

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025  
for  
Dornoch & District Christian Fellowship

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Dornoch & District Christian Fellowship

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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## Dornoch & District Christian Fellowship

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

Dornoch and District Christian Fellowship was formed in 1994, and continues to have, as stated in clause 11 of the constitution, a two-fold vision and purpose:

1. To love and to serve God, and the family of the Universal Church of God.
2. To spread the gospel to our own communities, to strengthen the work of the Church throughout the world, and to have an influence for good in society through the promotion of biblical standards at every level.

We are a local church, serving the communities of Dornoch, Embo and the surrounding area, as well as the towns and villages of Tain, Edderton, Golspie and Brora. The Fellowship does not have any other congregations, but is part of the Universal Church of God and serves with the Reformed churches of Jesus Christ throughout the United Kingdom and the world. The fellowship is an Affiliated Member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (F.I.E.C). The fellowship stands firmly in the long tradition which accepts that the Bible in its entirety is the inspired Word of God. Therefore the Fellowship derives its forms of teaching, worship, ministry and government from the scriptures only. The main emphasis of our worship is the preaching of the gospel - the good news of a free and sovereign salvation through Jesus Christ alone, by Faith.

The Dornoch and District Christian Fellowship is an independent Evangelical church adhering in its worship and doctrine to the position of the Church of Scotland at the time of the Reformation and is also an Affiliated Member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (F.I.E.C).

The Fellowship continues to be self-supporting, receiving all income from the members of the congregation, visiting worshippers and donations gifted to the Church. It does not receive support from any other organisation or national body. Similarly the Fellowship does not own any property but rents premises from the Highland Council for the Sunday services of worship, and also rents property from Dornoch & District Community Association (DADCA) to facilitate Pre-School, Sunday School and Youth Work.

### **Grantmaking**

The congregation makes grants and donations from its gift income to individuals and organisations whose aims are compatible with the congregation's objectives.

During 2024/25 donations were made to Steadfast Global and FIEC. These donations were given to support the ongoing work of these charities.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

#### Charitable activities

During the year, the church met regularly for worship, with weekly Sunday Worship Services in the Dornoch Community Centre as well as Sunday evening meetings and mid-week Prayer groups. The Church also carried out various activities in pursuit of the above stated aims.

1. The congregation continued its commitment to support the work of the gospel and support those working for the Church throughout the U.K. Part of this commitment is our Affiliation with F.I.E.C. An annual donation was made to support the work of F.I.E.C. in the UK.
2. Our aims to help in the worldwide community were sustained via the many charities involved, with various donations to bring famine relief, work and training skills, education and the gospel to many areas including our own local area, our nation and beyond to the Middle East.
3. With regard to the persecuted church, oppressed in many & various nations, (including the Far East, Middle East and in specific countries such as Iraq, Iran, Turkey, Syria etc.), donations were made to enable both "Steadfast Global" to intervene with the authorities, and to highlight ongoing persecution in the media.
4. The activities of the Charity were essentially stable over the course of the year.

Significant highlights, events and developments of note in the year include the following:

In relation to Congregational activities:

1. Provision of a broad range of activities continued when the Church was able to meet,
  - a. Weekly Sunday School and Youth Meetings for children between the ages of 4 and 13, with all meetings in person.
  - b. Bible Study meetings on a regular basis, with all meetings taking place in person.
  - c. Our weekly mid-week Prayer Group was conducted in person throughout the year 2024/25.
2. This year we have also continued to be involved in and supported a non-denominational Youth work in the Dornoch area. This work was carried out in person, with all groups once again held weekly and available from upper primary through to secondary school ages.

In relation to **Congregational funding**:

1. This past year saw an increase of funding over the course of the year.
2. The vast majority of tax payers within the church that donate regularly are still members of the Gift Aid scheme.

Overall, finances have increased with £142,249 invested in the savings accounts by the close of the financial year.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Principal funding sources**

The congregation receives its funding by way of weekly offerings and Gift Aid donations.



