

SAINT ELIAS
GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF READING
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

Annual Report

The Trustees present their report for the year ended 31 October 2025.

Reference and administrative details

The Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Honorary President	His Eminence the Archbishop Nikitas
Chair of Trustees	Theodora Dimakopoulou
Trustee	John Irvine
Trustee	Paul Elderfield (appointed 1/12/24)
Trustee	Margarita Reed (appointed 1/12/24)
Trustee	Michalis Koufopoulos (appointed 1/12/24)
Trustee	Nikolaos Manousos (resigned 1/12/24)
Trustee	Elias Parikos (resigned 1/12/24)
Trustee	Nikolaos Marinis (resigned 1/12/24)

The Charity was established by a deed dated 20 April 1988 (as amended 29 July 1988) together with a deed of variation dated 27 April 1994. Its formal constitution is the Constitution of the Sacred Churches and Communities of the Greek Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain, Exarchate of Western Europe, Ireland and Malta, as ratified by the Ecumenical Patriarchate on 5 April 1971. It is registered with the Charity Commission as number 299645.

The Community Administrative Council is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the church and consists of the the following:

Officers:

President	Theodora Dimakopoulou
Vice President	Anna Reed
Secretary	John Irvine
Treasurer	Margarita Reed
General members:	Stella Keramida
	Paul Elderfield
	Michalis Koufopoulos
	Irena Zafirova
	Georgios Sarafidis
	Ioannis Mathioudakis
	Gregory Alavidze
	Basem Huddad
	Panagiotis Stemitsiotis

Independent examiner John Jenkins FCA

Bankers
Barclays Bank plc
Metro Bank plc
PayPal Holdings Inc

Objects and activities

The objects of the Charity are to promote the Greek Orthodox faith and Greek Orthodox charitable institutions in Reading and environs. The Charity achieves this through regular (normally weekly) acts of worship, supporting and expanding a Greek Orthodox school, and occasional social functions, thus bringing benefit to the Greek, Cypriot and the wider Orthodox community.

Review of achievements and performance

President's Report

We started 2025 with a New Years' service, a very well attended Blessing of the Waters, which took place in Sonning once again and the cutting of the Vasilopita, all vital events for our church and community. This was followed in February with yet again another successful Apokries / Carnival party for the community and our Greek schools' children. A big well done and thank you to the volunteers who organised this fundraising event.

Out of the ordinary, February also had a Pilgrimage trip to Egypt where many of our parishioners and community members participated to a once in a lifetime trip, thanks to Fr. Andreas Andreopoulos's initiative to organise from Greece. The opportunity to visit so many Holy grounds was a transformative and impactful experience for many of us, and it was very important that we all shared it and will always carry with us. The Holy Week and Easter went very well with an even higher attendance from our parishioners. Thank you to all volunteers who made Easter candles for sale, prepared red eggs, made Easter biscuits, helped with covering the floor of the church floor with plastic sheets, stayed late to decorate our beautiful Epitaphios and also helped cleaning the church after the Resurrection service in the early hours of the Easter Sunday morning.

June had a very pleasant surprise for all of us, when Fr. Constantinos was officially appointed our regular priest, after 2 years of having visiting priests, along with our beloved Fr. Ian Graham. We were all delighted to have a deeply pious and enlightened spiritual father amongst us, and we welcome the archdiocese's very wise decision for the wellbeing and unity of our community.

In July we celebrated our Patron Saint Elias' Feast Day and we were honoured to have with us once again, His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas, The V. Revd Archimandrite Chrysostomos Tympas, Revd. Protopresbyter Dr Andreas Andreopoulos, Revd. Archdeacon George Tsourous, the Mayor of Reading, Clr. Dr. Alice Bofu-Coles, and our Anglian brethren from St Mark's church. All were very impressed with how many people attended the event, as well as with the increase of the non-Greek Orthodox parishioners. His Eminence seemed very satisfied with the constant and stable progress of Prophet Elias' church, offered his paternal blessings and encouraged and re-affirmed his support for the community's vision for the future. Our honoured guests were very happy with our hospitality and everyone's gratitude once more, goes to all volunteers who helped with our Feast's preparation.

In September, when we opened our church again after the August closure, members of our community and committee along with Fr. Constantinos and his presvytera Eleni, we attended His Eminence's Nameday Gala dinner in London, where we offered our gift of a silver icon of St. George Karlidis, for which His Eminence was grateful. At the same time, thanks to our on our Trustee, Mr Koufopoulos, the revival of the Philoptochos association started again after many years, with activities such as the Food bank and more recently the Cowshed Tree of Hope Christmas tree, a project that supports 2,500 local children in very vulnerable circumstances. Additionally, our church will participate in the Christmas Tree competition this year too with the Cowshed Tree of Hope Christmas Tree, organised by our brethren in St.

Mark's church. Thank you to our volunteers who organised our participation and the decoration of our tree this year.

Our Greek school continues to be doing very well thankfully, with modern and Ancient Greek lessons and the parents who are getting increasingly involved in the school and church activities as they are so closely inter-connected. The children attend the Service on most Sundays; they are getting communion if they wish and seem more familiar within the church than ever before. This is thanks to our very capable and hard-working Headteacher Mrs. Keramida and all the teachers, and I would like to thank them for keeping up the good work that they have been doing so far.

We also continue participating in Churches Together with our representative being our secretary Mr. John Irvine. Please talk to John if you would like to participate or find out more about this activity.

In the next two years we will continue raising funds for a possible building of our own, and I would like to encourage everyone to sign up to our database for regular updates and news of our church, as well as moving towards donations electronically via Standing order preferably. Please remember that if you are a permanent UK resident and paying tax you can help via Gift Aid too.

