



## KYRENIA

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East  
Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf

**St Andrew's Church Kyrenia UK Charity. Registered Charity No 1167054**

### **Trustees Report - Year Ending December 31st 2024**

#### **1. Introduction**

##### **Charity Details**

- St Andrew's Church Kyrenia UK Charity.
- Registered Charity No 1167054
- Registered at All Hallows by the Tower, London.
- Registered with HMRC 26.10.16 Ref: EW58375
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#### **2. Structure and Governance**

##### **Trustees as at 31.12 24**

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| • Linda Balfe           | Chair of Trustees |
| • John Worton-Griffiths | Trustee           |
| • Linda Smith           | Trustee           |
| • Anne Lloyd            | Trustee           |
| • David Wilde           | Trustee           |
| • Shane Barnes          | Trustee           |

There are no committees or sub-groups.

##### **Governance**

The Trustees meet twice a year and can attend in person or via Zoom, with all actions formally minuted. Agendas are issued prior to the meetings and minutes are duly approved by the trustees at the following meeting.

A copy of the approved minutes is sent to the Secretary of St Andrew's Church Council.

Meetings in 2024 took place on **15.4.24 & 24.10.24**

Grahame Ash, previously Church Treasurer and Trustees has resigned both posts.

Fr Alec Mitchell stood down as a Trustee, but continues to attend meetings in a non-voting, ex-officio capacity

New trustees are recruited by invitation of the existing trustees from within the body of St Andrew's Church. They are known to the existing trustees and are usually recruited on the basis of a particular skill or experience they have to offer.

### **3. Objectives and Activities**

The mission of the Charity is :

***To promote the ministry and work of St. Andrew's Church, Kyrenia by raising, holding and dispersing funds to build the mission and work of St. Andrew's Church, Kyrenia within the Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf in the Episcopal Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.***

#### **Activities and Achievements in 2024**

- Regular Sunday worship (Service of Holy Communion)
- Additional special services in Advent, at Christmas, in Lent and at Easter, including a joint Advent Service with the Noregian Church Abroad.
- Additional special services as required ( Welcome Service for new Diocesan Bishop, Baptisms, Memorial Services, etc)
- Social and cultural events taking place in the church and church hall, including 'Music Week' in October, St Andrew's Day celebration in November and musical concerts.
- Regular fellowship in the church hall after Sunday services and at social events.
- Lent and Advent Bible Study group, meeting at The Hermitage
- Fundraising and support for local and international charities (e.g. Harvest Festival donations and funds raised for Tulips Charity for cancer sufferers in N Cyprus, Poppy Appeal, The Bishops' Advent Appeal for Gaza, etc.)
- Use of church premises by other Christian groups for worship, including a Francophone African Church and a Russian Evangelical Church.
- Provision of expenses for the priest.

#### **Public Benefit**

- St Andrew's is the only Anglican Church in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus with an ordained priest and thus provides ministry for a large geographical area of the island.
- Services are attended by worshippers from many parts of the world, who live, work in or visit the Kyrenia area: UK, Ireland, Germany, Norway, Russia, Ukraine, Turkey, Pakistan, India, Nepal, Nigeria, DRC, Phillipines.
- Worshippers come from a variety of Christian traditions, including Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and Orthodox. The church provides worship and also fellowship and belonging for people a long way from home - particularly students and migrant workers.
- Centrally located, the church provides a hub and focus for Christians in and around Kyrenia.
- St Andrew's publicises regular and special events through its website, Facebook and Instagram pages. Facebook posts are shared to other local groups, to extend our reach to others in N Cyprus.
- All members of the community are invited to worship with us and use are facilities. Services and events are publicly advertised.

#### 4. Financial Review

*The Charity Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024 are attached*

- **INCOME for 2024 was £15,503**
- **EXPENDITURE was £10,081**
- **SURPLUS was £5,421**
- **BALANCE on 31.12.24 was £66,499**

##### **Income**

- As of December 2024 there were 15 regular donors via standing orders
- Regular standing order gift-aided donations totalled £7,698
- Other donations via church collections totalled £1,373
- We received a one-off donations to support Music Week
- HMRC paid £1,240 Gift Aid to the charity on donations

##### **Expenditure**

*All payments made by the Charity were at the request of the Church Council and in accordance with the Charity purposes and governing document, where the UK Charity account was considered the most convenient means of delivering these payments.*

- Synod costs for our representative were £1,395. This sum included the registration fee for 2025 - for 3 delegates.
- The Provincial Residential payment refers to a grant from the UK Charity USPG \*\*\* made to the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East (of which we are part). The money was paid into St Andrew's account by the Province, in order for payment to be made for summer school participants' accommodation in N Cyprus. The shortfall, which has been repaid in 2025, was due to fluctuating currency exchange rates (Euros to Sterling).
- Bank charges were £119

