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EDINBURGH

**MUSTARD SEED EDINBURGH**

**(SCOTTISH CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION SC047549)**

**TRUSTEE REPORT INCLUDING FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

## **A New Beginning**

In May 2025 we celebrated the installation of [REDACTED] as Priest-in-Charge of Mustard Seed Edinburgh and St Margaret's Church. The service was a joyful occasion, with every seat in the church occupied, with people from both congregations, friends, family and supporters of [REDACTED]. This represented a significant new beginning for Mustard Seed, following a period of 20 months without a priest in post. At the same time Mustard Seed formally became a linked charge with St Margaret's Church, whose building we had been sharing for the last eight years, since the beginning of Mustard Seed in 2017.

Throughout this last year, under the encouragement of [REDACTED], we have worked closely with St Margaret's Church to prepare to become linked charges. A Joint Steering Committee of representatives from St Margaret's Vestry and Mustard Seed Trustees met regularly to develop a new working agreement, to prepare the groundwork for the new relationship and to progress the appointment process for a new Priest. Following interviews in January 2025, we were delighted to be able to invite [REDACTED] to be our Priest-in-Charge. [REDACTED] was previously the Rector of St Anne's Church, Dunbar. We are looking forward to the next chapter of the life of Mustard Seed and St Margaret's with Diana as our Priest.

We are grateful for the pastoral support and leadership we received in recent years from [REDACTED], Vice-Provost of St Mary's Cathedral and Trustee of Mustard Seed, who supported us so well during our time of transition.

We also said farewell to [REDACTED] and his family at the end of June 2025. [REDACTED] was our Mission Enabler for over two years and provided invaluable leadership and encouragement during a period of uncertainty. We are very grateful to the whole Strutzenburg family for their significant contribution to the life of Mustard Seed.

## **Sunday Services**

Sunday afternoon services at 4 o'clock continued throughout the year. Once again, Easter Sunday was celebrated outside in the Mustard Seed Garden. In the summer we explored different forms of praying together. In our autumn series, we looked at events from the Acts of the Apostles, interspersed with the related letters of St Paul. In our spring series, we studied some of the servant songs from the book of Isaiah. Throughout the year we appreciated hearing the many voices of people at Mustard Seed.

## **Community Tuesdays**

Our Community Tuesdays provided an opportunity for people to gather on Tuesday evenings to enjoy a light meal together, followed by some focused activity, such as prayer, bible study or creative reflection. These ran for blocks of 4 to 6 weeks.

We ran a series of workshops on Conflict Resilience, facilitated by [REDACTED] from Bridge Builders. We are grateful to [REDACTED] for his wise and skilful encouragement. In the spring, we enjoyed following the online 24/7 Prayer Course led by [REDACTED]. In the church building, we viewed the online sessions together, then reflected on the learning in smaller discussion groups.

We also held a number of enjoyable and sociable Quiz Nights through the year.

## **Babies and Toddlers**

Our Babies and Toddlers team has continued to meet twice a week in the lower hall on Monday and Wednesday mornings during term time. The focus on each week is to provide a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment for families. We seek to create opportunities for children to explore and learn more about their world around them through varying sensory activities. Healthy snack options are provided, which are responsive to dietary needs.

Attendance has remained high, reflecting the needs for this ministry in the area. Approximately 20/25 children attend each session accompanied by a parent or carer. Few families attend on both days, which means we are reaching 40/50 families each week.

We are grateful to [REDACTED] for her leadership of the group in recent years and we look forward to the group continuing to grow and flourish.

### **English Conversation Café**

During this year, our English Conversation Café changed from meeting on a Monday morning to a Thursday morning and continues to be a bright spot in the week. Mustard Seed runs the conversation cafe in partnership with Salaam (a ministry of Edinburgh City Mission). Each week, 25/30 New Scot participants and a group of committed volunteers get together to practice English, grow in confidence, share friendship and learn from one another. Our café is very diverse in English language level, age, nationality (40 nationalities have been represented over the year), and backgrounds. There is a lot of diversity among our volunteers too: some are part of Mustard Seed, some are connected with other local churches, others are part of the wider community.

