

# THE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY MARTYR THE GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH

England & Wales · Charity number 1121760

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 2007-11-30

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

## Contact

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**Address** Rocks Farm  
Ewhurst Green  
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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FAITH, IN PARTICULAR BY THE FORMATION OF A MONASTIC COMMUNITY, OR MORE THAN ONE SUCH COMMUNITY, WITHIN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND OR IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND TO PROVIDE TO MEMBERS OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH AND TO ALL MEN AND WOMEN A PLACE OR PLACES OF PRAYER AND WORSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CANONICAL PRECEPTS AND LITURGICAL PRACTICE OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH AND TO PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR QUIET RETREATS AND SPIRITUAL COUNSELLING AND (TO THE EXTENT REASONABLY PRACTICABLE GIVEN THE SIZE OF THE COMMUNITY) THE PROVISION OF HOSPITALITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ANCIENT ORTHODOX MONASTIC TRADITION.

**Activities:** Russian Orthodox Monastic Community. 1) Spiritual help and advise. Visitors are welcome week-days and week-ends. Informal talks and sharing of religious books. Church choir meetings. Daily Psalter readings with commemoration of members, friends, neighbours and all those in need and who request prayers. 2) Help ill or needy local elderly people; those who suffer from drug or mental problems.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND OR IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND
- East Sussex
- Kent
- Surrey
- West Sussex

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£38,689	£37,485	-	-
2023-12-31	£39,035	£39,757	-	-
2022-12-31	£34,251	£36,411	-	-
2021-12-31	£29,040	£31,788	-	-
2020-12-31	£32,334	£33,705	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
MOTHER MARFA		
VERY REVD MAXIM NIKOLSKY		

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# Accounts

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**KNOWN AS THE COMMUNITY OF ST ELIZABETH**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**



**Caladine**

Chartered Certified Accountants

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**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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<b>Trustees</b>	The Very Reverend Archpriest Maxim Nikolsky Nun Martha (secular name: Olga Persianinova)
<b>Charity Number</b>	1121760
<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds 82 High Street Honiton Devon EX14 1JJ
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	John Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE Caladine Limited Chartered Certified Accountants Chantry House 22 Upperton Road Eastbourne BN21 1BF

# THE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY MARTYR THE GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH KNOWN AS THE COMMUNITY OF ST ELIZABETH

## TRUSTEES REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Report and the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

#### 1 Objects and Constitution

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#### 2 Public benefit

The Trustees consider that the objectives as described above and activities listed below fulfil the requirements of the Charity Commission's public benefit disclosure.

#### 3 Organisation

Trustees were in contact regularly during the year to oversee the work of the trust.

- Archpriest Maxim Nikolsky
- Nun Martha (secular name: Olga Persianinova)

#### 4 Review of Activities

##### *(a) Monastic and Liturgical Life*

Mother Martha resides full-time within the Sisterhood, adhering to her monastic rule. Services without a priest are conducted from 6:00 am to 8:30 am and 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

On Saturdays, services take place from 7:00 am to 9:00 am and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The Sunday Liturgy, officiated by a priest, is held from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The services are primarily conducted in both English and Church Slavonic.

After the services, the Sisterhood organizes charity lunches for all visitors, accompanied by spiritual talks delivered either by the priest or Mother Martha.

##### *(b) Spiritual Activities and missionary work*

- **Web site and Facebook page** provide information regarding the calendar of events and services, reviews of the Orthodox web sites in English, information on pilgrimages to British and Irish Holy places. <https://qdelizabeth.org.uk>

# THE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY MARTYR THE GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH KNOWN AS THE COMMUNITY OF ST ELIZABETH

## TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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#### 4 Review of Activities (continued)

- **Books.** We offer books in English and in Russian. Although the turnover is very small, we consider it necessary to continue it being one of the ways of educating our parishioners and giving them opportunity to learn more about Orthodoxy, its services and its saints.
- **Library.** Our parishioners use our library which includes books on Orthodoxy, lives of British and Russian Saints, Orthodox magazines in English and Russian, service books, DVDs etc.
- **Psalter.** The Psalter is read daily by Sister Martha and volunteer parishioners, with prayers offered for the sick and those in need.
- **Church choir.** Chanting is an important part of the Orthodox service and, therefore, the choir plays a major role in church services. Our choir mistress holds choir practices at least twice a week. In addition she provides one-to-one lessons for singers who need them.

#### *(c) Missionary Outlook*

The Sisterhood has a missionary outlook.

Many people attending services have rather little experience of regular church life.

