

St. Korkos Orthodox Church
and Eritrean Community in
Birmingham

Annual Report

2021-2022

Legal and administration information

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Full Name of the Charity:

St. Korkos Orthodox Church and Eritreans' Community in Birmingham

Charity Registration Number

1174445

Charity current address

37 Broom Field Road Edrington Birmingham B23 7QA

Trustees:**Elected trustees**

Dawit Belay

Amanuel Fessahaye

Binyam Eyasu

Tsige Tekhle

Gherezghiher kflemariam

Mebahtom Weldemikall

Independent Examiner

Sigma Chartered Accountants and Tax Advisors

Wilding Building,

864 Wash wood Heath Road,

Ward End Birmingham,

B8 2NG

Banker

NatWest and Barclays in Birmingham

Structure Governance and Management

The members of St. Korkos Orthodox church are currently meeting at 37 Broom Field Road Erdington in Birmingham. The trustees are bodies that manage the charity's activity in line with the internal memorandum and the rules set by the charity commission. The trustees of the charity are elected by the members. Members are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the trustees.

Our Charity

The number of Asylum seekers and refugees arriving in the UK has been increasing from time to time. Most of these asylum seekers experience homesickness and face difficulties in integration with the UK environment, mainly because of the trauma they have experienced back home and, on their way, overseas. Some members of our community have been voluntarily assisting them by providing basic information and guidance. This initiative has been advanced to organise the community and managed to set up a charity which was registered with the charity commission in August 2017. We are working on assisting the community in providing religious and other community services. We have started to support some children with their home learning and give necessary guidance for their 11+ entrance examinations and GCSEs. We have also planned to provide a wide range of services for the members of our charity and others who may need them.

Acquisition of Property

Free Hold Property 37 Broom Field Road Erdington Birmingham

We have been praying for and waiting for a long time, to have our own place of worship. For that to happen we raised funds for all most 6 years from our members of the church, after all these long years we have raised the money from our members to buy the property we were looking for and now we have our own place of worship, which we bought on the 10th December 2021 at 37 Bloomfield Road, Erdington, Birmingham.

Monday to Friday

As we have our place of worship now from 6 pm to 9 pm Monday to Friday we have a Deacon class every day of the week. At the moment ,There are 20 Deacon who take a lesson at the church every day of the week.

Saturday

Every Saturday of the week we have a lesson for children at St.Korkos Orthodox Church and the Eritrean community from 10 am to 12 pm. There are about 80 children that take the lessons every Saturday. The children's age ranges from 4 years old to 16 years old. They are taken to Bible study and taught how to stay away from anything that can harm the community of Birmingham. The children are split into 2 groups so that they can all be taught at their own level and pace. The first group is made up of 30 children, ranging from 4 years old to 8 years old. The second group is made up of 50 children, ranging from 9 years old to 16 years old.

St. Korkos Orthodox Church and Eritreans' Community in Birmingham

Annual General Meeting

Held on Sunday the 26th of September 2022

Apologies

Apologies from:

Mr Dawit Belay.

The meeting took place at St Korkos Orthodox Church and Eritreans Community at 37 Broom Field Road Erdington Birmingham. Mr Amanuel Fessahaye, the Vice-chairperson of the charity, opened the meeting with a prayer and thanked everyone for the hard work done in the year. He has mentioned all the religious and other community activities completed during the year. As mentioned in the last general meeting he focused on promoting better service for the community and working hard in fundraising.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the last year's meeting were read out by Mr Fessahaye, the vice chairperson of the charity. The minutes were accepted by all the trustees.

Activities

A report for the religious and other services provided in the year has been reported by Mr Eyasu and all the members agree to the report.

Health and Safety

The issue of health and safety is one of the top priorities in charity activity. The charity has been taking all necessary measures to ensure that every service user is safe and the activities at the church are undertaken with diligence and due care. Mr Fessahaye has highlighted that all who work with vulnerable people have been monitored by the guidelines. He stressed, that any issues about safety must be reported on time. He has reminded all that the necessary policies like insurance policies, Fire exit and DBS must be updated constantly.

