

St John's Church Linlithgow

Scotland · Charity number SC050351

Details

Known as	St John's Church
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2020-07-31
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Low Port Centre 1 Blackness Road Linlithgow EH49 7HZ
Website	www.stjohnslinlithgow.org

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of religion'

What the charity does: St John's Church exists to advance the Christian faith and serve the people of Linlithgow and the surrounding area. We do this by providing regular worship services, pastoral support, opportunities for prayer and spiritual growth, and a welcoming church community. Throughout the year we organise a range of activities, groups and events for people of all ages, both within the congregation and the wider community. These include children's, youth and adult programmes, community outreach initiatives, and opportunities for fellowship and learning. We aim to be an inclusive and active church, supporting people at all stages of life and encouraging engagement with the Christian faith through worship, service and community involvement.

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

Objectives: The purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith in Scotland and the world for the public benefit through the continuance of a body of believers founded on the Basis of Faith.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£324,652	£317,603	-	7
2024-12-31	£362,292	£466,065	-	8
2023-12-31	£436,417	£366,541	-	8
2022-12-31	£320,525	£313,142	-	8
2021-12-31	£285,412	£326,822	-	10

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Accounts

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Annual Report and Financial Statements
Year ended 31 December 2025

St John's Church Linlithgow

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for St John's Church Linlithgow (known as St John's Church) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Objectives and activities

At the heart of our ministry - through our services, groups, missional communities, and Learning Streams - is the desire to bring the Kingdom of God to Linlithgow and the surrounding area, nurturing one another as we follow Jesus. We are passionate about Jesus and sharing his love with our communities.

The purpose of St John's Church is to provide Christian worship, events, groups, and pastoral care for both our members and the wider community in Linlithgow and neighbouring towns and villages. Alongside regular services, we run a variety of groups for all ages throughout the week. St John's is a lively Christian church, made up of people from many different backgrounds and life stages.

Achievements and performance

During the year, the Low Port Centre (lowportcentre.org) has continued to develop as a vibrant community hub and the home of St John's. It is encouraging to see sustained support from both the church and the wider community, with over 30 partner organisations making regular use of the building. The ongoing growth of the independent Low Port Centre charity reflects the strength of this shared vision and its increasing impact locally.

As a church, our vision remains to see people flourish emotionally, spiritually, and physically. This is expressed through teaching, training, and creating opportunities for leadership and service across our ministries and projects.

Alongside our Sunday sermon series, we delivered three Learning Streams - short courses typically running over five or six weeks - providing space to explore biblical themes and support spiritual growth.

Pastoral care continues to be an important area of development. Groups play a key role in providing mutual support, with the pastoral care team working alongside them to offer additional guidance where needed. This has strengthened the sense of community and care within the church.

Our work with children, families, and young people remains a central priority. Activities run both on Sundays and midweek, helping children and young people engage with faith in ways that are accessible and relevant. The parent-and-toddler group continues to operate near capacity, offering a consistent and welcoming space for parents, carers, and young children.

Youth ministry has also remained strong, with Monday night gatherings bringing young people together for shared meals, friendship, and discipleship. These evenings create opportunities for connection across age groups and contribute to a growing sense of belonging within the church community.

We continue to extend our welcome to the wider community through a range of regular groups, including "Men 'n Sheds", "Sew Blessed", "Soul Space", "Lifestories", and "Roundhouse". These initiatives provide opportunities for connection, creativity, and spiritual exploration for those both within and beyond the church.

Partnership remains a key strength of our mission. Locally, we have continued to work alongside other churches, including joint services at Easter and Christmas, and ongoing collaboration with Youth Space (youthspace.scot) and The New Well (thenewwell.org). Nationally and internationally, we partner with Scripture Union Scotland (suscotland.org.uk), the Scottish Network of Churches (scottishnetwork.org), and Cup of Cool Water in Burundi (cupofcoolwaterburundi.weebly.com). We have also continued to develop relationships with Kintsugi Hope (kintsugihope.com) and Safe Families/Home for Good (safefamilies.uk; homeforgood.org.uk), further strengthening our network of support and shared mission.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2025

Financial review

Results for the year

The Accounts for the year are set out on pages 5 to 14. The Statement of Financial Activities on page 5 shows net income for the year of £7,049 (2024: net expenditure of £103,773) and our total funds at year-end were £102,400 (2024: £95,351).

Financial review (continued)

Results for the year (continued)

The Church's funds at the end of the year are divided between restricted funds of £25,694 (2024: £20,511) and unrestricted funds of £76,706 (2024: £74,840). The amounts held within each of the restricted funds and their purposes are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

Reserves

The Trustees have established a Reserves Policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed to, or invested in, fixed assets should not be less than three months of the unrestricted expenditure. At this level the Trustees consider that they are able to continue the current activities of the charity in the unlikely event of a significant drop in funding. If the funds dropped below this level, it would be necessary to consider how income could be increased or, alternatively, how expenditure could be reduced.

Our unrestricted funds at the end of the year met this policy.

Structure, governance and management

St John's Church Linlithgow was registered as a SCIO on 31 July 2020 under the charity number SC050351. The charity is overseen and managed by Trustees, Elders and a Ministry Leadership Team.