We organise and take part in the pilgrimages to the places connected with early Christian British and Irish saints and encourage our parishioners to learn more about early Christian tradition and saints who lived on the British Isles.

Nun Martha continues to organise pilgrimages to the holy places in the UK and she does extensive work on promoting their lives and educating parishioners of the Sisterhood on the history of pre-norman England.

Our priests, Nun and readers are ready to help people who require information about Orthodox teaching and practice.

The Sisterhood continues to have good relations with the local Anglican priest and parishioners.

The Sisterhood plays an important role in supporting and developing the local Orthodox community in Kent and East Sussex

#### *(d) Receiving Pilgrims*

The Community welcomes pilgrims and helpers, many have contributed to voluntary work in the garden and helping with the church decoration, cooking, cleaning and other duties. A one-bedroom summer house was built by a few volunteers for parishioners and volunteers to stay overnight at Rocks Farm.

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**5 Financial Review and Reserves Policy**

The Community recorded a surplus for the year of £1,204 (2023: deficit of £722). Total cash funds at the year end amounted to £1,776 (2023: £572). The Community seeks to retain reserves when possible but not to the detriment of the work of the Community.

**6 Risk Management**

The Trustees have examined the major strategic business and operation risks which the Trust faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

Rocks Farm  
Ewhurst Green  
Robertsbridge  
East Sussex  
TN32 5RJ

On behalf of the Trustees



**Nun Martha**  
Trustee

Date: 21/10/2025

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY OF  
THE HOLY MARTYR THE GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Community Of The Holy Martyr The Grand Duchess Elizabeth. ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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



**JOHN CALADINE FCCA CTA FCIE**

Caladine Limited

Chartered Certified Accountants

Chantry House, 22 Upperton Road

Eastbourne, BN21 1BF

Date: 2. October 2025

**THE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY MARTYR THE GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH  
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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Gifts and donations	38,189		38,133	
Gift Aid recovered	-		-	
Interest	-		2	
Other income (loans)	500		900	
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>38,689</b>		<b>39,035</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Motor, travel and accomodation	5,935		4,699	
Household costs	13,650		13,628	
Building costs	1,397		4,500	
Garden costs	308		179	
Mobile and landline telephone	1,981		2,049	
Stationery and postage	453		272	
Honorarium/allowances	8,583		9,500	
Bank charges	61		21	
Accountancy	680		800	
Council tax	2,158		1,956	
Donations and gifts	1,218		1,455	
Miscellaneous	1,061		698	
		(37,485)		(39,757)
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>(37,485)</b>		<b>(39,757)</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments) in the year</b>		<b>1,204</b>		<b>(722)</b>
Cash funds at start of year		572		1,294
<b>Cash funds at year end</b>		<b>1,776</b>		<b>572</b>

**There are no restricted funds.**

THE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY MARTYR THE GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH  
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Cash at bank	1,776	572
Petty cash	-	-
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	1,776	572
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<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accountancy	600	720
Loan from supporter (interest free)	1,400	900
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	2,000	1,620
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<b>Freehold Property</b>		
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Approved by the Trustees on <sup>21/20/2025</sup> ..... and signed on its behalf by



Trustee  
Nun Martha

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**1. Accounting Policies**

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

**2. Fixed Assets**

**Freehold Property - Rooks Farm, Ewhurst Green, Robertsbridge**

The property is held on trust by the Russian Orthodox Diocese of Sourozh (charity number 277508).

**3. Incoming Resources**

Income is recognised upon receipt.

**4. Resources Used**

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is paid and allocated to the appropriate cost centre. Expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT.

**5. Funds**

**General funds** represent the funds of the trust that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the community. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the community are also unrestricted and have been incorporated into the General Fund.

**6. Transactions with Trustees**

None of the Trustees (or persons connected with them) received any remuneration.

An allowance of £3,000 (2023: £3,000) was paid to Nun Martha (Olga Persianinova) to cover out of pocket expenses. Nun Martha also provided the Community with a further interest free loan in the year of £500 leaving £1,400 outstanding at the 31 December 2024 year end.

None of the other Trustees had financial transactions with Community.

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Chartered Certified Accountants

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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**5 Financial Review and Reserves Policy**

The Community recorded a deficit for the year of £722 (2022: £2,160). Total cash funds at the year end amounted to £572 (2022: £1,294). The Community seeks to retain reserves when possible but not to the detriment of the work of the Community.

