

WORKING FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS (G O C) IN BIRMINGHAM

England & Wales - Charity number 507769

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1978-08-24

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: RELIGIOUS PURPOSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH.

Activities: a) To preserve and spread the Orthodox Christian Faith and the Traditions of the Church as prescribed in the Holy Bible. b) To administer the spiritual and sacramental services to the faithful, members of the church of G.O.C. c) To spread the word of God to all people and provide both spiritual and material help for those in need. d) To train future clergymen. e) Provide spiritual education.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Canada
- Chile
- United States
- Birmingham City
- Enfield

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£62,096	£54,439	-	-
2024-03-31	£58,197	£45,086	-	-
2023-03-31	£89,013	£77,298	-	-
2022-03-31	£45,455	£41,851	-	-
2021-03-31	£50,767	£100,597	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alexander Eleftheriou		2022-04-11
KYRIAKOS JOANNOU		2011-12-04
TONY ERMOYENOUS		2011-12-04
XENOPHON JOANNOU		

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England & Wales - Charity number 507769

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2025

Charity name: **GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS (GOC) IN BIRMINGHAM**

Charity registration number: **507769**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>A) To preserve and spread Orthodox Christian Faith and traditions as included in the Holy Bible.</p> <p>B) The spiritual and sacramental services to the faithful members of the church of Genuine Orthodox Christians.</p> <p>C) The strengthening and protection, through charitable deeds, of brothers in Christ of the parish who are in need of social and financial help.</p> <p>To preserve and keep all of the Holy Canons of the Orthodox faith, as well as all the written and unwritten traditions which were handed down to us by our predecessors, the Apostles and Holy fathers of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, so that we in turn may do the same for the next generation of Christians.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Religious Activities - Church services and spiritual education.</p> <p>The Church provides regular public worship for all and premises which serve the wider community. In carrying out these activities the Church has careful regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.</p> <p>Fundraising Aims - To develop fund raising events for charity and for property maintenance.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and planning the Trust's future activities.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>We continue our ongoing attempt to restore and maintain our buildings, which are our places of worship, as our property is approximately 180 years old. During the year, we continued to refurbish the Church hall.</p> <p>Services on Sunday have continued as and when permitted in line with the Government's coronavirus lockdown guidance.</p> <p>We have established an annual church event which has become a tradition who shone forth for the Genuine Orthodox Church of the British Isles. A Feast Day which is dedicated to the celebration of the All-Saints who shone forth in the British Isles. It is our hope that with events such as this, our humble parish will grow spiritually and grow in numbers of believers.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The Charity's income has increased to £62,096 (as of 31 March 2025) compared to £58,197 (As on 31/03/2024). This is primarily the result of increase in cash and cheque donations along with regular bank donations.</p> <p>The Charity's expenditure has decreased as well from £45,086 (as on 31 March 2024) to £54,439. This is mainly driven by decrease in the wages.</p> <p>The Charity achieved a net surplus of £7,656.52 mainly due to the increase in donations.</p> <p>The Charity's cash reserves have increased to £3,261.</p> <p>The Trustees give regard to the progress made in the refurbishment of main Church hall, the community projects undertaken, as well as the aforementioned financial performance indicators when assessing the charity's success in fulfilling its objects.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	There is no formal reserves policy as the funds mainly relate to property, fixtures and equipment. A small amount of cash is held at the bank for future maintenance and running costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5,268
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The Charity receives donations throughout the year and plans its key objectives and activities accordingly. The Charity is also considering other measures to increase income such as planning fund raising events.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any	Para 1.46	

social investment policy adopted		
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Deed of Constitution dated 24 June 2014
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Charitable incorporated organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected by members

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS (GOC) IN BIRMINGHAM
Other name the charity uses	The Genuine orthodox Church, St Constantine and Helen Church and Chapel of St Nektarios
Registered charity number	507769
Charity's principal address	Genuine Orthodox Christians Church. Holy Metropolis of Mercia, Station Road, Erdington. Birmingham, West Midlands, UK. Post Code - B23 6UB

