St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow

Annual Report 2025/26

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Agenda - Annual General Meeting, 12:30 pm, Sunday 22 November 2026

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   Franny Mawditt

   5.3 Alternate lay representative / Diocesan N E Regional Council representative

   Lesley Buntain

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   Kevin Philp, Jason Ho, Lyssa Gold
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   * Reports all taken as having been read.

ST MARY'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, GLASGOW

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 23rd November 2025

Chair: The Very Reverend Kelvin Holdsworth, Provost

Vestry Secretary: Alan McCulloch **Treasurer:** Robert MacDonald

Present: Robyn Airlie, Irene Ballantine, Liam Brown, Marion Bryans, Lesley Buntain, David Burness, Dr Harriette Campbell, Matt Cavanagh, William Crisp, Michell Davies, Margaret Dawson, Anne Douglas, Roger Edwards, Ruth Elder, Frank Ewing, Karen Ewing, Simon Fairbairn-Smith, Kevin Fellows, Noah Folkesson, Sandra Fraser, Michael Gammie, John Gerrard, Margaret Mackay Gerrard, John Gormley, Stewart Henderson, Miriam Hong, Elspeth Gibb, Lisa Gold, Alan Grant, Liffy Grant, Graham Hair, Greta-Mary Hair, David Hanson, Jackie Heatlie, Jason Ho, Lisella Hutton, David Kenvyn, Richard Kilgour, Kurt Law, Bob Leslie, Helen Leslie, Kit Lindsay, Franny Mawditt, Maureen Mee, Iain Milne, Eleanor Montgomery-Smith, Lynda McCulloch, Fergus McLachlan, Robert MacDonald, Kathryn Macfarlane, Stewart Macfarlane, Caroline McKillop, Jim McKillop, Isabel MacNaughtan, Andrew Orr, Nigel Pexton, Kevin Philp, Frey Rafferty, Steven Rawles, Catherine Riches, Alan Richmond, Pam Richmond, Beth Routledge, Joanna Russell, Billy Scorgie, The Reverend Sarah Shaw, Gail Smith, Vivienne Jinty Stewart, Ken Taylor, Suet-Lin Teo, Edelweiss Thornley, Deanna Tyndall, Frikki Walker, Andy Winter, Robin Webster, Gill Young.

1. Opening prayers and memorial for the departed

The Provost opened the meeting with a prayer and gave thanks for the lives of those departed in the last year, those whose funerals had been held in the Cathedral and our late Bishop Gregor along with all who had helped build up this Cathedral community over the years.

2. Apologies for absence

Graham Skellern

3. Acceptance of AGM minutes of 26 November 2024

The minutes were accepted without amendment the same having been proposed by Jim McKillop and seconded by Rin Webster The Vestry Secretary will add a note to the minutes to indicate this.

4. Governance: Achievements and performance Trustees' report*; Treasurer's report*; Appointment of the independent Auditor*; Vestry Secretary's report*; Leadership Group report*; Core Group report*; Property Group report*; Compliance Group report*; Music Director's report*; Organ Project Report.*

The Provost noted that the reports had been circulated with the AGM papers via the website in advance of the meeting. The papers were also available for perusal as paper copies during this meeting. The reports with an asterisk would be taken as read though questions could be raised regarding any of them.

The appropriate section of the Annual Report had been sent to OSCR, the Trustees' Report having been approved by Vestry beforehand. The Treasurer was called to speak to his report.

Treasurer's Comments & Appointment of the independent Auditor

The Treasurer, Robert MacDonald, spoke to his Report and thanked members of the congregation for their financial support throughout the year, but drew attention to the

current shortfall between the Cathedral's income and expenditure, the deficit amounting in total to £87,000.00, albeit that included the expense of replacing the heating system in the Cathedral at the cost of £57,000. The deficit after allowing for that expense of some £30,000 is still unsustainable in the long run and he drew attention to the fact that a further increase in giving would be required to offset the deficit.

Robert advised that the organ appeal fund had attracted donations in the year of circa £200,000 due to the generosity of the congregation and outside funders, which when added to our other income, took us into a position where we would require a full audit at the expense that will incur over the basic audit costs. Robert proposed that the Cathedral's accounts Examiners, Jennifer Irvine of Bell Barr Chartered Accountants, be re-appointed albeit to carry out a full audit in view of the foregoing. Robert's proposal was seconded by Margaret Dawson and was adopted unanimously.

The Treasurer thanked Sandy Fraser for her great assistance throughout the year in counting cash donations and organising banking, also the Finance Group for their support during the year.

There being no questions arising from the Treasurer's report, the Provost thanked the Treasurer for his sterling work throughout the year and for his Report and also thanked the Finance Group and Vestry members in general for the skills they bring to the service of the Cathedral.

Kelvin also expressed his gratitude to the congregation for their generosity in supporting the work of the Cathedral and advised that in light of the continuing pressures of rising costs and it being 3 years since we last asked members of the congregation to consider increasing the support they give to the Cathedral, letters would be sent out shortly asking those could afford to do so to consider increasing their giving to the Cathedral in these difficult times.

5. Organ Project

There followed a discussion, suggestions and questions relative to the organ project.

Margaret Dawson was most pleased to comment on her report and to report the very good news that that a grant of £75,000 had been received from the Dulverton Trust towards the funds for the organ project.

Kelvin expressed his thanks to the organ project team on their diligent work which has now brought the organ fund to a point where it is no longer a case of if the organ would be restored but simply when.

Frikki Walker, our Director of Music, advised that Stephen McIntyre having been appointed as Director of Music at Dunblane Cathedral, Frikki was delighted to confirm that Dr John Gormley had accepted our invitation to be our organist.

There followed numerous helpful suggestions and questions from members of the congregation relative to fund raising methods and the project in general to which Margaret responded most helpfully.

6. Elections to Vestry

The following nominations for Vestry members had been received:-

There being one vacancy on Vestry, Andy Winter had been nominated by Bob Leslie, seconded by Beth Routledge. There being no other nominations, Andy was unanimously approved and Andy was elected and confirmed as the new member of Vestry.

The following nominations were also received for the undernoted posts:-

Lay Representative

Beth Routledge: Nominated Alan McCulloch Seconded Bob Leslie

People's Warden:

Franny Mawditt: Nominated Alan McCulloch Seconded Bob Leslie

Provost's Warden

Bob Leslie: Appointed by the Provost

Alternate Lay Representative /Diocesan N.E. Regional Council:

Lesley Buntain: Nominated Gail Smith Seconded Jo Russell

There being no other nominations for the above posts the above named were declared elected.

