

GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF NICEA

England & Wales · Charity number 1087910

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2001-08-08

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE GREEK ORTHODOX FAITH TO ADVANCE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND TO RELIEVE POVERTY SICKNESS AND DISTRESS AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE INHABITANTS OF THE COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE AND ITS ENVIRONS.

Activities: To promote the Greek Orthodox Faith, to advance public education and to relieve poverty, sickness and distress and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the county of Shropshire and its environs.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE AND ITS ENVIRONS
- Powys
- Shropshire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £96,159 | £102,835 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £105,850 | £109,031 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £57,705 | £44,587 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £51,074 | £56,606 | - | - |
| 2020-12-31 | £28,849 | £34,655 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---------------------------------|------|------------|
| Adrian Pavel | | 2017-10-15 |
| Andreas Vanezi | | 2025-10-15 |
| Christopher Prior | | 2025-10-07 |
| Owain Tomas Williams | | 2023-06-18 |
| Patricia Morris | | 2025-10-08 |
| Rev Henry Guy Farquhar Maxfield | | 2025-10-15 |

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Trustees

| | | | |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| Mr B Vanezi | (President) | | |
| Mr A Hart | (Vice - President) | | |
| Mr L Thomas | Secretary) | | |
| Mr A Pavel | (Treasurer) | | |
| Ms E Maoudis | | | |
| Mr V Vanezi | | | |
| Mr S Avraam | | | |
| Mr O Williams | | | |
| Dr D Lewis | | Appointed | 14/03/2024 |

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d. Risk management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirms that systems have been established to mitigate the charity's exposure to the major risks identified.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. Policies and objectives

The principle object of the Charity is "by such means as are charitable" to promote the Greek Orthodox faith to advance public education and to relieve poverty, sickness and distress and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the County of Shropshire and its environs.

b. Activities for achieving objectives

The Trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's revised guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. Review of activities

The board agreed to offer Fr Panteleimon a monthly fee of £1,500 for his work as a priest.

With our community growing faster than last year we are looking in extending the church in the late winter of 2024 the board had to make the decision of looking for another church (the number of members attending we're constant at the level where the extension would have been not enough). Moving to another church means the church in Dove close will still be kept in used for Thursday services, baptisms, weddings, funerals and any other services.

With the kindness of a close friend of our community we started using St Julian church in Shrewsbury. This offers more than enough space for our Sunday service and people are not needed to stay outside to listen to service as happened to our church in Dove Close.

We celebrated Pascha at St Julian's and was a massive success. A lot of people attended (over 450) and at the same time a record number of people stayed till the end due to enough space in the church.

We celebrated our annual church fete in Dove close with Greek BBQ and activities, it was success especially having neighbours from the estate attending

The board carried out with helping those in need from the community as well as from Shrewsbury area.

Late summer the board and the sister charity entered in discussions to review the constitution and bring everything up to date with our needs and Charity Commission requirements.

The decision was made to create a new charity which will take over all the duties. Paperwork has been submitted to Charity Commission and we are waiting for their approval.

Education, we have been running with success the Varangian club (every 3rd Sunday of the month). In September at the restart of the school year we have registered 29 children attending the club which is very encouraging for our future generation growth. With the kindness of St Winefried school, we have been running it in the school hall.

At the end of the year the owner of St Julian proposed to us to take over the possibility of purchasing the church. The board agreed to start working and looking into what it involves and to take care of all the necessary research that needed to be done to see if we were to acquire it.

At the end of the year, we started planning for the big celebrations which we will organize for celebrating 1700 years since the First Ecumenical Council from Nicaea which involves the Church Fete and a series of events.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

c. Investment policy and performance

In addition to the aim to retain a prudent amount in reserves each year, the charity's funds have generally been required to be spent in the short-term. We are, however, now planning for the medium to long term when major building work will be needed.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Various groups from SOCAF, CHF board and trustees work in bringing the constitution up to date to the latest requirement of the Charity Commission. A draft has been created and with the votes from all the relevant people has been submitted to Charity Commission for approval.

Once the Charity Commission approves all the changes all the relevant parties will vote to approve the changes to be implemented a new incorporated charity will take over all the jobs running the Shrewsbury Orthodox Church. (SOCAF will become SOC-Shrewsbury Orthodox Church).
The trustees of CHF will need to vote on what will happen with the charity.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. Reserves policy

It is the aim of the Trustees to maintain free reserves at a level equivalent to a minimum of three months unrestricted fund expenditure. It is deemed that this level is required due to the charity objectives.

Free reserves at 31 December 2024 were £30,322 (2023: £35,635). Total funds stood at £32,653 at year end. (2023 £39,329)

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The land adjacent to the church has been purchased by the sister charity SOCAF, that will cooperate with the Community in future development plans.

The Greek Orthodox Community of the 318 Holy Fathers of Nicea charity will be used to continue to run the church and to help the community.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee: Adrian Pavel

Date:

28.4.25,



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

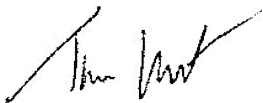
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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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Dated: 20/05/2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

| | Restricted | 2024 | | 2023 |
|--|------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | Unrestricted £ | Total Funds £ | Total Funds £ |
| Voluntary income | - | 68,899 | 68,899 | 45,236 |
| Income from church activities | 1,850 | 11,775 | 13,625 | 6,366 |
| Grants | 2,000 | - | 2,000 | 33,280 |
| Activities for generating funds | - | 11,635 | 11,635 | 20,968 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 3,850 | 92,309 | 96,159 | 105,850 |

