

CARDIFF RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1196793

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2021-11-26

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE PROMOTION OF THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH BY:(A) PROVIDING LITURGICAL SERVICES OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF ONE HOLY CATHOLIC ORTHODOX AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH.(B) PROVIDING PASTORAL CARE, INFORMATION SERVICES, RELIGIOUS AND OTHER CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CHURCH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY IN CARDIFF.

Activities: The promotion of the Orthodox Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith by: (a) providing Liturgical services of the Russian Orthodox Church according to the principles of One Holy Catholic Orthodox and Apostolic Church. (b) Providing pastoral care, information services, religious and other charitable work of the church for the benefit of the Community in Cardiff

Classification

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

Geography

- Cardiff

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£44,641	£39,321	-	-
2023-12-31	£36,334	£35,470	-	-
2022-12-31	£39,894	£38,767	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Mark UNDERWOOD	Chair	2021-11-21
Aleksandr Zaivej		2023-04-16
Olga EVDOCHIMOVA		2021-11-21
Rev Mark FISHER		2025-12-30

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Accounts

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Objectives and Activities:

The purposes of the charity as set out in our governing document - the Trust Deed are:

1. The promotion of the Orthodox Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith by:
 - (a) providing Liturgical services of the Russian Orthodox Church according to the principles of One Holy Catholic Orthodox and Apostolic Church.
 - (b) Providing pastoral care, information services, religious and other charitable work of the church for the benefit of the Community in Cardiff

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes were as described above – Regular Liturgical services were held at St. John's Church in Canton, Cardiff and pastoral care was provided by The Reverend Hieromonk Mark (Underwood) on an ongoing basis by phone, by email and in person, as permitted by the prevailing Welsh Government COVID-19 Regulations.

Achievements and Performance:

The year 2024 began with the parish preparing to move, yet again, returning to St John's in Canton, as the new service-schedule in Nazareth House made our own Sunday routine impossible.

A very positive meeting with the incoming ministry leader for West Cardiff, offered a very positive partnership with the Anglican congregation at St John's, with a reduced weekly rent.

However, with the institution of the new incumbent it became clear that the positivity plans discussed and agreed in Llŷs Esgob in December 2023, had little prospect of being fulfilled. The first indicator was a doubling of weekly rent, placing an unsustainable financial burden on the parish. As a result, the weekly booking slot had to be reduced, with ad hoc extensions for baptisms and special occasions.

The change in Anglican administration, also resulted in the cessation of weekday and Saturday evening services in Canton, for which we were not previously charged, given their duration and the lack of utilities used, particularly in the summer months.

Through the generosity of the Sisters of Nazareth and the Oratory of St Philip Neri, weekday confessions and services were celebrated in Nazareth House and the church of

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St Alban on the Moors, supported by parishioners from the west of England, as well as those living locally.

The parish schedule changed to have services on Thursday, Friday, Saturday (sometimes mission Liturgies) and Sunday, and for much of the year Monday saw a clergy pastoral presence in Cardiff, and in Wessex on the fourth Monday and Tuesday of the month.

Due to lack of clergy accommodation, this has continued to require hotel stays, financed by the parish, and continued commuting between Llanelli, Cardiff and Wessex.

Sunday worship, in Cardiff, continued to draw thirty to forty adults, with faithful travelling from across South Wales, from the Marches, and the west of England. The lunch after Liturgy gave ample opportunity for parishioners to spend time with one another, and as a much-needed time for our Ukrainian refugees to socialise, and to organise ongoing material aid to send to war-torn Ukraine, as well as involving parishioners in charitably supporting summer youth activities for Ukrainian children.

The geographical dispersion of the parish and its missions saw the continued peripatetic ministry develop, and in addition to serving the Gloucestershire faithful March saw the first monthly Liturgy in the Chapel of St Lawrence in Warminster, serving Cardiff parishioners living in Wessex.

This Liturgy provides a service in addition to an evening service and supper established in January as a chance for those living in Bath and Avon, Wiltshire and Somerset to come together for prayer and worship.

Most months of the year saw pilgrimages at on the first Saturday of the month, catering for those in South Wales and the west of England, and regular visits to the Serbian Orthodox parish, in Birmingham, continued to strengthen the relationship between our communities.

The year saw at least one weekly social meeting with our students and young people, whose number had increased with 2023 student intake, though our baptism number was low compared to past years, with only two young adult baptisms and one infant baptism in St John's, Canton.