We have discussed together a variety of topics this year: going to the doctor, using emergency services, getting around Edinburgh, dealing with problems in the home. We have also enjoyed wonderful outings to local parks and art galleries. We have been able to support some of the participants with transport and communications costs through funding that Edinburgh City Mission secured for social integration activities.

The health and wellbeing of all who gather at the café is a priority and we often discuss topics that we hope support everyone's mental health.

### **Craft Group**

The craft group has continued to flourish on alternate Thursday mornings. The group has attracted a number of regular attenders who enjoy being in a small group, working on their own crafts and sharing ideas or seeking help if needed. From time to time others come wanting to learn to knit or crochet or sew. These people are usually local and have been attracted by the banner outside. Some are permanent residents, but some are transitory.

Refreshments are an important part of the morning. Tea and coffee made faithfully for us by [REDACTED] and home baking and treats from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] also washes up, making the morning a relaxing time for everyone.

### **Breakfast Club**

Every Friday this year, a warm welcome and a hot breakfast have been served to the Friday Breakfast community. Each week between 30 and 50 guests enjoy a healthy, nutritious meal, including bacon and sausage rolls, tattie scones, black pudding, porridge, home baking, fresh fruit, and endless tea and coffee. Guests really value being able to meet up and chat with friends in a relaxed and comfortable environment. When the weather is good, people enjoy sitting in the

garden soaking up the sun. We are able to distribute to our guests food that is available from FareShare.

There is a prayer corner in the room, where people are inspired to explore praying in an original and engaging way. We continue to appreciate the Time for Reflection, which is held immediately after the Breakfast in the sanctuary upstairs, and includes music, a bible reading, some reflective discussion and prayers for the community. We have seen the team of volunteers grow this year, from Mustard Seed and St Margaret's and from other churches or no church at all. We are grateful to them all.

### **Gardening and Bible Club**

Come wind or rain or shine, the Gardening and Bible Club has met in the Mustard Seed Garden regularly on a Saturday morning throughout the year (weekly in the summer and fortnightly in the winter). We have taken great delight in seeing all sorts of plants growing and flourishing and bearing fruit. Early spring bulbs, bright flowers, shrubs and bushes, trees, fruits and vegetables. There is always a friendly, relaxed and welcoming atmosphere – sometimes more chatting than gardening happens! Delicious refreshments are always an important part of gardening – tea, coffee and home baking.

Each week we look at a verse or two from the Bible, always related in some way to gardening, planting, harvesting, farming, seasons, weather, growth and bearing fruit – the options are endless. New people are always welcome in the garden.

### **Christians Against Poverty (CAP)**

For the last four years we have operated the Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Edinburgh North Debt Centre which continues to bring practical help and advice to people who are struggling with debt. This free service brings hope and a lifting of stress or anxiety for those in financial difficulties. Over the year, we took on more than 30 new clients. In addition, we continued to take the Debt Help service into HMP Edinburgh, the only prison in the UK supported by CAP.

Our CAP Job Club and CAP Life Skills programmes continue to operate on an informal basis as part of the support services available at our Friday Breakfast. Operating in this way allows us to be flexible and offer tailored advice and help for those seeking to re-enter the workplace and for those struggling to manage their finances on low incomes.

### **Building Transformation**

Now that Mustard Seed and St Margaret's Church are sharing responsibility for the church buildings, work is in hand to develop plans for improving the facilities and making the buildings fit and accessible for all. The Building Transformation Group have been consulting both congregations and are beginning the process of improving the facilities. A beautification team from both congregations has been busy cleaning and redecorating areas that were badly needing it. The church floor has been transformed by professional sanding and repair work has begun on fixing the roof. The Funding Group are exploring options for raising the funds that will be needed to make the necessary changes that are required. We are grateful to everyone who is committed to improving our buildings.

### **Thank You**

I would like to conclude this annual report by thanking everyone at Mustard Seed for their contribution to making it such a special community. Four new Trustees were elected at the AGM in November. They have brought energy, ideas and a desire to make a difference.