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

| <u>Payments</u> | 2024 | | | 2023 |
|--|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | Restricted £ | Unrestricted £ | Total funds £ | <i>Total Funds</i> £ |
| Camp | - | - | - | 34,698 |
| Clergy expenses | - | 49,107 | 49,107 | 32,609 |
| Liturgical expenses | 2,517 | 3,557 | 6,074 | 1,668 |
| Project management & general maintenace | - | 18,666 | 18,666 | 21,857 |
| Grants & Donations | 2,000 | 12,198 | 14,198 | 5,885 |
| Cost of trading | 696 | 3,203 | 3,899 | 3,727 |
| Support costs | - | 9,337 | 9,337 | 7,177 |
| Governance | - | 1,554 | 1,554 | 1,410 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 5,213 | 97,622 | 102,835 | 109,031 |
| (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR | (1,363) | (5,313) | (6,676) | (3,181) |
| TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD | 3,694 | 35,635 | 39,329 | 42,510 |
| TRANSFER | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | 2,331 | 30,322 | 32,653 | 39,329 |

During the year the charity has changed accountancy software. In doing so they have decided to report income and expenditure under broader headings. The total income and expenditure remains unchanged.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS

| Monetary Asset | 2024 | | | 2023 |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | Total Funds £ | Total Funds £ |
| Bank and cash held | 30,322 | 2,331 | 32,653 | 39,329 |

Signed on behalf of all the Trustees by:



Trustee: Adrian Pavel

Date: 28.4.25

ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

| | Balance as at 01-Jan-24 | Receipts | Payments | Transfer | Balance as at 31-Dec-24 |
|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------|----------------------------|
| GENERAL FUNDS | | | | | |
| General - cash | 35,635 | 92,309 | 97,622 | - | 30,322 |
| Restricted | 3,694 | 3,850 | 5,213 | - | 2,331 |
| | <u>39,329</u> | <u>96,159</u> | <u>102,835</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>32,653</u> |

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NOTES

Assets

The Community of the Holy fathers own the church building. It is their current policy is not to include a valuation as it is consecrated and that it was previously included in the accounts at a valuation of £223,000.

Related Party Transactions

During 2024, there were no related party transactions. (2023: NIL)

Camp accounts 2024

At the start of the year £3,694 was held in our dormant account on behalf of the St Sophrony Camp. On the 9th January this amount was transferred to their own bank account.

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| Mr L Thomas | Secretary) | | |
| Mr A Pavel | (Treasurer) | | |
| Mr N Moore | (President) | Resigned | 18/06/2023 |
| Mr A Stojanovic | (Vice-president) | Resigned | 18/06/2023 |
| Mr S Aze | (Secretary) | Resigned | 30/04/2023 |
| Mr W Morris | | Resigned | 18/06/2023 |
| Dr D Lewis | | Appointed | 14/03/2024 |
| Ms V Davies | | Resigned | 18/06/2023 |
| Ms E Maoudis | | | |
| Ms E Morris | | Resigned | 18/06/2023 |
| Mr F Nicolaou | | Resigned | 18/06/2023 |
| Ms D Moldovan | | Resigned | 18/06/2023 |
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b. Review of activities

Due to various circumstances and the resignation of our secretary the remainder of the board decided to pull forward the election for a new board; instead of October the elections have been held in June 2023. The community elected a new board. The new board members are:

- Stavros Avraam
- Aidan Hart
- Eleni Maoudis
- Adrian Pavel
- Luke Thomas
- Ban Vanezi
- Vasos Vanezi
- Owain Williams

The new board held its inaugural meeting on 25th June 2023 at which the board elected:

Ban Vanezi, who is now our president, Adrian Pavel who remains our treasurer, Luke Thomas who becomes our secretary and Aidan Hart who is now our vice President.

Educational we have been running with success the Varangian club (every 3rd Sunday of the month). In September at the restart of the school year we have registered 29 children attending the club which is very encouraging for our future generation growth.

During the 2023 we have received more people into Orthodoxy which shows a great interest in orthodox faith in Shrewsbury area (Shropshire).

The board members as well as the community have been involved with detailing and drawing up a project into how extend the church to accommodate the growth and interest in our faith and most important to preserve it for the years coming. As well as working on the extension project the board looked into the possibility of maybe purchasing a new church if anything becomes available which can fulfil our needs.

Another project of the year was landscaping the orchard. We repaired the fence between us and our neighbours and made the area safe. We've put a temporary wooden structure which will act as a school room for the children of the community as well as the board members can use it as a meeting place.

As well as planting some trees, shrub and flowers and creating a meeting place where the community can gather outside after the Sunday service and not only for a coffee but the most important where they can socialise.

Last financial year we needed to fulfil a donation to the ARK for £177 which was done through PayPal on the 11/05/2023.

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PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Our sister charity SOCAF is aiming to complete the purchase of last bit of land (access strip to the orchard) from Taylor Wimpey as soon as possible and will continue to cooperate with the Community in future development plans.

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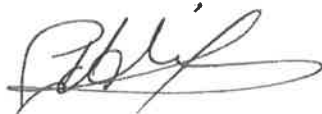
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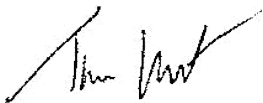
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Dated: 17/07/2024

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

| | Restricted | 2023 | | 2022 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | Unrestricted £ | Total Funds £ | Total Funds £ |
| Donations, legacies and grants | | | | |
| Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals | - | 1,120 | 1,120 | 1,000 |
| Collections & Donations | - | 15,180 | 15,180 | 15,575 |
| Candles | - | 3,110 | 3,110 | 3,289 |
| Special collections | - | 20,968 | 20,968 | 5,028 |
| Donations & Members' subscriptions | - | 16,909 | 16,909 | 11,922 |
| Priest Basket | - | 9,257 | 9,257 | - |
| Bank interest | - | 218 | 218 | - |
| Other | - | 3,406 | 3,406 | - |
| Fundraising events | 29,874 | - | 29,874 | - |
| Book Stall | - | 1,918 | 1,918 | 2,726 |
| Charitable activity | - | - | - | - |
| Tax Reclaimed | - | 3,890 | 3,890 | 18,165 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 29,874 | 75,976 | 105,850 | 57,705 |

