



Русская Православная Церковь Заграницей | Russian Orthodox Church outside of Russia

Diocese of Great Britain and Western Europe | Великобританская и Западно - Европейская Епархия

Diocesan Chancellery
58 Shrewsbury Road, Prenton. CH43 2HY

Annual General Meeting held (virtually) on 14th October 2023

Agenda

Open with prayer

Those present and apologies

Annual Report

Financial Statement

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Close with blessing

Annual Report

Submitted to the Annual General Meeting of the Trustees of the Diocese of Great Britain and Western Europe (ROCOR)

This report is presented to the Trustees by the Chancellor of the Diocese at its meeting on the 14th October 2023 held virtually. This meeting also received the financial statement with the Financial Report to be submitted to the Charity Commissioners of England and Wales by 31st October 2023 at the latest.

Introduction

The Diocese was granted Charitable Status on November 9th 2020. The Diocesan Chancellor sought specialist advice from the Charity Commissioners and was advised of a suitable timetable by Mr Mukhtar Abdi, an advisor assigned to the new charity last April. As the Diocese progresses, we will move more closely to this structure in the financial year that concludes on 31st December 2023.

Fulfilment of the Aims of the Diocese.

- Establishing places of worship and devotion of the Russian Orthodox Faith.

The Diocese maintains almost 40 places of worship across Great Britain, Ireland and Western Europe. In recent times the Diocese has developed new places of worship

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and in particular has established much more regular worship in the Netherlands and in Pau, both areas have been very difficult to provide services in during the past years. into its care a parish in the Netherlands in Arnhem and is expanding opportunities for worship throughout its many national territories. A new mission in Ireland has been well received and will quickly attract the Faithful and older, established Cathedrals and Parishes seem to have benefitted from an influx of the Faithful and an increased fervour. There have been a number of receptions of Ukrainian Clergy as a result of the conflict in their country. This too has had a marked influence upon the capacity of the Diocese to meet the needs of an ever-growing number of worshippers. The Diocese has also seen the ordination of a number of new priests and deacons, subdeacons and readers which has greatly contributed to the strengthening of Diocesan life right across its many countries. Clearly, there is much to be thankful for. Still, there are unmet needs across the territories of the Diocese and much work to do. The pressing need is the establishment of both male and female monasteries remains though developments have taken place in France which may facilitate this in the near future and it is hoped that 2024 will see some progress in this area. The Diocesan Bishop has visited many of our parishes this year which continues to strengthen their resolve and fervour of faith.

- Raising awareness of the Russian Orthodox Faith and encouraging missionary and outreach activities to enlighten others about the Russian Orthodox Faith.

The Diocesan website and the websites of the Diocesan parishes and missions are very well visited and used. These are means of reaching out to a wider group of people. New missions in new areas bring great blessings and soon attract new worshippers. There is outreach through a wide variety of means including youth camps, refugee camps, food banks and collections for good causes. The Diocese it has sent considerable funds to our Synod in New York to be distributed for charitable purposes. The Diocese anticipates with joy the visit of the wonderworking Hawaiian Icon which will be both spiritually beneficial for the parishes but will also draw many new people to come to venerate the icon. All these activities greatly enhance diocesan life and more such visits are planned for 2024.

- Carrying out Russian Orthodox religious practices, devotional acts and pilgrimages.

The Diocese sponsored a European Music conference which was a great success in London (shortly to be repeated as an annual event). This drew singers from Orthodox parishes from Eastern Europe, Western Europe, Great Britain and the United States of America. It is hoped that this activity will greatly enhance the traditional worship for which Russian Orthodoxy is known. There have been many pilgrimages. A Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the Summer and many other pilgrimages throughout the territories blessed by the Diocesan Bishop have taken place this year. All these activities strengthen and enhance the spiritual lives of the Faithful and lead to more and more devotion not least to the Saints of the God-preserved lands of

Western Europe and the British Isles. In recent months, the Diocesan Bishop was able to invite together all his clergy to Florence for a Clergy Convocation in late November 2023. This will bring together more than 40 clerics from right across the Diocese, clerics from different national backgrounds and with different linguistic and cultural needs yet all united in their one faith in Christ.

- Providing religious education, training and resources to the Russian Orthodox Faith community.

