

ST MARY AND ST ABANOUB COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, WEST AND NORTH YORKSHIRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1123005

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2008-02-28

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

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Activities

Objects: ADVANCING THE RELIGION OF THE COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH IN WEST AND NORTH YORKSHIRE.

Activities: The objects of the Church shall be advancing the religion of the Coptic Orthodox Church in West & North Yorkshire.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WEST AND NORTH YORKSHIRE
- Bradford City
- City Of Wakefield
- City Of York
- Leeds City
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£114,162	£111,651	-	-
2024-04-05	£97,705	£74,254	-	-
2023-04-05	£114,444	£184,457	-	-
2022-04-05	£124,211	£166,570	-	-
2021-04-05	£92,329	£58,246	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
His Eminence Metropolitan Anba Antony	Chair	
Dr GEORGE ABOUDA MRCP, MD		
Dr TAMER RIAD DA FRCA		
Dr TAMER RIAD DA, FRCA		
MAGDY ATTIA		
NEVEEN LEWIS		
Sameh Sidhom		2015-02-01

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**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements For The Year Ended
5th April 2025
for ST. MARY & ST ABANOUB
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH,
WEST & NORTH YORKSHIRE**

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- The Charity continues to provide the main objectives of providing and maintaining a place of worship, residence for the priest and the collection of memberships and donations as well as the running cost of maintaining the Church.
- A second Priest was appointed to the church during this financial year and the associated costs of this are reflected in the increased expenditure during this year compared with previous years.
- The Sunday School continues to flourish with new members joining during the year. An online presence as well as in-person meetings takes place.
- The weekly online prayer group for Primary and Secondary ages continued as normal
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- We continued active fundraising to enable betterment of the church facilities to continue uninterrupted. The Trustees were satisfied with the progress of work by the end of the financial year.
- We continue to maintain the church grounds and graveyard through the assistance of a gardener who attend to the grounds regularly.
- Plans for expanding the car park are in place and the first phase has started.
- An agreement has been reached with our neighbour re-right of access.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial position of the charity is considered most satisfactory for its period of account. (Refer to Achievements and Accounts).

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The trustees are aware that car parking facilities require improvement. A plan to upgrade these was started during this financial year and will continue into the following financial year.

Ongoing care and maintenance of the listed building continued during this financial year and will continue into the following financial year.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the trustees on 19 January 2026 and signed on their behalf.

The Annual Accounts for The Year Ended

5th April 2025

for ST. MARY & ST ABANOUB COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH,

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Receipts and Payments Accounts				
From	06/04/2024	To	05/04/2025	

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and Gifts	91,714			91,714	81,609
HMRC Gift Aid Recovery	22,371			22,371	16,096
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Subtotal (Gross income for AR)	114,085	-	-	114,085	97,705

A2 Asset and investment sales.

Deposit Account Interest	77			77	16
Subtotal	77	-	-	77	16
Total Receipts	114,162	-	-	114,162	97,721

A3 Payments

Salaries and Employer NIC	25,343			25,343	6,046
Pensions Cost	237			237	-
Church Activities	8,960			8,960	2,579
Clergy Living Expenses	24,605			24,605	20,350
Motor and Travelling Expenses	5,370			5,370	1,031
Premises Insurance	6,353			6,353	5,384
Light & Heat (Electricity & Gas)	16,663			16,663	15,691
Water & Council Tax	6,759			6,759	4,271
Gardening & Cleaning Services	1,787			1,787	1,385
Premises Maintenance, Repairs & Renewals	13,668			13,668	16,710

Legal & Professional Fees	918			918	-
Telephone & Internet	690			690	744
Bank Charges	298			298	79
Subtotal	111,651	-	-	111,651	74,270

A4 Asset and investment purchases.

Subtotal

		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

Total Payments

111,651	-	-	111,651	74,270
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Net of receipts/(payments)

2,511	-	-	2,511	23,451
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A5 Transfers between funds

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A6 Cash funds last year end

49,435			49,435	25,984
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Cash funds this year end

51,946	-	-	51,946	49,435
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Section B Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the year

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash At Banks	51,946		-
	Cash In Hand		-	-
	Total cash funds	51,946	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid Outstanding	76,000	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs		
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church & The Hall	285,960		
	Motor & Vehicle	1		
	Total Assets (B4)	285,961	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		-	-	

	Signature	Print Name	Date
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	<i>Neveen Lewis</i>	Mrs. Neveen Lewis	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

BASIS OF PREPARATION

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis as permitted for smaller charities under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011. The statements include only the cash transactions during the financial year, and the cash balances held at the beginning and end of the year. No adjustments have been made for accruals, prepayments, depreciation, or other non-cash items.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- **Basis of accounting**

The charity prepares its financial statements on the Receipts and Payments basis. Only cash received and cash paid during the year are included.