***This overview puts 2023 in context:***

<b>St Andrew's UK Charity Account – Unity Bank</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Notes</b>
2024	15,503	10,081	66,499	No major items of expenditure
2023	29,742*	36,013**	61,078	*Includes £14,504 JEMT Grant **Includes outlay on The Hermitage
2022	12,716	3,615	67,349	
2021	5,604	3,811	58,249	Covid
2020	23,146	6,749	52,644	Covid 3 x one-off donations totalling £12,000
2019	18,580	14,957	29,499	
2018	22,527	10,365	25,876	
2017	13,456		14,006	
2016	500	0	500	

- Annual income (not including the JEMT grant in 2023) has grown since Covid, but not reached pre-Covid levels.  
The balance that has built up is due partly to decreased expenditure during Covid and the period when there was no paid priest, together with some specific one-off donations.
- St Andrew's UK Charity makes regular stewardship straightforward.
- Regular donations can be made by standing order by anyone with a UK bank account.
- Those who pay UK tax can also Gift Aid their donations.
- Gift Aid applications were made in 2024, where appropriate, at the designated times
- The Trustees continue to work to make church members aware of the importance of stewardship.
- The Trustees have looked into transferring some of the funds held in this account into a higher interest account, but decided that the complexities of doing so make this unviable.
- We do not currently hold reserves or investments

## **5. Plans for Future Periods**

**Our objectives, as outlined in our mission statement (above) remain unchanged.**

**Our plans for the future include the continuation and development of:**

- Regular Sunday worship (Service of Holy Communion)
- Special services in Advent, at Christmas, in Lent and at Easter, etc. including joint services with other Christian Groups
- Special services for families/individuals as required (Baptisms, Memorial Services, etc)
- Continued upkeep and improvement of 'The Hermitage', providing a home for our priest - and a resource for the church community.
- Bible Study groups meeting through the year at The Hermitage.
- Social and cultural events taking place in the church and church hall.
- Regular fellowship in the church hall after Sunday services and at social events.
- Fundraising and support for charities
- Use of church premises by other Christian groups for worship.

## **6. Policies**

St Andrew's Church Kyrenia UK Charity is a small organisation, which serves to promote the ministry and work of St. Andrew's Church, Kyrenia.

The policies of St. Andrew's Church and of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf apply to St. Andrew's Church Kyrenia UK Charity

The charity has no employees and organises no activities (aside from its own meetings) independently of St. Andrew's Church.

## **7. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of St Andrew's Church Kyrenia UK Charity Trustees to act at all times in accordance with the Constitution of St Andrew's Church Kyrenia UK Charity, dated 11th May 2016.

Trustees must ensure that payments made by the Charity are at the request of St Andrew's Church Council and in accordance with the Charity purposes and governing document, where the UK Charity account is considered the most convenient means.

## 8. Independent Auditor's Report

The Charity Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024 are attached (independently examined by Eva Kulakiewicz, former HMRC Tax Inspector)

St Andrew's Church Kyrenia UK Charity		Registered Charity Number 1167054	
Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2024			
<b>Balance Sheet</b>		<b>Receipts and Payments Account</b>	
Opening Balance	61,078.00	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payments</b>
		Non GA donations 1373	Chaplaincy costs 1770
		Gift Aid donations 7698	Synod (incl 2025 Reg) 1395
		HMRC refunds 1240	Parish share 2120
		Music week sponsorship 1500	Music week 934
		Province Residential payment 3692	Province Residential 3743
			Bank charges 119
Surplus	5,421		10081
Closing balance	66,499		
Signed: <i>L. Bullock</i>	Treasurer		
<b>Statement by the Independent Financial Examiner</b>			
I have examined the accounts, records and bank statements which give rise to this report from the Treasurer of the Charity and in my opinion they represent a complete, true and fair position of the state of the Charity as of the 31st December 2024.			
The Charity has no undisclosed assets or liabilities.			
Signed: <i>Eva Kulakiewicz</i>		Date: <i>26/4/2025</i>	
Eva Kulakiewicz			

## NOTES

### **\*The Jerusalem and the East Mission Trust Ltd (JEMT) & The Jerusalem and the Middle East Church Association (JMECA)**

The Jerusalem and the East Mission was established in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, as a fund for the maintenance and development of the diocese.

This later became **The Jerusalem and the Middle East Church Association** (Charity no. 248799).

On July 1st, 2015 JMECA became a Limited Company Charity with, a new charity number (11584760) and a Company Number (09067852)

The charity supports the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East and the Province of Alexandria.

**The Jerusalem and the East Mission Trust Limited** is a Trust Corporation established in 1929 to act as a trustee for charitable bodies. JEMT is not itself a charity, but a non-profit limited company that administers the assets of JMECA and a number of other charities that provide support for the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

**\*\*\*USPG** The United Society Partners in the Gospel, commonly known as USPG, is the Anglican mission agency that partners with churches and communities worldwide in God's mission to enliven faith, strengthen relationships, unlock potential and champion justice.