The most significant parish change was the priestly ordination of its deacon in the London cathedral on the feast of the Royal Martyrs: July 17, 2024.

This development greatly eased Sunday time pressures, allowing flexibility for confession and for priestly assistance in the choir when needed.

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A further result has been a greater linguistic balance in the Liturgy, more representative of the composition of the parish.

After divergent views regarding parish governance, the diocesan bishop appointed the parish's church warden at the time of Father Mark Fisher's ordination, and the appointed warden worked closely with the senior sister in the administration and organisation of parish life.

September saw a sadly anticipated notice from the Anglican parish council of St John's, tightening our conditions, cancelling our rolling tenancy, and stating that unless we joined local ecumenical bodies, the ministry area could not and would not allow us to worship in St John's: reversing the discussions held before our move back to Canton, contradicting agreements and making our position untenable: starting our long and difficult search for an alternative building for worship.

November saw a visit of the Hawaiian Myrrh-Streaming Iveron Icon, bringing together the faithful of our various South Wales Orthodox parishes, also visiting Chippenham on its way to the midlands. This was a significant occasion for all involved.

The year ended with the parish having made no progress in securing a new worship space and the prospect of leaving St John's in January, with nowhere to go - but the parish remained positive and focussed on its mission and service.

Financial Review:

For the year ended 31st December 2024, our receipts exceeded payments by £5,320 (£864 in 2023).

Total receipts increased by 23% to £44,641. However, receipts from our parishioners decreased by 5% to £34,458, although this was more than offset by the receipt of gift aid claims relating to prior years of £10,183.

Expenses increased by 11% from 2023 to £39,321 primarily due to increased rent and general Parish purchases.

The charity's financial position at year end was £50,454 representing cash & bank balances and a 12% increase from the end of 2023.

(See attached Receipts & Payments and Statement of Assets and Liabilities CC16a)

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The charity primarily holds reserves to fund the anticipated future purchase/ construction of own premises, and any short-term deficit of ongoing operating expenditure. At year end, the charity reserves amounted to £50,454.

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) are cash and bank donations from parishioners.

Structure, Governance and Management:

The charity's governing document is a signed Trust Deed, effective 21st November 2021.

The charity is constituted as a Trust.

The charity recruits and appoints new charity trustees in accordance with Clause 9 of the Trust Deed.

Reference and Administrative details:

Charity name: The Cardiff Russian Orthodox Church

Registered charity number: 1196793

Charity's principal address: 21, New Road
Dafen
Llanelli
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Trustees' Annual Report 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee name:	Dates acted:
The Reverend Hieromonk Mark (Underwood)	1 st January to 31 st December
Mr. Alexander Zaivej	1 st January to 31 st December
Mrs. Karen Evans	1 st January to 31 st December
Mrs. Olga Evdochimova	1 st January to 31 st December

Declaration:

The trustees declare that they approved the trustees' report above, included attached Receipts & Payments and Statement of assets and liabilities (CC16a).

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature: *Mark Markell*

Full name: The Reverend Hieromonk Mark (Underwood)

Position: Rector Cardiff ROCOR Parish & Chair Trustees

Date: 14th August 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	1st January 2024	To	31s December 2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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					
General Donations	13,352	-	-	13,352	14,686
Special Fund (Building/ Other)	-	1,937	-	1,937	2,308
Flowers/ Beautification Fund	-	220	-	220	86
Stipend Fund	-	17,316	-	17,316	17,921
Diocesan Special Collections	-	1,388	-	1,388	847
Assistance Fund	-	245	-	245	486
Gift Aid Claims	-	10,183	-	10,183	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,352	31,289	-	44,641	36,334
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,352	31,289	-	44,641	36,334
A3 Payments					
Rent	3,035	-	-	3,035	1,500
Clergy Salary & Pension Contributions	-	20,639	-	20,639	20,207
Professional costs - Accountants	720	-	-	720	350
Clergy, Servers & Volunteers Travel	8,469	-	-	8,469	8,845
General Parish purchases & expenses	2,845	-	-	2,845	841
Altar & Liturgical purchases	891	-	-	891	394
Flowers & beautification expenses	-	20	-	20	349
Assistance Funds distributed	-	11	-	11	810
Diocesan dues	1,469	-	-	1,469	1,307
Diocesan collections distributed	1,222	-	-	1,222	867
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	18,651	20,670	-	39,321	35,470
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	18,651	20,670	-	39,321	35,470
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,299	10,619	-	5,320	864
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 5,299	10,619	-	5,320	864

