



ANNUAL REPORT

St. Korkos Orthodox Church and
Eritrean Community in
Birmingham



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Legal and Administration Charity Information

Charity Name:

St. Korkos Orthodox Church and Eritreans' Community in Birmingham

Charity Registration Number:

1174445

Charity Address:

37 Broomfield Road, Edrington, Birmingham, B23 7QA.

Elected Trustees:

Dawit Belay

Father Amine Gebremariam (Priest)

Biniyam Eyasu

Mebahtom Weldemikall

Gherezghimer Kflemariam

Tsige Tekhle

Independent Examiner:

Sigma Chartered Accountants and Tax Advisors Wilding Building,

864 Wash wood Heath Road, Ward End Birmingham,

B8 2NG

Bank:

NatWest and Barclays in Birmingham

Structure Governance and Management:

The St. Korkos Orthodox Church congregation currently gathers at 37 Broomfield Road Edrington in Birmingham. The trustees, who oversee the charity's operations in accordance with the internal memorandum and regulations established by the charity commission, are responsible for managing its affairs. The trustees are elected by the members, who are encouraged to enroll on the electoral roll and participate in trustee elections.



Background:

The influx of asylum seekers and refugees into the United Kingdom has been steadily increasing over the years. Having fled due to various forms of persecution, they often struggle with homesickness and therefore seek a community that can help them settle and thrive in the UK. This is especially important given that many have endured traumatic experiences both in their home country and in their perilous journey to the UK. Fortunately, there are compassionate members within our community who have taken it upon themselves to offer voluntary support to these individuals by providing them with essential information and guidance to help ease their transition.

The community has made significant progress in establishing an initiative aimed at organizing its members and establishing a registered charity with the charity commission in August 2017. Our primary focus is to assist the community by offering religious and various other community services. In addition, we have taken the initiative to support children in their home learning, providing essential guidance for their 11+ entrance examinations and GCSEs. Furthermore, we have devised plans to offer a diverse range of services to both our charity members and individuals who may require our assistance.

Property:

Our congregation has been fervently praying and patiently waiting for a considerable amount of time to acquire a dedicated space for worship. To achieve this goal, we diligently collected funds from our church members for nearly six years. After a long and arduous journey, we have finally accumulated the necessary funds to purchase the property we had been eyeing. On the 10th of December 2021, we successfully acquired our very own place of worship located at 37 Broomfield Road, Erdington, Birmingham.



Yearly Overview:

Charitable Purposes:

The primary objective of the charity, as stated earlier, is to assist asylum seekers in adapting and assimilating into British society. This is primarily achieved through the provision of religious and cultural services that are specifically designed to support individuals during challenging and distressing periods.

Overview of activity conducted throughout the year:

This year, our programs and services have experienced significant growth as a result of acquiring our own property. Throughout the week, we organize a variety of religious activities, including worship and liturgy, which are specifically designed to accommodate individuals with different schedules. Our aim is to ensure that there is always ongoing assistance and engagement available to support individuals with diverse timetables. Additionally, we extend our help and support to newcomers in the country, addressing their various needs such as language assistance, form filling, and providing advice on various matters. We consider this support to be of utmost importance, as we firmly believe that newcomers have a tremendous potential to become valuable and contributing members of society when provided with appropriate guidance and steered in the right direction. Moreover, we strive to guide individuals away from potential addictions, recognizing that the stress and trauma they have endured may make them susceptible to such paths. The church also supports university students who arrive from other cities, offering them a welcoming community away from home.

Daily lessons are conducted from Monday to Thursday to educate students on the practices of the Eritrean orthodox church. This is crucial as it prepares the upcoming generation of leaders and servants with the necessary knowledge and skills through bible studies, hymns, and other relevant teachings.

In addition, young people and children receive lessons on Saturdays covering a wide range of subjects. These subjects encompass both academic and religious teachings. The significance of these lessons lies in their ability to impart knowledge about the church, Christian values, and academic guidance, including tutoring in areas where assistance is required. It is crucial to instill the right values in children from a young age, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, as we witness the detrimental impact of gangs on their lives. Therefore, we customize the lessons to steer them away from such influences and set them on a positive trajectory.

