



**GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST BASIL & ST PAISIOS**  
**Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Thyateira & G. Britain**

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

***Reporting Period: Year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021***

***Charity registration number: 1174704***

### **Achievements and Performance**

The operation of the charity gradually recovered to normal following last year's government pandemic measures. Given the continuing government constraints, we made all possible efforts to provide pastoral and material support to our parishioners particularly the more vulnerable ones.

#### ***Consecration of the Church***

Following the completion of the legal process for the purchase of the church building from the Lincoln Archdiocese of the Church of England, Archbishop, Nikitas, visited the Community in July 18 and presided over the consecration of the Church, which was combined with the celebration of the Feast of Saint Paisios. This is a key milestone on the life of our church and community as it has, at long last, its own consecrated place to worship God and serve the Lincolnshire Greek Orthodox Community.

#### ***Liturgical Life***

We continued to celebrate Vespers, Matins and Divine Liturgy on Sundays and on all Feast days. Services are attended by Orthodox people of several nationalities, including Greek, Greek Cypriots, English, Russian, Serbian, Bulgarian, Romanian, Albanian and Latvian. The attendance of the services continued to increase.

The Apostolic readings, the Gospel readings, the sermons and some prayers were in both Greek and English. Books that contain the Divine Liturgy in Greek and English were provided. Vespers, Small Petition and The Salutations to the Most Holy Theotokos were read every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening. The Church remains open between 4pm and 7pm for all.

The community continued to make all efforts to ensure the liturgical life remains faithful to the Typicon of the Greek Orthodox Church.

There were 11 baptisms, one Wedding and one Funeral during the period to December 2021.

#### ***Education***

We continued to operate a Saturday Greek School with 10 students in the age group 6 to 16 years old between the hours of 10:30 to 13:30. The lessons were held in the Church Hall and were provided by two qualified teachers. The Saturday



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Greek School provided Greek Language resources, including Greek Language text books and educational material, which were obtained through the Archdiocese of Thyateira and G. Britain or through purchased resources on the internet.

#### *Philanthropic Work*

Continued to provide ongoing moral and material support to Greeks, Greek Cypriots, English, Romanians, Bulgarians, Albanians and all without exemption, Orthodox and non-Orthodox, in accordance to our Lord's Gospel and through a large variety of issues and problems. Homeless people and anybody in need were allowed to use the church premises to take refuge for a few hours particularly during the winter, use the facilities and if necessary provide them with small financial help, food and drink.

#### *Worship*

We continued to assess, plan and manage repairs to the internal and external fabric of the building, including:

- A carved temple was manufactured and installed in the south side. The carved panels were donated by Fr Panagiotis and the joinery and installation was undertaken by Mr John Robinson.
- Commissioned three icons for the newly installed south temple which were donated by people from the community and London.
- Undertook electrical repair work.

The Church of England removed the bells from the main tower of the church. One small bell was left for our use but it requires expenditure to make it functional.

#### *Fund Raising Events*

A significant fund raising effort was undertaken in the period leading to the consecration of the Church through individual donations from across the UK.

We must acknowledge with gratitude and humility and over - generous support of our parishioners throughout this difficult period.

#### **Investments**

The charity does not have any investments.

#### **Financial Review**

The charity's primary sources of fund raising for this period were:

1. Sunday collection after the Divine Liturgy.
2. One-off donations from individuals.
3. One-off fund raising process leading to the Consecration of the Church.



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#### **Financial Review**

Total receipts during the reporting period were £70,958 well in excess of the amount reported last (£31,860). Receipts are made up primarily by Sunday collection (41%) and individual donations (44%). The remaining is made mostly of the Gift Aid tax repayment and Events. The significant increase in the individual donations was due to the fund raising for the Consecration of the Church, which were reported under individual donations.

The expenditure was £20,529 mostly related to utilities and insurance (15%), general expenditure (32%), continued improvements to the notably the manufacture and installation of the South Icon Temple (25%).

The church continues to require significant expenditure for:

- The external fabric of the building: stone walls (coping and pointing) and roof repairs. This is planned to begin during 2022.
- The internal structure: Double glazing of the windows to reduce draft and heat loss, plastering / rendering and redecorating, planned also to take place in 2022.
- Installation of additional heating system to supplement the existing gas heating which is highly inefficient.
- The building and installation of north iconostasis screen.
- Iconography of the church walls. This is a major expenditure which will take place over a period of 10 years.
- Portable icons.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees have decided that a reserve of £6,000 is maintained in the charity bank account at all times against unplanned urgent expenditure.

It is our policy that all monies of the Charity are managed through the charity bank accounts at Barclays Bank. All expenditure is paid by cheques which are countersigned by two authorised members of the committee and are shown on the bank statements.

