ST. MARINA
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH
BRISTOL

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2026

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st March 2026

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Charity Information

For the Year Ended 31st March 2026

TRUSTEES	{1}	His Eminence Metropolitan Anba Antony
	{2}	Mrs Roseline Makar
	{3}	Mr David Bebawy
	{4}	Dr Ibrahim Barsoum
	{5}	Mr Mark Galtta
	{6}	Dr Boules Morcous
	{7}	Mr Tamer Guirguis
	{8}	Mr Mina Louka

SECRETARY Mr Mark Galtta

TREASURER Mr.David Bebawy

CHARITY NUMBER 1149736

Date of Registration 13 November 2012

BANKERS

Lloyds Bank
257 Whitley Road
Whitley Bay
Tyne & Wear
NE26 2SY

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st March 2026

The trustees present their report and accounts for the period ended 31st March 2026

Trustees
The trustees named on page 2 have served throughout the period Appointment of Trustees is governed by the Trust Deed of the charity The Board of Trustees is Authorized to appoint new trustees to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of an existing trustee.

Investment Powers
The Trust Deed authorizes the trustees to make and hold investments using the general funds of the charity

Constitution, Objects and Policies
Trust Deed constitutes the Charitable Trust, and its objects are to provide worship for believers of the Coptic Orthodox Faith. The policy of the Charitable Trust continues to be the provision of additional finance in order that its objects stated above might be further achieved.

Development, Activities and Achievements
The trustees consider that the performance of the charity this period has been most satisfactory, the trust would not be able to provide such a wide service to our beneficiaries without the continued support of a large number of willing members.

Financial Review
The financial position of the charity is considered most satisfactory this year.

Future Plans
The church plans to undertake repairs to the front entrance, front garden, and address damp issues affecting the external wall.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities
The trustees are required under the constitution of the charity to prepare financial Statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its results for that period. In preparing those financial statements: -
the trustees are required to:
(a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
(b) Make judgments and estimate that are reasonable and prudent.
(c) Prepare the financial statements on a going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval
The trustees approved this report on 28/10/2026 and signed on their behalf,

Mr. Tamer Guirguis



Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St. Marina Coptic Orthodox Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of St Marina Coptic Orthodox Church, Bristol (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2026.

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 2011 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 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 2011 Act or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Accountant



Mahir Tawfig, FMAAT
Independent Examiner
Dated: 02/11/2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the period Ended 31st March 2026

	Note.	Unrestricted Funds 2026	Restricted Funds 2026	Total Funds 2025
INCOMING RESOURCES		£	£	£
Membership contribution		42,959	0	50,060
Collection & Church Boxes		1,021	0	1,055
Sales/Donation		34,555	0	32,277
Gift Aid Recovered		11,461	0	11,278
Investment Income (Interest Received)		2,811	0	3,077
Total Incoming Resources		**92,808**	**0**	**97,747**
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable expenditure				
Management and administration of the charity	1	71,599	0	69,021
Total Resources Used		**71,599**	0	**69,021**
Net Movement in Funds for the period		**21,209**	0	**28,726**
Balance Brought Forward at 1 April 2025		318,424	0	289,698
Total Funds C/F at 31 March 2026		**339,633**	0	**318,424**

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST March 2026

	Note	2026	2025
Fixed Assets		£	£
Tangible Assets	2	8506	10965
Free hold Property		160,000	160000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at Banks and in Hand		171,127	147,459
Net Assets		**339,632**	**318,424**
Funds			
Unrestricted Funds		339,633	318,424
Total Funds		**339,633**	**318,424**

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue on 28/10/2026

and signed on behalf of the Trustees by

Mr. Tamer Guirguis
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

1. Charitable Expenditure

	2026		2025	
	£		£	
Management & Administration of Charity				
Priest Accommodation, Salaries & Expenses				
Electricity, Water & Council Tax	2351		2,280	
Telephone & Tv Licence	592		336	
Service Charge	2,110		1040	
Clergy Living Expense	24,050		20300	
Travel Expenses	2,000		528	
Motor Exp	2,296		715	
Car Insurance	1,057		1522	
		34,456		26,721
Church Expenses				
Utility Bills	9,435		9,489	
Premises Insurance	3,141		8736	
Health & Safety	2,029		0	
Charitable Activities	0		3,250	
Repairs & Renewal	4,454		14,440	
Depreciation	2,459		1,332	
Sunday school/Youth	2,581		1,293	
Other Expense	2,581		3238	
Legal & Professional Fees	10,416	37,097	522	42,300
Administration Costs				
Bank Charge	46	46	0	0
Total Charitable Expenditure		71,599		69,021

2. Tangible Assets	**Free Hold Property**	**Motor Vehicle**	**Totals**
	£	**£**	**£**
Cost			
At 1 April 2025	160,000	12,297	172,297
Addition	0	0	0
At 31 March 2026	160,000	12,297	172,297
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2025	0	1332	0
Charge for the year	0	2,459	0
At 31 March 2026	0	3,791	0
Net Book Value			
At 31 March 2026	160,000	8,506	168,506
At 1 April 2025	160,000	10,965	170,965

3. Fixed Term Deposits

Two of the fixed-term deposits held during the year (opening balances £30,946.23 and £42,544.62) matured on 15 October 2025 at £31,351.09 and £43,101.22 respectively, before being reinvested. The interest realised on maturity (£404.86 and £556.60, totalling £961.46) has not been recognised in the year-end trial balance and has been added to interest Receivable for the year.

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Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP). As a small charity, St Marina Coptic Orthodox Church has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement.

Income Recognition
Voluntary income, donations, membership contributions, and other receipts are recognised when received by the charity. Income is not deferred unless it relates to future periods.

Expenditure Recognition
Expenditure is recognised when it is incurred. Management and administration costs include all expenditure not directly related to charitable activities, including governance, compliance, and operational support.

Tangible Fixed Assets
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset. Freehold property is not depreciated.

Funds Structure
All funds are unrestricted unless specifically designated or restricted by donors. Unrestricted funds are available for the general purposes of the charity.

Members of the church council who served during this period are stated below.

{1}	Mr Mark Galtta	Secretary
{2}	Mr David Bebawy	Treasurer
{3}	Dr Ibrahim Barsoum	
{4}	Mrs Rosline Markar	
{5}	Dr Boules Morcous	
{6}	Mr Tamer Guirguis	
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Mahir Tawfig

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