

# BISHOPRIC OF PUBLIC ECUMENICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES UK

England & Wales · Charity number 1005852

## Details

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**Other names** BLESS U K

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [02526826](#)

**Registered** 1991-11-11

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TENETS AND DOCTRINES OF THE COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND FOR THE RELIEF OF POVERTY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OVERSEAS.

**Activities:** The advancement of the Christian religion in accordance with the tenets and doctrines of the Coptic Orthodox Church, the advancement of education and the relief of poverty in the United Kingdom and overseas.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** UNITED KINGDOM AND OVERSEAS
- Egypt

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£119,525	£87,981	-	-
2023-12-31	£92,713	£147,373	-	-
2022-12-31	£97,720	£92,698	-	-
2021-12-31	£113,300	£94,029	-	-
2020-12-31	£96,436	£121,750	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Dr IHAB TADROS		
GEORGE GIRGIS		

**BISHOPRIC OF PUBLIC ECUMENICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES UK**

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 02526826 (England and Wales)**  
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**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**  
**for**  
**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and**  
**Social Services UK**

**Grant Harrod Lerman Davis LLP**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
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**Middlesex**  
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**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The charity's objectives continued to be that of the advancement of the Christian religion in accordance with the tenets and doctrines of the Coptic Orthodox Church, for the advancement of education and for the relief of poverty in the United Kingdom and overseas.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance in relation to Public Benefit issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The Trustees are of the opinion that it has fully complied with all such guidance.

**Grantmaking**

The Trustees have complete discretion to pay any grants which fall within the charity's objectives. The Trustees meet annually to discuss and approve existing and new grants. They also communicate with each other at other times for this purpose should the need arise.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Achievements and performance**

Despite the difficulties and challenges faced in 2023, the charity managed to obtain overall good results.

The congregation of the Coptic community in UK faced huge demands for other charitable causes inside and outside UK. In spite of that, donations collected in the year were £118,189 compared with 91,773 in 2023.

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The charity prides itself that running of the charity continues to be done by volunteers who are not remunerated.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial review**

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the charity received donations to the value of £118,189 (2023: £91,773) and gift aid refunds of £13,358 (2023: £9,964). The charity incurred direct charitable expenditure of £84,540 in 2024 (2023: £144,020) and governance costs of £3,441 in 2024 (2023: £3,353) giving rise to a net surplus of £31,544.

At 31 December 2024, as shown on the Balance Sheet on page 7, the charity had unrestricted funds of £116,383 (2023: £84,839). Accordingly, the Trustees are pleased to advise that they consider the charity to have sufficient funds to meet its current and future obligations.

There is expected to be a continuing negative impact of Covid-19 on UK and global economies and charities. The Trustees believe they are taking the necessary actions to address the risks arising, and to date the charity has continued to operate effectively. Donors have maintained donations through standing order. The charity has sufficient unrestricted reserves to meet its fixed costs for the foreseeable future, at least 12 months from the date of signing of these financial statements.

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**Governing document**

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**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

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**Registered Charity number**

1005852

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**Trustees**

G M Girgis  
Dr I H Tadros

The custodian of the charity was:

Bishop Yolios

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to any significant risks.

**Company Secretary**

Dr I H Tadros

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Independent Examiner**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on .....01.07.2025..... and signed on its behalf by:

*George Girgis*

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G M Girgis - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and Social Services UK ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



Jeremy Harrod FCCA  
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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Date: ..... 1/7/25

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
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**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies		118,189	91,773
Investment income	2	1,336	940
<b>Total</b>		<u>119,525</u>	<u>92,713</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities		<u>87,981</u>	<u>147,373</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		31,544	(54,660)
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		84,839	139,499
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		 <u><u>116,383</u></u>	 <u><u>84,839</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
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**Balance Sheet  
31 December 2024**

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		116,383	84,839
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		116,383	84,839
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		116,383	84,839
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		116,383	84,839
<b>FUNDS</b>	6		
Unrestricted funds		116,383	84,839
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		116,383	84,839

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....01.07.2025..... and were signed on its behalf by:

*George Girgis*  
.....  
G M Girgis - Trustee

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

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

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**2. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,336	940

**3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
The auditing of accounts of any associate of the charity	3,000	3,000