Henke Marshall
14/8/2025

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash	1,242	4,962	-
	Bank	2,280	41,970	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,522	46,932	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

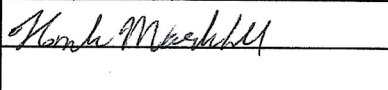
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Clergy PAYE/NIC	Restricted - Stipend	169	
	Diocesan dues for 2024	Unrestricted	1,135	
	Accountancy fees for 2024	Unrestricted	504	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	HIEROMONK MARK UNDERWOOD	14/8/25

Mark Marshall
14/8/2025
14/08/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
The Cardiff Russian Orthodox Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)** 1196793

Set out on pages

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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 **31/12/2024**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

N. Davies

Date:

15 August 2025

Name:

Nicholas Davies

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

Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants

Address:

Cross & Bowen, Certified Chartered Accountants

Riverside House, Normandy Road

Swansea SA1 2JA

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Objectives and Activities:

(SORP Para 1.17):

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(SORP Para 1.17 and 1.19)

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes were as described above – Regular Liturgical services were held at St. John's Church in Canton, Cardiff and pastoral care was provided by The Reverend Hieromonk Mark (Underwood) on an ongoing basis by phone, by email and in person.

Achievements and Performance:

(SORP Para 1.20)

The beginning of 2023 saw our second month back in Nazareth House, with mixed feelings amongst parishioners, some of whom were very glad to return to a more obviously sacred setting and enjoying worship in the convent church, but with others missing St John's and its amenities, with kitchen, eating area and toilets adjacent to worship space.

With Nativity and Theophany celebrations at the beginning of the civil year, we experimented at having an informal bring-and-share lunch at the back of the church, and though reticent, it seemed a necessary concession for feasts, given its importance for sharing time together and welcoming a constant stream of new people in a more relaxed and conversational setting.

We resumed this as standard weekly practice later in the year. Limitations on permitted food and drink prompted some parishioners to suggest that this was a reason to explore an alternative setting more conducive to the needs of the parish, given the importance of a shared meal in the life of the community with parishioners making long journeys from the west of England as well as the breadth of South Wales. We were fortunate to have a

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friendly and welcoming café close at hand and also gathered there after our services, subsidising our students and young people week by week, so that they would not be excluded by financial concerns.

After the festal season, we welcomed Bishop Irenei, who visited us in January, with the faithful from across South Wales - including the Llanelli parish - and from Wessex gathering back in St John's for the hierarchical Liturgy, and a celebratory meal organised by our sisterhood. His Grace spoke on the pressing need for us to find our own building, reflecting on the number of different places he has celebrated in Cardiff.

The parish also relocated back to St John's for Holy Week and Easter, due to the need for external processions and catering facilities.

In addition to Sunday worship, we celebrated vespers or compline in Nazareth House on Saturdays when we were not serving elsewhere and enjoyed the use of the chapel for weekday liturgies on Great Feasts. Being able to celebrate the feasts on their calendric day has been important, even though numbers are limited due to work commitments. Fridays have seen discussion-group and book-club alternating, and Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays also saw prayer services and confessions.

The year saw continued interest in the parish, with many enquirers and new visitors, with more than half a dozen of them becoming established parishioners - some of them being baptised, others still as catechumens soon approaching baptism. Our proactive media presence, with sustained posting on Facebook and WhatsApp has been beneficial, and the wealth of homilies and catechetical videos from our weekly sessions in St Mary's (until the summer months, when there was a break) have been popular with those exploring the Faith and preparing for baptism.

We continued to welcome Ukrainian refugees, who clearly feel at home in our diverse and multi-national community and have collected material/financial aid for Ukraine throughout the year, with the collected items transported by lorry. One of our refugee parishioners has been highly organised in facilitating this, with a local parishioner being able to access a sustained source of warm bedding for the winter. As part of the diocese, our parish has also been generous in financial aid, to be used by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church to support those in need.

The parish also continued to contribute to the ROCOR Western European Diocese, to the mission in the Holy Land and to Holy Trinity seminary in Jordanville, as well as contributing to the Order of St Lazarus's collection for leprosy and collections specifically for the financially struggling Orthodox School in Bethany.

