

GREEK CATHEDRAL  
AGHIA SOPHIA



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## CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023

Dear members and devoted congregants of the Greek Cathedral of the Divine Wisdom,

May this letter find you and your families surrounded by the warmth and joy of the Christmas season. As we approach the end of the year, we extend our heartfelt wishes for a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with God's grace.

As custodians of the Grade 1 listed Cathedral of the Divine Wisdom, we find ourselves compelled to reach out to you with a sincere appeal for your support. Maintaining this magnificent edifice entails significant costs and complexities, especially given the ever-evolving and stringent regulations we must adhere to.

We understand that 2023 has been a challenging year for many, with ongoing conflicts and economic hardships affecting lives globally. Nevertheless, we wish to express our gratitude for your unwavering support throughout these trying times. Despite the adversities, your dedication has allowed us to undertake vital projects within the Cathedral premises. These include, the fireproofing of the Presbytery, upgrading the fire alarm system to cover our whole premises and carrying out an audit to improve access to the Cathedral for the mobility impaired.

Looking ahead to 2024, our plans include the completion of the refurbishment of the pews, the improvement of our sound system and essential maintenance works to the Cathedral windows and Cross. These endeavours are vital to preserving and enhancing the splendour of St Sophia. Together with our regular fixed costs, such as insurance premiums, staff salaries, maintenance contracts and daily running expenses for events and services, our outgoings this year are expected to reach close to £425,000.

In the spirit of this Christmas season, we kindly ask for your contributions to support these ongoing efforts. Any amount you can contribute will be deeply welcomed and greatly appreciated.

For those who prefer to pay by BACS, please use the following details:

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If you choose to pay by cheque, please make it payable to GREEK CATHEDRAL ST SOPHIA.

For further inquiries, our Cathedral Administrator, Katerina Georgiadis, can be reached via email at [info@stsophia.org.uk](mailto:info@stsophia.org.uk)

As we come together to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we extend our deepest thanks for your love, generosity and continued support. May the spirit of Christmas fill your hearts with peace, and may the coming year bring you abundant blessings.

Wishing you and your loved ones a truly Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With warm regards and love in the Lord,

The Greek Cathedral of the Divine Wisdom (Aghia Sophia)