

The Archangel Gabriel Orthodox Christian Trust

Registered charity number SC047220

ANNUAL REPORT

for calendar year 31 March 2024 to 31 March 2025

Structure and Administration

The Charity was established and registered on 06 March 2017 and its object is to advance the Orthodox Christian Faith, as defined in the Constitution document. It does this primarily through its support for the canonical Orthodox community of the Holy Archangel Gabriel, Glasgow G12 8LE which is a community within the Archdiocese of Orthodox Parishes in Western Europe.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have given formal consideration to the charities objects and requirements and consider that the activities of the Foundation are in the public benefit and fulfil its objectives.

Vulnerable Beneficiaries

The trustees have adopted formal policies for the protection of children and vulnerable beneficiaries, details of which are readily available to those attending the worship and activities of the Community.

Review of the Year : Activities and Performance

Our community is part of the U.K. Deanery of the Archdiocese of Orthodox parishes of the Russian tradition in Western Europe. The community is served by our priest [REDACTED] and by [REDACTED] both being non-stipendiary.

This is the eighth full year of the communities existence and has seen a marked increase in activity and in growth. The numbers attending services and activities has doubled and the demands and expectations have multiplied. The trust has facilitated the communities growth through increased funding to meet the now daily use of the chapel and common rooms and through the provision of needed liturgical vestments, icons and equipment. Having successfully refocused and facilitated the community to take advantage of online, multi-media, social media avenues in the previous years we have continued and further developed this throughout 2024. Meetings and services continue to be streamed and daily zoom meetings take place allowing those at a distance and our more vulnerable members to be nurtured spiritually and to be cared for. This continues to be a very positive addition in the communities outreach and has led to real growth and we again are pleased and heartened to notice this growth. Numbers attending services and taking part in programs has roughly doubled and has led to an urgency to provide a bigger worship space and meeting rooms. To this end in February of 2025 the trust took on a lease of a bigger building in the centre of Glasgow which, added to our current chapel in the west end of Glasgow in the heart of the University of Glasgow, has helped us meet this need. This year has seen a deficit in our budget for the first time. This is largely due to the need to furnish and make available all of the required Liturgical items for Orthodox worship in a second location. Our accounts are healthy and we can sustain this deficit as the long term benefit is clear. We have regular on-line visitors from all over Scotland but also from England, America, Australia, Holland, Russia and Switzerland. The Crypt chapel was open every day and continued to serve the needs of, particularly, the orthodox Christians in Scotland seeking to further their faith and to celebrate in a language they understand. The wider university community and also the community at large are fully welcomed and we had visitors and enquirers from all over Scotland and beyond. It is wonderful to welcome so many people and to witness the current surge in interest in the Orthodox faith.. We are very grateful to Wellington Church of Scotland who very kindly accommodate us in the Crypt of their church and who allow us great freedom to utilise their facilities when we needed during this year. Their hospitality has been invaluable and given us the security to develop and grow our ministry with confidence.

The church was open for prayer everyday and it was rare for there to be a time that no-one was inside saying a prayer or having a quiet moment. Our Charlotte street location was mostly used on weekends and held a midweek

youth group meeting and choir practice. The community met officially for Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday and usually followed these gatherings by eating together and in fellowship. The community food bank mission continues and seems to be ever more needed and fortunately we have been in the position to help. The community provides a warm space every day where people can come and be warm, be fed, use the internet and simply be cared for. In the year we continued our usual icon and music workshops in person, and we continued to offer classes in Greek and in Russian and E [REDACTED] has held workshops on the making of prayer ropes and assists a small group of theology students who struggle with their Ecclesiastical Greek course. Our different groups have continued to work on developing prayer books and on the production of liturgical items such as crosses and icons and religious cards. A lot of work has been done to further our music ministry. We again thank [REDACTED] for their work with the choir. Our students and young adult group continue to meet regularly and a new initiative of talks and presentations based on members own experience of faith and orthodoxy within Scotland has continued and is proving to be very popular.

The community is made up of people from primarily Scotland, Greece, Russia and Romania but also we have Americans, Australians, Dutch and Chinese and now a small number of Syrian and Iraqi refugees attend and receive support from us. It is a great blessing and the Lord's prayer is sung in the languages reflecting the countries and backgrounds of our parishioners.

The very sad war between Russia and Ukraine continues and this led to a large influx of Ukrainians, and, being of the Orthodox faith many have sought help and spiritual guidance from the community. The Trust through the community has welcomed, housed, fed and supported many Ukrainian refugees since the start of the war and continues to do so. Most now are settled and in jobs or in receipt of benefits so are in less financial need but the spiritual and social needs are still very strong and the care and support of all refugees, whether from Ukraine, Syria, Iraq or wherever is a key focus of the Trust and the community and is likely to remain so in the coming year. We thank all members and supporters for the generosity and kindness they have shown this year with this endeavour.