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Commencement of the new university year in September, saw an influx of students, and the reinvigoration of youth activities in our parish after a year with few students, and we saw the emergence of a tightly knit group of students from the University of Cardiff and the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. Our students and young people have brought a great amount of energy and enthusiasm to the parish and have been well received by the community.

Pilgrimage continued to be an important part of parish life throughout the year, involving parishioners of all ages, and making contacts with other communities and Orthodox Christians in the places we visited. They have prompted cooperation and teamwork, with car-sharing, planning accommodation when further afield, coordinating meals and hospitality. The year saw us visit Llandaff Cathedral, Llanthony and Capel-y-ffin, Mathern and Tintern, Glastonbury, Pennant Melangell, Walsingham, St Anthony's Well in the Forest of Dean, Llanilltud Fawr, Llancarfan, and the beautiful church of St Lazar in Bournville. We very much hope that interest in pilgrimage will continue in our parish, and that we can encourage more people to visit our holy places and venture further afield!

We were very happy that a group of parishioners - including young people - linked up with the South Wales Anglican pilgrimage to Walsingham and joined those of us who have been a Welsh Orthodox presence on this summer visit to Norfolk. Additionally, a significant group of parishioners were part of the diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

The question of our parish location became pressing in September with the announcement that the Oratorians would relinquish the chaplaincy of Nazareth House in September. The evening mass had already moved to the morning, placing some time constraints on us, but the replacement of the Oratorian chaplains with visiting parish clergy, the doubling of the length of mass, and being no longer able to hear confessions at the back of the church during the service made it clear that parish life was no longer feasible in Nazareth House, and that our circumstances demanded a move as soon as possible.

The autumn saw increasing use of the Oratory Church for weekday activities, and by the end of the year the parish made the necessary decision to leave Nazareth House, having received a very supportive indication that we would be extremely welcome to return to St John's, with the new rector, church warden and Bishop of Llandaff being enthusiastic to see us back in Canton. The Anglican parish very kindly halved our costs for using the church, and December saw us begin to wind down our services in Nazareth House and prepare for a post-Christmas return to St John's, though retaining our links with Nazareth House by continuing to use the chapel for confessions, as needed.

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The Cardiff clergy continued to serve the Cheltenham mission throughout the year, sustaining services in Prestbury United Reformed Church, and glad to see community life settled and our parishioners happy in their worship setting, particularly after being able to collect mission property from All Saints Church in Prestbury.

The year ended with no advance in finding parish accommodation and Hieromonk Mark having to commute to and from Llanelli three or four times a week, with Cardiff stays necessitating the use of hotels, making the solution of this problem a priority for the coming year.

The year ended with us discussing the expansion of our activities to support our parishioners in Wessex and the possible ordination of Deacon Mark, to assist with parish ministry as we prepared for our move back to St John's and the need for greater flexibility to adapt to the circumstances in Canton.

Financial Review:

(SORP Para 1.21)

Net receipts exceeded payments by £864 (£1,127 in 2022).

Total receipts from our parishioners decreased by 9% from 2022 to £36,334 with 12% higher general/ regular giving more than offset by lower receipts for directed/ specific giving parishioners.

Expenses decreased by 9% from 2022 to £35,470 primarily due to a significant reduction in rent which more than offset higher travel expenses driven by increased activity across the parish.

The charity's financial position at year end was £45,174 representing cash & bank balances and an increase of 2% from the end of 2022.

(See attached Receipts & Payments and Statement of Assets and Liabilities CC16a)

(SORP Para 1.22)

The charity primarily holds reserves to fund the anticipated future purchase/ construction of own premises, and any short-term deficit of ongoing operating expenditure. At year end, the charity reserves amounted to £45,174.

(SORP Para 1.47)

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) are cash and bank donations from parishioners.

Structure, Governance and Management:

(SORP Para 1.25)

The charity's governing document is a signed Trust Deed, effective 21st November 2021.

The charity is constituted as a Trust.

The charity recruits and appoints new charity trustees in accordance with Clause 9 of the Trust Deed.

