



# St James Mar Thoma Church, UK

Mar Thoma Centre, 167, Avery Hill Road, New Eltham, SE9 2EX



## Annual Report & Accounts for the year 2023-2024



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## Notice of Annual General Body Meeting

To all Members of the St. James Mar Thoma Church General Body,

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Body meeting of St James Mar Thoma Church UK will be held on Sunday, 2nd June 2024, 12:00 PM in person at St James Mar Thoma Church, 167 Avery Hill Road, London SE9 2EX to transact the following business.

1. To receive and adopt the Annual Report for the year 2023/24.
2. To approve expense exceeding budget 2023/24.
3. To receive and adopt the audited Annual Accounts for the year 2023/24.
4. To receive approve the Budget for the year 2024/25
5. To appoint an external firm/individual as the External Independent Examiner
6. To confirm the appointment of the Executive Committee members for 2024/25 as required by the charity commission.
7. Any other business (AOB) with the prior permission of the Chair (see notes below).

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**Mr. Iju Thomas**  
**Hon. Secretary**

### Notes forming part of the notice:

- The Annual Report, Accounts and Budget will be sent by email by Friday 17-May-2024. If you have any trouble in receiving the emails or prefer to have a hard copy of these documents, please inform the Secretary or the Vicar in writing by Wednesday 22-May-2024 5:00 PM and you may collect the hard copy from Secretary in person on Sunday 26-May-2024 after church service.
- Questions and clarification on the annual report or accounts or budget that should be answered by reference to the records should be notified in writing to the Vicar and Secretary before 5:30 PM on Wednesday 29-May-2024. Please email to londonstjamesmtcvicar@gmail.com (Vicar's email ID) and stjameslondonmtcsecretary@gmail.com (Secretary's email ID)
- If any member is interested in bringing up any item under the item "Any other business" (AOB), Please contact the Vicar in writing before 5:30 PM on Thursday 30-May-2024



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## Annual Report 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

Matthew 11:28-30

### Introduction

A parish is the place where the people of God gather to offer thanksgiving and where they grow in deeper intimacy with Christ and the Church. It is where we welcome others and we strive to build a family of love by our communion with Christ and one another as a worshipping community and sacramental community. God Almighty enables us to live with such a vision and be witness to Christ Jesus.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of St. James Mar Thoma Church UK, it is with immense pleasure and a heart full of praise and gratitude to the Almighty Lord that we present to you the annual report and financial statement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, of St. James Mar Thoma Church UK

Let us thank Lord Almighty for His guidance, mercy, and grace we have experienced as a parish through the last twenty eight years and glorify His name for His faithfulness. We thank Our Almighty God for giving us this wonderful opportunity to serve the Lord and Our Parish during the year.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the Accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities statement of Recommended Practice, (FRS102). The trustees have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation the activities being for the public benefit.

### Historical Perspective of our Parish

St. James Mar Thoma Church, UK (SJMTC) is a Parish of The Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar, in the Diocese of UK, Europe and Africa. Previously, the parish was part of North America-Europe Diocese until 31-Dec-2023 led by Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa.

The Mar Thoma worship in the UK started in 1957. St James Parish was based in Central London and was a continuation of the worship that started in Central London in the fifties to meet the needs of members residing in London and the Home Counties.

St. James Mar Thoma Church UK is a Registered Charity in the United Kingdom (Charity Reg. No: 1059210.), with the registered office at St James Mar Thoma Centre, 167 Avery Hill Road, London SE9 2EX.

Our Parish is now administratively placed in the Diocese of UK, Europe and Africa, and His Grace Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Ivanios Episcopa is our Diocesan Bishop. We remain blessed and thankful for His Grace's continuous support and leadership provided for our Parish.



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## Mission and Objective

The mission and objective of the Church is to keep and safeguard the faith as revealed by Christ and taught by the Apostles, to promote the spiritual life of the faithful through the administration of the sacraments and the preaching of the word.

Our Mission is to serve the people as servants of the resurrected Christ without diluting and deluding the ethos of the Church. We as a parish are embodied to promote the Christian religion, provide our members with regular Christian worship services in accordance with the traditions of the Mar Thoma Church, provide pastoral care and organise activities to enhance and support the spiritual life of its members, enhance the ecumenical relationship within the local community and Churches, provide financial support for evangelistic and charitable work in the United Kingdom and abroad, especially India.

## Governing Document

St James Mar Thoma Church UK is governed by the constitution adopted on 27th October 1996 and as amended on 29th January 2006 and submitted to the Charity Commission and by the constitution of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar, India.

## Ecumenical Relations

While retaining many of the traditional characteristics of the ancient Eastern church, the Mar Thoma Church keeps very close relations with Christian churches in other parts of the world. The Church enjoys full intercommunion relationship with the world-wide Anglican Church and is a full member of the World Council of Churches (WCC), Churches Together in England (CTE) and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI). Locally, we are also members of the Churches Together in New Eltham (CTNE)

## Parish Membership & General Body participation

A parish register of all members is maintained by the Vicar and is kept updated. All persons above 18 years, who have their names on the parish register, receive Holy Communion in the parish and whose parish membership has not been barred, are entitled to be Edavaka Sangham members (General Body of the parish).

Our membership as of 31st March 2024 was 210 families including new families who joined the parish during the reporting year. We welcome these new families to the fellowship of St James Mar Thoma Church, UK.

## Vicar

We acknowledge the services of our previous Vicar Rev. K. K. Kuruvila, his wife Mrs. Remi Kuruvila and their two daughters, Ms. Rhema Eliza Kuruvila & Ms. Kerigma Susan Kuruvila from 2019 to 2023. There was a farewell meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 to thank Rev K.K. Kuruvila and family for their services over the past four years.



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We acknowledge the services of our Vicar Rev. Soju Mathai Thomas, his wife Mrs. Jessen Varghese and their two children, Eben Soju Thomas and Elmina Jessy Soju during this period. Vicar Rev. Soju Mathai Thomas has now completed a year of his service as the Vicar of our church. Vicar's spiritual leadership and pastoral care has made a significant impact to the members' spiritual life and wellbeing. Through Vicar's leadership and guidance, all organisations of the church and prayers groups are functioning well. Vicar has also taken an active role in the various activities of the zone. We thank Vicar and family for their blessed ministry in our parish over the last year

## Appointment of Trustees of the Charity (Executive Committee)

The appointed Vicar of St James Parish is the President. The trustees (members of the Executive Committee) are elected or nominated every year before the commencement of the financial year. They are elected either by the General Body or by the members of the organisation whom they represent or nominated by the Diocesan Bishop. The Sabha Mandalam and the Diocesan Assembly members are elected/nominated and their terms of office to these bodies is for a period of three years. The appointment of Trustees is as per the constitution.

## Trustees of the Charity (Executive Committee) for the reporting year

The following members served as the Trustees of the Charity for the year 2023-2024.

<b>President &amp; Vicar</b>	Rev. Soju Mathai Thomas	Appointed
<b>Vice President</b>	Mr. P.K. Edison	Elected
<b>Secretary</b>	Mr. Iju Thomas	Elected
<b>Trustee Finance</b>	Mr. Ashok Thomas	Elected
<b>Trustee Accounts</b>	Mr. Ajex John	Elected
<b>Lay Leader 1</b>	Mr. Rajan Chacko	Elected
<b>Lay Leader 2</b>	Mr. Regi C Philip	Elected
<b>Sabha Mandalam Member</b>	Mr. Sabu George	Elected
<b>Diocesan Zonal Assembly Member</b>	Mr. Cyril Abraham John	Elected
<b>Diocesan Zonal Assembly Member</b>	Mr. Noble J Mathew	Nominated
<b>Edavaka Mission Representative</b>	Mr. Alex P Sam	Elected
<b>Sevika Sangham Representative</b>	Mrs. Sherly Linoy	Elected
<b>Sunday School Representative</b>	Mrs. Sherine George	Elected
<b>Youth League Representative</b>	Mr. Thomas Rajan Chacko	Elected
<b>Choir Representative</b>	Mr. Aji Chacko	Elected
<b>Area Prayer Group Representatives</b>	Mrs. Aswathy Varghese (Bury St Edmunds Area) Mr. Shiju Thomas (East Area) Mr. Abraham Isac (Ipswich Area) Mr. Shajan Varampel Mathai (Kent Area) Mr. Stephen Varughese Joseph (South East Area) Mr. Praveen Mathew (South Area)	Elected Elected Elected Elected Elected Elected Elected



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The Executive Committee met 15 times during the year to discuss and deliberate on the day-to-day running of the Parish, as well as to execute the decisions of the General Body.