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

| <u>Payments</u> | 2023 | | | <i>2022</i> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | Restricted £ | Unrestricted £ | Total funds £ | <i>Total Funds</i> £ |
| Church activities | | | | |
| Priest's fees | - | 23,351 | 23,351 | 22,850 |
| Votive candles | - | 2,857 | 2,857 | - |
| Liturgical supplies | - | 1,268 | 1,268 | 1,475 |
| Telford Church rent | - | 400 | 400 | 400 |
| Archbishop Visit | - | - | - | - |
| Priest Baskets | - | 9,258 | 9,258 | - |
| Repairs and Maintenance | - | 21,857 | 21,857 | 2,200 |
| Electricity | - | 1,285 | 1,285 | 1,189 |
| Insurance | - | 1,381 | 1,381 | 1,378 |
| Grants and donations paid | | | | |
| Charitable Donations | - | 947 | 947 | 1,918 |
| Diocese and Patriarch | - | 2,305 | 2,305 | 2,545 |
| Archdiocesan Central Fund | - | - | - | 4,221 |
| Varangians & Youth | - | 2,633 | 2,633 | 260 |
| Administrative costs | | | | |
| General, printing, postage | - | 3,671 | 3,671 | 975 |
| Independent Examiner fee | - | 1,410 | 1,410 | 1,104 |
| Fundraising | - | 746 | 746 | 2,744 |
| Subscriptions | - | 94 | 94 | 25 |
| Bookstall | - | 870 | 870 | 1,304 |
| Camp St Sophrony | 34,698 | - | 34,698 | - |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 34,698 | 74,333 | 109,031 | 44,588 |
| (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR | - | 4,824 | 1,643 - | 3,181 |
| TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD | | 42,510 | 42,510 | 29,393 |
| TRANSFER | 8,518 | - | 8,518 | |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | 3,694 | 35,635 | 39,329 | 42,510 |

**GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF NICEA
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

STATEMENT OF ASSETS

| Monetary Asset | Unrestricted £ | 2023 | Total Funds £ | 2022 |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | Restricted £ | | Total Funds £ |
| Bank and cash held | 35,635 | 3,694 | 39,329 | 42,510 |

Signed on behalf of all the Trustees by:



Trustee: Adrian Pavel

Date: 17.7.2024

ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

| | Balance as at 01-Jan-23 | Receipts | Payments | Transfer | Balance as at 31-Dec-23 |
|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------|----------------------------|
| GENERAL FUNDS | | | | | |
| General - cash | 42,510 | 75,976 | 74,333 | -8518 | 35,635 |
| Restricted Camp fund | - | 29,874 | 34,698 | 8518 | 3,694 |
| | <u>42,510</u> | <u>105,850</u> | <u>109,031</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>39,329</u> |

**GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF NICEA
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

NOTES

Assets

The Community of the Holy fathers own the church building. It is their current policy is not to include a valuation as it is consecrated and that it was previously included in the accounts at a valuation of £223,000.

Related Party Transactions

During 2023, there were no related party transactions. (£400: 2022)

Camp accounts 2023

At the beginning of 2023 the board member of the church agreed to help the camp St Sophrony with a bank account temporary until the camp itself manages to open a bank account to operate on its own.

The reason for helping the camp was motivated by the fact the camp is coordinated by Father Panteleimon. Unfortunately, it took a bit longer than anticipated and all the transactions for 2023 camp activities have been done from one of the dormant bank accounts ending 668.

I can confirm the last transaction has been done on the 9th January 2024 when the funds have been transferred to the new camp account £3,693.83.

| Camp charity | As at year end 31/12/2023 | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | | Restricted Funds | Designated Funds |
| | | Unrestricted Funds | Funds |
| Receipts | | | |
| Camp attendance fee's | 24,582 | - | - |
| Bursaries | 13,260 | - | - |
| Voluntary donations | 550 | - | - |
| Payments | | | |
| Accommodation fee | (13,942) | - | - |
| Activities | (6,866) | - | - |
| Travel | (2,982) | - | - |
| Food | (8,010) | - | - |
| Admin | (1,381) | - | - |
| Staff training costs | (527) | - | - |
| Refunds | (990) | - | - |
| Closing Balance | 3,694 | - | - |

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England & Wales - Charity number 1087910

Accounts

Charity number: 1087910

**GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF
NICEA**

UNAUDITED

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**



**GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF NICEA
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Trustees

Mr N Moore (President)
Mr A Stojanovic (Vice-president)
Mr S Aze (Secretary)
Mr A Pavel (Treasurer)
Mr L Thomas
Mr W Morris
Dr D Lewis
Ms V Davies
Ms E Maoudis
Ms E Morris
Mr F Nicolaou
Ms D Moldovan

Charity registered number

1087910

Principal office

34 Old Rose Drive, Sutton Grange, Shrewsbury, SY2 6FJ

Accountants

WR Partners,
Belmont House
Shrewsbury Business Park
Shrewsbury
SY2 6LG

**TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Greek Orthodox Community of the 318 Holy Fathers of Nicea (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. Constitution

The charity was constituted by Deed on 14 May 2001 and is registered with the Charity Commission under charity number 1087910.

b. Method of appointment or election of Trustees

The power of appointing new trustees hereof shall be vested in the surviving or continuing trustees for the time being (excluding any retiring trustees).

c. Organisational structure and decision making

The affairs of the charity are administered by its community board, which meets at least bi-monthly and which is composed of not less than 8 Greek Orthodox Christians. The Archdiocese may, if it wishes, appoint up to 4 more, bringing the total to 12.

d. Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirms that systems have been established to mitigate the charity's exposure to the major risks identified.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. Policies and objectives

The principal object of the charity is "by such means as are charitable" to promote the Greek Orthodox faith to advance public education and to relieve poverty, sickness and distress and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the County of Shropshire and its environs.

b. Activities for achieving objectives

The Trustees of the charity are aware of the Charity Commission's revised guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the charity.