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	Alexander Eleftheriou			
2	Xenophon Joannou			
3	Tony Ermoyenous			
4	Kyriakos Joannou			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Alexander Eleftheriou	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Vice president	
Date	29/01/2026	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS (GOC)	507769
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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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					
Cash and Cheque donations	-	-	-	-	4,513
Rental income	17,770	-	-	17,770	12,550
Regular Bank donations	44,326	-	-	44,326	40,133
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	62,096	-	-	62,096	57,196
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Bank Loan received	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	62,096	-	-	62,096	57,196
A3 Payments					
Bank Charges	288.44	-	-	288.44	232.99
Materials	-	-	-	-	-
Charity Donation	216.00	-	-	216.00	216.00
Church Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Fathers Wages	6,890.00	-	-	6,890.00	6,460.00
Light & Heat	12,343.73	-	-	12,343.73	11,503.65
Office and Stationary	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Priest Wages	27,121.04	-	-	27,121.04	18,362.52
Pension	316.80	-	-	316.80	249.60
Legal & Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Repair and Maintenance	-	-	-	-	1,061.73
Telecommunications	3,303.01	-	-	3,303.01	2,622.73
Insurance	3,263.73	-	-	3,263.73	4,376.82
Sundry Expenses	696.00	-	-	696.00	-
Marketing	-	-	-	-	-
Accountancy Fee	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	54,439	-	-	54,439	45,086
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Purchase Of Car	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	54,439	-	-	54,439	45,086
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,657	-	-	7,657	12,110
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	7,657	-	-	7,657	12,110

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	Royal bank of Scotland Current AC	3,020	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,020	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Property	Unrestricted	-	800,000
	Fixtures and Fittings	Unrestricted	-	100,000
	Motor Car	Unrestricted	-	12,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	0.00
	Bank Loan		15,864	37,430.57
	Accountancy Provision		-	900.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Name	Date of approval
	Alexander Eleftheriou	29/01/2026



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS (GOC) IN BIRMINGHAM

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 MARCH 2025

**Charity no (if
any)**

507769

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 accounts to be reached..

Signed:

Date:

29/01/2026

Name:

Jaspal Bharj

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ACCA

Address:

