

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:  
1123005**

**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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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 2025. 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**

**TRUSTEES**

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**TREASURER**

Mrs. Neveen Lewis

**CHARITY  
NUMBER**

1123005

**BANKERS**

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Trustees' Report**

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5th APRIL 2025  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 05th April 2025**

The trustees present their report and accounts for the period ended 5th April 2025

**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.

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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.
- 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
- 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

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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,**

**WEST & NORTH YORKSHIRE**



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

## A2 Asset and investment sales.

Deposit Account Interest	77			77	16
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>114,162</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>114,162</b>	<b>97,721</b>

## 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
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>111,651</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>111,651</b>	<b>74,270</b>

**A4 Asset and investment purchases.**

**Subtotal**

		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

**Total Payments**

<b>111,651</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>111,651</b>	<b>74,270</b>
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**Net of receipts/(payments)**

<b>2,511</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,511</b>	<b>23,451</b>
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**A5 Transfers between funds**

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**A6 Cash funds last year end**

<b>49,435</b>			<b>49,435</b>	<b>25,984</b>
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**Cash funds this year end**

<b>51,946</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,946</b>	<b>49,435</b>
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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		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>51,946</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(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		
	<b>Total Assets (B4)</b>	<b>285,961</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

	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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 **5<sup>th</sup> 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 **5<sup>th</sup> 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**



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Date: **15/01/2026**