

# DEBRE-GENET HOLY TRINITY ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHEDO CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1180553

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-11-05

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1.TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEF IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;2.TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT; AND3.TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT

**Activities:** Debre Genet Holy Trinity E.O.T.Church is an Ecclesiastical Charitable Trust and it has been providing spiritual and other important services to the community. It is a focal place where children and young adults are shaped to become better citizens, a place where those that face difficulties in life turn for help through the pastoral care provided by the clergies and fellow members.

## Classification

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

## Geography

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- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£505,681	£402,998	£2,351,167	0
2023-12-31	£479,174	£295,646	-	-
2022-12-31	£387,639	£156,217	-	-
2021-12-31	£314,444	£146,394	-	-
2020-12-31	£209,322	£107,169	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Rev KEFEYALEW ASCHALEW	Chair	2017-04-02
Beshewalay Feyissa		2024-07-14
Estifanos Belew		2024-07-14
Melaku Abay		2024-07-14
Rev Addis Gebrekidan		2024-07-21
Rev Kibret Asnakew		2021-01-02
Samuel Wodajo		2021-01-02

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# Accounts

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**Debre-Genet Holy Trinity  
Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo  
Church London**



**Trustees' Annual Report for the year  
end 31 December 2024**

# Debre Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church - London

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Charity's Principal Address: St. Michael's Road  
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London  
NW2 6XG

Names of Trustees during the year:

1. Rev Kefeyalew Aschalew
2. Rev Addis Abebe (From 25 October 2020)
3. Rev. Kibret Asnakew (From 25 October 2020)
4. Rev. Samuel Asres (From 25 October 2020)
5. Mr Aschalew Terefe Zeleke (From 25 October 2020)
6. Mr Mesfin Taddesse Demu (Up to 25 July 2024)
7. Mr Samuel Wodajo (From 25 October 2020)
8. Ms Raheal Gelana (From 25 October 2020)
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10. Mrs Beshewalay Feyissa (From July 2024)
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## Performance and Achievements

The church welcomes visitors and worshippers from the area and beyond. The church expanded the number of opening days per week to better meet individual needs among church members and all congregations. The church now has, in addition to Saturday and Sunday services, regular morning and evening services on Wednesday and Friday. Volunteers worked tirelessly to make the church welcoming to everyone. The Sunday services, including the holy mass, the choir, and the youth fellowship, progressed well and were attended by many faithful.

Our Sunday morning service remains the most highly attended. The church also has two regular monthly liturgy services. Over the years, the steady rise in service attendance has been a great encouragement in welcoming new individuals to the church.

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As always, in 2024, children were at the centre of the church's activities, and through its various sub-committees, it worked tirelessly to enable children and young people to stay safe and healthy, enjoy life, achieve their potential, and contribute positively to the community. We look to encourage the deepening of faith for all ages, and alongside our regular spiritual services, there are programs for children and young people to join in and have free discussions.

During Lent, the church offered daily mass and evening prayer services, and left it open all day for private prayer and meditation by those interested. The Parish Administration Council has an excellent relationship with the Mora Road Primary School. The proposal to use the primary school classroom during Sunday services has been accepted, allowing the church to accommodate the growing number of children and youth.

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The church's youth service, which provides food to the homeless on Fridays, has grown significantly, and more volunteers have come forward to join and support the cause.

### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and we believe that the church's activities described above provide significant public benefit in line with that guidance. It has always been the vision of the church to reach as many people as possible in our community with the Christian message and to welcome new faces into our fellowship.

### **Acknowledgements**

Praising God first for giving us the means and opportunity to serve His Church, the PAC would like to thank all the clergy of Debre Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church for their continued service with great passion and dedication. The Trustees are grateful to everyone who participated in various ways to benefit the church, including the Sunday school services, youth and children's services, and all other sub-committees that contribute to the church's services.

### **Reserves policy**

The PAC's policy is to maintain sufficient funds, if possible, which equates to approximately 12 months, to cover mortgage payments, bills, maintenance, clergy allowance, and any emergencies that may arise occasionally. The target is a year-end cash reserve balance of £450,000.00 towards mortgage offset, which enables the church to save on rising interest rates; £400,000.00 for heating installation and flooring upgrades and £100,000 committed to match the Heritage restoration project.

## **Financial review**

The annual accounts for 2024 have been prepared thanks to the work of our finance officers from the Parish Administration Council. And the PAC recommends them to the Annual General Church Meeting. The church's administration managed to raise more income compared to the previous year enabling it to do some maintenance work on the internal parts of the building. It has also managed to set aside sufficient funds to cover its costs and keep it in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Overall, both total income and expenditure have gone up by 5.5% and 36.3% respectively. Despite the significant increase in expenditure which is mainly because of a heating installation, the total fund has gone up by a modest 4.6%.

## Declaration

The Parish Administration Council (Trustees) declares that it approves the above report.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees,

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 26/10/25

**Rev. Kefeyalew Aschalew**

# Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts of 'Debre Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church in London'

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	'Debre Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church in London'		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 December 2024	<b>Charity no:</b>	1180553
<b>Set out on pages</b>	8 to 12		

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the ACCA.