On Sundays, the church community gathers for the liturgy, during which a variety of church books are read, hymns are sung and sermons are delivered. Once the liturgy has ended, there is an opportunity for individuals to connect and engage in conversation whilst enjoying cultural food and beverages. This aspect holds great significance as it enables newcomers to establish connections with individuals who share similar backgrounds, fostering the formation of meaningful friendships beyond the church environment.



Daily Program Breakdown:

Monday - Friday: Lessons for Sunday School Students

Saturday: Lessons for the Young Children

Sunday: Divine Liturgy, Choir Practice and Fellowship Gathering

ST KORKOS ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ERITREANS' COMMUNITY

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

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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:

Biniam Eyasu
Gherezghimer Kflemariam
Mebahtom Weldemikall
Tsige Tekhle
Dawit Belay

Independent examiners	Sigma Chartered Accountants 862-864 Washwood Heath Road Washwood Heath Birmingham B8 2NG
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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

..... 23 May 2025
Dawit Belay

ST KORKOS ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ERITREANS' COMMUNITY
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	37,181	3,400	40,581	34,059
Total		37,181	3,400	40,581	34,059
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3/4	(7,145)	-	(7,145)	(40,706)
Total		(7,145)	-	(7,145)	(40,706)
Net income/expenditure		30,036	3,400	33,436	(6,647)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		433,360	24,007	457,367	463,535
Total funds carried forward		463,396	27,407	490,803	456,888

ST KORKOS ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ERITREANS' COMMUNITY
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	511,900	511,901
		511,900	511,901
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		27,407	16,476
		27,407	16,476
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,178)	(589)
Net current assets		26,229	15,887
Total assets less current liabilities		538,129	527,788
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11	(47,326)	(70,900)
Net assets		490,803	456,888
The funds of the charity			
Restricted income funds	12	27,407	16,476
Unrestricted income funds	12	463,396	440,412
Total funds		490,803	456,888

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

Tsige Tekhle
Trustee
23 May 2025

ST KORKOS ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ERITREANS' COMMUNITY

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

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

The financial statements have been prepared on the 'going concern' basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations received	37,181	3,400	40,581	34,059
	37,181	3,400	40,581	34,059

3. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	2024	2023
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Support costs	7,145	40,706

4. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sales	7,145	40,706

5. Analysis of support costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Governance costs	7,145	40,706

ST KORKOS ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ERITREANS' COMMUNITY
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 March 2024

6. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accountancy fees	589	589

7. Particulars of employees

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff	0	0
	0	0

8. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	27,559	6,500	34,059
Total	27,559	6,500	34,059
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	(40,706)	-	(40,706)
Total	(40,706)	-	(40,706)
Net income/expenditure	(13,147)	6,500	(6,647)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	453,559	9,976	463,535
Total funds carried forward	440,412	16,476	456,888

ST KORKOS ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ERITREANS' COMMUNITY
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 March 2024

9. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Land and Buildings £
Additions	511,900
At 31 March 2024	511,900
Net book values	
At 31 March 2024	511,900

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	1,178	589
	1,178	589

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	47,326	70,900
	47,326	70,900

12. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/04/2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 31/03/2024 £
<i>General</i>				
General	433,360	37,181	(7,145)	463,396
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Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

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<i>General</i>				
General	453,559	27,559	(40,706)	440,412
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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 01/04/2023 £	Incoming resources £	Balance at 31/03/2024 £
Restricted Funds	24,007	3,400	27,407
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Restricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/04/2022 £	Incoming resources £	Balance at 31/03/2023 £
Restricted Funds	9,976	6,500	16,476
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Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are donations used for a specific project.

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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	511,900	(1,178)	(47,326)	463,396
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds	-	27,407	-	27,407
	511,900	26,229	(47,326)	490,803

Previous year

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	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	40,581	34,059
	<u>40,581</u>	<u>34,059</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>40,581</u>	<u>34,059</u>
SUPPORT COSTS		
Governance costs		
Governance costs	(7,145)	(40,706)
	<u>(7,145)</u>	<u>(40,706)</u>
Total resources expended	<u>(7,145)</u>	<u>(40,706)</u>
Net Income	<u><u>33,436</u></u>	<u><u>(6,647)</u></u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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