## Other Officials

<b>Authorizing officer and Key contact for UKBA</b>	Mr. Iju Thomas Mr. P. K. Edison
<b>Data Protection Officer (DPO)</b>	Mr Cyril Abraham John
<b>Internal Auditors (Elected)</b>	Mr. Mathews John Mrs. Mercy Mathew

## General Body Meetings

Two general body meetings were held during the reporting year. All general body meetings were held in-person in our church.

The Annual General Body meeting (AGM) was held on Sunday 11th June 2023 to receive and approve the annual report and accounts for the year 2022-23 and to receive and approve the budget for the year 2023-2024. The general body approved the annual report and accounts for the year 2022-2023 and passed the budget for 2023-2024. The general body agreed to raise and donate INR 15 Lakhs to fund the housing aid charity project for evangelist.

The second general body meeting was held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023. In this meeting, general body approved the decision to remortgage the property with Kingdom Bank.

The third general body meeting was held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to elect the office bearers and auditors for the year 2024-2025. In this meeting, general body also accepted the proposal from Executive Committee to elect Data Protection Officer (DPO) and Data Controller Officer (DCO) from within the executive committee for 2024-25.

## Risk Management

The Executive Committee have, from time to time, examined the major operational risks which the parish faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular review of steps that can be taken to reduce these risks. Risk management is reviewed and discussed at Executive Committee meetings.

For the safe running of the Church, a Health and Safety Policy has been adopted. A CCTV guideline is also followed for the use in Church.

## Reserves Policy

St James Mar Thoma Church shall set aside reserves to provide financial stability and the means to sustain, improve and develop its mission and objects. As the flow of income is not uniform, reserves need to be set aside to meet expenses that are irregular in pattern. The Executive Committee has determined that the approximate level of free reserves should be equivalent to three months expenditure, approximately £53,000. For various reasons, we were not able to fully maintain this level



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of reserves. As result of actions taken, we were able to make some progress on our reserves. However, a continued effort is needed to maintain this.

## Financial Update

St James Mar Thoma Church is wholly dependent on the voluntary contributions of members and well-wishers. We are greatly indebted for their financial support. The full income and expenditure statement for the year 2023/24 and the balance sheet are attached. In spite of the current political and economic situations around the world, it is pleasing to note that our various collections have increased. Whilst this is welcome news, we have a significant way to go before we can get to the level of reserves we need to have for the smooth running of the affairs of the parish, meet various financial obligations and to maintain our Mar Thoma Centre, New Eltham.

## Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

We have adopted a policy, based on the requirements of the Children Act 1989, which is monitored and reviewed annually. DBS checks are being carried out on all individuals who take responsibility for children's activities.

Our Church recognises the need to provide a safe and caring environment for our children and young people. To accomplish this, we have also established a child protection policy and procedures and thereby fulfilling our commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of our children and youth.

## General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The GDPR came into to law on 25th May 2018. In compliance with the requirements, St James Mar Thoma Church have adopted and established a GDPR privacy policy. This policy is published on the Church website. All trustees have been briefed on the regulation and their responsibilities to be in compliance with the policy. Our parish is also registered with Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

## Sunday Worship Services

The Sunday Worship services were held in person and also broadcasted via the online platform. On average about 180 members attend the service regularly and an average 130 members participate in Holy Communion. We have Holy Communion service in both English and Malayalam. Our worship services are assisted by various area prayer group members on a rota basis. Both our Lay Leaders with the guidance from our Vicar did a commendable job in ensuring that there is equal participation from all areas to lead our church service. Our Church Choir play an active role in assisting our services. Sunday worship service conclude with a fellowship meal sponsored by the respective area prayer group members. During the reporting year, Sunday evening worship services were also held once in a month in Ipswich. Members from nearby areas, Ipswich, Bury & St Edmunds, Norwich and Colchester attended the worship services in Ipswich.

## Special Services & Prayers

Special services were conducted to celebrate Parish Day, Thanksgiving Day, Family Sunday, Diocesan Sunday, Edavaka Mission Sunday, Sevika Sangham Day, Youth Sunday, World Sunday School Day, Choir Sunday, Senior Citizens Day, 40<sup>th</sup> Friday service, Student Thanksgiving Day and Christmas during the respective days as per the church calendar.



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## Thanksgiving Sunday, Parish Sunday, Family Sunday and Parish Convention

In this reporting year, Thanksgiving Day was celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023. Rev. Merin Mathew was our Chief Guest and Celebrant for the service.

The Parish Day, Family Sunday and Annual convention was held on 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023. Rev. Thomas Baby, Vicar of Tabore Mar Thoma Church, Manchester was the main speaker and guest of honour. The theme for the three-day convention was **“The family as a Kingdom of God. A rereading”**. The first day session was held in Ipswich and the second and the final day were held at St James Mar Thoma Church. All sessions were well attended and was a blessing to our members.

## Harvest Festival

Over the years the Harvest Festival has evolved to be an event both young and old look forward to with great enthusiasm. Harvest Festival food sale and fund collections were organised on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023. Deputy Mayor of the Royal Borough of Greenwich, Councillor Jit Ranabhat was the chief guest for our Harvest Festival inaugural session. Councillor Patricia Greenwell visited our food stalls. We also managed to conduct auctions after church service. Raffle ticket sales were done during the last quarter with good participation from our members. Thanks to our Harvest Festival Convenors, Mr Shajan Varampel Mathai, Mr. Praveen Mathew and Mrs Sherly Linoy who organised the events well and helped to raise significant funds during these challenging times.

## Parish Picnic

A one-day parish picnic was organised on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. We visited Longleat Safari Park, Warminster. Seventy of our members participated and we had a fun filled trip and joyful fellowship during the parish picnic. The convenors Mrs Soumya Abraham, Mrs Bindu Annie Jacob and Mr Shiju Thomas co-ordinated all the arrangements for the picnic.

## Christmas Carol Service

The Christmas Carol Service was held on Sunday 17th December 2023 at St James Mar Thoma Church. Rt Rev Saju Muthalaly, the Bishop of Loughborough was our chief guest for the service and delivered the Christmas message. It was a beautiful service of carols led by our talented and dedicated senior and junior choir. The Sunday school children presented the nativity story with new and contemporary themes. We appreciate and extend our gratitude to the choir leadership and choir members, Sunday school teachers and the children for their dedication and hard work.

## Christmas Bells

Christmas Bells is an annual event of our church organized by the choir focusing on the theme of Christmas. This event gave opportunities to each area prayer groups to showcase their musical talents through Christmas carols. This year, Christmas Bells was held on the 24th December 2023 immediately after the service. The Christmas raffle draw also took place on this occasion.

## House to House Carol Rounds

As part of the Christmas celebrations, house-to-house carol rounds were arranged. Carollers together with the Vicar visited homes of 140 members in London and Home Counties of Middlesex, Berkshire,



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Buckinghamshire, Essex, Kent, East Sussex, Cambridgeshire and Suffolk during the weeks leading to Christmas. The carol rounds started on 25<sup>th</sup> November and completed on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. It was an opportunity to proclaim the Good News of Christmas through carols, bible passages and prayer. As convenor, Mr Sabu George, together with area representatives deserve considerable credit for their dedication and tireless efforts in arranging the house to house carol rounds.

## Watch Night Service

Watch night service was held on the New Year's Eve at St James Mar Thoma Church. It was also an occasion of thanksgiving, praise, testimony, and worship especially during the tough economic times that the world was undergoing. Holy Communion was celebrated on the eve of the New Year 2023.

## Great Lent and Passion Week

During this reporting year, our church observed the Great Lent with Easter being celebrated on the Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023 last year and Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 this year. The passion week services, Good Friday services and Easter services were well attended last year as well as this year.

Apart from the passion week services, our church observed the Great Lent by dedicating all the area prayer meetings during the Lent season as Great Lent prayer sessions.

## Family Retreat

We had our one day family retreat on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 guided by the inspiring theme of Ephesians 4:1 - Lead a life worthy of calling. Acclaimed speaker Mr Sunny Stephen lead the session, offering insights on mental renewal, spiritual strength, and the power of fellowship both in church and in family life. A separate program for children under the age of fifteen was also hosted at church lead by Sunday School. The convenors for the family retreat were Mr Aji Chacko and Mr Regi Philip.

## Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. During the year, we were able to support various missionary activities and lend a helping hand to those in need. Through the generous support of our members, we were able to support the following Charities and Charitable projects and Institutions in India and here in UK.

They include the following:

- Housing Aid Charity Project for Evangelist
- Educational support for five nursing students
- Provided medical aid for three individuals
- Educational Support for a student in St. Thomas Teachers Training Institute, Thiruvalla
- Set up "Wings to Dream" project for ongoing educational support to two BSc Nursing students and one general nursing student
- Donations in kind to Bexley Food Bank led by Sunday School
- 37 students were sponsored for Light to Life project by 33 sponsors

Our church organisations have also supported various charity initiatives which are included in their respective reports



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## Matrimony

During the report year, the marriage of Eric Edison & Tatiana Giller was solemnised at our church. The marriage banns was published and Deshakuri was issued for the marriage of Tevin Mathew & Merlin Anna Reji. No Objection Certificates were issued for the marriage of Jerry Rajan Chacko & Richu Susan Philip, Jyothis Varampel Shajan & Midhun Dev Devkumar Anitha. We congratulate the newly married couples and wish them long and happy married life.

## Baptism

During the report year, we conducted 2 baptisms in our church. We welcome the newly baptised members to the Christian family and pray for their physical and spiritual growth.

Following are the names of those who were baptised in our church in the reporting year.

- 1) Tatiana Giller
- 2) Mevisri Chiranjeevi Damala (D/o Chiranjeevi Damala and Meenakshi M Gollar)

## Obituary

This year some of our members have lost their beloved Parents/Siblings/Relatives. Parish extended spiritual support for the consolation of these families. We place on record our condolences to all bereaved families.

- 1) Mr Linoy Cherian was called to eternity on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and funeral service was conducted at our church
- 2) Dr K G Mathai was called to eternity on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

We give thanks to God Almighty for their life, especially their services and contributions to St. James Mar Thoma Church and the love and fellowship they shared amongst our community.

## House Blessing

During this year many of our members have acquired new homes and three house blessing services have been conducted.

## St James Mar Thoma Centre

With a long-term vision to build and develop our own place of worship, in 2005, St. James MTC purchased 167 Avery Hill Road, New Eltham, spanning 4.6 acres in the Royal Borough of Greenwich, neighbouring the University of Greenwich campus.

The foundation stone laying service of the redevelopment of the Mar Thoma centre and Parsonage was held on 23rd August 2017. Our late Metropolitan His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan and Our Diocesan Bishop His Grace Rt. Rev. Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa led the service and laid the foundation stone in the presence of invited guests, clergy of sister parishes and members of the parish.

The consecration of our Church, Centre and parsonage was conducted on 8th May 2021 by His Grace



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Rt. Rev. Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa. On the following day, we had the first holy communion service at our newly built St James Mar Thoma Church.

By the Grace of Our good Lord, after years of collective prayers, hard work and perseverance, we accomplished this long-term vision of building our own place to serve as the St. James Mar Thoma Church Centre, with facility for worship, multi-use facility for community and sports activities and a parsonage.

In the last year, our football pitches have been rented out to Metrogas football club and Total football club. In addition, our facilities are popular in the local community for small event hires especially due to the availability of managed onsite parking.

The Centre will continue to be a blessing not just for our families, but also for the community as a whole and for the next generation.

## Parish Organisations

The Parish is blessed with its organisations namely: Sunday School, Youth League, Church Choir, Suvishesha Sevika Sangham (The Women's Mission) and the Edavaka/Parish Mission. Each organisation has elected leaders to help carry out the administrative duties and responsibilities vested on them meaningfully. All the organisations of our Parish functions effectively to further the mission of our Church.

## Sunday School

*"Train a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it"*  
Proverbs 22: 6

St James MTC Sunday school supports the SJMTC parents in their responsibility of bringing up their children in the training and instruction of the Lord with the help of God-fearing, dedicated and committed DBS-cleared Sunday school teachers under the guidance of our Vicar Rev. Soju Mathai Thomas.

The office bearers for the year 2023/24 were elected on 05th March 2023

Headmistress:	Mrs Sherine George
Secretary:	Mrs Jessen Joseph
Treasurer	Mrs Susan Mathew

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND CLASSES

There are 77 children registered in our Sunday school in 2023-24, who attend lessons under the guidance and training of 25 teachers. Our weekly Sunday school session structure emphasizes worship, education, and service as the three-fold components of Christian living. The Sunday school Session is from 9.00am to 10.15am, starting with class lessons, followed by Sunday school Collective Worship session. Thereafter Sunday school Collective Activity session takes place for all age groups. The children prayerfully attend the Holy Qurbana service at 10:30am.



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## ACTIVITIES HELD DURING 2023 -24

- VBS 2023 from 27th May to 29th May 2023 with 87 VBS registrations at our parish. The theme was: "Root & Fruit" Isaiah 37:31. We thank VBS 2023 Director Mr Jickson V George and his team for all their efforts.
- VBS Refresher Retreat on 18th Feb 24 with theme Strengthening Roots to bear Consistent Fruits led by Mr Jickson V George.
- Annual exam on 2nd July 23.
- Student and Teachers Dedication on 10th Sept 23
- Annual Day 22-23 & Prize distribution on 10th Sept 23 to celebrate the efforts and achievements of all Sunday School children in the competitions and Annual exams.
- 12 Teachers attended the Sunday School Teachers Retreat at St Johns MTC, Hounslow on 14th Oct 2023
- Attended WSSD 2023 at Cardiff on 4th Nov 23 hosted by Cardiff Sunday School.
- Music Accompanied Singing sessions: Throughout the year, various Children with passion for music accompanies the singing/activity sessions with music on their preferred instrument
- Sunday School Charity Ventures: Because of the generous and prayerful contributions of the Sunday School parents and our parish members we have been able to:
  1. Participate in Operation Christmas Child in Nov 23. Children across our parish felt very blessed to be part of this amazing project where they were able to bless children in need across the world by sending them 48 shoeboxes filled with toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts.
  2. Donate regularly to Bexley Food Bank on a monthly basis. Bexley foodbank is a project founded by local churches and community groups, working together towards stopping hunger in our local community.
  3. Raise funds through Food sale on 28th Jan 24 for Marthoma High School for the deaf, Cherkala, Kasargod, India. We raised £1570/- of which we donated Rs 87000/- for this worthy cause.

Under the able leadership of our Vicar, the Year 23-24 was a blessed year with innumerable and blessed opportunities to learn about our Lord, to worship Him with all our hearts, to serve Him and His children and to proclaim the Gospel to many. We are extremely grateful to our Lord for this incredible privilege! We thank God for enabling us by His grace to serve you all with love, truth, enthusiasm and God's love in our hearts. We thank you for your prayers and continued support and encouragement.

### Youth League

*"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18."*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Almighty Lord and Saviour for his grace and mercy bestowed upon us throughout the year. It was indeed a blessing to witness Youth fellowship members dedicatedly serving the lord through various activities and events.

The following members served as office bearers for the year 2023 – 24:

Secretary	Mrs Nisha Mary Philip
Joint Secretary	Ms Rianne Thomas
Treasurer	Mr Ashwin Chacko



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Youth fellowship meetings were held on every 2nd Sunday of the month, where the youths actively participated and also prayerfully served for the Youth Sunday Service.

The Youth Committee organised a one-day outing to Thorpe Park during the summer break involving all the university students and school students, the excursion was aimed to bring fellowship, enjoyment and fun amongst the youths.

The Youths organised various entertaining game sessions for the family retreat held in the church premises. They also lent a hand during the harvest festival by organising the drinks, games and entertainment stall. The Youths joined hands and beautifully decorated the church for Christmas which was appreciated by all. There was also a skit and a song presentation by the Youths in the Christmas Bells program. The Youths actively engaged in online sessions organised by the diocese. Under the leadership of Rev. Soju Mathai Thomas, we had a meaningful Youth Convention, led by Rev. Thomas Baby.

We thank the Vicar, Executive Committee, Senior Parish members and all the Youth members for their support and participation throughout the year.

## Church Choir

The Choir of St. James Mar Thoma Church plays a vital role in our worship services, actively assisting the vicar and leading various events, including the Parish Convention & Parish Day, First Holy Communion, Thirumenis' visit, Christmas carols service, Watch Night service, and Passion Week services. Affiliated with DSMC, our choir boasts 37 members, comprising 18 males and 19 females, who also participate in organisations like Sevika Sangham, Sunday School, Youth Fellowship, and Edavaka Mission.