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. Review of activities

The year started unfortunately with the great sadness as our orthodox brothers in the east Europe have been engulfed in an atrocious war. Our community and the board members felt the need to do what we can to help those in need. We have sent donations to Ukraine as well as some members of our community helped some Ukrainian families with accommodation and helped them to integrate into their new lives.

Educational we have been running with success the Varangian club (every 3rd Sunday of the month). In September at the restart of the school year we have registered 29 children attending the club which is very encouraging for our future generation growth.

During the 2022 we have received 19 new people into Orthodoxy which shows a great interest in orthodox faith in Shrewsbury area (Shropshire).

The board members as well as the community have been involved with detailing and drawing up a project into how extend the church to accommodate the growth and interest in our faith and most important to preserve it for the years coming.

We can note the most important event of 2022 was the ordination of Father Deacon Panteleimon to priesthood on the 11th September 2022. Growing as a child into the orthodox faith he fulfilled God's will and became Father Panteleimon. The ordination was a great success and was presided by His Eminence Archbishop Nikkitas of Great Britain and Thyateira. Bishop Mark from the Roman Catholic Cathedral attended the event. His Eminence left "full of peace and grace" and sends his good wishes and is very hopeful for the future of our church.

c. Investment policy and performance

In additional to the aim to retain a prudent amount in reserves each year, the charity's funds have generally been required to be spent in the short-term. We are, however, now planning for the medium to long term when major building work will be needed.

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. Reserves policy

It is the aim of the trustees to maintain free reserves at a level equivalent to a minimum of three months unrestricted fund expenditure. It is deemed that this level is required due to the charity objectives.

Free reserves at 31 December 2022 were £39,080 (2021: £26,139). Total funds stood at £39,257 at year end.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

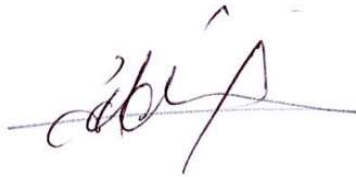
The land adjacent to the church has been purchased by the sister charity SOCAF, that will cooperate with the Community in future development plans.

The Greek Orthodox Community of the 318 Holy Fathers of Nicea charity will be used to continue to run the church and to help the community.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee: Adrian Pavel

Date: 18. 5. 2023



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Tim Lunt BA FCCA MIRPM

WR Partners

Chartered Accountants
Belmont House
Shrewsbury Business Park
Shrewsbury
Shropshire
SY2 6LG

Dated: 24/05/2023

GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF NICEA

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Receipts

| | | 2022 | | 2021 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Restricted | Unrestricted | Total Funds | Total Funds |
| | | £ | £ | £ |
| Donations, legacies and grants | | | | |
| Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Collections & Donations | - | 15,575 | 15,575 | 18,381 |
| Candles | - | 3,289 | 3,289 | 2,694 |
| Special collections | 1,047 | 3,981 | 5,028 | 4,260 |
| Donations & Members' subscriptions | - | 11,922 | 11,922 | 17,295 |
| Fundraising events | - | - | - | - |
| Book Stall | - | 2,726 | 2,726 | 2,002 |
| Charitable activity | - | - | - | 6,442 |
| Tax Reclaimed | - | 18,165 | 18,165 | - |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 1,047 | 56,658 | 57,705 | 51,074 |

GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF NICEA

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

| <u>Payments</u> | 2022 | | | <i>2021</i> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | Restricted £ | Unrestricted £ | Total funds £ | <i>Total Funds</i> £ |
| Church activities | | | | |
| Priest's fees | - | 22,848 | 22,848 | 17,504 |
| Votive candles | - | - | - | 3,008 |
| Liturgical supplies | - | 1,475 | 1,475 | 2,088 |
| Telford Church rent | - | 400 | 400 | 400 |
| Archbishop Visit | - | - | - | 1,492 |
| Ordination | | 4,221 | 4,221 | - |
| Repairs and Maintenance | - | 2,200 | 2,200 | 4,902 |
| Electricity | - | 1,189 | 1,189 | 886 |
| Insurance | - | 1,378 | 1,378 | 1,278 |
| Grants and donations paid | | | | |
| Charitable Donations | 870 | 1,048 | 1,918 | 4,920 |
| Diocese and Patriarch | - | - | - | 1,325 |
| Archdiocesan Central Fund | - | 2,545 | 2,545 | - |
| Subscriptions | - | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Varangians & Youth | - | 261 | 261 | 597 |
| Charitable activity | - | - | - | 744 |
| Frescos and Icons | - | - | - | 13,500 |
| Administrative costs | | | | |
| printing, postage & | - | 3,336 | 3,336 | 2,082 |
| Independent Examiner fee | - | 1,104 | 1,104 | 1,050 |
| Fundraising | - | 383 | 383 | |
| Bookstall | - | 1,304 | 1,304 | 805 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 870 | 43,717 | 44,587 | 56,606 |
| (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR | 177 | 12,941 | 13,118 | (5,531) |
| TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD | - | 26,139 | 26,139 | 31,670 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | 177 | 39,080 | 39,257 | 26,139 |

GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF NICEA

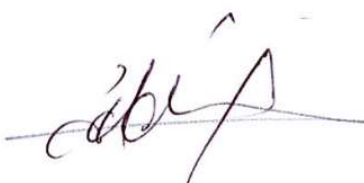
STATEMENT OF ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

| Monetary Asset | 2021 | | Total Funds £ | 2021 |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | | Total Funds £ |
| Bank and cash held | 39,080 | 177 | 39,257 | 26,139 |

Signed on behalf of all the Trustees by:

Trustee: Adrian Pavel

Date: 18.5.2023



ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

| | Balance as at 01-Jan-22 | Receipts | Payments | Balance as at 31-Dec-22 |
|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| GENERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| General - cash | 26,139 | 57,705 | 44,587 | 39,257 |
| | <u>26,139</u> | <u>57,705</u> | <u>44,587</u> | <u>39,257</u> |

**GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF NICEA
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Notes

Assets

The Community of the Holy fathers own the church building. It is their current policy is not to include a valuation as it is consecrated and that it was previously included in the accounts at a valuation of £223,000.