The Provost expressed his congratulations to Beth, Franny and Lesley on their re-election and also to Bob on his appointment as Provost's Warden and to Andy on his election to Vestry. Kelvin thanked Beth, Franny and Lesley for their devoted service in the above posts to which they had been re-elected and his appreciation of the enormous amount of work they do.

7. Group and network reports

The Provost referred to the Trustees' Report and to the other Group reports and thanked everyone for their reports and the enormous quantity of work which they represent.

8. Provost's remarks

Kelvin commented on what a great and growing congregation we are privileged to have here at St Mary's. We are known far and wide throughout the Diocese and beyond for our commitment as a congregation. The Radio 3 evensong service transmission was a great success, being extremely well received. It and our on line services reach out up and down the country.

Kelvin expressed his appreciation to all who make our services happen and in particular was delighted to welcome Sarah, our new Vice Provost, who is so committed to St Mary's and whose work and presence with us is so greatly valued.

9. Further questions and remarks.

Franny thanked Kelvin, Sarah and all of the supporting clergy for the care and wisdom which they bring to St Mary's. We are all privileged to have them here to make the life of the Cathedral so meaningful and effective, bringing in addition to their religious knowledge and guidance, their considerable practical support whether that be in the areas of technology or in the giving of assistance to those seeking asylum from the courts by way of helping to prepare them for their court appearance. They hold this amazing congregation together with their loving care.

There being no further questions or comments regarding these reports, they were taken as read.

10. Closing prayers

The Provost thanked Franny for her kind remarks and all who make up our wonderful congregation, then concluded the AGM and closed the meeting with a blessing.

Achievements and performance (Trustees' report)

St Mary's Cathedral is a busy, confident congregation in the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway. It serves as the cathedral church and gathering place for the diocese and it exercises a pastoral ministry to its congregation and to members of the public. It has an influence far beyond the city as it continues to work to live up to the aspiration to be "open, inclusive and welcoming".

The congregation is funded almost entirely by offering s made by members of the congregation. The work of the cathedral is enabled by a small group of paid members of staff and by many more volunteers, without whom the cathedral would be unable to function. This enables the charitable purposes of the congregation to be fulfilled.

For the second year running, the cathedral has been understaffed for part of the year, following the departure of the office administrator Iain Milne part way through the year. However, it has been good to welcome the Rev Canon Dawn Matthew as the Canon Missioner who works in the diocese on the Natural Church Development programme and joins the congregation in the cathedral on approximately one Sunday a month. Many thanks are due to Bob Lesley and Kathryn Macfarlane for working in the office on a volunteering basis during the second half of the year.

The cathedral is open for religious services every day of the year.

The congregation continues to change rapidly. A number of people arrive each year with the new academic year and many people come to St Mary's as their first point of Christian contact when moving to the city or when passing through Glasgow as visitors, tourists or pilgrims. The restoration of direct flights between Glasgow and North America that had been absent since the global Covid pandemic has led to an increase this year in pilgrims visiting St Mary's on their way to Iona.

The congregation continues to work hard to welcome those who are attracted to this place, particularly by running the Rough Guide to St Mary's programme several times a year.

The cathedral hosts many pastoral events both for those who are members of the congregation and those who are not, including baptisms, weddings and funerals.

The life of the congregation is enhanced by excellent music. During this year members of the Telemann Ensemble have contributed music to a number of very fine services of Choral Evensong. The high standard of the regular music making here is recognised by the BBC once again coming here to record services for broadcast, this year including Choral Evensong for BBC Radio 3 – the first such broadcast from here for decades and a service of Sunday Worship for BBC Radio 4.

During the year, John Gormley was welcomed to the Music department as Cathedral Organist, supporting the work of the Director of Music, Frikki Walker.

Work has continued on raising money for the Organ Project – An Organ for Glasgow and the congregation finds itself much closer to the goal of restoring and installing a fine Willis II organ than it was a year ago. Part of this project has included a number of events that have brought members of the local community into the cathedral and engagement

with children from local schools. Considerable work has been done by the organ steering group.

The cathedral continues to provide space for musicians to practice every week of the year.

The local community hears the bells of the cathedral ringing out to call people to worship and to mark local and national events.

Members of the Vestry have met during the year to transact the business of the congregation and much work is done in the vestry groups chaired by their respective conveners. The Vestry continues to be advised by the Safeguarding Officer, Matt Cavanagh.

Kelvin Holdsworth

Treasurer's report

In the year to 30 September 2026, before taking account of gains on investments, income exceeded expenditure by £270,279 (in 2025, expenditure exceeded income by £15,491). Excluding income and expenditure on the organ project, expenditure exceeded income by £2,843 (2025: £85,835).

Total income from donations and legacies amounted to £663,440 (2025: £423,450), including donations to the organ project of £397,940 (2025: £195,335). Income of £28,981 (2025: £28,920) was generated from uses of the Cathedral buildings during the year and this helps to offset some of the buildings-related costs. A legacy of just over £10,000 was received from the estate of the late Margaret S Brown.

Total expenditure in the year was £497,111 compared with £526,693 in the prior year. Expenditure on the organ project amounted to £128,745 (2025: £127,858). Staff costs of £201,098 (2025: £151,996) were higher than in the prior year, principally due to the vice-provost being in post for the full year. Expenditure on Equipment purchases and maintenance included organ project costs of £118,891 (2025: £123,779). In 2025, £56,943 was incurred on replacing the heating boilers and making other improvements to the heating system. Energy costs reduced by some 10%, year on year, as lower priced contracts came into effect. An increase is expected in the current year due to market conditions.

Investments decreased in value by £29,044 during the year (2025: increase of £73,179, which included £20,000 attributable to a revaluation of investment property) and the net movement in Funds was an increase of £241,235 (2025: £57,688).

Vestry recognises that annual income must cover annual expenditure to sustain the work of the Cathedral. Thoughtful giving by members, appropriate to their circumstances, is vitally important in the face of general inflationary pressures.

The book value of the Cathedral's assets less liabilities at 30 September 2026 was £2,287,822 (2025: £2,046,587).