We thank God for the life of this precious congregation and look forward to the new things that God will be doing in the year ahead.

**Compiled by [REDACTED], Chair of Mustard Seed Trustees**

**October 2025**

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**



## Treasurer's Report

We operate as a faith-based community, with a high dependence on God to meet all of our needs. At the beginning of the year, the trustees set a budget which expected income to decrease by around 21% and expenditure to be 26% lower than the previous financial year. This was to reflect the vacancy of a priest and reduction in the generous support previously provided by the Diocese. The expectation of this budget was that the charity would generate a surplus of £9,835.

During the year our income exceeded budget by £6,718 and expenditure was £4,056 lower resulting in a surplus of £20,610.

We are very grateful that the members of Mustard Seed continued to be extremely generous in their financial support during the period of the vacancy. This vacancy has now ended with the appointment of [REDACTED] as our Priest-in-Charge.

### Income

Our overall income for the year was around 15% lower than the previous year.

We receive and classify income as :

- a) **Regular income** given in cash at our weekly service, or as regular donations from our members by standing order. Any gift aid from these donations is included
- b) **One-off income**, either from our members, or from fundraising activities. These funds include gift aid where suitable
- c) **Restricted income**, where funds are provided to be used for specific purposes

#### Regular Income

Our regular income increased by 8% over the previous year. This regular support is welcomed by the trustees who see this as a commitment by people to their community.

#### One-off Income

One-off income was significantly higher than the previous year by around 50%.

#### Restricted Income

We receive income from sources that specify how that income should be used. The amount received was 62% lower than the previous year. This was due to the Diocesan support ending as planned.

During the year, we received and utilised restricted income for the following items:

1. A total of £1,700 for use in our neighbourhood community meals ministry. These funds were all spent leaving no remaining balance.
2. Our Christians Against Poverty (CAP) ministry carried over £10,596 from last year and received further grants totaling £4,300. During the year these funds were used for direct CAP ministry work (£10,599) leaving a balance carried forward to next year of £4,296.
3. We had a refugee hampers appeal to which members of Mustard Seed donated £620 and had £85 remaining from the previous year's appeal. We transferred £705 to Edinburgh City Mission for use in connection with this appeal, via a matchfunding opportunity which doubled the value for this work.
4. We carried forward £565 and received a further £150 for our conversation café, helping new Scots improve their English whist building community. At the end of the year £176 has been spent leaving a carry forward balance of £538.

5. We received a £600 grant from the Mustard Seed Fund of Christians Against Poverty, to be used for provision of food and supplies for our Community Tuesday discipleship events. The totality of this grant was spent during the year.
6. A donation of £3,000 was received for the new Priest-in-Charge to use at her discretion. None of this has yet been spent, so the £3,000 will be carried forward to next year.
7. During the year, we forged a stronger partnership with the St Margaret's congregation and shared some expenditure with them for which they paid their share. This comprised £537 as a share of the advertising costs for the new priest, which was spent. In addition, work was undertaken to remove carpets in the church sanctuary and sand the floors. A gift of £1,000 was received to offset our share of this cost. No funds remain of these elements at year end.
8. During our period of vacancy, Andrew Strutzenberg was providing pastoral and missional leadership, and he and his family have been deeply loved by the community over the last few years. They are moving on to work in Community Church Edinburgh. The members of Mustard Seed wanted to give them a gift as they moved on, so at the end of June a total of £615 was raised. This will be carried forward and added to any further support provided up to Mid-July.
9. In support of our toddlers group, we received a grant of £5,000 from the Scottish Episcopal Church's Church in Society Committee. At the end of the year £3,250 of this has been used with the remaining £1,750 carried forward.

## **Expenditure**

In recording our expenditure, we consider what we are spending as a church, for our neighbourhood and for CAP. In overall terms our expenditure was around 30% lower than last year.

### **Church Expenditure**

Our expenditure for church purposes was around 32% lower than last year, largely due to reduced payroll and ancillary costs with a vacancy.

