

# The Orthodox Church of St. John of Shanghai

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106905

## Details

Status	Removed
Registered	2018-01-17
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The charity's objects ('Objects') are specifically restricted to the following: To promote the Eastern Orthodox Christian Faith as held and expressed in the holy scriptures, holy tradition, and the canons, under the Episcopal care of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia (ROCOR); and in this regard being organized and established, to promote the teaching and practice of the Orthodox Christian Faith, to care pastorally for the Orthodox Christian community in Belfast in particular and N. Ireland in general, to facilitate liturgical worship, receiving into the Church those who sincerely wish to freely adopt and live according to the Church's moral and spiritual guidance, upholding these purposes and any related charitable purpose.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of religion

**How the charity works:** Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-08	£6,250	£8,808	£0	0

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# Accounts

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**The Orthodox Church of St John of Shanghai**  
**Accounts for the period 17 January 2025 to 8 July 2025**

<b><u>Income and Expenditure</u></b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Building Fund £</b>	<b>Period to 8 July 2025 £</b>	<b>Year to 16 Jan 2025 £</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Collections	5,550	-	5,550	14,016
Donations	700	-	700	1,499
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£ 6,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£ 6,250</b>	<b>£ 15,515</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Priests' travel and expenses	1,175	-	1,175	3,419
Diocesan contributions	1,384	-	1,384	587
Rent and utilities	1,040	-	1,040	2,280
Candles and holders	417	-	417	470
Other services expenses	139	-	139	572
Stationery and advertising	-	-	-	12
Literature	87	-	87	67
Icons	-	-	-	-
Building improvements	-	-	-	-
Repairs and equipment	85	-	85	35
Pilgrimage costs	-	-	-	-
Solicitors' fees	-	4,480	4,480	-
Sundry costs	1	-	1	34
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£ 4,328</b>	<b>4,480</b>	<b>£ 8,808</b>	<b>£ 7,476</b>
<b>Operating surplus/(deficit)</b>	<b>1,922</b>	<b>(4,480)</b>	<b>(2,558)</b>	<b>8,039</b>
Add: Fund balance brought forward	15,914	5,322	21,236	13,197
Balance before transfer	<b>17,836</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>18,678</b>	<b>21,236</b>
<b>Donated to Saint John of Shanghai Orthodox Church</b>				
- Bank balance held by St Elisabeth the New Martyr	(5,520)	(663)	(6,183)	-
- Cash balances	(12,316)	(179)	(12,495)	-
<b>Fund balance carried forward</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 21,236</b>
<b><u>Balances at the period end</u></b>				
			<b>8 July 2025 £</b>	<b>16 Jan 2025 £</b>
<b>Bank and cash</b>				
Bank current account balance	-	-	-	10,664
Cash held in Euros translated to £	-	-	-	2
Cash held in £	-	-	-	10,570
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 21,236</b>

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# Accounts

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**The Orthodox Church of St John of Shanghai**  
**Accounts for the year ended 16 January 2025**

<u>Income and Expenditure</u>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Building Fund £	Year 2024/25 £	Year 2023/24 £
<b>Income</b>				
Collections	14,016	-	14,016	5,918
Donations	1,499	-	1,499	1,040
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£ 15,515</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£ 15,515</b>	<b>£ 6,958</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Priests' travel and expenses	3,419	-	3,419	2,523
Diocesan contributions	587	-	587	265
Rent and utilities	2,280	-	2,280	2,160
Candles and holders	470	-	470	391
Other services expenses	572	-	572	143
Stationery and advertising	12	-	12	4
Literature	67	-	67	-
Icons	-	-	-	-
Building improvements	-	-	-	-
Repairs and equipment	35	-	35	160
Pilgrimage costs	-	-	-	-
Sundry costs	34	-	34	1
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£ 7,476</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£ 7,476</b>	<b>£ 5,647</b>
<b>Operating surplus/(deficit)</b>	<b>8,039</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,039</b>	<b>1,311</b>
Add: Fund balance brought forward	7,875	5,322	13,197	11,886
<b>Fund balance carried forward</b>	<b>£ 15,914</b>	<b>5,322</b>	<b>£ 21,236</b>	<b>£ 13,197</b>
<b>Balances at the year end</b>				
			<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2023/24</b>
			£	£
<b>Bank and cash</b>				
Bank current account balance	5,521	5,143	10,664	10,664
Cash held in Euros translated to £	2	-	2	21
Cash held in £	10,391	179	10,570	2,512
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>£ 15,914</b>	<b>5,322</b>	<b>£ 21,236</b>	<b>£ 13,197</b>