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	91,773
Investment income	940
<b>Total</b>	<u>92,713</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Charitable activities	<u>147,373</u>
 <b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	 (54,660)
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
Total funds brought forward	139,499
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	 <u><u>84,839</u></u>

**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	84,839	31,544	116,383
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	 <u>84,839</u>	 <u>31,544</u>	 <u>116,383</u>

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	119,525	(87,981)	31,544
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>119,525</u>	<u>(87,981)</u>	<u>31,544</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	139,499	(54,660)	84,839
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>139,499</u>	<u>(54,660)</u>	<u>84,839</u>

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	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
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General fund	92,713	(147,373)	(54,660)
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>92,713</u>	<u>(147,373)</u>	<u>(54,660)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	139,499	(23,116)	116,383
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>139,499</u>	<u>(23,116)</u>	<u>116,383</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	212,238	(235,354)	(23,116)
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>212,238</u>	<u>(235,354)</u>	<u>(23,116)</u>

**7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year the charity paid grants to a charity with a common trustee that operates in Egypt £84,540 (2023: £144,020). The related charity, Bishopric of Ecumenical and Social Services Egypt is related through having common trustees that are able to exert control over the operations of the charity. Donations were received from the trustees during the year totalling £80,936 (2023: £81,808).

**8. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY**

Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and Social Services UK is not controlled by any one individual or group of individuals.

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# Accounts

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**Financial review**

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.....

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**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies		91,773	97,616
Investment income	2	940	104
<b>Total</b>		92,713	97,720
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities		147,373	92,698
 <b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(54,660)	5,022
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		139,499	134,477
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		84,839	139,499

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Balance Sheet  
31 December 2023**

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		84,839	139,499
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		84,839	139,499
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		84,839	139,499
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		84,839	139,499
<b>FUNDS</b>	6		
Unrestricted funds		84,839	139,499
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		84,839	139,499

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

*George Girgis*  
.....  
G M Girgis - Trustee

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**2. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	940	104

**3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
The auditing of accounts of any associate of the charity	3,000	3,000

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	97,616
Investment income	104
<b>Total</b>	97,720
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Charitable activities	92,698
 <b>NET INCOME</b>	5,022
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
Total funds brought forward	134,477
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	139,499

**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	139,499	(54,660)	84,839
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	139,499	(54,660)	84,839

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	92,713	(147,373)	(54,660)
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>92,713</u>	<u>(147,373)</u>	<u>(54,660)</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	134,477	5,022	139,499
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>134,477</u>	<u>5,022</u>	<u>139,499</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	97,720	(92,698)	5,022
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>97,720</u>	<u>(92,698)</u>	<u>5,022</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	134,477	(49,638)	84,839
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>134,477</u>	<u>(49,638)</u>	<u>84,839</u>

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	190,433	(240,071)	(49,638)
	190,433	(240,071)	(49,638)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>190,433</b>	<b>(240,071)</b>	<b>(49,638)</b>

**7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year the charity did not pay grants to a charity with a common trustee that operates in Egypt £144,020 (2022: £89,220). The related charity, Bishopric of Ecumenical and Social Services Egypt is related through having common trustees that are able to exert control over the operations of the charity. Donations were received from the trustees during the year totalling £81,808 (2022: £86,009).

**8. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY**

Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and Social Services UK is not controlled by any one individual or group of individuals.

**BISHOPRIC OF PUBLIC ECUMENICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES UK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1005852

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 02526826 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1005852**

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**  
**for**  
**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and**  
**Social Services UK**

**Grant Harrod Lerman Davis LLP**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
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**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

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for the year ended 31 December 2022**

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**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The charity's objectives continued to be that of the advancement of the Christian religion in accordance with the tenets and doctrines of the Coptic Orthodox Church, for the advancement of education and for the relief of poverty in the United Kingdom and overseas.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance in relation to Public Benefit issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The Trustees are of the opinion that it has fully complied with all such guidance.

**Grantmaking**

The Trustees have complete discretion to pay any grants which fall within the charity's objectives. The Trustees meet annually to discuss and approve existing and new grants. They also communicate with each other at other times for this purpose should the need arise.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Achievements and performance**

Despite the difficulties and challenges faced in 2021, the charity managed to obtain overall good results. The congregation of the Coptic community in UK faced huge demands for other charitable causes inside and outside UK. In spite of that, donations collected in the year were £97,616 compared with £113,293 in 2021.

This enabled the charity to give similar level of grants in 2022 of £65,000 (2021: £80,109) to its related charity with common trustees based in Egypt so that it could maintain the same level of services provided as those provided in 2021. In addition, the charity gave out grants of £26,000 (2021: £12,000) to assist with funds towards marriages in the event that lack of such funds is causing hardship.

The charity did not make new loans in the year ended 31 December 2022 (2021: Nil) to support families with medical emergencies. At the year end, there is Nil amount (2021: £3,216) due from Bishopric of Ecumenical and Social Services Egypt. For further information see note 6.

In 2022 the charity intends to use some of the funds, kept for emergencies in the bank, to help extend services to new areas not serviced before.

The charity prides itself that running of the charity continues to be done by volunteers who are not remunerated.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial review**

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the charity received donations to the value of £97,616 (2021: £113,293) and gift aid refunds of £11,606 (2021: £9,128). The charity incurred direct charitable expenditure of £89,220 in 2022 (2021: £92,109) and governance costs of £3,478 in 2022 (2021: £1,920) giving rise to a net surplus of £5,021 (2021: 19,271).

At 31 December 2022, as shown on the Balance Sheet on page 7, the charity had unrestricted funds of £139,499 (2021: £134,477). Accordingly, the Trustees are pleased to advise that they consider the charity to have sufficient funds to meet its current and future obligations.

There is expected to be a continuing negative impact of Covid-19 on UK and global economies and charities. The Trustees believe they are taking the necessary actions to address the risks arising, and to date the charity has continued to operate effectively. Donors have maintained donations through standing order. The charity has sufficient unrestricted reserves to meet its fixed costs for the foreseeable future, at least 12 months from the date of signing of these financial statements.

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The composition of the Charity's board of Trustees is reviewed regularly with a view to achieving a spread of expertise and age designed to facilitate the achievement of the Charity's objectives. The Trustees keep up to date on their responsibilities by various means, such as reviewing the Charity Commission website, reading relevant periodicals and professional advice.

**Key management personnel remuneration**

The Trustees consider the board of Trustees as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All Trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration or reimbursement of expenses was paid in the year.

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The charity is dependent on significant donations in order to continue making grants. Thus the major risk to the charity's ability to achieve its primary aims is failure to receive those donations. The Trustees mitigate this risk by holding a level of reserves approximately in line with average annual expenditure.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

02526826 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1005852

**Registered office**

29 Middle Field  
London  
NW8 6ND

**Trustees**

G M Girgis  
Dr I H Tadros

The custodian of the charity was:

Bishop Yolios

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to any significant risks.

**Company Secretary**

Dr I H Tadros

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Independent Examiner**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on .....30.06.2023..... and signed on its behalf by:

*George Girgis*

.....  
G M Girgis - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and Social Services UK ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



Jeremy Harrod FCCA

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Date: .....  
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**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted fund £	2021 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies		97,616	113,293
Investment income	2	104	7
<b>Total</b>		<b>97,720</b>	<b>113,300</b>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities		92,698	94,029
<b>NET INCOME</b>		5,022	19,271
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		134,477	115,206
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>139,499</b>	<b>134,477</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Balance Sheet  
31 December 2022**

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted fund £	2021 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	6	-	3,216
Cash at bank		139,499	133,061
		<u>139,499</u>	<u>136,277</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	-	(1,800)
		<u>139,499</u>	<u>134,477</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>139,499</u>	<u>134,477</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		<u>139,499</u>	<u>134,477</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		<u>139,499</u>	<u>134,477</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted funds	8	<u>139,499</u>	<u>134,477</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			
		<u>139,499</u>	<u>134,477</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ....30.06.2023..... and were signed on its behalf by:

*George Girgis*  
.....  
G M Girgis - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**2. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	104	7

**3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
The auditing of accounts of any associate of the charity	3,000	1,800

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>		
Donations and legacies	113,293	
Investment income	7	
<b>Total</b>	113,300	
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Charitable activities	94,029	
 <b>NET INCOME</b>	19,271	
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>		
Total funds brought forward	115,206	
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	134,477	
 <b>6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		
	2022	2021
	£	£
Other debtors	-	3,216

Other debtors represents loans made in 2020 to families in line with the charitable objects to provide support in medical emergencies. The loans are repayable within a year.