Last but not least, I would like to express my gratitude to all of our existing volunteers, all of our parishioners, the prosfora and coffee group, the Greek school teachers, parents, pupils, our very generous donors, our hosts at St Mark's church, our priests and the Archdiocese of course, as everyone regardless of having a small or a big role, help in maintaining the church, school and community of Prophet Elias, building a stronger network of people with similar interests and beliefs and a better future for our community overall.

This will be my last President's report as I step down shortly. I thank you all and each individually, and I wish you all the very best in the future.

Financial review

The principal sources of income for the Charity are donations and subscriptions from the church community, collections at church services and for the Greek school. Income is also derived from social functions and interest on bank deposits. Expenditure is largely in the provision of regular church services and the Greek school.

The financial performance was not as successful as the previous year which had been marked by the significant fundraising. There was a surplus for the year of £3,041 compared with a surplus of £50,869 in 2024. As a result of the high level of donations in the previous year gross income decreased to £41,972. Costs were £38,931 an increase of less than 2%.

The Charity had net assets and unrestricted reserves of £177,173 on 31 October 2025. The Trustees consider that a minimum of £38,000, being sufficient for one year's expenditure, should be kept on general fund; but the Trustees wish to continue building up these reserves to safeguard the future of the Charity and eventually be in a position to consider the purchase of a church. To that end a generous donor has advanced £51,654 in respect of this goal. In the event of a purchase of a suitable property within five years, this will be granted as a gift. Until that time, it is regarded as an interest free loan, repayable in November 2026.

Structure, governance and management.

The Trustees are responsible for managing the Charity and meet at least once a year but more often if required. New trustees are recruited from within the Community. The Constitution provides that the Administrative Council shall have day-to-day responsibility for running

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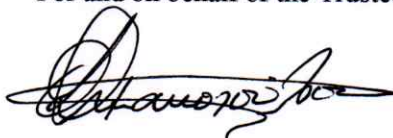
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church activities. The names of the Trustees and the members of the Administrative Council are set out on page 1.

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate these risks.

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity's objectives and activities meet public benefit criteria by providing well-patronised opportunities for Orthodox communities in the Reading area to meet for organised worship and fellowship.

For and on behalf of the Trustees



Theodora Dimakopoulou

Chair

Dated: 25 May 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Saint Elias Greek Orthodox Community of Reading

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As described on page 4, the Trustees are responsible the preparation of the accounts, and you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you of any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



John Jenkins FCA

Dated: 30 May 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Income			
Income and endowments from:			
Subscriptions, church collections, donations	2	36,556	84,859
Social functions and fundraising	3	3,486	3,000
Bank interest		1,930	1,373
Total		41,972	89,232
Expenditure			
Charitable activities			
Church services	4	26,200	24,571
Education services	5	9,393	8,080
Social functions	3	448	894
Donations and subscriptions to Archdiocese		1,390	1,168
Benevolent payments and charitable donations		1,500	3,650
Total		38,931	38,363
Net income/(loss)		3,041	50,869
Funds brought forward		174,132	123,263
Funds carried forward		177,173	174,132

The attached notes form part of these accounts.

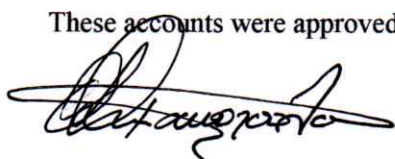
Balance Sheet at 31 October 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Ecclesiastical items	1	8,349	8,349
Current assets			
Stocks of candles and books		321	321
Debtors:			
Rent paid in advance		1,743	1,743
School fund		1,799	3,152
Cash at bank and in hand		216,815	212,421
		220,678	217,637
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Accrued expenses		(200)	(200)
Conditional donation	6	(51,654)	-
Net current assets		168,824	217,437
Total assets less current liabilities		177,173	225,786
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			
Conditional donation	6	-	(51,654)
Net assets		177,173	174,132
Funds-			
Unrestricted funds		177,173	174,132

The Charities Act 2011 and the Charity's Constitution require the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and the income and expenditure for that period. The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with The Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees have taken advantage of the provisions of The Charities Act 2011, which allow exemption from audit on charities under a certain income level.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 30 May 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Theodora Dimakopoulou

Chair



Margarita Reed

Treasurer

The attached notes form part of these accounts.

Notes to the accounts

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRSSE) entitled 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (the FRSSE), effective January 2015.'

The following policies have been applied consistently in the preparation of these accounts.

- Income and expenditure is recognised on the accruals basis.
- Donations, collections and similar income is recognised when cash is received, being when entitlement arises
- Fixed assets, being Ecclesiastical items, are included at Trustees valuation but no depreciation is charged.

2 Church collections, subscriptions, donations

	2025	2024
	£	£
Collections	9,546	12,286
Subscriptions and donations	12,764	53,932
School donations (see note 5)	8,040	9,600
Special services and sundry	2,084	1,649
Gift Aid	4,122	7,392
	36,556	84,859

3 Income and expenditure from social functions

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income from social functions	3,486	3,000
Related costs	(448)	(894)
	3,038	2,106

Notes to the accounts (continued)

4 Church services expense

	2025	2024
	£	£
Priests' expenses	11,209	11,590
Rent	6,090	5,905
Church supplies and candles	4,643	3,538
Insurance	457	634
Storage	2,748	2,452
Other expenses	1,053	452
	26,200	24,571


No Trustee received any remuneration.

5 Education services expense

	2025	2024
	£	£
Teachers' expenses	8,095	6,630
Supplies, stationery and premises	1,298	1,450
	9,393	8,080

6 Creditors due within one year

This represents a conditional gift made to the Church to assist with the purchase of a property. If it is not used for this purpose, it is repayable on 1 November 2026. It is interest free.

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