

The Bulgarian Orthodox Community of St. John of Rila in London

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	June	2024		31	May	2025

Charity name

THE BULGARIAN ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN OF RILA IN LONDON

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1199201

Charity's principal address

The Church of St John of Rila

26 Jay Mews

London

Postcode

SW7 2EP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Very Rev. Dobromir Dimitrov	Chairman		
2	Lambrini Ferkadis	Treasurer		
3	Kiril Ivanov	Secretary		
4	Devorina Gamalova			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Accounts Verifier	Iassen Kirov-FCCA Christian Associates Ltd.	Avondale House, 262 Uxbridge Road, Hatch End, HA5 4HS

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Charity Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO - Charitable Incorporated Organization
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Every appointed trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as appointed charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are:

- To advance for the Public Benefit the Orthodox Christian Faith
- To establish, maintain and develop for the Public Benefit a parish in London, to provide liturgical services, sacrament and pastoral teaching, according to the rites and doctrines of the Orthodox Church.

Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2009 and section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

In the third year of operation the Charity has gone from strength to strength. We have been able to completely rebuild the church and make it into a wonderful place of worship.

The new church was officially consecrated on 23rd February 2025 by the Patriarch of Bulgaria in the presence of representatives of all Orthodox and Anglican Churches in the UK as well as hundreds of lay people. The congregation has been growing steadily and consistently and the church has become a focal point of the community not only in London but the whole of the UK.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity intends to hold a 10% of all income in reserves, which are intended to cover short term shortfalls in revenue. None of the reserves will be restricted.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Charity accounts have been independently verified by
Mr. Iassen Kirov-FCCA
Christian Associates Ltd.
Avondale House,
262 Uxbridge Road,
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Section F

Other optional information

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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

KИванов

Kiril Ivanov

Full name(s)

Kiril Ivanov

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

10/02/2026



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

THE BULGARIAN ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF
ST. JOHN OF RILA IN LONDON

No (if any)

1199201

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date
01/06/2024

To

Period end date
31/05/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	280352	-	-	280,352	182,433
GiftAid	40,417	-	-	40,417	-
Income and Endowments	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	320,769	-	-	320,769	182,433
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	320,769	-	-	320,769	182,433
A3 Payments					
Advertising & Administration	201	-	-	201	1,247
Bank Fees	195	-	-	195	90
Church Repairs and Maintenance	408610	-	-	408,610	28,591
Electricity , Heating and Utilities	2,853	-	-	2,853	2,156
Rent	120	-	-	120	200
Subscriptions	31	-	-	31	1,840
Travel Expences	3,787	-	-	3,787	494
Legal and Professional Fees	22,484	-	-	22,484	810
Entertaining Expences	3,809	-	-	3,809	-
Freight	15,113	-	-	15,113	-
Sub total	457,203	-	-	457,203	35,428
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	457,203	-	-	457,203	35,428
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 136,434	-	-	- 136,434	147,005
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	3,409
A6 Cash funds last year end	150,414	-	-	150,414	-
Cash funds this year end	13,980	-	-	13,980	150,414

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	Bank Account	13,980	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,980	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Details			
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Secretary	KUbanob		Kiril Ivanov	16/01/2026

Christian Associates Ltd

Chartered Certified Accountants

Independent Examiner's Report

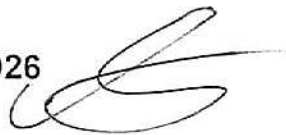
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I have thoroughly examined the financial statements, annual accounts, receipts and payments of The Bulgarian Orthodox Community of St. John of Rila in London (Charity Registration Number 1199201) for the accounting period 01/06/2024-31/05/2025.

For the above accounting period the Charity has collected £320,769 in income , fully from charitable donations and Gift Aid, and has spent £457,203 in expenses in connection with its charitable works, mainly for the renovation of the church facilities, as well for day to day running of the charity, so that it can better serve the congregation as well as the wider community. None of the trustees has received any remuneration or fees. The shortfall has been fully covered by the previous year's bank balances.

I am satisfied with the annual accounts of the Charity and have found them to be a true reflection of the Charity's financial status.

Date: 10/02/2026



Independent Examiner: lassen Kirov - FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant