

ST JOHN CASSIAN CIO

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1167099

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

AND

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

ST JOHN CASSIAN CIO**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

<u>Registered Name</u>	St John Cassian CIO
<u>Registered Number</u>	1167099
<u>Principal Office</u>	21C Grundy Crescent, Kennington, Oxford OX1 5PS, UK
<u>Trustees</u>	Rev Fr Adrian Nicolae Marin (aka Fr Gavriil) - President Gabriela Campan – Treasurer Revd. Father Gabriel Hanganu Revd. Deacon Andrei Constantin Alina Florea – Secretary Elena Oancea – Vice President Elena Dascalu Amalia Bozgan (resigned Nov 24) James Hyndman Irina Niculae (resigned Nov 24) Revd Deacon Dragoş Mihail Cazacu Nicolae Petrus Gheorghe Badea Madalin Tinei (appointed Nov 24) Georgia Ionescu (appointed Nov 24) Alisa Russell (appointed Nov 24) Costina Maria Radoi (appointed Nov 24) Marina Bitic (appointed Nov 24) Emanuel Gabriel Ionita (appointed Nov 24)
<u>Bankers</u>	Redwood Bank Barclays (Oxford)
<u>Independent Examiner</u>	Mrs H C Fanthome FCA, King Loose & Co St John's House, 5 South Parade, Summertown, Oxford OX2 7JL

ST JOHN CASSIAN CIO
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024. The accounts comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland – Charities SORP (FRS 102); and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Charity's Trusts

The Charity was registered on 16th May 2016, with its governing document being that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (C.I.O.)

The incorporation of the Charity into a C.I.O. was to formalise the previous charitable activities into a more structured framework. Formerly the Charity's objectives were fulfilled by networking with similarly minded organizations. These activities have since 2016 been absorbed by the new legal entity, with the bank balance from the previous organization being donated to the C.I.O. upon its incorporation.

Legal and Administrative Information

Page 1 to these accounts gives this information.

Objects

As set out in the Charity's governing documents, its objectives are:

- to advance the Orthodox Christian religion in South East England in accordance with the doctrines and the canons of the Romanian Orthodox Patriarchate and with the statutes of the Romanian Orthodox Metropolis of Western and Southern Europe, by providing a place of worship, raising awareness and understanding of Orthodox Christian beliefs and practices, and carrying out religious acts, missionary and outreach work;
- to advance such other charitable purposes as the trustees see fit from time to time, in particular but not limited to the preservation of Romanian cultural traditions, the advancement of children's and adult education in a Christian spirit, and the relief of those in need.

Organisation of Services, Activities and Achievements during the Period

The Romanian Orthodox Parish of St John Cassian is part of the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese in Western Europe, which belongs to the Romanian Orthodox Patriarchate. Its main objects are to advance the Orthodox Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with teachings of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, rooted in the Holy Tradition, and taught by the Holy Scriptures, the seven Ecumenical councils and the local and provincial councils of the Orthodox Church.

Membership of the Parish currently stands at 180 members from Oxford and surrounding areas. Membership is contingent upon being 18 years of age or older, a communicant member of the Orthodox Church and having an address in the UK (the area of the Diocese of Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese of Great Britain and Northern Ireland). The conditions of membership are subject to rules regarding membership in the wider body of the Archdiocese, of which the Parish is a part. The parish has regular religious services on Saturday mornings and evenings, Sunday mornings, and Wednesday evenings, as well as on a number of Feast days and also Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, home services, hospital and prison visits. All services are open to all members of the public. These services are celebrated in a mixture of English and Romanian (the traditional language of the Romanian Orthodox Church).

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Funds raised come from collections, private donations, and from fundraising events, online fundraising and Facebook donations. As well as raising funds for the ongoing costs of running a parish, these activities have aimed to build community within the parish and to raise awareness of the Charity in the wider community of Oxford. Together with the Parish of St Stylianos in Reading we also continued to fundraise money to help St. Andrew Orphanage in Vingard – Alba, Romania.

