



Linlithgow and Avon Valley Church of Scotland  
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## **What's Happening at Kirk Session – May 2026**

At the meeting on Tuesday 12 May, Kirk Session approved the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025, the first full year of the new parish of Linlithgow and Avon Valley. Our total income for the year was £668,119 with total expenditure of £640,593. This resulted in a deficit in our general funds of £18,005 and an overall surplus of £30,211 when we include the restricted funds which are available for spending on specific areas.

You will have the opportunity to find out more about the church's finances and other areas of the Kirk Session's work at the Stated Annual Meeting which will be held on Tuesday 23 June at 7.30pm in the Kirk Hall, Cross House. There will be a few short presentations by the Minister and members of the Kirk Session followed by a question and answer session. Refreshments will be available from 7pm providing an opportunity for fellowship. This new format was regarded as a success when it was launched last year and so please make a note of this date and time in your diaries.

The Kirk Session held an extra meeting on 7 May with the sole purpose of reviewing the various properties which we have within the parish, the costs required to maintain these properties and importantly, how we can best support the worship, mission and outreach needs and demands within the parish. On the basis of our current financial situation, retaining all of our properties is not a realistic option. A paper will be brought to the June meeting of Kirk Session which will present some proposed actions for consideration.

Kirk Session was updated on the plans for the Joyful Generosity Gathering which will take place next Saturday, 23 May in Cross House, Linlithgow. This event will be repeated three times – at 10am-12pm, 2-4pm and 7-9pm. Once again, some dates and times for your diaries.

Graeme Shaw, who heads up the Mission and Outreach Team, provided a debrief on the successful Alpha Course which was held earlier this year and outlined plans for a second course which will start in September. He also spoke about other ideas for expanding our missional activity within the parish. More information on all of this will follow over the next few months.