

Debre Sina St Arsema Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church (DSSAEOTC), Glasgow

Scotland · Charity number SC047823

Details

Known as	St Arsema, EOTC, Glasgow
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2017-10-12
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Debre Sina St Arsema Ethiopian Tewahido Churchchurch 119 Carmunnock Road Glasgow G44 5UW
Website	http://starsemaglasgow.org

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of religion', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: The charity is dedicated to advancing the Christian faith, and we regularly hold church services. Additionally, we work on building a stronger EOTC community through regular conferences and religious meetings. We also educate the second generation of Ethiopian Christians about their heritage via Sunday School. Over the past year, we have successfully graduated six deacons, increasing the number of people involved in religious teaching and services. The church also engages in outreach work, visiting those who are grieving, ill, or unwell.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people', 'Older People', 'People with disabilities or health problems', 'People with a particular ethnic or racial origin'

Objectives: 4.1 The Purposes of The Debre Sina St Arsema Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church, serving the Ethiopian communities of Glasgow and across Scotland are: 4.2 The advancement of the Christian faith in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit, in accordance with the Statement of Belief as professed by the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church within Scotland 4.3 The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit

through the provision of spiritual services, funds, goods, including through the provision of counselling and support 4.4 The advancement of Ethiopian heritage and culture in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit, through building a strong EOTC community and bestowing its faith, tradition and teachings to our children and catechumen (new converts)

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Glasgow City
- **Geographical spread:** Scotland and other parts of the UK

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£42,296	£27,978	-	0
2024-03-31	£34,642	£25,274	-	0
2023-03-31	£60,691	£15,395	-	0
2022-03-31	£35,974	£8,466	-	0
2021-03-31	£2,332	£188	-	0

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OSCR

Scottish Charity Regulator

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2024	To	31	03	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Debre Sina St Arsema Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church (DSSAEOTC), Glasgow		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number	SC047823		
Charity's principal address	20 Eaglesham Place		
	Kinning Park		
	Glasgow		
	United Kingdom		Postcode G51 1PS

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

Trustee name		Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1		Chairperson		General assembly
2		Deputy Chairperson	From 16/02/2025	General assembly
3		Secretary	From 16/02/2025	General assembly
4		Member	From 16/02/2025	General assembly
5		Finance	From 16/02/2025	General assembly
6		Cashier	From 16/02/2025	General assembly
7		Member	From 16/02/2025	General assembly
8		Member	From 16/02/2025	General assembly
9		Member	From 16/02/2025	General assembly
10		Member		Independent

Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
	01/04/2023 - 16/02/2025
	01/04/2023 - 16/02/2025
	01/04/2023 - 16/02/2025
	01/04/2023 - 16/02/2025
	01/04/2023 - 16/02/2025
	01/04/2023 - 16/02/2025

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	SICO Constitution
Trustee recruitment and appointment	Trustees are nominated for candidacy and elected by the general assembly.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	The advancement of religion, The advancement of arts, heritage, culture or science, The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or another disadvantage
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	Deliver services and / or hold meetings/sessions and / or undertake activities/events, undertake religious activities, provide facilities form people to exercise their religion

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

- Held regular ecclesiastical services weekly and monthly.
- Held regular schooling for kids on religious and cultural heritage.
- Run workshops that is intended to help children grow competent & fit, mentally, spiritually and physically, so that they become good citizens
- Held counselling services regularly
- Created conditions for the community/the faithful to come together so as to build a strong community.
- Provided support to the community/faithful to fight mental illness through teaching of positive thinking
- Provided support & guidance to help empower the community/faithful, to interact positively with their environment and the larger Scottish community.
- Provided guidance for the community/faithful to contribute positively for their community & the Scottish community at large

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity maintains reserves so that it has a healthy financial standing primarily, but also, the charity saves a certain proportion of its income for buying its own church building.

The charity now has a cash reserve of £193,032.00.

