

PARISH REPORT 2021

The Orthodox Church of St Martin and St Helen, Colchester

St Martin's Church
West Stockwell Street
Colchester CO1 1HN

St Helen's Chapel
Maidenburgh Street
Colchester CO1 1UB

Charity Registration Number 1192469 (England & Wales)

Aim and purposes

The Parish Council (PC) has the responsibility of cooperating with our priest, the Reverend Father Alexander Haig, in promoting in the parish, the whole mission of the Orthodox Church. The trustees together with the PC are responsible for making certain that the parish meets its responsibilities as a registered charity; complies with the law and is accountable to donors, beneficiaries, volunteers, and the general public.

Objectives and Activities

The PC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community. The PC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve Orthodox and those seeking Orthodoxy. Within the community we have many from countries who are predominately Orthodox as well as converts from the UK and other countries. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

2021 in Review

Services were cancelled throughout the Archdiocese owing to the pandemic during the early part of the year. We opened our churches whenever we could for private prayer. A collection was held to raise money for the people of Beirut. In February the parish celebrated 25 years of regular worship. From the middle of the year the purchase of St Martin's moved forward with our solicitors conducting searches. Archbishop Silouan visited in September and ordained Deacon Mark to the Diaconate. Also in September churches had many visitors at the Heritage open days. Finally, towards the end of the year there was good

news regarding the purchase of St Martins in that the final sale was imminent.

Owing to the disruption caused by the pandemic our statistics are based on 40 Sundays. During the year there were three Child Baptisms, no Adult Baptisms, and one adult Chrismation. There was one Marriage and one Funeral in the parish. The average attendance at the 40 Sunday liturgies held was 62.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is.

Financial Review

All the property of The Orthodox Parish of St Helen of Colchester (charity number 1134418) was transferred on 31st December 2020 to The Orthodox Parish of St Martin and St Helen, Colchester CIO (charity number 1192469) which has succeeded the former charity in all its activities from the beginning of 2021.

Our unrestricted income for 2021 was £20,049; our expenditure £7,687; Our unrestricted accumulated fund is £71,041. The restricted fund for St Martins at end of year stands at £156,836, making total funds held £227,877.

The reserves remain high compared with our running expenses, but with the ongoing attempt to purchase St Martins it seems prudent to retain a high level of unrestricted reserves.

We use the receipts and payments method of accounts preparation that may be adopted where a non-company charity has a gross income of £250,000 or less during the year. It consists of an account summarising all moneys received and paid out by the charity in the financial year, and a statement giving details of its assets and liabilities at the end of the year.

All gift aid claimed against donations to the St Martins appeal have been credited to the appeal and all future payments will be treated likewise.

In 2013 the Parish Council met without Father Alexander and his wife Khouria Hilary present and voted in favour of an honourarium of £500 to each of them for the hard work that they put in during Lent and in particular Holy Week. These honouraria continue to be paid. No other trustee receives payments other than expenses.

Trustees at end of 2021

Rev Alexander Alistair Matthew Haig BD AKC

David James Davies

Dusan Radunovic

Nicholas Edwin Taylor

Theodora Ford

Jon Peter Kanaar

Catalin Fliscu

John Mark Shillaker

George Philip Harrison

Hilary Mary Haig ARCM

Mary Morris

Teodor Petica

Kalisthene Aristodemou



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
ORTHODOX PARISH OF ST HELEN OF COLCHESTER

No (if any)
1134418

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/21		31/12/21

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Collections	6,358		-	6,358	3,218
Bookstall	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	2,786	8,801	-	11,587	10,318
Giving	8,743	-	-	8,743	9,073
Gift Aid	2,149	10,167	-	12,316	2,503
Interest	13	144	-	157	27
New Church Fund	-	-	-	-	75
		-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	20,049	19,112	-	39,161	25,214
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	20,049	19,112	-	39,161	25,214
A3 Payments					
Books	25	-	-	25	238
Archdiocese	3,007	-	-	3,007	2,376
Office	727	-	-	727	826
Donations	1,320	-	-	1,320	1,050
St Martins	-	-	-	-	-
Sanctuary	1,056	367	-	1,423	1,117
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-
Misc. Expenses	125	-	-	125	277
Priest	240	-	-	240	-
Insurance	228	-	-	228	227
Electricity	959	-	-	959	1,132
Paypal fees	-	15	-	15	19
JSH – Heating	-	-	-	-	1,440
Architects Fees	-	-	-	-	5,040
CCT St Martins Rent	-	2,500	-	2,500	2,500
Sub total	7,687	2,882	-	10,569	16,241
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	7,687	2,882	-	10,569	16,241
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,362	16,230	-	28,592	8,973
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	58,679	140,606	-	199,285	-
Cash funds this year end	71,041	156,836	-	227,877	

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	Barclays Bank No 2 A/C	-	145,759	-
	Paypal A/C		766	
	COIF A/C	10,218	-	-
	Cash in Hand	1,671	-	-
	Less Cheques Drawn Not Presented	- 3,813	-	-
		-	-	-
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(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

THE ORTHODOX PARISH OF ST MARTIN AND ST HELEN, COLCHESTER

On accounts for the year
ended

2021

Charity no
(if any)

1192469

Set out on pages

1-2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 31/12/2021.

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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

14 / 9 / 2022

Name:

M. L. REGAN

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

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Address:

44 SALIS BURY RD
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guidance for examiners).

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of any items that the
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