- Reserves

The Cathedral holds reserves to provide principally for the restoration and renovation of the cathedral church buildings; to contribute to a future purchase of a rectory should that be required; and to support continuity in the Cathedral's work.

Excluding the amount attributable to freehold property used directly in the Cathedral's activities, unrestricted funds at 30 September 2026 were £1,307,962 (2025: £1,253,963).

Of that amount:

- £402,226 (2025: £370,646) is designated for restoration and renovation of the cathedral church buildings;
- £494,845 (2025: £412,961) is designated for organ replacement/refurbishment;
- £4,400 (2025: £3,401) is designated for choir and music; and
- £12,970 (2025: £5,997) is designated for vestments.

Vestry currently views the £400,000 held in an investment residential property as a resource which would be realised for the purchase of a rectory.

At the end of the year, the balance in the Music Endowment Fund was £99,817 (2025: £103,819); the balance on the Restricted organ fund was £208,913 (2025: £17,675).

Robert MacDonald
Treasurer

Vestry Secretary's report

Vestry has met on six occasions in the last year during which we have been privileged to welcome The Reverend Canon Sarah Shaw as our new Vice Provost. Sarah is a most valued new member of the vestry team.

The Agendas for all Vestry meetings include as standing items the Minutes of the previous meeting, any conflicts of Interest in relation to any matters to be discussed at that meeting, Safeguarding matters and reports from the various constituent groups, Finance, Property, Compliance, Leadership and the Organ restoration steering group.

The group reports are circulated prior to each meeting so that members can familiarise themselves with the same and be able to seek clarification on any points at the formal meeting.

The matters considered during this year have been varied, from the details of the replacement of the heating system, improvements to the Cathedral lighting, the funding stages of the organ restoration project,(including a sub group meeting with the Managing Director and senior executives from Willis, the restorers), the need for improvement of the Cathedral toilet facilities, the considerable contribution of the organ steering group, Frikki, our Director of Music, and the choir in assisting with the planning and delivery of various events to assist with fund raising for the organ project, staffing matters, the production of an employee handbook and a stewardship campaign to assist with fund raising for the general work of the Cathedral,

This has been a very busy year for Vestry and our thanks as a congregation are due in considerable measure to the Vestry members who faithfully attend meetings and freely give of their considerable knowledge and experience as well as their time. It is a privilege to act as their Secretary.

Alan McCulloch
Vestry Secretary

Leadership group

The Leadership Group (LG) has met 11 times since the report to the 2024/25 AGM. They have also had several e-mail discussions.

A wide variety of issues have been considered by the LG in the past year which are too many to list individually but have included:

- Heating & Lighting in Cathedral.
- Recruitment of Cathedral Administrator.
- Organ Project.
- Rough Guide & Big Myths.
- Pastoral Matters.
- Volunteers.
- Stewardship.

Bob Leslie
Provost's Warden

Property Group

The new Cathedral boilers installed in 2025 gave us a much more comfortable start to 2026 with the winter months benefitting from a warmer building for services and events, and heating that can be controlled remotely.

Holy Saturday Maintenance Day was well supported again and my thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to tidy-up the Cathedral before Easter, including Bishop Nick!

The Bishop's Stone, up next to the high altar, has been worked on by stonemasons adding on the missing additional names for past Bishops and bringing it up to date.

We have had a few problems with rodents getting into the underfloor space and chewing through cables causing gremlins with the livestreaming cameras. We are working with a pest control company to monitor activity and block up access holes.

Having finally found a specialist slating company that work using ropes for access rather than needing a full scaffold, we have been working on the roofs and had all the slipped slates replaced and repairs made to prevent water ingress into the Cathedral.

We have been investigating the art of the possible with the Cathedral lighting and had a consultant visit and look at some lighting schemes. This work continues as we want to look at various schemes and funding options to get it right before proceeding.

We have recently put up parking signage in the Cathedral car park to try to prevent unauthorised parking during the week and leave spaces free for Cathedral users and Blue Badge holders on a Sunday.

We are planning some minor refurbishment works to the toilets to improve the facilities.

Ruth Marshall
Property Convenor

Compliance

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Music Report

30 years of Frikki!

It's hard to believe that I have been the Director of Music here for thirty years! Where has the time gone?

Thank you to everyone who made my celebratory weekend in June so special.

It was just timely that I was conducting the next concert in the Glasgow Bach Cantata Project that weekend, and it was in St Mary's as it was raising funds for our Organ Project. It was a special bonus, that my son, a former member of our cathedral choir was able to come and sing the tenor solos in that concert.

Then on the Sunday lots of choir alumni returned to sing a Choral Eucharist in the morning and Choral Evensong in the evening. And what a fabulous sound they made!

I was overwhelmed by the amount of people who made the journey to join us, and I was deeply touched by the congregation's response to my speech after the morning service.

Thank you too, to everyone for the multitude of cards, generous gifts and lovely comments. It was a very, very special day.
Thank you.

Music Department Staff

Following Steven McIntyre's appointment as Director of Music at Dunblane Cathedral, we were delighted to appoint Dr John Gormley as his successor as our Cathedral organist.

John previously served as Assistant Organist here at St Mary's from 2000 to 2003, during which time the role primarily involved accompanying Choral Evensong. During my sabbatical last Summer, John again provided invaluable support, demonstrating both his technical proficiency and his ability to work effectively as a respected and popular member of the music department. He has an intimate knowledge of our organ and its particular characteristics and is well acquainted with our liturgical traditions.

John is an accomplished and experienced musician—an organist and accompanist of real distinction, as well as a sensitive and effective choir trainer and conductor. He has a PhD in composition, as well as master's degrees in music and in Information Technology. He has also been on the staff of the Royal Conservatoire of Music in Glasgow for many years.

He has settled into the role extremely well, and we are very pleased to have such a distinguished musician on our team.

Christine Walker continues to be a volunteer stalwart of the department, running the choir library, sharing the teaching of the choristers and generally helping out with admin and managing the choir.

We are also incredibly grateful to Gail Smith who continues to manage the choir robes and keeps us all looking smart.

I could not run the choir without our volunteer staff, as the choir is now so much larger and busier than when I started here, and I am so grateful to them all.

Cathedral Choir

The 2025-2026 season has been a very varied and exciting one for the Cathedral Choir.

In addition to the usual round of weekly services, we have had special services for the Diocese, all our usual Choral Masses and Carol services, a couple of concerts, our annual cathedral residence and two broadcasts on BBC Radio. We also enjoyed welcoming the Chapel Choir of the University of Glasgow to sing with us in June, and the choir of Bradford Cathedral, whose Director of Music is a former Assistant Organist here, Geoffrey Woollatt.

In the summer we sang the daily services in Winchester Cathedral for a week, and the congregation and clergy were very appreciative and complimentary as to how we sounded, the choice of repertoire and even how smart we looked! It was a huge thrill to sing in that magnificent building.

In January we once again broadcast an edition of Morning Worship on BBC Radio 4, and it was a particularly exciting honour to be invited to record an edition of Choral Evensong for BBC Radio 3 in November. This is something I have long campaigned for, as we are the only choir in the West of Scotland who sing Choral Evensong every Sunday. This is the first time since the 1960s that this service has come from St Mary's and it is a singular honour to have been asked to record for what is, in church music terms, a very prestigious programme.

We were very sad to learn of the of the death of former choir member Pam Barrowman, and it was fitting that some of the choir were able sing at her funeral and give her an appropriate send-off.

The pool of singers that constitutes the Cathedral Choir is ever-changing as some people move away and new singers come to the city and join us. Membership of the choir increasingly requires us to be more flexible about the level of commitment singers can offer, so running the choir becomes more and more complicated! There is now a pool of over forty singers in total, although the morning service usually attracts about 20, and Choral Evensong anywhere between 20 and 30 singers.

Whilst we are always on the lookout for singers of any voice part of the right calibre to join the choir, we are still particularly short of tenors, so are actively on the lookout for tenors who might be able to help. Do let me know if you a tenor, or if you know of anyone who might be suitable and would enjoy singing with us.

We have been hugely enjoying the contributions made to our services by the Telemann Ensemble, a chamber orchestra specialising in the music of the Baroque, who have played (and sung) music before and after Evensongs through the year, and who have occasionally accompanied the choir. We are very grateful for their skills, and their willingness to play for us.

My thanks, as ever, to all the choir members for their continuing commitment, and to everyone who helps things run smoothly from behind the scenes.

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir is a fun-based activity, and we are always on the look-out to add to the choir's membership, which is offered without audition and free to all.

The choir continues to grow and now numbers 23 children, aged from just 7 years old to 14 years old. They sang in six services through the year, as well as delivering a super concert at the end of the summer term.

The Children's Choir rehearses every week on Thursday evenings from 6.00pm to 8.00pm, with a break and refreshments halfway through the evening. They have established a pattern of sung services now, which includes some Sung Eucharists, the Advent and Christmas Carol Services, a Choral Evensong or two and the end of term concert in the summer. The Children's Choir's next appearances will be at the Advent Carol Service.

Huge thanks to Christine and her tireless team of helpers who put so much time and care into helping us make this work so well. I am also grateful to many chorister parents and chorister alumni, who, week by week continue to help with choir practice, with refreshments, looking after the children, helping with their music, teaching the younger choristers, and generally being a friendly adult presence in the proceedings on Thursdays and Sundays.

Plainsong Cantors

We continue to have a Eucharist at 0900 on Sundays at which the music is led by an organist and a solo cantor.

Leading a whole service as a soloist is a huge undertaking, and I am greatly indebted to our wonderful team of Cantors who prove so willing, and who sing so professionally week by week.

The Cathedral Organ

There have been many very exciting developments with the Organ Project, all of which are reported elsewhere in this document. We owe such a huge debt of gratitude to the Organ Fund Steering Group for all their dedicated hard work in finding funds, and to everyone who has contributed to this exciting project, both by donating funds, and by giving of their time and talents to put on events.

And finally

Every year I say how lucky I am to serve a church where music is considered so important, and is appreciated by so many, congregation and clergy alike.

Thank you all for your support of the music here at St Mary's.

Frikki Walker
Director of Music

Organ Project Report

As we complete the second year of the project, we have made remarkable progress thanks to the hard work of members of the organ steering group, our event volunteers and our generous and supportive donors. I would like to extend our grateful thanks to everyone who has supported us so far.

We are now at a crucial point in the project. We have raised £1,073,422 (86% of our target) as of 30 September 2026, and we need to raise another £166,578 to complete the project, based on current projections. This is still a significant amount of money, despite being a relatively small proportion of the total raised. The danger now is complacency. If donations start tailing off, there is a real risk that we will not be able to install the new organ on time, and this will leave us without an organ for much longer than the year which is necessary for the work to be done. If you have been thinking about donating or have donated already but feel you could manage to give a little more, then now is the time to do it. Securing the funding in good time will allow the project to progress on schedule, will save the costs of storing the organ, and will also secure those grants which

are conditional on us achieving the full funding for the project. Please give as much as you are able so that we can bring our wonderful new organ home.

We still hope to identify a philanthropic donor who would support us with a larger scale donation: this is likely to be critical to the success of the project. If anyone has suggestions for people that we could contact, please let a member of the steering group know or email anorganforglasgow@thecathedral.org.uk

The organ works are well underway. The restoration work is mostly completed: Frikki visited the Willis factory over the summer and has told us that the quality of the work is superb. Phases 2 and 3 are now both underway: the new console has been designed and is being built, and the organ is being assembled in the factory. Our current organ is due to be removed immediately after Easter 2027 and, if we secure the funding in time, the new organ should be installed in time for Easter 2028.

Inevitably in a project of this size, there have been cost increases over the past two years and we have increased our target to £1.24m to ensure we can meet these. The main increases have been due to the restoration work being more extensive than originally thought, increases in the statutory minimum wage and employers' national insurance contributions, rising costs of materials and increases in business rates. Any delays to the project from lack of funding will result in further cost increases above those anticipated in our current budget.

Over the past year, we have been very fortunate to receive some significant grant support from many funders. Notable grants are the Vinehill Trust (£100,000), Dulverton Trust (£75,000), the National Lottery Heritage Fund (£69,490) and LT Funding Ltd (£45,000), among others. We have written 154 grant applications to date, but do not anticipate that any further large awards will be available to us and we are therefore dependent on the generosity of our donors to raise the remaining money required to bring the organ home to St Mary's.