51 Vittoria Street

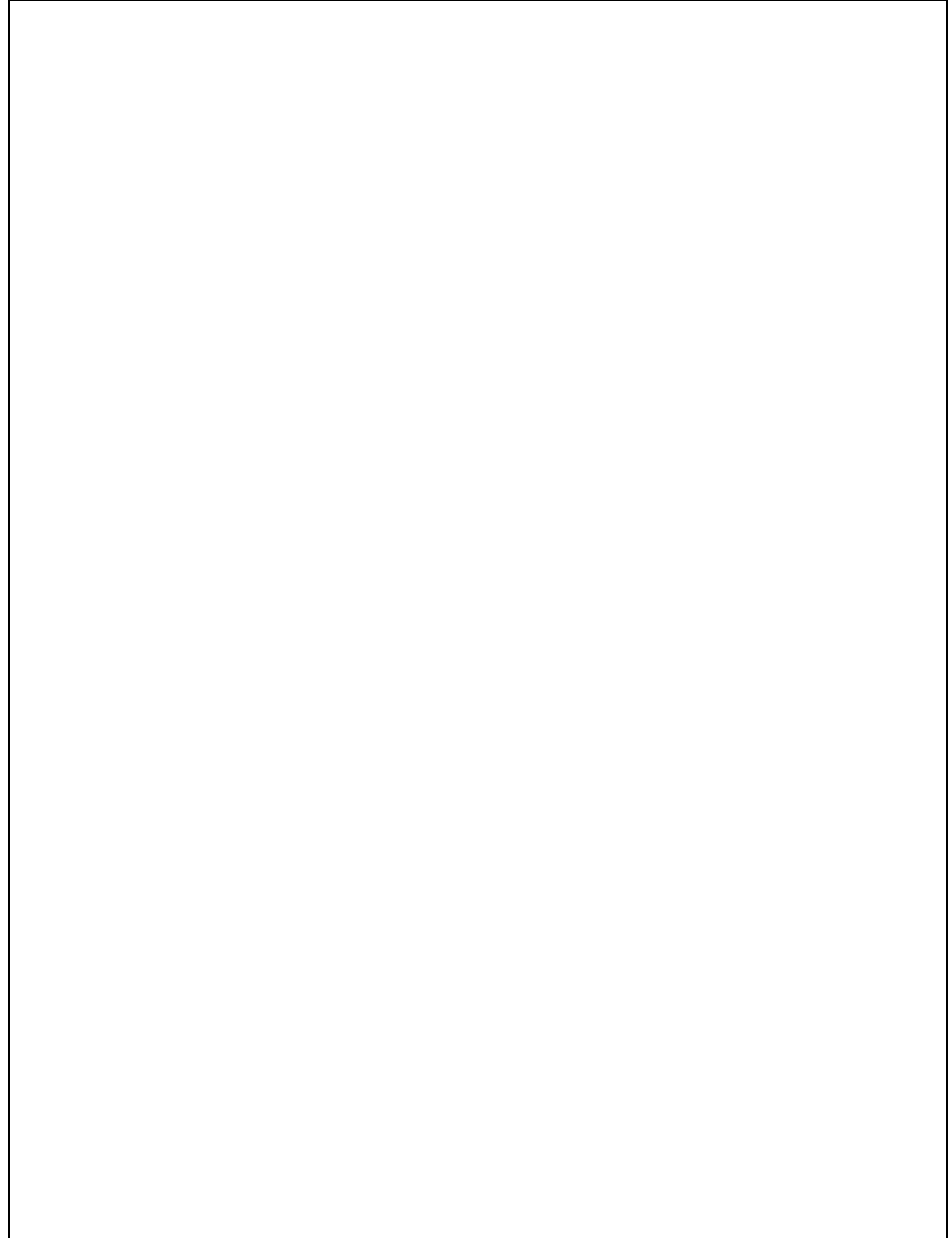
Birmingham, United Kingdom

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



WORKING FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS (G O C) IN BI

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Financial Review

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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	There is no formal reserves policy as the funds mainly relate to property, fixtures and equipment. A small amount of cash is held at the bank for future maintenance and running costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	TBC depending on final position in P&L and BS
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The Charity receives donations throughout the year and plans its key objectives and activities accordingly. The Charity is also considering other measures to increase income such as planning fund raising events.

Additional information (optional)

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
	Para 1.46	

Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted		
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Deed of Constitution dated 24 June 2014
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable incorporated organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected by members

Additional information (optional)

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Reference and Administrative details

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Other name the charity uses	The Genuine orthodox Church, St Constantine and Helen Church and Chapel of St Nektarios
Registered charity number	507769
Charity's principal address	Genuine Orthodox Christians Church. Holy Metropolis of Mercia, Station Road, Erdington. Birmingham, West Midlands, UK. Post Code - B23 6UB

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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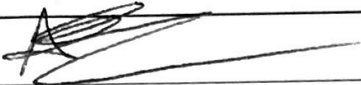
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Alexander Eleftheriou	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Vice president	
Date	01/07/2024	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023


Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Cash and Cheque donations	34,910	-	-	34,910	24,510
Rental income	13,000	-	-	13,000	10,750
Regular Bank donations	41,103	-	-	41,103	10,195
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	89,013	-	-	89,013	45,455
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Bank Loan received	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	89,013	-	-	89,013	45,455
A3 Payments					
Bank Charges	460.3	-	-	460	423
Materials	1750	-	-	1,750	2,846
Charity Donation	198	-	-	198	216
Church Insurance	2230.09	-	-	2,230	167
Fathers Wages	6500	-	-	6,500	6,630
Light & Heat	9811.31	-	-	9,811	7,026
Office and Stationary		-	-	-	980
Motor Expenses		-	-	-	825
Priest Wages	13553.71	-	-	13,554	13,922
Pension	216	-	-	216	-
Legal & Professional Fees		-	-	-	1,500
Repair and Maintenance	35741.77	-	-	35,742	2,595
Telecommunications	2667.06	-	-	2,667	2,479
Car Insurance		-	-	-	500
Insurance	1553.64	-	-	1,554	-
Sundry Expenses	221.19	-	-	221	1,740
Marketing	1348.44	-	-	1,348	-
Accountancy Fee	1046	-	-	1,046	-
Sub total	77,298	-	-	77,298	41,851
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Purchase Of Car	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	77,298	-	-	77,298	41,851
Net of receipts/(payments)	11,716	-	-	11,716	3,604
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	420
Cash funds this year end	11,716	-	-	11,716	4,024

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	Royal bank of Scotland Current AC	2,941	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,941	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Property	Unrestricted	-	800,000
	Fixtures and Fittings	Unrestricted	-	100,000
	Motor Car	Unrestricted	-	12,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	0.00
	Bank Loan		37,431	48214.01
	Accountancy Provision		900	0.00
			-	0.00

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Alexander Eleftheriou	01/07/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS (GOC) IN BIRMINGHAM

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2023

Charity no
(if any) 507769

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 01/07/2024

Name:

Jaspal Bharj

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACCA

Address:

51 Vittoria Street

Birmingham, United Kingdom

B1 3NU

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NA

WORKING FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS (G O C) IN BI

England & Wales - Charity number 507769

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022

Charity name: **GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS (GOC) IN BIRMINGHAM**

Charity registration number: **507769**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>A) To preserve and spread Orthodox Christian Faith and traditions as included in the Holy Bible.</p> <p>B) The spiritual and sacramental services to the faithful members of the church of Genuine Orthodox Christians.</p> <p>C) The strengthening and protection, through charitable deeds, of brothers in Christ of the parish who are in need of social and financial help.</p> <p>To preserve and keep all of the Holy Canons of the Orthodox faith, as well as all the written and unwritten traditions which were handed down to us by our predecessors, the Apostles and Holy fathers of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, so that we in turn may do the same for the next generation of Christians.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Religious Activities - Church services and spiritual education.</p> <p>The Church provides regular public worship for all and premises which serve the wider community. In carrying out these activities the Church has careful regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.</p> <p>Fundraising Aims - To develop fund raising events for charity and for property maintenance.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and planning the Trust's future activities.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>We continue our ongoing attempt to restore and maintain our buildings, which are our places of worship, as our property is approximately 180 years old. During the year, we continued to refurbish the Church hall.</p> <p>Services on Sunday have continued as and when permitted in line with the Government's coronavirus lockdown guidance.</p> <p>We have established an annual church event which has become a tradition who shone forth for the Genuine Orthodox Church of the British Isles. A Feast Day which is dedicated to the celebration of the All-Saints who shone forth in the British Isles. It is our hope that with events such as this, our humble parish will grow spiritually and grow in numbers of believers.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The Charity's income has decreased to 45455 (as of 31 March 2022) to 50767 (As on 31/03/2021). This is primarily the result of increase in cash and cheque donations.</p> <p>The Charity's expenditure has decreased from 86999 (as on 31 March 2021) to 41851. This is mainly driven by a reduction in the repairs and maintenance expenditure.</p> <p>The Charity achieved a net surplus of £3604, mainly due to the factors mentioned above.</p> <p>The Charity's cash reserves have increased to £4024 from £420.</p> <p>The Trustees give regard to the progress made in the refurbishment of main Church hall, the community projects undertaken, as well as the aforementioned financial performance indicators when assessing the charity's success in fulfilling its objects.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	There is no formal reserves policy as the funds mainly relate to property, fixtures and equipment. A small amount of cash is held at the bank for future maintenance and running costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The only reserves held by the Charity are cash reserves of £4,024 as at 31 March 2022.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The Charity receives donations throughout the year and plans its key objectives and activities accordingly. The Charity is also considering other measures to increase income such as planning fund raising events.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	

Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted		
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Deed of Constitution dated 24 June 2014
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable incorporated organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected by members

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS (GOC) IN BIRMINGHAM
Other name the charity uses	The Genuine orthodox Church, St Constantine and Helen Church and Chapel of St Nektarios
Registered charity number	507769
Charity's principal address	Genuine Orthodox Christians Church. Holy Metropolis of Mercia, Station Road, Erdington. Birmingham, West Midlands, UK. Post Code - B23 6UB

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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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	Alexander Eleftheriou			
2	Xenophon Joannou			
3	Tony Ermoyenous			
4	Kyriakos Joannou			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved


Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Alexander Eleftheriou	
Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc.)	Vice president	

..... Date -15/02/2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS (GOC)

507769

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Cash and Cheque donations	24,510	-	-	24,510	14,734
Rental income	10,750	-	-	10,750	10,533
Regular Bank donations	10,195	-	-	10,195	25,500
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	45,455	-	-	45,455	50,767
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Bank Loan received	-	-	-	-	50,000
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	50,000
Total receipts	45,455	-	-	45,455	100,767
A3 Payments					
Bank Charges	423.35	-	-	423	628
Materials	2846.25	-	-	2,846	-
Charity Donation	216	-	-	216	-
Church Insurance	166.71	-	-	167	-
Fathers Wages	6,630.00	-	-	6,630	-
Light & Heat	7,026.04	-	-	7,026	7,115
Office and Stationary	979.79	-	-	980	-
Motor Expenses	825.33	-	-	825	1,824
Priest Wages	13,921.99	-	-	13,922	-
Fees	-	-	-	-	8,460
Legal & Professional Fees	1,500.00	-	-	1,500	1,800
Repair and Maintenance	2,595.28	-	-	2,595	58,800
Telecommunications	2,479.41	-	-	2,479	2,491
Car Insurance	500.41	-	-	500	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-	3,921
Sundry Expenses	1,740.11	-	-	1,740	1,960
Entertainment	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	41,851	-	-	41,851	86,999
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Purchase Of Car	-	-	-	-	13,598
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	13,598
Total payments	41,851	-	-	41,851	100,597
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,604	-	-	3,604	170
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	420	-	-	420	250
Cash funds this year end	4,024	-	-	4,024	420

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	Royal bank of Scotland Current AC	4,024	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,024	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Property	Unrestricted	-	800,000
	Furniture and fittings	Unrestricted	-	100,000
	Motor Car	Unrestricted	-	12,000
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Bank Loan		48,214	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name-	Date of approval
	Alexander Eleftherio U	15/02/2023



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS (GOC) IN BIRMINGHAM

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 MARCH 2022

Charity no
(if any) 507769

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

15/02/2023

Name:

Jaspal Bharj

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ACCA

Address:

51 Vittoria Street

Birmingham, United Kingdom

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

WORKING FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS (G O C) IN BI

England & Wales - Charity number 507769

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **Period start date** 01 April 2020 **To** **Period end date** 31 March 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS (GOC) IN BIRMINGHAM

Other names charity is known by The Genuine Orthodox Church, St Constantine and Helen Church and Chapel of St Nektarios

Registered charity number (if any) 507769

Charity's principal address Genuine Orthodox Christian Church
 Holy Metropolis of Mercia, Station Road, Erdington
 Birmingham, West Midlands. UK
Postcode B23 6UB

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	Paraskevas Eleftheriou			
2	Frank Frangeskou			
3	Stephan Frangeskou			
4	Xenophon Joannou			
5	Tony Ermoyenous			
6	Kyriakos Joannou			
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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

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Deed of Constitution dated 24 June 2014
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable incorporated organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members

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.