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

**Signed:**  **Date:** 26/10/2025

**Name:** Gizachew Weldeyes

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

**Address:** 24 Geary Court  
24 The Concourse  
N9 0TQ

**ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	<b>NOTE</b>	<b>TOTAL 2024 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2023 £</b>
<b>Incoming resources</b>			
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations	<b>5</b>	198,637	319,915
Charitable Activities	<b>6</b>	307,044	159,259
<b>Total</b>		<b>505,681</b>	<b>479,174</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>			
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds	<b>7</b>	96,868	80,427
Charitable Activities	<b>8</b>	306,131	215,219
<b>Total</b>		<b>402,998</b>	<b>295,647</b>
<b>Net income</b>		<b>102,683</b>	<b>183,527</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>2,248,485</b>	<b>2,064,958</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>2,351,167</b>	<b>2,248,485</b>

ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	NOTE	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Assets	2	1,932,125	1,953,277
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>1,932,125</b>	<b>1,953,277</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank and on hand	3	1,144,990	1,142,436
Prepayments		1,602	1,652
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>1,146,593</b>	<b>1,144,088</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Amounts falling due with in one year		117,313	123,325
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>1,029,280</b>	<b>1,020,763</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		2,961,405	2,974,040
Creditors:Amount falling due after more than one year		610,238	725,556
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>2,351,167</b>	<b>2,248,485</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>			
Designated (earmarked) Funds		950,000	
Income and Expenditure Statement	4	1,401,167	2,248,485
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		<b>2,351,167</b>	<b>2,248,485</b>

**ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**1 Accounting Policies**

**Basis of accounting**

The church's accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP)

**Going Concern**

The trustees have reviewed the financial plans for the coming year and are satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis

**Capitalization and depreciation of tangible fixed assets**

Fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Depreciation is calculated as follows:

Building	1% Per annum Straight-Line
Equipment	25% Per annum straight-Line

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Note 2</b>		
<b>Tangible Assets</b>		
Building	2,050,000	2,050,000
Equipment	13,532	13,532
Less:Accumulated Depreciation Building	117,875	97,375
Less:Accumulated Depreciation Equipment	13,532	12,880
	<b><u>1,932,125</u></b>	<b><u>1,953,277</u></b>

**Note 3**

**Cash at bank and on hand**

Cash at bank	1,135,413	1,127,490
Cash on hand	9,577	14,946
	<b><u>1,144,990</u></b>	<b><u>1,142,436</u></b>

**Note 4**

**Reserve**

Total unrestricted fund	2,351,167	2,248,485
Designated (earmarked) Funds	950,000	0
	<b><u>1,401,167</u></b>	<b><u>2,248,485</u></b>

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Note 5</b>		
<b>Donations</b>		
Members Contributions	173,672	293,789
Tithe and Gift	24,964	26,126
	<u><b>198,637</b></u>	<u><b>319,915</b></u>

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Note 6</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Baptism Certificates	6,320	7,200
Sunday School	1,298	1,439
Marriage Certificates	1,000	1,210
Funeral Prayers	3,990	4,440
Prayers	1,250	3,290
Sales	65,929	60,546
Gift Aid	23,499	12,120
other income	355	0
Annual Conference	10,624	0
Collections	192,781	69,014
	<u><b>307,044</b></u>	<u><b>159,259</b></u>

<b>Note 7</b>		
<b>Cost of raising funds</b>		
Allowances	83,342	64,275
Telephone	871	716
Postage, Stationery, Printing and church materials	12,655	13,292
Others	0	2,144
	<u><b>96,868</b></u>	<u><b>80,427</b></u>

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	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Note 8</b>		
<b>Cost of charitable activities</b>		
Insurance	7,741	8,331
Cleaning	4,011	2,806
Subscription	0	0
Water, Gas and Electricity	32,362	76,965
Travel and Transport	0	0
Bank Charges and Bank Interest	70,198	72,998
Repairs and Maintenance	162,666	30,237
Donation and Gifts	8,000	0
Legal and Professional	0	0
Depreciation	21,152	23,883
	<b>306,131</b>	<b>215,219</b>

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# Accounts

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## **Performance and Achievements**

The year 2023 started with an excellent Christmas service. The Church welcomes visitors and worshippers from the area and outside the parish. The volunteers within the Church worked tirelessly to make the Church welcoming to the congregation. The Sunday services, including the holy mass, the choir, and the youth fellowship, progressed well and were attended by many faithful.

Our Sunday morning service remains the most highly attended service, and we also added weekly Saturday spiritual and communal involvement services. The Church also has two regular monthly liturgy services. Over the year, we have seen a steady rise in service attendance, and it has been a great encouragement to welcome new members to DGHT church.

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The church youth service provision of food to the homeless on Fridays has grown increasingly, and more volunteers have come forward to join and support the cause.

### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees are aware of the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission, and we believe that the Church's activities described above provide significant public benefit in line with the guidance. It has always been the vision of the Church to reach as many people as possible in our community with the Christian message and to welcome new faces into our fellowship.

