



## **Trustees' Annual Report**

***Reporting Period: Year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022***

***Charity registration number: 1174704***

### **Achievements and Performance**

The operation of the charity recovered fully to normal following the pandemic.

#### *Worship and 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 is open between 3pm and 7pm.

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

There were 15 baptisms and 1 Funeral during the period to December 2022.

#### *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 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 temporary refuge particularly during the winter, use the facilities and, if necessary, provide them with small financial help, food and drink.



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### *Church building*

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 north side. The carved panels were donated by Fr Panagiotis, the wood by Mr Costas Philippou and the joinery and installation was undertaken by Mr Peter Milburn of Louth.
- Double glazing of the windows to reduce draft and heat loss.
- Commissioned five new icons for the north temple.
- Undertook electrical repair work and upgrade of the sound system of the church.

### *Fund Raising Events*

The two significant fund raising events were at Easter in April and St Paisios day in July which were both very well attended.

We must acknowledge with gratitude and humility the over-generous support from our parishioners throughout the year.

### **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.

### **Financial Review**

Total receipts during the reporting period were £61,957. Receipts are made up primarily by Sunday collection (43%) and individual donations (38%). The remaining is made mostly of the Gift Aid tax repayment and Events.

The total expenditure was £15,505 mostly related to utilities and insurance (19%), general expenditure (15%), continued improvements to the church notably purchase and installation of additional heating system and manufacture and installation of the North Icon Temple (52%).

The church continues to require significant expenditure for:



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- The external fabric of the building: stone walls (coping and pointing) and roof repairs. This is planned to begin during 2023.
- plastering / rendering and redecorating, planned also to take place in September 2023.
- Installation of additional heating system (6 Air Conditioning units) to supplement the existing gas heating which is highly inefficient. The AC units were purchased and installed by ACE Ltd which will also manage their ongoing annual servicing. Prior to the installation planning approval was obtained from Lincoln City Council. The installation involved extensive electrical work which was undertaken by Nadal Electrics.
- Church Iconography: This is a major expenditure which will take place over a period of 10 years.
- Commissioning of additional portable icons for the north wall.

### **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 Evdokios 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 which is chaired by Mrs Maria Mavromati and who prepare and deliver most of the fund raising events as well as the coffee/tea and snacks every Sunday after the Divine Liturgy.

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

The charity is governed by the Constitution which is provided by the Archdiocese of Thyateira & Great Britain and approved the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople & New Rome. 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. 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



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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 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.

Following a period of mourning for our chairman Mr Ioannis Ioannou his son Mr Evdokios Ioannou was approved by the Committee as the new Chairman. The Charity Commission system has been updated accordingly.

The Charity Trustees are:

- Mr Evdokios Ioannou, Chairman
- Mr Hambis Mavromatis, Member
- Dr Christos Louis, Member
- Fr Panagiotis Sakellariou, Member (Parish Priest)

The Church Committee is comprised by:

- Mr Evdokios Ioannou, Chairman
- Mr Harry Mavromatis, Member
- Dr Christos Lois, Member
- Dr Apostolos Papadopoulos, Treasurer
- Mr Michael Antoniou
- Mr Ioannis Andreakos, Member
- Fr Panagiotis-Fokas Sakellariou, Parish Priest

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



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<b>Independent Examiner's Report</b>						
<p>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.</p>						
<p>It is my responsibility to:</p>						
<p><input type="checkbox"/> examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,</p>						
<p><input type="checkbox"/> 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</p>						
<p><input type="checkbox"/> to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.</p>						
<b>Basis of independent examiner's statement</b>						
<p>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.</p>						
<b>Independent examiner's statement</b>						
<p>In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention</p>						
<p>(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:</p>						
			<p>(a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and</p>			
			<p>(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</p>			
<p>(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p>						
<p><i>Disclosure (leave blank if not applicable)</i></p>						



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<b>Greek Orthodox Church Sts. Basil the Great and Paisios</b>			(Charity no: 1174704)	
<b>Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 31st December 2022</b>				
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
<b>Income</b>				
Gift Aid tax repayments		10,082	5,688	
Collections		26,564	28,975	
Donations		20,827	31,110	
Events and other sundry income		4,484	5,185	
Total		61,957	70,958	
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Rent		-	-	
Insurance		1,954	490	
General church expenditure		2,385	6,528	
Utilities		2,882	2,504	
Major repairs		8,124	5,124	
Chanting costs		160	250	
Payments to priest			4,253	
Legal and professional costs		-	1,380	
Total		15,505	20,529	
<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b>		46,452	50,429	



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<b>Detailed breakdown of Receipts and Payments account for 2022 cont.</b>						
				<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	
				<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
<b>Tangible Fixed Assets Schedule</b>						
<b>COST</b>				76,197	68,267	
Additions				52,513	7,930	
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>				128,710	76,197	
Net book value 31 December 2021				76,197	68,267	