

ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH ON MERSEYSIDE

England & Wales · Charity number 1170197

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-11-16

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

Contact

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Town Lane Cemetery
Bebington
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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION BY THE PROVISION OF A PLACE OF WORSHIP ON MERSEYSIDE. ACTIVITIES IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS WILL INCLUDE: A) PROVISION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE TO MAINTAIN A ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH PARISH ON MERSEYSIDE FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC OF THE REGION AND ELSEWHERE. THIS WILL INCLUDE: B) RAISING AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY C) ENABLING ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS DEVOTIONAL ACTS IN THE CHURCH.

Activities: Provision of a functioning church which enables regular services of the orthodox Christian faith. The charity was established to raise and manage funds for the repair and improvement of the church which functions as a Christian and cultural support facility for Romanians living in the NW of England and North Wales. All church services are free and open to the general public.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Wirral

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-19	£267,772	£131,591	-	-
2023-10-19	£182,298	£63,238	-	-
2022-10-19	£140,256	£61,835	-	-
2021-10-19	£59,028	£33,918	-	-
2020-10-19	£67,370	£45,518	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev FLORIN VOINEA	Chair	2014-02-18
Ana Oltean		2020-01-12
Andreea Loredana Covalciuc		2025-01-16
Emilian Constantin Covalciuc		2025-01-16
Professor DORINA CARTER-TIMOFTE DVM, FRCVS		2014-02-18
Professor STUART DAVID CARTER FRCPATH		2014-02-18
Rev Razvan Dumitrescu		2026-01-19

ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH ON MERSEYSIDE

England & Wales - Charity number 1170197

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 20th October 2023 To: 19th October 2024

Charity name: Romanian Orthodox Church on Merseyside

Charity registration number: 1170197

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The Advancement of the Christian religion by the provision of a place of worship on Merseyside.</p> <p>Activities in furtherance of this will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Provision of financial support and governance to maintain a Romanian Orthodox church parish on Merseyside for use by the public of the region and elsewhere. This will include:b) Raising awareness and understanding of the Orthodox Christian church in the local community.c) Enabling Orthodox Christian religious devotional acts in the church.
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>Provision of a functioning church which itself provides regular services of the orthodox Christian faith in its own church building. Wirral Council have provided the church building (it was previously derelict) and the charity was established (under a legal framework) to raise and manage funds for the repair, improvement and maintenance of the church.</p> <p>The charity considers that it been successful so far and that the church is continually improving as a Christian and cultural support facility for Romanians living in the NW of England and North Wales.</p> <p>All church services are free and open to the general public.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and are complicit with its requirements.</p>

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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not provide grants for other organisations
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We are not involved in any social investment programmes
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers make a huge difference to the charity's activities and this takes many forms. These include provision of free professional building skills eg plastering and electrical work. Also included are maintenance, cleaning and transport roles and provision of a Sunday school. They also assist the priest in his many duties.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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	At Bebington, the charity has made many contributions to our church (St Paisie) fabric, facilities and activities over the last 8 years. Indeed, there are very few improvements which need to be made. Post pandemic, the numbers attending services have steadily risen back to what they were previously. Indeed, this small church is often overwhelmed on Sundays. Consequently, following advanced discussions with the Liverpool Catholic Diocese ROCOM has been granted a 25 year lease on a vacant church building in Liverpool, in Bootle and we took over this building in early 2024 and refurbished it to make it suitable for orthodox church services. This church (St Ephraim) accommodates 150-200 worshippers. We use both churches regularly. This has enabled greater church attendance and made travel easier for worshippers as we now have churches in 2 distinct sites on Merseyside.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	As the Bebbington church fabric is now more or less settled, we have relatively little expenditure beyond running costs. At Bootle, we have considerable utilities costs but we are still financially very stable
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We have a reserve to replace some poor roof timbers at St Paisie and to cover any emergency. At St Ephraim, we do not have a separate hall, making Sunday school a very difficult activity and we are campaigning for funds to either buy or build a hall locally. We may need to relocate St Ephraim to satisfy this need.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£100,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Principal income is from the parishioners and their donations
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	None
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Very few issues; our income and planning strategy works very well. The major risk would be loss of priest as we only have one. There is the possibility we will be granted another priest in the future. Any government restrictions on immigration from EU countries could affect numbers of church goers.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Foundation Model CIO
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	Selected from the Church Council and appointed as agreed by chair and secretary. We maintain a 50:50 gender balance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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	The charity is a key part of the church organisation and reports to the church council whose main purpose is ecclesiastical matters in the parish. The charity maintains governance of church finances.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Romanian Orthodox Church On Merseyside (ROCOM)
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1170197
Charity's principal address	4 Victoria Drive, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 0QT