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

<b>7.</b>	<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	2022	2021
		£	£
	Accruals and deferred income	-	1,800
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

<b>8.</b>	<b>MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		
		Net movement in funds	At
	At 1.1.22	in funds	31.12.22
	£	£	£
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
	General fund	5,022	139,499
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>5,022</u>	<u>139,499</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	97,720	(92,698)	5,022
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>97,720</u>	<u>(92,698)</u>	<u>5,022</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.21	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	31.12.21
			£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	115,206	19,271	134,477
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>115,206</u>	<u>19,271</u>	<u>134,477</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	113,300	(94,029)	19,271
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>113,300</u>	<u>(94,029)</u>	<u>19,271</u>

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	115,206	24,293	139,499
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>115,206</u>	<u>24,293</u>	<u>139,499</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	211,020	(186,727)	24,293
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>211,020</u>	<u>(186,727)</u>	<u>24,293</u>

**9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year the charity did not pay grants to a charity with a common trustee that operates in Egypt £89,220 (2021: £80,109). The related charity, Bishopric of Ecumenical and Social Services Egypt is related through having common trustees that are able to exert control over the operations of the charity. Donations were received from the trustees during the year totalling £86,009 (2021: £104,165).

**10. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY**

Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and Social Services UK is not controlled by any one individual or group of individuals.

**BISHOPRIC OF PUBLIC ECUMENICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES UK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1005852

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 02526826 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1005852**

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**  
**for**  
**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and**  
**Social Services UK**

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**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
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**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The charity's objectives continued to be that of the advancement of the Christian religion in accordance with the tenets and doctrines of the Coptic Orthodox Church, for the advancement of education and for the relief of poverty in the United Kingdom and overseas.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance in relation to Public Benefit issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The Trustees are of the opinion that it has fully complied with all such guidance.

**Grantmaking**

The Trustees have complete discretion to pay any grants which fall within the charity's objectives. The Trustees meet annually to discuss and approve existing and new grants. They also communicate with each other at other times for this purpose should the need arise.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Achievements and performance**

Despite the difficulties and challenges faced in 2021, the charity managed to obtain overall good results.

The congregation of the Coptic community in UK faced huge demands for other charitable causes inside and outside UK. In spite of that, donations collected in the year were £113,293 compared with £96,436 in 2020.

This enabled the charity to give similar level of grants in 2021 of £80,109 (2020: £100,000) to its related charity with common trustees based in Egypt so that it could maintain the same level of services provided as those provided in 2020. In addition, the charity gave out grants of £12,000 (2020: £18,000) to assist with funds towards marriages in the event that lack of such funds is causing hardship.

The charity did not make new loans in the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020: £23,000) to support families with medical emergencies. At the year end, there is an amount of £3,216.43 (2020: £15,000) due from Bishopric of Ecumenical and Social Services Egypt. For further information see note 6.

In 2022 the charity intends to use some of the funds, kept for emergencies in the bank, to help extend services to new areas not serviced before.

The charity prides itself that running of the charity continues to be done by volunteers who are not remunerated.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial review**

During the year ended 31 December 2021, the charity received donations to the value of £113,293 (2020: £96,436) and gift aid refunds of £9,128 (2020: £19,853). The charity incurred direct charitable expenditure of £92,109 (2020: £118,000) and governance costs of £1,920 (2020: £3,750) giving rise to a net surplus of £19,271 (2020: -£25,192).

At 31 December 2021, as shown on the Balance Sheet on page 7, the charity had unrestricted funds of £134,477 (2020: £115,206). Accordingly, the Trustees are pleased to advise that they consider the charity to have sufficient funds to meet its current and future obligations.

There is expected to be a continuing negative impact of Covid-19 on UK and global economies and charities. The Trustees believe they are taking the necessary actions to address the risks arising, and to date the charity has continued to operate effectively. Donors have maintained donations through standing order. The charity has sufficient unrestricted reserves to meet its fixed costs for the foreseeable future, at least 12 months from the date of signing of these financial statements.

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The composition of the Charity's board of Trustees is reviewed regularly with a view to achieving a spread of expertise and age designed to facilitate the achievement of the Charity's objectives. The Trustees keep up to date on their responsibilities by various means, such as reviewing the Charity Commission website, reading relevant periodicals and professional advice.

**Key management personnel remuneration**

The Trustees consider the board of Trustees as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All Trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration or reimbursement of expenses was paid in the year.