Junior choir was led by the Junior choir leader Mr. Jickson V George who did a wonderful job in leading the children. This was a great platform for the young children to begin their journey into learning and singing music and also be part of the overall choir. This year junior choir had the maximum number (28) of participation from the Sunday school children

The following members served as office bearers for the year 2023 – 24:

Choir Leader	Mr. Aji Chacko
Joint choir leader	Mr. Vishak Kurien Pattassery
Choir secretary	Mrs. Nisha Mary Philip
Treasurer	Mr. Jiku Thomas

Activities for the year 2023-24

The Choir Sunday service was held on the 18th June 2023. Choir members took a major lead in assisting the service. There was a special order of worship by DSMC that was used during the service. Choir members also presented a special song. Rev. Mathews George, Faculty from Dharma Jyoti Vidyapeeth led the service and gave the sermon. Choir dedication was also held on the same Sunday. In this year, choir has conducted 3 choir fellowship meetings and a choir retreat was held on 25th June 2023. Apart from our Choir Leads, Mr. Aji and Mr. Vishak, choir has also invited the musician and singer Mr. Rinosh Noble to provide vocal training, staff notation and site reading. A choir meeting was also held to share the feedback for the carol service.



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Choir practice for the Christmas carol service started in the month of September and there was a total of 18 practice sessions. The Christmas carol service was held on 17th December 2023 at New Eltham. The Chief guest for the day was Rt. Rev. Saju K Muthalaly, Bishop of Loughborough, Suffragan Bishop of Leicester along with the other guests Rev. Daniel Kirk and Patricia Green, councillor of new Eltham and Avery Hill. Bishop inspired us with a refreshing and thought-provoking Christmas message. The choir sang 6 new carols this year, 4 Malayalam and 2 English.

The Junior choir put in yet another stellar performance and which was highly appreciated by all. The junior choir sang 2 carols, one in English and one in Malayalam. The Sunday school children also presented an innovative nativity scene combined with a relevant message concerning today's world situation.

As part of continued efforts to spread His glory across digital platforms, Choir has released 11 new songs in YouTube during Christmas and Passion week.

St. James Mar Thoma Church Choir also participated in additional activities like Zonal carols service which took place on 26th December at Peterborough, Open stage choir competition organised by Garshom TV for all the ecumenical churches in UK in Coventry on 9th December 2023, Mar Thoma CHOIR FEST 2023' organised by DSMC, Zonal choir-organised 'Virtual Choir 2023'

Our heartfelt condolences to the family of Mrs. Shirley Linoy Cherian for the untimely demise of our choir member Mr. Linoy Cherian who was an enthusiastic musician and an expert bass vocalist. Choir leader expressed condolences message along with a song by the choir during his celebration of Life.

## **Suvishesha Sevika Sangham (The Women's Mission)**

St. James parish is blessed with a vibrant Sevika Sangham that takes an active role in the spiritual life of the parish. Sevika Sangham members offered great mental and physical support for the family members of parish members in their sickness and in bereavement.

St James Mar Thoma Church Sevika Sangham meet on first Sunday of every month immediately after the church service. Our Sevika Sangham members participate in online chain prayers organised on every alternate Fridays, held from 5:30 AM in the morning till 11:00 PM. These chain prayers have been a blessing to our members who has participated and the wider community who has requested. The other alternate Fridays are observed as fasting prayer days.

In addition to the above, this year the Sevika Sangham started an online bible study, jointly with the Edavaka Mission, on first and third Wednesday of every month. This bible study is led by our Vicar and is open to all the members of the church.

Our Sevika Sangham members attended the Zonal Sevika Sangham Conference held at the St Thomas Mar Thoma Church Bristol on 24th June 2023. Our members also took part in the singing competition held on the day. Our members also attended the Annual Sevika Sangham Conference held at the Hermon Mar Thoma Church, Midlands on 07th October 2023. Our members took part in the Quiz competition held on the day, and secured third place.

Sevika Sangham played an active role in organising and preparing a wide variety of food for our Harvest Festival, held on the 23rd September 2023. Our Parish celebrated the Sevika Sangham day on 17th of September 2023. Our members assisted and helped to lead the service for the Sunday Holy Qurbana. Our member Mrs Shiby Varughese delivered the sermon on the day. On Sevika Sangham initiative, Onam Sadhya was also served after the church service.



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During this year, our Sevika Sangham heartily contributed towards various charity purposes. Sevika Sangham invited applications for all those who are in need of Education and Medical aid. From the applications received, our Vicar and the sub-committee, appointed by the General Body, selected the most deserving candidates. Sevika Sangham provided an Education Aid of Rs.1,00,000 to a nursing student and medical aid of Rs.50,000 each to 2 women from the shortlisted applications.

Our vicar Rev Soju Mathai Thomas served as the President of the St. James Sevika Sangham for the year 2023-24. The following members served as office bearers for the year 2023 – 24.

Vice President	Mrs Laly Abraham
Secretary	Mrs. Shanty Thomas
Joint Secretary	Mrs. Bindu Annie Jacob
Treasurer	Mrs. Sheena John
Representative to EC	Mrs. Sherly Linoy
Auditor	Mrs Carmel Mathew

## Edavaka/Parish Mission

*Acts 1:8, "When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all Judaea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Edavaka Mission has a prominent role of spreading the Gospel and leading the mission activities of the Parish. The functioning of this organisation is based on the motto 'Every Marthomite is an Evangelist' and it was called to promote various activities of the Parish. Evangelism is the responsibility of every member of the Church and not that of the clergy alone.

Under the guidance of Rev. Soju Mathai Thomas, the Parish Mission thrived this past year with various activities aimed at spiritual growth and community engagement.

## Activities

- Church Meetings: Regular Parish Mission meetings were held after select Sunday services.
- Wednesday Evening Prayer: A fruitful online evening prayer and Bible study were initiated, alternating leadership with Sevika Sangam.
- Intercessory Prayer: The intercessory prayer was reinstated, providing a blessed start to Sunday mornings.
- Cottage Fasting Prayer: Cottage fasting prayers were organized, fostering deeper spiritual connections.
- House Visits: Visits were made to the homes of elderly members, ensuring their inclusion and care.
- Parish Mission Sunday: The Parish Mission led the celebration of Parish Mission Sunday on October 1, 2023, with various members contributing to the service and refreshments.
- Medical Information Session: A valuable session on CPR was conducted by Dr. Jagan John, Dr. Jason John, and Dr. K John, enhancing preparedness in emergencies.
- Parish Convention: The Parish Mission took the lead in organizing the Parish convention and Rev. Thomas Baby from Tabore Marthoma Church, Manchester was the chief guest and key speaker.



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- Diocesan Intercessory Prayer: Hosting the Diocesan intercessory prayer further strengthened our bond with the broader Mar Thoma community.
- Membership Drive: Parish Mission office bearers undertook a membership drive to widen the participation of our church members in the activities of the Parish Mission

The following members served as office bearers for the year 2023 – 24.

Vice President	Mr. Varughese Mathew
Secretary	Mr. Alex P Sam
Treasurer	Mrs Ancy Sunnymon
Auditor	Mrs Shiney Alex

The Edavaka Mission remains always as the body for helping the spiritual awakening of the Parish. We thank our Vicar and all the Edavaka Mission committee members. May God's continuing guidance be with the Church and all Edavaka Mission activities.

## Area Prayer Groups

The Parish is currently made up of various prayer groups. Regular prayer meetings were held at Bury St. Edmunds, East London, Ipswich, Kent, South East London and South London. Each prayer groups met regularly for Bible study, praise and intercessory prayers. Each prayer group has an elected prayer leader to assist the Vicar with the arrangements. The area prayers are a source of strength and enrichment to the lives of members both children and adults. The prayer groups also play a part in assisting with our Worship services. Each elected prayer group leader has played a vital role in keeping the families informed and also supporting the lay leaders for Church assistance. Prayer groups also have elected treasurers to manage the offertory and any other special collection the groups may decide.

## Zonal Meetings

The parish members participated in the Mar Thoma UK and Europe zonal meetings. This included the Zonal Sevika Sangham Meet, World Sunday School Day, Zonal Christmas Carols, Zonal Parish Mission Intercessory Prayer and Zonal Mar Thoma Meet. Our members have also taken up leadership roles in the Zone. Mr. Cyril Abraham John was elected as Zonal Auditor and Mrs. Susan Mathew served as the Zonal Sunday School Treasurer

## Church Website & NewsLetter

The official website of the parish is [www.marthomachurch.org.uk](http://www.marthomachurch.org.uk). The website continued to be regularly updated. It has been a source of information for both our members, new members and to others around the world.