- Trustees have legal duties and are responsible for governance, finance and related matters. They are appointed by agreement with existing Trustees and Elders in accordance with the Trustee Policy.
- The key role of Elders is to hear from God and to cultivate the vision, values and ongoing theological position of the church, and they are appointed following a period of evaluation prior to ratification by church members.
- The Ministry Leadership Team is responsible for the day to day workings of the church, ensuring that the activities of the church are run effectively and in line with the overall vision and strategy agreed by the Elders and Trustees.

The Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Mark Sweeney	Chair (from 4 May 2026)
Stephen Pashley	Chair (till 4 May 2026)
Stuart Aitken	
Allan Goldie	
Andy Livingstone	
Ross Morgan	
Chris Horne	(resigned 2 September 2025)

Reference and administrative information

Charity name:	St John's Church Linlithgow
Charity registration number:	SC050351
Principal address:	Low Port Centre 1 Blackness Road Linlithgow EH49 7HZ

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Reference and administrative information (continued)

Bankers:	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue West Malling ME19 4JQ	Cambridge and Counties Bank Charnwood Court 5B New Walk Leicester LE1 6TE
	Shawbrook Bank Ltd Lutea House The Drive Great Warley Essex CM13 3BE	Equals Money 68 Upper Thames Street London EC4V 3BJ

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards.

Charity law in Scotland requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements 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 charity's financial position and enable the Trustees to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 (as amended). The Trustees are also responsible for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the charity's assets and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information on the congregation's website.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Stephen Pashley

Stephen Pashley
Trustee

27 May 2026

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Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2025

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 5 to 14.

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 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 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.

Alison Franks

Alison Franks CA

Director

Cornerstone Accounting Ltd
Chartered Accountants

11 Erngath Road
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Date: 28 May 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and endowments							
Donations and legacies	2	275,182	24,672	299,854	285,443	58,488	343,931
Income from trading activities	3	23,580	-	23,580	15,344	1,100	16,444
Income from investments	4	1,075	143	1,218	1,774	143	1,917
Total income and endowments		299,837	24,815	324,652	302,561	59,731	362,292
Expenditure							
Raising funds	5	1,770	-	1,770	482	9,921	10,403
Charitable activities	6	296,201	19,632	315,833	267,782	187,880	455,662
Total expenditure		297,971	19,632	317,603	268,264	197,801	466,065
Net income/(expenditure)		1,866	5,183	7,049	34,297	(138,070)	(103,773)
Transfers between funds	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		1,866	5,183	7,049	34,297	(138,070)	(103,773)
Total funds brought forward		74,840	20,511	95,351	40,543	158,581	199,124
Total funds carried forward		76,706	25,694	102,400	74,840	20,511	95,351
Represented by:							
Unrestricted funds	10	76,706	-	76,706	74,840	-	74,840
Restricted funds	10	-	25,694	25,694	-	20,511	20,511
Total funds		76,706	25,694	102,400	74,840	20,511	95,351

The notes on pages 7 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
Fixed assets		£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	7	1,035	-	1,035	733	-	733
Total fixed assets		<u>1,035</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,035</u>	<u>733</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>733</u>
Current assets							
Debtors	8	8,714	-	8,714	16,077	-	16,077
Cash at bank and in hand		77,664	25,694	103,358	63,965	20,511	84,476
Total current assets		<u>86,378</u>	<u>25,694</u>	<u>112,072</u>	<u>80,042</u>	<u>20,511</u>	<u>100,553</u>
Liabilities							
Creditors: falling due within one year	9	10,707	-	10,707	5,935	-	5,935
Net current assets		<u>75,671</u>	<u>25,694</u>	<u>101,365</u>	<u>74,107</u>	<u>20,511</u>	<u>94,618</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>76,706</u>	<u>25,694</u>	<u>102,400</u>	<u>74,840</u>	<u>20,511</u>	<u>95,351</u>
Net assets		<u>76,706</u>	<u>25,694</u>	<u>102,400</u>	<u>74,840</u>	<u>20,511</u>	<u>95,351</u>
Funds of the charity							
Unrestricted funds	10	76,706	-	76,706	74,840	-	74,840
Restricted funds	10	-	25,694	25,694	-	20,511	20,511
Total charity funds		<u>76,706</u>	<u>25,694</u>	<u>102,400</u>	<u>74,840</u>	<u>20,511</u>	<u>95,351</u>

The financial statements on pages 5 to 14 were approved by the Trustees on 27 May 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Stephen Pashley

Stephen Pashley
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102, and in compliance with the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

St John's Church Linlithgow meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties so the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Income and debtors

All income including grants and donations are recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to the income, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the donation.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable.

Donated goods and services, principally the service of volunteers, have not been quantified for the purposes of the financial statements.

Debtors are valued at cost at the year-end and adjusted for any amounts considered to be irrecoverable.

Expenditure and creditors

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 settlement will be required, 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.

Creditors are valued at cost at the year-end and split between amounts due in less than one year and amounts due in more than one year.

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities and is not registered for VAT. Expenditure therefore includes any irrecoverable VAT.

Tangible fixed assets

All tangible fixed assets over £1,000 are capitalised and valued at historical cost. Depreciation is provided at the following percentages 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:

Fixtures & Fittings:	10%
Office Equipment:	20%
Computer Equipment:	33%

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme. The amount charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in respect of pension costs is the contribution payable in the year.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Funds

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

Unrestricted funds comprise income received for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds or are placed within designated funds which can be used for purposes in agreement with its charitable objectives.