Reference and Administrative details:

Charity name: The Cardiff Russian Orthodox Church

Registered charity number: 1196793

Charity's principal address: 21, New Road
Dafen
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee name:	Dates acted:
The Reverend Hieromonk Mark (Underwood)	1 st January to 31 st December
Mr. Peter Lloyd Griffiths	1 st January to 16 th April
Mr. Alexander Zaivej	16 th April to 31 st December
Mrs. Karen Evans	1 st January to 31 st December
Mrs. Olga Evdochimova	1 st January to 31 st December

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Declaration:

The trustees declare that they approved the trustees' report above, included attached Receipts & Payments and Statement of assets and liabilities (CC16a).

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature: *Mark Underwood*

Full name: The Reverend Hieromonk Mark (Underwood)

Position: Rector Cardiff ROCOR Parish & Chair Trustees

Date: *15/09/24*



CHARITY COMMISSION
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CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01 Jan 2023	To	31 Dec 2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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					
General Donations	14,686	-	-	14,686	13,076
Special Fund (Building/ Other)	-	2,308	-	2,308	3,822
Flowers/ Beautification Fund	-	86	-	86	515
Stipend Fund	-	17,921	-	17,921	18,819
Diocesan Special Collections	-	847	-	847	1,909
Assistance Fund	-	486	-	486	1,664
Other	-	-	-	-	88
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,686	21,648	-	36,334	39,894
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,686	21,648	-	36,334	39,894
A3 Payments					
Rent	1,500	-	-	1,500	5,530
Clergy Salary & Pension Contributions	-	20,207	-	20,207	18,967
Professional costs - Accountants	-	350	-	350	433
Clergy, Servers & Volunteers Travel	8,845	-	-	8,845	6,128
General Parish purchases & expenses	841	-	-	841	913
Altar & Liturgical purchases	394	-	-	394	613
Flowers & beautification expenses	-	349	-	349	413
Assistance Funds distributed	-	810	-	810	750
Diocesan dues	1,307	-	-	1,307	1,304
Diocesan collections distributed	-	867	-	867	1,813
Special collections distributed	-	-	-	-	1,904
I.T. & communications	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	12,887	22,583	-	35,470	38,767
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	12,887	22,583	-	35,470	38,767
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,799	- 935	-	864	1,127
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,799	- 935	-	864	1,127

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash	6,895	4,027	-
	Bank	-	37,997	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,150	42,024	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Clergy PAYE & NIC	Restricted - Stipend	193	
	Diocesan dues for 2023	Unrestricted	1,469	
	Accountancy fees for 2022	Unrestricted	504	
	Accountancy fees for 2023	Unrestricted	504	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Hieromonk Mark Underwood	15/09/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	THE CARDIFF RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH		
On accounts for the year ended	31 ST December 2023	Charity no (if any)	1196793
	Set out on pages 7 to 8		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31/12/2023.

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 Charity'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 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: 

Name: Nicholas Davies

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

Address: Riverside House, Normandy Road, Swansea SA1 2JA

Section B

Disclosure

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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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CARDIFF RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1196793

Accounts

The Cardiff Russian Orthodox Church

Charity Registration Number: 1196793

Trustees' Annual Report 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

Objectives and Activities:

(SORP Para 1.17):

The purposes of the charity as set out in our governing document - the Trust Deed are:

1. The promotion of the Orthodox Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith by:
 - (a) providing Liturgical services of the Russian Orthodox Church according to the principles of One Holy Catholic Orthodox and Apostolic Church.
 - (b) Providing pastoral care, information services, religious and other charitable work of the church for the benefit of the Community in Cardiff

(SORP Para 1.17 and 1.19)

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes were as described above – Regular Liturgical services were held at St. John's Church in Canton, Cardiff and pastoral care was provided by The Reverend Hieromonk Mark (Underwood) on an ongoing basis by phone, by email and in person, as permitted by the prevailing Welsh Government COVID-19 Regulations.

Achievements and Performance:

(SORP Para 1.20)

2022 was a challenging year, starting in St John's Church, Canton, and ending with a long-anticipated return to Nazareth House and the parish relocation back to Cathays.

Friendship with the clergy, parish officers and parishioners of St John's developed greatly during the year, and it was with a heavy heart that the parishioners took leave of them at the end of November, after the Sisters of Nazareth proactively sought the parish's return to Nazareth House: this being paused until the beginning of advent.

Our return to Nazareth House after several years away was very well received. Though being able to share a post-Liturgy meal together has been missed, parishioners have been glad to return to dedicated liturgical space and the prayerful solemnity of the church.

