



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 Sept. 2023 **Period start date**

To 31 Aug. 2024 **Period end date**

Charity name: The Greek Orthodox Community of St Barbara the Great Martyr

Charity registration number: 1144751

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | To promote the Orthodox Christian faith, to advance public education and to relieve poverty, sickness and distress and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the county of Cheshire and its environs. |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | <p>In terms of public education, our Parish offers Sunday school for children of various ages and holds Catechism classes every Wednesday evening, open to all. Additionally, Fr. John Petkov, our priest-in-charge, actively visits local schools to promote awareness of the Christian values from the Orthodox perspective. Heritage Days are particularly successful, attracting many non-Orthodox people eager to learn about Orthodoxy.</p> <p>To combat poverty, sickness, and distress, our Parish supports the local West Cheshire Food Bank and participates in a mission to aid children living in zinc houses in Sierra Leone, initiated by Alexios Gennaris, with the blessing of Archbishop Nikitas of Thyateira and Great Britain. Supporting local families and parishioners in distress is a priority and we have extended our assistance to Ukrainian families fleeing the war in Ukraine.</p> <p>Our Parish fosters social welfare and fellowship by offering coffee and cookies after our Sunday Liturgy as well as organising social gatherings at other suitable venues. We also arrange pilgrimages to Holywell and St. Plegmund's Well, providing further opportunities to worship and bring our community together</p> |

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| | | in the spirit of brotherhood and love in Christ. |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance as outlined in the "Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" document and have had regard to it in their administration of the charity. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | SORP reference | |
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| Policy on grant making | Para 1.38 | |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38 | |
| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | |
| Other | | |

Achievements and Performance

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20 | <p>This section highlights our Parish's ongoing commitment to spiritual growth in Christ our Lord, as well as education, charity, and community engagement. We look forward to continuing these efforts in the coming year.</p> <p>Fr John Petkov continues his enthusiastic ministry attracting people to the Parish, who are baptised, and now attend the Divine Liturgy on a regular basis. His work on catechesis has been fostering a deeper understanding of God and the Orthodox faith, vital for the spiritual health of the Parish.</p> <p>Apart from the Holy Liturgy celebrated every Sunday, our liturgical schedule includes morning and evening week services, to commemorate events in the life</p> |

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| | | <p>of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Theotokos, and the many great Saints of our church, promoting further spiritual growth as our parishioners meet and worship together more frequently.</p> <p>Our safeguarding policy as well as our health and safety policy are reviewed annually every January to align with the latest Archdiocesan guidelines, ensuring the safety and well-being of our community members.</p> <p>Our annual pilgrimage to Holywell has been a great success, drawing Orthodox pilgrims from Cheshire, Wales, and beyond. The Parish also offers a bursary for parishioners to attend the Trisagion choir training school, helping them to improve their singing skills and enhance our liturgical music.</p> |
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 | |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | |
| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | |
| Other | | |

Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | Overall, initiating the use of SumUp card payments has improved cashflow. Claiming the gift aid refund for several years has made a significant difference in turnover this year, resulting in a surplus of £13,110.55 compared to £7,784.30 in the |
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| | | previous year. However, no further additions have been made to our NSI savings account, so the Church's financial position broadly remains the same as last year. |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | According to our Constitution, Article 5vi, any capital of the current administration is to be placed in the bank in the name of the Community, and is to be withdrawn to cover the financial requirements of the Community. |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | NSI deposit account as of 31 st August 2023: £37,540 |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | We appeal to our parishioners to consider making monthly contributions via standing order to help stabilise our income and reduce fluctuations. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | |
| Other | | |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | Deed of Trust and Constitution |