Restricted funds comprise income which has been received for the objects of the charity and specified for a restricted purpose within these objects by the donor.

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Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2025

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Regular donations	162,327	250	162,577	146,149	1,610	147,759
One-off donations	57,020	14,719	71,739	83,174	18,726	101,900
Service offerings	1,093	40	1,133	129	16	145
Toddlers donations	2,738	-	2,738	1,438	-	1,438
Gift aid receivable	43,766	2,663	46,429	42,173	1,846	44,019
Event income	8,074	-	8,074	8,570	-	8,570
Grant income	-	7,000	7,000	3,810	36,290	40,100
Sundry income	164	-	164	-	-	-
	275,182	24,672	299,854	285,443	58,488	343,931

3. Income from trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rental income	15,180	-	15,180	10,794	1,100	11,894
LPC service income	8,400	-	8,400	4,550	-	4,550
	23,580	-	23,580	15,344	1,100	16,444

4. Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	1,075	143	1,218	1,774	143	1,917
	1,075	143	1,218	1,774	143	1,917

5. Cost of raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Direct fundraising costs	1,770	-	1,770	482	9,921	10,403
	1,770	-	1,770	482	9,921	10,403

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6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Staff costs						
Gross salaries	168,939	2,000	170,939	148,005	8,789	156,794
Employer's NI	8,973	-	8,973	8,970	73	9,043
Pension costs	12,798	-	12,798	10,196	87	10,283
Staff expenses	3,185	-	3,185	1,774	-	1,774
Training and development	8,040	510	8,550	6,143	-	6,143
	202,655	2,510	205,165	175,088	8,949	184,037
Overheads						
Contractor payments	-	-	-	-	58,494	58,494
Rent	27,366	-	27,366	20,649	7,234	27,883
Building repairs and maintenance	3,440	-	3,440	3,895	4,563	8,458
Small equipment purchases	245	-	245	90	5,292	5,382
Insurance	2,220	-	2,220	1,675	1,099	2,774
Utilities	94	-	94	1,668	-	1,668
Telephone and internet	130	-	130	656	-	656
Office costs	1,216	-	1,216	1,461	50	1,511
Computing	1,513	-	1,513	2,548	222	2,770
Communication, media and advertising	1,516	-	1,516	1,907	4,870	6,777
Catering	2,731	-	2,731	2,706	84	2,790
Depreciation	833	-	833	892	-	892
Professional fees	-	-	-	1,308	3,072	4,380
Independent Examiner's fee	-	-	-	1,500	-	1,500
Over-accrual 2024	(300)	-	(300)	-	-	-
Fee for 2025	1,200	-	1,200	-	-	-
Bank charges	215	82	297	161	-	161
Repairs and renewals	410	-	410	-	-	-
Subscriptions and memberships	364	-	364	335	-	335
Cleaning, H&S and waste costs	300	-	300	895	327	1,222
Other expenses	324	-	324	1,336	78	1,414
	43,817	82	43,899	43,682	85,385	129,067
Mission costs						
Worship/PA system	2,629	-	2,629	3,054	-	3,054
Youth and children's work	4,530	-	4,530	4,252	456	4,708
Pastoral care and community	288	-	288	169	-	169
Missional community costs	1,735	-	1,735	-	-	-
Books and teaching costs	654	-	654	235	-	235
Outside speaker fees	-	-	-	750	-	750
Event costs	8,966	-	8,966	10,702	-	10,702
	18,802	-	18,802	19,162	456	19,618
Giving - see further analysis overleaf						
Overseas giving	3,524	-	3,524	4,172	-	4,172
UK giving	12,079	-	12,079	11,357	369	11,726
Linlithgow giving	14,124	-	14,124	14,071	9,534	23,605
Pastoral care and adhoc gifts	1,200	17,040	18,240	250	-	250
Gift to Low Port Centre	-	-	-	-	83,187	83,187
	30,927	17,040	47,967	29,850	93,090	122,940
Total expenditure	296,201	19,632	315,833	267,782	187,880	455,662

Support costs have not been separately identified as the trustees consider there is only one charitable activity.

The average number of staff during the year was 8 (2024: 8), including 5 (2024: 5) who were part time staff. No employees were paid more than £60,000.

No accrual has been made for holiday pay at the year-end as amounts due are considered immaterial.

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6. Expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Grants and Donations included in Giving:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Organisations		
Safe Families	17,340	-
Youthspace	7,308	16,804
The New Well	6,816	6,801
Scottish Network Churches	6,612	6,612
Scripture Union Scotland	3,600	2,091
Cup of Cool Water Burundi	3,524	1,836
Kintsugi Hope	1,867	360
Low Port Centre	-	83,187
Tearfund	-	369
Individuals		
Pastoral care hardship donations - 2 (2024: 1)	900	250
Individual mission partners in the UK - 4 (2024: 4)	-	2,294
Individual mission partners overseas - 2 (2024: 2)	-	2,336
	47,967	122,940

7. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2025	3,675	5,240	8,915
Additions	-	1,135	1,135
Disposals	-	(1,099)	(1,099)
At 31 December 2025	3,675	5,276	8,951
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2025	2,942	5,240	8,182
Charge for year	550	283	833
Eliminated on disposal	-	(1,099)	(1,099)
At 31 December 2025	3,492	4,424	7,916
Net book value			
At 31 December 2025	183	852	1,035
At 31 December 2024	733	-	733

The church still owns and maintains the original church building (a listed property) on Union Road, Linlithgow, but it has been too small to use for Sunday morning services since the 1990's when the congregation increased. The historical cost of the building is unknown but a valuation was carried out in March 2021 which valued the building at approximately £95,000. This has not been included in the fixed assets.

