

CHURCH ASSOCIATION FOR SUDAN & SOUTH SUDAN

Registered Charity No: 1180881

incorporating THE SUDAN CHURCH ASSOCIATION Registered Charity No: 290607

TRUSTEES REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2025

Objectives and Activities

The Church Association for Sudan & South Sudan's [CASSS] aim and purpose is to promote and maintain interest in and support for the Provinces of the Episcopal Church of Sudan [ECS] and the Episcopal Church of South Sudan [ECSS].

The Association pursues this objective by:

- providing regular grants to ECS and ECSS through their Provincial Offices;
- publishing a biannual magazine "Sudan Church Review" to promote interest in and concern for ECS and ECSS;
- maintaining partnership with ECS and ECSS through visits;
- advocating the cause of ECS and ECSS in church and governmental circles;
- providing additional grants in support of ECS and ECSS when funds allow.

To achieve these aims the Association encourages its members to support its work through donations, involvement in its fundraising activity, being committed to regular prayer for ECS and ECSS, and keeping informed of current affairs in church and national life in Sudan and South Sudan.

The Trustees consider that CASSS meets with the public benefit guidelines set out by the Charity Commission both through the provision of spiritual and community support to the peoples of Sudan and South Sudan by ECS and ECSS and its empowerment of the poor.

Achievements and Performance

CASSS has continued to provide much needed support to both the ECS and ECSS throughout 2025. In particular our emergency appeal to fund the survival budget put together by the ECS has been successful in raising enough funds to fully fund our share of that budget. This enabled the Provincial Office to continue to function out of Port Sudan, the Bishops to remain in their Diocese to encourage the local population and the 247 parishes spread across all regions of Sudan to provide relief support to the local populations. In the absence of the large agencies (due to their the very dangerous and hostile environment that exists in Sudan) it has been local community groups such as the ECS parishes that have provided the means for people to survive. Money is able to be transferred to the local context via a telephone app that then enables food to be sourced and distributed to the most needy.

The situation inside Sudan continues to be both tragic and dire, but there are some areas that are beginning to experience better security and during the year Archbishop Ezekiel was able to return to the Cathedral Compound in Khartoum and, with local parishioners, begin the task of cleaning the mess that has been left. Much of the church's property has been looted but the Cathedral is still standing and the first service was held at Easter following a lot of work to clear debris. The Trustees have made a commitment to the ECS to provide £100,000 towards the repair of their infrastructure when the time comes for that to happen.

We also provided an annual grant of £50,000 to the ECSS which enables the Provincial Office to service the needs of the church and to facilitate the move towards greater self-sufficiency by increasing the church's investments in income-generating initiatives. Despite the fears that South Sudan might be sliding towards a new civil conflict, it has remained largely peaceful through the year and the church has continued to grow dramatically across all regions. The Episcopal Synod reported that there are now 4.117 million members of the ECSS spread across the 61 tribes that make up South Sudan. The current Archbishop (Most Revd. Justin Badi Arama) has prioritised discipleship and there is evidence of a new generation of capable Christian leaders emerging which we hope will not only strengthen the church but will also impact the wider society of South Sudan. The Episcopal University (TEU) that has been established under Archbishop Justin's leadership is providing in-country higher level degree training for church leaders and lawyers. During the year we came to an agreement with TEU that we would sponsor up to six scholarships a year. Due to delays with the Ministry of Education approving school exam results the new intake of students, which was supposed to have happened in September, was delayed until January 2026.

The highlight of the year for CASSS came in November when we hosted a visit to the UK by Archbishop Ezekiel Kondo, his wife Suria and Bishop Hassan of Kadugli Diocese. During the Archbishop's visit he was able to speak to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Sudan as well as having private meetings with Baroness Chapman, the Minister for Africa, and with the head of the Sudan desk at the Foreign Office. The primary purpose was to raise awareness of the terrible situation facing the civilian population of Sudan and to call for a halt to the flow of armaments into the country. During the visit the Archbishop also raised with the Trustees the need for the church to be equipped to deal with the trauma that most people have suffered as a result of the conflict. As a result, CASSS has committed itself to enabling ECS to develop and implement a trauma healing programme using the vehicle of TEE.

