



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST BASIL & ST PAISIOS

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Thyateira & G. Britain

Trustees' Annual Report

Reporting Period: Year to 31st December 2024

Charity registration number: 1174704

Achievements and Performance

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, Latvian and Indonesian. 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. Presanctified Liturgies and Salutations to the Most Holy Theotokos are also celebrated during Holy Lent in preparation for Holy Easter.

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

There were 12 baptisms, 1 Wedding and 2 Funerals during the period to December 2023. We also celebrated 4 Holy Unctions at parishioner homes.

Education

We continued to operate a Saturday Greek School with 12 students in the age group 6 to 16 years old between the hours of 11:00 to 13:00. 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



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winter, use the facilities and, if needed, provide them with small financial help, food and drink.

Church building

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

- Repaired the leaking north roof.
- Replastered and redecorated the north wall.
- Repaired the north side drains.
- Removed pews and replaced them with wooden chairs and stasidia.
- Commissioned six new icons for the north wall.
- Undertook electrical repair work.
- Upgraded 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 and very successful.

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 £53,439. Receipts are made up primarily by Sunday collection (67%) and individual donations (20%). The remaining income is made mostly of the Gift Aid tax repayment and Events.

The total expenditure was £33,439 mostly related to utilities and insurance (21%) and major repairs to the north roof and wall (72%).

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. We are planning to apply for a grant to support the re-roofing of the church. This will move the repairs to 2025/2026.
- Some plastering / rendering and redecorating.
- Church Iconography: This is a major expenditure which will take place over a period of 10 years. We are planning to commence work in autumn 2025.
- Purchasing additional ecclesiastical furniture such as Kivorion for the Holy Altar, pulpit and icon stands as well as a Holy Chalice .

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 account at Barclays Bank to ensure control and transparency. All expenditure is paid through Internet payments which are authorised by two authorised Trustees and are shown in the monthly church 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, chaired by Mrs Maria Mavromati, 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 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



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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 moaning 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 Lois, 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
- Mr Christos Papadopoulos
- Dr Apostolos Papadopoulos, Treasurer
- Mr Michael Antoniou
- Mr Ioannis Andreacos, 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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Independent Examiner's Report						
<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>						
Basis of independent examiner's statement						
<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>						
Independent examiner's statement						
<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>						
<i>Disclosure (leave blank if not applicable)</i>						



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Signed: *T Kemp* (Tara Kemp FCCA)

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

Date: 25th March 2025



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Greek Orthodox Church Sts. Basil the Great and Paisios Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 31st December 2024

(Charity no:
1174704)

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Income			
Gift Aid tax repayments		5,929	7,385
Collections		35,525	31,055
Donations		10,640	7,255
Events and other sundry income		1,345	2,090
Total		53,439	47,785
Expenditure			
Rent			-
Insurance		3,466	1,736
General church expenditure		1,961	4,494
Utilities		3,797	3,109
Major repairs		24,383	17,184
Chanting costs		343	851
Payments to priest			
Legal and professional costs			-
Total		33,949	27,374
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		19,490	20,411



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Detailed breakdown of Receipts and Payments account for 2024

Balance sheet

	2024	2023
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Fixtures and fittings	190,823	161,072
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank account no. 1	40,643	50,904
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NET ASSETS	<u>231,467</u>	<u>211,976</u>
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
Net profit and reserves	231,467	211,976
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Detailed breakdown of Receipts and Payments account for 2024 cont.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets Schedule		
 COST	 161,072	 128,710
Additions	29,751	32,362
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At 31 December 2024	<u>190,823</u>	<u>161,072</u>
 Net book value 31 December 2023	 <u>161,072</u>	 <u>128,710</u>