

DEBRE SELAM MEDHANEALEM ERITREAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO CHURCH CARDIFF

England & Wales · Charity number 1175110

Details

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| Other names | DEBRE SELAM MEDHANEALEM ERITREAN ORTHODOX CHURCH CARDIFF, DEBRE SELAM MEDHANEALEM ORTHODOX CHURCH CARDIFF |
| Status | Registered |
| Legal form | CIO |
| Registered | 2017-10-11 |
| Register | View on the Charity Commission register |

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSE OF OUR ORGANISATION ENTAILS ADVANCEMENT OF THE ORTHODOX TEWAHEDO RELIGION IN WALES (PARTICULARLY CARDIFF & NEWPORT AREAS) THROUGH HOLDING PRAYERS, SUNDAY SERVICES AND FULFIL THE MISSION OF CHRIST.

Activities: THE ACTIVITIES OF OUR CHARITY CONSIST OF WORSHIPING THE LORD, THROUGH HOLDING PRAYERS, SUNDAY SERVICES AND FULFILING THE MISSION OF CHRIST.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout Wales

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-09-14 | £329,731 | £32,624 | - | - |
| 2024-09-14 | £238,445 | £37,412 | - | - |
| 2023-09-14 | £228,552 | £21,868 | - | - |
| 2022-09-14 | £10,140 | £9,383 | - | - |
| 2021-09-14 | £37,360 | £14,000 | - | - |
| 2020-09-14 | £34,432 | £12,800 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-------------------------------|------|------------|
| Essayas Yohannes Woldemichael | | 2026-01-28 |
| Hagos Kesete Tesfamichael | | 2026-01-28 |
| Matewos Dawit | | 2026-01-28 |
| Yonas Okbagergish Woldeab | | 2026-01-28 |
| abraham Mehari | | 2026-01-28 |

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For the year ended 14th September 2025

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Trustees

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Trustees Annual Report

Trustees annual report for the year ended 14 September 2025

This document outlines the Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statement for Debre Selam Medhanealem Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo Church Cardiff for the year ended 14th September 2025.

Background

We are a community that has arrived in the Cardiff area as refugees and asylum seekers, mostly over the last ten years. We have escaped an environment in Eritrea that is considered one of the worst in the world for human rights abuses and restrictions on personal freedoms. Over that time, we have built a community of around 500 people in and around the Cardiff and Newport areas and have always worked hard both to build a situation where we can follow our traditions and culture but also play a positive role in our new homeland.

When we formed the charity, our simple aim was to build upon the common faith we all share and to use that as a powerful tool to help the community become strong and resilient and help overcome what, for many, is a background of trauma, suffering and deprivation of basic rights.

Some years ago, the community was able to rent a local hall where we could support our members and allow our traditions to flourish. This was a critical point in helping our community come together as a very tight and united group. Since that time, the whole community has been making contributions towards our key aim of owning our own building and having a long-term platform to continue to build a community hub.

In 2025 we were able to see that dream become a reality when we were the successful bidder for the Tredegarville Baptist Church, a Grade II listed building in the heart of Cardiff. This cost us well over £600k and every penny was raised from our Eritrean community. We did not seek any external support for this purchase as we felt it was a litmus test for our own ambitions and determination to succeed.

The next phase of our charitable works will be to take the building - which has been essentially mothballed for a decade – to a point where every part of the building can be used. The potential for running social and community events is excellent as the building has many rooms and spaces aside from those dedicated to worship.

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We are at a point of getting quotes for some essential works plus deciding on a timeline as to which works are prioritised and those that can be put to one side for a while. Realistically, the schedule of works will likely be spread over a decade before all the jobs are completed. To achieve this level of work, we will continue with our own community contributions, but we will also be looking to explore other sources of funding, for the first time.

Our Aims

The organisation's aims are:

1. To fulfil Christ's mission, conduct Sunday services and prayers, and promote the Orthodox Tewahdo faith throughout Wales, particularly in Cardiff and Newport.
2. To alleviate poverty and hardship in the wider community.
3. To provide appropriate training and support to people in need.

Objectives and activities

The charity pursued the following objectives and activities during the year:

- Delivering information, advice, and guidance services on dedicated weekly days and times.
- Responding to identified community needs through:
 - Employability support and training
 - Housing advice and assistance
 - Mental health support
 - Informal ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) provision
- Educating children and young people about religion, culture, language, and heritage through separate weekly classes held during Sunday services.
- Providing pastoral care and support to members.

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Management of the charity

Trustee's appointment

Trustees were appointed during the annual meeting, where all members were present and given the opportunity to vote for their preferred trustee candidates.

Appointments were determined solely through a fair voting process, and all eligible members had an equal opportunity to become trustees of the charity.

