

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	06	04	2023		05	04

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Greek Orthodox Community of the Holy Trinity, Oxford		
Other names charity is known by	Greek Parish Oxford / Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Parish		
Registered charity number (if any)	1011772		
Charity's principal address	Orthodox Church		
	1 Canterbury Road		
	Oxford		
	Postcode	OX2 6LU	

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Dr Charles Foster		until 02.06.2024
2	Zacharoula Dent		until 02.06.2024
3	Ann Lingas	Acting President	until 02.06.2024
4	Ioanna Christodoulou	Secretary	until 02.06.2024
		President	from 02.06.2024 onwards
5	Dimitrios Zilaskos	no office	until 02.06.2024
		Vice President	from 02.06.2024 onwards
6	Skev Antoniou	no office	until 02.06.2024
		Secretary	from 02.06.2024 onwards
7	Dr George Philip Atzemoglou	Treasurer	
8	Andrew Goeldner-Thompson		
9	Dr Emmanouil Karteris		
10	George Krasovitsky		
11	Dr Peter Petkoff		
12	Jimmy Xiourouppas		
13	Pavlina Gatou		from 02.06.2024 onwards
14	Prof. Ranko Lazic		from 02.06.2024 onwards
15	Dr Alexandros Plianos		from 02.06.2024 onwards

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution, as amended on 30.01.2022
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Registered charity; orthodox community
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected for 2 years at AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Constitutional amendment to allow replacing resigned or deceased trustees.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The charity's objects are 1) to promote the Christian Orthodox faith according to the rites and traditions of the Greek Orthodox Church as preserved and taught by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. 2) to benefit the public in England and Wales and abroad and particularly the Greek Orthodox community by the relief of poverty, sickness and distress.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The principal activities were the promotion of the Christian Orthodox faith, the operation of the Greek School and benefitting the public in England and Wales and abroad, particularly the Greek Orthodox community, by the relief of poverty, sickness and distress.

The trustees have had due regard to the objectives of the charity as set out above, and also the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission, in exercising their powers and duties.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year, the parish experienced a vibrant and active schedule of liturgical services, community events, and charitable outreach, reflecting the vitality and dedication of its members. Under the pastoral care of our parish priest, Fr. Ian Graham, the full calendar of services included major feasts such as Holy Week, Pascha, the Dormition of the Theotokos, and the Nativity of Christ. These services were deeply meaningful and well attended, providing spiritual nourishment to parishioners and fostering a sense of unity and faith. Special services, such as Forgiveness Vespers and the Akathist Hymn during Lent, offered additional opportunities for reflection and spiritual growth.

Parishioners also demonstrated their unwavering commitment to supporting the parish through a variety of community events. Our Annual Parish Concert showcased the remarkable musical talents of our members and raised £1,200 for the parish. Other notable fundraising events included the Greek Food Fair, which raised £2,900, and the Parish BBQ, which brought in £2,770. These events were made possible by the tireless efforts of our volunteers, including the dedicated members of the Auxiliary Association, who worked diligently to organize, promote, and execute these gatherings. Their enthusiasm and hard work not only ensured the financial success of these events but also strengthened the bonds of fellowship within the parish and the wider community.

A highlight of this year was the receipt of a generous donation of £19,516.06 in December 2023 from a U.S. benefactor. This donation, inspired by the legacy of Metropolitan Kallistos Ware and the ongoing mission of the parish, was rigorously reviewed to ensure compliance with due diligence practices, mirroring the thorough checks conducted for the donation received in the previous year. The funds have been strategically allocated to strengthen the parish's financial stability and support key community programs. A portion of the funds was placed into a savings account to generate interest, providing a sustainable source of income for future parish needs. This thoughtful approach ensures that the donation will continue to benefit the parish for years to come.

Parish life was further enriched by a series of community-focused events, as detailed in our bulletins. These included the Newcomers' Lunch in October 2023, which welcomed students and families to the parish, and our Pan-Orthodox Vespers in March 2024, which brought together Orthodox Christians from across the region. Celebrations such as St. Basil's Day in January 2024 featured the traditional blessing of the vasilopita, alongside a fundraising raffle that supported parish initiatives. These gatherings underscored the parish's role as a welcoming and inclusive space for worship, fellowship, and cultural preservation.

Charitable outreach remained central to the parish's mission. Although the funds from this year's large donation from the US were not directly disbursed to external causes, they enabled the parish to organize impactful fundraising campaigns. These included appeals for earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria and support for displaced children through UNICEF. The parish's efforts not only provided material support to these causes but also served to deepen the spirit of compassion and service among parishioners, reflecting the values of the Orthodox faith.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

To maintain cash balances equivalent to at least 6 months of revenue expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

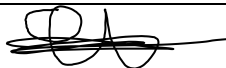
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ioanna Christodoulou	Dr Philip Atzemoglou
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	President	Treasurer
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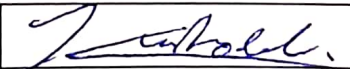
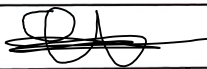
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

The Greek Orthodox Community of the Holy Trinity, Oxford

On accounts for the year
ended

5th April 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1011772

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2024. DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Peter J. Stevenson

Date:

17/01/2025

Name:

Peter J Stevenson

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

8 Harbord Road

Oxford

OX2 8LJ

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
The Greek Orthodox Community Of The Holy Trinity, Oxford	1011772

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	06/04/2023		05/04/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and membership	41,686	-	-	41,686	44,252
Gift Aid	4,686	-	-	4,686	3,482
Fundraising	6,871	-	-	6,871	6,356
Greek School receipts	45,736	-	-	45,736	45,875
Rental income	17,835	-	-	17,835	12,000
Refunds	-	-	-	-	138
Bank interest	559	-	-	559	78
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	117,373	-	-	117,373	112,181
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	117,373	-	-	117,373	112,181
A3 Payments					
Clergy employment costs	30,220	-	-	30,220	26,333
Clergy accommodation allowance	8,400	-	-	8,400	5,600
Greek School teacher salary costs	22,473	-	-	22,473	19,884
Greek School rent & other costs	24,160	-	-	24,160	16,113
Property renovation costs	-	-	-	-	16,400
Property running costs	3,814	-	-	3,814	4,969
Liturgical costs & donations	2,750	-	-	2,750	1,189
Other charitable costs	534	-	-	534	350
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	92,351	-	-	92,351	90,838
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	92,351	-	-	92,351	90,838
Net of receipts/(payments)	25,022	-	-	25,022	21,343
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	76,897	1,000	-	77,897	56,554
Cash funds this year end	101,919	1,000	-	102,919	77,897

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Tracker Account	15,213	-	-
	UTB Savings A/C	50,000	-	-
	Greek School Bank Account	26,831	-	-
	Paypal Account	126	-	-
	Barclays Current Account	9,749	1,000	-
	Cash	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	101,919	1,000	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift aid claimable	954	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Parish owned house; land and buildings at 24 Cavendish Drive Marston Oxford OX3	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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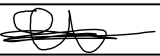
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Independent Examiner fee	Unrestricted	150	
	Clergy travel costs	Unrestricted	3,478	
	Property rental deposit	Unrestricted	1,903	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval


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Dr Philip Atzemoglou

24/12/2024