As a Christian charity offering religious services, we are in constant need to raise funds for ongoing maintenance of the church, vestments for clergy, altar servers, icons and objects for Church and Altar and we are also striving to build up sufficient funds to acquire suitable premises for meetings and social gatherings after Divine Liturgy. We receive no financial help from any agency - religious or secular - at home or abroad. In order to help our continued fundraising efforts, donors are encouraged to give to the Parish under the Gift Aid Scheme (if they are UK taxpayers) and to participate in fundraising activities.

Our main fundraising events were at Easter, at the beginning of the new academic year, and at Christmas, all to help St. Andrew Orphanage in Romania. We also ran a Christmas fund raiser and foodbank appeal to help the Gate House charity – a charity which helps homeless people in Oxford – and a Christmas Carol Concert in December to support our parish. Collections are also taken at Sunday celebrations of the Divine Liturgy, as well as at the candle desk.

The achievements of the charity during the past year include:

January 2024

- A new Holy Cross for the church was prepared and painted on wood at the Monastery of the Mother of God “Quick to Hear” in Suceava, Romania.
- House blessings for Epiphany carried.

February 2024

- Pilgrimage to Mount Athos, organised by Fr. Gavriil.
- Feast Day of our Parish, St. John Cassian, with a visit from His Eminence Archbishop Nectarie of Brittany, together with Fr. Daniil and Fr. Rafail from Lupşa Monastery, Romania. They brought for veneration and blessing of our parish a particle of the Holy Cross on which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified.
- Children’s performance for the parish feast, including songs and poetry, followed by an art exhibition with works created by children of the parish.

March 2024

- Spring workshop for children, where they created traditional Romanian mucenici and mărtişoare.
- Pan-Orthodox Vespers service hosted by our parish, with all Orthodox parishes in Oxford serving together.
- Children’s icon workshop.

April 2024

- First Easter children’s workshop followed by egg hunt and a picnic.
- Second Easter workshop for children, where they created a miniature “Garden of the Resurrection,” followed by egg hunt and a picnic.
- Our parish sent Easter packages to children from the family-type orphanage in Vingard, Alba Iulia, Romania.

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- Fr. Dragoş was ordained as a priest with the blessing of Metropolitan Iosif.
- Constitutive Diocesan Assembly for the establishment of the Romanian Orthodox Diocese of Great Britain. Our parish was represented by Parish Priest Fr. Gavriil Marin and two lay members.

June 2024

- 1 June – International Children’s Day. Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens for the children.

July 2024

- Parish Summer Feast, honouring St. Ioan Maximovici, followed by a picnic at Port Meadow.
- Funeral fundraising support for a family from our community.
- Funeral support for a family of a priest from our Archdiocese.

August 2024

- Establishment of a parish choir.

September 2024

- Garden Party and Fundraising Event.
- Memorial walk through Oxford’s historic churches.
- Organisation of the Parish Women’s Association.

October 2024

- Pilgrimage to Greece organised with the blessing of Metropolitan Iosif.
- Fundraising collection for people affected by floods in Romania.
- Diocesan Assembly of the newly established Romanian Orthodox Diocese of Great Britain, a historic event for our community.
- Visit of His Grace Bishop Atanasie to our Parish.
- Election of the first Archbishop of the Romanian Orthodox Diocese of Great Britain: Archbishop Atanasie.

November 2024

- Pilgrimage through Oxford following the life and legacy of St. Frideswide.
- Establishment of a NEPSIS youth group within our parish

December 2024

- 1 December – National Day of Romania: Te Deum service and parish social gathering.
- Christmas Carol Music Workshop for adults.
- Christmas Carol Concert - Paula Seling
- Charity collections (food, clothing, shoes, sleeping bags, toiletries) during the Nativity Fast, for The Gatehouse and The Emergency Foodbank, Oxford.
- Our parish sent Christmas packages to children from the family-type orphanage in Vingard, Alba Iulia, Romania.
- Christmas gifts for parish children.
- Children’s Nativity Play.