Many of our parishes have Sunday Schools and youth activities. There have been youth camps held for example in Switzerland and young peoples work camps organised to support parishes. Readers are regularly trained within the parishes and the Diocesan Cathedrals and larger parishes act as a resource for the training of new clergy. The Diocesan website and other websites blessed by the Diocesan Bishop continue to make available the many riches of the Orthodox devotional and liturgical tradition for a wider audience.

Conclusion

The Diocese continues to strengthen both spiritually and materially. Our financial position is greatly improved as Trustees can see in the enclosed Accounts and Financial Statement. We need to aim over the coming years to consolidate the achievements of the past year and move towards the establishment of a permanent residence for the Bishop and the establishment of monastic life in the Diocese as spiritual resources and places of devotion and training. It is with deep gratitude to God that all these positive developments are reported to this meeting and a real sense of hope enables us to embrace our future.

Archpriest Paul Elliott

Chancellor of the Diocese of Great Britain and Western Europe (ROCOR)

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Financial Activities

January - December 2022

	TOTAL
Income	
Diocesan Income (Parish Assessments, Decree 1)	46,147.95
Collections for Diocesan Support	28,140.88
Diocesan Youth Fund	100.00
Total Diocesan Income (Parish Assessments, Decree 1)	74,388.83
Donations and legacies	1,063.37
Hierarch Travel Reimbursement	395.55
Uncategorised Income	199.00
Total Income	£76,046.75
TOTAL	£76,046.75
Expenditures	
Chancellery Maintenance	2,590.00
Council Tax	2,585.64
Electricity and Gas	1,392.64
Medical Insurance	2,033.02
Residence Rent / Mortgage	25,800.00
Water	530.23
Total Chancellery Maintenance	34,931.53
Chancellery Operational Costs	89.99
Bank and accounting charges	238.80
Printing, Postage and Stationery	626.58
Web site and internet costs	323.18
Total Chancellery Operational Costs	1,278.55
Charitable Contributions (General)	0.00
Charity in Support of Clergy	1,544.31
Charity in Support of Individuals	200.00
Charity in Support of Organisations / Causes	600.00
Total Charitable Contributions (General)	2,344.31
Hierarch Travel	0.00
Hierarch Travel (Diocesan expense)	9,594.70
Hierarch Travel (to be reimbursed by parishes)	1,322.22
Total Hierarch Travel	10,916.92
Salary (Diocesan Bishop)	12,000.00
Uncategorised Expenditure	80.00
Total Expenditures	£61,551.31
NET OPERATING INCOME	£14,495.44
Other Income	
Transit IN Collections	0.00
IN - Collections or Assessments for Synod	453.18
IN - Fund For Assistance	682.00
IN - Holy Trinity Seminary, Jordanville	791.75
IN - Jerusalem Ecclesiastical Mission	3,878.17
IN - Kursk Icon Collections	27,152.50

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	TOTAL
IN - Other / Special transit collection	45,246.86
Total Transit IN Collections	78,204.46
Total Other Income	£78,204.46
Other Expenditures	
Transit OUT transfers	0.00
OUT - Collections or Assessments for Synod	6,000.00
OUT - Funds for Assistance	682.00
OUT - Holy Trinity Monastery, Jordanville	791.75
OUT - Jerusalem Ecclesiastical Mission	3,878.17
OUT - Kursk Icon Collections	21,384.13
OUT - Other / Special transit collection	32,036.60
Total Transit OUT transfers	64,772.65
Total Other Expenditures	£64,772.65
NET OTHER INCOME	£13,431.81
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£27,927.25

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Financial Activities by Month

