Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2025		31	12	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Basildon Orthodox Community
Other names charity is known by	N/A
Registered charity number (if any)	1168146
Charity's principal address	18 Crowborough Road
	Southend-on-Sea
	Essex
	Postcode SS2 6LP

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	Rev. Paul Brighton-Cross	Chair		
2	Suzanne Brighton-Cross	Secretary		
3	Susannah Anderson	Treasurer		
4	Natasha Cooke			
5	Gareth Bately	Safeguarding Officer		
6	Joshua Turner		Resigned 30/11/2025	
7	Daniel Ogles		Appointed 13/07/2025	
8	Sdn. Ross Walmsley		Appointed 13/07/2025	
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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)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 26th June 2016
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members or appointed by existing trustees

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.

Our resources are allocated to advancing the Christian Orthodox faith and to supporting those in need in our Christian Community. Decisions about individuals, groups and projects to support are made in line with our charitable objects and within the scope of the Orthodox Church. With this background, decisions are made by the Parish Priest, in agreement with the charity Trustees and the wider Church membership. The criteria we use is assessed within the wider scope of the Orthodox Church.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The objects of the CIO are:
a) To promote the Orthodox Christian faith according to the rites and traditions of the One Holy Catholic Orthodox and Apostolic Church as expressed in the Holy Scriptures, the Holy Tradition, the teachings of the seven ecumenical councils and the Holy Fathers and as preserved and taught by the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East.
b) To benefit the public in the county of Essex by the relief of poverty, sickness and distress.

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)

Basildon Orthodox Church promotes the Orthodox Christian faith through the provision of the Divine Liturgy and other forms of regular worship, prayer and instruction in the Orthodox Christian life in Basildon and the surrounding areas. The charity benefits the public through the relief of poverty, sickness and distress through the provision of prayer, funds and spiritual guidance.

Public Benefit
In planning the activities of the charity, the trustees have given consideration to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in particular to ensure that:
- There are identifiable benefits
- Benefits are to the public or a section of the public
- The benefits relate closely to the charitable objectives.

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.

It is our belief that all members of Basildon Orthodox Community are called to participate in the work and the service of the church. This is done through prayer, practical assistance and support, visiting the sick and in need, volunteering in formal 'Trustee' roles, being involved in services and through administration. Much of this work is done privately, without recognition, and the hours and value of that time cannot be quantified.

Section D Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Basildon Orthodox Community has promoted the Orthodox Christian Faith in Essex, through the provision of the Divine Liturgy and other forms of regular worship at All Saints Church in North Benfleet.

During the last calendar year, the charity has delivered 52 (weekly) Divine Liturgies on Sunday mornings, plus feast days, monthly Saturday morning Divine Liturgies, plus monthly Esperinos (Vespers) services.

We have a parish website, facebook page, priest's blog, and a parish whatsapp group; we publish a weekly e-bulletin (notices) containing topical, spiritual, and practical information and guidance on Orthodox Christian matters; and also a weekly children's e-magazine, which has an ever-growing readership. We have a parish youth group (for 18-35s).

During this period, our congregation continued to grow. Many new families have moved into the area and come or are in regular contact with us. The priest regularly visits people in their homes, and in hospital, and meets with other clergy.

This year we donated substantial monies raised through our Gift Aid income to three charities in accordance with our Charitable Objects: Safe Steps, Southend Foodbank and Welcome to the UK.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The reserve policy sets the level of reserves to be held as three months full running costs of the Church. This level of reserves is designed to provide an orderly reduction in activity should income decline for any reason.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	Nil

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.

The charity has allocated £20,000 of its reserves to a designated building fund, in order to safeguard the continuation of the charity in the event that the charity has to move from its current location at All Saint's, North Benfleet, or in the event that the building require urgent repair/maintenance to ensure it is still fit for purpose.

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)		
Full name(s)	Reverend Father P.J. Brighton-Cross	SUSANNAH ANDERSON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	TREASURER
Date	18/10/2026	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Basildon Orthodox Community	1168146

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025

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					
Voluntary receipts		-	-	-	-
-- Collections/donations	13,946	1,970	-	15,916	14,347
-- Gift aid income	4,337	-	-	4,337	2,895
-- Regular giving	10,145	-	-	10,145	10,012
-- Interest	461	-	-	461	397
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	28,889	1,970	-	30,859	27,651
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	28,889	1,970	-	30,859	27,651
A3 Payments					
Costs of charitable activities		-	-	-	-
-- Materials/supplies	143	520	-	663	544
-- Priest support	6,494	-	-	6,494	5,856
-- Insurance	275	-	-	275	275
-- Communications/website	-	-	-	-	-
-- Travel expenses	143	-	-	143	210
-- Repairs/maintainance	-	-	-	-	-
-- Outreach/Charity donation	4,335	-	-	4,335	2,895
Governance costs	2,757	-	-	2,757	2,196
Sub total	14,147	520	-	14,667	11,976
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	14,147	520	-	14,667	11,976
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,742	1,450	-	16,192	15,675
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	49,993	-	-	49,993	28,027
Cash funds this year end	64,735	1,450	-	66,185	43,702

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Cash funds	45,275	1,450	-
	Designated building funds	20,000	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	65,275	1,450	-
	(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 £
Gift aid owed	4,095	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
[signature]	SUZANNE BRIGHTON	15/10/26
[signature]	SUSAN NATHALIE CROSS	15/10/26

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of Charity Name: BASILDON ORTHODOX COMMUNITY

On accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 **Charity no** 1168146

Set out on pages Pages one (1) and two (2)

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31/12/2025.

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 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.

Signed: [signature] **Date:** 12th October 2026

Name: Martin Nsiah

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): FCCA, FFA FIPA

(Institute of Financial Accountants)

Address: MKN & Co Accountants, First Floor, 2 Market Place

London. SE16 3UQ.

Section B	Disclosure
	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.	