#### **Volunteers**

All work of the charity is undertaken by volunteers. We would like to express our gratitude to all the volunteers who work hard to make the church the welcoming and vibrant community it is. We would like to express our gratitude to the Chairman, Mr Ioannis Ioannou and his family, and the members of the Church Committee for their unwavering contribution to the Church and Community. We are also grateful to the ladies of the Philoptochos Committee who prepare and deliver most of the fund raising events as well as the coffee/tea and snacks every Sunday after the Divine



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Liturgy. We must note with gratitude the invaluable contribution by our chanters, Mr and Mrs Philippou and Mrs E. Antoniadou.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The charity is governed by the Constitution which is provided by the Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain and approved the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. This Constitution governs all the Greek Orthodox Communities across the UK.

The Charity is governed by the Trustees. The Trustees are selected from the members of the community by the community according to its Constitution and approved by the Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain. The Trustees have overall responsibility for the Charity, and in particular to ensure the assets of the Charity are managed in line with the Constitution of the Charity and the relevant laws and regulations. The annual accounts of the Charity are prepared and approved by independent qualified accountants.

The Church Committee is responsible to the Trustees for making decisions on operational matters relating to the day-to-day operation of the Charity, including any spending of funds of the Charity. Because of the government lockdown the Committee met three times during the year and the meetings were minuted.

#### **Reference and administrative details**

The Greek Orthodox Church of Saint Basil and Saint Paisios now operates from its own premises. The correspondence address is The Greek Orthodox Church of St. Basil & St. Paisios, High Street, Lincoln LN5 8JB.

The Charity is registered with the Charity Commission, Charity Number 1174704.

The Charity Trustees are:

- Mr Ioannis Ioannou, Chairman
- Mr Hambis Mavromatis, Member
- Archbishop Gregorios of Thyateira and Great Britain, Member (now deceased)
- Fr Panagiotis Sakellariou, Member (Parish Priest)

The Church Committee is comprised by:

- Mr Ioannis Ioannou, Chairman
- Dr Apostolos Papadopoulos, Treasurer
- Dr Ioannis Stergiou, Secretary
- Dr Christos Lois, Member



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- Mr Hambis Mavromatis, Member
- Mr Michael Antoniou
- Fr Panagiotis-Fokas Sakellariou, Parish Priest

It is with profound sadness that we report the untimely passing of our brother Ioannis Ioannou, the Charman of our Community in September 2021. Mr Ioannou has been solely instrumental in the creation of our Community and Church, and we greatly indebted to him for his love and tireless effort for the glory of our Lord and the Greek Orthodox people in the wider area. Following a period of mourning a new Churchman will be appointed to continue our work.

**Approved by the trustees and signed on behalf of the Trustees by the Fr Panagiotis Sakellariou.**

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**Receipts and payments account**

**for the year ended**

**31st December 2020**

**Charity no: 1174704**

The receipts and payments accounts and statement of assets set out on pages 3 to 5 relating to the year ended 31st December 2020 are as approved by the trustees.

Signed:

Fr. Panagiotis Sakellariou

Address: High Street, Lincoln LN5 7SR

Date: 11 April 2021

**Report to the trustees of Greek Orthodox Church of Sts. Basil the Great Paisios (Charity number: 1174704) on accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 as set out within the following pages.**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- ☐ examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- ☐ to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- ☐ to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

(a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

(b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Disclosure (leave blank if not applicable)*

Signed:



(Tara Kemp FCCA)

Address: Unit 6, Blackthorn Way, Five Mile Business Park, Lincoln LN4 1BF

Date: 11 April 2021

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**Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 31st December 2020**

	Notes	2020	2019
		£	£
<b>Income</b>			
Gift Aid tax repayments		6,141	9,229
Collections		15,393	18,736
Donations		7,681	1,475
Events and other sundry income		2,645	5,346
Total		31,860	34,786
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Rent		-	-
Insurance		588	560
General church expenditure		7,898	4,277
Utilities		1,566	3,287
Major repairs		-	23,130
Chanting costs		-	780
Payments to priest		400	550
Legal and professional costs		-	-
Total		10,452	32,584
<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b>		21,408	2,202



**Greek Orthodox Church Sts. Basil the Great and Paisios**  
**Detailed breakdown of Receipts and Payments account for 2019**

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**Balance sheet**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Fixtures and fittings	68,267	49,090
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Bank account no. 1	23,638	21,407
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>91,905</u>	<u>70,497</u>
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>		
Net profit and reserves	91,905	70,497
	<u>91,905</u>	<u>70,497</u>

Detailed breakdown of Receipts and Payments account for 2020 cont.

	2019	2019
	£	£
<b>Tangible Fixed Assets Schedule</b>		
<b>COST</b>	49,090	46,772
Additions	19,177	2,318
<b>At 31 December 2020</b>	<u>68,267</u>	<u>49,090</u>
Net book value 31 December 2019	<u>49,090</u>	<u>46,772</u>