

# ST GREGORIOS INDIAN (MALAN KARA) ORTHODOX CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1000423

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1990-09-26

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FAITH

**Activities:** for the relief of people in need

Kerala,IndiaEducation/TrainingMedical/Health/SicknessDisabilityRelief of Poverty,Famine reliefReligious activities,Sport/recreationEconomic/Community development/Employment

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- India
- Lewisham

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£253,885	£287,689	-	-
2024-03-31	£243,000	£213,000	-	-
2023-03-31	£212,308	£225,193	-	-
2022-03-31	£150,373	£145,391	-	-
2021-03-31	£130,000	£114,000	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Bijoy Pulickal Thomas		2025-04-01
Dr Thomas Oommen		2025-04-01
George Jacob Thengumtharayil		2023-04-01
Jacob Parakkala Mathew		2024-04-01
Jomon John		2025-04-01
Joseph Mathew		2025-04-01
Melbin Philip		2025-04-01
Rev Nithin Prasad Koshy Fr		2022-03-01
Roys Philip		2025-04-01
Shyno Oommen Thomas		2025-04-01

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	April	2024		Day31	March	2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **ST.GREGORIOS INDIAN (MALANKARA) ORTHODOX CHURCH. LONDON**

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) **1000423**

Charity's principal address

St. Gregorios Church,  
Cranfield Road  
London  
Postcode **SE4 1UF**

### 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	Fr. Nithin Prasad Koshy	Chair		Diocesan Bishop
2	Mr.Jacob Parakkala Mathew	Treasurer		General body
3	Mr. George Jacob Thengumtharayil	Secretary		General body
4	Mr. Saji Jacob	Trustee		General body
5	Mr N M Thomas	Trustee		General body
6	Mr. Baiju Daniel	Trustee		General body
7	Mr. Jose Panicker	Trustee		General body
8	Mrs. Seny Jones	Trustee		General body
9	Mr. Sisan Chacko	Ex- Officio		General body
10	Mr. Biju Kochunnooni	Ex- Officio		General body
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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)**

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity’s trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Governing documents as Constitution passed by the church 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 1989
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Society
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected managing committee members are the 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.

Trustees are elected from the eligible members at the Annual General Body meeting in March each year, which is followed by a joint meeting between the outgoing trustees and the incoming trustees. The formal handover of the reports and accounts takes place in this joint meeting as well as a briefing is given to new trustees emphasising their duties and responsibilities.

The Indian Orthodox Church, also known as the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, is an Autocephalous Orthodox Church with its central office in the Indian state of Kerala. The IOC is autonomous church and headed by the Catholicose. Its present primate is Baselios Mar Thoma Paulose III, Catholicose of the East. The structure of St. Gregorios Church, London is also episcopal polity. Churches in UK, Europe and African Diocese is currently under pastoral care of diocesan bishop His Grace Abraham Mar Stephanos

The chairperson of the charity is the Vicar, who is normally appointed by the Diocesan Bishop for a period of three years.

Trustees are the managing committee members. Their term of office is one year. The managing committee is responsible for maintenance of the church and day to day administration. The trustees meet at least once a month. Risks are mitigated by a careful evaluation and budgeting of the income and expenditure at the start of the financial year. Misuse of funds and church property are safeguarded by strict adherence to the rules and regulations by all the trustees and church members.

**Section C Objectives and activities**

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

The principal object of the charity is advancement of Christian religion and particularly Orthodox faith, enabling as many people as possible to worship in our church and become part of our parish community.

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The church offered a range of services over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually uplifting.

### **Ecumenical Relationships.**

The church is a member of the Churches together in Britain and Ireland and Oriental Orthodox Churches and Brockley local churches.

The Church encourages all members to take part in the church activities in some form or the other. The large gathering of the faithful in these events imparts positive network of family and friends within a spiritual atmosphere enhances personal, socio-cultural and spiritual development.

### **St Patrons Day – 10th Nov 2024**

London Indian Orthodox church is named after St Gregorios of Parumala or Parumala Thirumani. St. Gregorios of Parumala, born in 1848 in Kerala, India, exhibited early signs of spirituality and dedicated his life to the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church. This year's auspicious occasion of Parumala Perunal, H.G. Seraphim Thirumani, was our chief guest of the Patron's day celebration. The memorial feast of Saint Geevarghese Mar Gregorios or Parumala Thirumani is started on 3rd November 2024 with Perunal Kodiyetu, followed by various spiritual organisations meeting including Young couples, senior citizens, youth and MMVS. The Perunal Retreat was conducted on 3rd November, led by Fr. Mobin Varghese. On 9th November, the Parish members participated in the Perunal Padayathra in the morning, followed by Punya Smrithi in the evening. On the 10<sup>th</sup> November, Perunal was made even more attractive with the vibrant Chendamalam and witnessed huge participation from believers of Parumala Thirumani from different parishes across the UK. The Perunal concluded with a final Benediction, a fellowship meal, and the ceremonial flag lowering.