The charity’s work was supported by the ongoing commitment of our volunteers, including singing, volunteers at the candle and book stand, ushers, altar helpers, flower arrangements, cleaning volunteers, language interpreters, preparation of bread and eggs for Easter, summer camp volunteers, food at events including the Patronal feast, security and fire marshalls.

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Future developments

In order to advance the Orthodox Christian faith through the Romanian Orthodox Community in Oxfordshire and surrounding areas, the Parish of St. John Cassian has been sharing St. Thomas the Martyr church with the Anglican parish of St. Barnabas and St Thomas since February 2014. This partnership has helped the charity to grow further and to establish new missions and parishes.

In 2024, we continued our mission in Swindon, where there are well-established Romanian communities, as well as a significant presence of Orthodox Christians. We also opened a new mission in Bracknell, and we expect to develop permanent parishes in both towns within the next few years, with the blessing of the Archdiocese.

In order to be able to achieve our main charitable objectives with a full schedule of services and activities, we will continue to rely on the support of parishioners and friends to buy all the necessary things to carry out the mission of our church. As outlined above, there is a continuing need to save funds to enable a property to be acquired when a suitable opportunity presents itself.

To reach our goals as a Christian community and charity, a number of fundraising events are planned for the coming year, including concerts, conferences, cultural, social and family events where everyone would be invited. A major priority is the need to raise and save funds to enable a property to be acquired when a suitable opportunity presents itself.

Public Benefit

In reviewing the Charity's ongoing objectives and activities, the Trustees have considered the guidance set out in the Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit, and are of the opinion that the objectives and activities are in total compliance therewith.

Trustees

The Trustees named on page 1 served during the period and up to the date of signing this report. There are no other Trustees.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed ex officio (clergy) or following selection based on their professional skills and/or representational qualities.

All new Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting, to serve for a 2-year term for a maximum of 3 terms; they are recruited from church members or by existing Trustees. All new trustees are given appropriate induction and offered training to fulfil their role. All trustees hold valid DBS checks.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees consider that free reserves amounting to six month's operating costs is prudent and advisable to cover the various uncertainties and risks in the current economic climate. This requirement is under constant review by the Trustees, who appreciate that reserves are currently at a higher level than this, but consider such to be a prudent position to adopt where they are actively seeking to acquire suitable premises for meetings and social gatherings.

Trustees Remuneration/Expenses

The Parish Priest, Rev Fr Gavriil (Adrian Marin), who is also one of the Trustees, has been paid, as decided by the Parish Council in accordance with the CIO Constitution and Standing Orders (2017) approved by the Charity Commission, a minimal stipend to enable him to carry out clerical and pastoral duties. A small one-off stipend was also granted by the Parish Council to Revd Fr Gabriel Hanganu, who stepped up to increased responsibilities in autumn 2020. No expenses are paid to Trustees other than to reimburse occasional, low-value authorised disbursements incurred.

ST JOHN CASSIAN CIO**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (CONT'D)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024****Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the applicable Charities SORP. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report has been approved by the Trustees and is signed on their behalf by:

Signed
(Trustee)

23 October 2025
Date

ST JOHN CASSIAN CIO**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024****REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1167099**

I report on the accounts of the charity, for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 present a 'true and fair view', and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement 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 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

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Dated... *24th October 2025*

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024 (CHARITY NO. 1167099)

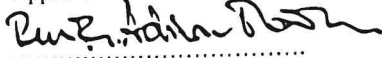
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
£	£	£
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Donations	167,623.53	167,799.47
Interest received	535.94	-
Gift Aid	<u>6,092.37</u>	<u>14,443.79</u>
	174,251.84	182,243.26
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Father Gavriil support grants	27,000.00	23,613.00
Gabriel Hanganu - stipend	6,500.00	7,200.00
Iulian Sorin Rusu - stipend	-	7,200.00
Madalin Tinei	890.00	-
Donation to Romanian Orthodox Church, Glasgow	5,000.00	-
Gifts	473.28	3,314.67
Rent & parking	14,300.00	13,243.75
Community events	15,806.93	3,818.58
Social cases	5,537.59	-
Candles	11,216.72	10,147.04
Icons	13,730.77	1,033.69
Gifts to Aylesbury Parish	-	15,000.00
Assets to Aylesbury Parish	-	3,825.00
Light and heat	2,767.18	3,882.62
Books	9,011.39	6,104.44
Travel costs	2,727.37	4,082.21
Pilgrimage - Greece	8,232.38	-
Printing, post, stationery & computer costs	3,032.30	2,073.65
Legal fees	1,086.00	-
Accountancy	900.00	600.00
Miscellaneous	949.99	173.40
Insurance	592.76	574.11
Bank charges	111.00	435.00
Depreciation	1,653.00	2,618.29
	<u>(131,518.66)</u>	<u>(108,939.45)</u>
Net surplus	<u><u>42,733.18</u></u>	<u><u>73,303.81</u></u>

