

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>	Æconemos 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

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 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').

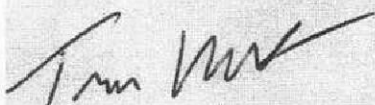
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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
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Shropshire
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Dated: 19.05.2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Receipts

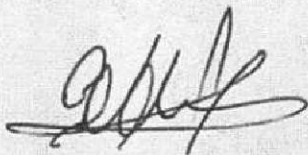
	2021		2020
	Unrestricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Donations, legacies and grants			
Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals	-	-	-
Collections & Donations	18,381	18,381	11,690
Candles	2,694	2,694	613
Special collections	4,260	4,260	614
Donations & Members' subscriptions	17,295	17,295	12,369
Fundraising events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

<u>Payments</u>	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

		2021		2020
Monetary Asset	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	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.