8. Debtors

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gift aid recoverable	7,910	-	7,910	9,851	-	9,851
Prepayments and accrued income	725	-	725	5,031	-	5,031
Other debtors	79	-	79	1,195	-	1,195
	8,714	-	8,714	16,077	-	16,077

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9. Creditors: falling due within one year

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Loans	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	3,592	-	3,592	1,500	-	1,500
Taxation and social security	5,865	-	5,865	2,063	-	2,063
Other creditors	1,250	-	1,250	2,372	-	2,372
	10,707	-	10,707	5,935	-	5,935

10. Funds movements

Current year

	Balance at 1 Jan 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 Dec 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	74,840	299,837	297,971	-	76,706
Total unrestricted funds	74,840	299,837	297,971	-	76,706
Restricted funds					
Bathgate Baptist Church fund	20,511	143	-	-	20,654
Youthwork fund	-	7,000	2,000	-	5,000
Hardship fund	-	200	200	-	-
Training fund	-	550	510	-	40
Specific Collections fund	-	16,922	16,922	-	-
Total restricted funds	20,511	24,815	19,632	-	25,694
Total funds	95,351	324,652	317,603	-	102,400

Prior year

	Balance at 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	40,543	302,561	268,264	-	74,840
Total unrestricted funds	40,543	302,561	268,264	-	74,840
Restricted funds					
Bathgate Baptist Church fund	20,368	143	-	-	20,511
Specific Collections fund	365	9,550	9,915	-	-
Toddlers fund	-	2,000	2,000	-	-
Home fund	12,817	2,040	14,857	-	-
St John's LPC enablement fund	17,635	34,290	51,925	-	-
LPC charity agency account	107,396	11,708	119,104	-	-
Total restricted funds	158,581	59,731	197,801	-	20,511
Total funds	199,124	362,292	466,065	-	95,351

Explanation of funds provided overleaf

St John's Church Linlithgow

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10. Funds movements (continued)

Explanation of funds

Unrestricted funds:

The *General fund* represents all income and expenditure relating to the primary focus activities of the charity, other than those for which funding is designated or restricted.

Restricted funds:

The *Bathgate Baptist Church fund* represents funds held under a memorandum of understanding with Baptist Union of Scotland, held for future Christian work in Bathgate. The memorandum expires in 2027.

The *Youthwork fund* represents grants received towards church youthwork.

The *Hardship fund* represents funds specifically given to support those in need.

The *Training fund* represents funds specifically given towards training within the church family.

The *Specific Collections fund* represents income given to the church for onward donation.

The *Toddlers fund* represents a grant received to provide a weekly Toddlers group.

The *Home fund* represents money specifically given towards finding a new home for St John's.

The *St John's LPC enablement fund* represents grants received for the development of the Low Port Centre. These funds were transferred last year to the new Low Port Centre SCIO.

The *LPC charity agency fund* represents funds administered on behalf of the Low Port SCIO charity. These funds were transferred last year to the new Low Port Centre SCIO.

11. Transactions with Trustees and Related Parties

Remuneration was paid to the following trustees under contracts of employment with the charity. Salaries, and any changes, are determined by the non-paid trustees.

	Salary	Pension contribution	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Stuart Aitken	56,242	4,228	60,470	56,779
	56,242	4,228	60,470	56,779

Stuart Aitken received the following additional expenses: £485 towards supervision and coaching sessions; £155 towards SNC event costs and £184 in travel expenses, all in connection with his pastoral role in the church.

2 Trustees, Stuart Aitken and Ross Morgan, are also Elders of the church and benefitted from accommodation and food costs paid by the church for an Elder weekend away.

1 Trustee, Alan Goldie, received a £40 voucher as a Christmas gift for his work as a church volunteer.

No other expenses were paid to Trustees in the year other than for the reimbursement of items purchased on behalf of the church.

The total amount of donations made by Trustees and related parties to the charity during the year was £49,359 (2024: £43,228).

A hardship grant of £500 was made to one of the trustees in the year.

Other than disclosed above, there were no further transactions with any of the trustees.

There were no expenses paid to a related party in the year (2024: £20).

12. Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2025, the Charity had commitments in relation to an operating lease on the photocopier till 31 December 2028. The commitments under this lease are as follows:

	2025
	£
Operating lease commitments due:	
- not later than one year	576
- not later than two years or more than five years	1,152
	1,728

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13. Pension commitments

The Charity operates an auto-enrolment pension scheme with the People's Pension for all eligible employees. Employer contributions to the scheme are disclosed in note 6.

14. Volunteers

The Church benefits from the services of many volunteers from within the congregation without whom we would not be able to run the church. We are indebted to all those who minister on our behalf in this way.