We have had many enjoyable fundraising events over the year. Recently these have included a Doors Open Days event with displays about the history of the organ, a children's trail featuring Pip the Pipe Mouse, an Orgelkids session with pupils from Hollybrook School and a concert by the Folkhouse group. We have also enjoyed two events by Frikki Walker and John Gormley in a series of talks with music about the history of organs and the development of organ music.

These have covered "From Antiquity to Baroque" and "The Glories of the Baroque" with the series continuing next year. In October we had another excellent ceilidh and an atmospheric silent movie event with Aaron Hawthorne accompanying the 1925 classic film "Phantom of the Opera". More events are planned for next year, including our popular "Come & Sing Christmas Carols" on 5 December, so do keep an eye on the pew sheets, come along to these and support the organ project while having some fun.

We continue to be most grateful for all the support we have received from the congregation. I would particularly like to thank the small but dedicated band of volunteers who have turned out in all weathers to help us run our events as well as all the musicians who have given their time and talents to the project.

This project will secure the future of music at St Mary's and will be an unrivalled teaching and concert resource for the whole city, creating a legacy that will last for

generations to come. We need your help for a last big push to get us to our target. Please support us as generously as you can and help us to bring our organ home.

Margaret Dawson
Organ Steering Group Convenor

Young Adults 20s & 30s Bible Study

The young adults' group has been meeting regularly over the past year. There have been fortnightly Bible study sessions on a variety of themes, which also include time for prayer and socialising. The group generally has also functioned as a community for students and young adults within the cathedral to get to know each other and arrange other more informal events. The group has had a small but dedicated attendance. It is hoped however that the group will find ways to grow and attract new members in the coming year.

Liam Brown
Coordinator

Bell Ringers

Throughout this year, the Glasgow bellringers have continued to ring for both Sunday morning and Evensong services weekly. We have also rang for key dates within the church calendar such as for Christmas and Easter services. We have celebrated a number of events within the Cathedral and tower this year such as the notable birthdays of some of our bellringers and most recently we rang a quarter peal dedicated to the Very Rev Kelvin Holdsworth's birthday. October 2026 seen the 100th peal rang on the bells in Glasgow, which is when the bells are rung for around three and a half hours without a break, or for a set amount of "changes".

Following our Tower AGM in February, the Glasgow Tower Captain is now Zoe Bennett, and the Ringing Master is Jonathan Frye. All other officers remained in post as previously elected. Following the AGM, there was an adjustment in the timing of Evensong ringing. Previously, we would ring following the service however, we are currently ringing prior to the service commencing.

We continue to encourage development amongst all ringers. To support this, when there are ringers at the earlier stages of learning, we hold a thirty minute session before the Tuesday practices. This year there has been a focus on improving our accuracy of ringing, or "striking" the bell more accurately, and progressing to ringing more complex "methods" (the tunes that we ring).

We have continued to split our practices over a Monday and Tuesday evening on the second week of every month, to facilitate a more focused session for those who are learning simpler 6-bell and more advanced 8 or 10-bell methods respectively. This has also allowed a few members of the band to gain experience in running or taking charge of a ringing practice. This year, we have had a few ringers within the tower progressing from the very early stages of being able to ring a bell alone, to ringing some of the simple methods.

Additionally, there has been a further five enquiries from members of the local community who have expressed an interest in learning to ring. We have had two ringers who learned in other towers join our band, and are expecting a further ringer to join us in the coming months when they move to the area. All of our practices are well supported by local ringers, particularly with the increase in tourism over summer

brought by the Commonwealth games, we have had many visiting ringers join us for practices and service ringing when they were visiting the area.

Since December last year, three peals and six quarter peals have been rang by a mix of local and visiting bands. There are plans to ring a further peal in the coming months.

This year has seen a number of maintenance improvements in the tower. Notably, 2 clappers, the part that hits the bell to make the sound, have been replaced.

We continue to support and host events for the SACR. We have hosted some of this year's Friday evening advanced practices, where ringers travel from across Scotland to practice more complex methods. In January we visited the towers in Dunblane and Alloa for the first meeting of the year, and Edinburgh in May where we placed 3rd in the striking competition. Most recently, Glasgow hosted the ringing meeting in October which. Following the usual ringing and business meeting, the Glasgow band and visiting ringers went for a meal in a local restaurant.

At the beginning of the year, eighteen members of the Glasgow band rang in Westminster Abbey on New Year's Day 2026, having been invited to ring for this prestigious opportunity. This seen members of all abilities ringing "Call changes", in two bands of ten ringers, followed by a quarter peal. Whilst in London, the band also visited a selection of the many towers in Central London. Notably, we rang the "Great bells of Bow" in St Mary-le-Bow church, and the bells that were originally cast for the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth, and seen on a boat during the pageant along the Thames to celebrate the event. Luckily the bells are now hung in St James Garlickhythe Church, and we didn't need to contend with any boats.

For more information about ringing across Scotland please see the Scottish Association of Change Ringers (SACR) website https://www.sacr.org/

Zoé Martin
Tower Secretary

Book Group

The Book Group meets on Zoom on the first Tuesday of the month with around twelve people attending each month. Some members of the congregation, unable to be at the discussion, appreciate the recommendations and sometimes offer suggestions for the Book Group.

The Book List is completed annually in September from members' suggestions and it is customary (though not essential!) that whoever suggested the book will chair the meeting and supply a few questions to stimulate discussion. The current list contains, as always, many genres, fiction and non fiction and a lively discussion is guaranteed.

The remit for the group has been reviewed recently by Franny Mawditt, the People's Warden and distributed to the members.

Details of the Book Group can be found in the weekly pew notes. New members are always welcome.

Anne Jones
Book Group Convenor

Communications

In influence of St Mary's extends far beyond the city of Glasgow and engagement with the congregation is much greater than that which takes place in person in the building.

The primary social media accounts used in the year have been:

- Facebook: 3.9K followers – up about 200 since last year.
- Youtube: 1.17K subscribers on @stmaryscathedralglasgow – up about 120 since last year.
- Weekly Email List –531 email addresses are subscribed to the weekly list. The average weekly reach of this list is about 325 accounts – similar to last year. Some of these accounts will reach more than one individual.

Over the next few weeks the weekly email list will be transitioning to a new system tied directly to the congregational database and emails will be sent through a mail sending service which should mean that more emails reach their intended destination rather than being rejected as spam.