## Dornoch & District Christian Fellowship

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the fellowship to maintain unrestricted funds, i.e. funds not committed or invested in fixed assets. The trustees have agreed that funds held in account No. 2, the Building account are designated funds for specific purposes as detailed below.

1. This account is to provide sufficient funds to enable the ongoing work of the Fellowship to be maintained and in particular to major outlays for the Football Camp and possible welfare needs.
2. The account is also available for the lease or purchase of any suitable building for the work of the Fellowship.

The balance of the Account Cash Assets at 31 March 2025 amounted to £143,527 (2024 - £133,880) including an investment of £142,249 in two savings accounts.

The fund reserves continue to meet the needs of the Fellowship's work commitments.

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

The Fellowship will continue to meet regularly and endeavour to continue to carry out various activities in pursuit of the charity's stated aims.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

Dornoch and District Christian Fellowship are established by Constitution, dated 1996. The fellowship is a Registered Scottish Charity (No. SC 025604).

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The Eldership exercises its discretion in determining the most appropriate method of electing new Trustees (Elders). Any appointment will be made in accordance with God's Word, as stated in clause 12 of the Fellowship constitution, and taking account of the fact that all work of the Church is a theocracy as opposed to a democracy. There is no prescribed or fixed term for Trusteeship. Prior to their appointment, new Trustees will have served the Church for some time in various roles and would be familiar with the Church's values, its aims and objectives as well as its day-to-day operations. As part of their induction, new Trustees are required to understand their statutory responsibilities as well as the responsibilities of their office within the congregation as either elder or deacon.

##### **Organisational structure**

The congregation is governed and administered by appointed elders, deacons and office bearers (all volunteers) and at the time of writing had no full time ordained minister, although the pastor now works full time and does receive a salary for service to the congregation for this work. The Elders and Deacons have the responsibility for spiritual oversight and welfare of the congregation together with the ongoing administrative and financial matters of the Church. Under Charity Law, the Elders are deemed to be the trustees of the congregation as they are given the responsibility for day to day management and control.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

SC025604

Dornoch & District Christian Fellowship

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

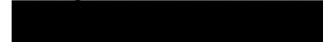
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**Trustees**

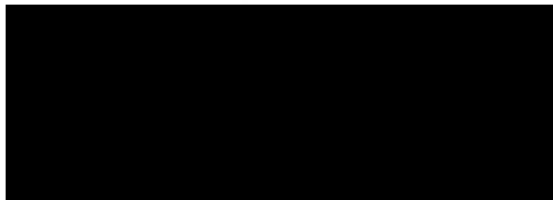


**Independent Examiner**



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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 18 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Dornoch & District Christian Fellowship

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages six to thirteen.

**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 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 the independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeking explanations from you as 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.

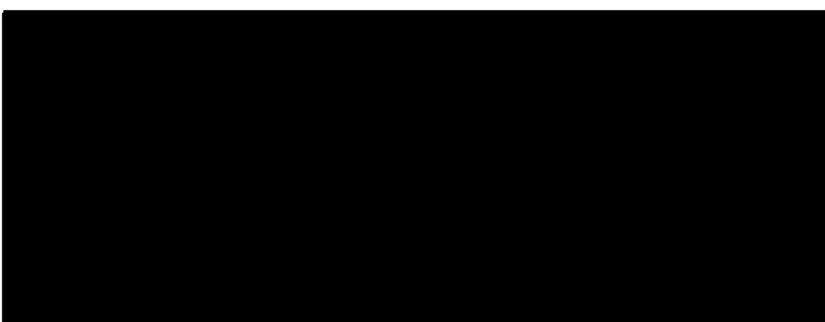
**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with 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; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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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18 September 2025

Dornoch & District Christian Fellowship

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies		50,221	46,951
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds		30,728	29,953
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General		10,105	11,348
<b>Total</b>		40,833	41,301
<b>NET INCOME</b>		9,388	5,650
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		134,791	129,141
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		144,179	134,791