### **Acknowledgements**

Praising God first for giving us the means and opportunity to serve His Church, the PAC would like to thank all DGHTC clergies who have continued serving the Church with great passion and dedication. The Trustees are grateful to everyone who participated in different forms to benefit the Church, including the Sunday school services, youth and children services in general, and all other sub-committees who contribute to the church services in various ways.

### **Financial review**

The annual accounts for 2023 have been prepared thanks to the work of our finance officers from the Parish Administration Council. And the PAC recommends them to the Annual General Church Meeting. The church's administration managed to raise more income compared to the previous year enabling it to do some maintenance work and cover a spike in electricity and mortgage interest costs. It has also managed to set aside sufficient funds to cover its costs and keep it in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Overall, both total income and expenditure have gone up by 24% and 89% respectively.

Despite the significant increase in expenditure, the total fund has gone up by a modest 8.8% and the target reserve balance has been exceeded.

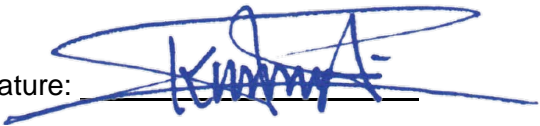
### **Reserves policy**

The PAC's policy is to maintain sufficient funds, if possible, which equates to approximately 12 months, to cover mortgage payments, bills, maintenance, clergy allowance, and any emergencies that may arise occasionally. The target is a reserve balance of £150,000 cash at the bank at the year-end.

## Declaration

The Parish Administration Council (Trustees) declares that it approves the above report.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees,

Signature: 

Date: 28/10/2024

**Rev. Kefeyalew Aschalew**

# Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts of 'Debre Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church in London'

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	'Debre Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church in London'		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 December 2023	<b>Charity no:</b>	1180553 (Shell charity no.1124941)
<b>Set out on pages</b>	7 to 10		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.


**Independent examiner's statement**

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the ACCA.

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

<b>Signed:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	26/10/2024
<b>Name:</b>	Gizachew Weldeyes		

<b>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</b>	ACCA
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	24 The Concourse
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**ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	NOTE	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>			
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations	4	319,915	225,144
Charitable Activities	5	159,259	162,495
<b>Total</b>		<b>479,174</b>	<b>387,639</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>			
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds	6	80,427	70,459
Charitable Activities	7	215,219	85,758
<b>Total</b>		<b>295,647</b>	<b>156,217</b>
<b>Net income</b>		<b>183,527</b>	<b>231,422</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>2,064,958</b>	<b>1,833,537</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>2,248,485</b>	<b>2,064,958</b>

ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	NOTE	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Assets	2	1,953,277	1,977,160
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>1,953,277</b>	<b>1,977,160</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank and on hand	3	1,142,436	972,540
Prepayments		1,652	1,834
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>1,144,088</b>	<b>974,374</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Amounts falling due with in one year		624	10,000
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>1,143,464</b>	<b>964,374</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>3,096,741</b>	<b>2,941,534</b>
Creditors:Amount falling due after more than one year		848,256	876,576
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>2,248,485</b>	<b>2,064,958</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>			
Reserves			
Income and Expenditure Statement		2,248,485	2,064,958
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		<b>2,248,485</b>	<b>2,064,958</b>

**ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**1 Accounting Policies**

**Basis of accounting**

The church's accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP)

**Going Concern**

The trustees have reviewed the financial plans for the coming year and are satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis

**Capitalization and depreciation of tangible fixed assets**

Fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Depreciation is calculated as follows:

Building	1% Per annum Straight-Line
Equipment	25% Per annum straight-Line

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Note 2</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Tangible Assets</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Building	2,050,000	2,050,000
Equipment	13,532	13,532
Less:Accumulated Depreciation Building	97,375	76,875
Less:Accumulated Depreciation Equipment	12,880	9,497
	<b>1,953,277</b>	<b>1,977,160</b>

**Note 3**

**Cash at bank and on hand**

Cash at bank	1,127,490	971,970
Cash on hand	14,946	570
	<b>1,142,436</b>	<b>972,540</b>

**Note 4**

**Donations**

Members Contributions	293,789	197,051
Tithe and Gift	26,126	28,093
	<b>319,915</b>	<b>225,144</b>

**ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Note 5</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Babtism Certificates	7,200	7,820
Sunday School	1,439	2,921
Marriage Certificates	1,210	300
Funeral Prayers	4,440	5,282
Prayers	3,290	1,725
Sales	60,546	43,539
Gift Aid	12,120	0
Annual Conference	0	12,872
Collections	69,014	88,035
	<b>159,259</b>	<b>162,495</b>

<b>Note 6</b>		
<b>Cost of raising funds</b>		
Allowances	64,275	61,511
Conference	0	0
Feasts	0	0
Telephone	716	626
Postage,Stationery,Printing and church materials	13,292	7,232
Others	2,144	1,090
	<b>80,427</b>	<b>70,459</b>