### **Charitable activities.**

In addition to advancing Christian religious faith, the church supports variety of charity work. In the reporting year a total of Nine Thousand Seven hundred and five British Pounds were dispersed to various charitable activities in India and U.K. Food bank for local community needs were undertaken with the generous contribution of the members.. The policy on grants is very transparent. The application for grants are thoroughly vetted by the trustees and vicar and an appropriate amount is allocated based on the circumstances without any involvement of a third party agency and thus avoiding any overhead expenses.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## **Section D**

## **Achievements and performance**

### CHRISTMAS CAROL

The Youth members orchestrated a heartwarming door-to-door Christmas carol event in the Kent area, home to the St. Marys prayer group. Gathering in front of the church and parsonage, approximately 60 participants embarked on a joyous journey in cars through the neighbourhood, spreading festive cheer with traditional carols and merry melodies. Their caravan of goodwill made stops at around 20 houses, where their harmonious tunes were met with warm receptions and generous donations. The collective effort resulted in a total contribution of approximately £1000.00 for the church, showcasing the community's spirit of giving and solidarity during the holiday season

### BAITHO-6<sup>th</sup> July 2024 ( Day Out in Summer)

The Baitho event was held at St James Marthoma Church , Eltham and was attended by around 250 members. The day began with morning prayers and the lighting of the lamp by Fr. Nithin Prasad Koshy, followed by a keynote speech from Fr. Sojan of the Marthoma Church. The youth arranged an engaging ice breaker session, setting a joyful tone for

the day. Numerous outdoor activities, including cricket, badminton, football, various games, and tug of war, were organized for all age groups. The children especially enjoyed the bouncy castle. Throughout the day, participants were provided with breakfast, lunch, and dinner, as well as evening refreshments. After lunch, indoor activities such as musical chairs and Anthakshari were held, adding to the fun and excitement. Medals were awarded to all participants, and the winners of the Tug of War received Nadan (Kerala) Pazhakulas, which stood out as an interesting and exciting prize. The event concluded with an evening prayer, leaving everyone with a sense of community and joy. The SGIOC London MGOCSM/Youth members worked diligently to make the event colourful and entertaining for all. The coordinator for the event, Mr. Vincent Mathew, played a pivotal role in ensuring its success.

#### FLAVOURS OF GIVING (BIRIYANI CHALLENGE)

Youth wing orchestrated a heartwarming event called "Flavours of Giving," a charity initiative held within the church premises. The centrepiece of the event was the sale of delectable boxes of chicken biriyani, each priced at £7, providing attendees with a Savory treat while contributing to a noble cause. Thanks to a generous sponsorship of £1300.00, the biriyani was procured and prepared with care, ensuring a delicious culinary experience for all participants. The event proved to be a resounding success, with over 270 biriyani boxes sold, and the collective efforts of the community resulted in an impressive charity profit of approximately £2157.00. Through this exemplary display of generosity and unity, OCYM London demonstrated their unwavering commitment to serving those in need and making a positive impact within their local community

#### PARISH DAY 2024

We celebrated Parish Day on Saturday, 12th October 2024, at Harris Academy, Kendra Hall Road, South Croydon. The event, coordinated by Mr. George Jacob, began with a prayer and the lighting of the lamp by Vicar Fr. Nithin Prasad Koshy. This year's Parish Day was highlighted by a musical treat from Grace Voices, led by Mr. Wilson Piravom. The event featured a variety of cultural programs, including dances and songs performed by children, youths, and older adults from our church. It was a vibrant event organized by various spiritual organizations within our church. The visual appeal of Parish Day was enhanced by an LED screen that showcased the various cultural performances, including dance, skits, and songs. A special highlight was a well-prepared skit performed by our youth team. Participants were served delicious food, including snacks, making the day even more enjoyable.

#### FOOD BANK

As a service to our local community, instead of donating canned and non-perishable food donated by parish members, this year the Church has donated £1000 to the Lewisham council food bank as a local charity.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The church has membership of nearly 290 families, many of whom are residents in other part of U.K but our services are open to all, We enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. There were 4 baptisms, and through baptism we thank God for the gift of life.

The Church realizes that the children are the foundations of the future society and hence great emphasis is given to provide for the development of their character enabling them to achieve and contribute to the society.

Regular Sunday school classes were conducted every Sunday for the children. The school follows the curriculum of the Orthodox Sunday school Association of the East. The curriculum focuses on lessons and thoughts from the Bible, history and traditions of the Church, prayers and offices of liturgy as well as activities including singing and drama, to promote self-development and social interaction. Through this, the Sunday School aims to provide a proper understanding of human values and how the Christian way of life can provide a caring and compassionate outlook to the society.

The church lays strong emphasis in the organizing of the Orthodox Vacation Bible School. This is an intensive programme aimed towards the children. Church members volunteer to organize the various activities as a part of the programme. OVBS itself is centred around the children of our church, with the aim of teaching them about our Orthodox faith & deepening theirs. The youth helped with several activities during the day, starting with icebreakers. We separated all the kids and parents into groups of 4 around the church and played several games with them. In addition, personality development sessions were held for the benefit of the young children. We have developed our Safeguarding Policy a mandatory requirement and the volunteers who deal with children are all vetted by CRB checks

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Total receipts of funds were £253,885 and total expenses were £287,689  
The policy of the church is to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £25,000 to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**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.

Principal source of the funds of the church is from voluntary contributions of membership and donations.  
The expenditure is budgeted ,spread in proportion to the needs of the various activities

## 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

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Mr. Jacob Parakkala Mathew	Mr. George Jacob Thengumtharayil
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Authorised person	