Our members and visitors are nurtured in the Christian faith by a sermon during each Liturgy, the didactic nature of the liturgical services and by our well-stocked library. There were baptisms and people were received into the church by Chrismation after a period of preparation by our priest. The Trust is pleased to see growth in all aspects of the communities life and work.

[REDACTED] continued the pastoral care of the community and its members by visiting them regularly, especially those who live at some

distance from the church, are elderly, in ill-health, or incapacitated and unable to get to church. Arrangements were made for parishioners to bring to church in their cars those who do not have their own transport and would otherwise be unable to attend meetings.

We traditionally hold many social events in the year - our Christmas fair, the celebration of major Feasts etc where there is food, games for the children and even live music. This year saw a full calendar of these events. Our committed church warden and Advisory Council are hugely valued and they continue to look at ways of encouraging the growth of the community and the participation and involvement of more people in the service of the church.

Financial support

As the number of the community and of those exploring the Orthodox faith grows so does our fundraising capacity. The needs and expenditure have grown also but mostly this year as the Trust has purchased more needed and essential Liturgical items for the performing of appropriate Orthodox worship in a second venue. It has been a joy to witness this need and to be able to meet it. The community still has a long-term goal of acquiring its own dedicated place of worship whilst contributing towards the cost of a full-time, housed and dedicated priest. As our community grows this need becomes more pressing and we are continuing our search for bigger and more permanent premises for the development of an Orthodox Centre where our worship and charitable activities can continue and flourish even more. We continue to welcome and assist all those who come to us as best we can. We would like to thank [REDACTED] and the Kiltwalk organisation for their support to charities like ours. Although the funds raised are no longer topped up by 50% their support has been invaluable to us again this year and has allowed us not only to continue to meet our obligations and aims but to develop and further them.

As of 31st March 2025 the impact of the Ukraine war on the life and work of the Trust and community is ongoing but we will continue to develop and to take care of each other and our obligations in a spirit of faith, hope and charity.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all who have been so generous in donating money and time to our charity and to the people of Wellington Church of Scotland for their hospitality.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

[REDACTED]

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	31	03	2024		31	03	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	38 424				38 424 -	25 404
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities	2 459				2 459 -	7 955
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	40 883 -	-	-	-	40 883 -	33 359 -
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	49 399				49 399 -	28 475
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	49 399 -	-	-	-	49 399 -	28 475 -
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	49 399 -	-	-	-	49 399 -	28 475 -
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	8 515 -	-	-	-	8 515 -	+4 884 -

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

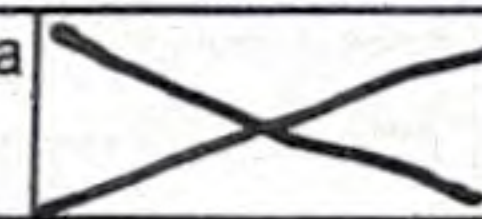
Funds all received as unrestricted donations. A successful fundraising campaign through Kiltwalk and the introduction of a card reader to take donations, coupled with the doubling of size of church community allowed us to continue and further our work of advancing the Orthodox Christian faith.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)



C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)



C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	54739				54739	49854
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	-8515				-8515	+4884
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	46223	-	-	-	46223	54739
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))						

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments	NO INVESTMENTS			
		Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets	46 HANDPAINTED ICONS 12 LITURGICAL VESTMENT 2 SILVER CHALICE SETS 1 ABBOTS GOLD CROSS 1 GOLD HANDCROSS 2 SILVER THURIBLE 4 SETS ALTAR DRESSINGS	ASSETS OWNED BY THE TRUST AND LOANED TO CHURCH COMMUNITY FOR USE.			
		Total	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities	NO LIABILITIES			
		Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

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

Signature*

Print Name

Date of
approval

			22/12/25

* Please note - OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures

APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2							
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	The Archangel Gabriel Orthodox Christian Trust							
Registered charity number		SC047220							
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date	Day	Month	Year		Period end date	Day	Month	Year
		31	March	2024	to		31	March	2025
Set out on pages							(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.								
Basis of independent examiner's statement	My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning 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	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations <p>have not been met, or</p> to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. 								
Signed**:	[Redacted Signature]				Date:	22 December 2025			
Name:	[Redacted Name]								
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Law Society of Scotland (61308)								
Address:	[Redacted Address]								

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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