<b>Note 7</b>		
<b>Cost of charitable activities</b>		
Insurance	8,331	8,906
Cleaning	2,806	2,047
Subscription	0	144
Water,Gas and Electricity	76,965	2,985
Travel and Transport	0	100
Bank Charges and Bank Interest	72,998	44,449
Repais and Maintenance	30,237	3,245
Donation and Gifts	0	0
Legal and Professional	0	0
Depreciation	23,883	23,883
	<b>215,219</b>	<b>85,758</b>

**DEBRE-GENET HOLY TRINITY ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHEDO CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180553

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# Accounts

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**Debre-Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian  
Orthodox Tewahedo Church  
London**



**Trustees' Annual Report for the year end  
31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

# Debre Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church - London

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## Reference and administration details

Charity Name: Debre Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church

Registered Charity number: 1180553 (and **Shell** charity number 1124941)

Charity's Principal Address: St. Michael's Road  
Cricklewood  
London  
NW2 6XG

Names of Trustees during the year:

1. Rev Kefeyalew Aschalew
2. Rev Addis Abebe (From 25 October 2020)
3. Rev. Kibret Asnakew (From 25 October 2020)
4. Rev. Samuel Asres (From 25 October 2020)
5. Mr Aschalew Terefe Zeleke (From 25 October 2020)
6. Mr Mesfin Taddesse Demu (From 25 October 2020)
7. Mr Samuel Wodajo (From 25 October 2020)
8. Ms Raheal Gelana (From 25 October 2020)
9. Rev. Fisseha Teferi (From 25 October 2020)

Independent Examiner: Mr. Gizachew Weldeyes, FCCA.

Bankers: Lloyds Bank plc  
25 Gresham Street  
London  
EC2V 7HN

Barclays Bank (UK) PLC  
147-149 Ray Lane  
London  
SE15 4ST

## **Structure, governance and management**

As a body of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church (EOTC), Debre Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church (DGHTC) follows the Canon Laws of EOTC and the guidance of the Holy Synod, whose seat is in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Diocese of the United Kingdom and Ireland EOTC represents the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church in the UK.

DGHTC is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) (Charity No. 1180553) since November 2018. The original charity will be closed once all assets are transferred to the new charity (CIO). We are transferring all assets to the CIO to close the unincorporated charity.

The Trustees held regular meetings via Zoom or at the church office and are responsible for the day-to-day running of the church's activities and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. Relevant matters may be submitted to the church General Assembly of Members' Meeting for resolution or may be raised by members for further consideration by the Trustees.

## **Appointment of Trustees**

The church is governed by its Constitution, and the Parish Administration Council (PAC) (the Trustees) of the charity are elected by the church members at a General Assembly Meeting for a three-year term with the prime responsibility of managing the church's day-to-day affairs. In addition to the pastoral and legal guidance mentioned above, the church has internal policies, guidelines and procedures that guide the day-to-day running of the charity. All congregants are encouraged to be church members and to exercise their rights and duties, including electing and standing for PAC election.

## **Objectives**

The mission of DGHT church is promoting the message of Christ to the world to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Apostolic Faith and Acts of The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church and emulation of Christ's mission to the world, particularly in His ministry to transform individual lives, communities, and the world, and to share the burden of the most vulnerable in society and to cater the needs of some of the neediest people irrespective of their faith.

The second objective of the church is to help young people grow into responsible and dependable citizens. It focuses on teaching and supporting the youth to protect themselves from substance abuse, antisocial behaviours and other distractions through Christian moral teachings and engagement in various religious and social activities to build solid moral integrity shared by the church community and the wider society.

The PAC is responsible for promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. PAC members are charity Trustees. The PAC must ensure compliance with charity law, church (ecclesiastical) law and exercise prudence and a duty of care.

To advance these objectives, the PAC carries out different activities, in line with the guidance set out in The Charity Commission's general regulation on public benefit.

## **Performance and Achievements**

### **Worship and prayer**

Church services in 2022 have been expanded based on congregational needs. The clergy have been kind and supportive of the program's success. Although difficulties and trials have been faced by the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church in Ethiopia and its faithful, the unity and active prayers for those suffering and being prosecuted remain encouraging.

We also made improvement works and continue to work on the buildings to ensure the preservation of the building is appropriately looked after. The support from skilled members of the church is impressive and very encouraging.

The church welcomes visitors and worshippers from the area and outside the parish boundary. Visitors attend by personal choice, and it is our great pleasure to receive anyone from all walks of life to participate in the church's life. We contend that voluntary attendance to worship God is a significant demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

We continue to have weekly Saturday mass service and youth spiritual and communal involvement services. The church also has two regular monthly liturgy services. Welcoming new congregation members has continued and has been a great encouragement to welcome new members to DGHT church.

We look to encourage the deepening of faith for all ages, and alongside our regular spiritual services, there are programs for children and young people to join in. Children were at the center of the church activities, and through the church's various subcommittees, it has worked tirelessly to enable children and young persons to stay safe and healthy, enjoy life, achieve their potential, and positively contribute to the community.

