

Charity registration number 1207480 (England and Wales)

**THE ORTHODOX UKRAINIAN PARISH OF PROTECTION OF THE
MOTHER OF GOD**

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 18 MARCH 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Rev M Pushkaruk Mrs O Dudko V Povstyan R Zahasaylo	(Appointed 30 June 2024)
Charity number (England and Wales)	1207480	
Principal address	Flat 1 512 Chiswick High Road London W4 5RH	
Accountants	Cottons Accountants LLP 1 Billing Road Northampton United Kingdom NN1 5AL	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 18 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the Period ended 18 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)".

Objectives and activities

Our Parish is aimed to spread the Christian Orthodox Faith among Ukrainian speaking community in London. It is supposed to be done through the running of ongoing canonical services in accordance with the Order of Great Church of Constantinople. Our Parish has also in task to help in all feasible manner to those who are in need among Ukrainian speaking community here in London and back in Ukraine.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Activities

After the big invasion of Russia into Ukraine in February 2022 the number of Ukrainian refugees in the UK increased significantly from 40K in 2021 to 217K in 2024 (as per The Migration Observatory at the University of Oxford). This is why now the third year in a row the objective of our Parish is to support our fellow citizens from Ukraine here in the UK and back in Ukraine with means of both non-monetary and monetary support.

As a Christian Orthodox parish, we keep in focus prayer support to our parishioners and guests, including those who just recently have arrived. During our regular services we keep on praying for those who were affected by the war and had to flee and leave their homes and for those who had to stay and defend their homeland and families on the front. Our Parish also provides information assistance via sharing appeals for help for Ukrainians affected by war through social media sources where we are present (Website, Facebook, Instagram, Viber & Telegram groups).

Our Parish also responds the calls for help from our fellow Ukrainians via gathering means for humanitarian support like medicines and children care goods. With this on purpose we organise charity events for example in format of "Ukrainian songs evening" where the purpose and destination are clearly stated to our parishioners and guests.

Separate objective of our Parish activity is caring of our little parishioners. We try to introduce and familiarise them with Christian orthodox traditions of pysankarstvo (eggs' colouring) and shopka creation (3D model of the cave of Bethlehem with the puppets inside), which are well-spread in Ukraine.

In general, all activities of "The Orthodox Ukrainian Parish of Protection of the Mother of God" starting from ongoing canonical services which are run in Ukrainian language to special events like theatre performances and musical evenings convey Ukrainian national character and traditions. This is to help our fellow Ukrainians to feel themselves at home and our non-Ukrainian guests to get in touch with Ukrainian culture and identity.

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TRUSTESS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer

"The Orthodox Ukrainian Parish of Protection of the Mother of God" follows the weekly and annual cycles of worships in accordance to the canonical Order of the Great Church of Constantinople. The occurrence of services, however, is a subject of the church venue availability, which is kindly provided to us for hiring by the Holy Sepulchre Church (Holborn Viaduct, City of London, London EC1A 2DQ). The core of the weekly worship cycle is Sunday Service, which includes three main parts, i.e. the Sacrament of confession, the Hours, and the Divine Liturgy. Since March 2024 there were 45 Sunday Services conducted. On top of that 6 Saturday Memorial Services were run since memory of the deceased occupies the important place in the Christian orthodox practice.

In accordance with the Christian orthodox annual cycle of worships there were a number of special religion services conducted on weekdays:

- Jun 12th Service before Ascension of the Lord
- Jun 13th Service. Ascension of the Lord
- Jun 24th Day of Holy Spirit Service. The Nativity of St John the Baptist
- Jul 15th Day of the memory of Saint Equal-to-the-Apostles Prince Volodymyr the Great Baptiser of Kyiv Rus-Ukraine
- Aug 1st The Feast of the All-Merciful Savior and the Most Holy Mother of God. Beginning of the Assumption Lent
- Aug 6th The Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ
- Aug 15th The Assumption of the Most Holy Mother of God and Ever-Maiden Maria
- Aug 29th Beheading of the Prophet the Lord's Forerunner and Baptiser, the John.
- Sep 14th The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross of the Lord. The beginning of the Lent
- Oct 1st The Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God
- Jan 1st Circumcision of the Lord. Saint Basil the Great Prayer
- Jan 6th Epiphany Service. Water Consecration & the Anointing Oil

Just like Sunday service is a key for the weekly cycle of worships, the Easter is the central feast for the annual worship cycle in the Orthodox Christianity. It composes its own series of special Easter services, which were conducted by our parish:

- Mar 18-19th Lent Service
- Mar 25th Annunciation Service
- Apr 5th The Passion of the Christ Service
- Apr 27th Unction Service
- Mar 29th, Apr 19th, Apr 26th Friday Lent Services
- May 2nd Big Thursday Service
- May 3rd Big Friday Service
- May 4th Big Saturday Service. Consecration of Easter bread Service
- May 5th Easter Service
- May 6th post-Easter Service "Easter Gayivky"
- May 7th Akathist to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ Service

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Easter plays an exceptional role not only for the regular parishioners but to the wider circle of Ukrainian community. Some people visit church services only once per year exactly on Easter feast. Thus, during peak East service our parish welcome more than 1000 people at the background of about 40-50 people during regular Sunday services. Our responsibility as a Christian parish is to give opportunity to these people not only to follow the traditions but also to get closer to God at least once per year.

Christmas is another important feast in the Orthodox Christianity, which special worships our parish accompanied with traditional Ukrainian songs kolyadky and traditional Ukrainian theatre performance vertep:

Dec 24th Christmas Eve. All-night Vigil. Anointing Oil. Kolyada

Dec 25th Our Lord Christmas Day. Anointing Oil. Kolyada

Dec 26th After Christmas Service

Our church also celebrates its own feast on October 14th each year, the date when our community was founded. For us it is an opportunity to summarise the last year activities and thank to God for keeping our community safe and growing. We started our way on October 14, 2021 with 10 people in the community, and now we have up to 50 people regularly visiting our Sunday and weekday services and taking active part in the life of our charity organisation. This year we celebrated our feast on October 13th with regular Sunday Service and the special Charity Evening of "Ukrainian rebellious Songs". This charity evening was called so because this date we also mark the day of Cossacks and all Ukrainian warriors who used to fight and keep on doing it today for the freedom and independence of our Motherland. We treated our parishioners and guests with Cossack kulish (traditional Ukrainian stew), and our professional choir welcome everyone with special Ukrainian songs.

In time when our home country goes through historical challenges and fights for its survival, we feel responsible to run activities which correlate with ongoing non-religious events and comfort our parishioners and our guests with words of support during our special occasion services:

Jul 15th Prayer for the Ukrainian warriors nearby the monument to the St.Volodymyr in London

Aug 24th The Independence Day of Ukraine. The Prayer for the Warriors of Ukraine at time of invasion of aliens

Aug 29th The memorial service for the fallen soldiers of Ukraine

Oct 6th Prayer for Ukraine and its warriors nearby the monument to the St.Volodymyr in London

Nov 23rd Memorial Service for all those who were starved to death in Ukraine

Within last year our church organised series of charity activities targeted to educate and engage our little parishioners into the Ukrainian traditions:

Apr 14th Master-Class Pysankarstvo (activity on colouring the eggs)

May 12th Mother Day Activity for Kids (gift cards creating)

Jun 2nd Kids Protection Day Activity "Creation of the World" (game for kids which explains the Biblical story of creation of the world)

Dec 8th Charity Event for kids "Saint Mykolai" (master-class on shopka building)

Dec 29th Sunday Service. Charity Evening & Performance "Ukrainian Kolyada" (Ukrainian songs kolyadky and traditional Ukrainian theatre performance vertep)

Pastoral Care, Mission and Evangelism

For the second time since our parish foundation, we organised the pilgrimage. This time it took place to the Monastery of Saint John the Baptist in Essex. 17 of our parishioners with their families participated in this activity which is quite traditional in the orthodox Christianity.

Our parish tries to accompany all important milestones in the life of our parishioners. Thus, within last year our priest father Myroslav ran more than 12 christening and 8 blessing ceremonies for wedding.

Ecumenical Relationships

On February 17th we held an unprecedented event in our parish. We had the conjoint Sunday Liturgy which was led by the Kherson-Kachovka episcopo together with father Myroslav and 10 chaplains who run their ongoing service right on the front line back in Ukraine. As a special guest we also had father Nick, the head of the Holy Sepulchre Church, which venue we are hiring at the moment.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Financial review

Total unrestricted funds made £23,963. Donations from parishioners were the only source for the unrestricted funds. These donations were done either during regular Sunday services, or during weddings and baptism services, which were conducted on the request of our parishioners.

