

Romanian Orthodox Church for Herefordshire and Gloucestershire (ROCEG)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period
5th April 2023 to 5th April 2024

Registered Charity No 1199060

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Registered Charity Number

Charity NO: 1199060, registered with Charity Commission on the 4th February 2022.

The Charity is registered with HM Revenue and Customs for Gift Aid (18th July 2023)

Before becoming a charity, we were known as Ledbury Mission.

Registered Address:

50 Whitefriars Road, Hereford, HR2 7XF

Charities Trustees who Served in 2023

Catalin Constandis - chair (stepped down on 16th July 2023)

Vasilica Cosmin Savu - Chair (appointed on 16th July 2023)

Cristian Constantin Marmandiu

Iuliana Isac

Madalina Arhip

Florin Sandu

Treasurer

Cristian Constantin Marmandiu

Independent Financial Examiner

Penelope Brown

Objective of the Charity

To bring people to Jesus Christ and become a member of His family.

To grow as a family sharing God's message and making a difference in people's lives.

To be able to raise enough funds in order to buy a building of our own, to maintain and support not just the Romanian community but also the local people, to add value to the community as a whole.

Donations

Total donations of £61,657 were received in the year, of which £6,050 were restricted. The main restricted donations were £4,185 towards the new Gloucester church (see Outreach below).

Children and Families

ROCEG has done really well with lots of exciting activities for children for the Sunday School.

We split the children in 3 groups based on their academic school year:

Group 1: from year 7 up

Group 2: year 2- 6

Group 3: year 1 and all ages below

Each of these groups are led by a few parents from our congregation who prepare in advance various stories and activities linked to the Bible and the teaching of the Orthodox Faith in order for the children to have a better understanding of the Gospel.

These parents offer their time voluntarily and any supporting materials are paid out either from the Parish account or are donated by various parents from their own resources.

For every service, we undertake training for altar servers and we currently have 6 young boys age 8 to 10 who are actively involved in this task.

Baptism

During the year, we had 63 people (babies and adults) who were baptised in our Parish.

House Blessings

In January 2024 we have been requested by 145 families to have their house blessed after the Epiphany Sunday as this is part of the Orthodox tradition, with 40 families more than 2023.

Outreach

Since 30Th September 2023, the Parish Priest commenced Liturgy services once a month - more specifically on the last Saturday of the month - in an Anglican church building in Gloucester. This is with the purpose of reaching the wider Orthodox community, particularly addressed to those whom, for various reasons, are unable to reach to our church services in Ledbury.

With the financial help from the Romanian community, our parish has managed to support various people and organizations as follows:

July 2023 - we raised £1800 for some children in Republic of Moldova to help them with stationary at school.

December 2023 - we helped 4 families within our parish with food in the value of £1000

December 2023 - we sent £1000 to father Petru in Romania for some poor families.

Statutory Declaration

The trustees of the ROCEG confirm that they do not receive remuneration or other material benefits from their service to the Charity.

Trustee Selection Methods

In accordance with the Constitution, Trustees are appointed or re-appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity's trustees.

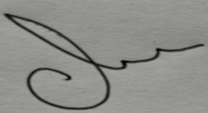
In appointing Trustees due consideration is given to ensuring that the Trustees have, between them, the skills and experience necessary to manage the charity effectively and in accordance with charity law.

Approved by trustees and sign on their behalf,

Cristian Constantin Marmandiu, Treasurer

Date

29th Jan 2025

A black and white photograph of a piece of paper with a handwritten signature in the center. The signature is written in dark ink and appears to be 'Cristian'.

Statement of Financial Activity for the period 5th April 2023 to 5th April 2024.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Independent examiner's report to the Committee and Members of Romanian Orthodox Church for Herefordshire and Gloucestershire

I report to the Committee and Members on my examination of the accounts of Romanian Orthodox Church for Herefordshire and Gloucestershire (the Charity) for the financial period ended 5 April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The Trustees of the Charity 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. This examination is not an audit.

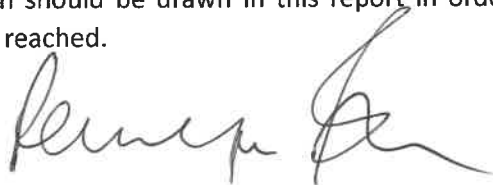
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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:



Name: Penelope M D Brown FCA

Address: 94 Bloomfield Road, Gloucester GL1 5BP

Date: 29 January 2025

Receipts & Payments Account for the Financial Year ended 5th April 2024

Financial Year 5 th April 2023 - 5 th April 2024		
A1: Receipts	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds
General donations received DD	55,607.22	
Moldova fund		970.00
Charitable donations		895.00
Gloucester Fund Donations		4,185.00
Total Receipts	55,607.22	6,050 .00
A2: Payments	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds
Charitable payments	1,070.00	895.00
Rent payments	10,160.00	
Sundry payments	2,858.29	
Sacristy payments	7,136.61	
Moldova Fund pymt	830.00	970.00
Vestments Fund Pymt		210.00
Gloucester Fund expenditure		1,354.35
Gloucester Rent expenditure from Fund		375.00
Trf to Coarnele Caprei Fund	250.00	(250.00)
Trf to Vestments Fund	630.00	(630.00)
Total Pymts	22,934.90	2,924.35
Net of Receipts – Pymts	£32,672.32	£3,125.65
A3: Cash Funds brought forward:	58,841.88	
Cash Funds This Year End as		
per Bank Ledger @ 5th April 2024: £94,639.85		

Summary of receipts & payments accounts for the Financial Year ended 5th April 2024

Financial year 5 th April 2023 - 5 th April 2024		
	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds
Funds brought Forward	34,148.88	24,693.00
Net Receipts	32,672.32	3,125.65
Total Funds carried Forward	£66,821.20	£27,818.65

Balance Sheet as @ 5th April 2024

	<i>Total 2023</i>	Unrestricted	Restricted	<i>Total 2024</i>
	£			£
Current assets				
Amount owing from UnR Funds	24,693.00		27,818.65	27,818.65
Cash @ bank	58,841.88	94,639.85		94,639.85
Total Current Assets	83,534.88	94,639.85		122,458.50
Liabilities due within one year				
Amounts owing to restricted fund	(24,693.00)	(27,818.65)		(27,818.65)
Net assets	£58,841.88	£66,821.20	£27,818.65	£94,639.85
Funds Of the Church				
Unrestricted Fund	34,148.88	66,821.20		66,821.20
Restricted Funds	24,693.00		27,818.65	27,818.65
Total funds	£58,841.88	£66,821.20	£27,818.65	£94,639.85