The Parish Administration Council has taken several measures to cater to the needs of the children and young adults, ensuring that the youth receive proper spiritual

## Debre Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church - London

services in the language they understand most. Our Children's Ministry Youth Ministry are particularly essential to how we help the younger members of our church grow in their faith. A significant area in which the Children's Service seeks to share the Christian faith and moral values is through the development of continued training. These trainings consist of leadership development, leadership in youth ministry, deaconship studies and hosting bible studies programs. The primary purpose is for them to learn how to positively influence society, and help them develop in community service provision.

Special services at Christmas and Easter were well attended as usual, and five other annual feasts of the church have also been celebrated. Through baptism, we thank God for the gift of life; in marriage, vows are exchanged with God's blessing; and through funeral services, friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. We have celebrated over 55 baptisms and five weddings and held 15 prayer services for the departed in our church this year.

During the season of the Great Lent, we held mass liturgies, evening prayers and bible studies during weekdays and morning liturgies on the weekends. The two-week fasting period preceding the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady Virgin Mary feast was also celebrated similarly, with mass liturgy, evening prayers, and bible studies every day. Various people have delivered preaching and covered different themes during these times.

We continue to share the good news of Jesus through a range of programs and ministries that we run. Pastoral Care for families and troubled or needy individuals has also been provided throughout 2022. In addition to individual guidance and counselling services, our clergies have provided counselling and mediation services to couples and families that are going through difficult times. The clergies have visited all church members who have requested a service to celebrate communion at their homes or in the hospital.

The DGHTC has continued its ecumenical role by teaching people new to the Orthodox Christian faith and promoting tolerance in the community for those of other religions and none. Clerical services such as schools, character references, and holy matrimony have also been provided to church members and the wider community.

### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees are aware of the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission, and we believe that the church activities described above provide significant public benefit in line with the guidance. It has always been the vision of the church to reach as many people as possible in our community with the Christian message and to welcome new faces into our fellowship.

## **Acknowledgements**

Praising God first for giving us the means and opportunity to serve His Church, the PAC would like to give special thanks to all DGHTC clergies who have continued serving the church with great passion and dedication. We are also grateful for everyone who participated, including the Sunday school services and all other sub-committees' contributions to the church services in various ways.

## **Financial review**

The annual accounts for 2022 have been prepared. They are recommended by the PAC to the Annual General Church Meeting thanks to the hard work of our Finance Officers from the Parish Administration Council and our independent examiner.

During the current year, the church administration observed the following: It was mainly due to the expansion of the overall activities of the church that the church's income and expenditures increased by about 23.28% and 6.71%, respectively, during the year. The church administration has managed to keep sufficient funds to cover its running costs for over a year and keep it in operational existence for the foreseeable future

## **Reserves policy**

The PAC's policy is to maintain sufficient funds, if possible, which equates to approximately 12 months, to cover mortgage payments, bills, maintenance, clergy transportation and any emergencies that may arise occasionally.

## Declaration

The Parish Administration Council (Trustees) declares that it approves the above report.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees,

Signature: 

Date: 29/10/23

**Rev. Kefeyalew Aschalew**

# Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts of 'Debre Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church in London'

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

**Signed:**  **Date:** 26/10/2023

**Name:** Gizachew Weldeyes

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

ACCA

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**ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	<b>NOTE</b>	<b>TOTAL 2022 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2021 £</b>
<b>Incoming resources</b>			
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations	<b>4</b>	225,144	191,181
Charitable Activities	<b>5</b>	162,495	123,262
<b>Total</b>		<b>387,639</b>	<b>314,443</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>			
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds	<b>6</b>	70,459	44,130
Charitable Activities	<b>7</b>	85,758	102,264
<b>Total</b>		<b>156,217</b>	<b>146,394</b>
<b>Net income</b>		<b>231,422</b>	<b>168,049</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>1,833,537</b>	<b>1,665,488</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>2,064,958</b>	<b>1,833,537</b>

ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	NOTE	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Assets	2	1,977,160	1,999,739
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>1,977,160</b>	<b>1,999,739</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank and on hand	3	972,540	765,039
Prepayments		1,834	1,692
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>974,374</b>	<b>766,731</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Amounts falling due with in one year		10,000	59,603
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>964,374</b>	<b>707,128</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		2,941,534	2,706,867
Creditors:Amount falling due after more than one year		876,576	873,330
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>2,064,958</b>	<b>1,833,537</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>			
Reserves			
Income and Expenditure Statement		2,064,958	1,833,537
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		<b>2,064,958</b>	<b>1,833,537</b>

**ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**1 Accounting Policies**

**Basis of accounting**

The church's accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP)

**Going Concern**

The trustees have reviewed the financial plans for the coming year and are satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis

**Capitalization and depreciation of tangible fixed assets**

Fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Depreciation is calculated as follows:

Building	1% Per annum Straight-Line
Equipment	25% Per annum straight-Line

<b>Note 2</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Tangible Assets</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Building	2,050,000	2,050,000
Equipment	13,532	12,228
Less:Accumulated Depreciation Building	76,875	56,375
Less:Accumulated Depreciation Equipment	9,497	6,114
	<b>1,977,160</b>	<b>1,999,739</b>

**Note 3**

**Cash at bank and on hand**

Cash at bank	971,970	762,411
Cash on hand	570	2,628
	<b>972,540</b>	<b>765,039</b>

