



# ST. PETER & ST. PAUL'S KNANAYA CHURCH LONDON

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## **THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023 – 2024**

The Executive Committee has pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of St. Peter & St. Paul's Knanaya Church, London for the year ended 31st March 2024.

### **INTRODUCTION**

St. Peter & St. Paul's Knanaya Church at London is a parish of the Malankara Syrian Knanaya Archdiocese, which has its headquarters in Chingavanam, Kerala, India.

### **MISSION & OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of St. Peter & St. Paul's Knanaya Church are to advance the Christian religion; provide its members with regular Christian Worship, in according to the faith and rites of the Malankara Syrian Knanaya Community and to relieve the aged, the poor, the sick and those in condition of need, hardship and distress by providing pastoral care. The Church may also carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other part of the world.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of this church shall be opened to all those, who are the descendants of the men and women of the Knanaya race and married from the Knanaya Community, and who are fully dedicated and believers in faith, doctrines and traditions of the Malankara Syrian Knanaya Archdiocese and owes their allegiance to the Throne of Antioch and to the Metropolitans of the Knanaya Archdiocese and who practices the Church Canons and rules.



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### **VICAR**

Our former vicar Rev Fr. Job was consecrated as a Bishop in the year 2008, and therefor Rev Fr. Jomon Punnoose was appointed as the official Vicar of the church in 2009. In 2022 Fr Binoy Alexander took charge as our new Vicar. We thanks to all the guest priests who were conducted our worship in the absence of the vicar.

### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

Worship Services are held on first, third Sundays and special occasions in our parish at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Enfield Lock, London. During this year we conducted 31 services, and we have an attendance of 100 - 150 at each service. This year we conduct a Christmas carol, where all the parish member visited each other and sang Christmas carol in the glory of the new-born Jesus Christ. A service was held on Christmas Day- celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Passion Week was celebrated with service on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and finally Easter service.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We place a strong emphasis on the importance of children. Today's Christian Children must be tomorrow's Christian leaders, both in the church and the society. So, we keep a vital interest in shaping our kids to be the adults that God wants them to be. 'Train up a child in the way he should go; when he is old, he will not depart from it' [proverbs 22.6]. We have a Sunday school for all ages, which is going well before our Holly Mass. We give thanks to all our dedicated Sunday school teachers for their effort and hard work to shape tomorrow's generation. We take this opportunity to thank Mr. Anish Abraham Sunday School head teachers and all the teachers who volunteered towards the progress of our Sunday School.



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### **GENERAL BODY & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Two General Body and five Executive Committees are held during this report year.

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

During this report year we celebrated our parish festival on June 19th in the name of St. Peter & St. Paul's, we had a procession, auction, and love feast after the Holy Mass. I take this opportunity to thank Rev Fr. Stephen Gallagher who gave us the chance to use his church in Enfield to conduct the service. We organized our Kanaya Sangamam on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Watford. Various programs were conducted on the day for the kids as well as the adults.

### **FINANCE**

The accounts show the state of affairs of the parish for the year ended 31st March 2024. The Parish is wholly dependent on the free will offering of members and their subscription.

### **CONCLUSION**

This year we have seen growth in our membership and increased attendance in our worship services. We praise the Lord for leading us through this year. We beseech the Holy Virgin Mary, the Mother of God and all other Saints to pray for us. We extend our love, faith, and obedience of His Holiness Ignatius Aphrem II, the Patriarch of Antioch and to our Knanaya Metropolitans specially our Valiya metropolitan H.E. Kuriakose Mor Severios. We had the leadership of our vicar, feeding us spiritually and increasing our understanding of the WORD of GOD. We will continue our growth as more people are being added to our membership. Our vision and efforts of attain a place of our own where our future generations can worship Almighty God. We must continue to uphold this vision in prayer with faith and expectation.