Service provided	Number of volunteers
AV Team: sound, projection, live streaming	14
Sunday Kids: leading or helping at Sunday Club or Creche	21
Sunday Youth: leading or helping with Youth groups	7
Toddlers support	3
Refreshments: providing tea/coffee before and after the service	12
Set up for Sunday services	7
Welcome Team	6
Worship Team and prayer teams	26

St John's Church Linlithgow

Scotland - Charity number SC050351

Accounts

Scottish charity number: SC050351

St John's Church Linlithgow

Annual Report and Financial Statements
Year ended 31 December 2024

St John’s Church Linlithgow

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St John's Church Linlithgow

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for St John's Church Linlithgow (known as St John's Church) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objectives and activities

At the heart of our ministry - through our services, groups, missional communities, and Learning Streams - is the desire to bring the Kingdom of God to Linlithgow and the surrounding area, nurturing one another as we follow Jesus. We are passionate about Jesus and sharing his love with our communities.

The purpose of St John's Church is to provide Christian worship, events, groups, and pastoral care for both our members and the wider community in Linlithgow and neighbouring towns and villages. Alongside regular services, we run a variety of groups for all ages throughout the week. St John's is a lively Christian church, made up of people from many different backgrounds and life stages.

Achievements and performance

One of the most significant developments this year has been the re-opening of the Low Port Centre (lowportcentre.org) as a vibrant community hub and a new home for St John's. It has been encouraging to see both the church and wider community support this initiative, and inspiring to witness the new Low Port charity flourish, with over 30 partner organisations now using the building regularly. In 2024, the remaining ring-fenced funds previously held on behalf of the Low Port Centre were transferred in full to the new charity, supporting its continued growth and independence.

As a church, our vision is to see people flourish emotionally, spiritually, and physically. We seek to achieve this through teaching, training, and creating opportunities for leadership and service across our ministries and projects.

In addition to our Sunday sermon series, we ran two Learning Streams - short courses usually run over five or six weeks exploring biblical themes and topics.

This year we continued to strengthen our pastoral care ministry. It has been encouraging to see St John's groups providing support and care for one another, with the pastoral care team working alongside them to offer additional support where needed.

We continued our work with children, families, and youth throughout the year on Sundays and midweek, helping children and young people engage with faith in ways that are relevant to them. Our parent-and-toddler group has been especially busy, reaching near capacity most weeks and providing a warm and welcoming space for parents, carers, and little ones.

Our youth ministry has also continued to thrive with midweek youth groups also providing the opportunity for all ages to join together for dinner each week. These gatherings have provided opportunities not only for fun and friendship, but also for discipleship, encouragement, and building community across the different age groups.

We have continued to expand our welcome to the wider community through ongoing groups such as "Men 'n Sheds," "Sew Blessed," and "Soul Space," and in 2024 we launched new initiatives including "Lifestories" (a monthly men's group) and "Roundhouse" (a monthly worship gathering).

Partnership continues to be a key strength of our mission. Locally, we joined with other churches in town for Easter and Christmas services, and continued our partnerships with Youth Space (youthspace.scot) and The New Well (thenewwell.org). Nationally, we partner with Scripture Union Scotland (suscotland.org.uk) and the Scottish Network of Churches (scottishnetwork.org) as well as with Cup of Cool Water in Burundi (cupofcoolwaterburundi.weebly.com). In 2024, we were delighted to develop new partnerships with Kintsugi Hope (kintsugihope.com) and Home for Good (homeforgood.org.uk).

St John's Church Linlithgow

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

Financial review

Results for the year

The Accounts for the year are set out on pages 5 to 14. The Statement of Financial Activities on page 5 shows net expenditure for the year of £103,773 (2023: net income of £69,876) and our total funds at year-end were £95,351 (2023: £199,124).

Financial review (continued)

Results for the year (continued)

The Church's funds at the end of the year are divided between restricted funds of £20,511 (2023: £158,581) and unrestricted funds of £74,840 (2023: £40,543). The amounts held within each of the restricted funds and their purposes are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

Reserves

The Trustees have established a Reserves Policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed to, or invested in, fixed assets should not be less than three months of the unrestricted expenditure. At this level the Trustees consider that they are able to continue the current activities of the charity in the unlikely event of a significant drop in funding. If the funds dropped below this level, it would be necessary to consider how income could be increased or, alternatively, how expenditure could be reduced.

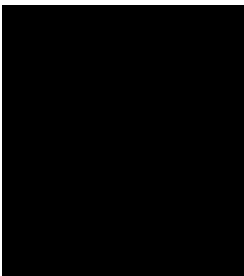
Our unrestricted funds at the end of the year met this policy.

Structure, governance and management

St John's Church Linlithgow was registered as a SCIO on 31 July 2020 under the charity number SC050351. The charity is overseen and managed by Trustees, Elders and a Ministry Leadership Team.

- Trustees have legal duties and are responsible for governance, finance and related matters. They are appointed by agreement with existing Trustees and Elders in accordance with the Trustee Policy.
- The key role of Elders is to hear from God and to cultivate the vision, values and ongoing theological position of the church, and they are appointed following a period of evaluation prior to ratification by church members.
- The Ministry Leadership Team is responsible for the day to day workings of the church, ensuring that the activities of the church are run effectively and in line with the overall vision and strategy agreed by the Elders and Trustees.