Related Party Transactions

During 2022, there was one related party transaction. £400 (NIL: 2021) was paid to L Thomas in relation to work carried out on an extension to the building

GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF NICEA

England & Wales - Charity number 1087910

Accounts

GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF NICEA
Charity Reg 1087910
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT yr to 31.12.2021

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Structure, Governance and management

Board of Trustees

Nicholas Moore (President)
Aleks Stojanovic (Vice-President)
Steve Aze (Secretary)
Adrian Pavel (Treasurer)
Veronica Davies
Patricia Jean Morris
William Morris
Eleni Maoudis
Fodoulla Nicolaou
Dana-Mihaela Moldovan
David Lewis
Philip Thomas

Clergy

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| <i>Priest</i> | Ieratikos Proestaminos Stephen Maxfield |
| <i>Assistant Priest</i> | Econemos Timothy Pearce |
| <i>Deacon</i> | Fr Dcn Panteleimon Maxfield |

Readers

Aidan Hart
David Lewis
Banayiodis Vanezi
Vasillios Vanezi
John Tierney
Edmund Maxfield

Servers

There are 14 men and boys rostered to serve at the altar.

Lay Workers

Presbytera Catherine Maxfield (Philoptochos)
Eleni Maoudis (Philoptochos)
Rachel Allum (Sacristan)
David Lewis (Chanter)
Veronica Davies (Librarian and Bookstall)
David Lewis and Elizabeth Morris (Groundstaff)
Philippa Humphreys (children's ministries)
Dana-Mihaela Moldovan (children's ministries)

Governance

The board of Trustees is newly appointed every two years, 8 members being elected by members of the community and 4 being appointed by His Eminence, Archbishop Nikitas of Thyateira and Great Britain who is our *ex officio* Chairman. Fr Stephen Maxfield and Fr Dcn Panteleimon Maxfield are *ex officio* members. The officials of the board are elected by the board members.

The board has authority over the day-to-day running of the community, and is responsible for our Risk Management and Protection Policies including Child Protection, Photography Policy and Health and Safety. The Board cooperates closely with the clergy and with our sister charity, the Shrewsbury Orthodox Church Appeal Foundation (Charity no 1166735) which manages the funds for our capital projects.

Liturgical matters are the responsibility of the priest, answerable to the Archbishop.

Administrative details

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| Charity no | 1087910 |
| Reg. Address | 9, Hexham Way, Shrewsbury, SY2 6QX, Tel 01743 247619 |
| Website | www.shrewsburyorthodox.com |
| Contact details | Fr Stephen Maxfield, Fox Cottage, Albrighton, Shrewsbury SY4 3AG Tel 01939 291078 |
| Insurer | Congregational |
| Accountants | WR Partners, Belmont House, Shrewsbury Business Park, Shrewsbury SY2 6LG |
| Bank | Lloyds, 1 Pride Hill, Shrewsbury SY1 1DG |
| Architect | Donald Insall Associates, 30, Harborne Rd., Birmingham, B15 3AA |

Objectives and Activities

Since the founding of our community in 1986 and our registration as a charity in 2001, we have grown and matured hugely as a diverse and thriving community. In addition to our British members, there are Greeks, Russians, Romanians, Bulgarians, Chinese, and folk of North African descent. Mutual respect and acceptance have flowed naturally from our shared Orthodox faith and worship.

We have fulfilled a need as a welcoming community for visitors and immigrants to the UK. From time to time in the past we have been able to cooperate with the Greek Consulate in Birmingham. Several of our members now have Ukrainian refugees to the UK living with them.

Our community is growing steadily. In addition to those from Orthodox Countries or their descendants living in the locality, British people are now showing more and more interest in Orthodoxy and there is a steady stream of new members being baptised into the Orthodox Church.

Our church building (built between the 9th and 12th centuries and Grade II* listed) has some rare 14th century wall paintings, and a large wall painting on the east wall behind the altar, modern (2012) but of traditional iconographic design. To these we have now added 'roundels' depicting saints chosen by members of our community and funded entirely by an appeal to our members.

Liturgical Review

Services held through the year

We serve the Sacraments and Offices week by week, according to the rules of the Greek Orthodox Church i.e. Vespers on Saturday evenings, Matins and the Liturgy on Sunday mornings, and on weekday Feast days, with additional services during Lent, Holy Week and Pascha.

The music in church

We have now embarked on a programme of training for singers, including reading both the Western stave and Byzantine notation, and training in the structure and organisation of the Orthodox services. With an eye to the long-term, our trainees are selected from the younger members of the community.

Liturgical and pastoral support elsewhere

In addition to our Church of the Holy Fathers of Nicea in Shrewsbury, we support 'daughter' parishes in Lampeter, cared for by Fr Timothy Pearce, and in Leominster, where the Liturgy is served from time to time. Also, the Liturgy is served monthly in the Serbian Orthodox Church of St Nicholas in Telford. These activities effectively give us a wide catchment area for Orthodox Christians.

Educational activities

Using Zoom for adult teaching sessions during the Covid Lockdown revealed an interest from a wide geographical area, so that Zoom remains now the method of choice for one of the two sessions that take place each week. A bookstall and a library provide further resources.

We have a close relationship with the Thyateira Midlands Ecclesiastical Seminary in Walsall, where monthly all-day sessions are held and a variety of courses are run.