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# Annual report

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**The Orthodox Church of St John of Shanghai**  
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**Annual Report for the Year Ended 16 January 2025**

Purposes of the charity

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Main activities to further its purposes for the public benefit

The charity arranges liturgical services in suitable settings, with the provision and administration of sacraments. It engages with the wider community through activities such as teaching, pilgrimages, parish meals and get togethers.

Main achievements in the year

The congregation of St John's met weekly, with monthly visits from a priest and a visit also from the Bishop.

Details of how the charity is constituted

The charity is a company limited by guarantee with a governing memorandum and articles.

Statement of compliance

The trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

Financial position at the end of the year

The charity has adequate funds to meet all its forthcoming needs, and the donations from the congregation regularly exceed its outgoings. Note that the bank account previously suspended was repaid in the year and was held at the year end by solicitors on our behalf.


Appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed by the current board of trustees and the acting Rector.

Trustees who served at any time in the year

Johanna McBride  
Seaneen MacCarthy

Signed by:

  
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Johanna McBride  
Trustee

Date: 28 February 2026

Registered address:

4 Ashfield Drive, Belfast BT15 3FT

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# Annual return

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## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Orthodox Church of St John of Shanghai**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 16 January 2025, which comprise the income and expenditure account and statement of balances approved by the trustees.

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

- 1 That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- 2 That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- 3 That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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
- 4 That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



**Edward F Wicke, FCA**

Quarryfield Cottage, 10A Temple Road, Ballinderry Upper, Lisburn, County Antrim BT28 2PD

28 February 2026

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# Accounts

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Accounts for the year ended 16 January 2024**

<u>Income and Expenditure</u>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds Building Pilgrimage £ £		Year 2023/24 £	Year 2022/23 £
<b>Income</b>					
Collections	5,918	-	-	5,918	2,652
Donations	1,040	-	-	1,040	2,400
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£ 6,958</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£ 6,958</b>	<b>£ 5,052</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Priests' travel and expenses	2,523	-	-	2,523	2,361
Diocesan contributions	265	-	-	265	-
Rent and utilities	2,160	-	-	2,160	463
Candles and holders	391	-	-	391	219
Other services expenses	143	-	-	143	300
Stationery and advertising	4	-	-	4	61
Books	-	-	-	-	57
Icons	-	-	-	-	293
Building improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Repairs and equipment	160	-	-	160	265
Pilgrimage costs	-	-	-	-	494
Amount paid to Crown	-	-	-	-	538
Sundry costs	1	-	-	1	26
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£ 5,647</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£ 5,647</b>	<b>£ 5,077</b>
<b>Operating surplus/(deficit)</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>(25)</b>
Add: Fund balance brought forward	6,564	5,322	-	11,886	11,911
<b>Fund balance carried forward</b>	<b>£ 7,875</b>	<b>5,322</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£ 13,197</b>	<b>£ 11,886</b>
<b>Balances at the year end</b>					
				<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2022/23</b>
				<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Bank and cash</b>					
Bank current account balance	5,521	5,143	-	10,664	10,664
Cash held in Euros translated to £	21	-	-	21	17
Cash held in £	2,333	179	-	2,512	1,205
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>£ 7,875</b>	<b>5,322</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£ 13,197</b>	<b>£ 11,886</b>

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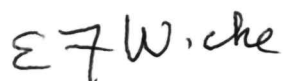
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