparation

The Accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. They consist of a summary of all monies received and paid via the bank and in cash by the Church during the financial year, along with a statement of balances. No adjustment has been made for any income due but not received, nor for any expenses incurred but not yet paid at the year end. Fixed assets are not capitalised.

Restricted Funds

The restricted income relates to the building fund which is used to address issues raised by the Quinquennial Review of the church building. The Rectory Fund is there for any remedial work that may need to be carried out on the newly built Rectory building.

Joint Costs

St Columba is a member of All Souls Fife, comprising the Episcopal Churches in Aberdour, Burntisland and Inverkeithing. A formal agreement states that each Church is responsible for meeting their share of the costs of administering All Souls Fife. These costs include the costs of the clergy; including their travel, pension and accommodation, together with the associated administrative costs.

The contribution paid by St Columba this year amounted to £7,582 (2024 - £11,877)

Church Buildings

The church is not shown in the statement of balances. The Trustees believe that it is not possible to place a market value on them. The valuation of the buildings for insurance purposes is £3,330,000.

St Columba Episcopal Church, Aberdour
Notes to the Accounts as at 30 September 2025 (continued)

2. Donations

	2025	2024
	£	£
<u>Unrestricted donations</u>		
Congregational giving	19,484	17,608
Gift Aid	4,430	3,367
Other donations	335	1,197
	<u>24,249</u>	<u>22,172</u>
<u>Restricted donations</u>		
Other donations	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

3. Grants

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grant from Diocese towards building work	2,197	632
	<u>2,197</u>	<u>632</u>

4. Receipts from fundraising activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
<u>Unrestricted Fundraising Receipts</u>		
Eggs	799	909
Sale of Rags	56	-
Coffee mornings	540	664
Other income	-	-
	<u>1,395</u>	<u>1,573</u>

5. Receipts from investments other than land & buildings

These amounts represent bank interest on deposit accounts.

	2025	2024
	<u>311</u>	<u>156</u>

6. Payments relating to charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
<i>Unrestricted</i>		
Payments to ABI group	7,582	11,877
Quota	3,392	3,242
Church building running costs	5,322	8,337
Worship-related costs	-	-
Administrative expenses	906	51
	<u>17,202</u>	<u>23,507</u>
<i>Restricted</i>		
Building maintenance	1,637	-
	<u>1,637</u>	<u>-</u>

7. Donations

	2025	2024
	£	£
Lady Haig Poppy Factory	-	38
Lent Appeal	105	165
	<u>105</u>	<u>203</u>

St Columba Episcopal Church, Aberdour
Notes to the Accounts as at 30 September 2025 (continued)

8. Remuneration and Expenses paid to Vestry Members

None of the Vestry members received any remuneration or expenses relating to their position as Vestry members. St Columba makes a contribution to the ABI Group in respect of the Rector's salary, pension and other relevant expenses.

9. Reconciliation of movement in funds

	Balance at 1 Oct 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 30 Sept 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	10,322	25,955	(17,745)	18,532
	10,322	25,955	(17,745)	18,532
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
Rectory Fund	1,212	560	-	1,772
Building Fund	14,134	1,637	(1,637)	14,134
	15,346	2,197	(1,637)	15,906
Total Funds	25,668	28,152	(19,382)	34,438