A trustee who has served for three consecutive terms may not be reappointed until at least one year has passed. Reappointments are conducted in the same manner as the original appointment process.

Review of Activities

Review of activities for the year ended 14th September 2025

The charity's key activities and achievements during the financial year are summarised below:

1. A total of 223 members accessed the Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) service, mainly seeking support with:
 - Benefits access
 - Job searches
 - Assistance completing official forms
2. Forty-two individuals and volunteers attended a two-day safeguarding training course focused on children and vulnerable adults.
3. Fifty-eight individuals were supported to secure full-time employment.
4. Fourteen families and individuals secured social housing, while a further 27 individuals received support to obtain suitable private rented accommodation.
5. A total of 145 individuals (85 women and 60 men) participated in at least six weeks of weekly two-hour informal ESOL conversation sessions.
6. Fifteen volunteers completed Mental Health First Aid training.
7. A total of 1,040 hours of formal volunteering were completed by 15 core volunteers across the charity's various activities and projects.
8. Weekly Sunday services were conducted, where the Gospel was preached to help members strengthen and deepen their faith.

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In the coming year, our focus will be on a number of key activities;

1. Working with heritage experts and the local council to ensure we carry out any development works in line with what would be expected to preserve the listed status of the building.
2. Now that we have a firm base, we can develop links with other local organisations and look at joint working and sharing ideas.
3. Work with contractors to set out the initial priority works we need to carry out on the building – we anticipate that heating, roof repairs and tackling issues with damp will be at or near the top of such a list.
4. Develop a fundraising strategy based on the likely costs of the works we need to carry out.
5. Looking at the possibility of separating the part of the building that will be dedicated to faith activity into one charity and the part that will be just for community use into a second charity. The first will only be concerned with capital works while the second will be a mix of revenue and capital projects.

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Independent Examiner's Report

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| Report to the trustees/ members of | Debre Selam Medhanealem Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo Church Cardiff | | |
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|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| On accounts for the year ended | 14th September 2025 | Charity no. | 1175110 |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 14/09/2025.

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.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  **Date:** 21-05-2026

Name: Alasan Ceesay MSc. ACCA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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Stockton On Tees
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**Debre Selam Medhanealem Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo
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Statement of Financial Activities

Debre Selam M.E.O.T Church Cardiff
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 14th September 2025

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| INCOME | | |
| Gifts and donations | 58,470 | 23,585 |
| Funds to Buy Church Building | 268,897 | 213,391 |
| Weddings and Baptisms | 2,150 | 1,360 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 213 | 109 |
| Total Income | <u>329,731</u> | <u>238,445</u> |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Charitable operating expenses | 32,624 | 37,412 |
| Total expenditure | <u>32,624</u> | <u>37,412</u> |
| Surplus for the year | <u>297,106</u> | <u>201,033</u> |

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Statement of Financial Position

Debre Selam M.E.O.T Church Cardiff
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 14th September 2025

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | 14.09.25 Total funds £ | 14.09.24 Total funds £ |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | | |
| Land and building | - | 688,750 | 688,750 | - |
| TOTAL FIXED ASSETS | <u>-</u> | <u>688,750</u> | <u>688,750</u> | <u>-</u> |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | |
| Cash at bank | 162,635 | - | 162,635 | 554,279 |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | <u>162,635</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>162,635</u> | <u>554,279</u> |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS | <u>162,635</u> | <u>688,750</u> | <u>851,385</u> | <u>554,279</u> |
| FUNDS | | | | |
| Funds brought forward | 134,426 | 419,853 | 554,279 | 353,246 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the year | 28,209 | 268,897 | 297,106 | 201,033 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>162,635</u> | <u>688,750</u> | <u>851,385</u> | <u>554,279</u> |

These financial statements were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 21st May 2026, and signed on its behalf by:

Signature: *Yonas Woldeab*

Name: Yonas Okbagergish Woldeab

Date: 21-05-2026

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Charity Information

Trustees

Amanuel Mebrahtu - Chairman

Luwam Woldemichel - Secretary

Fitsum Abraha - Finance

Abraham Huruy - Finance

Fnan Taraken - Event organiser

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Objectives and activities

Our main objectives is to allow our members to practice the Eritrean Orthodox religion by:

- Educating children about the religion and their culture by holding separate weekly classes during Sunday services.
- Empowering members' spiritual life through bible studies and preachings.
- Enabling members to practise their religious duties such as marriages, christenings, funerals etc.
- Providing pastoral care to members.

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Management of the charity

Trustee's appointment

The trustees were appointed during an annual congregation, where all members were present and had a vote in who they wanted to become a trustee of the charity. This was purely based on the polls conducted during the meeting and every member had equal chance of becoming a trustee.

A charity trustee who has served for **three** consecutive terms may not be reappointed after an interval of at least **one year**. The trustee reappointment is carried out in the same way as the initial appointment.