The Trustees who served during the year were as follows:



Chair

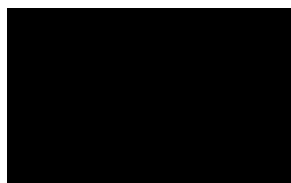
(appointed 18 November 2024)
(resigned 2 September 2025)

Reference and administrative information

Charity name: St John's Church Linlithgow

Charity registration number: SC050351

Principal address:



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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

Reference and administrative information (continued)

Bankers:	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue West Malling ME19 4JQ	Cambridge and Counties Bank Charnwood Court 5B New Walk Leicester LE1 6TE
	Shawbrook Bank Ltd Lutea House The Drive Great Warley Essex CM13 3BE	Equals Money 68 Upper Thames Street London EC4V 3BJ

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards.

Charity law in Scotland requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements 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 charity's financial position and enable the Trustees to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 (as amended). The Trustees are also responsible for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the charity's assets and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information on the congregation's website.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees


Chair of the Trustees

15 September 2025

St John's Church Linlithgow

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 14.

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 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 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.


Director

Cornerstone Accounting Ltd
Chartered Accountants

11 Erngath Road
Bo'ness
EH51 9DP

Date: 15 September 2025

St John's Church Linlithgow

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and endowments							
Donations and legacies	2	285,443	58,488	343,931	251,916	180,587	432,503
Income from trading activities	3	15,344	1,100	16,444	2,723	-	2,723
Income from investments	4	1,774	143	1,917	1,050	141	1,191
Total income and endowments		302,561	59,731	362,292	255,689	180,728	436,417
Expenditure							
Raising funds	5	482	9,921	10,403	665	7,000	7,665
Charitable activities	6	267,782	187,880	455,662	296,198	62,678	358,876
Total expenditure		268,264	197,801	466,065	296,863	69,678	366,541
Net income/(expenditure)		34,297	(138,070)	(103,773)	(41,174)	111,050	69,876
Transfers between funds	10	-	-	-	(341)	341	-
Net movement in funds		34,297	(138,070)	(103,773)	(41,515)	111,391	69,876
Total funds brought forward		40,543	158,581	199,124	82,058	47,190	129,248
Total funds carried forward		74,840	20,511	95,351	40,543	158,581	199,124
Represented by:							
Unrestricted funds	10	74,840	-	74,840	40,543	-	40,543
Restricted funds	10	-	20,511	20,511	-	158,581	158,581
Total funds		74,840	20,511	95,351	40,543	158,581	199,124

The notes on pages 7 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

St John's Church Linlithgow

Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
Fixed assets		£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	7	733	-	733	1,625	-	1,625
Total fixed assets		<u>733</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>733</u>	<u>1,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,625</u>
Current assets							
Debtors	8	16,077	-	16,077	17,886	-	17,886
Cash at bank and in hand		63,965	20,511	84,476	46,960	158,581	205,541
Total current assets		<u>80,042</u>	<u>20,511</u>	<u>100,553</u>	<u>64,846</u>	<u>158,581</u>	<u>223,427</u>
Liabilities							
Creditors: falling due within one year	9	5,935	-	5,935	25,928	-	25,928
Net current assets		<u>74,107</u>	<u>20,511</u>	<u>94,618</u>	<u>38,918</u>	<u>158,581</u>	<u>197,499</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>74,840</u>	<u>20,511</u>	<u>95,351</u>	<u>40,543</u>	<u>158,581</u>	<u>199,124</u>
Net assets		<u><u>74,840</u></u>	<u><u>20,511</u></u>	<u><u>95,351</u></u>	<u><u>40,543</u></u>	<u><u>158,581</u></u>	<u><u>199,124</u></u>
Funds of the charity							
Unrestricted funds	10	74,840	-	74,840	40,543	-	40,543
Restricted funds	10	-	20,511	20,511	-	158,581	158,581
Total charity funds		<u><u>74,840</u></u>	<u><u>20,511</u></u>	<u><u>95,351</u></u>	<u><u>40,543</u></u>	<u><u>158,581</u></u>	<u><u>199,124</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 5 to 14 were approved by the Trustees on 15 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

St John's Church Linlithgow

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102, and in compliance with the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

St John's Church Linlithgow meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties so the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Income and debtors

All income including grants and donations are recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to the income, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the donation.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable.

Donated goods and services, principally the service of volunteers, have not been quantified for the purposes of the financial statements.

Debtors are valued at cost at the year-end and adjusted for any amounts considered to be irrecoverable.

Expenditure and creditors

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 settlement will be required, 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.

Creditors are valued at cost at the year-end and split between amounts due in less than one year and amounts due in more than one year.

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities and is not registered for VAT. Expenditure therefore includes any irrecoverable VAT.

Tangible fixed assets

All tangible fixed assets over £1,000 are capitalised and valued at historical cost. Depreciation is provided at the following percentages 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:

Fixtures & Fittings:	10%
Office Equipment:	20%
Computer Equipment:	33%

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme. The amount charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in respect of pension costs is the contribution payable in the year.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Funds

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

Unrestricted funds comprise income received for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds or are placed within designated funds which can be used for purposes in agreement with its charitable objectives.