**Date** 31/12/2025



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary Subscription	77,155			77,155	63,899
Voluntary Donations	82,340	15,426		97,766	109,143
Activities for generation of funds	24,046			24,046	26,666
Gift Aid HMRC	47,207			47,207	41,396
Cultural events				-	
Sundry (Property)				-	
Sunday School	2,896			2,896	1,959
Interest/refunds	4,815			4,815	211
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>238,459</b>	<b>15,426</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>253,885</b>	<b>243,274</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>238,459</b>	<b>15,426</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>253,885</b>	<b>243,274</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Wages ( NI, Taxes)	14,173			14,173	14,140
Grants and Donations	10,000			10,000	
Mission of Congregation	9,705			9,705	12,062
Property Maintenance	32,503			32,503	21,618
Running costs	105,828			105,828	93,414
Stationery, Printing, Utilities	3,129			3,129	1,464
Cost of fund raising	4,113			4,113	3,251
Cultural events	12,554			12,554	8,889
Ecumenical & Organisational	10,300			10,300	5,000
Travel reimbursement	1,196			1,196	1,123
St. Andrews Church					
Diocese Clergy, visiting dignitaries	38,524			38,524	11,855
Sundry school activities	5,936			5,936	2,677
Vicars ex gratia, solicitors fees, visa,	3,956			3,956	
Parsonage mortgage, expenses, bills	35,772			35,772	37,754
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>287,689</b>			<b>287,689</b>	<b>213,247</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
Parsonage Purchase			-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>287,689</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>287,689</b>	<b>213,247</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 49,230</b>	<b>15,426</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 33,804</b>	<b>30,027</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>102,736</b>	<b>47,521</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150,257</b>	<b>120,135</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>53,506</b>	<b>62,947</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>116,453</b>	<b>150,162</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash Funds	13,842		-
	Reserve Fund	86,440	746	-
	Icons, Puthuran etc		15,426	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b> (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	<b>100,282</b>	<b>16,172</b>	<b>-</b>
		Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	St. Gregorios Church Building		1,000,000	1,250,000
	Parsonage		395,000	420,000
	Furniture and Fixtures		35,000	20,000
	Other assets for church services		10,000	900
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	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	
		Mr Jacob Parakkala Mathew	30/11/2025	



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

ST,GREGORIOS' INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, LONDON

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/03/2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1000423

Set out on pages

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3(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities  
of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent  
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

Name:

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

Address:

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CHRISTMAS EVENT [MILLIONAIRE QUIZ]

On behalf of the Youth wing London, we are excited to reminisce about the heartwarming festivities of Nuhro 2023, an event that epitomized the spirit of giving, joy, and community. Amidst the backdrop of Christmas cheer, OCYM London orchestrated a delightful musical performance, infusing the air with the enchanting melodies that herald the holiday season. However, the true highlight of the evening was the innovative charity initiative presented by OCYM London – Ningalkum Akaam Kodeeswaran, affectionately known as Who Wants to Be a Millionaire. With a noble aim to combine entertainment with philanthropy, OCYM London's core committee took the reins in hosting this charitable quiz show, with the gracious participation of Mr. Jerin Jacob and Mrs. Anu Jerin.

FLAVOURS OF GIVING (BIRIYANI CHALLENGE)

Youth wing orchestrated a heartwarming event called "Flavours of Giving," a charity initiative held within the church premises. The centrepiece of the event was the sale of delectable boxes of chicken biriyani, each priced at £5, providing attendees with a Savory treat while contributing to a noble cause. To streamline the process, a food coupon system was ingeniously implemented, allowing individuals to purchase coupons in advance for 43 their desired servings. Thanks to a generous sponsorship of £1000.00, the biriyani was procured and prepared with care, ensuring a delicious culinary experience for all participants. The event proved to be a resounding success, with over 300 biriyani boxes sold, and the collective efforts of the community resulted in an impressive charity profit of approximately £1600.00. Through this exemplary display of generosity and unity, OCYM London demonstrated their unwavering commitment to serving those in need and making a positive impact within their local community

PARISH DAY 2023

We celebrated Parish Day on Saturday, 21st October 2023, at Townley Grammar School, Bexleyheath. The event, coordinated by Mr. Melbin Philip, began with a prayer and the lighting of the lamp by Vicar Fr. Nithin Prasad Koshy and Fr. Shyju Mathai. This year's Parish Day was highlighted by a musical treat from Grace Voices, led by Fr. Shyju Mathai and Grace Kochamma. The event featured a variety of cultural programs, including dances and songs performed by children, youths, and older adults from our church. It was a vibrant event organized by various spiritual organizations within our church. The visual appeal of Parish Day was enhanced by an LED screen that showcased the various cultural performances, including dance, skits, and songs. A special highlight was a well-prepared skit performed by our youth team. Participants were served delicious food, including snacks, making the day even more enjoyable.

FOOD BANK

As a service to our local community, instead of donating canned and non-perishable food donated by parish members, this year the Church has donated £1000 to the Lewisham council food bank as a local charity.

## Section E Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Total receipts of funds were £243,274 and total expenses were £213,247  
 The policy of the church is to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £25,000 to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

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- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

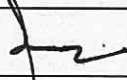
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 The expenditure is budgeted ,spread in proportion to the needs of the various activities

## 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

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Mr. Sisan Chacko	Mr. Biju Kochunnooni
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Authorised person	
<b>Date</b>	31/12/2024	



ST.GREGORIOS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH ,LONDON No (if any)  
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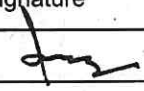
**Receipts and payments accounts**