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	Fr Florin Voinea	Chair		Church Council appoints all
2	Prof Stuart Carter	Secretary/Treasurer		
3	Ms Cristiana Andrada Pintrijel			
4	Dr Dorina Carter-Timofte			
5	Ms Ana Oltean			
6	Mr Daniel Cobel			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

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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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

Signature(s)

SDC

Full name(s)

Dr Stuart David Carter

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Secretary & Treasurer

Date

18th July 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Romanian Orthodox Church on Merseyside	No (if any) 1170197
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 10/20/2023	To	Period end date 10/19/2024
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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					
Starting cash balance	119,060	-	-	119,060	79,868
Church Collections	18,652	-	-	18,652	18,480
Candle/icon sales and donations	119,013	-	-	119,013	68,936
Gift Aid refund	11,047	-	-	11,047	15,014
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	267,772	-	-	267,772	182,298
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
		55437			
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	267,772	-	-	267,772	182,298
A3 Payments					
Insurance	793	-	-	793	748
Religious goods	47,110	-	-	47,110	22,008
Funerals	22,461	-	-	22,461	5,025
Hall/church hire	790	-	-	790	1,159
Electrical goods					810
Running costs	60,437	-	-	60,437	33,488
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	131,591	-	-	131,591	63,238
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	131,591	-	-	131,591	63,238
Net of receipts/(payments)	136,181	-	-	136,181	119,060
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	136,181	-	-	136,181	119,060

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	136,181	-	-
	(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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Dr Stuart Carter	7/18/2025



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

Romanian Orthodox Church on Merseyside (ROCOM)

On accounts for the year ended

19 October 2024

Charity no (if any)

1170197

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **19 / 10 /2024**.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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:

Date:

24/07/2025

Name:

Ana Oltean

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

Master of Science in Management and Finance

Address:

17 Ascot Drive

Ellesmere Port

CH66 2NB

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.

ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH ON MERSEYSIDE

England & Wales - Charity number 1170197

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 20th October 2022 To: 19th October 2023

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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and are complicit with its requirements.</p>

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Additional information (optional)

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Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£50,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

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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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

Signature(s)

SDC

Full name(s)

Dr Stuart David Carter

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Secretary & Treasurer

Date

25th July 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Romanian Orthodox Church on Merseyside	No (if any) 1170197
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 10/20/2022	To	Period end date 10/19/2023
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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					
Starting cash balance	79,868	-	-	79,868	47,194
Church Collections	18,480	-	-	18,480	24,494
Candle/icon sales and donations	68,936	-	-	68,936	56,468
Gift Aid refund	15,014	-	-	15,014	12,100
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	182,298	-	-	182,298	140,256
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	182,298	-	-	182,298	140,256
A3 Payments					
Insurance	748	-	-	748	646
Religious goods	22,008	-	-	22,008	23,259
Funerals	5,025	-	-	5,025	6,875
Hall/church hire	1,159	-	-	1,159	1,380
Electrical goods	810	-	-	810	698
Running costs	33,488	-	-	33,488	25,735
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	63,238	-	-	63,238	58,593
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	63,238	-	-	63,238	58,593
Net of receipts/(payments)	119,060	-	-	119,060	81,663
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	119,060	-	-	119,060	81,663

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	119,060	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-

	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
	Dr Stuart Carter	7/25/2024



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Romanian Orthodox Church On Merseyside (ROCOM)

On accounts for the year ended

19 October 2023

Charity no (if any)

1170197

Set out on pages

Separate document

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **19/10/2023**

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

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Signed:

Date:

05/08/2024

Name:

IER

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October 2018

Mrs Ana Oltean

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

Master of Science, Management and Finance

Address:

17 Ascot Drive

Ellesmere Port, Cheshire

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Section B

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ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH ON MERSEYSIDE

England & Wales - Charity number 1170197

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 20th October 2021 To 19th October 2022

