Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 May 2026

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Number	313862
Trustees	Prof. Cilliers Breytenbach (President) Prof. Angela Standhartinger (Past President) Prof. Adele Reinhartz (President-Elect) Prof. Simon Butticaz (2023–26) Dr Vicky Balabanski (2023–26) Prof. Matthias Konradt (2024–27) Prof. David Horrell (2024–27) Prof. Eve-Marie Becker (2025–28) Prof. Michal Beth Dinkler (2025–28)
Secretary	Prof. Paul Foster
Assistant Secretary	Prof. Christina Kreinecker
Assistant Secretary - International Initiatives	Prof. Gerbern Oegema
Treasurer	Prof. Hugh Houghton
Independent Examiner	Chris Holmes FCA 6 Westover Garden Westbury on Trym Bristol BS9 3LE

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Trustees' Report

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2026.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, AND MANAGEMENT

The Society is governed by its constitution, last amended in August 2022, and its object is "the furtherance of New Testament studies internationally, including, within its interests, charitable initiatives." The Society's investment powers are conferred by the Trustees' Act 2000. Funds are currently held in a Wise account. No Trustee is in receipt of an honorarium.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

In "furtherance of New Testament studies internationally, including, within its interests, charitable initiatives", the Society has an international function as the primary elected Society in the field of New Testament studies. The Society has liaison committees in Africa, Latin America, the Asia-Pacific region, and Eastern Europe which organise activities in those regions and pre-conference activities in conjunction with the General Meeting. In planning our activities, we keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our Trustees' meetings.

The 79th General Meeting of the Society was hosted by the University of Regensburg, Germany, from 5–9 August 2025. The Society was extremely grateful to Prof. Dr. Tobias Nicklas and his colleagues on the local organising committee for making this meeting possible and for hosting such a successful meeting.

Each year, the Society provides substantial funds to offset the travel, conference and subsistence costs of sponsored members and guests attending the General Meeting from various geographical regions in line with its sponsorships policy and its charitable aims.

The Trustees were informed by Cambridge University Press in 2025 that, with effect from 2027, it would no longer collect membership fees on behalf of the Society. Accordingly, the Trustees have instructed the Treasurer to explore alternative options. In addition, this year the Trustees authorised the Treasurer to open a new bank account for the Society further to the closure of its TSB account. The Trustees also approved the presentation of the accounts on a cash receipts and payments basis.

The Trustees are satisfied with the level of reserves in the funds (which are sufficient to cover the cost of the full cancellation of a General Meeting), that the income is adequate to pursue the activities of the Society, and that no significant risks are faced by the Society in pursuing its aims.

Approved by the Trustees on 28th July 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

HUGH HOUGHTON
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Prof. H.A.G. Houghton (Treasurer)
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 May 2026, which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with 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 386 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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.

Chris Holmes

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Chris Holmes FCA

Date: 28th July 2026
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Statement of Receipts & Payments for the Year Ended 31 May 2026

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2026	Total Funds 2025 (as restated)
Incoming resources	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	69,174	-	69,174	51,562
Donations	3,566	-	3,566	740
Investment income	281	-	281	271
Total incoming resources	73,021	-	73,021	52,573
Resources expended				
Charitable activities	7,338	7,246	14,584	21,094
Costs of generating voluntary income	8,391	-	8,391	6,716
Governance costs	8,497	-	8,497	7,331
Total resources expended	24,226	7,246	31,472	35,141
Net movements in cash funds	48,795	(7,246)	41,549	17,432
Reconciliation of cash funds				
Total cash funds brought forward	162,297	7,246	169,543	152,111
Total cash funds carried forward	211,092	-	211,092	169,543

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above period.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 May 2026

	2026			2025
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	
	£	£		£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank - library fund	-	-	-	7,246
Cash at bank - general fund	211,092	-	211,092	162,297
Total cash funds	**211,092**	**-**	**211,092**	**169,543**
Other monetary assets				
Investments - at cost	*225*	*-*	*225*	*225*
Total other monetary assets	*225*	*-*	*225*	*225*
Liabilities				
Accruals - accountancy	*(750)*	*-*	*(750)*	*(964)*
Total liabilities	*(750)*	*-*	*(750)*	*(964)*
The cash funds of the charity are represented by:				
Restricted funds			-	7,246
Unrestricted income funds			211,092	162,297
Total charity funds			211,092	169,543

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparations

The financial statements have been prepared using the cash receipts and payments basis.

The comparative financial statements have been restated to reflect this change in accounting policy as the previously published financial statements were prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)(Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

The effect of this restatement was to increase the net of receipts and payments reported for the year to 31 May 2025 by £47 and increase the cash funds of the Society at this date by £965, reflecting the timing of the independent examiner's fee paid in respect of each accounting period.

The comparatives have also been restated to correct the netting of fundraising costs against membership subscription receipts.

Funds

The General Fund represents the funds of the Society which are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the Society. These include the International Fund which has been designated for a particular purpose by the Trustees.

The Library Fund represents the funds of the Society which are subject to a special restriction and are only available for application to specific library projects. The balance of the Library Fund was paid out in December 2025 and this Fund is now closed.

Investment

The Society's investment represents an interest in publicly listed investment fund shares. The investment is carried at cost based on open market value at the date the shares were transferred to the Society. At 31 May 2026 the open market value of the investment is £8,316 (2025 - £8,604).

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Statement of Receipts and Payments by fund for the Year Ended 31 May 2026

GENERAL FUND - Unrestricted

	2026	2025
	£	£
Society Subscriptions	69,174	51,562
Income from Investments & Interest	281	271
Donations	2,274	250
TOTAL RECEIPTS	71,729	52,083
Governance		
Secretary Honorarium	2,350	2,350
Assistant Secretary Honorarium	1,450	-
AS International Initiatives Honorarium	1,450	1,450
Treasurer's Honorarium	1,750	1,750
Accounts Fee	965	918
Bank Charges	136	180
Software/Website	396	683
	8,497	7,331
Membership Costs		
CUP service charges	8,094	6,716
Squarespace service charges	297	-
	8,391	6,716
Conference		
Fares and Accommodation	6,046	20,604
Other Payments	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	22,934	34,651
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	48,795	17,432
Net cash funds at 31 May 2025	162,297	144,911
Transfer from Other Funds	-	-
Net cash funds at 31 May 2026	211,092	162,343

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Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 May 2026

LIBRARY FUND - Restricted

	2026 £	2025 £
Donations	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	-	-
European Library Fund donation	7,246	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	7,246	-
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	(7,246)	-
Net cash funds at 31 May 2025	7,246	7,246
Net cash funds at 31 May 2026	-	7,246

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Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 May 2026

INTERNATIONAL FUND - Designated

	2026 £	2025 £
Donations	1,292	490
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,292	490
Conference		
International travel expenses	1,292	490
TOTAL PAYMENTS	1,292	490
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	-	-
Net cash funds at 31 May 2025	-	-
Net cash funds at 31 May 2026	-	-

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities by fund as at Year Ended 31 May 2026

Statement of Assets and Liabilities Analysis

	General Fund	International Fund	Library Fund	Total 2026	2025
Bank & Cash Balances					
Lloyds TSB A/C	-	-	-	-	169,543
WISE A/C	211,092	-	-	211,092	-
	211,092	-	-	211,092	169,543
Other Assets					
3600 Ordinary Share of 2	225	-	-	225	225
	225	-	-	225	225
Liabilities					
Examiner's Fee	750	-	-	-	965
	750	-	-	-	965
Total Assets less Liabilities	210,567	-	-	210,567	168,803