



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	April	2023		Day 31	March	2024

### 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.Sisan Chacko	Treasurer		General body
3	Mr.Biju Kochunnooni	Secretary		General body
4	Mr.Sunny Daniel	Trustee		General body
5	Mr. Melbin Philip	Trustee		General body
6	Mr. A . G Varghese	Trustee		General body
7	Mr. Jerin Jacob	Trustee		General body
8	Mr. George Jacob Thengumtharayil	Trustee		General body
9	Mr. Joseph George	Ex- Officio		General body
10	Mr. Vincent Mathew	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

**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.

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 Patron Saint's day celebration on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 18 comprising of devotional addresses, folk dances depicting Christian themes and Holy Eucharist rejuvenate the Christian fellowship and oneness in Christ.

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

BAITHO-15<sup>th</sup> July 2023 ( Day Out in Summer)

The Baitho event was held at St James Marthoma Church, Eltham and was attended by around 220 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.

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)**

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.

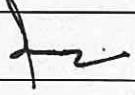
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

	
Mr. Sisan Chacko	Mr. Biju Kochunnooni
Authorised person	

31/12/2024



ST.GREGORIOS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH ,LONDON

No (if any)  
1000423

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/04/2023

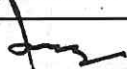
To

Period end date  
31/03/2024

### 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	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>					
Wages ( 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 dignitaries	11,855			11,855	15,295
Sunday school activities	2,677			2,677	4,871
Vicars ex gratia, 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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*Specimen text to include their agreement to publish the report*

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 Acthave 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:

*Matthew*

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.