Nazareth House offers the possibility of greater flexibility for parish activities, given the very positive attitude of the new senior sister and her openness to weekday services in the church.

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However, we face the reality that the three sisters, other than the senior sister, are all in their eighties, and that without any addition to the sisterhood there is a very real chance that the conventual presence at Nazareth House could cease within the next few years. Where this would leave our parish regarding a home in the city is a matter of concern.

After previous discussions regarding accommodation, no progress was made on this issue, and Autumn 2022 continued to be season of clergy journeys across South Wales.

Before our return to Nazareth House, feast day Liturgy's in the Church of St Mary, Butetown, became a regular fixture of the year, and parishioners greatly enjoyed celebrating there, with the community-hall having an important role in parish life throughout the year, particularly for meals after weekday Liturgies and for confessions and catechisms classes on Fridays. Core parishioners and I have been very pleased to build upon our existing relationship with Father Dean and the St Mary's community, and during the summer, the Parish priest was very pleased to able to go to Walsingham with the South Wales Anglican pilgrimage, cementing this connection even more.

The parish and clergy also continued to receive support from the Oratorian Fathers, with confessions and prayers being possible in the Oratory Church most weeks until the end of 2022.

The year saw the continued trickle of non-Russians interested in Orthodoxy and seeking to find a spiritual home, as well as the arrival of Ukrainian refugees who were welcomed, supported and assisted in their temporary period in Cardiff. Virtually all remained in Cardiff or the west of England during the year, and we were pleased that the parish could be a source of stability for them.

Given the interest shown by so many friends and people exploring Orthodoxy, social media has continued to be used to teach, instruct those wishing to deepen their knowledge and explore Orthodox Christianity. Homilies and talks have continued to be posted on our YouTube channel.

We are very happy that 2022 saw the baptism of adult catechumens, who have shown great enthusiasm and dedication, having supported the parish in concrete ways through their labours, and demonstrating sound understanding of the Faith in lives of prayer and spiritual labour. Baptisms were performed at the Old Church Hall in St Nicholas and in Chippenham, though child baptisms continued to be performed in church. Catechism classes continued in St Mary's until the summer holiday period, and were well attended, with Deacon Mark filming them for use by future catechumens.

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On the return to Nazareth House, clergy have been meeting the students and young people of the parish outside church to discuss matters of life and Faith, and to pastorally support them in student life.

Our dedicated parishioners continued to make their journeys from Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, and Somerset for services in Cardiff, introducing other West of England Orthodox to the Cardiff parish and the traditions of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia. During the summer, Hieromonk Mark was able to visit parishioners across the Severn in England, meeting them, blessing their homes and making local pilgrimages with them.

The resumption of Swansea services in the autumn 2021 meant that we no longer had a second Parish priest to assist in Cardiff at weekends, and this made the logistics of Sundays challenging, particularly regarding confessions. This challenge was exacerbated by a period of ill health for the Parish priest in the autumn, with ongoing health issues. This required a change of liturgical services for a few weeks, and some reduced activities, whilst health issues were dealt with, but weekend services continued, without interruption.

The lack of local accommodation and a clergy base in the city, has had a major impact upon clergy life during the year, with every day spent in Cardiff demanding an average of six hours on public transport: three in either direction. In most weeks in Cardiff, this meant that the Parish priest spent the equivalent of a whole day, or more, in transit. Our church warden and his wife showed great kindness and hospitality in this period, but the ongoing pressures raise serious questions regarding the sustainability of this situation, particularly given clergy health issues, and the physical toll of so much travelling in the winter.

The autumn saw our parish annual general meeting in St John's, with the election of our church warden and senior-sister, both converts and relative newcomers to the parish, and both demonstrating energy and vision, and appreciating the new path the parish is taking in bringing Slavs and local British people together in the Russian Orthodox Church. This was a positive sign of the parish's engagement with the local community, and a reflection of the changing demographic resulting from our mission.

Our Cardiff clergy continued to serve the Cheltenham mission, seeking to strengthen parish life after difficulties in 2021, and during the year our parishioners settled into the mission's new home in Prestbury United Reformed Church. We were glad to have Cardiff parishioners visit and support the mission, and to have some of our Cheltenham parishioners in Cardiff for Sunday Liturgy, week by week.

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Throughout the year, Hieromonk Mark retained responsibility as the diocese's Shrine-Priest for the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, in Norfolk, and was able to visit the shrine and minister to the local faithful.