The Church Newsletter is published weekly and distributed via email to members of the Parish. The Newsletter comprises the church programme calendar for each month and other information such as Sunday worship timings, Sunday lectionary, prayer schedules, special events, achievements by the parishioners, financial updates etc.



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## Visiting Bishops and Clergies

During the report year, following bishops and clergies visited our parish

- Rt Rev Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa
- Rt Rev Dr Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa
- Rt Rev Saju Muthalaly, Bishop of Loughborough
- Rev Merin Mathew
- Rev Abu Cherian
- Rev M J Cherian
- Rev Thomas Baby
- Rev Sunny Thomas
- Rev V G Varghese
- Rev M J Joseph
- Rev Sijo John
- Rev Daniel Kirk

We would like to extend our gratitude to all the Bishops and Vicars and their parishes for the support.

## Acknowledgements

The Executive Committee would like to place on record the grateful leadership, guidance and support of His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan, our current Diocesan Bishop Rt Rev. Dr Joseph Mar Ivanios Episcopa as well as our previous Diocesan Bishop Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa. There was a farewell meeting organised on 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023 at church for our outgoing Diocesan Bishop Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa to thank Episcopa for his dedicated service in the Diocese over the last seven years.

We also respectfully thank His Majesty's Government and the London Borough of Greenwich for all their assistance during the reporting year.

We acknowledge the dedication and sincere services of the entire Executive Committee; from the leadership and guidance of our Vice President, the tireless and meritorious work of the Treasurer and Accountant, Lay leaders, internal auditors, convenors of the various programmes, office bearers of organisations, all the area prayer group leaders and all our family members and well-wishers who have supported the parish through their prayers and generous contributions and wholehearted support during the year. We are also grateful to all Sevika Sangham Area prayer group leaders and families, who volunteer regularly to provide refreshments on Sundays after church service and on special occasions.

We affectionately remember with gratitude all our former and present Bishops, Vicars and their families, parish members and well-wishers. Let us thank and pray to our Lord Almighty for their services, able leadership and guidance, for their untiring work and contributions rendered for the growth of our Parish to this day.



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## Conclusion

We thank our God Almighty for the abundant mercies and provisions throughout this year, especially, during this unprecedented political and economic turmoil where we have faced with various challenges. In the midst of our limitations, His bountiful blessings protected, preserved and strengthened us to be His witnesses.

Our membership is constantly increasing and many within our community enjoy the love, fellowship and services provided by our Parish. New members attending our service need wholehearted support, guidance and fellowship. As a parish we need to set our priorities so that we can support our community.

For the year under review, we conducted our regular worship services, prayer meetings, study sessions, and special events and activities. The parish has experienced God's enduring presence and grace. God Almighty has provided us timely spiritual leadership through the Bishops, Clergies, and other lay leaders. We have also extended possible support to the sick, needy, and marginalized people. Let us rededicate ourselves to continue the mission and ministry of God Almighty through reflecting Christ's character of humility, love, integrity, generosity, and servant hood. The church is the community where individuals get support, guidance, skills, encouragement, and motivation to transform not only their own lives, but also assist others who are in need of meaning and wholeness. May the Almighty God continue to bless our parish and make all our efforts for His glory and extension of His Kingdom.

Let us be the torch bearers of faith, "light to the generations and salt of the earth" and move forward with the motto of the Mar Thoma Church, 'Lighted to Lighten'.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee / Charity Trustees.

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**Rev. Soju Mathai Thomas**

**(Vicar & President)**

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**Mr. Iju Thomas**

**(Hon. Secretary)**



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## Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts (Internal)

**Report to the Trustees /members of St James Mar Thoma Church UK (Charity No. 1059210) on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on pages 21 to 33**

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners.**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

### **Basis of independent examiners' statement**

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Direction 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 examiners' statement**

In connection with our examination, no material matters have come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

We 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.

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**Mr. Mathews John**  
(Hon. Independent Examiner)

**Mrs. Mercy Mathew**  
(Hon. Independent Examiner)



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Date: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Actual 2023-24	Budget 2023-24	Actual 2022-23
<b>Income</b>						
1. Stewardship		81,401		81,401	90,000	74,127
2. Tax Refund		43,938		43,938	25,000	33,732
3. General Offertory	<b>3a</b>	63,223		63,223	40,000	53,031
4. General Offertory - Thanksgiving			3,000	3,000	3,000	3,490
5. Specific Offertory and Collections	<b>3b</b>		7,389	7,389	5,000	7,023
6. Harvest Festival	<b>4</b>	25,920	2,580	28,500	20,000	25,891
7. Christmas Carol Rounds		9,850		9,850	10,000	6,870
8. Mar Thoma Centre Enhancement Fund				0	100,000	1,430
9. Mar Thoma Centre Additional Principal Repayment Fund			3,260	3,260	24,000	0
10. Mar Thoma Centre Maintenance Fund				0	20,000	0
11. Insurance Claim		18,900		18,900		
12. Donations		5,998		5,998	4,000	0
13. Event Donations	<b>3c</b>	5,658		5,658	6,000	7,793
14. Zonal Contribution Collection			6,035	6,035	9,590	4,350
15. MTC Hire of Hall and Grounds	<b>20</b>	14,355		14,355	10,000	5,550
16. Bank Interest		939		939	250	286
17. Church Organisation Collections			4,698	4,698	0	5,136
18. Zonal Contra Collections			1,250	1,250		
19. Church Worship Book Donations						10
20. Zonal Development Fund						42,840
21. Charitable Donation Collections	<b>18a</b>		12,649	12,649	25,000	4,900
22. Church Fellowship Fund			12,486	12,486	10,000	9,632
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>270,182</b>	<b>53,347</b>	<b>323,529</b>	<b>401,840</b>	<b>286,092</b>



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	Notes	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Actual 2023-24	Budget 2023-24	Actual 2022-23
<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>						
1. Salary, Tax and National Insurance	17	28,934		28,934	33,600	30,635
2. Provident/Pension Fund		675		675	750	750
3. Guest Expenses		980		980	1,000	990
4. Motor and Travel	10	2,650		2,650	5,000	2,715
5. Motor Car Leasing & Final Payment				0	0	2,085
6. Motor Insurance	10	1,270		1,270	1,500	1,165
7. Accommodation and Utility	7	5,388		5,388	9,000	5,357
8. Church Building & Contents Insurance		2,244		2,244	2,000	1,747
9. Visiting Clergy		1,257		1,257	4,000	3,750
10. New Vicar's Relocation (Winter) Allowance		1,000		1,000	1,000	
11. New Vicar's Driving License		890		890	2,000	
12. Zonal Contribution	5	3,155	6,035	9,190	9,190	9,190
13. Specific Offertory	3b		7,389	7,389	5,000	7,023
14. Harvest Festival Expenses and Grants	4	2,700	2,580	5,280	2,500	3,723
15. Charity Contribution from Thanks Giving			3,000	3,000	3,000	3,490
16. Printing, postage and Stationary		101		101	250	28
17. Special Events, Parish Day / Convention	3d	10,337		10,337	6,000	6,168
18. Provision for Vicars Transfer Cost	14	12,063		12,063	10,000	11,761
19. Mandalam and Assembly Meeting TA					1,000	0
20. Church Organisation Grants	9	3,500		3,500	3,500	2,750
21. Ecumenical Membership	5	400		400	400	400
22. Sundry Expenses		125		125	500	51
23. Altar Expense		145		145	500	279
24. Carol Rounds Expenses		1,358		1,358	1,500	1,140
25. Bank Charges		1,435		1,435	1,500	1,284
26. Family / Clergy Conference		120		120	500	0
27. Mar Thoma Centre Maintenance Charges	8	28,057		28,057	24,000	13,607
28. Bank Loan Repayment & Interest	11	86,575		86,575	79,572	52,912
29. Mar Thoma Centre Additional Principal Repayment			3,260	3,260	24,000	
30. Mar Thoma Centre Enhancement				0	100,000	0
31. Donations		0	0	0	500	0
32. Church Organisation Payments			4,698	4,698	0	5,136
33. Zonal Contra Payments			1,250	1,250		
34. Zonal Development Fund						48,150
35. Professional Fees		14,873		14,873	5,000	1,000
36. IT Infrastructure		395		395	2,000	190
37. Charitable Donation Payments	18b		12,649	12,649	25,000	4,900
38. Church Fellowship Expenses	19		12,486	12,486	15,000	9,605
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>210,627</b>	<b>53,347</b>	<b>263,974</b>	<b>380,262</b>	<b>231,979</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		59,555	0	59,555	21,578	<b>54,113</b>
<b>Less: Depreciation</b>	12	51,438	0	51,438	0	52,975
<b>Net Surplus</b>	15	<b>8,117</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,117</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,138</b>



