



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

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	Zsofia Baruwa			
7	Sinead O'Hara		Appointed 13 Sept 2020	
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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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- 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.

During 2020:
Fr Jakob and Presbytera Susanna received guidance and info pertaining to Archdiocesan policy and practice re Safeguarding. This ensures that we are consistent with the wider Antiochian Archdiocese.

The Trustees have produced a risk assessment to cover regular activities. 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.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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.

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.

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)

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)

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.

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

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

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. Since 1st January 2020, the charity has delivered 54 (weekly) Divine Liturgies on Sunday mornings and feast days, plus monthly Esperinos (Vespers) services and outreach to Tilbury.

Attendance to Sunday services has increased.

We have a parish website, facebook page, and priest's blog; we publish a weekly e-bulletin containing spiritual and practical information and guidance on Orthodox Christian matters distributed to 200+ people weekly.

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.

In Dec 2017 we started an outreach project in Tilbury (monthly services). Basildon Orthodox Community has helped support other Orthodox Communities in the UK, with donations provided to St. Fursey's Orthodox Church in Norfolk and regular donations provided to the Antiochian Archdiocese of the UK and Ireland.

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.

Section F

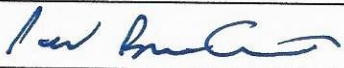
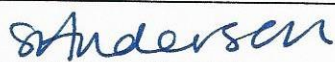
Other optional information

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 J. Anderson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	19 / 09 / 21	