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Section C

Objectives and activities

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

- A) To preserve and spread the Orthodox Christian Faith and traditions as included in the Holy Bible
- B) The spiritual and sacramental services to the faithful members of the church of Genuine Orthodox Christians
- C) The strengthening and protection, through charitable deeds, of the brothers in Christ of the parish who are in need of social and financial help.

To preserve and keep all of the Holy Canons of the Orthodox faith, as well as all the written and unwritten traditions which were handed down to us by our predecessors, the Apostles and Holy Fathers of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, so that we in turn may do the same for the next generation of Christians.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Religious Activities – Church services and spiritual education.

The Church provides regular public worship for all and premises which serve the wider community. In carrying out these activities the Church has careful regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Fundraising aims – To develop fund raising events for charity and for property maintenance.

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We continue our ongoing attempt to restore and maintain our buildings, which are our places of worship, as our property is approximately 180 years old. During the year there was a major refurbishment of the Church hall.

Services on Sunday have continued as and when permitted under coronavirus lockdown regulations.

We have established an annual Church event which has become a tradition for the Genuine Orthodox Church of the British Isles. A Feast Day which is dedicated to the celebration of the All-Saints

who shone forth in the British Isles. It is our hope that with events such as this, our humble parish will grow spiritually and grow in numbers of believers.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

There is no formal reserves policy as the funds mainly relate to property, fixtures and equipment. A small amount of cash is held at the bank for future maintenance and running costs.

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.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>T. Ermoyenous</i>	<i>K. Joannou</i>
Full name(s)	TONY ERMOYENOUS	KYRIAKOS JOANNOU
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	

Date 11.03.2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS (GOC)
IN BIRMINGHAM

507769

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2020

To

31/03/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Cash and cheque donations	14,734	-	-	14,734	10,493
Regular bank donations	10,533	-	-	10,533	9,505
Rent received	25,500	-	-	25,500	6,750
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	50,767	-	-	50,767	26,748
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Bank loan received	50,000	-	-	50,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	50,000	-	-	50,000	-
Total receipts	100,767	-	-	100,767	26,748
A3 Payments					
Light, heat and water	7,115	-	-	7,115	5,085
Telephone	2,491	-	-	2,491	2,079
Insurance	3,921	-	-	3,921	2,061
Repairs and renewals	58,800	-	-	58,800	5,498
Sundry expenses	1,960	-	-	1,960	1,333
Bank charges	628	-	-	628	692
Fees	8,460	-	-	8,460	6,760
Motor and travel	1,824	-	-	1,824	2,888
Legal and professional	1,800	-	-	1,800	600
Sub total	86,999	-	-	86,999	26,996
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Purchase of car	13,598	-	-	13,598	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	13,598	-	-	13,598	-
Total payments	100,597	-	-	100,597	26,996
Net of receipts/(payments)	170	-	-	170	248
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	250	-	-	250	498
Cash funds this year end	420	-	-	420	250

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	Royal Bank of Scotland Current A/c	420	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	420	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Property	Unrestricted	-	800,000
	Fixtures and fittings	Unrestricted	-	100,000
	Motor car	Unrestricted	-	12,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
	Bank loan	Unrestricted	50,000	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>T Ermoyenous</i>	TONY ERMOYENOUS	11/03/2022
<i>K Joannou</i>	KYRIAKOS JOANNOU	11/03/2022



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS (GOC) IN BIRMINGHAM

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2021

Charity no
(if any)

507769

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021.

Responsibilities and basis
of report

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

**Independent examiner's
statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: *A Throssell*

Date: 15/03/2022

Name: ANDREW THROSSELL

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

FCA

Address:

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2 WESTBROOK COURT, SHARROW VALE ROAD

SHEFFIELD, S11 8YZ

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