Governing document

Our charity is registered with CIO (registration no. 1175110) and is governed by its governing document dated 20th of January 2018.

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Review of Activities

Review of activities for the year ended 14th September 2024

The organisation has been holding weekly service every Sunday, where the gospel is preached to the members to ensure they have a great understanding of their faith. Several holy masses have been held for special occasions such as weddings, christenings and funerals exclusively for the members. During the financial year ended 14th September 2024, the church conducted 4 weddings and 32 christenings. A separate service have been allocated for our youth and children to learn about their culture, language and religion.

The trustees have been assigned with the task of acquiring a church to purchase for the charity. This is because we are using a rented church, where we are experiencing time-constraints. As of 14th September 2024, the charity has raised £419,853 from members and donors. This fund is specifically restricted for the purpose of acquiring a church building.

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Independent Examiner's Report

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| Report to the trustees/ members of | Debre Selam Medhanealem Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo Church Cardiff |
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|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| On accounts for the year ended | 14th September 2024 | Charity no. | 1175110 |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 14/09/2024.

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.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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|----------------|----------------------|--------------|------------|
| Signed: | <i>Alasan Ceesay</i> | Date: | 06/06/2025 |
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| Name: | Alasan Ceesay MSc. ACCA |
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| Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): | Association of Chartered Certified Accountants |
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| | Stockton On Tees |
| | TS18 2NG |

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Statement of Financial Activities

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 14th September 2024

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| INCOME | | |
| Gifts and donations | 23,585 | 19,655 |
| Funds to Buy Church Building | 213,391 | 206,462 |
| Weddings and Baptisms | 1,360 | 2,400 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 109 | 35 |
| Total Income | <u>238,445</u> | <u>228,552</u> |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Charitable operating expenses | 37,412 | 21,868 |
| Total expenditure | <u>37,412</u> | <u>21,868</u> |
| Surplus for the year | <u>201,033</u> | <u>206,684</u> |

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Statement of Financial Position

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AS AT 14th September 2024**

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | 14.09.24 Total funds £ | 14.09.23 Total funds £ |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | |
| Cash at bank | 134,426 | 419,853 | 554,279 | 353,246 |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | <u>134,426</u> | <u>419,853</u> | <u>554,279</u> | <u>353,246</u> |
| NET ASSETS | <u>134,426</u> | <u>419,853</u> | <u>554,279</u> | <u>353,246</u> |
| FUNDS | | | | |
| Funds brought forward | 146,784 | 206,462 | 353,246 | 146,562 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the year | (12,358) | 213,391 | 201,033 | 206,684 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>134,426</u> | <u>419,853</u> | <u>554,279</u> | <u>353,246</u> |

These financial statements were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 6th June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature: 

Name: Fitsum Abraha – Finance Officer

Date: 2025-06-08

CERTIFICATE *of* SIGNATURE

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Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

**Debre Selam Medhanealem Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo Church
Cardiff**

**On accounts for the
year ended**

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 14th September 2023 | Charity no. | 1175110 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|

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Signed:

Signed by:

A. Ceesay

Date:

12/07/2024

Name:

Alasan Ceesay MSc. ACCA

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or
body (if any):**

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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Stockton On Tees
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**Debre Selam Medhanealem Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo
Church Cardiff
Charity no: 1175110**

Statement of Financial Activities

Debre Selam M.E.O.T Church Cardiff
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 14th September 2023

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| INCOME | | |
| Gifts and donations | 19,655 | 10,140 |
| Funds to Buy Church Building | 206,462 | - |
| Weddings and Baptisms | 2,400 | |
| Miscellaneous Income | 35 | |
| Total Income | <u>228,552</u> | <u>10,140</u> |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Charitable operating expenses | 21,868 | 9,383 |
| Total expenditure | <u>21,868</u> | <u>9,383</u> |
| Surplus for the year | <u>206,684</u> | <u>757</u> |


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Statement of Financial Position

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 14th September 2023**

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | 14.09.23 Total funds £ | 14.09.22 Total funds £ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | |
| Cash at bank | 146,784 | 206,462 | 353,246 | 146,562 |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | <u>146,784</u> | <u>206,462</u> | <u>353,246</u> | <u>146,562</u> |
| NET ASSETS | <u>146,784</u> | <u>206,462</u> | <u>353,246</u> | <u>146,562</u> |
| FUNDS | | | | |
| Funds brought forward | 146,562 | - | 146,562 | 145,805 |
| Surplus for the year | 222 | 206,462 | 206,684 | 757 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>146,784</u> | <u>206,462</u> | <u>353,246</u> | <u>146,562</u> |

These financial statements were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 11th July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature:  Signed by:
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Name: Amanuel Mebrahtu - Chairman