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The charity is dependent on significant donations in order to continue making grants. Thus the major risk to the charity's ability to achieve its primary aims is failure to receive those donations. The Trustees mitigate this risk by holding a level of reserves approximately in line with average annual expenditure.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

02526826 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1005852

**Registered office**

29 Middle Field  
London  
NW8 6ND

**Trustees**

R Awad Demian (resigned 5.5.2021)  
G M Girgis  
G Y Mansi (resigned 5.5.2021)  
M A Shahid Trustee (appointed 2.8.2021) (resigned 10.10.2021)  
M S Shaid (resigned 1.8.2021)  
Dr I H Tadros

The custodian of the charity was:

Bishop Yolios

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to any significant risks.

**Company Secretary**

Dr I H Tadros

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

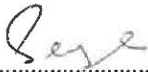
**Report of the Trustees  
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Independent Examiner**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12.09.2022 and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
G M Girgis - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and Social Services UK ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

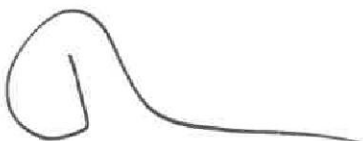
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



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Date: ..... 12/9/21 .....

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted fund £	2020 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies		113,293	96,436
Investment income	2	<u>7</u>	<u>122</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>113,300</u>	<u>96,558</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities		94,029	121,750
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		19,271	(25,192)
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		115,206	140,398
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		 <u>134,477</u>	 <u>115,206</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Balance Sheet  
31 December 2021**

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted fund £	2020 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	6	3,216	22,070
Cash at bank		133,061	96,736
		136,277	118,806
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,800)	(3,600)
		134,477	115,206
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		134,477	115,206
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		134,477	115,206
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		134,477	115,206
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted funds	8	134,477	115,206
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			
		134,477	115,206

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2021.

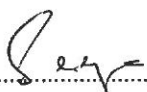
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12.09.2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
 .....  
 G M Girgis - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**2. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Deposit account interest	7	122

**3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021	2020
	£	£
The auditing of accounts of any associate of the charity	1,800	3,600

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

**4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>		
Donations and legacies	96,436	
Investment income	122	
<b>Total</b>	<u>96,558</u>	
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Charitable activities	121,750	
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<u>(25,192)</u>	
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>		
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	140,398	
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	 <u><u>115,206</u></u>	
 <b>6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		
	2021	2020
	£	£
Other debtors	3,216	15,000
Prepayments and accrued income	-	7,070
	<u>3,216</u>	<u>22,070</u>
	<u><u>3,216</u></u>	<u><u>22,070</u></u>

Other debtors represents loans made in 2020 to families in line with the charitable objects to provide support in medical emergencies. The loans are repayable within a year.

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

**7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,800</u>	<u>3,600</u>

**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.21	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	31.12.21
		£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	115,206	19,271	134,477
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>115,206</u>	<u>19,271</u>	<u>134,477</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	113,300	(94,029)	19,271
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>113,300</u>	<u>(94,029)</u>	<u>19,271</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.20	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	31.12.20
		£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	140,398	(25,192)	115,206
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>140,398</u>	<u>(25,192)</u>	<u>115,206</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	96,558	(121,750)	(25,192)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>96,558</u>	<u>(121,750)</u>	<u>(25,192)</u>

**Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and  
Social Services UK**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	140,398	(5,921)	134,477
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>140,398</u>	<u>(5,921)</u>	<u>134,477</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	209,858	(215,779)	(5,921)
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>209,858</u>	<u>(215,779)</u>	<u>(5,921)</u>

**9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year the charity did not pay grants to a charity with a common trustee that operates in Egypt (2020: £100,000). The related charity, Bishopric of Ecumenical and Social Services Egypt is related through having common trustees that are able to exert control over the operations of the charity. Donations were received from the trustees during the year totalling £120 (2020: £2,100).

**10. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY**

Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and Social Services UK is not controlled by any one individual or group of individuals.

**BISHOPRIC OF PUBLIC ECUMENICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES UK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1005852

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# Accounts

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# Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and Social Services UK

(A company limited by guarantee)

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended

31 December 2020

# BISHOPRIC OF PUBLIC ECUMENICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES UK

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

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### TRUSTEES

Dr I H Tadros  
M A Shahid  
G M Girgis

### SECRETARY

Dr I H Tadros

### GOVERNING DOCUMENT

Memorandum and articles of association

### REGISTERED OFFICE

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RSM UK Tax and Accounting Limited  
STC House  
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# BISHOPRIC OF PUBLIC ECUMENICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES UK

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES – YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and Social Services UK is constituted by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, dated 3 October 2002 and is a registered charity, No. 1005852.

Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and Social Services UK commonly known as Bless UK is a registered private company, No. 02526826. The registered office address is: 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 25 Farringdon Street, London, EC4A 4AB. The business address of the company as registered with the Charities Commission is 29 Middle Field, London, NW8 6ND.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 (FRS102) (January 2019).

### Trustees

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were:

Dr I H Tadros  
G Y Mansi (resigned as director and trustee on 5 May 2021)  
R A Demian (resigned as director and trustee on 5 May 2021)  
M A Shahid  
G M Girgis

The custodians of the charity were:

Bishop Youanis  
Bishop Serapion

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to any significant risks.

### Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives continued to be that of the advancement of the Christian religion in accordance with the tenets and doctrines of the Coptic Orthodox Church, for the advancement of education and for the relief of poverty in the United Kingdom and overseas.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance in relation to Public Benefit issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The Trustees are of the opinion that it has fully complied with all such guidance.

### Achievements and performance

Despite the difficulties and challenges faced in 2020, the charity managed to obtain overall good results.

The congregation of the Coptic community in UK faced huge demands for other charitable causes inside and outside UK. In spite of that, donations collected in the year were £96,436 compared with £118,749 in 2019.

This enabled the charity to give the same level of grants in 2020 of £100,000 (2019: £100,000) to its related charity with common trustees based in Egypt so that it could maintain the same level of services provided as those provided in 2019. In addition, the charity gave out grants of £18,000 (2019: £18,000) to assist with funds towards marriages in the event that lack of such funds is causing hardship.

# BISHOPRIC OF PUBLIC ECUMENICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES UK

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES – YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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The charity has made 5 loans (with no interest) in the year ended 31 December 2020 totalling £23,000 (2019: £25,000) to support families with medical emergencies. At the year end, there is an amount of £15,000 (2019: £nil) due from Bishopric of Ecumenical and Social Services Egypt. For further information see note 7.

In 2021 the charity intends to use some of the funds, kept for emergencies in the bank, to help extend services to new areas not serviced before.

The charity prides itself that running of the charity continues to be done by volunteers who are not remunerated.

### **Financial Review**

During the year ended 31 December 2020, the charity received donations to the value of £76,583 (2019: £106,229) and gift aid refunds of £19,853 (2019: £12,520). The charity incurred direct charitable expenditure of £118,000 (2019: £118,000) and governance costs of £3,750 (2019: £4,920) giving rise to a net deficit of £25,192 (2019: £3,882).

At 31 December 2020, as shown on the Balance Sheet on page 7, the charity had unrestricted funds of £115,206 (2019: £140,398). Accordingly, the Trustees are pleased to advise that they consider the charity to have sufficient funds to meet its current and future obligations.

There is expected to be a continuing negative impact of Covid-19 on UK and global economies and charities. The Trustees believe they are taking the necessary actions to address the risks arising, and to date the charity has continued to operate effectively. Donors have maintained donations through standing order, and debtors are expected to repay all loans which were outstanding and due. Whilst donations from Sunday church gatherings have suffered since lockdowns started, it is hoped that this is only a short-term consequence of the pandemic. The charity has sufficient unrestricted reserves to meet its fixed costs for the foreseeable future, at least 12 months from the date of signing of these financial statements.

### **Recruitment of Trustees and training**

The composition of the Charity's board of Trustees is reviewed regularly with a view to achieving a spread of expertise and age designed to facilitate the achievement of the Charity's objectives. The Trustees keep up to date on their responsibilities by various means, such as reviewing the Charity Commission website, reading relevant periodicals and professional advice.

### **Grant making policy**

The Trustees have complete discretion to pay any grants which fall within the charity's objectives. The Trustees meet annually to discuss and approve existing and new grants. They also communicate with each other at other times for this purpose should the need arise.

### **Key management personnel remuneration**

The Trustees consider the board of Trustees as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All Trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration or reimbursement of expenses was paid in the year.

### **Reserves policy**

The reserves at present amount to slightly less than the annual expenditure, the majority of which comprises discretionary grants. The Trustees aim, if possible, to increase the reserves to provide a cushion against a future reduction in donations. The free reserves at the year end amounted to £115,206 (2019: £140,398).