**Note 4**

**Donations**

Members Contributions	197,051	146,644
Tithe and Gift	28,093	44,537
	<b>225,144</b>	<b>191,181</b>

**ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Note 5</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Babtism Certificates	7,820	5,420
Sunday School	2,921	2,222
Marriage Certificates	300	430
Funeral Prayers	5,282	4,515
Prayers	1,725	2,338
Sales	43,539	20,944
Annual Conference	12,872	13,740
Collections	88,035	73,652
	<b>162,495</b>	<b>123,262</b>
<b>Note 6</b>		
<b>Cost of raising funds</b>		
Allowances	61,511	32,270
Conference	0	0
Feasts	0	0
Telephone	626	533
Postage,Stationery,Printing and church materials	7,232	10,062
Others	1,090	1,265
	<b>70,459</b>	<b>44,130</b>
<b>Note 7</b>		
<b>Cost of charitable activities</b>		
Insurance	8,906	8,312
Cleaning	2,047	995
Subscription	144	0
Water,Gas and Electricity	2,985	700
Travel and Transport	100	0
Bank Charges	44,449	32,606
Repais and Maintenace	3,245	11,094
Donation and Gifts	0	0
Legal and Professional	0	25,000
Depreciation	23,883	23,557
	<b>85,758</b>	<b>102,264</b>

**DEBRE-GENET HOLY TRINITY ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHEDO CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180553

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# Accounts

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**Debre-Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian  
Orthodox Tewahedo Church  
London**



**Trustees' Annual Report for the year  
ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

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Registered Charity number: 1180553 (and **Shell** charity number 1124941)

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Names of Trustees during the year:

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3. Rev. Kibret Asnakew (From 25 October 2020)
4. Rev. Samuel Asres (From 25 October 2020)
5. Mr Aschalew Terefe Zeleke (From 25 October 2020)
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To advance these objectives, the PAC carries out different activities per the guidance set out in The Charity Commission's general regulation on public benefit.

## **Performance and Achievements**

### **Worship and prayer**

Some adaptations had to be made by the Parish Administration Council in response to the Covid-19 pandemic in 2021, as in the previous year. Our fellowship had experienced closures enforced by government restrictions and times when the Parish Administration Council (Trustees) deemed it necessary for the health and safety of our members. We have continued to stream the service on YouTube each week and provide recordings of the service for those who cannot attend in person. Any services held in Church have been subject to all the most current health and safety guidelines. Private prayer sessions have continued at least twice a week in the Church.

By reaching out to more people online and introducing the Church, the online spiritual service impacted positively by producing more attendees when the Church was opened for service.

Every visitor is welcome to participate in the Church's life by choice, and it is our great pleasure to welcome anyone from all walks of life. We contend that voluntary attendance to worship God is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

The pandemic impacted the average regular weekly attendance compared to our normal operations. However, the number gradually increased and is now at a pro-Covid capacity level, if not higher. In addition to our Sunday morning service, the Church also offers regular Saturday spiritual and communal involvement services. We also provide two regular monthly liturgy services. It has been encouraging to welcome new members to DGHT church during the course of the year, as attendance has steadily increased.

Attendance at Sunday School has increased throughout the year as well. Besides our normal spiritual services, we have programs for children and young people to participate in, which aim to encourage the deepening of faith for everyone. Children were at the centre of the church activities. Through the Church's various sub-committees, it has worked tirelessly to enable children and young persons to stay safe, enjoy life, achieve their potential, and positively contribute to the community.

Our children and youth services' progress has been encouraging. The Parish Administration Council has taken several measures to cater for the needs of the children and young adults. Youth ministries are particularly key to how we help the younger members of our Church grow in their faith. A significant area in which the Children's Service seeks to share the Christian faith and moral values is through the development of continued training. These trainings consist of leadership development, leadership in youth ministry, deaconship studies and hosting bible studies programs. The primary purpose is to learn how to make a positive influence, contribute to society, and help them develop in community service.

The Church has been offering a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that are both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling to the community. For example, evening prayers provided a quiet, intimate, and reflective environment for worship.

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We continue to share the good news of Jesus through a range of programs and ministries that we run.

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## **Public Benefit**

In accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance, the Trustees believe that the Church's activities described above provide significant public benefit. The vision of the Church has always been to reach as many people as possible in our community with the Christian message and to welcome new members.

## **Acknowledgements**

Praising God first for giving us the means and opportunity to serve His Church, the PAC would like to give special thanks to all clergies of DGHTC who have continued to serve the Church with great passion and dedication. We are also grateful for everyone who participated,

including the Sunday school services and all other sub-committee contributions to the church services in various ways.

## **Financial review**

The annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 have been prepared and are recommended by the PAC to the Annual General Church Meeting thanks to the exceptional work of our Finance Officers from the Parish Administration Council.

Both Incomes and Expenditures of the church increased following a decrease in the overall activities of the church because of the pandemic.