- **Fund accounting**

The charity holds:

- **Unrestricted funds**, which may be used at the trustees' discretion for the general purposes of the charity.
- **Restricted funds**, which must be used in accordance with the donor's instructions. No restricted or endowment funds were held during the year.

- **Fixed assets**

As the charity prepares Receipts and Payments Accounts, fixed assets are not capitalised. The church building, hall and vehicle are shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at their historic values for information only.

- **Gift Aid**

Gift Aid income is recorded when received. Any outstanding Gift Aid claims at year-end are disclosed as "Other monetary assets".

- **Volunteer contributions**

The value of volunteer time is not included in the accounts.

- **Grants and donations**

All donations and grants are recorded when received.

- **Payments**

Payments are recorded when made. This includes salaries, clergy expenses, utilities, maintenance, and other operating costs.



**REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF ST MARY AND ST ABANOUB COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH
(CHARITY NO. 1123005) ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 2025.**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **St Mary and St Abanoub Coptic Orthodox Church** For the year ended **5th April 2025**.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year ended **5th April 2025**, under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts provide a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Macara Accountancy Ltd



Name: **Ezzat Melek Ebrahim Yacoub** – **FCCA** - Company Director

Address: Flat 5 Margarets Court, Ilkley, LS298DY

Date: **15/01/2026**

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- One major development is the appointment of a new member of the clergy to assist with the growing congregation numbers and activities. This entails more expenses to be funded by the church but the trustees hope it would assist in maintaining our objectives as well as assist with the additional pastoral workload.
- Following the cessation of Covid restrictions worship services and meetings returned to church.
- The Sunday School continues to flourish with new members joining during the year. An online presence as well as in-person meetings takes place.
- The weekly online prayer group for Primary and Secondary ages continued as normal
- The Ladies Group and Men's Group still meet regularly online to pray and study the Bible together.
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A number fire safety and health & safety upgrades continued during the course of the financial year and will continue in the next year.

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We continue to maintain the church grounds and graveyard through the assistance of a gardener who attend to the grounds regularly.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial position of the charity is considered most satisfactory for its first period of account. (Refer to Achievements and Accounts).

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The trustees are aware that car parking facilities require improvement. A plan to upgrade these continued during the course of the year.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the trustees on 27 January 2025 and signed on their behalf.

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 5th April 2024**

	<u>05-Apr-24</u>	<u>05-Apr-23</u>
	<u>Unrestricted fund</u>	<u>Total funds</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Donation and gifts	97,705	114,439
Other Income	-	5
	<u>97,705</u>	<u>114,444</u>
EXPENDITURE ON		
Management and administration	74,254	34,997
Building The Main Hall	-	149,460
Total Resources Used	<u>74,254</u>	<u>184,457</u>
Net Movement in Funds for the Period	23,451	(70,013)
Balance Brought Forward	25,983	95,996
Total Funds Carried Forward at 05 April 2024	<u>49,434</u>	<u>25,983</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements
ST MARY & ST ABANOUB
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Balance Sheet
At 5th April 2024

Balance Sheet

As at 5th April 2024

	<u>05-Apr-24</u>	<u>05-Apr-23</u>
	<u>Unrestricted fund</u>	<u>Total funds</u>
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		
Land & Buildings - Church	1	1
The Main Hall - Building	285,959	285,959
Vehicles	6,300	6,300
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(6,299)</u>	<u>(6,299)</u>
	<u>285,961</u>	<u>285,961</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank and in hand	<u>49,434</u>	<u>25,983</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>335,395</u>	<u>311,944</u>
FINANCED BY UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>335,395</u>	<u>311,944</u>

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Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation of Accounts

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

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

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

Tangible Fixed Assets

Motor vehicles are depreciated using a rate of 25% based on the declining balance method.

