

STS STYLIANOS AND CATHERINE PARISH
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1178371
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022
AND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

STS STYLIANOS AND CATHERINE PARISH
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

<u>Registered Name</u>	Sts Stylianos and Catherine Parish
<u>Registered Number</u>	1178371
<u>Principal Office</u>	51 Lower Elmstone Drive Reading RG31 5EB
<u>Trustees</u>	Rev Fr Ionut Gabriel Stelian Mandu Marius Andrei Picu Diana Popusoi (resigned 31.01.23) Ancuta-Andreea Bogatu Bogdan Cristian Sichitiu (appt 22.01.23)
<u>Bankers</u>	Barclays Bank plc Redwood Bank Cambridge & Counties Bank
<u>Independent Examiner</u>	Mrs H C Fanthome FCA, King Loose & Co St John's House, 5 South Parade, Summertown, Oxford OX2 7JL

STS STYLIANOS AND CATHERINE PARISH

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the period ended 31st December 2022. The accounts comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011, and 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 – Charities SORP (FRS 102); and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Charity's Trusts

The Charity was registered on 14th May 2018, with its governing document being that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (C.I.O.)

Legal and Administrative Information

Page 1 to these accounts gives this information.

Objects

As set out in the Charity's governing documents, its objectives are:

- to advance the Orthodox Christian religion in South East England in accordance with the doctrines and the canons of the Romanian Orthodox Patriarchate and with the statutes of the Romanian Orthodox Metropolis of Western and Southern Europe, by providing a place of worship, raising awareness and understanding of Orthodox Christian beliefs and practices, and carrying out religious acts, missionary and outreach work;
- to advance such other charitable purposes as the trustees see fit from time to time, in particular but not limited to the preservation of Romanian cultural traditions, the advancement of children's and adult education in a Christian spirit, and the relief of those in need.

Organisation of Services, Activities and Achievements during the Period

The Orthodox Christian Parish of Sts Stylianos and Catherine is part of the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese of Western Europe, which sits under the Romanian Orthodox Patriarchate. Its main objects are to advance the Orthodox Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with teachings of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, rooted in the Holy Tradition, and taught by the Holy Scriptures, the seven Ecumenical councils and the local and provincial councils of the Orthodox Church.

Membership of the Parish currently stands at 742 active members from Reading and surrounding areas who have registered their details and receive regular updates. About a quarter of them also donate regularly to the charity associated with the Parish. Membership is contingent upon being 18 years of age, a communicant member of the Orthodox Church and to having a permanent address in the UK (the area of the Diocese of Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese in Western Europe). The conditions of membership are subject to rules regarding membership in the wider body of the Archdiocese, of which the parish is a part, as well as the membership rules established in the Constitution of the Charity. The parish has regular religious services on Saturday evenings, Sunday mornings, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, as well as on a number of Feast days and also Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, home services, hospital and prison visits. All services are open to all members of the public. These services are celebrated in a mixture of English and Romanian (the traditional language of the Romanian Orthodox Church). On Sundays during the school year, the children are gathered together during the morning service for a short Sunday school meeting. Further information about the on-going activities of the parish is available on the parish website at www.reading-orthodox.uk.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (CONT'D)
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Future developments

The parish continues to use Holy Trinity church in Reading as the central point where most services and events happen. The mission in Slough, where a weekly service takes place, continues for now, still with the view that the Archdiocese will name a priest for that area. There are initial plans for more missions in the area, potentially in Bracknell and Basingstoke.

The parish and its corresponding charity is also looking at the possibility of expanding its member base, purchasing of a worship space and expanding further into ministry in the local community.

Public Benefit

In reviewing the Charity's ongoing objectives and activities, the Trustees have considered the guidance set out in the Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit, and are of the opinion that the objectives and activities are in total compliance therewith.

Trustees

The Trustees named on page 1 served during the period and up to the date of signing this report. There are no other Trustees.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed following selection based on their professional skills and/or representational qualities.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees consider that free reserves amounting to six month's operating costs is sensible and advisable to cover the various uncertainties and risks in the current economic climate and the aftermath of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. These requirements are under constant review by the Trustees, who appreciate that reserves are currently at a higher level than this requirement, but consider this a prudent position to adopt at the present time.

