

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:  
1123005**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements For The Year Ended  
5th April 2021  
for ST. MARY & ST ABANOUB  
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH,  
WEST & NORTH YORKSHIRE**

**ST MARY & ST ABANOUB  
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, YORKSHIRE  
(2021) Annual report)**

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**COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, YORKSHIRE**  
**Contents of the Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 5th April 2021**

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**ST MARY & ST ABANOUB  
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, YORKSHIRE  
Charity Information**

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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 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**Registered Charity number: 1123005**

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| <b>TREASURER</b>          | Mrs. Neveen Lewis   |
| <b>CHARITY<br/>NUMBER</b> | 1123005   |
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**ST MARY & ST ABANOUB  
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, YORKSHIRE  
Trustees' Report**

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5th APRIL 2020**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 05th April 2020**  
The trustees present their report and accounts for the period ended 5th April 2020

**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:

- 1 To provide and maintain places of public worship and the due performance of the Rites of prayers, liturgy, Baptism, Marriage & Burial according to the principles of the Coptic Orthodox Church.
- 2 To provide and maintain residences for priests
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  - a. Power to collect donations and subscriptions (whether periodical or otherwise)
  - b. Power to issue appeals for donations and subscriptions in connections with the objectives of the Church.
  - c. Power to accept donations and endowments on any special trust in Connection with the objectives of the Church.
  - 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. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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**

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

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

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

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| <b>Administration Expenses</b>              | <b>5 April 21</b> | <b>5 April 20</b> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| 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             |
| <b>Net Movement in Funds For the Period</b> | <b>58,246</b>     | <b>59,548</b>     |

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

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

The members of the church council:

- {1} Rev.Fr. Abanoub St.Paul
- {2} Dr George Abouda
- {3} Mrs.Neveen Lewis
- {4} Mr Sameh Sidhom
- {5} Dr Tamer Riad
- {6} Mr.Magdy Attia