Kelvin Holdsworth

Contact Group

The Contact Group continue to provide a link between the Cathedral and those, who for any reason, are unable to get to the Cathedral or who feel the need for support. This contact can be made by phone calls, emails, texts, home visits, coffee shop meetings, care home visits or hospital visits.

All members of our group have been through the PVG process and Matt Cavanah, our PVG Co-ordinator, attends our three monthly meetings in a consultancy capacity. The group work closely with the clergy and members of the Leadership Group.

Our remit has been reviewed recently by Franny Mawditt, the People's Warden, and myself and has been distributed to our members.

Anyone feeling that either they or someone they know might welcome support can contact me. If referring someone else, please get their permission first. My details are in the weekly pewnotes.

I thank the Provost, the Vice Provost and the Wardens, our PVG Coordinator and the members of the Contact Group for giving their time so generously.

Anne Jones
Contact Group Convenor

Food Bank Donation Point

Sincere thanks to everyone for your donations of items for the foodbank that St Gregory's RC Church in Maryhill manages so diligently.

And huge thanks to the team of volunteers who transport these items from St Mary's each week. Some also commit further to assisting in the practical aspects of the Foodbank Team.

It is a privilege to liaise with you and assist the support St Gregory's provides to the community. 248 bags of provisions were distributed last week …

Gail Smith

Flower Team

There are currently six people on our flower-arranging team.

Our remit is to enhance our beautiful building by arranging pedestals and decorating the window sills with fresh or artificial flowers for the church festivals and other occasions. From time to time we provide floral decorations for weddings and funerals. We also ensure the building is flower free when appropriate, for example during Advent and Lent.

We enjoy working together and as convenors we are grateful to the members of the team for their support, skills and time.

Pam Richmond
Anne Jones
Flower Group Convenors

Gardening

I would like to thank our group for their outstanding commitment and team spirit in delivering a greatly appreciated service in keeping the cathedral grounds in good order, come rain or shine. However, more volunteers are welcomed and encouraged to help out and facilitate a more regular and necessary service. Even at this time of year there is still plenty to do like raking up fallen leaves and sweeping of stones from paths.

Frank Ewing
Gardening Group Leader

Lay Representative

As the Lay Representative of the congregation, my principal tasks are to represent the congregation at the Diocesan Synod and to vote in any Episcopal election that takes place in the Diocese. I am grateful that there have been no Episcopal elections this year, and that we have marked over a year of Bishop Nicholas being in the Diocese.

Diocesan Synod in February 2025 was chaired by Bishop Nicholas.

The business done at the ordinary meeting of Diocesan Synod 2025 included:

- The ongoing work in the diocese to implement strategies for more responsible use of our natural resources and better stewardship of the planet which we have inherited. This included discussion around the provincial target for the whole of the Scottish Episcopal Church to reach Net Zero by 2030.
- A presentation on the Legacy of Slavery Project by the Reverend Willie Shaw. This is a project that is ongoing throughout the Province as the Scottish Episcopal Church grapples with the role we played in the slave trade, particularly in chattel slavery to the Caribbean, and the repentance and reparations we owe as a result of this.
- A presentation from the leadership of The Village, the young adults group that meets from around the Diocese on a regular basis in the Diocesan Office. This included voices from within the cathedral congregation who have been instrumental in developing this project.
- There was a vote to be taken on the proposal that the Blessing of a Marriage (2025) be added to the Schedule under Canon 22. This had been approved at First Reading by the General Synod in 2025, and had been passed to the dioceses for

further discussion and advice. It was approved at our Diocesan Synod without significant discussion.

A number of these issues were further discussed at General Synod in 2026, and the Blessing of a Marriage (2025) was approved by the General Synod at its Second Reading so has now been formally added to the Schedule under Canon 2022.

There were also further discussions on the Legacy of Slavery Project at General Synod, and some discussion of these projects and related issues at the Anglican Consultative Council in July. It is my expectation and my hope that this will continue to be discussed and grappled with both within the province and at future meetings of the ACC.

There were a number of elections held at Diocesan Synod. These included the election of Stephen Joyce to the Diocesan Council, which is the body of trustees for the Diocese.

The Bishop's Lent Appeal this year was for the charity The Daisy Project. At the time of writing, donations of over £12,000 have been raised from around the Diocese.

Beth Routledge
Lay Representative

LGBT Network

The LGBT Network attended Glasgow Pride 2026, which took place in July. The members of the Network joined with the group of LGBT+ Episcopalians and Friends from around the Diocese for the march through the streets of Glasgow. Our presence at Pride as an inclusive church remains extremely important to both us and to the broader LGBT community, and we were delighted to be approached by many members of the public throughout the day. We were particularly pleased this year by a very strong clergy presence on the march.

As part of Pride weekend, we also offered an LGBT History tour of the cathedral for anyone who wished to attend.

As the year draws to a close, we are considering how best to mark LGBT History Month 2027.

Beth Routledge
Convenor, LGBT Network

Litter Picking

Report not received at time of going to press but will be added when received.

Livestream Team

At the beginning of the year, Stuart Macfarlane stood down as team leader and I took over. In the middle of the year, Holly Oates moved away, leaving us with three people on the rota, which was an untenable position for the long term. Fortunately, three new volunteers joined the team, Ben, Songyuan and Frey, who all quickly learnt how to do the standard services. Frey stood down from the rota, due to personal circumstances, at the beginning of November, leaving us with 5 people on the team. This is still a little below what we would ideally like to have, highlighted by the fact that very few of the team are available for streaming over the Christmas period, which is, of course, a busy period for services. I would hope that we would be able to recruit at least one more volunteer in the near future. In the meantime, the new volunteers are being trained in the more advanced aspects of the streaming process, for which experience is the key factor.

Steve Thompson

Safeguarding

PVG Applications

PVG applications continue to be made for new members of the Server's Team, the A/V broadcasting team, and the Musicians for their work with children. The increasing number of those in the instruction of children means that there is increased capacity for supporting younger members to contribute to the work of St Mary's.

Safeguarding Issues

Occasional questions and safeguarding concerns arise in relation to the work of St Mary's. In these circumstances I consult with the church leadership and the provincial office to ensure that decisions are taken appropriately. A record of significant details is kept securely and password protected on my computer.

Contacting

Questions around safeguarding; including questions of scope and how the protection of vulnerable groups affects the different groups and individuals within St Mary's are welcomed. My contact details are available on the website, on the noticeboard and in service sheets.