Charity name: Romanian Orthodox Church on Merseyside

Charity registration number: 1170197

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The Advancement of the Christian religion by the provision of a place of worship on Merseyside.</p> <p>Activities in furtherance of this will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Provision of financial support and governance to maintain a Romanian Orthodox church parish on Merseyside for use by the public of the region and elsewhere. This will include:b) Raising awareness and understanding of the Orthodox Christian church in the local community.c) Enabling Orthodox Christian religious devotional acts in the church.
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>Provision of a functioning church which itself provides regular services of the orthodox Christian faith in its own church building. Wirral Council have provided the church building (it was previously derelict) and the charity was established (under a legal framework) to raise and manage funds for the repair, improvement and maintenance of the church.</p> <p>The charity considers that it been successful so far and that the church is continually improving as a Christian and cultural support facility for Romanians living in the NW of England and North Wales.</p> <p>All church services are free and open to the general public.</p>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and are complicit with its requirements.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not provide grants for outside usage
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We are not involved in any social investment programmes
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers make a huge difference to the charity's activities and this takes many forms. These include provision of free professional building skills eg plastering and electrical work. Also included are cleaning and transport roles and provision of a Sunday school.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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	The charity has made many contributions to the church fabric and facilities over recent years. Indeed, there are very few improvements which need to be made. Post pandemic, the numbers attending services have steadily risen back to what they were previously. Indeed, our small church is often overwhelmed on Sundays. This is a very good outcome but is becoming an issue due to covid being ever present and because there is no possibility of expansion of our current church. As we are financially in a good position at the end of this year, we are actively considering trying to acquire another larger church to provide a place of worship in Liverpool as well as our current church on the Wirral. Currently we are in discussions with the Liverpool Catholic Diocese about moving

		into a vacant church building in Liverpool
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	As the church fabric is now more or less settled, we have relatively little expenditure beyond running costs
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We have a reserve to replace some poor roof timbers or any emergency.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£10,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Principal income is from the parishioners and their donations
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	None
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Brexit is affecting numbers of Romanians in the parish and making life difficult in several cases.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Foundation Model CIO
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	Selected from the Church Council and appointed as agreed by chair and secretary

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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	The charity is a key part of the church organisation and reports to the church council whose main purpose is ecclesiastical matters in the parish. The charity maintains governance of church finances.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Romanian Orthodox Church On Merseyside (ROCOM)
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1170197
Charity's principal address	4 Victoria Drive, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 0QT

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	Fr Florin Voinea	Chair		Church Council appoints all
2	Prof Stuart Carter	Secretary/ Treasurer		
3	Ms Cristiana Andrada Pintrijel			
4	Dr Dorina Carter-Timofte			
5	Ms Ana Oltean			
6	Mr Daniel Cobel			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

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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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

Signature(s)

SDC

Full name(s)

Dr Stuart David Carter

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Secretary & Treasurer

Date

26th July 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Romanian Orthodox Church on Merseyside

1170197

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 10/20/2021	To	Period end date 10/19/2022
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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					
Starting cash balance	47,194	-	-	47,194	22,145
Church Collections	24,494	-	-	24,494	15,165
Web donations and sales in church	56,468	-	-	56,468	33,190
Gift Aid refund	12,100	-	-	12,100	10,673
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	140,256	-	-	140,256	81,173
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	140,256	-	-	140,256	81,173
A3 Payments					
Building Insurance	646	-	-	646	580
Religious goods	23,259	-	-	23,259	8,918
Electrical goods	698	-	-	698	400
Ukraine support	1,795	-	-	1,795	-
Funerals	6,875	-	-	6,875	-
Hall/Church hire	1,380	-	-	1,380	-
Running costs	25,735	-	-	25,735	24,020
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	60,388	-	-	60,388	33,918
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	60,388	-	-	60,388	33,918
Net of receipts/(payments)	79,868	-	-	79,868	47,255
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	79,868	-	-	79,868	47,255

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		-	-	-
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	Total cash funds	-	-	-
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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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	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
	Dr Stuart Carter	7/26/2023



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Romanian Orthodox Church On Merseyside (ROCOM)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

19 October 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1170197

Set out on pages

Separate document

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **19 October 2022**.

**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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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:

Ana Oltean

Date:

12/08/23

Name:

Mrs Ana Oltean

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

Master of Science, Management and Finance

Address:

17 Ascot Drive

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ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH ON MERSEYSIDE

England & Wales - Charity number 1170197

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 20 October 2020 To: 19 October 2021

Charity name: Romanian Orthodox Church On Merseyside
(ROCOM)

Charity registration number: 1170197

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The Advancement of the Christian religion by the provision of a place of worship on Merseyside.</p> <p>Activities in furtherance of this will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Provision of financial support and governance to maintain a Romanian Orthodox church parish on Merseyside for use by the public of the region and elsewhere. This will include:b) Raising awareness and understanding of the Orthodox Christian church in the local community.c) Enabling Orthodox Christian religious devotional acts in the church.
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>Provision of a functioning church which itself provides regular services of the orthodox Christian faith in its own church building. Wirral Council have provided the church building (it was previously derelict) and the charity was established (under a legal framework) to raise and manage funds for the repair, improvement and maintenance of the church.</p> <p>The charity considers that it been successful so far and that the church is continually improving as a Christian and cultural support facility for Romanians living in the NW of England and North Wales.</p> <p>All church services are free and open to the general public.</p>