Restricted funds comprise income which has been received for the objects of the charity and specified for a restricted purpose within these objects by the donor.

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2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Regular donations	146,149	1,610	147,759	156,331	1,810	158,141
One-off donations	83,174	18,726	101,900	45,253	118,909	164,162
Service offerings	129	16	145	987	100	1,087
Toddlers donations	1,438	-	1,438	733	-	733
Gift aid receivable	42,173	1,846	44,019	39,269	24,679	63,948
Event income	8,570	-	8,570	5,533	327	5,860
Grant income	3,810	36,290	40,100	3,810	34,762	38,572
	285,443	58,488	343,931	251,916	180,587	432,503

3. Income from trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rental income	10,794	1,100	11,894	2,723	-	2,723
LPC service income	4,550	-	4,550	-	-	-
	15,344	1,100	16,444	2,723	-	2,723

4. Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	1,774	143	1,917	1,050	141	1,191
	1,774	143	1,917	1,050	141	1,191

5. Cost of raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Direct fundraising costs	482	9,921	10,403	665	7,000	7,665
	482	9,921	10,403	665	7,000	7,665

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6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs						
Gross salaries	148,005	8,789	156,794	167,773	29,699	197,472
Employer's NI	8,970	73	9,043	12,837	1,118	13,955
Pension costs	10,196	87	10,283	9,319	1,407	10,726
Redundancy costs	-	-	-	12,217	-	12,217
Staff expenses	1,774	-	1,774	1,791	59	1,850
Training and development	6,143	-	6,143	6,901	354	7,255
	175,088	8,949	184,037	210,838	32,637	243,475
Overheads						
Contractor payments	-	58,494	58,494	-	-	-
Rent	20,649	7,234	27,883	15,068	86	15,154
Building repairs and maintenance	3,895	4,563	8,458	545	6,656	7,201
Small equipment purchases	90	5,292	5,382	-	4,665	4,665
Insurance	1,675	1,099	2,774	2,628	-	2,628
Utilities	1,668	-	1,668	4,986	-	4,986
Telephone and internet	656	-	656	1,541	-	1,541
Office costs	1,461	50	1,511	497	23	520
Computing	2,548	222	2,770	899	-	899
Communication, media and advertising	1,907	4,870	6,777	2,144	4,048	6,192
Catering	2,706	84	2,790	1,697	122	1,819
Depreciation	892	-	892	1,393	-	1,393
Professional fees	2,808	3,072	5,880	690	3,668	4,358
Independent Examiner's fee	-	-	-	1,200	-	1,200
Bank charges	161	-	161	36	141	177
Subscriptions and memberships	335	-	335	305	40	345
Cleaning	895	327	1,222	3,925	-	3,925
Other expenses	1,336	78	1,414	747	-	747
	43,682	85,385	129,067	38,301	19,449	57,750
Mission costs						
Worship/PA system	3,054	-	3,054	1,441	-	1,441
Youth and children's work	4,252	456	4,708	3,711	-	3,711
Pastoral care and community	169	-	169	1,217	-	1,217
Books and teaching costs	235	-	235	406	-	406
Outside speaker fees	750	-	750	2,475	-	2,475
Event costs	10,702	-	10,702	6,926	92	7,018
Other mission costs	-	-	-	18	-	18
	19,162	456	19,618	16,194	92	16,286
Giving - see further analysis overleaf						
Overseas giving	4,172	-	4,172	5,048	-	5,048
UK giving	11,357	369	11,726	12,513	-	12,513
Linlithgow giving	14,071	9,534	23,605	12,804	-	12,804
Pastoral fellowship	250	-	250	500	500	1,000
Gift to Low Port Centre	-	83,187	83,187	-	10,000	10,000
	29,850	93,090	122,940	30,865	10,500	41,365
Total expenditure	267,782	187,880	455,662	296,198	62,678	358,876

Support costs have not been separately identified as the trustees consider there is only one charitable activity.

The average number of staff during the year was 8 (2023: 8), including 5 (2023: 5) who were part time staff. No employees were paid more than £60,000.

No accrual has been made for holiday pay at the year-end as amounts due are considered immaterial.

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Notes to the financial statements

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6. Expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Grants and Donations included in Giving:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Organisations		
Low Port Centre	83,187	10,000
Linlithgow Young Peoples Project (Youthspace)	16,804	6,624
The New Well	6,801	6,180
Scottish Network Churches	6,612	6,180
Scripture Union Scotland	2,091	1,716
Tearfund	369	-
Kintsugi Hope	360	-
Cup of Cool Water Burundi	1,836	595
Individuals		
Individual mission partners in the UK - 4 (2023: 4)	2,294	4,617
Individual mission partners overseas - 2 (2023: 4)	2,336	4,453
Donations from the Pastoral and Hardship Fund - 1 (2023: 2)	250	1,000
	122,940	41,365

7. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & Fittings	Other Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2024	200	6,087	6,738	13,025
Disposals	(200)	(2,412)	(1,498)	(4,110)
At 31 December 2024	-	3,675	5,240	8,915
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	162	4,787	6,451	11,400
Charge for year	38	567	287	892
Eliminated on disposal	(200)	(2,412)	(1,498)	(4,110)
At 31 December 2024	-	2,942	5,240	8,182
Net book value				
At 31 December 2024	-	733	-	733
At 31 December 2023	38	1,300	287	1,625

The church still owns and maintains the original church building (a listed property) on Union Road, Linlithgow, but it has been too small to use for Sunday morning services since the 1990's when the congregation increased. The historical cost of the building is unknown but a valuation was carried out in March 2021 which valued the building at approximately £95,000. This has not been included in the fixed assets.

