



# **The Greek Orthodox Parish of Saint Matthew Aberdeen SCIO SC051948**

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

**For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**



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The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

### **Charity Trustees**

Athanasios Kitsios

Fr. John Behr

Nicholas Kot

Sophia Theodoratos (resignation effective 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2025)

### **Charity contact information**

The Greek Orthodox Parish of Saint Matthew Aberdeen SCIO

(Also known by "Saint Matthew Aberdeen SCIO" name)

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## Structure, Governance and Management

### Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 22 August 2022. It has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are the members of the charity.

Charity Trusteeship is open to;

- any person aged 16 or over; and
- who has been nominated for Trusteeship by the Parish Council of The Greek Orthodox Parish of Saint Matthew Aberdeen community,

who subscribes to the purposes of the organisation and wishes to see them fulfilled.

No person is recruited during the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2025 Year End period.

### Objectives and activities

The Greek Orthodox Parish of Saint Matthew Aberdeen SCIO objectives are:

- to advance the Greek Orthodox religion, and in furtherance of this by;
- making available a place of worship for the Greek Orthodox community of Aberdeen and the surrounding area;
- promoting opportunities for the observance and practise of the Greek Orthodox religion;
- working in partnership with other bodies to achieve its purposes.

The main activities involve receiving donations, grants and raising funds in relation to the above purposes.

In addition, the Charity receives cause-specific donations for our 'Church Fund', so that a church building is purchased, maintained and improved in order to become available as a place of worship for the Greek Orthodox community of Aberdeen and the surrounding area.

The Charity also receives cause-specific donations for a 'Philoptochos Fund' aiming to support the poor and those in actual need of emergency financial help, at the Charity's discretion.

## **Achievements and performance**

Following the purchase of Nigg Parish Church building to develop it as its permanent place of worship in Aberdeen and the surrounding areas, the Charity continued with a programme of immediate maintenance works.

A consultant was hired to conduct an inspection of and produce an Asbestos Refurbishment & Demolition Survey Report. It was reported that the floor tiles at the rear entrance, Ladies and Gents have been identified as being an asbestos containing vinyl. The health risk associated to these vinyl floor tiles is very low. Work on asbestos vinyl is normally categorised as a non-licensed, meaning that it is not mandatory to engage a licensed contractor to work upon it or to remove it.

The Charity also invited Architects to provide quotations for the Concept Design (up to RIBA Stage 2), select an Architect and subsequently engaged a Quality Surveyor, a Mechanical & Electrical and a Structural Engineering firm to provide relevant budgetary costs.

In addition, a scaffolding tower was purchased to allow access to the Bell Tower for a 3D Dimension Survey to be conducted.

Lastly, a Grant was made toward the restoration of the Thyateira House (5 Craven Hill, W2 3EN), home of The Greek Orthodox

Archdiocese Of Thyateira And Great Britain upon a Paschal Appeal by Archbishop Nikitas.

## Financial review

Table 1 below, present the breakdown of the financial performance of the Charity for the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 Year End period (Note: Figures are rounded to the nearest GBP).

**Table 1 – Breakdown of the Financial Performance of the Charity**

All Values in GBP (£)	Unrestricted	Restricted	Grand Total
<b>Church Fund</b>		<b>5863</b>	<b>5863</b>
Eponymous Donation		5863	5863
<b>Donations</b>	<b>9172</b>		<b>9172</b>
Anonymous Donation	6267		6267
Eponymous Donation	2905		2905
<b>Grants &amp; Donations</b>		<b>-50</b>	<b>-50</b>
Payments		-50	-50
<b>Philoptochos Fund</b>		<b>290</b>	<b>290</b>
Eponymous Donation		290	290
<b>Charitable Activities</b>	<b>-1633</b>	<b>-5287</b>	<b>-6920</b>
Church Fund		-5287	-5287
Payments	-1783		-1783
Receipts	150		150
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7539</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>8355</b>

## Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The policy for holding reserves is developed based on past recurring expenses and is set to £5,000. It is intended to review the reserve policy annually and adjust on a multiple of average expenses.

## Future plans

The Charity intends to continue engaging professionals with the aim to restore the Nigg Parish church to a place of worship for the Greek Orthodox community of Aberdeen and the surrounding area.

The Charity intends to continue with its programme of immediate maintenance works, while progressing up to RIBA Stages 3 and 4 for Planning & Building Warrant Level Information respectively.

For Health and Safety reasons, the Charity intends to remove all asbestos containing materials, as those governed by the Control of Asbestos regulations 2012 including non-licensed products, by hiring suitably trained contractors who know how to handle, contain, transport and dispose all asbestos materials and waste.

The Charity will continue to collaborate with the Parish council of The Greek Orthodox Parish of Saint Matthew Aberdeen community for the furtherance of its purposes.

Lastly, the Charity will continue to pursue receipt of grants and donations from a variety of sources, both private and public.

## Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Print name

Athanasios Kitsios

Designation

Convenor

Date

31/01/2026