Our children's club, the Varangians, named after the Byzantine Emperor's bodyguard, has continued active with imaginative events and regular Sunday School and Greek School sessions.

We also provide financial and practical support for the annual children's summer camp of the Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain.

Outreach

Our Philoptochos ('Lovers of the Poor') team continues to do much practical work helping individuals in a variety of circumstances of hardship and illness.

Our website, www.shrewsburyorthodox.com, developed over the past few years to a high standard, now carries all our news, articles, calendar, 'Who we are', 'How to contact us' and how to donate etc.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. Reserves policy

It is the aim of the trustees to maintain free reserves at a level equivalent to a minimum of three months unrestricted fund expenditure. It is deemed that this level is required due to the charity objectives.

Free reserves at 31 December 2021 were £26,139 (2020: £31,671). Total funds stood at £249,139 at year end.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The land adjacent to the church has been purchased by the sister charity SOCAF, that will cooperate with the Community in future development plans.

The Greek Orthodox Community of the 318 Holy Fathers of Nicea charity will be used to continue to run the church and to help the community.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee: Adrian Pavel

Date: 17.09.2022



GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF NICEA

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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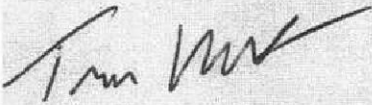
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Tim Lunt BA FCCA MIRPM

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SY2 6LG

Dated: 19.05.2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Receipts

| | 2021 | | 2020 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Unrestricted £ | Total Funds £ | Total Funds £ |
| Donations, legacies and grants | | | |
| Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals | - | - | - |
| Collections & Donations | 18,381 | 18,381 | 11,690 |
| Candles | 2,694 | 2,694 | 613 |
| Special collections | 4,260 | 4,260 | 614 |
| Donations & Members' subscriptions | 17,295 | 17,295 | 12,369 |
| Fundraising events | | | |
| Book Stall | 2,002 | 2,002 | 557 |
| Charitable activity | 6,442 | 6,442 | 3,005 |
| Tax Reclaimed | - | - | - |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 51,074 | 51,074 | 28,849 |

| Payments | 2021 | | 2020 | |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | Total funds £ | Total Funds £ |
| Church activities | | | | |
| Priest's fees | 17,504 | - | 17,504 | 21,784 |
| Votive candles | 3,008 | - | 3,008 | 395 |
| Liturgical supplies | 2,088 | - | 2,088 | 90 |
| Telford Church rent | 400 | - | 400 | 400 |
| Archbishop Visit | 1,492 | - | 1,492 | - |
| Repairs and Maintenance | 4,902 | - | 4,902 | 607 |
| Electricity | 886 | - | 886 | 924 |
| Insurance | 1,278 | - | 1,278 | 1,207 |
| Grants and donations paid | | | | |
| Charitable Donations | 4,920 | - | 4,920 | 763 |
| Diocese and Patriarch | 1,325 | - | 1,325 | 100 |
| Archdiocesan Central Fund | - | - | - | 122 |
| Subscriptions | 25 | - | 25 | 25 |
| Varangians & Youth | 597 | - | 597 | 15 |
| Charitable activity | 744 | - | 744 | 2,767 |
| Frescos and Icons | 13,500 | - | 13,500 | - |
| Administrative costs | | | | |
| General, printing, postage & stationery | 2,082 | - | 2,082 | 3,789 |
| Independent Examiner fee | 1,050 | - | 1,050 | 1,194 |
| Bookstall | 805 | - | 805 | 473 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | <u>56,606</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>56,606</u> | <u>34,655</u> |
| (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR | <u>(5,532)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(5,532)</u> | <u>(5,806)</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD | <u>31,671</u> | | <u>31,671</u> | <u>37,477</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | <u>26,139</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>26,139</u> | <u>31,671</u> |

STATEMENT OF ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

| Monetary Asset | 2021 | | Total Funds | 2020 |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | | Total Funds |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Bank and cash held | 26,139 | - | 26,139 | 31,671 |

Signed on behalf of all the Trustees by:



Trustee: Adrian Pavel

Date: 17.05.2022

ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

| | Balance as at 01-Jan-21 | Receipts | Payments | Balance as at 31-Dec-21 |
|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| GENERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| General - cash | 31,671 | 51,074 | 56,606 | 26,139 |
| | <u>31,671</u> | <u>51,074</u> | <u>56,606</u> | <u>26,139</u> |

Notes

Assets

The Community of the Holy fathers own the church building. It is their current policy is not to include a valuation as it is consecrated and that it was previously included in the accounts at a valuation of £223,000.

Related Party Transactions

During 2021 and 2020, there were no related party transactions.

GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF NICEA

England & Wales - Charity number 1087910

Accounts

Charity number: 1087910

**GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF
NICEA**

UNAUDITED

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**



GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF NICEA

Charity Reg 1087910

FINANCIAL STATEMENT and TRUSTEES' REPORT yr to 31.12.2020

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GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF NICEA

Charity Reg 1087910

FINANCIAL STATEMENT and TRUSTEES' REPORT yr to 31.12.2020

Structure, governance and management

Board of Trustees

Nicholas Moore (President)
Aleks Stojanovic (Vice-President)
Banayiodis Vanezi (Secretary)
Veronica Davies (Assistant Secretary)
Adrian Pavel (Treasurer)
Patricia Jean Morris
William Morris
Dr Florin Gaina
Eleni Maoudis
Fodoulla Nicolaou
Dana-Mihaela Moldovan
Dr David Lewis

Clergy

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| <i>Priest</i> | Ieratikos Proestaminos Stephen Maxfield |
| <i>Assistant Priest</i> | Fr Timothy Pearce |
| <i>Deacon</i> | Fr Dcn Panteleimon Maxfield |

Readers

Aidan Hart
David Lewis
Banayiodis Vanezi
Vasillios Vanezi
John Tierney
Edmund Maxfield

Servers

There are 14 men and boys rostered to serve at the altar.