<b>For the period from</b>	<b>Period start date</b> 01/04/2023	<b>To</b>	<b>Period end date</b> 31/03/2024
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b> to the nearest £	<b>Restricted funds</b> to the nearest £	<b>Endowment funds</b> to the nearest £	<b>Total funds</b> to the nearest £	<b>Last year</b> to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary Subscription	63,899			63,899	52,917
Voluntary Donations	109,143			109,143	108,228
Activities for generation of funds	26,666			26,666	20,282
Gift Aid HMRC	41,396			41,396	26,828
Cultural events				-	
Sundry (Property)				-	
Sunday School	1,959			1,959	3,699
Interest/refunds	211			211	354
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>243,274</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>243,274</b>	<b>212,308</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>243,274</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>243,274</b>	<b>212,308</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Wges ( NI, Taxes)	14,140			14,140	15,142
Grants and Donations					
Mission of Congregation	12,062			12,062	8,417
Property Maintenance	21,618			21,618	45,750
Running costs	93,414			93,414	77,952
Stationery ,Printing, Utilities	1,464			1,464	1,245
Cost of fund raising	3,251			3,251	2,262
Cultural events	8,889			8,889	6,935
Ecumenical & Organisational	5,000			5,000	5,000
Travel reimbursement	1,123			1,123	2,306
St.Andrews Church					8,200
Diocese Clergy, visiting dignatories	11,855			11,855	15,295
Sundy school activities	2,677			2,677	4,871
Vicars exgratia,solicitors fees,visa,					
Parsonage mortgage, expenses,bills	37,754			37,754	31,818
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>213,247</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>213,247</b>	<b>225,193</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Parsonage Purchase			-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>213,247</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>213,247</b>	<b>225,193</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>30,027</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,027</b>	<b>- 12,885</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>72,709</b>	<b>47,521</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120,230</b>	<b>133,020</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>102,736</b>	<b>47,521</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150,257</b>	<b>120,135</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>	Cash Funds	31,612	20,702	-
	Reserve Fund	81,771	746	-
	Icons, Puthuran etc		15,426	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>113,383</b>	<b>36,874</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	St. Gregorios Church Building		1,000,000	1,250,000
	Parsonage		395,000	420,000
	Furniture and Fixtures		35,000	20,000
	Other assets for church services		10,000	900
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	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	
		Mr. Sisan Chacko	31/12/2024	



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

ST,GREGORIOS' INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, LONDON

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/03/2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1000423

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Respective responsibilities  
of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent  
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
 have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

*Mathew*

Date:

31/12/2024

Name:

MATHEW GEORGE

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

N/A

Address:

61 GROVELANDS ROAD, ORPINGTON, BR53EG

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

**ST GREGORIOS INDIAN (MALAN KARA) ORTHODOX CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1000423

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 01	April	2022		Day31	March	2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **ST. GREGORIOS INDIAN (MALANKARA) ORTHODOX CHURCH. LONDON**

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1000423

Charity's principal address

St. Gregorios Church,  
Cranfield Road  
London  
Postcode **SE4 1UF**

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity				
SI No	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint (if any)
1	Fr. Nithin Prasad Koshy	Chair		Diocesan Bishop
2	Mr. Vincent Alexander Mathew	Trustee (Secretary)		General body
3	Mr. Joseph George	Trustee (Treasurer)		General body
4	Mr. Sunny Daniel	Trustee		General body
5	Mr. Benny Varghese	Trustee		General body
6	Mr. Roy Thomas	Trustee		General body
7	Mr. Binu Mathew	Trustee		General body
8	Mr. Jobin George	Trustee	Until Dec-22	General body
9	Mrs. Beena Mathew	Trustee		General body
10	Mr. Shainu Mathew	Trustee	Until Dec-22	General body
11	Mr. Jacob Parakkala Mathew	Ex-officio		General body
12	Mr. Roys Philip	Ex-officio		General Body
13	Mr. Sabu koshy	Internal Auditor		General body

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)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Governing documents as Constitution passed by the church 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 1989
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Society
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected managing committee members are the 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.

Trustees are elected from the eligible members at the Annual General Body meeting in March each year, which is followed by a joint meeting between the outgoing trustees and the incoming trustees. The formal handover of the reports and accounts takes place in this joint meeting as well as a briefing is given to new trustees emphasising their duties and responsibilities.

The Indian Orthodox Church, also known as the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, is an Autocephalous Orthodox Church with its central office in the Indian state of Kerala. The IOC is autonomous church and headed by the Catholicose. Its present primate is Baselios Mar Thoma Paulose II, Catholicose of the East. The structure of St. Gregorios Church, London is also episcopal polity. Churches in UK, Europe and African Diocese is currently under pastoral care of diocesan bishop His Grace Abraham Mar Stephanos

The chairperson of the charity is the Vicar, who is normally appointed by the Diocesan Bishop for a period of three years.

Trustees are the managing committee members. Their term of office is one year. The managing committee is responsible for maintenance of the church and day to day administration. The trustees meet at least once a month.

Risks are mitigated by a careful evaluation and budgeting of the income and expenditure at the start of the financial year. Misuse of funds and church property are safeguarded by strict adherence to the rules and regulations by all the trustees and church members.

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

The principal object of the charity is advancement of Christian religion and particularly Orthodox faith, enabling as many people as possible to worship in our church and become part of our parish community.

The primary objective of the St. Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church is the manifestation of faith in the Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) in accordance with the Apostolic and ancient traditions of the Malankara Orthodox Church. Our services and worship put faith in to practice through prayer and scripture and sacraments. The church shall enter into any activity to provide for the religious, educational and cultural needs as proper to the life of a Parish Church with the approval of the appropriate authorities and also benefiting the wider community.

**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)**

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish, through the Holy Eucharist, learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus Christ. The church as followers of Christ, tries to carry out the mission given to us by caring for the marginalised, less fortunate in the society. The disabled, diseased deprived people are supported with humble efforts.

Holy Eucharist is celebrated all Sundays and on every main Christian festival such as Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Christmas, enabling people from all communities join these services. For the convenience of the worshippers, simultaneous services are held at St. Margaret Patten's Church Road Lane, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1HS until December 2022.

Pastoral care is an integral part of the whole ministry of the Church. Having a great variety of expressions, it focuses appropriately on the needs of individuals and social groups within the Church and wider community, irrespective of religious and cultural barriers.

The church offered a range of services over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually uplifting.

### **Ecumenical Relationships.**

The church is a member of the Churches together in Britain and Ireland and Oriental Orthodox Churches and Brockley local churches.

The Church encourages all members to take part in the church activities in some form or the other. The large gathering of the faithful in these events imparts positive network of family and friends within a spiritual atmosphere enhances personal, socio-cultural and spiritual development.

### **Charitable activities.**

In addition to advancing Christian religious faith, the church supports variety of charity work. In the reporting year, the church celebrated various events and activities.

### **St Patrons Day – 6th Nov 2022**

Parumala Thirumeni's Perunal is an important event in the church calendar and this year's. Perunal was extra special as our Guest of Honor for the event was H.G. Abraham Mar Stephanos who was newly elected as the Bishop of UK, Europe & Africa diocese. H.G. Abraham Mar Stephanos had previously served the church as the vicar and was instrumental in purchasing the present premises and hence it was a privilege to have H.G. Abraham Mar Stephanos to lead us to the Perunal programme. It was decided by the Managing Committee that the Felicitation ceremony of his grace will also be undertaken to recognize the efforts taken by the Thirumeni during his days as a priest for the church.

Various programmes were scheduled for the different church groups and had a good participation of church members. The padayatra started in different areas, were well organized by the prayer group members and were received by H.G. Abraham Mar Stephanos. After the holy Qurbana on 6th Nov'22 we invited H.E Archbishop Anglos and H.E Rt. Rev Christopher Chessun to the felicitation ceremony of H.G Abraham Mar Stephanos.

**Holy Week** – Our Church celebrated the Holy week from 10th – 16th April '22 Holy week services were conducted. We had a very blessed Holy Week. Holy Liturgical Service was conducted at Brockley church led by Rev. Fr Nithin Prasad Koshy.

### **Social and Fund-Raising Events**

The Youths in the church had organized a Cake Sale Event to raise money for the victims of the Turkish-Syrian earthquakes. This was a good event, and it was nice to see all the members of the church working together to raise money - especially in a post-COVID environment, since we hadn't had such an event for a long time. We made about £300 in donations, and this amount was transferred to the Diocesan relief fund.

Food bank for local community needs were undertaken with the generous contribution of the members.

In addition to advancing Christian religious faith, the church supports variety of charity work.

St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church had generated GBP 20,282 through various Charity events and Donations.

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making.
- policy programme related investment.
- contribution made by volunteers.

Our church had donated money for various causes and individuals. Following are the details of Charity Disbursements done by our church for the financial year 2022-23.

Hospital Charity Assistance	£1,000
Help for (homeless/Education/Org/Poor)	£1,000
Religious Support (external)	£500
Local Charity	£750
Charity For Sick	£2640
Sponsored Charity	£2098
Diocesan Charity	£429

Funds were dispersed to various charitable activities in India and U.K. Monetary grants were given to individuals in India with poor economic background to support their medical treatment and relief of sufferings. Food bank for local community needs were undertaken with the generous contribution of the members. The policy on grants is very transparent. The application for grants is thoroughly vetted by the trustees and vicar and an appropriate amount is allocated based on the circumstances without any involvement of a third-party agency and thus avoiding any overhead expenses.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### SENIOR CITIZENS FORUM

The Senior Citizens Forum had 1 virtual meeting held in Zoom with H G Abraham Mar Stephanos which kept the fellowship active and to have a catch-up meet. Around 20 members had attended the Online meet.

### CHRISTMAS Event

Our Parish Christmas service “Nuhro - 2022” was conducted on 17th December 2022, Saturday followed by the evening prayer.

### YOUTH EVENT

This has been the first year back since the pandemic, and hence has been the first time in a long while that we’ve organized or participated in any events. Due to this, it has been a challenge to get back to the numbers we had before the pandemic. This, to us, seems like a deeper issue as it suggests that the youth are engaging less with the church altogether. There has been a palpable decrease in engagement since the pandemic, and we have tried to recover the previous energy, but there is still a long way to go.

Other than this change in momentum, it has been a good year for the youth, and everyone has had the chance to get involved and take ownership of various events. This year, we’ve worked closely with the managing committee to try and get up to speed with previous years and the events organized before.

### FOOD BANK

As a service to our local community, instead of donating canned and non-perishable food donated by parish members, this year the Church has donated £750 for the Lewisham council food bank as local charity.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The church has membership of nearly 325 families, many of whom are residents in other part of U.K but our services are open to all, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. There were 3 baptisms and through baptism we thank God for the gift of life.

The Church realizes that the children are the foundations of the future society and hence great emphasis is given to provide for the development of their character enabling them to achieve and contribute to the society.

Regular Sunday school classes were conducted virtually over zoom every Sunday for the children. The school follows the curriculum of the Orthodox Sunday school Association of the East. The curriculum focuses on lessons and thoughts from the Bible, history and traditions of the Church, prayers and offices of liturgy as well as activities including singing and drama, to promote self-development and social interaction. Through this, the Sunday School aims to provide a proper understanding of human values and how the Christian way of life can provide a caring and compassionate outlook to the society.

The church lays strong emphasis in the organizing of the Orthodox Vacation Bible School. This is an intensive programme aimed towards the children. Church members volunteer to organize the various activities as a part of the programme. OVBS itself is centred around the children of our church, with the aim of teaching them about our Orthodox faith & deepening theirs. The youth helped with several activities during the day, starting with icebreakers. We separated all the kids and parents into groups of 4 around the church and played several games with them. In addition, personality development sessions were held for the benefit of the young children. We have developed our Safeguarding Policy a mandatory requirement and the volunteers who deal with children are all vetted by CRB checks.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Total receipts of funds were £212,308 and total expenses were £225,193. The policy of the church is to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £25,000 to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

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## Other optional information

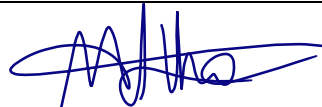
## Section G

## 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)

Mr. Vincent Alexander Mathew

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Authorised person

Date

27/12/2023





**Receipts and payments accounts**

<b>For the period from</b>	Period start date 01/04/2022	<b>To</b>	Period end date 31/03/2023
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**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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary Subscription	52,917	-	-	52,917	55,839
Voluntary Donations	108,228	-	-	108,228	39,483
Activities for generation of funds	20,282	-	-	20,282	34,214
Gift Aid HMRC	26,828	-	-	26,828	20,666
Sunday School	3,699	-	-	3,699	170
Interest/Refunds	354	-	-	354	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>212,308</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>212,308</b>	<b>150,372</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>212,308</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>212,308</b>	<b>150,372</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Wages ( NI, Taxes)	15,142	-	-	15,142	17,569
Mission of Congregation	8,417	-	-	8,417	22,115
Property Maintenance	45,750	-	-	45,750	6,390
Running costs	77,952	-	-	77,952	38,032
Stationery ,Printing, Utilities	1,245	-	-	1,245	801
Cost of fund raising	2,262	-	-	2,262	-
Cultural events	6,935	-	-	6,935	-
Ecumenical & Organisational	5,000	-	-	5,000	5,000
Travel reimbursement	2,306	-	-	2,306	1,627
St.Andrws/St Margaret Pattens Church	8,200	-	-	8,200	3,750
Diocese Clergy, visiting dignatories	15,295	-	-	15,295	11,150
Sunday school activities	4,871	-	-	4,871	389
Vicars ex gratia, solicitors fees, visa,	-	-	-	-	6,000
Parsonage mortgage, expenses, bills	31,818	-	-	31,818	32,567
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>225,193</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>225,193</b>	<b>145,390</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>225,193</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>225,193</b>	<b>145,390</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 12,885</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 12,885</b>	<b>4,982</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>85,594</b>	<b>47,426</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>133,020</b>	<b>126,062</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>72,709</b>	<b>47,426</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120,135</b>	<b>131,044</b>

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

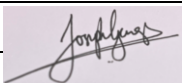
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash Funds	21,593	20,702	-
	Reserve Funds	61,668	746	-
	Icons, Puthuran etc	-	15,426	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>83,261</b>	<b>36,874</b>	<b>-</b>
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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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	Other assets for church services		10,000	900
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
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			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Joseph George	11/06/2023



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

ST.GREGORIOS INDIAN (MALAN KARA) ORTHODOX CHURCH,  
LONDON

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/03/2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1000423

**Set out on pages**

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**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts St. Gregorios Indian (Malankara) Orthodox Church, Brockley, London for the year ended 31/03/2023.

As the charity 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions.

**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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with those records

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:**

[Signature box]

**Date:**

08/06/2023

**Name:**

Sabu Koshy

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

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**Address:**

135 Demesne Road, Wallington, London, SM6 8EW

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**ST GREGORIOS INDIAN (MALAN KARA) ORTHODOX CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1000423

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	April	2021		Day31	March	2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **ST.GREGORIOS INDIAN (MALANKARA) ORTHODOX CHURCH. LONDON**

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) **1000423**

Charity's principal address  
 St. Gregorios Church,  
 Cranfield Road  
 London  
 Postcode **SE4 1UF**

### 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	Fr. Nithin Prasad Koshy	Chair		Diocesan Bishop
2	Mr.Jacob Parakkala Mathew	Trustee ( Secretary)		General body
3	Mr.Roys philip	Trustee (treasurer)		General body
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**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)**

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish, through the Holy Eucharist, learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus Christ. The church as followers of Christ, tries to carry out the mission given to us by caring for the marginalised, less fortunate in the society. The disabled, diseased deprived people are supported with humble efforts.

Holy Eucharist is celebrated all Sundays and on every main Christian festival such as Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Christmas, enabling people from all communities join these services. For the convenience of the worshipers, simultaneous services are held at St. Andrew – By-The –Wardrobe Church, London EC4 and St. Gregorios Church, London SE4.

Pastoral care is an integral part of the whole ministry of the Church. Having a great variety of expressions, it focuses appropriately on the needs of individuals and social groups within the Church and wider community, irrespective of religious and cultural barriers.

The church is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually uplifting. The Feast of our Patron was held from Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November at Brockley Church, comprising of devotional addresses and Holy Eucharist rejuvenate the Christian fellowship and oneness in Christ.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Ecumenical Relationships.

The church is a member of the Churches together in Britain and Ireland and Oriental Orthodox Churches and Brockley local churches.

The Church encourages all members to take part in the church activities in some form or the other. The large gathering of the faithful in these events imparts positive network of family and friends within a spiritual atmosphere enhances personal, socio-cultural and spiritual development.

Charitable activities.

In addition to advancing Christian religious faith, the church supports variety of charity work.

In the reporting year , the church was not celebrated the Parish Day due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Food bank for local community needs were undertaken with the generous contribution of the members..

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## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### SENIOR CITIZENS FORUM

Two virtual meetings of senior members and young adults were held on 3rd November 2021 held under the leadership of our vicar Fr. Aby Philip Varghese and on 5th march 2022 , held under the leadership of our vicar Fr. Nithin prasad Koshy .

### CHRISTMAS event

Our Parish Christmas service “Nuhro - 2022” was conducted on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021, Saturday followed by the evening prayer.

### SPORTS ACTIVITIES

No sports activities were conducted this year due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

### YOUTH EVENT

The annual Harvest Festival took place on 31 October 2021. The Youth were involved with organizing various games sessions and fundraising activities in order to raise money for the church. The Youth also continued to host and participate in virtual events during this time.

### FOOD BANK

As a service to our local community, instead of donating canned and non-perishable food donated by parish members, this year the Church has donated £1000 for the Lewisham council food bank as local charity.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The church has membership of nearly 345 families, many of whom are residents in other part of U.K but our services are open to all, We enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. There were 2 baptisms, and through baptism we thank God for the gift of life.

The Church realizes that the children are the foundations of the future society and hence great emphasis is given to provide for the development of their character enabling them to achieve and contribute to the society.

Regular Sunday school classes were conducted virtually over zoom every Sunday for the children. The school follows the curriculum of the Orthodox Sunday school Association of the East. The curriculum focuses on lessons and thoughts from the Bible, history and traditions of the Church, prayers and offices of liturgy as well as activities including singing and drama, to promote self-development and social interaction. Through this, the Sunday School aims to provide a proper understanding of human values and how the Christian way of life can provide a caring and compassionate outlook to the society.

The church lays strong emphasis in the organizing of the Orthodox Vacation Bible School. This is an intensive programme aimed towards the children. Church members volunteer to organize the various activities as a part of the programme. OVBS was Two day online event this time with 4 sessions of classroom learning and multiple music sessions. Our children enjoyed the delightful songs, some intense learning sessions.

In addition, personality development sessions were held for the benefit of the young children. We have developed our Safeguarding Policy a mandatory requirement and the volunteers who deal with children are all vetted by CRB checks.

## Section E Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Total receipts of funds were £ 150,373 and total expenses were £ 145,391  
 The policy of the church is to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £25,000 to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**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.

Principal source of the funds of the church is from voluntary contributions of membership and donations.

The expenditure is budgeted ,spread in proportion to the needs of the various activities

## 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

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Mr. Jacob Parakkala Mathew	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Authorised person	
<b>Date</b>	28/12/2022	



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2021	To	Period end date 31/03/2022
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### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary Subscription	55,839			55,839	50,574
Voluntary Donations	39,483			39,483	25,930
Activities for generation of funds	22,214	12,000		34,214	14,765
Gift Aid HMRC	20,666			20,666	37,860
Cultural events	-			-	
Sundry (Property)	-			-	
Sunday School	170			170	1,000
Church Repair Insurance Claim				-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>138,372</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150,372</b>	<b>130,129</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>138,372</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150,372</b>	<b>130,129</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Wages (NI, Taxes)	17,569			17,569	15,047
Grants and donations				-	-
Mission of Congregation	22,115			22,115	22,115
Property Maintenance	6,390			6,390	22,990
Running costs	38,032			38,032	6,637
Stationery, Printing, Utilities	801			801	625
Cost of fund raising	-			-	-
Cultural events	-			-	-
Ecumenical & Organisational	5,000			5,000	5,000
Travel reimbursement	1,627			1,627	585
St. Andrews Church	3,750			3,750	3,750
Diocese Clergy, visiting dignitaries	11,150			11,150	7,450
Sunday school activities	389			389	1,510
Vicars ex gratia, solicitors fees, visa,	6,000			6,000	-
Parsonage mortgage, expenses, bills	32,567			32,567	28,254
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>145,390</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>145,390</b>	<b>113,963</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Parsonage Purchase			-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>145,390</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>145,390</b>	<b>113,963</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 7,018</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,982</b>	<b>16,166</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>90,636</b>	<b>35,426</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>126,062</b>	<b>102,280</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>83,618</b>	<b>47,426</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>131,044</b>	<b>118,446</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>	Cash Funds	49,649	20,702	-
	Reserve Fund	49,254	746	-
	Icons, Puthuran etc		15,426	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>98,903</b>	<b>36,874</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	St. Gregorios Church Building		1,000,000	1,250,000
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	Furniture and Fixtures		35,000	20,000
	Other assets for church services		10,000	900
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		Roys Philip Jacob Mathew		28/12/2022 28/12/2022



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	ST,GREGORIOS' INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, LONDON		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31/03/2022	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1000423
	<b>Set out on pages</b>		
	2	3(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
<b>Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner</b>	<p>The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.</p> <p>It is my responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,</li> <li>• to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and</li> <li>• to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.</li> </ul>		
<b>Basis of independent examiner's statement</b>	<p>My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.</p>		
<b>Independent examiner's statement</b>	<p>In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and</li> <li>• to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act</li> </ul> have not been met; or</li> <li>2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</li> </ol> <p>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</p>		
<b>Signed:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	30/12/2022
<b>Name:</b>	Sunil Joseph		
<b>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</b>			
<b>Address:</b>	198 Tamworth Lane		
	Mitcham, Surrey, CR4 1DE		

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

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**ST GREGORIOS INDIAN (MALAN KARA) ORTHODOX CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1000423

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	April	2020		Day31	March	2021

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The primary objective of the St. Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church is the manifestation of faith in the Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) in accordance with the Apostolic and ancient traditions of the Malankara Orthodox Church. Our services and worship put faith in to practice through prayer and scripture and sacraments. The church shall enter into any activity to provide for the religious, educational and cultural needs as proper to the life of a Parish Church with the approval of the appropriate authorities and also benefiting the wider community.

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish, through the Holy Eucharist, learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus Christ. The church as followers of Christ, tries to carry out the mission given to us by caring for the marginalised, less fortunate in the society. The disabled, diseased deprived people are supported with humble efforts.

Holy Eucharist is celebrated all Sundays and on every main Christian festival such as Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Christmas, enabling people from all communities join these services. For the convenience of the worshipers, simultaneous services are held at St. Andrew – By-The –Wardrobe Church, London EC4 and St. Gregorios Church, London SE4.

Pastoral care is an integral part of the whole ministry of the Church. Having a great variety of expressions, it focuses appropriately on the needs of individuals and social groups within the Church and wider community, irrespective of religious and cultural barriers.

The church is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually uplifting. The Feast of our Patron was held from Sunday 25th October to Sunday 2nd November at Brockley Church, subject to COVID guidelines and restricting the participants using our online booking form. comprising of devotional addresses and Holy Eucharist rejuvenate the Christian fellowship and oneness in Christ.

Most of our celebrations were conducted online due to the limit of participants introduced inside the church based on UK government regulations.

**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)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

#### Ecumenical Relationships.

The church is a member of the Churches together in Britain and Ireland and Oriental Orthodox Churches and Brockley local churches.

The Church encourages all members to take part in the church activities in some form or the other. The large gathering of the faithful in these events imparts positive network of family and friends within a spiritual atmosphere enhances personal, socio-cultural and spiritual development.

#### Charitable activities.

In addition to advancing Christian religious faith, the church supports variety of charity work.

In the reporting year, the church were not celebrated the Parish Day or Harvest festival due to COVID-19 Pandemic. As a result the church were not able to raise any charity funds.

Food bank for local community needs were undertaken with the generous contribution of the members..

The various spiritual organisations of the church has organised fund collection and handed over accordingly to help and support families who lost their loved ones due to COVID-19.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### SENIOR CITIZENS FORUM

Two online zoom meetings of senior members and young adults were held on Wednesday 28th October 2020 and Saturday 27th February 2021. The session was held under the leadership of our vicar Fr. Aby Philip Varghese.

### KIDS FOR CHRIST (KFC)

Not conducted due to COVID-19

### CHRISTMAS event

Our Parish Christmas service "Nuhro - 2020" was conducted over online Zoom on 23rd December 2020, wednesday followed by the evening prayer.

### SPORTS ACTIVITIES

No sports activities were conducted this year due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The church has membership of nearly 338 families, many of whom are residents in other part of U.K but our services are open to all, We enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. There were 2 baptisms, and through baptism we thank God for the gift of life.

The Church realizes that the children are the foundations of the future society and hence great emphasis is given to provide for the development of their character enabling them to achieve and contribute to the society.

Regular Sunday school classes were conducted virtually over zoom every Sunday for the children. The school follows the curriculum of the Orthodox Sunday school Association of the East. The curriculum focuses on lessons and thoughts from the Bible, history and traditions of the Church, prayers and offices of liturgy as well as activities including singing and drama, to promote self-development and social interaction. Through this, the Sunday School aims to provide a proper understanding of human values and how the Christian way of life can provide a caring and compassionate outlook to the society.

The church lays strong emphasis in the organizing of the Orthodox Vacation Bible School. This is an intensive programme aimed towards the children. Church members volunteer to organize the various activities as a part of the programme. OVBS was Two day online event this time with 4 sessions of classroom learning and multiple music sessions. Our children enjoyed the delightful songs, some intense learning sessions.

In addition, personality development sessions were held for the benefit of the young children. We have developed our Safeguarding Policy a mandatory requirement and the volunteers who deal with children are all vetted by CRB checks.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Total receipts of funds were £130,130 and total expenses were £113,963 . The policy of the church is to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £25,000 to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**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.

Principal source of the funds of the church is from voluntary contributions of membership and donations.

The expenditure is budgeted ,spread in proportion to the needs of the various activities

## 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)

Mr. Jacob Parakkala Mathew

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Authorised person

Date

19/01/2022



**Receipts and payments accounts**

<b>For the period from</b>	Period start date 01/04/2020	<b>To</b>	Period end date 31/03/2021
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**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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary Subscription	50,574			50,574	50,302
Voluntary Donations	25,930			25,930	94,751
Activities for generation of funds	2,765	12,000		14,765	27,576
Gift Aid HMRC	37,860			37,860	46,327
Cultural events	-			-	1,500
Sundry (Property)	-			-	2,070
Sunday School	1,000			1,000	5,929
Church Repair Insurance Claim				-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>118,129</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,129</b>	<b>228,455</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>118,129</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,129</b>	<b>228,455</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Wges ( NI, Taxes)	15,047			15,047	14,658
Grants and donations				-	22,115
Mission of Congregation	22,115			22,115	22,115
Property Maintenance	22,990			22,990	45,030
Running costs	6,637			6,637	45,448
Stationery ,Printing, Utilities	625			625	2,339
Cost of fund raising	-			-	2,048
Cultural events	-			-	2,070
Ecumenical & Organisational	5,000			5,000	5,000
Travel reimbursement	585			585	1,032
St.Andrws Church	3,750			3,750	3,750
Diocese Clergy, visiting dignitaries	7,450			7,450	19,177
Sundy school activities	1,510			1,510	7,293
Vicars ex gratia, solicitors fees, visa,				-	-
Parsonage mortgage, expenses, bills	28,254			28,254	30,194
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>113,963</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>113,963</b>	<b>222,269</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Parsonage Purchase			-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>113,963</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>113,963</b>	<b>222,269</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,166</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,166</b>	<b>6,186</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>79,474</b>	<b>24,874</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>104,348</b>	<b>98,162</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>83,640</b>	<b>36,874</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120,514</b>	<b>104,348</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>	Cash Funds	44,934	20,702	-
	Reserve Fund	44,254	746	-
	Icons, Puthuran etc		15,426	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>89,188</b>	<b>36,874</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK


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

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

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	St. Gregorios Church Building		1,000,000	1,250,000
	Parsonage		395,000	420,000
	Furniture and Fixtures		35,000	20,000
	Other assets for church services		10,000	900
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Roys Philip Jacob Mathew	19/01/2022



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

ST,GREGORIOS' INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, LONDON

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/03/2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1000423

Set out on pages

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3(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities  
of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent  
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
 have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

17.01.2022

Name:

Mr Sunil Joseph

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

Address:

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**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**