The 14 trustees continued to meet periodically, following their long-established pattern of meetings, and to deal with other business between meetings via e-mail. The Standing Committee also met via Zoom three times during the year. The Review was published twice as usual with additional e-mail bulletins and regular website updates. The charity continues to be strong and active in pursuing its aims of providing support to the ECS and ECSS.

Risk Management

The Trustees maintain a risk analysis for factors that might adversely affect the Association's work, outlining management strategies and procedures designed to mitigate or manage any potential impact on CASSS should those risks materialise.

Together with other partners, we are closely monitoring the effects of the current war in Sudan to understand what effective support can be given to ECS.

Financial Review

Donations received from individuals are 80% up on last year, which we believe is a measure of the value we are seen to be delivering, sharing information about the Sudans and channelling support through to the church there. Our appeal fund for ECS survival budget received £30,500 from members and other individuals, £1,600 from churches, and £8,600 from trust funds.

Our total funds increased by £35,500 due to a jump in income restricted for specific projects. Ignoring legacies, our total unrestricted income held steady year on year but increased grant giving and other activities resulted in a deficit on our general funds of £61,000 before taking account of investment gains. In core grants we gave £50,000 to both ECS and ECSS, paid £8,800 for all ECS bishops to meet in conference together, and contributed £62,151 to ECS relief work.

Costs of relationship visits were much higher than usual, more than half being the cost of a visit from Sudan. The costs of running CASSS however remain minimal and a significant portion of them is returned in unrestricted voluntary contributions.

Sales of mint postage stamps maintain a steady contribution. Dividends and interest generated £27,000, a yield of 2.8% on the year end value, but gains on our investments were down this year compared with last due to global market volatility. During the year we moved £100,000 into the investment portfolio placing it with a new fund manager. This was to help diversify our investments in line with professional advice, the move to be balanced with some drawdown from other investments during 2026.

Reserves Policy

The Association holds considerable reserves which have been deliberately built up over many years. They are held in order to provide the Association with the continuing ability to help ECS and ECSS with its core costs at a meaningful level. In recent years our grants to them have exceeded the Association's income. It is anticipated that this will continue to be the case with the reserves gradually reduced to a nominal level over the next twenty years.

It is the fundamental hope of the Association that by that time both ECS and ECSS will progress towards being self-supporting. To that end, the Association is therefore ready to run down its reserves sooner by way of capital investment in Sudan and South Sudan if suitable proposals are presented that help the church towards sustainability. This policy is reviewed by the Trustees annually.

Structure, governance and management

The Association is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organization, number 1180881, governed by its Constitution. It is a membership organization, functioning in direct continuity from the Sudan Church Association (SCA) which was founded in 1956. Its reserves were received from SCA by merger, but its current income derives principally from its members and other supporters.

The Association is managed by a committee the members of which are the Association's Trustees. One third of the members of the committee retire by rotation at each Annual General Meeting but are eligible for re-election. The Officers are subject to annual appointment. The trustees who served during the year covered by this Report were:

Mary Brooks	Revd Graham Buttanshaw
Tim Flatman	Wendy Fry
Joanna Hunt	Elizabeth Newport
Revd Michael Paget-Wilkes	John Poole
Dr Tabita Shokai	Revd Joanna Udal
Revd Pauline Walker	Revd Ian Wallace
Revd Andrew Wheeler	Revd Canon Ian Woodward

Officers:

Co-chairs:	Revd Pauline Walker & Revd Ian Wallace
Hon Secretary:	Joanna Hunt
Hon Treasurer:	John Poole

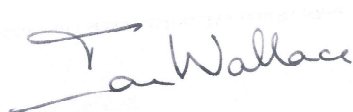
Administrative Information

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Approved by the Trustees on: 3rd June 2026

Signed by:



CHURCH ASSOCIATION FOR SUDAN & SOUTH SUDAN

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds 2024
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS from:					
<i>Donations and legacies</i>					
- Individuals		30,631	35,080	65,711	36,380
- Tax refunds		4,488	-	4,488	6,457
- Other organisations		1,265	179,748	181,013	65,634
- Legacies		8,025	-	8,025	119,706
Sub total: Donations and legacies		44,409	214,828	259,237	228,177
<i>Trading activity</i>					
Mint stamp trading	2	13,706	-	13,706	14,102
<i>Investments</i>	3	24,927	2,136	27,063	27,235
Total income		83,042	216,964	300,006	269,514
EXPENDITURE on:					
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
	4				
Support of ECS & ECSS		110,753	137,071	247,824	206,219
Church Association Review & website		8,629	-	8,629	8,085
Visits to or from ECS & ECSS		13,798	-	13,798	2,581
Sub total: Charitable activities		133,180	137,071	270,251	216,885
<i>Raising funds:</i>					
Mint stamp trading	2	10,873	-	10,873	10,193
<i>Other:</i>		-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		144,053	137,071	281,124	227,078
Net income/(expenditure)		(61,011)	79,894	18,883	42,436
<i>Gains/(losses) on investment assets:</i>		16,649	-	16,649	27,336
Net movement in funds		(44,361)	79,894	35,532	69,772
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds b/fwd at 1 January		692,380	139,679	832,059	762,287
Total funds carried forward		648,019	219,573	£867,592	£832,059

The comparative figures for each fund for last year are given in Note 10 below.
The Notes on the following pages form part of these accounts.

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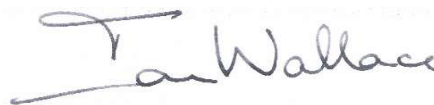
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	9	<u>£762,597</u>	<u>645,948</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at Bank		£176,796	264,432
Stock of mint stamps		£1,222	763
Debtors	6	<u>£24,315</u>	<u>19,397</u>
Total: Current assets		£202,333	284,592
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts due within one year	7	<u>£97,338</u>	<u>98,481</u>
Net Current assets:		£104,995	186,111
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u><u>£867,592</u></u>	<u><u>£832,059</u></u>
FUNDS ANALYSIS			
Unrestricted funds	8	648,019	692,380
Restricted funds		219,573	139,679
Total Net Assets:		<u><u>£867,592</u></u>	<u><u>£832,059</u></u>

The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Trustees on: 23rd April 2026

and signed on their behalf by:



CHURCH ASSOCIATION FOR SUDAN & SOUTH SUDAN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice FRS 102 (effective 1 January 2019), on the basis that CASSS is a public benefit entity as defined in FRS 102. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investment assets which are shown at market value.

b Fund structure

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds comprise those funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions set by donors. Any balance remaining unspent on a restricted fund at the year end is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

The Association does not usually bank or invest each fund separately.

c Income and expenditure

Income is accounted for in the period when receipt is probable, the charity is entitled to its use, and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable.

Grants payable are charged when the offer is conveyed to the recipient except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled.

All financial assets and liabilities that CASSS has are categorisable as basic financial instruments, and are accounted for on initial recognition at transaction value and subsequently at their settlement value if different.

d Volunteers and donated services and facilities

The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into these financial statements. Further details of the contribution made by volunteers can be found in the trustees' annual report.

e Charitable activities and support costs

Costs of charitable activities include an apportionment of support costs. Support costs directly attributable to the cost of generating funds or charitable activities have been allocated accordingly, either direct to the activity incurring the cost or on the basis of use of resources.

f Related Party Transactions

Donations from related parties which require CASSS to alter the nature of its existing activities are disclosed separately.