# BISHOPRIC OF PUBLIC ECUMENICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES UK

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES – YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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### **Risk factors**

The charity is dependent on significant donations in order to continue making grants. Thus the major risk to the charity's ability to achieve its primary aims is failure to receive those donations. The Trustees mitigate this risk by holding a level of reserves approximately in line with average annual expenditure.

### **Statement of responsibilities**

The Trustees, who are also the directors of Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and Social Services UK for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

On behalf of the board of Trustees



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**G M Girgis**

Trustee

Dated: 08.09.2021  
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# BISHOPRIC OF PUBLIC ECUMENICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES UK

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and Social Services UK ('the company') for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 6 to 14.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

### **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 reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

Helen Hunt FCA  
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales  
ON BEHALF OF RSM UK TAX AND ACCOUNTING LIMITED  
Chartered Accountants  
STC House  
7 Elmfield Road  
Bromley  
Kent  
BR1 1LT  
Date:

# BISHOPRIC OF PUBLIC ECUMENICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES UK

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Total Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Total Unrestricted Funds 2019 £
INCOME:			
Donations and legacies	2	96,436	118,749
Investment income	3	122	289
TOTAL INCOME		<u>96,558</u>	<u>119,038</u>
EXPENDITURE:			
Charitable activities	4	<u>(121,750)</u>	<u>(122,920)</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>(121,750)</u>	<u>(122,920)</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>(25,192)</u>	<u>(3,882)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	9	<u>140,398</u>	<u>144,280</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	9	<u>115,206</u>	<u>140,398</u>

There are no other gains or losses other than those dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The net movement in funds for the year arise from the charity's continuing operations.

**BISHOPRIC OF PUBLIC ECUMENICAL AND SOCIAL  
SERVICES UK**  
BALANCE SHEET  
31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	7	22,070	-
Cash at bank and on hand		96,736	144,298
Total current assets		118,806	144,298
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,600)	(3,900)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		115,206	140,398
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		115,206	140,398
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted funds	9	115,206	140,398
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		115,206	140,398

The Trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the company keeps adequate accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act, and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on .....

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

*George Girgis*

G M Girgis  
Trustee

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# BISHOPRIC OF PUBLIC ECUMENICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES UK

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

31 December 2020

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		<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Operating activities</b>			
Net (used in) / cash generated from operating activities	12	(47,684)	7,729
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<b>Investing activities</b>			
Interest received		122	289
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Net cash generated from investing activities		122	289
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<b>Net (decrease) /increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(47,562)</b>	<b>8,018</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at start of the reporting period		144,298	136,280
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of the reporting period		<b>96,736</b>	<b>144,298</b>
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# BISHOPRIC OF PUBLIC ECUMENICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES UK

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 December 2020

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### (a) Company information

Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and Social Services UK is a private company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales. The registered office address is: 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 25 Farringdon Street, London, EC4A 4AB.

#### (b) Basis of accounting

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)(October 2019) – (charities SORP (FRS102)) The Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

The accounts (financial statements) are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

#### (c) Public benefit entity

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated below. The charity is a company limited by guarantee that is domiciled in England and Wales.

#### (d) Going concern

The charity reported resources expended of £121,750 (2019: £122,920) for the year compared to income receivable of £96,558 (2019: £119,038) giving rise to total unrestricted funds of £115,206 (2019: £140,398) at the year end.

Since early this year, the charity has been operating in an environment affected by the COVID-19 virus crisis. The potential risks from this include disruption to donations and debtors defaulting on loan repayments. To date, the charity has been successful in managing these risks. All loans have been repaid in accordance with the relevant agreement, those outstanding at the year end are all considered to be recoverable and donations continue to be received through standing orders.

Having assessed the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the Trustees are of the view that the charity has sufficient unrestricted reserves to meet its fixed costs and it also has sufficient funds to continue to operate and make discretionary outgoing transfers of funds to its related charities in Egypt for the foreseeable future and at least until 30 September 2022. On this basis that the charity is considered to be a going concern.

#### (e) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource.

# BISHOPRIC OF PUBLIC ECUMENICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES UK

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

31 December 2020

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### **(f) Funds**

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objectives of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

### **(g) Debtors**

Other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount.