January - December 2022

	JAN 2022	FEB 2022	MAR 2022	APR 2022	MAY 2022	JUN 2022	JUL 2022
Income							
Diocesan Income (Parish Assessments, Decree 1)	5,640.43	780.64	26,760.69	7,646.99	0.00	0.00	828.29
Collections for Diocesan Support	3,620.43	1,059.92	2,248.29	1,953.53	2,296.71	2,248.58	868.67
Diocesan Youth Fund	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Diocesan Income (Parish Assessments, Decree 1)	9,260.86	1,840.56	29,108.98	9,600.52	2,296.71	2,248.58	1,696.96
Donations and legacies	57.50	50.00	285.87	150.00	50.00	100.00	50.00
Hierarch Travel Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	173.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	221.87
Uncategorised Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	£9,318.36	£1,890.56	£29,568.53	£9,750.52	£2,346.71	£2,348.58	£1,968.83
TOTAL	£9,318.36	£1,890.56	£29,568.53	£9,750.52	£2,346.71	£2,348.58	£1,968.83
Expenditures							
Chancery Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,590.00	0.00
Council Tax	251.00	0.00	0.00	262.64	259.00	259.00	259.00
Electricity and Gas	125.13	125.13	125.13	125.13	125.13	109.57	109.57
Medical Insurance	0.00	130.95	266.63	0.00	135.68	271.36	0.00
Residence Rent / Mortgage	2,150.00	2,150.00	2,150.00	2,150.00	2,150.00	2,150.00	2,150.00
Water	0.00	0.00	0.00	265.12	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Chancery Maintenance	2,526.13	2,406.08	2,541.76	2,802.89	2,669.81	5,379.93	2,518.57
Chancery Operational Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank and accounting charges	14.40	14.40	23.40	-0.60	29.40	29.40	14.40
Printing, Postage and Stationery	199.98	0.00	0.00	182.53	0.00	0.00	0.00
Web site and internet costs	139.83	0.00	0.00	30.69	148.27	0.00	0.00
Total Chancery Operational Costs	354.21	14.40	23.40	212.62	177.67	29.40	14.40
Charitable Contributions (General)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charity in Support of Clergy	794.00	0.00	275.31	0.00	250.00	0.00	225.00
Charity in Support of Individuals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charity in Support of Organisations / Causes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Charitable Contributions (General)	794.00	0.00	275.31	0.00	250.00	0.00	225.00
Hierarch Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hierarch Travel (Diocesan expense)	393.98	0.00	280.98	656.74	1,410.41	2,915.93	0.00
Hierarch Travel (to be reimbursed by parishes)	0.00	0.00	176.77	0.00	488.84	423.14	0.00
Total Hierarch Travel	393.98	0.00	457.75	656.74	1,899.25	3,339.07	0.00
Salary (Diocesan Bishop)	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Uncategorised Expenditure	80.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	£5,148.32	£3,420.48	£4,298.22	£4,672.25	£5,996.73	£9,748.40	£3,757.97
NET OPERATING INCOME	£4,170.04	£ -1,529.92	£25,270.31	£5,078.27	£ -3,650.02	£ -7,399.82	£ -1,789.14
Other Income							
Transit IN Collections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
IN - Collections or Assessments for Synod	0.00	0.00	453.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
IN - Fund For Assistance	0.00	0.00	682.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
IN - Holy Trinity Seminary, Jordanville	0.00	0.00	791.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
IN - Jerusalem Ecclesiastical Mission	0.00	0.00	294.00	1,877.17	1,707.00	0.00	0.00
IN - Kursk Icon Collections	0.00	0.00	1,776.60	12,823.05	12,552.85	0.00	0.00
IN - Other / Special transit collection	0.00	0.00	30,216.49	2,076.48	12,953.89	0.00	0.00
Total Transit IN Collections	0.00	0.00	34,214.02	16,776.70	27,213.74	0.00	0.00
Total Other Income	£0.00	£0.00	£34,214.02	£16,776.70	£27,213.74	£0.00	£0.00
Other Expenditures							
Transit OUT transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OUT - Collections or Assessments for Synod	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OUT - Funds for Assistance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OUT - Holy Trinity Monastery, Jordanville	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OUT - Jerusalem Ecclesiastical Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OUT - Kursk Icon Collections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,041.54	1,142.59	0.00

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	JAN 2022	FEB 2022	MAR 2022	APR 2022	MAY 2022	JUN 2022	JUL 2022
OUT - Other / Special transit collection	0.00	0.00	18,981.60	13,035.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Total Transit OUT transfers	0.00	0.00	18,981.60	13,035.00	1,061.54	1,142.59	0.00
Total Other Expenditures	£0.00	£0.00	£18,981.60	£13,035.00	£1,061.54	£1,142.59	£0.00
NET OTHER INCOME	£0.00	£0.00	£15,232.42	£3,741.70	£26,152.20	£ -1,142.59	£0.00
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£4,170.04	£ -1,529.92	£40,502.73	£8,819.97	£22,502.18	£ -8,542.41	£ -1,789.14

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	AUG 2022	SEP 2022	OCT 2022	NOV 2022	DEC 2022	TOTAL
Income						
Diocesan Income (Parish Assessments, Decree 1)	846.28	908.68	2,735.95	0.00	0.00	£46,147.95
Collections for Diocesan Support	1,253.82	630.74	2,438.21	8,138.78	1,383.20	£28,140.88
Diocesan Youth Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£100.00
Total Diocesan Income (Parish Assessments, Decree 1)	2,100.10	1,539.42	5,174.16	8,138.78	1,383.20	£74,388.83
Donations and legacies	0.00	170.00	100.00	50.00	0.00	£1,063.37
Hierarch Travel Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£395.55
Uncategorised Income	0.00	0.00	66.00	66.00	67.00	£199.00
Total Income	£2,100.10	£1,709.42	£5,340.16	£8,254.78	£1,450.20	£76,046.75
TOTAL	£2,100.10	£1,709.42	£5,340.16	£8,254.78	£1,450.20	£76,046.75
Expenditures						
Chancellery Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£2,590.00
Council Tax	259.00	259.00	259.00	259.00	259.00	£2,585.64
Electricity and Gas	109.57	109.57	109.57	109.57	109.57	£1,392.64
Medical Insurance	135.68	271.36	0.00	271.36	550.00	£2,033.02
Residence Rent / Mortgage	2,150.00	2,150.00	2,150.00	2,150.00	2,150.00	£25,800.00
Water	0.00	0.00	265.11	0.00	0.00	£530.23
Total Chancellery Maintenance	2,654.25	2,789.93	2,783.68	2,789.93	3,068.57	£34,931.53
Chancellery Operational Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	89.99	£89.99
Bank and accounting charges	14.40	14.40	14.40	14.40	56.40	£238.80
Printing, Postage and Stationery	0.00	0.00	199.09	0.00	44.98	£626.58
Web site and internet costs	0.00	0.00	4.39	0.00	0.00	£323.18
Total Chancellery Operational Costs	14.40	14.40	217.88	14.40	191.37	£1,278.55
Charitable Contributions (General)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£0.00
Charity in Support of Clergy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£1,544.31
Charity in Support of Individuals	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	£200.00
Charity in Support of Organisations / Causes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	£600.00
Total Charitable Contributions (General)	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	600.00	£2,344.31
Hierarch Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£0.00
Hierarch Travel (Diocesan expense)	0.00	0.00	1,424.88	0.00	2,511.78	£9,594.70
Hierarch Travel (to be reimbursed by parishes)	0.00	0.00	233.47	0.00	0.00	£1,322.22
Total Hierarch Travel	0.00	0.00	1,658.35	0.00	2,511.78	£10,916.92
Salary (Diocesan Bishop)	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	£12,000.00
Uncategorised Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£80.00
Total Expenditures	£3,668.65	£3,804.33	£5,659.91	£4,004.33	£7,371.72	£61,551.31
NET OPERATING INCOME	£ -1,568.55	£ -2,094.91	£ -319.75	£4,250.45	£ -5,921.52	£14,495.44
Other Income						
Transit IN Collections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£0.00
IN - Collections or Assessments for Synod	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£453.18
IN - Fund For Assistance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£682.00
IN - Holy Trinity Seminary, Jordanville	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£791.75
IN - Jerusalem Ecclesiastical Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£3,878.17
IN - Kursk Icon Collections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£27,152.50
IN - Other / Special transit collection	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£45,246.86
Total Transit IN Collections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£78,204.46
Total Other Income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£78,204.46
Other Expenditures						
Transit OUT transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£0.00
OUT - Collections or Assessments for Synod	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	£6,000.00
OUT - Funds for Assistance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	682.00	£682.00
OUT - Holy Trinity Monastery, Jordanville	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	791.75	£791.75
OUT - Jerusalem Ecclesiastical Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,878.17	£3,878.17
OUT - Kursk Icon Collections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,200.00	£21,384.13

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OUT - Other / Special transit collection	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£32,036.60
Total Transit OUT transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,551.92	£64,772.65
Total Other Expenditures	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£30,551.92	£64,772.65
NET OTHER INCOME	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£ -30,551.92	£13,431.81
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£ -1,568.55	£ -2,094.91	£ -319.75	£4,250.45	£ -36,473.44	£27,927.25