During the current year the church administration observed the following:

- Total fund has gone up by about 10%.
- The church administration has managed to have sufficient funds to cover its running costs for over a year and keep the church in operational existence for the foreseeable future.
- The net result for the period is an excess of income over expenditure of £168,049.
- Including balance brought forward at the beginning of the year, the total funds balance carried forward as of 31 December 2021 is £1,833,537.

## **Reserves policy**

It is the PAC's policy to maintain sufficient funds, if possible, which equates to approximately 12 months, to cover the mortgage payment, bills, maintenance, clergy allowance and any emergencies that may arise from time to time.

## Declaration

The Parish Administration Council (Trustees) declares that it approves the above report

Signed on behalf of the Trustees,

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 7/12/2022

Rev. Kefeyalew Aschalew

# Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts of 'Debre Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church in London'

**Report to the trustees/ members of**

'Debre Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church in London'

**On accounts for the year ended**

31 December 2021

**Charity no:**

1180553 (Shell charity no.1124941)

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the ACCA.

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

**Signed:** 

**Date:** 27/11/2022

**Name:** Gizachew Weldeyes

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

ACCA

**Address:**

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24 The Concourse  
N9 0TQ

**ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	<b>NOTE</b>	<b>TOTAL 2021 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2020 £</b>
<b>Incoming resources</b>			
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations	<b>4</b>	191,181	140,488
Charitable Activities	<b>5</b>	123,262	68,835
<b>Total</b>		<b>314,444</b>	<b>209,322</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>			
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds	<b>6</b>	44,130	17,982
Charitable Activities	<b>7</b>	102,264	89,187
<b>Total</b>		<b>146,394</b>	<b>107,169</b>
<b>Net income</b>		<b>168,049</b>	<b>102,154</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>1,665,488</b>	<b>1,563,334</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>1,833,537</b>	<b>1,665,488</b>

ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	NOTE	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Assets	2	1,999,739	2,023,296
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>1,999,739</b>	<b>2,023,296</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank and on hand	3	765,039	612,886
Prepayments		1,692	1,657
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>766,731</b>	<b>614,543</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Amounts falling due with in one year		59,603	59,728
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>707,128</b>	<b>554,815</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		2,706,867	2,578,111
Creditors:Amount falling due after more than one year		873,330	912,623
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>1,833,537</b>	<b>1,665,488</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>			
Reserves			
Income and Expenditure Statement		1,833,537	1,665,488
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		<b>1,833,537</b>	<b>1,665,488</b>

**ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**1 Accounting Policies**

**Basis of accounting**

The church's accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP)

**Going Concern**

The trustees have reviewed the financial plans for the coming year and are satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis

**Capitalization and depreciation of tangible fixed assets**

Fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Depreciation is calculated as follows:

Building	1% Per annum Straight-Line
Equipment	25% Per annum straight-Line

<b>Note 2</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Tangible Assets</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Building	2,050,000	2,050,000
Equipment	12,228	12,228
Less:Accumulated Depreciation Building	56,375	35,875
Less:Accumulated Depreciation Equipment	6,114	3,057
	<b>1,999,739</b>	<b>2,023,296</b>

**Note 3**

**Cash at bank and on hand**

Cash at bank	762,411	612,762
Cash on hand	2,628	124
	<b>765,039</b>	<b>612,886</b>

**Note 4**

**Donations**

Members Contributions	146,644	120,901
Tithe and Gift	44,538	19,586
	<b>191,181</b>	<b>140,488</b>

**ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON**  
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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Note 5</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Babtism Certificates	5,420	1,060
Sunday School	2,222	80
Marriage Certificates	430	0
Funeral Prayers	4,515	1,330
Prayers	2,338	
Sales	20,944	4,890
Annual Conference	13,740	0
Collections	73,652	61,475
	<b>123,262</b>	<b>68,835</b>

<b>Note 6</b>		
<b>Cost of raising funds</b>		
Allowances	32,270	12,720
Conference	0	302
Feasts	0	1,390
Telephone	533	0
Postage, Stationery and Printing	10,062	2,570
Others	1,265	1,000
	<b>44,130</b>	<b>17,982</b>

<b>Note 7</b>		
<b>Cost of charitable activities</b>		
Insurance	8,312	8,964
Cleaning	995	944
Subscription	0	168
Water, Gas and Electricity	700	4,613
Bank Charges	32,606	33,793
Repairs and Maintenance	11,094	9,797
Donation and Gifts	0	2,000
Legal and Professional	25,000	5,350
Depreciation	23,557	23,557
	<b>102,264</b>	<b>89,187</b>

**DEBRE-GENET HOLY TRINITY ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHEDO CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180553

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# Accounts

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**Debre-Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian  
Orthodox Tewahedo Church  
London**



**Trustees' Annual Report for the year end  
31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

# Debre Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church - London

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#### **Worship and prayer**

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The average regular weekly attendance was impacted by the pandemic in comparison to our normal operations. Our Sunday morning service remains the most highly attended service, and we also added weekly Saturday you spiritual and communal involvement services the church also has two regular monthly liturgy services. Over the course of the year, we have seen a steady rise in service attendance, and it has been a great encouragement to welcome new members to DGHT church.

