

COPTIC DIOCESE OF LONDON
ST MARY AND ST GEORGE
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 2023

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st July 2023

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Charity Information

For the Year Ended 31ST July 2023

Trustees

{1}	MR Halim Samir Halim Salama	
{2}	Mr. MR Magdy Fayez Ghaly Rafla	
{3}	MISS Amanda Sarah Rozeik	
{4}	Mrs Salwa Ibrahim Farid	(joined 18 December 2022)
{5}	Mrs Katherine Gamal Botros	(joined 18 December 2022)
{6}	Mr Maged Toma	(joined 18 December 2022)
{7}	Dr George Nasry Girgis Nesr	(joined 18 December 2022)

Chairman MR Halim Samir Halim Salama

Secretary Mr. Halim Samir Halim Salama

Treasurer Mr. Magdy Fayez Ghaly Rafla

Charity Number 1057133

Registered Office 30 Fieldway
Dagenham
Essex
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Date of Registration 26 July 1996

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st July 2023

The trustees present their report and accounts for the period ended 31st July 2023

Trustees

The trustees named on page 3 have served throughout the period and Appointment of trustees is governed by the Trust Deed of the charity.

Investment Powers

The Trust Deed authorizes the trustees to make and hold investments using the general Funds of the charity

Constitution, Objects and Policies

The charity was formed on 26th July 1996 and was registered with the Charity Commissioners, registration number 1057133 on 26th July 1996. The Charity is governed by the Charities Act 2011 and its Trust deed dated the 26th July 1996.

Saint Mary and St George Coptic Orthodox Church is an indivisible part of the Coptic Orthodox Church of Egypt which has as its Supreme Head His Holiness the Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the See of St. Mark. The authority of His Holiness the Pope and the Holy Synod of the Coptic Orthodox Church extends to the entire See of Saint Mark, both in Egypt and abroad. Such authority cannot be changed, revoked, altered, defied or modified.

The Custodian of the Charity is His Holiness the Pope or, if appointed, The Diocesan Bishop.

Coptic Orthodox Diocese London

On 11 November 2017, Saint Mary and Saint George Coptic Orthodox Church, become part of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of London.

The charity is managed by the Church Council consisting of the Presiding Bishop, The Priests of the Church and not less than five Council Members, who shall be appointed from time to time by the Diocesan Bishop or His Holiness the Pope being the highest authority in the Coptic Orthodox Church. His Holiness the Pope or the Diocesan Bishop may appoint in writing, any person he delegates to act on his behalf in this respect.

All members of the Church Council are Trustees of the Charity, on ceasing to be a member of the Church Council, that individual will also cease to be a Trustee of the Charity.

The object of the charity is to promote the Coptic Orthodox Church in the United Kingdom. In furtherance of this object the Trustees may provide and maintain places of public worship, carry on religious services, pay and provide for the housing of priests, hold religious and other meetings in connection with the Coptic Orthodox Church, provide assistance for the needy in the United Kingdom and abroad.

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Development, Activities and Achievements

During the year, the youths of the church attended and organised conferences, retreats and trips, in some cases in conjunction with other Coptic Churches in the UK and abroad.

They have Sunday Schools, youth meetings, prayer meetings, Bible studies, and pre-and post graduate meetings.

The church has sports activities and has football and tennis table teams which play and compete against teams of other Coptic Churches in the UK

The church is open most days of the week for celebrating the Divine Liturgy, prayer meetings, seminars, group discussions, Bible studies, Coptic language lessons, Coptic hymns lessons and other church activities

Financial Review

The financial position of the charity is considered most satisfactory this year

Future Plans

The church are still raising funds and actively looking to purchase a church building in East London area to enable it to introduce services on Sundays and other days of the week.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are required under the constitution of the charity to prepare financial Statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs Of the charity and of its results for that period. In preparing those financial statements

The trustees are required to:

- (a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- (b) Make judgments and estimated that are reasonable and prudent;
- (c) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with Reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. 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

Approval

The trustees approved this report on 19/03/2024 and signed on their behalf,

Mr Halim Samir Halim Salama

Trustee



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF
ST MARY AND ST GEORGE COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH**

We report on the accounts of the charity for year ended 31 July 2023 which are attached.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

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

It's our responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions by the charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual item or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanation from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1- Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the

Requirements;

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the charity commission have not been met; or

2- to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Independent Examiner

S. KHALIL

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Tax Accountants and Business Advisors**

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Statement of Financial Activities for the period Ended 31st July 2023

	Note.	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donation		118,871	0	118,871	107,114
Gift Aid Claimed		27,444	0	27,444	21,825
Bank Interest Received		1,791	0	1,791	50
Job retention scheme Income		0	0	0	5,938
Total Incoming Resources		<u>148,106</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>148,106</u>	<u>134,927</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable expenditure					
Management and administration of the Charity	1	102,492	0	102,492	86,458
Total Resources Used		<u>102,492</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>102,492</u>	<u>86,458</u>
Net Movement in Funds for the period		<u>45,614</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45,614</u>	<u>48,469</u>
 Balance Brought Forward at 1 August 2022		 447,279	 0	 0	 447,279
Total Funds C/F at 31 July 2023		480,625	0		480,625

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST July 2023

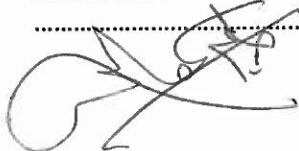
	Notes			31.07.2023	31.07.2022
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets		0	0	0	0
Free hold Property		0	0	0	0
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at Banks and in Hand		480,625	0	480,625	447,279
Debtors		27,444	0	27,444	21,825
Net Assets		508,069	0	508,069	469,104
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year		(896)	0	(896)	(7,546)
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		507,173	0	507,173	461,558
Funds					
Unrestricted Funds			507,173		461,558
Total Funds			507,173		461,558

This financial statement were approved and authorised for issue

On 19/03/2024

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

HALIM SAMIR HALIM SALAMA (Trustee)




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1. Charitable Expenditure

	2023	2022
	£	£
Management & Administration of Charity		
Priest Accommodation, Salaries & Expenses		
Priest Wages and Salaries	52,854	52,854
Employer NI	1,221	1,244
Pension	3,522	3,522
Other Expense	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>57,599</u>	<u>57,620</u>
Church Expenses		
Church Consumables	9,710	3,830
London Diocesan fund	7,936	1,858
Waste Disposal	0	150
Rent of Church	12,350	10,930
Electricity & Council Tax	1,433	246
The Coptic Festival	0	4,268
Repairs and Maintenance	736	0
Cleaning	1,920	0
Stationary	140	0
Telecommunications	210	0
Legal Fees	0	0
Website costs	158	141
Water rates	317	415
Bank charges	0	0
Insurance	0	0
Other charitable donations	<u>9,983</u>	<u>7,000</u>
	<u>44,893</u>	<u>28,838</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>102,492</u>	<u>86,458</u>

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Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the charity's operations.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charity Accounts

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption to produce a cash flow statement on the ground that it qualifies as a small charity

Income

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity.

Management and Administration Expenditure

Expenditure on management and administration of the charity includes all expenditure not directly related to the charitable activity.

Members of the church council who served during this period are stated below.

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