

BASILDON ORTHODOX COMMUNITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1168146

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-07-11

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE A) TO PROMOTE THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE RITES AND TRADITIONS OF THE ONE HOLY CATHOLIC ORTHODOX AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH AS EXPRESSED IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, THE HOLY TRADITION, THE TEACHINGS OF THE SEVEN ECUMENICAL COUNCILS AND THE HOLY FATHERS AND AS PRESERVED AND TAUGHT BY THE GREEK ORTHODOX PATRIARCHATE OF ANTIOCH AND ALL THE EAST.B) TO BENEFIT THE PUBLIC IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX BY THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, SICKNESS AND DISTRESS.

Activities: Basildon Orthodox Church promotes the Orthodox Christian faith through the provision of the Divine Liturgy and other forms of regular worship, prayer and instruction in the Orthodox Christian life in Basildon and the surrounding areas. The charity benefits the public through the relief of poverty, sickness and distress through the provision of prayer, funds and spiritual guidance.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Essex
- Southend-on-sea
- Thurrock

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£27,651	£11,976	-	-
2023-12-31	£17,809	£11,518	-	-
2022-12-31	£17,220	£11,853	-	-
2021-12-31	£15,123	£8,595	-	-
2020-12-31	£7,474	£6,902	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev PAUL JAMES BRIGHTON-CROSS	Chair	2016-07-11
Daniel Ogles		2025-09-13
Gareth David Batley		2021-11-14
Joshua Andrew Michael Turner		2024-10-09
Natasha Cooke		2018-07-08
Ross Aaron Walmsley		2025-07-13
SUSANNAH ANDERSON		2016-07-11
SUZANNE ALEXANDRIA BRIGHTON-CROSS		2016-07-11

BASILDON ORTHODOX COMMUNITY

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2024		31	12	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

18 Crowborough Road	
Southend-on-Sea	
Essex	
Postcode	SS2 6LP

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)
1	Rev Paul Brighton-Cross	Chair		
2	Suzanne Brighton-Cross	Secretary		
3	Susannah Anderson	Treasurer		
4	Natasha Cooke			
5	Gareth Bately	Safeguarding Officer		
6	Joshua Turner		Appointed 09/10/2024	
7	Daniel Ogles		Appointed 13/07/2025	
8	Rdr. Ross Walmsley		Appointed 13/07/2025	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Constitution adopted 26th June 2016
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Elected by members or appointed by existing trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p>Our resources are allocated to advancing the Christian Orthodox faith and to supporting those in need in our Christian Community. Decisions about individuals, groups and projects to support are made in line with our charitable objects and within the scope of the Orthodox Church. With this background, decisions are made by the Parish Priest, in agreement with the charity Trustees and the wider Church membership. The criteria we use is assessed within the wider scope of the Orthodox Church.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The objects of the CIO are:</p> <p>a) To promote the Orthodox Christian faith according to the rites and traditions of the One Holy Catholic Orthodox and Apostolic Church as expressed in the Holy Scriptures, the Holy Tradition, the teachings of the seven ecumenical councils and the Holy Fathers and as preserved and taught by the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East.</p> <p>b) To benefit the public in the county of Essex by the relief of poverty, sickness and distress.</p>
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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Basildon Orthodox Church promotes the Orthodox Christian faith through the provision of the Divine Liturgy and other forms of regular worship, prayer and instruction in the Orthodox Christian life in Basildon and the surrounding areas. The charity benefits the public through the relief of poverty, sickness and distress through the provision of prayer, funds and spiritual guidance.

Public Benefit

In planning the activities of the charity, the trustees have given consideration to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in particular to ensure that:

- There are identifiable benefits
- Benefits are to the public or a section of the public
- The benefits relate closely to the charitable objectives.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

It is our belief that all members of Basildon Orthodox Community are called to participate in the work and the service of the church. This is done through prayer, practical assistance and support, visiting the sick and in need, volunteering in formal 'Trustee' roles, being involved in services and through administration. Much of this work is done privately, without recognition, and the hours and value of that time cannot be quantified.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Basildon Orthodox Community has promoted the Orthodox Christian Faith in Essex, through the provision of the Divine Liturgy and other forms of regular worship at All Saints Church in North Benfleet.

During the last calendar year, the charity has delivered 52 (weekly) Divine Liturgies on Sunday mornings, plus feast days, monthly Saturday morning Divine Liturgies, plus monthly Esperinos (Vespers) services.

