

**THE GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF HASTINGS
(GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE)**

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022



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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Charity number

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present their Annual Report and the Financial Statements of the church for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Structure, governance and management

The Greek Orthodox Community of Hastings (the "charity"), which is also known as the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Mary Magdalene, was registered with the Charity Commission on February 1983 and is governed by a Declaration of Trust as amended on 17 July 2018.

Trustees are appointed by the church Executive Committee. Newly appointed trustees are invited to induction meetings to familiarise themselves with the work of our Charity, they are introduced to the Church executive committee and we familiarise them with the Deed of Trust and the Constitution of the Greek Orthodox Communities. We offer guidance and provide them with a welcome pack including:

- Equal Opportunities Statement
- The Essential Trustee – what you need to know'.
- Our Safeguarding policy – we are registered with CCPAS to ensure full compliance with safeguarding including DBS checks where appropriate.
- Health & Safety and Fire Risks
- Good Governance – we strive to ensure we are fully in compliance in everything we do.

The Charity operates under the spiritual guidance of His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas and the Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain

Our reporting and administrative procedures are in place to ensure we give due consideration to and endeavour to minimise all risks, our trustee's together with the executive committee regularly meet to discuss and oversee the work of the various sub-committees.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Charity are by such means as are charitable to promote the Orthodox Faith to all Orthodox Christians and the Greek Orthodox charitable institutions for the old and sick people the students and the poor of the Orthodox Faith and all denominations living in Hastings and environs and the advancement of the education of the public.

The Executive Committee in co-operation with our parish priest, Reverend Ierotheos Georgiou is fully committed to ensuring everyone is made welcome and invited to participate in worship, learning and social activities at our Church and are encouraged to become part of the lively parish community at St Mary Magdalene.

The principal charitable activities can be defined as follows:

- Prayer and Worship for the community at Holy Services.
- Catechesis, or Christian religious teaching of children and adults to develop knowledge and faith including introduction to the Holy Sacraments.
- Pastoral and Social Care and Advice for our parish community.
- Providing space and facilities for activities including education and social development of children and adults within the local and wider Hastings community.
- Greek Language School for Children and Adults.
- Sunday Crèche for younger children to learn, discover and grow in the orthodox faith.
- Provision of meeting and group activities space to the wider community and minority groups of many cultures and nationalities from a wide catchment area.
- Community Social Events to promote social inclusion and friendship within the wider community.

The executive committee together with our priest consults with our parishioners when planning for community services, activities and events.

We give due consideration to the Commissions guidelines in relation to public benefit and the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion.

Repairs, Restoration and Maintenance of the fabric of the Church and Community Hall continues to present a formidable challenge as we are situated in a raised open position adjacent to the seafront in St Leonards-on-Sea. The fabric of the buildings suffer from the constant effects of erosion due to the marine environment and exposure to the elements.

Trustees' Report

Objectives and activities (continued)

We are constantly having to prioritise our limited resources and funds to manage the many smaller individual servicing, repair and upkeep needs of the Historic and Community Buildings whilst also continuing to develop strategies of the restoration Master Plan.

The dedication of our volunteers and community members continues to be the solid foundation that ensures our Church and its facilities are open and available to all.

Achievements and performance

As well as the activities already outlined, particular achievements of note in 2021-22 were as follows:

- the Church invested money in a Card payments terminal which was introduced in the year. - this has significantly increased church shop sales.
- the Church house has been rented directly through the Church. This has supplied regular increased income.
- the Church committee is constantly looking for new possible income. From March 2022 the church room was rented to Hastings and Bexhill Mencap for six months.
- Church hall income has increased due to the hard work of the Hall manager. The Hall has had regular bookings for weekend events and it is partly booked during week.

Financial review

The financial results for this year clearly reflects the continuous joint efforts and dedication of our volunteers, the entire community and our administrators in their support of the Church.

Despite our continued efforts the overall financial resources available to the trustee's means we are continuously juggling to allocate adequate funds required to keep pace with ongoing maintenance and repair costs.

Development of the master plan is being progressed to help us to secure a sustainable future. It is hoped that future planning permission to build a new hall and allow development of further facilities will help us to generate additional funding to enable the Church to contribute substantially to fund the major repairs and restoration that are urgently required.

Principal sources of funds are as follows:

- Donations from the Collection Plate
- Standing Orders and other General Donations
- Gift Aid – continuing to promote greater community awareness
- Our Partnership with the Hastings Friendship Group to deliver resources for the 'One Hastings Many Voices' projects.
- House rental income
- Community Hall – general community hire
- Funding Grants

The Church owns a freehold house which is currently let and provides much needed additional income.

We continue to receive regular payments from community groups hiring the hall.

Church shop has been updated and stock purchased for providing extra income stream for church.

Reserves

The church endeavours to maintain cash reserve of at least £15,000 for unforeseen emergencies and has set up a designated fund for this purpose.

Future plans

Further advancement of a sustainable community focused restoration and development 'Master Plan' that maximises existing Church resources, enables a major financial contribution towards the massive repair costs of restoration of the Historic Church is slowly progressing and we hope that the coming year will see this advance to Stage 1 that will enable a full planning application and a submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund for an initial grant assessment.

