THE ORTHODOX ASSOCIATION OF THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS (OATS)

Registered Charity No. 1185258

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Principal office: 1 Canterbury Road, Oxford, OX2 6LU

Trustees' Annual Report

1. Reference and administrative details

The Orthodox Association of Theological Schools (OATS) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered charity number 1185258. Its principal office is in England at 1 Canterbury Road, Oxford, OX2 6LU. The governing document is the CIO constitution dated 11 September 2019.

2. Trustees serving during the year

- The Very Reverend Professor Andrew Louth (Chair)
- The Very Reverend Archpriest Stephen Platt
- The Reverend Hieromonk Tikhon Gleb Vasilyev
- Professor Mary Cunningham
- Nun Seraphima (Dr Julia Konstantinovsky)
- Dr Elizabeth Theokritoff

Professor Mary Cunningham died on 8 October 2025 and ceased to be a trustee on that date.

3. Structure, governance and management

The CIO is governed by its constitution dated 11 September 2019. Charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the administration of the CIO. Appointed charity trustees are appointed for terms of three years by resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. The constitution permits trustee decisions to be made at a meeting or by written or electronic resolution in accordance with its provisions.

4. Objects and activities

The objects of OATS are the advancement of education and the promotion of the Orthodox Christian religion and of education in the Orthodox Christian theological tradition through a programme of educational and academic activity. The constitution envisages, among other things, theological teaching and courses, lectures, seminars and conferences, scholarships and study visits, and support for higher educational institutions engaged in teaching and research relevant to the Orthodox Christian Faith.

5. Activities and public benefit during 2025

OATS undertook no organised charitable activities during the year ended 31 December 2025. It held no conferences, lectures, seminars or educational programmes and had no financial activity during the year.

In reviewing the charity's position and future plans, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Although the CIO was inactive during 2025, the trustees intend to preserve it and gradually resume activities which advance its charitable objects for the public benefit.

6. Financial review

There were no receipts and no payments during 2025. The charity had £100 of unrestricted funds brought forward from the preceding year. Accordingly, unrestricted funds of £100 are carried forward at 31 December 2025. The charity has no bank account; the £100 is held as cash on behalf of the charity.

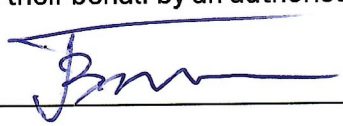
The trustees consider that no independent examination is required for the year on the basis of the charity's level of income, subject to the applicable statutory requirements.

7. Plans for future periods

The trustees intend to keep OATS registered and to explore a gradual revival of its academic and theological activities. Initial possibilities include online theological seminars, academic discussions, lectures and renewed cooperation between Orthodox theological schools, scholars and educational institutions. Any programme will be developed and approved by the trustees in light of available resources and the CIO's charitable objects.

8. Approval

The Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the charity trustees on 26 October 2026 and signed on their behalf by an authorised trustee.

Signed: 

Name: The Reverend Hieromonk Tikhon Gleb Vasilyev

Position: Trustee

Date: 26 October 2026

OATS - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Receipts	2025 (£)
Donations and legacies	0
Other receipts	0
Total receipts	0
Payments	
Charitable activities	0
Governance / administration	0
Other payments	0
Total payments	0
Net receipts / (payments)	0

Unrestricted funds brought forward at 1 January 2025: £100

Unrestricted funds carried forward at 31 December 2025: £100

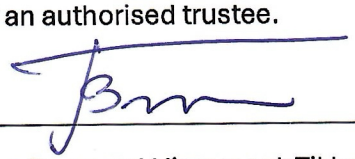
Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2025

Assets	£
Cash held on behalf of the charity	100
Total assets	100
Liabilities	0
Net assets	100
Represented by unrestricted funds	100

The charity maintained no bank account during the year. The £100 cash balance represents unrestricted funds carried forward from previous years.

Trustee approval of accounts

These accounts were approved by the charity trustees on 26 October 2026 and signed on their behalf by an authorised trustee.

Signed: 

Name: The Reverend Hieromonk Tikhon Gleb Vasilyev

Date: 26 October 2026