**6 Risk Management**

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Robertsbridge  
East Sussex  
TN32 5RJ

On behalf of the Trustees



**Kateryna Cherkas**  
Trustee

Date: 3rd October 2024

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THE HOLY MARTYR THE GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH**

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Date: 3rd October 2024

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Gifts and donations	38,133		34,251	
Gift Aid recovered	-		-	
Interest	2		-	
Other income (loans)	900		-	
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>39,035</b>		<b>34,251</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Motor, travel and accomodation	4,699		3,427	
Household costs	13,628		15,108	
Building costs	4,500		7,133	
Garden costs	179		256	
Mobile and landline telephone	2,049		1,674	
Stationery and postage	272		71	
Honorarium/allowances	9,500		3,000	
Bank charges	21		151	
Accountancy	800		180	
Council tax	1,956		2,456	
Donations and gifts	1,455		350	
Miscellaneous	698		2,605	
		(39,757)		(36,411)
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>(39,757)</b>		<b>(36,411)</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments) in the year</b>		<b>(722)</b>		<b>(2,160)</b>
Cash funds at start of year		1,294		3,454
<b>Cash funds at year end</b>		<b>572</b>		<b>1,294</b>

**There are no restricted funds.**

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

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	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Cash at bank	572	1,294
Petty cash	-	-
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	572	1,294
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<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accountancy	720	840
Loan from supporter (interest free)	900	-
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	1,620	840
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<b>Freehold Property</b>		
See note 2	-	-
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Approved by the Trustees on 3rd October 2024 and signed on its behalf by



**Trustee**  
Kateryna Cherkas

**THE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY MARTYR THE GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH  
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**Freehold Property - Rooks Farm, Ewhurst Green, Robertsbridge**

The property is held on trust by the Russian Orthodox Diocese of Surozh (charity number 277508).

**3. Incoming Resources**

Income is recognised upon receipt.

**4. Resources Used**

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is paid and allocated to the appropriate cost centre. Expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT.

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**General funds** represent the funds of the trust that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the community. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the community are also unrestricted and have been incorporated into the General Fund.

**6. Transactions with Trustees**

None of the Trustees (or persons connected with them) received any remuneration.

An allowance of £3,000 (2022: £3,000) was paid to Nun Martha (Olga Persianinova) to cover out of pocket expenses. Nun Martha also provided the Community an interest free loan in the year of £900 which was still outstanding at the 31 December 2023 year end.

None of the other Trustees had financial transactions with Community.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1121760

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Chartered Certified Accountants

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# THE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY MARTYR THE GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH KNOWN AS THE COMMUNITY OF ST ELIZABETH

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### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Gifts and donations	34,251		29,040	
Gift Aid recovered	-		-	
Other income	-		-	
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<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>34,251</b>		<b>29,040</b>
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<b>Payments</b>				
Motor and travel expenses	3,427		3,544	
Household costs	15,108		14,513	
Building costs	7,133		2,455	
Garden costs	256		350	
Mobile and landline telephone	1,674		1,585	
Church consumables	-		3,668	
Stationery and postage	71		227	
Expense allowance	3,000		3,000	
Bank charges	151		17	
Accountancy	180		261	
Council tax	2,456		1,032	
Donations and gifts	350		495	
Miscellaneous	2,605		642	
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		(36,411)		(31,788)
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<b>Total payments</b>		<b>(36,411)</b>		<b>(31,788)</b>
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<b>Net receipts / (payments) in the year</b>		<b>(2,160)</b>		<b>(2,748)</b>
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Cash funds at start of year		3,454		6,202
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<b>Cash funds at year end</b>		<b>1,294</b>		<b>3,454</b>
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank Balance in Current Account	908	137
Bank Balance in Building Works Account	109	133
Bank Balance in Account No. 2003155	106	2,905
Bank Balance in Business Instant Access Account	171	271
Petty cash balance	-	7
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	1,294	3,454
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<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accountancy	840	1,623
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Approved by the Trustees on 2 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by



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**THE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY MARTYR THE GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1121760

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	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Gifts and donations	29,040		29,883	
Gift Aid recovered	-		2,449	
Other income	-		2	
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>29,040</b>		<b>32,334</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Motor and travel expenses	3,544		4,413	
Household costs	14,513		12,114	
Building costs	2,455		4,769	
Garden costs	350		893	
Mobile and landline telephone	1,585		1,575	
Church consumables	3,668		2,492	
Stationery and postage	227		109	
Expense allowance	3,000		3,000	
Bank charges	17		24	
Accountancy	261		1,008	
Council tax	1,032		1,749	
Donations and gifts	495		1,170	
Miscellaneous	642		389	
		(31,788)		(33,705)
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>(31,788)</b>		<b>(33,705)</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments) in the year</b>		<b>(2,748)</b>		<b>(1,371)</b>
Cash funds last year end		6,202		7,573
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

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Bank Balance in Business Instant Access Account	271	471
Petty cash balance	7	37
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**2. Fixed Assets**

**Freehold Property - Rooks Farm, Ewhurst Green, Robertsbridge**

The property is held on trust by the Russian Orthodox Diocese of Sourozh (Charity Number 277508).