### **Neighbourhood**

Our expenditure on neighbourhood community meals was around 50% lower than last year. This is largely due to us ceasing our Thursday community meal last year.

### **CAP**

Our expenditure on CAP was around 5% lower than last year.



## **Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Mustard Seed Edinburgh**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2025 set out in this document.

### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner**

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1)(d) 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 Independent Examiner's Statement**

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 2015), 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.

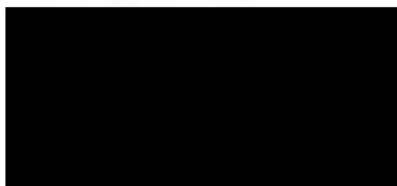
### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

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:
  - a. To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Account Regulations; and
  - b. To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 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.



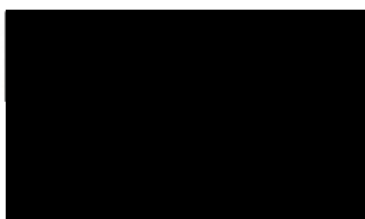
**Date:** 19/9/2025

## Financial Year to 30 June 2025

### Receipts and Payments Account

		Year ended 30 June 2025			Year ended 30 June 2024	
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total		
		£	£	£	£	
Receipts						
Donations received	2	70,441	17,569	88,011	104,571	
Gift Aid on donations		9,588	0	9,588	11,388	
Total Receipts		80,029	17,569	97,598	115,959	
Payments						
Payroll	3	(28,816)	(4,783)	(33,599)	(62,485)	
Office facilities and supplies		(2,682)		(2,682)	(4,459)	
Rent and Utilities		(14,491)		(14,491)	(10,831)	
Other	4	(10,899)	(15,317)	(26,216)	(32,351)	
Total Payments		(56,888)	(20,100)	(76,988)	(110,125)	
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the Period		23,141	(2,531)	20,610	5,834	
Statement of Balances						
Cash Balances		Balance at 30 June 2024	Incoming Funds	Outgoing Funds	Transfer to Investment	Balance at 30 June 2025
		£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted cash at bank		5,185	79,095	(56,005)	(19,948)	8,328
Restricted cash at bank		12,767	17,569	(20,100)	0	10,236
Sub-total cash at bank		17,952	96,665	(76,105)	(19,948)	18,564
Investment account (book value)		0	0	0	19,948	19,948
Petty cash		0	934	(884)		50
Total		17,952	97,598	(76,988)	0	38,562
					As at 30 June 2025	As at 30 June 2024
					£	£
Fixed Assets (at net book value)	6				5,165	9,305
Reserves						
Unrestricted funds (at bank and cash)	7				8,378	5,185
Investment Account (Book value)	7				19,948	0
Restricted funds	7				10,236	12,767
Total Funds					38,562	17,952

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Date:

19/9/25

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 1. Principal Accounting Policies

#### a. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are consistent with Accounting Standards and the recommended practice for charities.

#### b. Cash Flow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement.

#### c. Fixed Assets

Expenditure on assets that are expected to have useful lives in excess of one year are capitalised as fixed assets. Those assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

PA and Communications Equipment	5 years
Kitchen Facilities and Equipment	5 years
CAP Equipment	5 years

### 2. Donations Received

	Year ended 30 June 2025 £	Year ended 30 June 2024 £
Donations received comprise:		
Grants for specified purposes	17,569	47,576
Other donations (including regular giving)	70,441	56,995
	<u>88,011</u>	<u>104,571</u>

### 3. Payroll

	Year ended 30 June 2025 £	Year ended 30 June 2024 £
Payroll costs comprise		
Gross salary	27,443	44,682
Pension	2,604	7,061
Housing Allowance	3,000	10,268
SEC Fees and Employers' National insurance	552	474
	<u>33,599</u>	<u>62,485</u>

	Year ended 30 June 2025 £	Year ended 30 June 2024 £
Relates to Diana Hall, as trustee and Priest in Charge (Appointed 13 May 2025)		
Stipend	5,718	0
Pension	1,258	0
	<u>6,976</u>	<u>0</u>