Details of any deficit

None

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

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Other optional information

None

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
<i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	Secretary	Finance
Date	29/07/2025	29/07/2025

**Debre Sina St. Arsema Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church SC047823
(DSSAEOTC)**



Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	April	2024		31	March	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	42,296	-	-	-	42,296	34,642
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total	42,296	-	-	-	42,296	34,642
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	42,296	-	-	-	42,296	34,642
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	27,978	-	-	-	27,978	25,274
Grants and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Audit / independent examination	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	27,978	-	-	-	27,978	25,274
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	27,978	-	-	-	27,978	25,274
Net receipts / (payments)	14,317	-	-	-	14,317	9,368
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	14,317	-	-	-	14,317	9,368

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	178,715	-	-	-	178,715	169,347
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	14,317	-	-	-	14,317	9,368
	Adjusted from last year	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	193,032	-	-	-	193,032	178,715
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments	-	0	-	-
	-	0	-	-
	-	0	-	-
	-	0	-	-
	-	0	-	-
	Total		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	Total		-	-

	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

29 July 2025

29 July 2025

Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

All finance in this account comes from the generosity of the church members (unrestricted donations and membership fees) and fund raising activities that were done at zero cost to the charity. The Church benefits from involvement and active enthusiastic support of its many volunteer members. And hence, the economic contribution of the general volunteers is not recognized in this account (considered to be zero cost).

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)

None

Authority under which paid

£

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

C4a Trustee expenses

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

None

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

None

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Additional analysis (1)**Analysis of receipts and payments****1 Donations**

	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 £
Donations and Legacies	42,296	-	-	-	42,296	34,642
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	42,296	-	-	-	42,296	34,642

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2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £			Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
	-	-			-	-
	-	-			-	-
	-	-			-	-
	-	-			-	-
Total	-	-			-	-

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3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	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 £
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

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4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	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 £
Charitable activities	27,978	-	-	-	27,978	25,274
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	27,978	-	-	-	27,978	25,274

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Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	42,296	-	-	-	42,296	34,642
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	42,296	-	-	-	42,296	34,642
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	42,296	-	-	-	42,296	34,642
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Governance costs:	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	27,978	-	-	-	27,978	25,274
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	27,978	-	-	-	27,978	25,274
Net receipts / (payments)	14,317	-	-	-	14,317	9,368
Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	14,317	-	-	-	14,317	9,368
Nature and purpose of funds						

***DEBIRE SINA SAINT ARSEMA
ETHIOPIAN
ORTHODOX TEWAHIDO CHURCH***

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

EXAMINED BY: DEREJE M WORKIE

July 29, 2025

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Report to the trustees/members of
Registered charity number On the accounts of the charity for the period
Set out on pages

Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2						
Charity name Debire Sina Saint Arsema Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church (DSSEOTC)						
Registered charity number SC047823						
Period start date				Period end date		
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
01	04	2024	to	31	03	2025
					(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	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*] 1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: • 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 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.
Signed:	
Name:	
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	
Address:	

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Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

N/A

DEBIRE SINA SAINT ARSEMA ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHIDO CHURCH

Financial Statements

Statements of Financial Position & activities on March 31, 2025

DEBRE SINA ST ARSEMA ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHIDO CHURCH (DSSEOTC)

Statement of Financial Activities

For the 12 months ending 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2025	Total fund 2024
£	£	£	£	£
Income & Endowments from:				
Donations & Legacies	42,296		42,296	34,642
Charitable Activities	0	0	0	0
Investments	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	42,296	0	42,296	34,642
Expenditure on:				
Raising Funds	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities	27,978.43	0	27,978.43	25,274
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	27978.43	0	27978.43	25273.63
Net gains/(losses) on investments				
Net income/(expenditure)	14,317	0	14,317	9,368
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
Other recognised gains/(losses)	0	0	0	0
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed as	0	0	0	0
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	0	0	0	0
Actual Gain or Losses on				
defined benefit pension schemes	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in fund	14,317	0	14,317	9,368
Reconciliation of fund				
Total fund brought forward	178715	0	178715	169347
Adjusted brought forward fund			-	
Total fund carried forward	193,032	0	193,032	178,715

Note: All amount shown below is in Pound Sterling (££) unless otherwise stated differently

Accompanying Notes

The Independent Examiner

The independent examiner is not an accountant by profession; however, he has a fairly good understanding of financial auditing. He is member of the church's congregation and is elected by the general assembly to independently audit the church's financial position and report back to the general assembly and the board of trustees.

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