The notes on pages 7 and 8 form part of these accounts.

ST JOHN CASSIAN CIOSTATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIESAS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024 (CHARITY NO. 1167099)

	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
Tangible Fixed Assets (note 4)	9,345.00	10,998.17
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
<u>Debtors</u>		
Loan to Romanian Orthodox Church (note 5)	25,000.00	-
Gift Aid debtor	5,000.00	-
<u>Cash and Bank</u>		
Current Account - Barclays	143,235.86	242,903.45
Deposit Account - Barclays	30,000.00	-
Deposit Account - Redwood	85,535.94	-
Cash	-	582.00
	288,771.80	243,485.45
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Creditors	1,800.00	900.00
Net Current Assets	286,971.80	242,585.45
NET ASSETS	<u>296,316.80</u>	<u>253,583.62</u>
<u>CAPITAL</u>		
Unrestricted Funds B/Fwd	253,583.62	180,279.81
Surplus for the period	42,733.18	73,303.81
Unrestricted Funds C/Fwd	<u>296,316.80</u>	<u>253,583.62</u>

Approved by the Trustees



Dated

23 October 2025

The notes on pages 7 and 8 form part of these accounts.

ST JOHN CASSIAN CIO**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024****1. Accounting Policies****(a) Basis of preparation**

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, with the additional inclusion of a depreciation charge, as below. This is deemed appropriate due to the nature of the fixed assets held, to enable the charity to show a true and fair view at the year end.

(b) Tangible Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets held for the charity's own use are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives at the following rates:

Mobile assets - 15% reducing balance basis

Mobile assets comprise portable icons, altar pieces, vestments, altar cloths, books and sundry other small items of equipment.

2. Receipts and Payments Account

A Receipts and Payments Account is shown, however the items below are recognised on an accruals basis to enable a true and fair view to be shown of the results for the year and to give a fair reflection of the stewardship of the charity's resources.

(a) Accrued Income

Accrued Income is reflected in the accounts where significant, to recognise the true income attributable to the year under review.

(b) Creditors

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year are reflected in the accounts to recognise all significant costs attributable to the year under review.

3. Book purchases/stock

Any small stocks of books held are not reflected as an asset at the year end. The income from future sales of books, if any, is treated as donations income.

4. Tangible Fixed Assets

	<u>Mobile</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>£</u>
Cost	£	£
Brought forward 01.01.24	25,197	25,197
Additions	-	-
	<u>25,197</u>	<u>25,197</u>
Carried forward 31.12.24	<u>25,197</u>	<u>25,197</u>
Depreciation		
Brought forward 01.01.24	14,199	14,199
Charge for the period	1,653	1,653
	<u>15,852</u>	<u>15,852</u>
Carried forward 31.12.24	<u>15,852</u>	<u>15,852</u>
Net Book Value		
at 31.12.24	<u>9,345</u>	<u>9,345</u>
at 31.12.23	<u>10,998</u>	<u>10,998</u>

All tangible fixed assets are used directly for charitable purposes.

ST JOHN CASSIAN CIO**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024****5. Loan to Romanian Orthodox Church**

During the year the charity loaned £25,000 to the Romanian Orthodox Church in Glasgow, to assist them with the purchase of a church building. The loan is repayable within two years of acquisition of the property, or earlier should the charity request repayment. No interest is chargeable on the loan.