	Year ended 30 June 2025 £	Year ended 30 June 2024 £
Relates to Andrew Strutzenberg, trustee (Resigned as Trustee on 2 Nov 2024)		
Salary and Fees	5,333	8,667
Pension	440	220
Housing	1,000	500
	<u>6,773</u>	<u>9,386</u>

4. Other Expenses		Year ended		Year ended		
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	30 June 2025	30 June 2024	
Community Meals		(6,825)	(1,700)	(8,525)	(16,270)	
Pastoral care		(768)		(768)	(988)	
CAP spending		0	(10,599)	(10,599)	(11,172)	
Events and other activities		(923)	0	(923)	(387)	
Purchase of Fixed Assets		(366)	0	(366)	0	
Other		(2,017)	(3,018)	(5,034)	(3,533)	
		(10,899)	(15,317)	(26,216)	(32,351)	
5. Taxation						
Mustard Seed Edinburgh, being a registered charity, is exempt from corporation tax.						
6. Fixed Assets		Balance b/f	Additions	Disposals	Balance c/f	
		£	£	£	£	
At Cost						
PA & Communications Equipment		8,569	366	0	8,935	
Kitchen Facilities and Equipment		21,066	0	0	21,066	
CAP Equipment		3,227	0	0	3,227	
		32,862	366	0	33,228	
Accumulated Depreciation						
PA & Communications Equipment		(6,918)	(794)	0	(7,712)	
Kitchen Facilities and Equipment		(14,453)	(2,906)	0	(17,359)	
CAP Equipment		(2,185)	(806)	0	(2,991)	
		(23,556)	(4,506)	0	(28,062)	
Net Book Value						
PA & Communications Equipment		1,651	(428)		1,223	
Kitchen Facilities and Equipment		6,613	(2,906)		3,706	
CAP Equipment		1,041	(806)		235	
		9,305	(4,140)		5,165	
7. Movement on Funds						
		Balance at 30 June 2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfer to Investment	Balance at 30 June 2025
		£	£	£	£	£
General Fund		5,185	80,029	(56,888)	(19,948)	8,378
Investment Account (book Value)		0	0	0	19,948	19,948
Restricted Fund		12,767	17,569	(20,100)	0	10,236
		17,952	97,598	(76,988)	0	38,562
8. Investment Account Market Value						
			Units held	Unit Value	Market Value	
				30 Jun 2025	30 Jun 2025	
				£	£	
Units held			643.00	31.6609	20,358	

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

### Structure and Management

Mustard Seed was established on 3rd July 2017 as a Scottish Charitable Independent Organisation with charity number SC047549. It is governed by a written constitution and managed by a board of trustees (none of whom has a beneficial interest in Mustard Seed and are listed overleaf). Trustees are elected by the members and serve for an initial period of three years. The elected trustees appoint an additional trustee to act as leader who must be approved by the bishop of the Diocese of Edinburgh of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

██████████ was installed as Priest in Charge (and leader) by the Bishop in May 2025. At this point the SEC representative was no longer required and ██████████ resigned her position as a trustee.

### Principal Objective and Activities

The principal objectives of Mustard Seed are:

- the advancement of religion
- the prevention or relief of poverty
- the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

The principal activities of Mustard Seed during the period have been:

- the provision of weekly service gatherings,
- twice-weekly Babies and Toddler Group,
- a programme of Community Tuesdays for a meal and discussion,
- a weekly breakfast on Friday morning for anyone in the neighbourhood, which includes a time for reflection,
- a weekly gardening and bible group,
- a fortnightly craft group,
- a weekly conversation café for New Scots,
- the provision of debt help services acting as a CAP (Christians Against Poverty debt centre), and;
- otherwise assisting members of the local community in need of pastoral care and related activities.

### General Information


<b>Registered Charity Name:</b>	Mustard Seed Edinburgh
<b>Charity Number:</b>	SC047549
<b>Date of Incorporation:</b>	3 July 2017

**Trustees as of 30 June 2025:**



**Registered Office:** 170 Easter Road  
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