Lay workers

Presbytera Catherine Maxfield (Philoptochos)
Eleni Maoudis (Philoptochos)
Rachel Allum (Sacristan)
David Lewis (Chanter)
Veronica Davies (Librarian and Bookstall)
David Lewis, Elizabeth Morris (ground staff)
Philippa Humphreys (children's ministries)
Dana-Mihaela Moldovan (children's ministries)

Governance

The board of Trustees is newly appointed every two years, 8 members being elected by members of the community and 4 being appointed by His Eminence, Archbishop Nikitas of Thyateira and Great Britain who is our *ex officio* Chairman. Fr Stephen Maxfield and Fr Dcn Panteleimon Maxfield are *ex officio* members. The officials of the board are elected by the board members.

The board has authority over the day-to-day running of the community, and is responsible for our Risk Management and Protection Policies including Child Protection, Photography Policy and Health and Safety. The Board cooperates closely with the clergy and with our sister charity, the Shrewsbury Orthodox Church Appeal Foundation (Charity no 1166735) which manages the funds for our capital projects.

Liturgical matters are the responsibility of the priest, answerable to the Archbishop.

Administrative details

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| Charity no | 1087910 |
| Reg address | 9, Hexham Way, Shrewsbury, SY2 6QX, Tel 01743 247619 |
| Website | www.shrewsburyorthodox.com |
| Contact details | Fr Stephen Maxfield, Fox Cottage, Albrighton, Shrewsbury SY4 3AG Tel 01939 291078 Email info@shrewsburyorthodox.com |
| Insurer | Congregational |
| Accountants | WR Partners, Belmont House, Shrewsbury Business Park Shrewsbury SY2 6LG |
| Bank | Lloyds, 1 Pride Hill, Shrewsbury SY1 1DG |
| Architect | Donald Insall Associates, 30, Harborne Rd., Birmingham B15 3AA |

Objectives and Activities

Since the founding of our community in 1986 and our registration as a charity in 2001, we have grown and matured hugely as a diverse and thriving community. In addition to our British members, there are Greeks, Russians, Romanians, Bulgarians, folk of North African descent and Chinese. Mutual respect and acceptance has flowed naturally from our shared Orthodox faith and worship.

We have fulfilled a need as a welcoming community for visitors and settling immigrants to the UK. From time to time in the past we have been able to cooperate with the Greek Consulate in Birmingham.

Our community is growing steadily. In addition to those from Orthodox Countries or their descendants living in the locality, British people are now showing more and more interest in Orthodoxy and there is a steady stream of new members.

Our church building (built between the 9th and 12th centuries and Grade II* listed) has some rare 14th century wall paintings, and a large wall painting on the east wall behind the altar, modern (2012) but of traditional iconographic design. To these during 2020 we made plans to add 'roundels' depicting saints chosen by members of our community. This project is being funded entirely by an appeal to our members. Further progress was delayed by Lockdown.

Liturgical review

Services held through the year

Like all places of public worship, we had to close our doors to the public for many months during 2020. Worship continued without a break, however, (as permitted by the Archbishop) with just the Priest, the Deacon, and the Chanter and were broadcast to Youtube and Mixlr, and was a great comfort to those confined to their homes during this period. On average our broadcasts were accessed by 60 devices each Sunday. After the end of Lockdown, over a period of 21 weeks to the end of 2020, the Sunday attendances ranged from 9 to 83 with an average of 41.

We adhered to the normal timetable of services, according to the rules of the Greek Orthodox Church, i.e. (as a minimum) Vespers on Saturday evenings, Matins and the Liturgy on Sunday mornings and the Liturgy on the mornings of some Saints' Days during the week, with additional services during Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

The music in church

Only a single chanter was permitted to undertake the singing during the pandemic. This has forced us to review our arrangements and look at the problem of training new, younger chanters. The complexity of Orthodox ritual and the vast corpus of liturgical texts and the unfamiliar Byzantine chants that go with them pose a problem for those coming to Orthodoxy from other traditions late in life, but are no difficulty for Greeks or Romanians with musical ability. This is an area that will require planning and resources in the future.

Liturgical and pastoral support elsewhere

In addition to our Church of the Holy Fathers of Nicea in Shrewsbury, we support 'daughter' parishes in Lampeter, cared for by Fr Timothy Pearce, and Leominster, where Fr Stephen Maxfield serves the Liturgy from time to time. Also, the Liturgy is served monthly in the Serbian Orthodox Church of St Nicholas in Telford. These activities effectively give us a wide catchment area for Orthodox Christians.

Educational activities

Using Zoom for adult teaching sessions during Lockdown revealed an interest from a wide geographical area, so Zoom remains now the method of choice for one of the two sessions that take place each week. A bookstall and a library provide further resources.

We have a close relationship with the Thyateira Midlands Ecclesiastical Seminary in Walsall, where monthly all-day sessions are held and a variety of courses are run. During Lockdown this activity was conducted by Zoom

Our children's club, the Varangians, named after the Byzantine Emperor's bodyguard, kept functioning during Lockdown through the imaginative use of social media. Special

children's events included a festival for St Nicholas, and a global zoom session dramatically captured the international nature of the Orthodox Church. Out of Lockdown, our Sunday School and Greek School were able to function normally.

We also provide financial support and practical help for the Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain's annual children's summer camp which takes place nearby in a field in Shropshire.

Outreach

Our Philoptochos ('Lovers of the Poor') team was able to do much practical work. Early in the year this group did a huge amount of work, both financial and practical, in connection with the homelessness caused by the floods in Shrewsbury. During Lockdown, a 'Holy Fathers' Whatsapp group kept people connected and positive who would otherwise have experienced real loneliness.

After Lockdown, the Philoptochos continued their more routine work such as helping with individual cases of hardship, welcoming newcomers to our community, and hospital visiting.