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## Balance Sheet As At 31st March 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	12	2,379,856	2,423,565
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at Bank- General		76,124	56,099
Cash at Bank– Building Fund	15	10,668	10,668
		<b>86,792</b>	<b>66,767</b>
<b>LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors & Accruals	13	137,441	121,399
<b>NET CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>-50,648</b>	<b>-54,632</b>
		<b>2,329,208</b>	<b>2,368,933</b>
Less: Bank loan (BOI)	11		780,450
Less: Bank loan (Kingdom Bank)	11	730,608	
Less: Provision for Vicar's transfer cost	14	10,000	8,000
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>1,588,600</b>	<b>1,580,483</b>
<b>Represented by :</b>			
<b>Unrestricted</b>			
General Funds	15	655,302	647,185
Building Fund	15	930,263	930,263
<b>Restricted</b>			
Social welfare Fund	15	3,035	3,035
		<b>1,588,600</b>	<b>1,580,483</b>



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## 1. Accounting Policies

### a. Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognized at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

### b. Recognition of income

Income included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

### c. Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and are valued at cost. Depreciation is provided on the following rates.

- Freehold property - 2% on cost
- Fixtures and fittings - 20% on reducing balance
- Computer and other equipment - 25% on reducing balance
- Car - 10% on straightline basis

### d. Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor.

## 2. Stewardship

Stewardship consists of voluntary contribution. **156 family members** made such contributions during the year



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## 3. Offertory

### 3a - General Offertory

General	2024	2023
Church Service	31,033	25,993
Birthday, Wedding Anniversary	12,962	10,724
Baptism (Offertory & Donations)	215	631
Marriage (Offertory & Donations)	1,500	500
Parish Day \ Thanksgiving Sunday	6,030	5,848
Family Sunday Tithe	9,593	7,745
Students Thanksgiving Service	1,610	1,040
House Dedication Service	280	550
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,223</b>	<b>53,031</b>

### 3b - Specific Offertory

Specific Offertory and Collections	2024	2023
General Offertory : Suvishesha Nidhi Collection	229	130
Specific Offertory Collection : Vaidika Seminary	325	270
Specific Offertory Collection : Metropolitan Fund	137	139
Specific Offertory Collection : Choir Sunday	131	117
Specific Offertory Collection : Mission Sunday	116	183
Specific Offertory Collection : Education Sunday	127	311
Specific Offertory Collection : World Sunday School Day	115	114
Specific Offertory Collection : Voluntary Evangelist Day	98	202
Specific Offertory Collection : Bible Sunday	111	204
Specific Offertory Collection : Outside Kerala Mission	225	127
Specific Offertory Collection : Medical Mission Sunday	194	336
Specific Offertory Collection : Clergy Medical Aid	168	123
<b>13 Sundays Collection</b>	<b>1,974</b>	<b>2,255</b>
Specific Offertory Collection : Youth Sunday	231	222
Specific Offertory Collection : Self Denial	3,524	3,549
Specific Offertory Collection : Recessa	574	393
Specific Offertory Collection : Good Friday	801	
Specific Offertory Collection : Sevigha Sangham Day	284	605
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,389</b>	<b>7,023</b>

Offertories and other collections made specifically during various church services will be disbursed as required.



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## 3c - Event Donations

Event Donations	2024	2023
Family Retreat	1,033	1,310
Zonal Carol Service		2,189
Episcopal Visit		2,505
Zonal Mar Thoma Meet	645	575
Parish Picnic	3,630	
Carol Service	350	
Other	0	1,214
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,658</b>	<b>7,793</b>

## 3d - Event Expenses

Event Expenses	2024	2023
Family Retreat	303	975
Zonal Carol Service		1,993
Episcopal Visit	1,470	1,448
Zonal Mar Thoma Meet	1,500	1,500
Parish Picnic	3,649	
Parish Day	1,245	
Carol Service	910	252
Christmas Bells	480	
Thanksgiving Sunday	780	
Other	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,337</b>	<b>6,168</b>

## 4. Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival	2024	2023
Sale Of Tickets	8,020	10,525
Auctions	5,960	5,548
Food and Games Stalls	10,665	8,863
Donations	2,805	955
Donations from previous year	1,050	
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,500</b>	<b>25,891</b>
Restricted Fund	2,580	2,463
Less: Expenses	2,700	1,260
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>23,220</b>	<b>22,168</b>



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## 5. Zonal/ Sabha Office Dues

	2024	2023
Zonal Dues		
Nithyachilavu	1,490	1,490
Zonal Fund	2,980	2,980
Episcopal Travel	745	745
Zonal Day Collection Offertory	2,235	2,235
Salary Adjustment Fund	250	250
Higher education Scholarship	1,490	1,490
Ecumenical Subscription Fees	400	400
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,590</b>	<b>9,590</b>

## 6.

## 7. Accommodation Expenses

	2024	2023
Lighting & Heating	2,467	3,316
Council Tax & Water Rates	2,217	1,464
Telephone & Internet	188	236
Television Licence	158	159
Repairs and Sundry Household Items	358	181
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,388</b>	<b>5,357</b>

## 8. Mar Thoma Centre Expenses

	2024	2023
Rates and Water	2,416	2,525
Light and Heat	3,341	4,538
Cleaning	2,533	2,577
Premises Licence	415	55
Ground Maintenance	7,986	4,223
Building Works	12,415	
Building Maintenance	0	405
Waste Collection	773	402
Gardening	87	102
Sundry	42	336
Christmas Decorations		70
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>30,008</b>	<b>15,234</b>
Utilities Refund	1,951	1,627
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,057</b>	<b>13,607</b>



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## 9. Church Grant for Church Organisations

	2024	2023
VBS	500	500
Sunday School	500	500
Sevika Sangham	500	500
Youth League	1,000	1,000
Choir	500	0
Edavaka Mission	500	250
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>2,750</b>

## 10. Motor and Travel Expenses

	2024	2023
Public Transport	200	515
Fuel Charges & Parking	1,331	1,750
Motor Repairs	794	23
Tax & Toll Charges	326	427
<b>Total Motor and Travel</b>	<b>2,650</b>	<b>2,715</b>
Motor Car Leasing	0	2,085
Motor Insurance	1,270	1,265
<b>Total Motor Expenses</b>	<b>3,921</b>	<b>6,065</b>
Refund	0	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,921</b>	<b>5,965</b>
Motor Car Final Payment (Note 12)		12,641



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## 11. Bank Loan Repayment & Interest

This relates to loan received from Bank of India and is secured on the Freehold Property together with personal guarantees given in favour of the bank by two of our church members, Mr P K Edison & Mr Reji Mathew. Interest is charged at SOFR plus 4% and the loan is repayable by monthly instalments of £6,631.

As of 20th December 2023, the remaining borrowing of £860,000 has being remortgaged for term of 30 years by Kingdom Bank at Gospel Partner Prime Discounted Rate of 6.2% (for five years) repayable by monthly instalments of £5267.23.

A lumpsum repayment of £43,938.05 (received as GiftAid for 2022-23) made along with existing monthly instalments of £6,631 has reduced the term by 13 years and 7 months. A further amount of £3260 collected from members towards MTC Additional Principal Repayment has been set aside to be paid to the bank in April 2024.