In this and the previous financial year there were no such donations requiring reporting.

g Fixed asset investments

Investments are shown at market value as at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on the revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

h Stock

Stock is included at the lower of cost or realisable value. Stock comprises mint stamps valued at current selling price less the normal gross profit margin.

i Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Association's ability to continue as a going concern in the foreseeable future.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2025 - continued

2. INCOME FROM ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

The Charity engages in the trading of mint UK stamps, which are sold at face value for postage purposes as a means of raising funds. The profits so generated are taxable, except the Small Trading tax exemption applies.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Turnover	13,706	14,102
Cost of sales	(10,830)	(10,193)
Administrative expenses	(43)	-
Net surplus	<u>2,833</u>	<u>3,909</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

Dividends on managed funds	21,367	19,068
Interest received	5,696	8,167
	<u>27,063</u>	<u>27,235</u>

4. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

The Association's main charitable activity is making grant payments to the Episcopal Church Provinces of Sudan and of South Sudan (ECS & ECSS). It also promotes interest in and support for ECS & ECSS by publishing a magazine biannually and maintaining a website.

	Activity undertaken <u>direct</u>	Grant funded <u>activity</u>	Governance <u>costs</u>	Total <u>2025</u>	Total <u>2024</u>
Unrestricted Funds					
Grants to ECS & ECSS	-	108,819	1,935	110,754	94,107
Sudan Church Review, & CASSS website	8,478	-	151	8,629	8,085
Visits to or from ECS & ECSS	13,557	-	241	13,798	2,581
	<u>22,035</u>	<u>108,819</u>	<u>2,327</u>	<u>133,180</u>	<u>104,773</u>
Restricted Funds					
Grants to ECS & ECSS	-	137,071	-	137,071	112,112
Total Funds	<u>22,035</u>	<u>245,889</u>	<u>2,327</u>	<u>270,251</u>	<u>216,885</u>

Governance Costs are all costs involving the public accountability of the Association and its compliance with regulation and good practice. They have been allocated in proportion to the amount spent on charitable activity from unrestricted funds.

4a. Analysis of Governance Costs: (figures in brackets are the comparative figures from the previous year's accounts).

Meeting room hire including Zoom facility £1,007 (£861); travel to meetings £889 (£1,182); statutory independent examination of accounts £225 (£200); bank charges £159 (£739); administration £46 (£99). Total: £2,327 (£3,081)

5. TRUSTEES' EXPENSES AND REMUNERATION, AND STAFF

The Association's trustees are not remunerated. They are entitled to reimbursement of expenses for attending meetings and for activity directly related to their duties as trustees. In this accounting period, 7 (last year 7) trustees reported UK travel and administration costs totalling £1,070 (£2,020). Of those expenses £625 (last year £672) were returned by them as unrestricted voluntary contributions in support of the charitable activities of the Association, plus £1,027 (last year £286) visit to ECS costs.

The Association is run by volunteers and has no paid staff.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
6. DEBTORS	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
Donations receivable	-	2,608
Tax recoverable	4,000	4,000
Dividends & interest due	-	810
Prepayments	8,000	-
Other amounts receivable	12,315	11,979
	<u>24,315</u>	<u>19,397</u>
7. LIABILITIES		
Grants pending : ECS rebuilding	95,625	95,626
Amounts payable	1,713	2,855
	<u>97,338</u>	<u>98,481</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2025 - continued

8. FUND MOVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

		1st Jan <u>2025</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Gains & losses</u>	31st Dec <u>2025</u>
Unrestricted funds - general		692,380	83,042	(144,053)	(10,000)	16,649	638,019
Designated - for trauma healing response		-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000
		<u>692,380</u>	<u>83,042</u>	<u>(144,053)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,649</u>	<u>648,019</u>
Restricted funds							
Bursary Fund	a	94,566	2,309	(14,042)	-	-	82,833
ECS Survival Appeal	b	12,989	67,862	(62,151)	-	-	18,700
ECS Translations Department	c	15	6,782	(6,797)	-	-	-
ABC ECS Anglican Communion Fund	d	8,273	-	(1,283)	-	-	6,990
El Thoura School Fund	e	-	111,145	(30,000)	-	-	81,145
For particular ECS Dioceses & purposes	f	11,215	15,586	(14,202)	-	-	12,599
For particular ECSS Dioceses & purposes	g	11,184	13,279	(8,596)	-	-	15,867
ECS & ECSS Bishops Retirement	h	1,438	-	-	-	-	1,438
Totals for restricted funds		<u>139,679</u>	<u>216,964</u>	<u>(137,071)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>219,573</u>
Total for all funds		<u><u>832,059</u></u>	<u><u>300,006</u></u>	<u><u>(281,124)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>16,649</u></u>	<u><u>867,592</u></u>

a. The Bursary Fund was established to support Sudanese students who have been recommended by an ECS or ECSS Archbishop for further leadership training.