Income

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

Management and Administration Expenditure

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

This final statement prepared according to the information that has been given.

The members of the church council:

{1} Rev.Fr. Abanoub St. Paul

{2} Dr George Abouda

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Work on the proposed hall to provide a meeting room continued and occupation of the new hall too place during this year. A number of other fire safety and health and safety works commenced towards the latter part of the financial year and will continue in the next year.

We continued active fundraising to enable betterment of the church facilities to continue uninterrupted. The Trustees were satisfied with the progress of work by the end of the financial year.

We continue to maintain the church grounds and graveyard through the assistance of a gardener who attend to the grounds regularly.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial position of the charity is considered most satisfactory for its first period of account. (Refer to Achievements and Accounts).

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The trustees are aware that car parking facilities require improvement. A plan to upgrade these is to be instigated.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the trustees on 28th January 2024 and signed on their behalf.

TRUSTEES

Dr. Tamer Riad

**ST MARY & ST ABANOUB
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, YORKSHIRE
Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 5th April 2023**

ST MARY & ST ABANOUB COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, YORKSHIRE

Statement of Financial Activities

for the Year Ended 5th April 2023

	<u>05-Apr-23</u>	<u>05-Apr-22</u>
	<u>Unrestricted fund</u>	<u>Total funds</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Donation and gifts	114,439	111,129
Other Income	5	13,082
	<u>114,444</u>	<u>124,211</u>
EXPENDITURE ON		
Management and administration	34,997	30,070
Building The Main Hall	149,460	136,500
Total Resources Used	<u>184,457</u>	<u>166,570</u>
Net Movement in Funds for the Period	(70,013)	(42,359)
Balance Brought Forward	95,996	138,355
Total Funds Carried Forward at 05 April 2023	<u>25,983</u>	<u>95,996</u>

ST MARY & ST ABANOUB COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, YORKSHIRE

Balance Sheet

As at 5th April 2023

	<u>05-Apr-23</u>	<u>05-Apr-22</u>
	<u>Unrestricted fund</u>	<u>Total funds</u>
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		
Land & Buildings - Church	1	1
The Main Hall - Building	285,959	136,500
Vehicles	6,300	6,300
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(6,299)</u>	<u>(5,916)</u>
	<u>285,961</u>	<u>136,885</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank and in hand	<u>25,983</u>	<u>95,612</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>311,944</u>	<u>232,497</u>
FINANCED BY UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>311,944</u>	<u>232,497</u>

ST MARY & ST ABANOUB COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, YORKSHIRE

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 5th April 2023

Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation of Accounts

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

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

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

Tangible Fixed Assets

Motor vehicles are depreciated using a rate of 25% based on the declining balance method.

Income

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

Management and Administration Expenditure

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

Expenditure for the Main Hall Building was determined in accordance with the actual incurred costs.

This final statement prepared according to the information that has been given.

The members of the church council:

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{4} Mr Sameh Sidhom

{5} Dr Tamer Riad

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Accounts

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:
1123005**

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements For The Year Ended
5th April 2022
for ST. MARY & ST ABANOUB
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH,
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COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, YORKSHIRE
Charity Information**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 1985, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

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Registered Charity number: 1123005

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**ST MARY & ST ABANOUB
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, YORKSHIRE
Trustees' Report**

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5th APRIL 2022
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 05th April 2022
The trustees present their report and accounts for the period ended 5th April 2022

TRUSTEES

The trustees named on page 1 have served throughout the period. Appointment of trustees is governed by the Church Constitution (Appendix 1) of the Charity. The Board of Trustees is authorised to appoint new trustees to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of an existing trustee.

INVESTMENT POWERS

The Church Constitution (Appendix 1) authorises the trustees to make and hold investments using the general funds of the charity.

CONSTITUTION, OBJECTS AND POLICIES

The Charitable Trust is constituted by Church Constitution, and its objects are to provide worship for believers of the Coptic Orthodox Faith.

Objectives:

The objects of the Church shall be advancing the religion of the Coptic Orthodox Church in West & North Yorkshire. In furtherance of the foregoing objectives, the Church shall have the following powers:

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 - d. Power to do all such other things as shall further the attainment of the said objects or aims of the church.

The policy of the Charitable Trust to be the provision of additional finance in order that its objects stated above might be further achieved.

Objectives for the year:

Our plans for the next financial year primarily include the continuing function of the church and its associated activities.

DEVELOPMENT, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- The trustees consider that the performance of the charity this period has been most satisfactory.
- The trust would not be able to provide such a wide service to our beneficiaries without the continued support of a large number of willing members.
- The Charity continues to provide the main objectives of providing and maintaining a place of worship, residence for the priest and the collection of memberships and donations as well as the running cost of maintaining the Church.
- This year the Church has perused a significant project, with regards to providing a meeting hall. The project resulted in a significant increase in the repairs cost of this financial year, resulting in a deficit in the funds brought forward. The deficit is being funded by utilisation of reserves accumulated from previous years' balance. This project will conclude next year, and it is expected that this deficit will be recovered over the next few years.

- This year has been most unusual with the Covid lockdown taking our building out of action for the first three months of the year. However, worship services and meetings continued in an on-line format and, subsequently, services in church continued on a less frequent basis and with severely restricted numbers.
- The Sunday School moved its operations to an online format but, despite this, continues to flourish with new members who have joined the online classes during the year.
- The weekly online prayer group for Primary and Secondary ages continued as normal
- The Ladies Group and Men's Group still meet regularly online to pray and study the Bible together.
- The Youth Bible Study group and an Apologetics Group continued to meet virtually
- Work on the proposed annexe to provide a meeting room commenced in May 2021 and continued through to the end of the financial year. These works formed the basis of all new development work within the church and, apart from essential maintenance and repair, no new works to the church were undertaken.
- We continued active fundraising to enable construction of the Hall to progress uninterrupted. The Trustees were satisfied with the progress of work by the end of the financial year.
- We continue to maintain the church grounds and graveyard through the assistance of a gardener who attend to the grounds regularly.
- We continued to follow strict COVID-19 safety measures inside the church and closely observed the national guidance, we adopted careful ease of restrictions and encouraged regular COVID infection check when required.
- We noticed an increase in the number of cars used by the congregation and that the car park started to get busy on certain days such as Sundays. We felt that volunteers are needed to organise the car park and ensure clear access to the neighbour's house.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial position of the charity is considered most satisfactory for its first period of account. (Refer to Achievements and Accounts).

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The imminent start on construction of the annexe is expected to consume the bulk of our finances during the next financial year.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the trustees on 25 January 2023 and signed on their behalf.

TRUSTEES

Dr. Tamer Riad

**ST MARY & ST ABANOUB
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, YORKSHIRE
Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 5th April 2022**

	5 April 22	5 April 21
Income and Expenditure		
Donation and gifts	111,129	92,328
Other Income	13,082	-
Total Incoming Resources	124,211	92,329
 Other Expenses		
Management and administration of the charity	166,570	58,246
Total Resources Used	166,570	58,246
Net Movement in Funds for the Period	(42,359)	34,083
Balance brought forward	138,355	104,272
Total Funds Carried Forward at 05 April 2022	96,996	138,355

The notes form part of these financial statements

ST MARY & ST ABANOUB
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, YORKSHIRE
Balance Sheet
At 5th April 2022

Current Assets	5 April 22	5 April 21
Cash at Bank and in hand	95,612	137,843
Tangible Fixed Assets		
Vehicles	6,300	6,300
Accumulated Depreciation	-5,916	-5,788
Net Assets	95,996	138,355
Financed by Unrestricted funds	95,966	138,355

COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, YORKSHIRE
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Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation of Accounts

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

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

Tangible Fixed Assets

Motor vehicles are depreciated using a rate of 25% based on the declining balance method.

Income

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

Management and Administration Expenditure

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

This final statement prepared according to the information that has been given.

The Rent shown is paid for the rental of a fundraising event venue and other hospitality costs.

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**ST MARY & ST ABANOUB
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, YORKSHIRE
Trustees' Report**

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The policy of the Charitable Trust to be the provision of additional finance in order that its objects
Stated above might be further achieved.

Objectives for the year:

Our plans for the next financial year primarily include the continuing function of the church and its associated activities. We have secured planning permission for our extension and are actively fundraising to enable construction of this much needed space to commence.