Matt Cavanagh
Safeguarding Co-ordinator

Sacristans

Yet another busy year in the sacristy where it all happens for our services, but thanks to Kathryn and the clergy, we keep things running smoothly with no major hiccups!

As usual, thanks go to all involved - to Kate, for looking after the linen; to Stewart, for taking care of things when I'm away; and to all the others who help behind the scenes.

We have ordered 5 purificators from Hayes and Finch, our preferred suppliers, to replace some which are really tatty. The old ones are added to the Easter Fire.

Sandy Fraser
Head Sacristan

Servers

The serving team at the Cathedral contributes to the planning and delivery of services, hopefully ensuring that they are conducted with the grace and dignity that allows for prayerfulness. We aim to ensure that everything required is in place and available for the clergy at the required point in the service.

We have served Sunday by Sunday for the regular services, as well as at baptisms, weddings, and funerals. We also served at the Christmas services, and Holy Week and Easter services, as well as at Ordinations and other Diocesan services.

There are two servers on duty for the 9am Plainsong Eucharist service each Sunday, five servers for the 11am Sung Eucharist and one server at Choral Evensong. All the servers have had a Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check which allowed us to welcome back children as servers at the end of 2025. I hope Mason and Ezra are enjoying serving and being part of the team. I am very grateful to the whole team of servers for their continued service and support.

We would be happy to welcome more members to the team. If anyone thinks they might be interested in becoming a server, please speak to Kelvin or Sarah, or any of the servers, for more information. No previous experience is necessary as training will be provided. We are a friendly and supportive team!

I would like to express my thanks to the clergy and the other Cathedral staff for all their help and support. I am particularly indebted to the Sacristan (Sandy Fraser) for all her hard work in organising the Sacristy, keeping everything clean and tidy, and preparing for services.

Kathryn Macfarlane
Head Server

Stewards

Stewards are usually the first people members of the congregation encounter as they enter the building, and we are very grateful for the quality of welcome shown by the whole team.

There are currently 26 stewards in the team, staffing three services each Sunday, in addition to festivals and special services, weddings and funerals.

Our duties at all these services include opening and unlocking access points, making sure that the congregation can be evacuated quickly, welcoming at the door and handing out pew sheets, guiding people up for communion, taking up the offering, staffing the card machine, tidying the church after services, making sure that the aisles are clear during services and making sure that those with special needs or requests are accommodated.

We are currently working with the Compliance Team to improve evacuation and security procedures within the Cathedral.

The stewards continue to show their usual good humour and efficiency as they help to ensure that Cathedral services run smoothly and safely.

Our thanks and appreciation to them all.

Alan and Pam Richmond
Head Stewards

University/Student Ministry

The Provost and Vice Provost are the honorary Scottish Episcopal/Anglican Chaplains at the University of Glasgow. Approximately 8 services were conducted in the Memorial Chapel of the University of Glasgow. Students and members of the public from across the city are welcome at all of these services which are fully choral featuring the music of the Chapel Choir. Several members of the congregation who have connections with the University of Glasgow help with stewarding and serving at these services. More details of these services can be found from www.ugac.online

Many people from the various Higher Education institutions across the city continue to find a spiritual home at St Mary's.

Kelvin Holdsworth

Tea and Coffee Team

The tea & coffee group provides after service refreshments following the Sunday 11am service, and whenever else we are asked to. Our team consists of a steady number of volunteers who generously offer up their time and resources to allow us to provide our services.

Our services allow for people to socialise and mingle with each other after worship. Through my own personal experience, and in conversations with others, I have found that this socialising aspect allows for people to feel welcomed and a part of the community. Another way in which we try to welcome people into the community is by looking to invite them to join our team. Volunteering is a great way to get to know others within the church, to make friends and really feel a part of the wider community. I have found from my personal experience that volunteering at the church was essential to helping me settle in and find a sense of belonging.

Going Forward

I would like to expand our team of volunteers and continue to welcome all people to the cathedral both regular and new. It is my hope as I grow into the role of Convenor that I can work with others in our team to think of ways to increase our services, expand upon our number of volunteers, and be present for those who enjoy the social aspect that we offer.

Ferdinando Ionta
Tea & Coffee Convenor

Theological Reflection Group

We have continued to hold occasional series of meetings for reflection on Wednesday evenings. Each series in the past year has run for four fortnightly evenings. On series ran from 5 November to 17 December 2025, and a second from 8 July to 19 August 2026. The evenings are designed with input from a speaker, space for discussion and time for (usually) silent reflection.

These were the fourth and fifth series in this programme and the themes covered included spiritual exercises-the Examen, Lectio Divina and Julian Prayer; reflections on paintings, music, philosophy and Shakespeare.

An average of 15 people attended per session, ranging from 12-18 per meeting. Feedback repeatedly suggests an appetite for more, and Series 6 is running this November.

Robert Mawditt
Paul Lawson
Convenors

Fair Trade Stall

The Fair Trade stall has made steady progress this year. Receipts grew to £5872.84 (2025: £5435.48). Payments to Fair trade suppliers rose to £5670.09 (2025: £4356.22) This includes 2 large payments for rice and candles which has increased our stock levels. We have also made 2 donations of rice to Refuweegie. We took a stall for the second year at Diocesan Synod and are slowly building links with other stalls in the Diocese. We hope to do more of this in the coming year.

We are very grateful for all the support: for those who staff the stall, for those who donate fruit and rhubarb, preserves and notebooks, and for everyone who supports us by buying from the stall. Producers in Africa and Asia are having a very difficult time with soaring fuel and fertilizer prices and extreme weather conditions. Your help means a great deal.

John Riches

Verger

The Tuesday morning Eucharists have continued to attract about 20 communicants, and include students and other young people in their regular attenders. This, and the subsequent coffee morning are an important social event for that congregation, creating a camaraderie that is shown by the way in which people look after each other. The coffee mornings also run at a profit - not a great deal of money, it has to be said - and they contribute about £300 to the Cathedral resources on an annual basis.

A much smaller group attends Morning Prayer, but this does mean that the doors of the Cathedral have to be open every day. It is noticeable that, when the doors are open, people come into the Cathedral. Some just wish to have a look around the place, others come in to pray and yet others to sit in quiet contemplation in a peaceful place. Thanks should be given to Liam Brown, Rev. Sarah Shaw, myself, Malcolm Green, Gail Smith and Alfie Cane-McCree who lead these services.