Election of new trustees

The charity believes that the trustees have to be elected by the members of the congregation for a duration of three years. However, the service time of all or any member of the trustee can be extended if he/she is re-elected by the congregation. In September 2021 the trustees has called up a meeting of the congregation for an election of new trustees. The congregation has agreed to delay the election of new trustees until the time the project of buying a property is completed. However, the existing members demanded that the election of new trustees should be made regardless of whether the acquisition of a property is completed or not. A meeting is planned to be made for early February 2022. Mr Amanuel stressed the need for the young generation's participation in the management body and he suggested that they need to assist in many tasks of the trustees so that they can we can handover the tasks to them easily in the future.

Our bankers

Our main bank is NatWest, where our most of our transaction is done through this bank. In addition, we also have a bank account with Barclays bank.

Acquisition of property

We have been delivering our services at St James Church for a few years now. The people and the committee members of St James have been extremely supportive of our weekly services. We have been welcomed at the church to undertake our services and events unconditionally. All members of the trustees have expressed their appreciation and proposed to actively participate in any works carried out at the church. Since July 2012 we have moved to the new property we bought but it took us hard work to do the refreshments of the building almost it took as seven months to do all the work on the property we bought. We are now carrying all our services in the new building of St . Korkos Orthodox Church and Eritreans Community.

Financial report

Mrs Tekhle presented the finance report, she explained that the incoming fund to words the accusation of a property has been satisfactory and she mentioned a lot of work needs to be done to get to the desired target.

Mrs Tekhle indicated that the non-refundable money paid in the attempt of buying a property was the major expense of the year. She has also presented the report on the borrowing made by our members to buy a property. She has indicated that all minor recurrent expenses have been covered by the members here and then.

Mr Fessahaye has thanked the accounts team for their hard work in handling the funds and for keeping our records up to date. Mrs Tekhle asked if everyone accepted the accounts and this was proposed by Mr Fessahaye and supported by all the trustees.

Charity number: 1174445

ST KORKOS ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ERITREANS' COMMUNITY

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2022

ST KORKOS ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ERITREANS' COMMUNITY
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ST KORKOS ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ERITREANS' COMMUNITY

Report of the Trustees For the year ended 31 March 2022

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	ST KORKOS ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ERITREANS' COMMUNITY
Charity registration number	1174445
Principal address	37 Broomfield Road Erdington Birmingham B23 7QA

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Amanuel Fessahaye
Biniam Eyasu
Gherezghimer Kflemariam
Mebahtom Weldemikail
Tsige Tekhle
Dawit Belay

Independent examiners

Sigma Chartered Accountants
862-864 Washwood Heath Road
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Birmingham
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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by


Tsige Tekhle 25 January 2023

ST KORKOS ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ERITREANS' COMMUNITY
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 31 March 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



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Jawaid Yakoob FCA (8462707)

Sigma Chartered Accountants
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25 January 2023

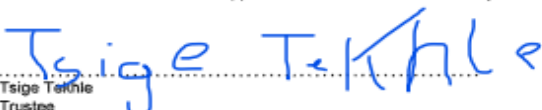
ST KORKOS ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ERITREANS' COMMUNITY
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	48,072	131,878	179,950	161,979
Charitable activities	3	990	-	990	1,470
Total		49,062	131,878	180,940	163,449
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4/5	(13,426)	-	(13,426)	(12,834)
Total		(13,426)	-	(13,426)	(12,834)
Net income		35,636	131,878	167,514	150,615
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		475,482	(179,461)	296,021	145,405
Total funds carried forward		511,118	(47,583)	463,535	296,020

ST KORKOS ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ERITREANS' COMMUNITY
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	511,627	-
		511,627	-
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		23,344	367,430
		23,344	367,430
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(536)	(510)
Net current assets		22,808	366,920
Total assets less current liabilities		534,435	366,920
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11	(70,900)	(70,900)
Net assets		463,535	296,020
The funds of the charity			
Restricted income funds	12	(47,563)	144,467
Unrestricted income funds	12	511,118	151,553
Total funds		463,535	296,020

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:


Tsige Tekhle
Trustee
25 January 2023

ST KORKOS ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ERITREANS' COMMUNITY
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

ST KORKOS ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ERITREANS' COMMUNITY meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Donations received	31,968	131,878	163,846	146,500
Subscriptions received	16,104	-	16,104	15,479
	48,072	131,878	179,950	161,979

3. Income from charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Sales		
Income from charitable activities	990	1,470

4. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Sales	-	124
Support costs	13,426	12,710
	13,426	12,834

