

**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,
WEST & NORTH YORKSHIRE**

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(2022) Annual report)**

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for the Year Ended 5th April 2022

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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.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
Registered Charity number: 1123005

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**CHARITY
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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:

- 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
- 3
 - 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.

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

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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

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 5th April 2022

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