We look to encourage the deepening of faith for all ages, and alongside our normal spiritual services, there are programs for children and young people join in. Children were at the center of the church activities, and through the churches various sub committees it has worked tirelessly to enable children and young persons to stay safe, healthy, enjoy life and achieve their potential, make a positive contribution to the community.

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## **Public Benefit**

The Trustees are aware of the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission, and we believe that the activities of the Church that are described above provide significant public benefit in line with the guidance. It has always been the vision of the Church to reach as many people as possible in our community with the Christian message and to welcome new faces into our fellowship.

## **Acknowledgements**

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## **Financial review**

The annual accounts for 2020 have been prepared and are recommended by the PAC to the Annual General Church Meeting thanks to the exceptional work of our Finance Officers from the Parish Administration Council.

The income of the church decreased by about 29% and so did the expenditures by about 31% during the year, mainly due to decrease in the overall activities of the church as a result of the pandemic.

During the current year the church administration observed the following:

Compared to 31 December 2019, total fund has gone up by 6.5% despite the decrease in the church's activities.

The church administration has managed to keep sufficient funds to cover its running costs for over a year and keep it in operational existence for the foreseeable future

The net result for the period is an excess of income over expenditure of £102,154. Including balance brought forward at the beginning of the year, the total funds balance carried forward as of 31 December 2020 is £1,665,488.

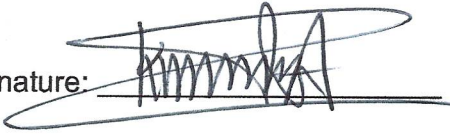
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**Declaration**

The Parish Administration Council (Trustees) declares that it approves the above report.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees,

Signature: 

Date: 30/10/21

**Rev. Kefeyalew Aschalew**

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**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the ACCA.

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

**Signed:**



**Date:**

24/10/2021

**Name:**

Gizachew Weldeyes

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

ACCA

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ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON  
 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	NOTE	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>			
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations	4	140,488	185,806
Charitable Activities	5	68,835	108,715
<b>Total</b>		<b>209,322</b>	<b>294,522</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>			
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds	6	17,982	28,953
Charitable Activities	7	89,187	126,050
<b>Total</b>		<b>107,169</b>	<b>155,003</b>
<b>Net income</b>		<b>102,154</b>	<b>139,519</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>1,563,334</b>	<b>1,423,815</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>1,665,488</b>	<b>1,563,334</b>

ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	NOTE	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Assets	2	2,023,296	2,034,625
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>2,023,296</b>	<b>2,034,625</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank and on hand	3	612,886	543,051
Prepayments		1,657	2,447
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>614,543</b>	<b>545,498</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Amounts falling due with in one year		59,728	64,478
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>554,815</b>	<b>481,020</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		2,578,111	2,515,645
Creditors:Amount falling due after more than one year		912,623	952,311
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>1,665,488</b>	<b>1,563,334</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>			
Reserves			
Income and Expenditure Statement		1,665,488	1,563,334
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		<b>1,665,488</b>	<b>1,563,334</b>

**ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**1 Accounting Policies**

**Basis of accounting**

The church's accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP)

**Going Concern**

The trustees have reviewed the financial plans for the coming year and are satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis

**Capitalization and depreciation of tangible fixed assets**

Fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Depreciation is calculated as follows:

Building	1% Per annum Straight-Line
Equipment	25% Per annum straight-Line

<b>Note 2</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Tangible Assets</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Building	2,050,000	2,050,000
Equipment	12,228	0
Less:Accumulated Depreciation Building	35,875	15,375
Less:Accumulated Depreciation Equipment	3,057	0
	<b>2,023,296</b>	<b>2,034,625</b>

**Note 3**

**Cash at bank and on hand**

Cash at bank	612,762	543,051
Cash on hand	124	0
	<b>612,886</b>	<b>543,051</b>

**Note 4**

**Donations**

Members Contributions	120,901	134,509
Tithe and Gift	19,586	51,297
	<b>140,488</b>	<b>185,806</b>

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Note 5</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Babtism Certificates	1,060	1,460
Sunday School	80	11,987
Marriage Certificates	0	1,500
Funeral Prayers	1,330	3,330
Sales	4,890	14,320
Annual Conference	0	5,198
Collections	61,475	70,921
	<b>68,835</b>	<b>108,715</b>

<b>Note 6</b>		
<b>Cost of raising funds</b>		
Allowances	12,720	20,995
Conference	302	0
Feasts	1,390	3,277
Telephone	0	180
Postage, Stationery and Printing	2,570	2,101
Others	1,000	2,400
	<b>17,982</b>	<b>28,953</b>

<b>Note 7</b>		
<b>Cost of charitable activities</b>		
Rent	0	3,320
Building Lease	0	5,940
Insurance	8,964	9,624
Cleaning	944	779
Subscription	168	144
Water, Gas and Electricity	4,613	1,027
Travel and Transport	0	7,799
Bank Charges	33,793	30,863
Repairs and Maintenance	9,797	20,446
Donation and Gifts	2,000	0
Legal and Professional	5,350	30,734
Depreciation	23,557	15,375
	<b>89,187</b>	<b>126,050</b>