The notes form part of these financial statements

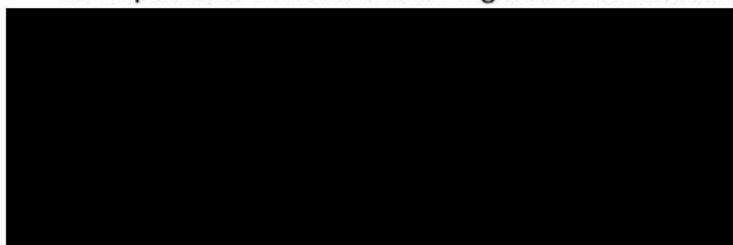


Dornoch & District Christian Fellowship

Balance Sheet  
31 March 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	6	1,138	1,423
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		143,527	133,880
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(486)	(512)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>143,041</u>	<u>133,368</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		144,179	134,791
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>144,179</u>	<u>134,791</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	8		
Unrestricted funds:			
General fund		1,930	1,324
Premises purchase funds		142,249	133,467
		<u>144,179</u>	<u>134,791</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>144,179</u>	<u>134,791</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 18 September 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### **Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions**

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery      -    20% on reducing balance

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	28,000	28,000
Trustees' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	653	653
	<u>28,653</u>	<u>28,653</u>

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**3. STAFF COSTS**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Pastor	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	<u>46,951</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
Raising funds	29,953
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
General	<u>11,348</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>41,301</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	5,650

**4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

Unrestricted  
funds  
£

**RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS**

Total funds brought forward

129,141

**TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD**

134,791

**5. DESIGNATED FUND**

This is a Designated fund to enable the possible purchase of premises in the future.

**6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

Plant and  
machinery  
£

**COST**

At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

3,363

**DEPRECIATION**

At 1 April 2024

1,940

Charge for year

285

At 31 March 2025

2,225

**NET BOOK VALUE**

At 31 March 2025

1,138

At 31 March 2024

1,423



**7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Taxation and social security	486	512

**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	1,324	706	(100)	1,930
Premises purchase funds	133,467	8,682	100	142,249
	<u>134,791</u>	<u>9,388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>144,179</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>134,791</u>	<u>9,388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>144,179</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	41,539	(40,833)	706
Premises purchase funds	8,682	-	8,682
	<u>50,221</u>	<u>(40,833)</u>	<u>9,388</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>50,221</u>	<u>(40,833)</u>	<u>9,388</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	1,483	(1,759)	1,600	1,324
Premises purchase funds	127,658	7,409	(1,600)	133,467
	<u>129,141</u>	<u>5,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>134,791</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>129,141</u>	<u>5,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>134,791</u>

**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	39,542	(41,301)	(1,759)
Premises purchase funds	7,409	-	7,409
	<u>46,951</u>	<u>(41,301)</u>	<u>5,650</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>46,951</u>	<u>(41,301)</u>	<u>5,650</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	1,483	(1,053)	1,500	1,930
Premises purchase funds	127,658	16,091	(1,500)	142,249
	<u>129,141</u>	<u>15,038</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>144,179</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>129,141</u>	<u>15,038</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>144,179</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	81,081	(82,134)	(1,053)
Premises purchase funds	16,091	-	16,091
	<u>97,172</u>	<u>(82,134)</u>	<u>15,038</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>97,172</u>	<u>(82,134)</u>	<u>15,038</u>

**9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Dornoch & District Christian Fellowship

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31.3.25 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	41,539	39,542
Gift aid	8,682	7,409
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	50,221	46,951
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	50,221	46,951
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Trustees' salaries	28,000	28,000
Trustees' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	653	653
Preaching and Praise Supply	2,075	1,300
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	30,728	29,953
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Licences, subs and insurance	1,456	1,374
Premises Costs	2,096	1,759
Internet costs	456	460
Postage and stationery	124	242
Sundry expenses	1,257	2,123
Donations made	1,875	3,310
Sunday school and youth work	52	126
Materials, books and aids	185	412
BBQ/Catering	1,618	490
Depreciation	285	356
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	9,404	10,652
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy	701	696
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<b>Total resources expended</b>	40,833	41,301
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<b>Net income</b>	9,388	5,650
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