Trustees Remuneration/Expenses

Two of the Trustees, Rev Fr Ionut Gabriel Stelian Mandu and Dcn Marius Andrei Picu, receive stipends from the charity for their pastoral services; the payment of such services has been approved by the Charity Commission. Fr John received £2,250 per month during 2022, a sum equivalent to the average UK salary. Dcn Marius received a minimal amount, £250 per month. No expenses are paid to Trustees other than to reimburse occasional, low-value authorised disbursements incurred.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (CONT'D)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

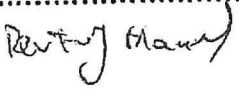
Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- * select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- * observe the methods and principles of the applicable Charities SORP;
- * make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- * state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- * prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the applicable Charities SORP. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report has been approved by the Trustees and is signed on their behalf by:

Signed REV. DONUT G.S. NIANDU

 (Trustee)

Date 02-07-2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1178371

I report on the accounts of the charity, for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

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 period 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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as 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:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to 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.

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Dated *10th July 2023*

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022 (CHARITY NO. 1178371)

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
	£	£	£
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Donations	119,827.36		108,864.41
Gift Aid	21,056.54		-
Interest received	<u>2,571.68</u>		<u>134.37</u>
	143,455.58		108,998.78
 <u>PAYMENTS</u>			
Father John support grants	27,000.00	18,000.00	
Deacon Marius Picu support grants	3,000.00	2,400.00	
Candles	7,977.61	3,203.27	
Rent & parking	10,406.34	7,322.50	
Jerusalem pilgrimage	900.00	-	
Church Suite App	540.00	490.01	
Church consumables	1,091.84	135.69	
Social welfare cases	12,758.90	13,434.53	
Community events	1,894.40	-	
Telephone and internet	189.35	271.22	
Books	2,797.72	2,138.75	
Misc equipment	112.69	1,354.51	
Travel costs	513.58	325.22	
Stationery, postage, computer costs	57.60	284.68	
Independent Examiner's costs	1,050.00	750.00	
Bookkeeping	380.00	620.00	
Miscellaneous	117.40	248.28	
Insurance	592.44	587.01	
DBS checks	206.80	-	
Security for Easter night	960.00	-	
Donation (Romanian Orthodox)	525.00	530.00	
Refuse collection	323.68	65.45	
Bank charges	226.26	62.09	
Depreciation	2,243.51	2,383.07	
	<u>(75,865.12)</u>		<u>(54,606.28)</u>
 Net surplus	<u><u>67,590.46</u></u>		<u><u>54,392.50</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022 (CHARITY NO. 1178371)

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
		£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	2	12,708.00	13,491.00
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
<u>Cash and Bank</u>			
Church Fund Deposit Account		16,986.72	40,208.14
Community Account		136.92	2,192.92
Community Fund Account		2,769.45	1,413.55
Redwood Bank Account		152,279.43	100,124.05
Cambridge & Counties Bank		40,402.50	0.00
Cash		119.09	119.09
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		212,694.11	144,057.75
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Credit Card		112.90	0.00
Accruals		900.00	750.00
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		1,012.90	750.00
Net Current Assets		<hr/>	<hr/>
		211,681.21	143,307.75
NET ASSETS		<hr/>	<hr/>
		<u>224,389.21</u>	<u>156,798.75</u>
<u>CAPITAL</u>			
Unrestricted Funds B/Fwd		156,798.75	102,406.25
Surplus for the period		67,590.46	54,392.50
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Unrestricted Funds C/Fwd		<u>224,389.21</u>	<u>156,798.75</u>

The notes given on page 7 form part of the financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees

REV. IONUT G. S. MANDU Rev. Fr. John T

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[Signature]

02. JUL. 2023

STS STYLIANOS AND CATHERINE PARISH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, with the additional inclusion of a depreciation charge, as below. This is deemed appropriate due to the nature of the fixed assets held, to enable the accounts to show a true value at the year end.

(b) Tangible Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets held for the charity's own use are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives at the following rates:

Mobile assets - 15% reducing balance basis

Mobile assets comprise portable icons, altar pieces, vestments, altar cloths, books and sundry other small items of equipment.

2. Tangible Fixed Assets

	<u>Mobile</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>£</u>
Cost		
Brought forward 01.01.22	20,568	20,568
Additions	1,460	1,460
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Carried forward 31.12.22	22,028	22,028
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Depreciation		
Brought forward 01.01.22	7,077	7,077
Charge for the period	2,243	2,243
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Carried forward 31.12.22	9,320	9,320
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Net Book Value		
at 31.12.22	12,708	12,708
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Net Book Value		
at 31.12.21	13,491	13,491
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All tangible fixed assets are used directly for charitable purposes.

3. Trustees Remuneration/Expenses

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