



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2025

Charity name: GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS (GOC) IN BIRMINGHAM

Charity registration number: 507769

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>A) To preserve and spread Orthodox Christian Faith and traditions as included in the Holy Bible.</p> <p>B) The spiritual and sacramental services to the faithful members of the church of Genuine Orthodox Christians.</p> <p>C) The strengthening and protection, through charitable deeds, of brothers in Christ of the parish who are in need of social and financial help.</p> <p>To preserve and keep all of the Holy Canons of the Orthodox faith, as well as all the written and unwritten traditions which were handed down to us by our predecessors, the Apostles and Holy fathers of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, so that we in turn may do the same for the next generation of Christians.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Religious Activities - Church services and spiritual education.</p> <p>The Church provides regular public worship for all and premises which serve the wider community. In carrying out these activities the Church has careful regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.</p> <p>Fundraising Aims - To develop fund raising events for charity and for property maintenance.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and planning the Trust's future activities.</p>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

**Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>We continue our ongoing attempt to restore and maintain our buildings, which are our places of worship, as our property is approximately 180 years old. During the year, we continued to refurbish the Church hall.</p> <p>Services on Sunday have continued as and when permitted in line with the Government's coronavirus lockdown guidance.</p> <p>We have established an annual church event which has become a tradition who shone forth for the Genuine Orthodox Church of the British Isles. A Feast Day which is dedicated to the celebration of the All-Saints who shone forth in the British Isles. It is our hope that with events such as this, our humble parish will grow spiritually and grow in numbers of believers.</p>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The Charity's income has increased to £62,096 (as of 31 March 2025) compared to £58,197 (As on 31/03/2024). This is primarily the result of increase in cash and cheque donations along with regular bank donations.</p> <p>The Charity's expenditure has decreased as well from £45,086 (as on 31 March 2024) to £54,439. This is mainly driven by decrease in the wages.</p> <p>The Charity achieved a net surplus of £7,656.52 mainly due to the increase in donations.</p> <p>The Charity's cash reserves have increased to £3,261.</p> <p>The Trustees give regard to the progress made in the refurbishment of main Church hall, the community projects undertaken, as well as the aforementioned financial performance indicators when assessing the charity's success in fulfilling its objects.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	There is no formal reserves policy as the funds mainly relate to property, fixtures and equipment. A small amount of cash is held at the bank for future maintenance and running costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5,268
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The Charity receives donations throughout the year and plans its key objectives and activities accordingly. The Charity is also considering other measures to increase income such as planning fund raising events.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any	Para 1.46	

social investment policy adopted		
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Deed of Constitution dated 24 June 2014
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Charitable incorporated organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected by members

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS (GOC) IN BIRMINGHAM
Other name the charity uses	The Genuine orthodox Church, St Constantine and Helen Church and Chapel of St Nektarios
Registered charity number	507769
Charity's principal address	Genuine Orthodox Christians Church. Holy Metropolis of Mercia, Station Road, Erdington. Birmingham, West Midlands, UK. Post Code - B23 6UB

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Alexander Eleftheriou			
2	Xenophon Joannou			
3	Tony Ermoyenous			
4	Kyriakos Joannou			
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Alexander Eleftheriou	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Vice president	
<b>Date</b>	29/01/2026	



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS (GOC)	507769
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Cash and Cheque donations	-	-	-	-	4,513
Rental income	17,770	-	-	17,770	12,550
Regular Bank donations	44,326	-	-	44,326	40,133
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>62,096</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,096</b>	<b>57,196</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Bank Loan received	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>62,096</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,096</b>	<b>57,196</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bank Charges	288.44	-	-	288.44	232.99
Materials	-	-	-	-	-
Charity Donation	216.00	-	-	216.00	216.00
Church Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Fathers Wages	6,890.00	-	-	6,890.00	6,460.00
Light & Heat	12,343.73	-	-	12,343.73	11,503.65
Office and Stationary	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Priest Wages	27,121.04	-	-	27,121.04	18,362.52
Pension	316.80	-	-	316.80	249.60
Legal & Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Repair and Maintenance	-	-	-	-	1,061.73
Telecommunications	3,303.01	-	-	3,303.01	2,622.73
Insurance	3,263.73	-	-	3,263.73	4,376.82
Sundry Expenses	696.00	-	-	696.00	-
Marketing	-	-	-	-	-
Accountancy Fee	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>54,439</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,439</b>	<b>45,086</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Purchase Of Car	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>54,439</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,439</b>	<b>45,086</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>7,657</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,657</b>	<b>12,110</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>7,657</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,657</b>	<b>12,110</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Royal bank of Scotland Current AC	3,020	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>3,020</b>	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		Agreement Error	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Property	Unrestricted	-	800,000
	Fixtures and Fittings	Unrestricted	-	100,000
	Motor Car	Unrestricted	-	12,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	0.00
	Bank Loan		15,864	37,430.57
	Accountancy Provision		-	900.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00

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

Signature	Name	Date of approval
	Alexander Eleftheriou	29/01/2026



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS (GOC) IN BIRMINGHAM

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 MARCH 2025

Charity no (if  
any)

507769

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached..

Signed:

Date:

29/01/2026

Name:

Jaspal Bharj

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

ACCA

Address:

51 Vittoria Street

Birmingham, United Kingdom

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.**