Date: 12 July 2024

DEBRE SELAM MEDHANEALEM ERITREAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO CHURCH CARDIFF

England & Wales - Charity number 1175110

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From 15th Sept 2021
To 14th Sept 2022
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Debre Selam Medhanealem Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo Church Cardiff
Charity No:1175110

Charity structure

Trustees

Amanuel Mebrahtu, Chairman
Luwam Woldemichel, Secretary
Fitsum Abraha, Finance
Abraham Huruy, Finance
Fnan Taraken, Events organiser

Charity Address

33 Windsor Pl
Cardiff
CF10 3BZ

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Trustees annual report from 15th September 2021 to 14th September 2022

This document will outline the annual trustees report and financial statement of Debre Selam Medhanealem Cardiff from 15/09/2021 to 14/09/2022.

Our Aims

The purpose of our organisation entails advancement of the Orthodox Tewahdo religion in Wales (particularly Cardiff & Newport areas) throughout, holding prayers, Sunday services and fulfil the mission of Christ.

Objectives and activities

Our main objectives is to allow our members to practice the Eritrean Orthodox religion by:

- Educating children about the religion and their culture- by holding separate weekly classes during Sunday services.
- Empowering members' spiritual life- through bible studies and preachings.
- Enabling members to practise their religious duties- such as marriages, christenings, funerals etc.
- Providing pastoral care to members.

Management of the charity

Trustee's appointment

The trustees were appointed during an annual congregation, where all members were present and had a vote in who they wanted to become a trustee of the charity. This was purely based on the polls conducted during the meeting and every member had equal chance of becoming a trustee.

A charity trustee who has served for **three** consecutive terms may not be reappointed after an interval of at least **one year**. The trustee reappointment is carried out in the same way as the initial appointment.

Governing document

Our charity is registered with CIO (registration no. 1175110) and is governed by its governing document dated 20th of January 2018.

Debre Selam Medhanealem Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo Church Cardiff
Charity No:1175110

Review of activities from 15/09/2021- 14/09/2022

The organisation has been holding a weekly service every Sunday, where the gospel is preached to the members to ensure they have a great understanding of their faith. A number of holy masses have been held for special occasions such as weddings, christenings and funerals exclusively for the members. To date, there have been 4 weddings and 25 christenings. A separate service have been allocated for our youth and children to learn about their culture, language and religion. Additionally, the trustees have been assigned the task of searching for a church to buy. This is because we are using a rented church, where we are experiencing time-constraints.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended on 14th September 2022

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| INCOME: | | |
| Gifts and donations | 10,140 | 37,360 |
| Total income | 10,140 | 37,360 |
| EXPENDITURE: | | |
| Charitable operating expenses | 9,383 | 15,376 |
| Total expenditure | 757 | 15,376 |
| SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR | 757 | 21,984 |

Debre Selam Medhanealem Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo Church Cardiff
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BALANCE SHEET

As at 14th September 2022

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash in bank at hand | 146,562 | 145,805 |
| Total Net assets | <u>146,562</u> | <u>145,805</u> |
| | | |
| Financed by: | | |
| Unrestricted fund brought forward | 145,805 | 123,821 |
| Surplus for the year | 757 | 21,984 |
| Total funds | <u>146,562</u> | <u>145,805</u> |

The accounts of the charity are not required to be scrutinised by independent examiner and nor is any external body requiring the scrutiny.

This accounts are approved by the trustees on their meeting of **11/06/2023** and is
Signed on behalf of the trustees by:

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: **11/06/2023**

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Review of activities from 15/09/2020- 14/09/2021

Due to pandemic our church was closed throughout the year. All services were conducted virtually through zoom. The services included daily zoom prayers and online courses. Towards the end of the pandemic, limited number of members were allowed to attend church for holy communion, wedding ceremonies (0) and christenings (0).

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended on 14th September 2021

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| INCOME: | | |
| Gifts and donations | 37,360 | 43,847 |
| Total income | <u>37,360</u> | <u>43,847</u> |
| EXPENDITURE: | | |
| Charitable operating expenses | 15,376 | 12,800 |
| Total expenditure | <u>15,376</u> | <u>12,800</u> |
| SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR | <u>21,984</u> | <u>31,047</u> |

Debre Selam Medhanealem Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo Church Cardiff
Charity No:1175110

BALANCE SHEET

As at 14th September 2021

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash in bank at hand | 145,805 | 123,821 |
| Total Net assets | <u>145,805</u> | <u>123,821</u> |
| | | |
| Financed by: | | |
| Unrestricted fund brought forward | 123,821 | 92,774 |
| Surplus for the year | 21,984 | 31,047 |
| Total funds | <u>145,805</u> | <u>123,821</u> |

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Signed and behalf of the trustees

The accounts was verified and signed by independent member.

Name: Andom Gebremeskel

Date: 03/10/2021