We have a parish website, facebook page, priest's blog, and a parish whatsapp group; we publish a weekly e-bulletin (notices) containing topical, spiritual, and practical information and guidance on Orthodox Christian matters; and also a weekly children's e-magazine, which has an ever-growing readership. We have a parish youth group (for 18-35s).

During this period, our congregation continued to grow. Many new families have moved into the area and come or are in regular contact with us. The priest regularly visits people in their homes, and in hospital, and meets with other clergy.

This year we donated substantial monies raised through our Gift Aid income to three charities in accordance with our Charitable Objects: Changing Pathways, Southend Foodbank and Welcome to the UK.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The reserve policy sets the level of reserves to be held as three months full running costs of the Church. This level of reserves is designed to provide an orderly reduction in activity should income decline for any reason.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Nil

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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Section F

Other optional information


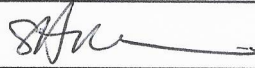
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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	REV. PAUL J. BRISHTON-CROSS	SUSANNAH ANDERSON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	chair	TREASURER
Date	28/09/25	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary receipts		-	-	-	-
-- Collections/donations	14,347	-	-	14,347	7,665
-- Gift aid received 2024	2,895	-	-	2,895	3,722
-- Regular giving	10,012	-	-	10,012	6,248
-- Interest	397	-	-	397	174
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,651	-	-	27,651	17,809
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,651	-	-	27,651	17,809
A3 Payments					
Costs of charitable activities		-	-	-	-
-- Materials/supplies	544	-	-	544	-
-- Priest support	5,856	-	-	5,856	5,834
-- Insurance	275	-	-	275	293
-- Communications/website	-	-	-	-	141
-- Travel expenses	210	-	-	210	141
-- Repairs/maintenance	-	-	-	-	74
-- Outreach/Charity donation	2,895	-	-	2,895	3,026
Governance costs	2,196	-	-	2,196	2,009
Sub total	11,976	-	-	11,976	11,518
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,976	-	-	11,976	11,518
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,675	-	-	15,675	6,291
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	34,318	-	-	34,318	28,027
Cash funds this year end	49,993	-	-	49,993	34,318

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	Cash funds	29,993	-	-
	Designated building funds	20,000	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	49,993	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

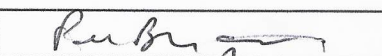

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	REV. P.J. BRIGHTON CROSS	28/09/25
	SUSANNAH ANDERSON	28/09/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
BASILDON ORTHODOX COMMUNITY

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity no

1168146

Set out on pages

Pages one (1) and two (2)

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2024**

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: *MNsiah*

Date: 26 August 2025

Name: MARTIN NSIAH

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

FCCA

Address:

For and on behalf of SOMSROCK ACCOUNTING SERVICES

HQ, 1 BERRY STREET, ABERDEEN, AB25 1HF

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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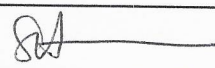
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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Rev. Fr. P.J. Brighton - Cross	
Full name(s)	PAUL BRIGHTON - CROSS	SUSANNAH ANDERSON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	TREASURER.
Date	22/09/24.	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Basildon Orthodox Community

1168146

Receipts and payments accounts



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For the period from	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary receipts		-	-	-	-
-- Collections/donations	7,665	-	-	7,665	6,649
-- Gift aid income	3,722	-	-	3,722	2,583
-- Regular giving	6,248	-	-	6,248	7,982
-- Interest	174	-	-	174	6
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	17,809	-	-	17,809	17,220
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	17,809	-	-	17,809	17,220
A3 Payments					
Costs of charitable activities		-	-	-	-
-- Training and conference costs		-	-	-	147
-- Priest support	5,834	-	-	5,834	5,686
-- Insurance	293	-	-	293	237
-- Communications/website	141	-	-	141	136
-- Travel expenses	141	-	-	141	171
-- Repairs/maintenance	74	-	-	74	60
-- Outreach/Charity donation	3,026	-	-	3,026	3,283
Governance costs	2,009	-	-	2,009	2,133
Sub total	11,518	-	-	11,518	11,853
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,518	-	-	11,518	11,853
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,291	-	-	6,291	5,367
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	28,027	-	-	28,027	22,660
Cash funds this year end	34,318	-	-	34,318	28,027

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 £
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	Designated building funds	20,000	-	-
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	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Gift aid owed	2,856	-	-
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B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			REV FR. P.J. BRIGHTON-CROSS	22/09/24
			SUSANNAH ANDERSON	22/9/24

