

# HOLY APOSTLES ORTHODOX TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1109040

## Details

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Other names	HOLY APOSTLES ORTHODOX CHURCH PRESTON, THE GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF HOLY APOSTLES (OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF THYATEIRA AND GREAT BRITAIN OF THE OECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE OF CONSTANTINOPLE)
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2005-04-14
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FAITH AND TRADITIONS AS CONTAINED IN HOLY SCRIPTURE, AS PRACTICED IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH, AS CONFIRMED BY THE OECUMENICAL AND LOCAL COUNCILS AND AS INTERPRETED, PRESERVED AND TAUGHT BY THE GREAT CHURCH OF CHRIST, THE OECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE OF CONSTANTINOPLE.

**Activities:** Parish church of the Greek Orthodox archdiocese.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE LANCASHIRE AND CUMBRIA.
- Cumbria
- Lancashire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£30,374	£31,398	-	-
2024-03-31	£24,502	£25,895	-	-
2023-03-31	£24,489	£38,237	-	-
2022-03-31	£20,152	£28,727	-	-
2021-03-31	£22,652	£161,027	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Clive James Williams	Chair	2023-06-11
ALAN WILLIAM DENIS MELLOW		2011-05-16
Antonios Pratsas		2020-01-19

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# Accounts

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**The Orthodox Church of the Holy Apostles**  
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain  
Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople



# **Holy Apostles Orthodox Trust**

**403 Leyland Lane, Leyland, PR25 1TA**

**Registered Charity No: 1109040**

**email: [info@holy-apostles.org.uk](mailto:info@holy-apostles.org.uk)**

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES 2024/25**

**01.04.2024 - 31.03.2025**

**Prepared on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

### **CHARITY DETAILS**

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Phone: 07356281696

### **LIST OF TRUSTEES AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2025**

Alan William Denis Mellow, Antonios Pratsas, Clive James Williams, Owen Wordley.

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

The charity was formed as an unincorporated association by trust deed on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2005. Application for registration was made to the Charities Commission on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2005 and the charity was entered onto the register on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2005. The constitution was last amended 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

The charity functions as a parish of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain, which in turn is a part of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. As outlined in the trust constitution, the charity is under the canonical authority of the archdiocese and patriarchate and follows such relevant guidance in its activities. However the Trustees are nominated and elected by the parish members.

As the charity is a relatively small organization, at present the general day to day administration and management of the charity is carried out voluntarily by the chairman, other trustees, one volunteer admin assistant and the priest as required.

In duly organised meetings, the board of the trustees takes all major decisions and sets all policies with regards to the activities in accordance with the trust constitution of the charity.

Trustees are appointed, after election, in line with the rules set out in the trust constitution. There is no specific training policy in place for trustees but all new trustees are advised of their responsibilities under the law and relevant Charity Commission information is readily available.

The trustees have not identified any particular risks to which the charity is exposed.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Income for the year was 30,374 and expenditure was £31,398

The charity independent financial examiners are Alina Lord, Lord Accountancy, Blackburn.

The assets at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 were:

The freehold church building (1870s) and attached hall (1930s) situated at 403 Leyland Lane, Leyland, Lancashire PR25 1TA purchased in 2007. All remaining loans for the purchase and refitting were paid off in 2020. The building is not listed and is of no particular architectural merit.

15,633 ordinary shares in F&C Investment Trust PLC arising from a large donation in 2020. This donation anecdotally appeared to be under restrictions agreed between the donor and the then trustees, however the current trustees have no written evidence of any such restrictions. The donor's solicitors (who had transferred the funds to the Trust) were contacted in November 2024 and they stated that they had no records of any restrictions. A meeting with the donor took place in August 2025 at which the donor accepted that no formal enforceable restrictions had been made in writing and that any verbal intentions that may (or may not) have been discussed at the time would (from his side) no longer be in force. The donor agreed that the funds were indeed for the sole use of the Trustees of Holy Apostles Orthodox Trust as they deem fit. The current Trustees have continued the practice (since 2020) of only withdrawing the cash value of any dividends. The current Trustees do not intend to bind themselves or their successors in this matter. There is no specific reserve policy.

Funds at Lloyds Bank: £10,264

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The charity is essentially a local Christian church parish, being a part of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain. It carries on the normal parochial and religious activities of any Christian church but under the canonical authority, faith and traditions of the Orthodox Christian church as interpreted, preserved and taught by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

Religious services were provided regularly on Sundays with occasional other mid-week services according to the liturgical calendar, all open to the public for their benefit.

Assistance to the poor in the form of a regular monthly donation to Leyland Food Bank together with occasional food collections on their behalf.

The age of the church building and hall means that general and structural maintenance is never ending, £10,465 having been spent during the year.

The hall that was rented by a number of voluntary groups prior to the covid restrictions is now only rented on one evening per week and on occasional days during the year. The trustees understand that there is now an over-supply of venues in the local area many of which are more modern than ours.

There were no serious incidents during the year.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

The trustees intend investigating the conversion of the current Charitable Trust to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, recognising that this will mean creating a brand new charity (CIO) to continue the work of the parish and transferring the building/assets to it and then the closing of this Trust.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**Holy Apostles Orthodox Trust**

No (if any)  
1109040

**CC16a**

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from **01/04/2024** To **31/03/2025**

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary Income	25,692	-	-	25,692	18,132
Hall Rent	2,018	-	-	2,018	5,012
Gift Aid Refund/ Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Book Sales	244	-	-	244	108
Certificate Sales	2,420	-	-	2,420	1,250
Investment Income	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	<b>30,374</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,374</b>	<b>24,502</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	2,126	-	-	2,126	3,695
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,126</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,126</b>	<b>3,695</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>28,197</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Cost of goods	2,226	-	-	2,226	1,553
Charitable Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Governance Costs - Administrative	3,186	-	-	3,186	2,859
Support Costs	155	-	-	155	1,467
Outward Donations	600	-	-	600	198
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-
Staffing, training and expenses	14,766	-	-	14,766	14,069
Building maintenance and utilities	10,465	-	-	10,465	5,750
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>31,398</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,398</b>	<b>25,895</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Mortgage Repayment	-	-	-	-	-
Fixture and Fittings additions	-	-	-	-	-
Pilling & Co Cash Account	-	-	-	-	-
Pilling & Co Investment Account	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>31,398</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,398</b>	<b>25,895</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>2,303</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,162	-	-	9,162	6,859
Cash funds this year end	10,264	-	-	10,264	9,162

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Account	9,868	-	-
	Petty Cash	396	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>10,264</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

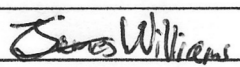
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Sales invoices	180	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Pilling & Co Investment Account	135,850.77	-	-
	Pilling & Co Cash Account	260	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Freehold Property	Unrestricted	240,285	-
	Fixtures	Unrestricted	55,225	40,425
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Trade creditors	159	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	C. JAMES WILLIAMS	19/09/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
HOLY APOSTLES OTHODOX TRUST

On accounts for the year  
ended

31.03.2025	Charity no (if any)	1109040
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1 to 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 for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2025**.

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.

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 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~ \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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

Signed: *Alina Lord*

Date: 28/12/2025

Name: ALINA LORD

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

FCCA

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22 Furness Avenue  
Simonstone

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