8. Debtors

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	-	-	-	55	-	55
Gift aid recoverable	9,851	-	9,851	15,775	-	15,775
Prepayments and accrued income	5,031	-	5,031	2,056	-	2,056
Other debtors	1,195	-	1,195	17,886	-	17,886
	16,077	-	11,046			

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9. Creditors: falling due within one year

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Loans	-	-	-	16,660	-	16,660
Accruals and deferred income	1,500	-	1,500	4,290	-	4,290
Taxation and social security	2,063	-	2,063	3,965	-	3,965
Other creditors	2,372	-	2,372	1,013	-	1,013
	5,935	-	5,935	25,928	-	25,928

10. Funds movements

Current year

	Balance at 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	40,543	302,561	268,264	-	74,840
Total unrestricted funds	40,543	302,561	268,264	-	74,840
Restricted funds					
Toddlers fund	-	2,000	2,000	-	-
Specific Collections fund	365	9,550	9,915	-	-
Home fund	12,817	2,040	14,857	-	-
Bathgate Baptist Church fund	20,368	143	-	-	20,511
St John's LPC enablement fund	17,635	34,290	51,925	-	-
LPC charity agency account	107,396	11,708	119,104	-	-
Total restricted funds	158,581	59,731	197,801	-	20,511
Total funds	199,124	362,292	466,065	-	95,351

Prior year

	Balance at 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	82,058	255,689	296,863	(341)	40,543
Total unrestricted funds	82,058	255,689	296,863	(341)	40,543
Restricted funds					
Specific Collections fund	(40)	365	-	40	365
Home fund	26,649	139,859	28,691	(125,000)	12,817
Bathgate Baptist Church fund	20,227	141	-	-	20,368
Training fund	354	-	354	-	-
Hardship fund	-	204	505	301	-
St John's LPC enablement fund	-	34,290	16,655	-	17,635
LPC charity agency account	-	5,869	23,473	125,000	107,396
Total restricted funds	47,190	180,728	69,678	341	158,581
Total funds	129,248	436,417	366,541	-	199,124

Explanation of funds provided overleaf

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10. Funds movements (continued)

Explanation of funds

Unrestricted funds:

The *General fund* represents all income and expenditure relating to the primary focus activities of the charity, other than those for which funding is designated or restricted.

Restricted funds:

The *Toddlers fund* represents a grant received to provide a weekly Toddlers group.

The *Specific Collections fund* represents income given to the church for onward donation.

The *Home fund* represents money specifically given towards finding a new home for St John's.

The *Bathgate Baptist Church fund* represents funds held under a memorandum of understanding with Baptist Union of Scotland, held for future Christian work in Bathgate. The memorandum expires in 2027.

The *Training fund* represents funds specifically given towards training within the church family.

The *Hardship fund* represents funds specifically given to support those in need.

The *St John's LPC enablement fund* represents grants received for the development of the Low Port Centre. These funds were transferred in the year over to the new Low Port Centre SCIO.

The *LPC charity agency fund* represents funds administered on behalf of the Low Port SCIO charity. These funds were transferred in the year over to the new Low Port Centre SCIO.

11. Transactions with Trustees and Related Parties

Remuneration was paid to the following trustees under contracts of employment with the charity. Salaries, and any changes, are determined by the non-paid trustees.

	Salary	Pension Contributions	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
	53,565	3,214	56,779	54,075
	53,565	3,214	56,779	54,075

Expenses paid to trustees in the year totalled £1,403 (2023: £423). These expenses were made up of amounts reimbursed to 3 (2023: 1) trustees and comprise travel and meeting expenses and other items purchased in the course of performing their roles for the charity.

The total amount of donations made by Trustees and related parties to the charity during the year was £43,228 (2023: £73,313).

A hardship grant of £500 was made to one of the trustees in the year.

Other than disclosed above, there were no further transactions with any of the trustees.

There were expenses paid to one related party in the year of £20 (2023: nil).

12. Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2024, the Charity had commitments in relation to an operating lease on the photocopier till 31 December 2028.

The commitments under this lease are as follows:

	2024
	£
Operating lease commitments due:	
- not later than one year	576
- not later than two years or more than five years	1,728
	<u>2,304</u>

13. Pension commitments

The Charity operates an auto-enrolment pension scheme with the People's Pension for all eligible employees. Employer contributions to the scheme are disclosed in note 6.

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14. Volunteers

The Church benefits from the services of many volunteers from within the congregation without whom we would not be able to run the church. We are indebted to all those who minister on our behalf in this way.

Service provided	Number of volunteers
AV Team: sound, projection, live streaming	12
Sunday Kids: leading or helping at Sunday Club or Creche	18
Sunday Youth: leading or helping with Youth groups	9
Refreshments: providing tea/coffee before and after the service	13
Set up for Sunday services	7
Welcome Team	6
Worship Team	16
Sunday prayer team	14
Daily prayer email team	11