BASILDON ORTHODOX COMMUNITY

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5	Iulia Iuga		Resigned 18 September 2022	
6	Sinead O'Hara		Resigned 18 September 2022	
7	Gareth Bately			
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Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	REV. FR. P.J. BRIGHTON-CROSS	SUSANNAH JEAN ANDERSON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR.	TREASURER
Date	03/09/2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Basildon Orthodox Community

1168146

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2022

To

31/12/2022



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 £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary receipts		-	-	-	-
-- Collections/donations	6,649	-	-	6,649	8,070
-- Gift aid income	2,583	-	-	2,583	2,220
-- Regular giving	7,982	-	-	7,982	4,832
-- Interest	6	-	-	6	1
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	17,220	-	-	17,220	15,123
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	17,220	-	-	17,220	15,123
A3 Payments					
Costs of charitable activities		-	-	-	-
-- Training and conference costs	147	-	-	147	32
-- Priest support	5,686	-	-	5,686	4,524
-- Insurance	237	-	-	237	237
-- Communications/website	136	-	-	136	157
-- Travel expenses	171	-	-	171	142
-- Repairs/maintenance	60	-	-	60	24
-- Outreach/Charity donation	3,283	-	-	3,283	2,000
Governance costs	2,133	-	-	2,133	1,479
Sub total	11,853	-	-	11,853	8,595
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,853	-	-	11,853	8,595
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,367	-	-	5,367	6,528
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	22,660	-	-	22,660	15,560
Cash funds this year end	28,027	-	-	28,027	22,088

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	Cash funds	28,027	-	-
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		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	28,027	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Gift aid owed	3,407	-	-
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B3 Investment assets	Details			
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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B5 Liabilities	Details			
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	FR. P. J BRIGHTON-CROW	03/09/23
	SUSANNAH ANDERSON	03/09/23

BASILDON ORTHODOX COMMUNITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1168146

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date		
01	01	2021

 To

Period end date		
31	12	2021

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Basildon Orthodox Community

Other names charity is known by

N/A

Registered charity number (if any)

1168146

Charity's principal address

18 Crowborough Road

Southend-on-Sea

Essex

Postcode

SS2 6LP

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)
1	Rev Paul Brighton-Cross	Chair		
2	Suzanne Brighton-Cross	Secretary		
3	Susannah Anderson	Treasurer		
4	Natasha Cooke			
5	Iulia Iuga			
6	Sinead O'Hara			
7	Gareth Bately		Appointed 14 November 2021	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name

Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

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Section F

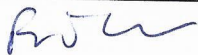

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rev. P. J. Brighton-Cross	SUSANNAH ANDERSON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	TRUSTEE
Date	18 SEPT 2022	

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Basilidon Orthodox Community

1168146

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2021	To	31/12/2021
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary receipts	-	-	-	-	-
-- Collections/donations	8,070	-	-	8,070	4,982
-- Gift aid income	2,220	-	-	2,220	-
-- Regular giving	4,832	-	-	4,832	2,492
-- Interest	1	-	-	1	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	15,123	-	-	15,123	7,474
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	15,123	-	-	15,123	7,474
A3 Payments					
Costs of charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
-- Training and conference costs	32	-	-	32	-
-- Priest support	4,524	-	-	4,524	3,780
-- Insurance	237	-	-	237	-
-- Communications/website	157	-	-	157	151
-- Travel expenses	142	-	-	142	146
-- Repairs/maintenance	24	-	-	24	126
-- Outreach/Charity donation	2,000	-	-	2,000	335
Governance costs	1,479	-	-	1,479	2,364
Sub total	8,595	-	-	8,595	6,902
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,595	-	-	8,595	6,902
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,528	-	-	6,528	572
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,132	-	-	16,132	15,560
Cash funds this year end	22,660	-	-	22,660	16,132

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

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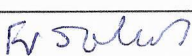
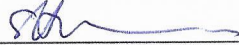
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift aid owed	2,217	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Rev. P.J Brighton (Guss)	18/09/22
	SUSANNAH ANDERSON	18/9/22

BASILDON ORTHODOX COMMUNITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1168146

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2020		31	12	2020

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Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

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18 Crowborough Road
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Essex
Postcode <input type="text" value="SS2 6LP"/>

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Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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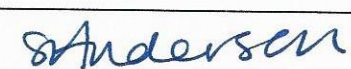
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Section G

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Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rev. P.J. BRIGHTON-CROSS	Susannah J. Anderson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	19 / 09 / 21	