		The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and are complicit with its requirements.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The sole purpose of the charity and hence the role of the trustees is the advancement of religion, namely the orthodox Christian church.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not provide grants for outside usage
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We are not in any social investment programmes
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers make a huge difference to the charity's activities and this takes many forms. These include provision of free professional building skills eg plastering and electrical work. Also included are cleaning and transport roles and provision of a Sunday school.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The charity has made many contributions to the church fabric and facilities over recent years. The Covid pandemic interrupted our attempts at improving our church, but fortunately our building improvements are now almost complete. During the pandemic, our congregation was very restricted and it very pleasing that since then the numbers attending services have steadily risen back to what they were previously. Indeed, our small church is often overwhelmed on Sundays. This is a very good outcome but is becoming an issue due to covid being ever present and because there is no possibility of expansion of our current church. As we are financially in a good position at the end of this year, we are actively considering trying to acquire another larger church to provide a place of worship in Liverpool as well as our current church on the Wirral.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Other</p>		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Despite Covid, this was a very good year financially as we had no large items of expenditure as the church is now in excellent condition.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We have a reserve to replace some poor roof timbers or any emergency.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£10,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None; we are quite successful

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Principal income is from the parishioners and their donations
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	None
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	UK Government taking an overharsh view of Romanians in the UK
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Foundation Model CIO
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Additional information (optional)

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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is a key part of the church organisation and reports to the church council whose main purpose is ecclesiastical matters in the parish. The charity maintains governance of church finances.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Romanian Orthodox Church On Merseyside (ROCOM)
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1170197

Charity's principal address	4 Victoria Drive, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 0QT

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	Fr Florin Voinea	Chair		Church Council appoints all
2	Prof Stuart Carter	Secretary/Treasurer		
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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

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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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

Signature(s)

SDC

Full name(s)

Dr Stuart David Carter

Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary & Treasurer

Date

01 August 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Romanian Orthodox Church on Merseyside

No (if any)
1170197

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 10/20/2020	To	Period end date 10/19/2021
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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 £
A1 Receipts				
Starting cash balance	22,145	-	-	22,145
Church collections	15,165	-	-	15,165
Web Donations & sales in church	33,190	-	-	33,190
Gift Aid refund	10,673	-	-	10,673
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	81,173	-	-	81,173
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	81,173	-	-	81,173
A3 Payments				
Insurance	580	-	-	580
Religious items/icons	8,918	-	-	8,918
Electronics	400	-	-	400
Building improvements	1,525	-	-	1,525
Smartwater protection	400	-	-	400
Maintenance & running costs	22,095	-	-	22,095
Carpets/heating system	-	-	-	-
Covid	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	33,918	-	-	33,918
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	33,918	-	-	33,918
Net of receipts/(payments)	47,255	-	-	47,255
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	47,255	-	-	47,255

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
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		-	-
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		-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
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			-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

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

<p>Signature</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>	<p>Print Name</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> Dr Stuart Carter </div>
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Last year

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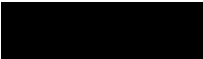
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Date of approval

8/1/2022



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Romanian Orthodox Church On Merseyside (ROCOM)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

19 October 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1170197

Set out on pages

Separate document

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 19/10/2021.

**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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

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

Signed:

Date:

04.08.2022

Name:

Ana Oltean

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

Master of Science in Management and Finance

Address:

17 Ascot Drive

Ellesmere Port, Cheshire

CH66 2NB

Section B

Disclosure

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


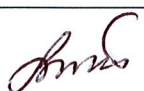
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Dr Stuart David Carter	Ana Oltean
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary & Treasurer	Trustee
Date	01 August 2022	

ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH ON MERSEYSIDE

England & Wales - Charity number 1170197

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	20	October	2019		19	Oct	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Romanian Orthodox Church On Merseyside

Other names charity is known by ROCOM

Registered charity number (if any) 1170197

Charity's principal address 4 Victoria Drive, West Kirby,
Wirral
Merseyside
CH48 0QT

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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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

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

N/A

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Foundation Model CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed agreed by chair and secretary

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.

The charity is a key part of the church organisation and reports to the church council whose main purpose is ecclesiastical matters in the parish. The charity maintains governance of church finances.

The charity has in place written policies for protection of children and vulnerable adults

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The Advancement of the Christian religion by the provision of a place of worship on Merseyside.

Activities in furtherance of this will include:

a) Provision of financial support and governance to maintain a Romanian Orthodox church parish on

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)

Merseyside for use by the public of the region and elsewhere. This will include:

- b) Raising awareness and understanding of the Orthodox Christian church in the local community.
- c) Enabling Orthodox Christian religious devotional acts in the church.