### **(h) Cash**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

### **(i) Creditors**

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at their settlement amount.

### **(j) Income**

Donation income and gift aid refunds are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the items of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Interest receivable is recognised when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

### **(k) Corporation tax**

The company is a registered charity and as such its income and gains falling within Section 505 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 are exempt from corporation tax to the extent that they are applied to its charitable objectives.

### **(l) Grants payable**

Grants payable are accounted for when approved by the Trustees. Grants are payable to a charity with common trustees that undertakes charitable activities in Egypt. These grants help the company achieve its objectives overseas. Grants are also made, at the trustees discretion, to assist with funds towards a marriage in the event that lack of such funds is causing hardship.

### **(m) Governance costs**

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to independent examination and legal fees and are included in expenditure on charitable activities in the SOFA.

### **(n) Financial instruments**

The financial instruments of the charity comprise bank balances, including monies on deposit, debtors and creditors. Bank balances are accounted for at 31 December and debtors and creditors are included at amounts settled after any discounts.

# BISHOPRIC OF PUBLIC ECUMENICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES UK

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

31 December 2020

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### 2 Donations and legacies

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations receivable	76,583	106,229
Gift Aid refunded including interest	19,853	12,520
	<u>96,436</u>	<u>118,749</u>

### 3 Investment income

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Interest receivable	122	289
	<u>122</u>	<u>289</u>

### 4 Analysis of charitable expenditure

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Charitable activities:		
Grants payable	118,000	118,000
Governance costs – see note 5	3,750	3,870
TOTAL	<u>121,750</u>	<u>122,920</u>

Grants payable in both 2020 and 2019 are paid to an overseas charity, Bishopric of Ecumenical and Social Services Egypt, which has common trustees and operates in Egypt. In addition, in 2020 grants were made to assist with funds towards marriages in the event that the lack of such funds is causing hardship. No support costs are recognised within the grants payable in either year.

# BISHOPRIC OF PUBLIC ECUMENICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES UK

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

31 December 2020

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### 5 Governance costs

Included in expenditure on charitable activities is:

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Independent examination fees	1,800	1,950
Accountancy fees	1,860	2,850
Bank charges	90	120
	<u>3,750</u>	<u>4,920</u>

### 6 Employee and trustee information

The average monthly number of persons (including trustees) employed by the company during the year was 5 (2019 – 5).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during either the year or the previous period.

The Trustees are the key management of the charity and no remuneration or reimbursed expenses was paid to them.

### 7 Debtors

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other debtors	15,000	-
Accrued income	7,070	-
	<u>22,070</u>	<u>-</u>

Other debtors represent loans made in 2020 to families in line with the charitable objects to provide support in medical emergencies. The loans are repayable within a year.

### 8 Analysis of current liabilities Creditors under 1 year

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals	<u>3,600</u>	<u>3,900</u>

# BISHOPRIC OF PUBLIC ECUMENICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES UK

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

31 December 2020

### 9 Movement in fund

	At 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 December 2020 £
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	140,398	96,558	(121,750)	115,206
Total funds	<u>140,398</u>	<u>96,558</u>	<u>(121,750)</u>	<u>115,206</u>
	At 1 January 2019 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	At 31 December 2019 £
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	144,280	119,038	(122,920)	140,398
Total funds	<u>144,280</u>	<u>119,038</u>	<u>(122,920)</u>	<u>140,398</u>

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objectives of the charity without further specified purpose.

### 10 Control

Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and Social Services UK is not controlled by any one individual or group of individuals.

### 11 Related party transactions

During the year the charity paid grants to a charity with common trustees that operates in Egypt that totalled £100,000 (2019: £100,000). The related charity, Bishopric of Ecumenical and Social Services Egypt is related through having common trustees that are able to exert control over the operations of the charity. Donations were received from the trustees during the year totalling £2,100 (2019: £450).

# BISHOPRIC OF PUBLIC ECUMENICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES UK

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

31 December 2020

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### 12 Cash generated from operations

	2020 £	2019 £
Net (deficit) for the reporting period	(25,192)	(3,882)
(as per the statement of financial activities)		
Adjustments:		
Interest received	(122)	(289)
(Increase)/ Decrease in debtors	(22,070)	11,000
(Decrease) /Increase in creditors	(300)	900
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Net cash (used in) / generated from operating activities	(47,684)	7,729
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