

Debre Bisrat St Gabriel Tigrayan Orthodox Tewahedo Church
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Debre Bisrat St Gabriel Tigrayan Orthodox Tewahedo Church

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Rev GEBREGEORGIS DIMTSU PhD	Chairperson	01 March 2023
Rev Meaza Hailemicheal	Vice Chairperson	08 January 2024
Rev Teka Haile	Secretary	08 January 2024
Martha Asgede	Trustee	08 January 2024
Genet Yohannes	Trustee	08 January 2024
Haftai Desta	Trustee	08 January 2024
Aster Tafere	Trustee	08 January 2024
Zerai Haileselase	Trustee	08 January 2024
Aynalem Mebratu	Trustee	08 January 2024

Charity Number: 1202357

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113 Mildmay Grove
London, N1 4PL

Independent examiner:

B Gebru FCCADChA
121 Ilchester Road
Dagenham, ESSEX RM8 2YX

Annual Report 2023-2024

The year 2023/24 has been a remarkable year in that several challenges and achievements have been seen in our activities. In addition to our normal continues service giving to our Orthodox communities, St. Gabriel Tigrayan Orthodox Tewahedo church faced a challenge of finding a worshipping place. Because, we were told to move from our rented building of 449 Kings land road, London E84AU. We were given 6 months to find a place of worship. Without a worshipping place it is difficult to serve the community that we have been serving for 18 years. This instability was the biggest challenge of the year. After long search we found a place of worship to share with the Anglican at St Jude and St. Paul church Mildmay Grove London N1 4PL.

Our service starts at 5am and ends at 11.30am every Sundays and other days such as St. Gabriel days, Christ Mass , epiphany and Newyear we give full services. If the day of the service rests in a fasting season, we start our services at 9am and end at 2pm in the afternoon. Our service includes holy communion, baptism, weddings Funeral/ memorial services and evangelism.

Our Trustees and our members have been active in the development of St. Gabriel church. Specifically, our fundraising activities towards buying a building. We have been eventful this year as the financial statements indicate we fundraised good amount of money to purchase our own building. *This year we:*

- *Baptized 45 children and adults.*
- *Performed 2 weddings and 3 funeral services.*
- *65 Memorial services were conducted.*
- *We conducted Sunday school throughout the year teaching adults and children. We have 18 to 19 youngsters organized as choir of the church.*

This financial year:

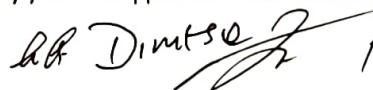
- New management trustees have been elected by the CIO to serve for 3 years.
- The Trustee has 9 members, they met 45 times and made important decisions on behalf of Debre Bisrat St Gabriel Tigrayan Orthodox Tewahedo Church Members and the orthodox communities.
- The trustee recruited several volunteers to help the church and they made several joint meetings with all of St Gabriel volunteers including the clergies and the Sunday schools.
- The church also performed social service activities. We have comforted several sick and elderly people and befriended many members in the church and by visiting their homes and at the church. For example, organizing events for elderly people to come to our church to talk to each other providing them with spiritual counseling and basic refreshment.
- Another important achievement at St. Gabriel Tigrayan orthodox church is that we upgraded our constitution in to a Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO).
- This year, members of St. Gabriel Tigrayan Orthodox church have welcomed the election of Archbishops Efreem as an Archbishop of all European diocese with his headquarter in London Debre Bisrat St. Gabriel Tigrayan Orthodox Tewahedo church.

Finally, I would like to thank those volunteers who made it possible for St Gabriel to give service in this building, especially the management committees and the different sub committees
The AGM is held every year and approved the trustees and the CIO.

Signed:

Rev: G Dimtsu

Chair Person

 12/01/2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF Debre Bisrat St Gabriel Tigrayan Orthodox Tewahedo Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Debre Bisrat St Gabriel Tigrayan Orthodox Tewahedo Church (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

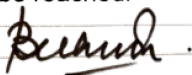
I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 2011 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Berhe Gebru, FCCA DChA
121 Ilchester Road, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2YX
Dated: 10 January 2025



DEBRE BISLAT ST GABRIEL TIGRAYAN ORTHODOX TEWAHEDO CHURCH

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund - 2024 £	Unrestricted Fund - 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations and Legacies	1	186,479	271,173
Investments	2	17,851	4,344
Total Income		204,330	275,517
Expenditure on:			
Charitable Activities	3	73,638	56,800
Surplus/Net movement in funds		130,692	218,717
Fund Balances at 1 April		1,004,900	786,183
Surplus for the year		130,692	218,717
Fund Balances at 31 March		1,135,592	1,004,900

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

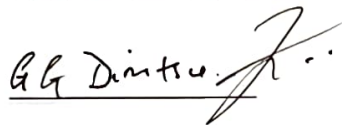
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	9	2,157	757
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		1,135,395	1,004,593
Total Current Assets		1,135,395	1,004,593
Creditors: amount falling due within one year	10	(1,960)	(450)
Net current assets		1,133,435	1,004,143
Total Assets less current liabilities		1,135,592	1,004,900
Funds			
Unrestricted Funds: 1 April		1,004,900	786,183
Surplus for the year		130,692	218,717
Unrestricted Funds: 31 March		1,135,592	1,004,900

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 10 January 2025.

Rev G GDimtsu
Trustee and Chairperson



Mrs Aster Tafere
Trustee



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. Accounting policies

Charity information Debre Bisrat St Gabriel Tigrayan Orthodox Tewahedo Church is an unincorporated charity.

1.1. Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's (governing document), the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest K.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2. Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3. Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Charity.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.4. Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5. Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised when resources are expended. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

1.6. Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% reducing balance
Computers	20% reducing balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income (expenditure) for the year,

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS '102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

De-recognition of financial liabilities Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2. Critical accounting estimates and Judgements

in the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3. Donations and legacies

	2024	2023
		£
Donations and Gifts	162,917	271,173
Membership fees	23,562	14,439
	186,479	285,612

4. Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest Receivable	17,851	4,344
	17,851	4,344

5. Charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation and Impairment	227	-
Ecclesiastical for church	1	1
Rent Expenses	24,695	22,925
Transport Allowance	33,027	20,439
Charitable Expenditure	15,916	13,435
Total	73,866	56,800

6. Supportcosts

Governance costs include payments to the accountants of £450 for professional service.

7. Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

8. Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was: Nil.

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipmen £	Computer Hardware £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023		757	757
Additions	1,627	-	1,627
At 31 March 2024	1,627	757	2,384
Depreciation and Impairment			
At 1 April 2023	-	-	-
Depreciation charge for the year	-	227	227
At 31 March 2024	-	227	227
Net Book Value 31 March 2024	1,627	530	2,157
Net Book Value 31 March 2023	-	757	757

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	1,690	450
	1,690	450

11. Related Party transactions

There were no payments made to the trustees of the charity.