Provision of a functioning church which itself provides regular services of the orthodox Christian faith in its own church building. Wirral Council have provided the church building (it was previously derelict) and the charity was established (under a legal framework) to raise and manage funds for the repair, improvement and maintenance of the church.

The charity considers that it been successful so far and that the church is continually improving as a Christian and cultural support facility for Romanians living in the NW of England and North Wales.

All church services are free and open to the general public.

The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and are complicit with its requirements.

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.

Volunteers make a huge difference to the charity’s activities and this takes many forms but centred primarily on provision of free professional building skills eg plastering and electrical work. This means that the funds we raise for the church fabric go much further.

We do not provide funds (grants) for other activities and have no investment plans or proposals.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year was very difficult as the church was closed from 24th March 2020 through the summer months due to the COVID pandemic. There was a partial reopening, with limited attendance from July 2020 and no weddings or baptisms occurred during the spring or summer. No singing was allowed and social distancing and other related measures were employed and enforced. Inevitably, donated income fell during this period as did sales of religious artefacts. However, our website attracted some donations.

Despite all the above, as in previous years, the main achievements of ROCOM during the year have been the maintenance of the church, the continual improvement of the church fabric and support for the priest. This has been achieved by two means a) generation of funds from the congregation and others and b) the unpaid work of volunteers to make significant improvements. The volunteers have made a big difference as they provide skills and a labour force to enable success of the project at no cost to the church or charity.

A considerable amount of work on improving the fabric was done in the previous reported years and we continued that activity throughout this year. Indeed we achieved a great deal as the church was closed most weekends in the spring and summer months. The new heating system is now fully installed and the main floor of the church raised and waterproofing and insulation installed below. The church stays warm in winter now. The main body of the church is now carpeted and the ground drainage further improved. The priest now has a functioning office space. All of these were possible due to fund raising efforts in the church community and our use of our website to sell religious items

The size of the congregation was inevitably reduced from the 50-70 each Sunday due to rules which only allow 20 people to attend services. This has been managed during the pandemic by an on-line booking system to ensure all families had a chance to attend services.

As well as the regular church services, there would normally be regular social events, primarily based around the church building and church special days and anniversaries. We would also use a local hall for educational seminars (mainly involving outside speakers) relating to the Orthodox church and Romanian culture. These have all been placed on hold during the year.

Financially, we have made a small loss this year but are still secure and hope that the pandemic will soon be a thing of the past, not primarily for funding but due to the strong community spirit we normally enjoy.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

No formal trustee policy except maintaining a bank account containing at least £2,000 at any one time. There are some ring-fenced reserves for capital expenditure on the church fabric and we regularly prioritise use of other funds as required.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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.

Principal income is from the parishioners and their donations

Church fabric is continuously improving


Section F Other optional information

As in previous years, our future plans mainly relate to improving the church fabric. The main targets for next year are better waterproofing, insulation and replacement of rotten timbers. We intend to approach (again) the few church and cultural charities for which we are eligible.

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)	Stuart David Carter	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary/Treasurer	
Date	10 th August 2021	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Romanian Orthodox Church On Merseyside	No (if any) 1170197
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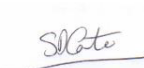
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 20/10/2019	To	Period end date 19/10/2020
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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					
Starting cash balance	23,412	-	-	23,412	15,486
church collections	8,370	-	-	8,370	13,334
Web/Bank Donations & church sales	27,896	-	-	27,896	6,404
Gift Aid Refund (HMRC)	7,692	-	-	7,692	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	67,370	-	-	67,370	35,224
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	67,370	-	-	67,370	35,224
A3 Payments					
Insurance	543	-	-	543	515
New Carpets	2,836	-	-	2,836	723
Heating system	12,400	-	-	12,400	961
Smartwater protection	400	-	-	400	400
Building improvements	6,295	-	-	6,295	9,213
Covid costs	333	-	-	333	-
Maintenance & running costs	22,711	-	-	22,711	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	45,518	-	-	45,518	11,812
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	45,518	-	-	45,518	11,812
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,852	-	-	21,852	23,412
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	21,852	-	-	21,852	23,412

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		-	-	-
	Bank Account	21,852	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	21,852	-	-
	(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 £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Dr Stuart David Carter	10th August 2021	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

**On accounts for the year
ended** **Charity no
(if any)**

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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: **Date:**

Name:

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

MSc Finance and Management (University of Chester,2019)
BA (Hons) Economics (Academy of Economic Studies, 2008)

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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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