



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	April	2020		Day 31	March	2021

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. Aby Philip Varghese	Chair		Diocesan Bishop
2	Mr.Jacob Parakkala Mathew	Trustee (Secretary)		General body
3	Mr.Roys philip	Trustee (treasurer)		General body
4	Mr.Praveen Mathew	Trustee		General body
5	Mr George Babykutty	Exofficio		General body
6	Mr Sisan Chacko	Trustee		General body
7	Mr.Varghese Joseph	Trustee		General body
8	Mr.Shiju Rajan	Trustee		General body
9	Mr Binu Ninan Chandy	Trustee		General body
10	Mr Santhosh K Abraham	Trustee		General body
11	Mr Joseph K Mathew	Exofficio		General body
12	Mr Sabu koshy	Exofficio		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
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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 nd 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 Dr. Mathews Mar Thimothios.

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.

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)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

	
Mr. Jacob Parakkala Mathew	
Authorised person	

19/01/2022



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/04/2020		31/03/2021

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 £
A1 Receipts					
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				-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	118,129	12,000	-	130,129	228,455
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	118,129	12,000	-	130,129	228,455

A3 Payments					
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 dignatories	7,450			7,450	19,177
Sundy school activities	1,510			1,510	7,293
Vicars exgratia, solicitors fees, visa,				-	-
Parsonage mortgage, expenses, bills	28,254			28,254	30,194
Sub total	113,963	-	-	113,963	222,269

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Parsonage Purchase			-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	113,963	-	-	113,963	222,269

Net of receipts/(payments)	4,166	12,000	-	16,166	6,186
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	79,474	24,874	-	104,348	98,162
Cash funds this year end	83,640	36,874	-	120,514	104,348

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash Funds	44,934	20,702	-
	Reserve Fund	44,254	746	-
	Icons, Puthuran etc		15,426	-
	Total cash funds	89,188	36,874	-
	(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 £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	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)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	

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

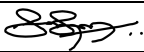
Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Roys Philip Jacob Mathew	19/01/2022



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	2 <small>3(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<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">• 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	<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>		
Independent examiner's statement	<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">1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 Acthave not been met; or2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. <p><i>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</i></p>		
Signed:		Date:	17.01.2022
Name:	Mr Sunil Joseph		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	198 Tamworth Lane,		

Mitcham, Surrey
CR4 1DE

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.