	2024	2023
Interest Paid - BOI (Upto 20/12/2023)	72,175	52,912
Interest Paid - Kingdom Bank (20/12/2023 - 31/03/2024)	14,400	
<b>Total Interest</b>	<b>86,575</b>	<b>52,912</b>
Capital Repaid - BOI	22	26,660
Capital Repaid - Kingdom Bank	49,820	
<b>Total Capital Repaid</b>	<b>49,842</b>	<b>26,660</b>
<b>Total Paid</b>	<b>136,417</b>	<b>79,572</b>
Mortgage Outstanding - 1 April	810,180	860,022

## 12. Fixed Assets

	Freehold Property	Fixtures & Fittings	Motor Vehicle	Computer & Office Equipment	Total
<b>Cost</b>	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2023	2,458,443	148,839	12,641	6,048	2,625,971
Additions	0	7,729	0	0	7,729
					0
At 31st March 2024	<b>2,458,443</b>	<b>156,568</b>	<b>12,641</b>	<b>6,048</b>	<b>2,633,700</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2023	108,423	87,188	1,264	5,531	202,406
Charge for the Year	36,169	13,876	1,264	129	51,438
At 31st March 2024	<b>144,592</b>	<b>101,064</b>	<b>2,528</b>	<b>5,660</b>	<b>253,844</b>
<b>Net Book Value</b>	£	£	£	£	£
At 31st March 2024	<b>2,313,851</b>	<b>55,504</b>	<b>10,113</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>2,379,856</b>
At 31st March 2023	2,350,020	61,651	11,377	517	2,423,565

Included in cost of Freehold land and building is freehold land of £650,000 which is not depreciated



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## 13. Creditors & Accruals

	2024	2023
<b>Unrestricted</b>	£	£
Restricted Funds	51,119	35,527
General Accruals	6,390	5,940
MTC Building Project Accruals	360	360
Bank Loan Repayable within 12 Months	79,572	79,572
	<b>137,441</b>	<b>121,399</b>

Included in the Restricted fund above is the remaining legacy amount £4,133 of the total amount received from the estate of a Late member of the parish and this amount will be disbursed in accordance with his wishes.

## 14. Provision For Vicar's Transfer Cost

	2024	2023
	£	£
Brought forward at 1st April	8,000	16,000
Visa extension expense - 2022	0	7,391
Visa application expense - 2023	189	10,865
Travel Arrangements for outgoing Vicar	831	1,505
Severance Bonus for outgoing Vicar	7,402	0
Travel Arrangements for incoming Vicar	1,642	0
<b>Total expended as at 31 March</b>	<b>10,063</b>	<b>19,761</b>
Charge for the year	12,063	11,761
Carried forward at 31 March	10,000	8,000

This is to provide for the travel and other related costs of the vicar and family, on their transfer to and from this parish.

## 15. Movements in Funds

	General Fund	MTC Building Fund	Social Welfare Fund	Total
<b>Unrestricted</b>	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2023	647,185	930,263		
Net Surplus for the Year	8,117			
Transfer to Building Account				
As at 31 March 2024	<b>655,302</b>			<b>655,302</b>
As at 31 March 2024		<b>930,263</b>		<b>930,263</b>
Less expended this year		0		
Less expended previous years (2018,2019,2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)		919,595		
Held at Building Fund Bank Account		<b>10,668</b>		



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## Restricted

At 1 April 2023	3,035	
New Funds received in the Year		
Distributed in the year		
As at 31 March 2024	3,035	3,035
		<u>1,588,600</u>

## 16. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted (£)	General Restricted (£)	Total (£)
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,379,856		2,379,856
Current Assets	83,757	3,035	86,792
Current Liabilities	-147,441		-147,441
Long Term Liabilities and Provisions	-730,608		-730,608
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1,585,565</b>	<b>3,035</b>	<b>1,588,600</b>

## 17. Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

The vicar who served the parish during the year was remunerated in accordance with the terms agreed prior to the appointment. The charge in the accounts include net monthly stipend to the vicar of **£1,850.74 to October 2023 and £2,213.00 thereafter**, tax and national insurance contributions on the stipend and on the value of taxable benefits in kind. The vicar who also acts as manager of the Mar Thoma Centre is provided with accommodation and all expenses incurred on pastoral and management duties were reimbursed to him. Except for the above, no remuneration, either directly or indirectly, out of the fund of the church was paid or payable for the year, to any trustee nor to any person or persons known to be connected with any trustees. No expenses were reimbursed to trustees for carrying out their duties during the year.



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## 18. Charitable Donations

### 18a. Charitable Donation Collections

	2024	2023
Light To Life Project		2,160
House Building Support for Evangelist - Ranni	6,488	2,100
Educational Aid	2,015	
Medical Aid	1,150	
Wings 2 Dreams	2,750	
Educational Support for student at TTI	246	240
Turkey Earthquake Fund		100
Mission Field : Andimadam		300
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,649</b>	<b>4,900</b>

### 18b. Charitable Donation Payments from Collections

	2024	2023
Light To Life Project		2,160
House Building Support for Evangelist - Ranni	3,412	0
Educational Support (5 Students)	2,012	
Medical Aid (3 Families)	1,104	
Wings 2 Dreams	2,403	
Educational Support for student at TTI	246	240
Mission Field : Andimadam		300
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,177</b>	<b>2,700</b>



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## 18c. Charitable Donation Payments from Accruals

	2024	2023
House Building Support for Evangelist - Ranni	3,670	0
Educational Support for student at TTI	295	0
Friends of Vellore, UK - Support for safer birth		500
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,965</b>	<b>500</b>

## 18d. Restricted Charitable Donations in Accruals

	2024	2023
House Building Support for Evangelist - Ranni	3,076	2,100
Turkey Earthquake Fund		100
Educational Aid	3	
Medical Aid	46	
Wings to Dreams	347	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,472</b>	<b>2,200</b>
Self Denial (2021-22) allocated to House Building Support for Evangelist - Ranni		1,570



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## 19. Church Fellowship Expenses

	2024	2023
Fellowship Lunch	12,115	9,605
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,115</b>	<b>9,605</b>

## 20. MTC Hire of Hall and Grounds

	2024	2023
Car Park	1,035	200
Football Pitch	8,560	2,900
Hall Hire	4,760	2,450
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,355</b>	<b>5,550</b>



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## **AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF CHURCH ORGANISATIONS**

**Please note that the audited account statements of all organisations are included for informational purposes only. These accounts have been audited by the auditors of the respective organisations and have been presented to and approved by their respective general bodies.**



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## St James Mar Thoma Church UK - Edavaka Mission

Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>Actual 2023-24</b>
1	Grant from church	£500.00
2	Registrations/Donations	£481.49
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£981.49</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>Actual 2023-24</b>
1	Sent Off Gift	£250.00
2	Stationary Expenses (R/Book and Stamp)	£21.49
3	Fellowship Meals	£298.80
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>£570.29</b>
Net Surplus/Deficit for the year		<b>£411.20</b>
Balance brought forward from last year		<b>£551.88</b>
Balance carried forward to next year		<b>£963.08</b>

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President - Rev. Soju Mathai Thomas

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Trustees - Ancy Sunnymon

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Auditor - Shiney Alex



# St. James Mar Thoma Church, UK

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## St James Mar Thoma Church Youth Fellowship

Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

		Actual	Actual	Budget
INCOME		2023-24	2022-23	2023-24
1	Badminton Tournament		£815.00	£1,000.00
2	Church Grant	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
3	Donations	£340.00	£570.00	£100.00
4	Harvest Festival	£10.00	£100.00	
5	Football / Ecumenical Sports Event			£2,000.00
6	Membership Fee 2023/2024	£465.00	£625.00	£500.00
7	Membership Fee 2024/2025	£420.00	£0.00	
8	General St James Youth Activities/Retreat			£1,000.00
9	General St James Youth Fundraising/Sales Income			£1,000.00
10	Thorpe Park Trip	£670.00		
11	Yeldho Lent Collection	£710.00	£425.00	
12	Youth Sunday Offertory	£231.12	£232.00	
13	Zonal Triathlon		£125.00	
14	Zonal Youth Retreat			
15	Christmas Arrangement	£205.00		
Total Income		£4,051.12	£3,892.00	£6,600.00

		Actual	Actual	Budget
EXPENSES		2023-24	2022-23	2023-24
1	Badminton Tournament	£55.34	£714.38	£1,000.00
2	Gift / Token	£83.13	£196.97	£200.00
3	Harvest Festival	£413.33	£153.66	£250.00
4	Football / Ecumenical Sports Event			£2,000.00
5	General St James Youth Activities/Retreat			£1,000.00
6	Shaka Registration 2024/2025	£94.27		
7	Sunday Refreshments	£330.00	£325.00	£400.00
8	Thorpe Park Trip	£670.00		
9	Youth Sunday Offertory*	£231.12	£232.00	
10	Zonal Triathlon		£560.00	
11	Zonal Youth Conference Share*	£300.00		



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12	Zonal Youth Membership Fee*	£51.00	£53.00	£300.00
13	Zonal Youth Retreat			
14	Christmas Arrangement	£212.50		

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£2,440.69</b>	<b>£2,235.01</b>	<b>£5,150.00</b>
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	Actual 2023-24	Actual 2022-23	Budget 2023-24
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>			
Yeldho Lent Donation	710	425	
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>£710.00</b>	<b>£425.00</b>	

Net Surplus/Deficit for the year	£900.43	£1,231.99	£1,450.00
Balance brought forward from last year	£5,494.76	£4,262.77	
Balance carried forward to next year	£6,395.19	£5,494.76	
Total Balance (including restricted funds) carried forward to next year	<b>£7,105.19</b>	<b>£5,919.76</b>	

\*Payments made to the Zone

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Trustees - Ashwin Chacko

Sd-

Auditor - Nithin Jacob



# St. James Mar Thoma Church, UK

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## St James Mar Thoma Church Sunday School

Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

		Actual 2023-24	Actual 2022- 23	Budget 2024-25
INCOME				
1	Grant From Church - Sunday School +VBS	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
2	Student Collection/Donation	£1,137.46	£993.95	£1,150.00
3	World Sunday School Day	£1,595.00	£7,193.34	£1,000.00
4	SS Offertory Collection	£702.00	£540.00	£700.00
5	VBS Registration/Donation/offertory	£2,918.50	£2,682.00	£2,740.00
6	SS Food Sale	£1,755.00	£0.00	£1,500.00
7	DBS	£247.50	£0.00	£250.00
Total Income		£9,355.46	£12,409.29	£8,340.00



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EXPENSES	Actual 2023-24	Actual 2022- 23	Budget 2024-25
1 DBS	£247.50	£0.00	£250.00
2 SS Expense/SS Food	£661.52	£777.64	£1,100.00
3 WSSD Coach	£1,500.00	£7,843.34	£1,500.00
4 WSSD Hall Booking	£325.00	£0.00	£0.00
5 WSSD -Food Expense	£420.00	£0.00	£0.00
6 WSSD (Stage Light)	£31.69	£0.00	£0.00
7 Stationary/Books	£936.00	£683.50	£800.00
8 Stationary/Attendance Tracker	£27.86	£0.00	£0.00
9 Annual SS Diocesan Contribution	£150.00	£150.00	£150.00
10 Honorary Awards	£746.60	£910.34	£900.00
11 Christmas Shoebox Appeal	£37.00	£0.00	£0.00
12 VBS Expense/Offertory	£1,670.15	£1,892.30	£3,620.00
13 Charity (Marthoma Institutions for the Deaf)	£819.70	£500.00	£700.00
14 Gifts (Father's Day/Mother's Day)	£270.73	£0.00	£350.00
15 Farewell Gift (KK)	£150.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£7,993.75</b>	<b>£12,757.12</b>	<b>£9,370.00</b>
Net Surplus/Deficit for the year	<b>£1,361.71</b>	<b>-£347.83</b>	<b>-£1,030.00</b>
Balance brought forward from last year	<b>£3,743.01</b>	<b>£4,090.84</b>	
Balance carried forward to next year	<b>£5,104.72</b>		<b>£4,074.72</b>

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Trustees - Susan Mathew

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Auditor - Shiney Alex



# St. James Mar Thoma Church, UK

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## St James Mar Thoma Church Choir, UK

Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

INCOME	Actual 2023-24	Budget 2023-24	Actual 2022-23
1 Choir membership fee	£180.00	£200.00	£170.00
2 Choir Notation Books (Sing Along/DSMC)			£45.00
3 Grant from church	£500.00	£250.00	
4 Choir Equipment Sale			
5 Charity		£100.00	
7 Video & Audio equipment purchase		£150.00	
8 Choir tablet (Ipad)	£282.00	£150.00	
9 Choir Equipment (Piano)		£400.00	
10 Refreshments	£144.00		
11 Christmas expenses			
12 Choir Affiliation	£10.00		£8.21
13 Carol day dinner (for church)	£180.00		£485.00
17 Zonal Choir practice refreshments	£130.00		
19 Donations			
: Baptism/Wedding (Donation)	£250.00		
: Charity (Donation)			£1,120.00
: Others (Donation)		£500.00	£20.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£1,676.00</b>	<b>£1,750.00</b>	<b>£1,848.21</b>



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EXPENSES	Actual 2023-24	Budget 2023-24	Actual 2022-23
1 Charity	£173.00	£173.00	£1,320.00
2 Audition expense		£300.00	£200.00
3 Video & Audio equipment purchase	£95.00	£300.00	£64.95
4 Choir tablet (Ipad)	£282.00	£300.00	
5 Choir Equipment (Piano)		£1,000.00	
6 Refreshments	£228.83	£375.00	£137.85
7 Christmas expenses	£234.00	£150.00	£123.48
8 Choir Affiliation	£10.00	£10.00	£8.21
9 Carol day dinner (for church)	£350.00		£412.50
10 Garshom Entry Fee	£50.00		
11 Video and audio editing expense		£100.00	
12 Christmas Bells		£150.00	
13 Zonal Choir practice refreshments	£175.00		
14 Other Expenses	£95.39	£50.00	
15 Non-budgeted Items			
16 Retreat Gift	£150.00		£94.14
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£1,843.22</b>	<b>£2,908.00</b>	<b>£2,361.13</b>
Net Surplus/Deficit for the year	<b>-£167.22</b>		<b>-£512.92</b>
Balance brought forward from last year	<b>£2,216.89</b>		<b>£2,729.81</b>
Balance carried forward to next year	<b>£2,049.67</b>		<b>£4,074.72</b>

Accounts presented and approved in General Body held on 21-April-2024 at St James Mar Thoma Church UK, 167 Avery Hill Road, London SE9 2EX.

Sd-

President - Rev. Soju Mathai Thomas

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Trustees - Jiku Thomas

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Auditor - Joyan Chacko Jacob

Sd-

Auditor - Adita Susan Aji



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## St James Mar Thoma Church Sevika Sangham UK

Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

		Actual	Budget	Actual
		2023-24	2023-24	2022-23
INCOME				
1	Grant from Parish	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00
2	Yearly Collection from members	£3,875.00	£5,000.00	£3,510.00
3	Onam Lunch	£2,155.00	£3,000.00	£1,540.00
4	Sevika Sangham Day Offertory	£284.00	£700.00	£605.00
5	Food sale/Fund Raising		£3,000.00	£1,710.00
6	Retreat		£500.00	
7	Offertory	£10.00	£200.00	£44.00
8	Donations	£30.00	£1,000.00	£279.15
9	Vishranti Bhavan Building Fund Thiruvalla			£240.00
10	Zonal Meet	£1,610.00	£1,000.00	£391.00
Total Income		£8,464.00	£14,900.00	£8,819.15



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EXPENSES	Actual 2023-24	Budget 2023-24	Actual 2022-23
1 Annual payments to Sevika Sangham Sabha Office	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00
2 Sponsorship - Balika Bhavan, Elanthoor	£150.00	£150.00	£150.00
3 Education/Medical/Family Support/New home	£1,907.52	£3,000.00	£2,000.00
4 Payment to Zonal Sevika Sangham Activities	£284.00	£700.00	£605.00
5 Honorarium for guests		£500.00	
6 Onam Lunch	£1,685.50	£3,000.00	£1,137.50
7 Church/Parsonage Expenses	£461.17	£2,200.00	£160.57
8 Refreshments/Stationeries/other Misc expenses	£1,410.50	£2,000.00	£1,123.09
9 Payment to Vishranti Bhavan			£320.00
10 Retreat		£500.00	
11 Zonal Meet	£2,805.01	£1,000.00	£750.00
12 Leaving gift to Remi kochamma - Cheque no 100175 (dated 2/4/23) Cheque not cashed - Accrued to 2024-25	£500.00		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£9,703.70</b>	<b>£13,550.00</b>	<b>£6,746.16</b>
Net Surplus/Deficit for the year	<b>-£1,239.70</b>	<b>£1,350.00</b>	<b>£2,072.99</b>
Balance brought forward from last year	<b>£15,734.34</b>		<b>£13,661.35</b>
Balance carried forward to next year	<b>£14,494.64</b>		<b>£15,734.34</b>

Accounts presented and approved in General Body held on 12-May-2024 at St James Mar Thoma Church UK, 167 Avery Hill Road, London SE9 2EX.

Sd-

President - Rev. Soju Mathai Thomas

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Trustees - Sheena John

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Auditor - Carmel Mathew



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