A great deal of work has been done for the Organ Project and others have been far more involved in this than me. No doubt they will be reporting on the project. Suffice it for me to say that there have been a number of events, including a Ceilidh and a showing of the 1925 “Phantom of the Opera” with improvised organ music, and that they were very enjoyable.

There are always too many people to thank by name. They include the choir, the gardeners, the litter pickers, the live streaming team, the servers, the stewards and welcomers, the tea and coffee providers, the Vestry and the volunteers. I hope that I have not missed any group out, and my apologies if I have.

I must also thank Kelvin and Sarah for all the support they have given me over the past year.

Iain Milne has retired from his position as Office Administrator, and this post has not as yet been filled. Thanks should be given to all the people who have stepped up to ensure

that the essential routines of the office, such as the preparation of the service sheets, continue without a hitch.

Finally I must thank Sandy Fraser for putting up with me and providing an endless supply of coffee and biscuits. This is absolutely essential.

David Kenvyn
Verger

Volunteers

St Mary's has a huge team of volunteers and as always: 'thank you' for offering so much. If you are wondering about taking part I can put you in touch with Conveners of different groups who can tell you what is involved. New help is always appreciated as people move away or decide to do something different - and you are not signing up for life..... It's also an excellent way to get to know people. I am here to support where I can, so please ask me if you need to know anything more.

Franny Mawditt
Volunteer Coordinator

Young Church

In Young Church this year the children have enjoyed both music centred and scripture-based sessions. Numbers of children attending remain highly variable, with typical sessions having 5-10 children, but some Sundays having over a dozen (with Easter always being the most well attended session). The ages of children attending span from pre-school aged and the oldest being in S2.

Music sessions have been led by Christine Walker. She engages children with music and rhythm games, early music literacy, using musical instruments and learning songs. At special services the children are able to showcase their hard work to the congregation. The procession of the alleluias at Easter and the children's participation at the Crib service continues to be much loved.

We are lucky to have the help of Ben Cavanagh, Martin Pearson, and Sarah Pickel for the scripture-based sessions. Where appropriate, these young church leaders base activities/discussions on part of the liturgy used in the regular church service. Activities can include arts and crafts, science experiments, sensory play, games and group work all combined with storytelling and discussions. Most recently the children picked to focus on the stories of Moses and lessons covered his entire life span.

While young church took a break over the summer holiday, activity boxes were placed at the back of church to provide age-appropriate reading and colouring materials for children during the service. These materials continue to be available at the back of the church for children who prefer to remain in the sanctuary during services, or for use before/after young church sessions.

Sarah Pickel has created a template which includes special events, scripture topics, and leader availability which has aided in coordinating the young church rota. The clergy have also introduced special Saturday events each quarter that allow the children to have interactive sessions to learn more about the church and what it means to be a Christian.

Sarah Pickel
Young Church Convenor

Compliance Group Report

The Compliance Group work with all of the main groups within the Vestry and cathedral, to ensure that our procedures and ways of operating align with our legal responsibilities and statutory requirements. This covers everything from Health and Safety and Safeguarding to Employment Law.

Employee Contracts
With the guidance and co-operation of our HR advisers, all cathedral employees have now been issued with updated employment contracts, bringing these in line with current legislation and new Employment Law criteria issued by the government in 2026. They have also received a copy of our Employee Handbook. This outlines all the statutory legislation with which the Vestry as an employer needs to comply, and also provides our employees with clear guidance on their rights and what to do should a number of situations arise.

Most of you will know that Iain Milne decided to leave his position at the cathedral in July of this year. Iain served as Office Administrator for nearly seven years, and we extend our thanks to him for his commitment and contribution to the life of the cathedral during this time. The Vestry wishes Iain a long and happy retirement.

At the time of writing, we are in the process of appointing a new Office Administrator, and we hope to have this process complete by the end of November. A special mention must go to Bob Leslie, Kathryn Macfarlane and Sandy Fraser, who have all volunteered their time since Iain's departure to ensure that the office continues to function effectively.

Volunteers
The Compliance Group continues to work with our People's Warden and Volunteer Co-ordinator, to draft a handbook for Cathedral Volunteers. Here at St Mary's we have a large number of volunteers who contribute hugely to the day to day running of the Cathedral. It is hoped that this handbook will provide them with a clear guide as to their own responsibilities as volunteers, and also give support in areas where they currently do not have the same kind of protection as Cathedral Employees. We have a number of long standing volunteers, but also many new faces. It is hoped that this new document will help make them feel more confident in their role, clarify our ethos and how we as a Cathedral operate, and let them know who to look to for any advice or help.

The Organ Project
As the Organ Project moves forward, the Compliance Team continue to consult with the Organ Steering Group to ensure that all necessary Construction Health and Safety legislation is adhered to. Many of these considerations are still some time away, however forward planning is vital to ensure the cathedral maintains as 'normal' a service as possible during the period when the existing organ is being removed and the new one installed, and that we do this with the safety of everyone in mind. We will work on this closely with the organ builder Henry Willis and Sons, and members of the Cathedral Property Group.

The Compliance Group also assist the Organ Steering Group in answering queries or providing supporting information requested in fundraising grant applications.

Cathedral Policies
The Compliance Group is responsible for keeping all of the Cathedral's Policies are up to date, and creating new ones where necessary. Policies have been created for Safe Evacuation in a number of scenarios, bringing together a number of separate documents, and we have also created a guide on the safe use of Fire Extinguishers within the building. It is hoped that these will get Vestry approval very soon, and that we can begin the process of rolling out suitable training sessions.

The Vestry Compliance team are also working on compliance with the new guidance and requirements of Martyn's Law which come into effect in April 2027. Martyn's Law, formally known as the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, is UK legislation designed to improve protective security and organisational preparedness across public spaces and events. The law is named in tribute to Martyn Hett, one of the 22 people killed in the May 2017 Manchester Arena terrorist attack.

Updates continue to be made to our existing cathedral policies where required.

Safeguarding
Finally, we support Matthew Cavanagh, our Safeguarding Officer, where necessary. Each year we apply for a licence from Glasgow City Council to cover the presence of our Junior Choir within services livestreamed on Youtube.

Lesley Buntain
Compliance Convenor