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5. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	2022	2021
	£	£
Sales	13,426	12,834

6. Analysis of support costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Governance costs	13,426	12,710

7. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accountancy fees	536	510

8. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	21,751	140,228	161,979
Charitable activities	1,470	-	1,470
Total	23,221	140,228	163,449
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	(2,834)	(10,000)	(12,834)
Total	(2,834)	(10,000)	(12,834)
Net income	20,387	130,228	150,615
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	131,166	14,239	145,405
Total funds carried forward	151,553	144,467	296,020

ST KORKOS ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ERITREANS' COMMUNITY
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9. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Land and Buildings £
Additions	511,627
At 31 March 2022	511,627
Net book values	
At 31 March 2022	511,627

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	536	510
	536	510

11. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Loans and overdrafts	70,900	70,900
	70,900	70,900

12. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/04/2021 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 31/03/2022 £
General				
General	475,482	49,062	(13,426)	511,118
	475,482	49,062	(13,426)	511,118

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Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/04/2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 31/03/2021 £
<i>General</i>				
General	131,166	23,221	(2,834)	151,553
	131,166	23,221	(2,834)	151,553

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

General

Unrestricted funds are donations that the charity may use for any purpose to meet the aims and objectives.

Restricted Funds

	Balance at 01/04/2021 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 31/03/2022 £
Restricted Funds	(179,461)	131,878	-	(47,583)
	(179,461)	131,878	-	(47,583)

Restricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/04/2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 31/03/2021 £
Restricted Funds	14,239	140,228	(10,000)	144,467
	14,239	140,228	(10,000)	144,467

Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are donations used for a specific project.

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Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
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13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Creditors > one year	Net Assets
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General	511,627	(509)	-	511,118
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds	-	23,317	(70,900)	(47,583)
	511,627	22,808	(70,900)	463,535
Previous year				
	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Creditors > one year	Net Assets
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General	-	151,553	-	151,553
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds	-	215,367	(70,900)	144,467
	-	366,920	(70,900)	296,020

ST KORKOS ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ERITREANS' COMMUNITY
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	163,846	146,500
Subscriptions	16,104	15,479
	<u>179,950</u>	<u>161,979</u>
Charitable activities		
Income from charitable activities	990	1,470
	<u>990</u>	<u>1,470</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>180,940</u>	<u>163,449</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Cost of grant funded charitable activity	-	(124)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(124)</u>
SUPPORT COSTS		
Governance costs		
Governance costs	(13,426)	(12,710)
	<u>(13,426)</u>	<u>(12,710)</u>
Total resources expended	<u>(13,426)</u>	<u>(12,834)</u>
Net Income	<u>167,514</u>	<u>150,615</u>

Sunday school

The number of families joining the charity has increased year after year so is the number of children attending the Sunday school. We have almost Seventy children who regularly attend Sunday school. Some of them are born in the UK and others are those who have come over from Eritrea and Ethiopia. Even though most of the children are from Eritrea our charity is open to everyone. In the Sunday service, we try to put the children in classrooms according to their age and level of understanding of religious and other studies. The individuals who are mentoring the children have been DBS checked and all the necessary supervision is made by a designated person in every lesson.

As part of getting together, we have taken a group of children to Canon Hill Park, swimming, football and other activities. Most of the children found the trip engaging, our charity is planning to do more trips to other recreation centres. We have also made efforts to communicate with other churches to share experiences.

Some highlights

April – May 2022

During this period, we observed the forty days of lent which was followed by Easter. Our Easter service was carried out at St, Korkos Orthodox Church and Eritreans Community at Erdington the whole congregation gathered together to pray for the risen of Jesus Chriss and to celebrate Easter.

July 2021

In July we celebrated our annual mass at St. Korkos Orthodox Church and Eritreans Community at Erdington. The event is one of the two big church events carried out in January and July.

January 2023

In January 2022 we celebrated our Christmas at St. Korkos Orthodox Church and Eritrean Community at Erdington. According to our church tradition, Christmas is celebrated in early January.

February 2023

In January we celebrated our first annual event of the year 2023 all the congregation of sisters and brothers of the Eritrean orthodox church in Birmingham gathered together to celebrate the January festival of St Korkos church in Birmingham at Erdington. the entire Eritrean community in

Birmingham was very excited to celebrate the January festival of St. Korkos on the new building we bought in December 2021.