Total expenditures made £18,628. The absolute biggest part of it, i.e. £13,849 was allocated to the rent of church venue, where the regular services were run. The next biggest expenditure was the cost of logotype design and visual assets for our parish, which later were officially registered as a trademark. All this together made £2,270. This year we also made some investments to facilitate the online broadcasting of our regular Sunday services and non-cash donations from our parishioners. All this made £1,237 and included: the cost of video camera, and microphone, the expenses for church mobile phone and card reader. The rest of the expense items were payments for the church candles and Eucharistic wine, for stationery and travel cost etc., which all in sum made £852. On top of that £420 are due to be paid for the service of preparing the Accounts reporting.

The net result for the year was an excess of income from donations over payments by £5,335.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the Period.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales.

"The Orthodox Ukrainian Parish of Protection of the Mother of God" was registered by the Charity Commission on March 18th, 2024 with the registration number #1207480 at the following address Mortlake House, Flat 1, 512 Chiswick High Road, London W4 5RH with the regular services being run at the rented church venue of Holy Sepulchre Church at the Holborn Viaduct, City of London, London EC1A 2DQ.

The trustees who served during the Period and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Rev M Pushkaruk

Mrs O Dudko

V Povstyan

R Zahasaylo

(Appointed 30 June 2024)

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TRUSTESS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Recruitment and appointment of trustees

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

On September 29th, 2024, there was a General Meeting held, where it was decided to extend the governance of our parish to the members. The following parishioners took the decision to become the members of our charity organisation, take an active part in life of our community and to become a pool for future trustees' recruitment:

Ana Lyuberchuk, Member
Andrii Holub, Member
Galyna Vovkun, Member
Iryna Prokipchuk, Member
Ivan Bilaniuk, Member
Liliia Tsiolkovska, Member
Mihai Colotelo, Member
Olena Pidgirna, Member
Olga Volosova, Member
Olesya Luno, Member
Oleksandra Obrizkiv, Member
Serhii Kaminskyi, Member
Svitlana Zagasailo, Member
Sviatoslav Tsiolkovskyi, Member
Vasyl Prokipchuk, Member
Yuriy Vovkun, Member

The trustess' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Olesia Dudko
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Mrs O Dudko

Trustee

Date: 22.06.2025
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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE PREPARATION OF THE UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ORTHODOX UKRAINIAN PARISH OF PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 18 MARCH 2025

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Act 2011, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of The Orthodox Ukrainian Parish of Protection of the Mother of God for the Period ended 18 March 2025, which comprise the statement of financial activities and the related notes from the charity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <https://www.icaew.com/regulation>.

This report is made to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 20 May 2024. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of The Orthodox Ukrainian Parish of Protection of the Mother of God and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the charity's trustees, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than The Orthodox Ukrainian Parish of Protection of the Mother of God and the charity's trustees as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that The Orthodox Ukrainian Parish of Protection of the Mother of God has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus of The Orthodox Ukrainian Parish of Protection of the Mother of God. You consider that The Orthodox Ukrainian Parish of Protection of the Mother of God is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the Period, and is not required to obtain an independent examiner's report.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of The Orthodox Ukrainian Parish of Protection of the Mother of God. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

Cottons Accountants LLP

Chartered Accountants

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Northampton

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12 June 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 18 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £
Income from:		
Donations and legacies	2	23,963
Total income		23,963
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	3	18,628
Total expenditure		18,628
Net income and movement in funds		5,335
Reconciliation of funds:		
Fund balances at 19 March 2024		-
Fund balances at 18 March 2025		5,335

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the Period. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 18 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		5,755	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(420)	
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Net current assets			5,335
			<u> </u>
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	9		5,335
			<u> </u>
			<u>5,335</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 22.06.2025

Olesia Dudko

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Mrs O Dudko
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 18 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Orthodox Ukrainian Parish of Protection of the Mother of God is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)". 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 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 £.

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 or grantors 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.

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

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

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 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.

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.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.7 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 18 MARCH 2025

2 Income from donations and legacies

**Unrestricted
funds
2025
£**

Donations and gifts	23,963
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3 Expenditure on charitable activities

**Charitable
activity
2025
£**

Direct costs

Rent	13,849
Repairs and renewals	650
Church expenses	1,237
Advertising	2,270
Stationery	172
Travel	30
	<u>18,208</u>

Share of support and governance costs (see note 4)

Governance	420
	<u>18,628</u>

Analysis by fund

Unrestricted funds	<u>18,628</u>
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4 Support costs allocated to activities

**2025
£**

Governance costs	420
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Analysed between:

Charitable activity	<u>420</u>
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5 Trustees

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 18 MARCH 2025

6 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the Period was:

	2025 Number
Total	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

7 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £
Accruals and deferred income	420

9 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 19 March 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 18 March 2025 £
General funds	-	23,963	(18,628)	5,335

10 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the Period.

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