DEVELOPMENT, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- The trustees consider that the performance of the charity this period has been most satisfactory.
- The trust would not be able to provide such a wide service to our beneficiaries without the continued support of a large number of willing members.
- The Charity continues to provide the main objectives of providing and maintaining a place of worship, residence for the priest and the collection of memberships and donations as well as the running cost of maintaining the Church.
- This year has been most unusual with the Covid lockdown taking our building out of action for the first three months of the year. However, worship services and meetings continued in an on-line format and, subsequently, services in church continued on a less frequent basis and with severely restricted numbers.
- The Sunday School moved its operations to an online format but, despite this, continues to flourish with new members joining during the year.
- The weekly online prayer group for Primary and Secondary ages continued as normal
- The Ladies Group and Men's Group still meet regularly online to pray and study the Bible together.
- The Youth Bible Study group and an Apologetics Group continued to meet virtually

With the faithful support of our congregation, we are hoping to commence works on our extension during Summer 2021. Other works this year have been restricted to minor routine maintenance and provisions to make the building suitable for use during the pandemic.

We continue to maintain the church grounds and graveyard through the assistance of a gardener who attend to the grounds regularly. We have hired the services of a gardening contractor who worked on weeding the west side of the priest house and laid gravel in this area.

Arrangements during the Covid-19 Pandemic:

On the 23rd of March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and as per government regulations, we sadly closed the Church for worship. Prior to closure, we had put some measures to minimise the risk of transmission by limiting the number of worshipers per Mass, spacing the pews, stopping gathering after Mass and using disposable equipment.

The Church continued to provide necessary services as funerals during the lockdown period whilst complying with the regulations.

We have made use of Microsoft Teams as way of communicating between the congregation and our priest which has been successfully implemented. We continue to hold our weekly Sunday School, Youth meetings, Ladies and Men Prayer Groups, Bible Studies for Primary, Secondary and Youth online using Microsoft Teams.

During lockdown, we have managed to increase our Sunday School service to enable a daily activity including a “Pray and Play Club”, and a “Saints Corner”. This has kept our young people constantly occupied during lockdown and has enabled daily contact to ensure they feel less isolated.

We also hold a whole church weekly meeting online with Father Abanoub.

The use of online meeting platforms has ensured the continuation of our activities during this very difficult time and has provided much needed support to everyone in our congregation.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial position of the charity is considered most satisfactory for its first period of account. (Refer to Achievements and Accounts).

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The imminent start on construction of the extension is expected to consume the bulk of our finances during the next financial year.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the trustees on 4 April 2022 and signed on their behalf.

TRUSTEES

Dr. Tamer Riad

**ST MARY & ST ABANOUB
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, YORKSHIRE
Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 5th April 2021**

	<u>5 April 21</u>	<u>5 April 20</u>
Income and Expenditure		
Donation and gifts	92,328	78,780
Other Income	-	11,830
Total Incoming Resources	<u>92,329</u>	<u>90,610</u>
 Other Expenses		
Management and administration of the charity	58,246	59,548
Total Resources Used	<u>58,246</u>	<u>59,548</u>
 Net Movement in Funds for the Period	34,083	31,062
 Balance brought forward	104,272	73,210
 Total Funds Carried Forward at 05 April 2020	<u>138,355</u>	<u>104,272</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

ST MARY & ST ABANOUB
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, YORKSHIRE
Balance Sheet
At 5th April 2021

Current Assets	5 April 21	5 April 20
Cash at Bank and in hand	137,843	103,522
Tangible Fixed Assets		
Vehicles	6,300	6,300
Accumulated Depreciation	-5,788	-5,550
Net Assets	138,355	104,272
Financed by Unrestricted funds	138,355	104,272

The notes form part of these financial statements

**ST MARY & ST ABANOUB
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, YORKSHIRE
Expenditures
for the Year Ended 5th April 2021**

Administration Expenses	5 April 21	5 April 20
Clergy living Expenses	7,500	7,500
Water rates	1,310	1,254
Council Tax	669	643
Electricity and Gas	8,107	14,448
Travelling expenses	455	10,110
Telephone	221	180
Repairs	5,956	4,354
Donations	11,920	6,011
Vehicles Depreciation Expense	238	250
Motor Expenses	535	629
Rent	0	3,640
Insurance	4,661	4,431
Professional Fees	16,675	6,101
Net Movement in Funds For the Period	58,246	59,548

**ST MARY & ST ABANOUB
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, YORKSHIRE
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 5th April 2021**

Accounting Policies

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