We have appointed Conservation Architect and professional team to manage the project and have set up a Steering Group to oversee the advancement and fulfilment of the master plan.

Our Church community will continue to maximise our combined efforts to ensure adequate income to maintain our buildings and provide space, resources and support to the local community groups during the coming 2022/23 financial year.

The outcome of the planning application process and future grant applications will determine the way forward for the preservation of the Historic Church for future generations and will we pray, guide us towards a more secure and viable future.

Independent examination

J R Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE was appointed during the year to undertake the Independent Examination.

The trustees report was approved by the board of trustees

Maria Kiniari

Maria Kiniari
Trustee

Date: 28.04.2023

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees of the Greek Orthodox Community of Hastings (the "charity") for the year ended 31 August 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity 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 CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 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.

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.



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Date: 29 April 2023

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Receipts						
Donations - Plate Gift Aided	7,973	-	7,973	11,738	-	11,738
Donations - Plate Cash	9,779	-	9,779	-	-	-
Donations - General	17,263	-	17,263	12,865	9,550	22,415
Community Hall Hire - Various	14,031	-	14,031	2,429	-	2,429
House - Rent Received	8,812	-	8,812	8,792	-	8,792
Church Shop	3,945	-	3,945	3,665	-	3,665
Church Tea & Coffee Sales	21	-	21	-	-	-
School fees	167	-	167	740	-	740
Memorials & Feasts	1,227	-	1,227	520	-	520
Baptism & Christenings	1,405	-	1,405	3,435	-	3,435
Funeral	482	-	482	40	-	40
HMRC Gift Aid Received	486	-	486	8,243	-	8,243
Weddings	115	-	115	280	-	280
Other income	-	-	-	409	-	409
Interest Received	11	-	11	4	-	4
Total receipts	65,717	-	65,717	53,160	9,550	62,710
Payments						
Salaries	11,903	-	11,903	17,084	-	17,284
Church General Expenses	5,978	-	5,978	6,258	-	6,058
Church Insurance	5,600	-	5,600	5,298	-	5,298
Church General Repairs and maintenance	9,235	1,108	10,343	5,634	30,573	36,207
Church Shop - Stock	3,843	-	3,843	1,397	-	1,397
Church Administration	2,200	-	2,200	3,274	-	3,274
Church & Hall Utilities	5,465	-	5,465	4,029	-	4,029
Hall Repairs	400	-	400	50	-	50
House General Expenses	20	-	20	-	-	-
House Repairs	410	-	410	472	-	472
Garden & Grounds	757	-	757	706	-	706
Charitable Family Donations	55	-	55	-	-	-
Accountancy	1,407	-	1,407	1,266	-	1,266
Visiting Priest	-	-	-	1,075	-	1,075
School Expenses	360	-	360	320	-	320
Cleaning	616	-	616	-	-	-
Office Costs	361	-	361	-	-	-
Website Expenses	215	-	215	173	-	173
Legal & Professional fees	-	-	-	16,569	-	16,569
Insurance	598	-	598	-	-	-
Bank charges	145	-	145	-	-	-
Miscellaneous expenses	-	-	-	217	-	217
Total payments	49,568	1,108	50,676	63,822	30,573	94,395
Net movement in funds	16,149	(1,108)	15,041	(10,662)	(21,023)	(31,685)
Cash funds b/f at 1st September 2021	25,436	1,108	26,544	36,098	22,131	58,229
Cash funds c/f at 31 August 2022	41,585	-	41,585	25,436	1,108	26,544

The notes on page 8 form part of these Financial Statements.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<u>ASSETS</u>				
<u>Monetary Assets</u>				
Cash at Bank and in hand				
Lloyds Bank	11,021		982	
CAF Cash	13,754		8,936	
CAF Gold	16,119		16,108	
Paypal	294		117	
Petty Cash	399		401	
		<u>41,585</u>		<u>26,544</u>
Cash funds made up of				
Restricted funds		-		1,108
Unrestricted funds:				
Reserve (designated)	15,000		15,000	
General Funds	<u>26,585</u>		<u>10,436</u>	
		<u>41,585</u>		<u>25,436</u>
		<u>41,585</u>		<u>26,544</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
<u>Creditors</u>				
Accountancy Fee/Independent Examination		<u>960</u>		<u>960</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 28 April 2023

Maria Kiniari

Maria Kiniari
Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared as a Receipts and Payments in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

Restricted funds

The funds of the charity include funds comprising the following restricted funds:

	Movements in funds						Balance at 31 August 2022 £
	Balance at 1 Sept 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 1 Sept 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	
Building funds	22,131	9,550	(30,573)	1,108	-	(1,108)	-
	<u>22,131</u>	<u>9,550</u>	<u>(30,573)</u>	<u>1,108</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,108)</u>	<u>-</u>

Building funds

These represents funds given and used to restore and improve the church building.

Designated funds

Reserves - The church endeavours to maintain cash reserve of at least £15,000 for unforeseen emergencies and has set up a designated fund for this purpose.