We ended the year hoping that a settled and less peripatetic parish life would bring greater stability, with people knowing where we are, when our services are held, and that increased services and activities would be possible back in Nazareth House.

Financial Review:

(SORP Para 1.21)

The operating income exceeded operating expenditure by £1,127 (£7,565 in 2021).

Donations from parishioners increased by 69% from 2021 to £39,894 primarily in response to appeals for contributions to fund the expense of a full-time Parish priest to providing weekly services at St. John's and much needed assistance to Ukrainian refugees.

Expenses increased by 141% from 2021 to £38,767 primarily due to a full year of employment of a Parish priest, higher rental and travel costs plus replacement IT/ phone equipment to allow for more efficient communication between Parish priest and parishioners.

The charity's financial position at year end was £44,310 representing cash & bank balances and an increase of 3% from the end of 2021.

(See attached Receipts & Payments and Statement of Assets and Liabilities CC16a)

(SORP Para 1.22)

The charity primarily holds reserves to fund the anticipated future purchase/ construction of own premises, and any short-term deficit of ongoing operating expenditure. At year end, the charity reserves amounted to £44,310.

(SORP Para 1.47)

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) are cash and bank donations from parishioners.

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Structure, Governance and Management:

(SORP Para 1.25)

The charity's governing document is a signed Trust Deed, effective 21st November 2021.

The charity is constituted as a Trust.

The charity recruits and appoints new charity trustees in accordance with Clause 9 of the Trust Deed.

Reference and Administrative details:

Charity name: The Cardiff Russian Orthodox Church

Registered charity number: 1196793

Charity's principal address: 21, New Road
Dafen
Llanelli
SA14 8LS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee name:	Dates acted:
The Reverend Hieromonk Mark (Underwood)	1 st January to 31 st December
Mr. Peter Lloyd Griffiths	1 st January to 31 st December
Mrs. Karen Evans	1 st January to 31 st December
Mrs. Olga Evdochimova	1 st January to 31 st December

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Declaration:

The trustees declare that they approved the trustees' report above, included attached Receipts & Payments and Statement of assets and liabilities (CC16a).

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature: *Hieromonk Mark Underwood*

Full name: *HIEROMONK MARK UNDERWOOD*

Position: *RECTOR CARDIFF ROCOR PARISH
CHAIR TRUSTEES*

Date: *24/09/23*



Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

1st January
2022

To

31st December
2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	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					
General Donations	13,076		-	13,076	13,041
Stipend Fund		18,819	-	18,819	6,517
Special Fund (Building/ Other)		3,822	-	3,822	3,424
Diocesan Special Collections		1,909	-	1,909	
Assistance Fund		1,664	-	1,664	
Flowers/ Beautification Fund		515	-	515	640
Other	88		-	88	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,164	26,729	-	39,894	23,622
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,164	26,729	-	39,894	23,622
A3 Payments					
Clergy - Salary & Pension Contributions	-	18,967	-	18,967	5,763
Clergy, Servers, Volunteers Travel expenses	6,128	-	-	6,128	3,613
Rent	5,530	-	-	5,530	2,320
General Parish purchases & expenses	913	-	-	913	490
I.T. and communications	1,904	-	-	1,904	108
Altar & Liturgical purchases	613	-	-	613	249
Diocesan dues	1,304	-	-	1,304	2,164
Diocesan collections distributed	-	1,813	-	1,813	352
Assistance Fund distributed	-	750	-	750	
Special collections distributed	-	-	-	-	540
Flowers & Beautification expenses	-	413	-	413	458
Professional costs - Accountants/ Legal	433	-	-	433	-
Sub total	16,825	21,942	-	38,767	16,057
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	16,825	21,942	-	38,767	16,057
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,660	4,787	-	1,127	7,565
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,754	38,429	-	43,183	35,618
Cash funds this year end	1,094	43,216	-	44,310	43,183

M Underwood
24/09/23

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash	949	1,558	-
	Bank	205	41,598	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,154	43,156	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

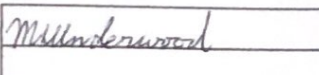
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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MARK UNDERWOOD	24/09/23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

THE CARDIFF RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December, 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1196793

Set out on pages

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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:

N. Davies

Date:

26/10/2023

Name:

Nicholas Davies

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

Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants ('FCCA')

Address:

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