

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:
1123005**

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements For The Year Ended
5th April 2024
for ST. MARY & ST ABANOUB
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH,
WEST & NORTH YORKSHIRE**

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for the Year Ended 5th April 2024**

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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 2024. 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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**ST MARY & ST ABANOUB
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, YORKSHIRE
Trustees' Report**

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5th APRIL 2024
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 05th April 2024
The trustees present their report and accounts for the period ended 5th April 2024

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.
- 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.
- The Youth Bible Study group and an Apologetics Group continued to meet virtually

A number fire safety and health & safety upgrades continued during the course 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 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
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, YORKSHIRE
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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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 5th April 2024

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

{3} Mrs Neveen Lewis

{4} Mr Sameh Sidhom

{5} Dr Tamer Riad

{6} Mr Magdy Attia