b. Funding received in response to a special appeal for relief funding for ECS.

c. Funding received to support work of ECS Translations Department.

d. Funding from the Archbishop of Canterbury's Anglican Communion Fund for capacity building in ECS, work monitored by the Sudan Roundtable chaired by CASSS.

e. Funding received for the reconstruction of El Thoura Church School, Omdurman

f. Donations for particular dioceses and purposes within ECS, usually only held short-term, before forwarding to ECS, including Shokai Theological College and ECS MU.

g. Donations for particular dioceses and purposes within ECSS, usually only held short-term, before forwarding to ECSS, including some for church building purposes nominated by the Provincial Archbishop of ECSS.

h. The ECS & ECSS Bishops' Retirement Fund was established in 2003 and derives from donations received to be used for making lump sum payments to ECS & ECSS bishops at retirement.

9. INVESTMENTS

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Market value at 1st January	645,948	618,612
Additions at cost	100,000	-
Disposals at book value	-	-
Revaluation gains/(losses)	16,649	27,336
Market value at Balance Sheet date	<u><u>£762,597</u></u>	<u><u>£645,948</u></u>
Investments at market value comprised:		
BlackRock Charities UK	105,966	94,069
CBF Fixed Interest Fund	4,960	4,841
CBF Investment Fund	203,230	211,693
COIF Fixed Interest Fund	27,996	27,371
COIF Investment Fund	143,397	150,607
Epworth Equity Fund	94,245	91,368
M&G Charifund	77,435	65,999
Ruffer Charity Assests Trust	105,367	-
	<u><u>£762,597</u></u>	<u><u>£645,948</u></u>
Historical cost as at 31 December	<u><u>£504,234</u></u>	<u><u>£404,234</u></u>

10. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS from:			
<i>Donations and legacies</i>			
- Individuals	21,360	15,020	36,380
- Tax refunds	4,186	2,271	6,457
- Other organisations	1,144	64,491	65,634
- Legacies	119,706	-	119,706
Sub total: Donations and legacies	<u>146,395</u>	<u>81,782</u>	<u>228,177</u>
<i>Trading activity</i>			
Mint stamp trading	14,102	-	14,102
<i>Investments</i>			
	25,138	2,097	27,235
			-
Total income	<u>185,635</u>	<u>83,879</u>	<u>269,514</u>
EXPENDITURE on:			
<i>Charitable activities:</i>			
Support of ECS & ECSS	94,107	112,112	206,219
Sudan Church Review & CASSS website	8,085	-	8,085
Visits to or from ECS & ECSS	2,581	-	2,581
Sub total: Charitable activities	<u>104,773</u>	<u>112,112</u>	<u>216,885</u>
<i>Raising funds:</i>			
Mint stamp trading	10,193	-	10,193
<i>Other:</i>			
	-	-	-
Total expenditure	<u>114,966</u>	<u>112,112</u>	<u>227,078</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	70,669	(28,233)	42,436
<i>Gains/(losses) on investment assets:</i>	<u>27,336</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,336</u>
Net movement in funds	98,005	(28,233)	69,772
Total funds b/fwd at 1 January	594,375	167,912	762,288
Total funds carried forward	<u>692,380</u>	<u>139,679</u>	<u>832,059</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH ASSOCIATION FOR SUDAN & SOUTH SUDAN

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church Association for Sudan & South Sudan (the Association) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Association, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Association's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.


Since the Association's gross income exceeded £250,000, your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Association as required by section 130 of the Act; or,
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or,
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



John Arthur Inglis-Jones

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04 April 2026