Our website, www.shrewsburyorthodox.com, developed over the past few years to a high standard, now carries all our news, articles, calendar, 'who we are', 'how to contact us', how to donate etc.

Future plans

As an expanding church community with only the church building, we urgently need facilities for meetings, social gatherings and for teaching adults and children, and the church itself needs extending, being far too small for the size of congregations we are getting with the steady increase of membership. (Over the past several years we have used a marquee as a church extension for the thronging crowds that attend at Easter.)

Taken all together, this is an expensive, long-term project. During 2020 we reached the stage of acquiring a strip of land next to the church to serve as a car park and amenity space, and transferred the title of the church to our sister charity, the Shrewsbury Orthodox Church Appeal Foundation (Charity no 1166735) in order to streamline future capital transactions.

Treasurer's Report

Overview

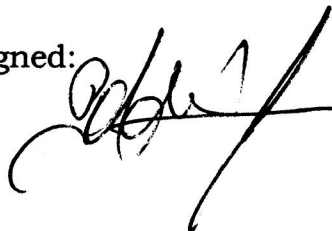
Our financial functions are now divided between our Board of Trustees, which manage the day-to-day running of the community, and our sister charity, the Shrewsbury Orthodox Church Appeal Foundation (Charity no 1166735) which manages funds for our capital projects.

During 2020, the pandemic lockdown precluded special fundraising events, but our income was sustained through the increased use of on-line giving, an increase in standing orders and gift-aid covenanting, the streamlining of our membership renewals, and the use of Paypal. In spite of the pandemic, or perhaps because of it, our finances are now more secure and predictable.

Financial risk management policies

The Board of Trustees is kept aware of the financial situation by receiving a Treasurer's report routinely at its monthly meetings. We aim to keep funds in hand equal to 3 months' unrestricted expenses.

signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Adrian Pavel', written over a horizontal line.

Mr Adrian Pavel, Trustee and Treasurer to the Board.

date:

24. 12. 2022

GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF NICEA

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Tim Lunt BA FCCA MIRPM

WR Partners
Chartered Accountants
Belmont House
Shrewsbury Business Park
Shrewsbury
Shropshire
SY2 6LG

Dated: 28/06/2021

GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF NICEA

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Receipts

| | 2020 | | 2019 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Unrestricted £ | Total Funds £ | Total Funds £ |
| Donations, legacies and grants | | | |
| Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals | - | - | 223 |
| Collections & Donations | 11,690 | 11,690 | 17,212 |
| Candles | 613 | 613 | 2,501 |
| Special collections | 614 | 614 | 600 |
| Donations & Members' subscriptions | 12,369 | 12,369 | 10,446 |
| Fundraising events | | - | 3,199 |
| Book Stall | 557 | 557 | 1,490 |
| Charitable activity | 3,005 | 3,005 | - |
| Tax Reclaimed | - | - | 14,766 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 28,849 | 28,849 | 50,438 |

GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF NICEA

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

| Payments | 2020 | | | 2019 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total funds | Total Funds |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Church activities | | | | |
| Priest's fees | 21,784 | - | 21,784 | 28,873 |
| Votive candles | 395 | - | 395 | 700 |
| Liturgical supplies | 90 | - | 90 | 60 |
| Telford Church rent | 400 | - | 400 | 400 |
| Repairs and Maintenance | 607 | - | 607 | 3,102 |
| Electricity | 924 | - | 924 | 1,009 |
| Insurance | 1,207 | - | 1,207 | 1,140 |
| Grants and donations paid | | | | |
| Charitable Donations | 763 | - | 763 | 1,505 |
| Diocese and Patriarch | 100 | - | 100 | 142 |
| Archdiocesan Central Fund | 122 | - | 122 | 1,000 |
| Subscriptions | 25 | - | 25 | 115 |
| Varangians & Youth | 15 | - | 15 | 339 |
| SOCOF Land Purchase grant | - | - | - | 83,000 |
| Charitable activity | 2,767 | - | 2,767 | - |
| Administrative costs | | | | |
| General, printing, postage & static | 3,789 | - | 3,789 | 2,951 |
| Independent Examiner fee | 1,194 | - | 1,194 | 876 |
| Bookstall | 473 | - | 473 | 923 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 34,655 | - | 34,655 | 126,136 |
| (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR | (5,806) | - | (5,806) | (75,698) |
| TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD | 37,477 | | 37,477 | 113,175 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | 31,671 | - | 31,671 | 37,477 |

GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF NICEA

STATEMENT OF ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

| Monetary Asset | Unrestricted £ | 2020 | | 2019 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | Restricted £ | Total Funds £ | Total Funds £ |
| Bank and cash held | 31,671 | - | 31,671 | 37,477 |
| Assets retained for own use: | | | | |
| Church Building (valuation) | 223,000 | - | 223,000 | 223,000 |

Signed on behalf of all the Trustees by:



Trustee: Adrian Pavel

Date: 25.6.2021

ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

| | Balance as at 01-Jan-20 | Receipts | Payments | Balance as at 31-Dec-20 |
|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| GENERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| General - cash | 37,477 | 28,849 | 34,655 | 31,671 |
| General - other | 223,000 | - | - | 223,000 |
| | <u>260,477</u> | <u>28,849</u> | <u>34,655</u> | <u>254,671</u> |

**GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF NICEA
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Notes

Related Party Transactions

During 2020 there were no related party transactions.

During 2019 the charity paid £83,000 to Shrewsbury Orthodox Church Appeal Foundation (SOCAF), a registered charity, number 1166735, in respect of funding the purchase of land adjacent to the church and the extending of the church by adding a Narthex.

Mr Nicholas Moore, President of the charity, is also Chairman of SOCAF.

Dr David Lewis and Aleksander Stojanovic are trustees of both the charities.

Yiannoulla Vanezi, a trustee of the charity, is a close family relation to Ban Vanezi, trustee of SOCAF.