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| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | Our Constitution has been adopted and voted at the First Clergy-Laity Conference of the Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain, held in London, October 22nd - 24th 1964. It was amended at the Second Clergy-Laity Conference of the Archdiocese held in Glasgow, October 14th, 1966, and by the Third Clergy-Laity Conference held in Birmingham, October 20th, 1968 and the Fourth Clergy-Laity Conference held in Manchester, November 10th 1970. |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | According to our Constitution, Article 5ii, Trustees are elected by the Community Board after consultation with the Archdiocese, and their appointment is confirmed by the General Assembly of the Community members. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees | Para 1.51 | |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | |
| Other | | |

Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | The Greek Orthodox Community of Saint Barbara the Great Martyr |
| Other name the charity uses | The Orthodox Christian Parish of St Barbara |
| Registered charity number | 1144751 |

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| Charity's principal address | Overleigh Cemetery Overleigh Road Chester CH4 7HW |
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
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| 1 | Archbishop Nikitas Lioulis | | | |
| 2 | Theodoros Papadopoulos | Chairman | | |
| 3 | Eirini Rakitzi | Secretary | | |
| 4 | Lidia Critchley | Treasurer | | |
| 5 | Adelina Traista | | | |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name | | |
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year | |
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | N/A |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | N/A |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | N/A |

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) | <i>T Papadopoulos</i> | |
| Full name(s) | Theodoros Papadopoulos | |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chairman | |
| Date | 17 th June 2024 | |



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/09/2023

To

31/08/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Last year |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Donations, legacies and grants | - | - | - | - | - |
| Collections and donations | 22,728 | - | - | 22,728 | - |
| Regular Donations & Members' subscriptions | 3,469 | - | - | 3,469 | - |
| Use of church | 430 | - | - | 430 | - |
| Fundraising events | 929 | - | - | 929 | - |
| Book stall | 84 | - | - | 84 | - |
| Certificates | 360 | - | - | 360 | - |
| Gift Aid Reclaimed | 8,546 | - | - | 8,546 | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 36,546 | - | - | 36,546 | - |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| NSI Interest | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 36,546 | - | - | 36,546 | - |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Church activities | - | - | - | - | - |
| Clergy Pension Fund | 100 | - | - | 100 | - |
| Clergy Conference | 150 | - | - | 150 | - |
| Candles and Books | 3,003 | - | - | 3,003 | - |
| Certificates Book | 666 | - | - | 666 | - |
| Donations | 1,550 | - | - | 1,550 | - |
| Fr Pancratios's Expenses | - | - | - | - | - |
| House Rent and allowance | 2,600 | - | - | 2,600 | - |
| Telephone and postage | 258 | - | - | 258 | - |
| Car Expenses | 174 | - | - | 174 | - |
| Fr John's Expenses | - | - | - | - | - |
| Monthly Expenses | 5,400 | - | - | 5,400 | - |
| Invoices | - | - | - | - | - |
| Electricity | 2,131 | - | - | 2,131 | - |
| Building Fire Security | - | - | - | - | - |
| Smart Water Technology | - | - | - | - | - |
| Buiding Insurance | 1,173 | - | - | 1,173 | - |
| Thirtyoneeight Subscription | 145 | - | - | 145 | - |
| Zoom subscription | - | - | - | - | - |
| Miscellaneous Items | 3,937 | - | - | 3,937 | - |
| Chanting course and website | 2,147 | - | - | 2,147 | - |
| Sub total | 23,434 | - | - | 23,434 | - |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 23,434 | - | - | 23,434 | - |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 13,112 | - | - | 13,112 | - |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 13,112 | - | - | 13,112 | - |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | N/A | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | - | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | Agreement Error | OK | OK |
| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | | | |
| | N/A | - | - | - |
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| B3 Investment assets | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | N/A | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
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| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | N/A | | - | - |
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| B5 Liabilities | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| | N/A | | - | |
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| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval | |
| | <i>Theodoros Papadopoulos</i> | Theodoros Papadopoulos | 15th Jun. 2025 | |
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

The Greek Orthodox Community of Saint Barbara the Great Martyr

On accounts for the year
ended

31 Aug. 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1144751

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

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Date:

17-06-25

Name:

Lilia Secier

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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