**3. Incoming Resources**

Income is recognised upon receipt.

**4. Resources Used**

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is paid and allocated to the appropriate cost centre. Expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT.

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**General funds** represent the funds of the trust that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the community. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the community are also unrestricted and have been incorporated into the General Fund.

**6. Transactions with Trustees**

None of the Trustees (or persons connected with them) received any remuneration. An allowance of £3,000 (2020: £3,000) was paid to Nun Martha to cover out of pocket expenses. No other Trustees were re-imbursed for out-of-pocket expenses.

**THE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY MARTYR THE GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1121760

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**5 Financial Review and Reserves Policy**

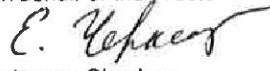
The Community had a deficit on General Fund for the year of £1,371. The Community seeks to retain reserves when possible but not to the detriment of the work of the Community.

**6 Risk Management**

The Trustees have examined the major strategic business and operation risks which the Trust faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

Rocks Farm  
Ewhurst Green  
Robertsbridge  
East Sussex  
TN32 5RJ

On behalf of the Trustees

  
Kateryna Cherkas  
Trustee

Date: 26 October 2021

**THE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY MARTYR THE GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH  
KNOWN AS THE COMMUNITY OF ST ELIZABETH**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY  
OF THE HOLY MARTYR THE GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Community Of The Holy Martyr The Grand Duchess Elizabeth. ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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



**JOHN CALADINE FCCA CTA FCIE**

Caladine Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
Chantry House, 22 Upperton Road  
Eastbourne, BN21 1BF

Date: 27 October 2021

THE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY MARTYR THE GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH  
 KNOWN AS THE COMMUNITY OF ST ELIZABETH

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Gifts and donations	29,883		35,584	
Gift Aid recovered	2,449		-	
Other income	2		7	
		32,334		35,591
Loans received		-		-
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>32,334</b>		<b>35,591</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Motor and travel expenses	4,413		6,363	
Household costs	12,114		12,193	
Building costs	4,769		1,335	
Garden costs	893		1,044	
Mobile and landline telephone	1,575		1,424	
Church consumables	2,492		505	
Stationery and postage	109		146	
Expense allowance	3,000		3,000	
Bank charges	24		6	
Accountancy	1,008		996	
Council tax	1,749		1,342	
Donations and gifts	1,170		1,763	
Miscellaneous	389		406	
		(33,705)		(30,523)
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>(33,705)</b>		<b>(30,523)</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments) in the year</b>		<b>(1,371)</b>		<b>5,068</b>
Cash funds last year end		7,573		2,505
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>		<b>6,202</b>		<b>7,573</b>

There are no restricted funds.

THE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY MARTYR THE GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH  
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank Balance in Current Account	331	560
Bank Balance in Building Works Account	333	12
Bank Balance in Account No. 2003155	5,030	471
Bank Balance in Business Instant Access Account	471	6,530
Petty cash balance	37	1
	<u>6,202</u>	<u>7,573</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accountancy	1,044	900
	<u>1,044</u>	<u>900</u>
<b>Freehold Property</b>		
See note 2	-	-
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Approved by the Trustees on 26.10.21 and signed on its behalf by



**Trustee**  
Kateryna Cherkas

**THE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY MARTYR THE GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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**1. Accounting Policies**

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

**2. Fixed Assets**

**Freehold Property - Rooks Farm, Ewhurst Green, Robertsbridge**

The property is held on trust by the Russian Orthodox Diocese of Sourozh (Charity Number 277508).

**3. Incoming Resources**

Income is recognised upon receipt.

**4. Resources Used**

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is paid and allocated to the appropriate cost centre. Expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT.

**5. Funds**

**General funds** represent the funds of the trust that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the community. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the community are also unrestricted and have been incorporated into the General Fund.

**6. Transactions with Trustees**

None of the Trustees (or persons connected with them) received any remuneration. An allowance of £3,000 (2019: £3,000) was paid to Nun Martha to cover out of pocket expenses. No other Trustees were re-imbursed for out-of-pocket expenses.