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For and on behalf of the Executive Committee

Mr. Gigi K Thomas

Hon. Secretary

Place - London Date – 17/11/2024

ST PETER & ST. PAULS KNANAYA CHURCH LONDON					
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-03-2024					
INCOME DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT	EXPENSE DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
<u>Opening Balance</u>			<u>Vicar Allowance</u>		
Cash in Bank	86238.36		Fr Binoy	3,000.00	
Cash in Hand	58.01	<b>86,296.37</b>	Fr Mathews	2,650.00	<b>5,650.00</b>
Annual Subscription		<b>15,315.00</b>			
Offering		<b>10,986.00</b>	<u>Passion Week 2023</u>		
			Palm Leaf	100.00	
<u>Donation</u>			Fr Binoy	1,000.00	
Church Member (Sangamam)	4600.00		Food Exp	690.00	<b>1,790.00</b>
Collection for Fr Shyju	1605.00	<b>6,205.00</b>			
			<u>Passion week 2024</u>		
<u>Sponcership</u>			Hall Rent	985.54	
Food Sponcership	2060.00		Fr Sijo Philip	1,000.00	
Life Line Insurance	3,000.00		Food Exp	860.00	
BJ Accountancy	150.00		Palm Leaf	100.00	<b>2,945.54</b>
Food Sponcership (Benny)	1,250.00				
7 Sacaraments (Info Withheld)	310.00		<u>Gift for Guest</u>		
Life in UK (Rajan Kurian)	100.00		Bishop Severious Mor Kuriakose	1,000.00	
Ice Cream Vendor	200.00		Fr Steven (Christmas)	50.00	<b>1,050.00</b>
Mic Set Contribution	500.00	<b>7,570.00</b>			
			<u>Light &amp; Sound</u>		
<u>Other Church Contribution</u>			Sound System	1,300.00	
St George Church Manchester	1,500.00		Light System	1,250.00	
St Simon's Church Birmingham	1,500.00		LED Wall	1,600.00	<b>4,150.00</b>
St Stephen's Church Bristol	1,500.00				
St Jons's Church Cardiff	750.00		<u>Hall Rent</u>		
St Mary's Church Middlesbrough	500.00		Watford (Mai Event)	6,210.00	
St Matthew's Church East Midlands	500.00		Hall Rent (Croydon Dance Practice)	210.00	

St Mark's Church Hampshire	750.00		Hall Rent (Enfield Dance Practice)	910.00	<b>7,330.00</b>
St Joseph's Congregation Cambridge	500.00				
St Andrews Congregation Edinburgh	400.00		<u><b>Decoration</b></u>		
St Mary's Church Dublin	200.00	<b>8,100.00</b>	Alter	350.00	
			Stage Decoration	1,400.00	
<u><b>Auction</b></u>			Green Room	1,600.00	<b>3,350.00</b>
Christmas Cake	75.00	<b>75.00</b>			
			<u><b>Food Expen</b></u>		
Vanittha Samajam	100.00	<b>100.00</b>	Food Expen (Croydon Practice)	203.80	
			Food Expen (Enfield Practice)	519.00	
			Food Expen (Church regular)	7,964.54	
			Food Expen (Watford 23rd)	820.00	
			Food Expen (Sangamam Breakfast)	2,452.80	
			Food Expen (Priest and Bishop)	196.00	<b>12,156.14</b>
			<u><b>Welcome Dance</b></u>		
			Nice Xavier including dress	1,500.00	
			Art Work	85.00	<b>1,585.00</b>
			<u><b>Charity in UK</b></u>		
			Cancer Research	240.00	
			Great Ormond Street	120.00	
			Funeral Help (Exeter)	400.00	<b>760.00</b>
			<u><b>Charity For Treatment</b></u>		
			Treatment help for Fr Shyju	1,605.00	<b>1,605.00</b>
			Church Rent (Enfield)	2,400.00	<b>2,400.00</b>
			<u><b>Video and Stills</b></u>		
			Video and live coverage	1,250.00	

			Still Photos	200.00	<b>1,450.00</b>
			<b><u>Travel Expence</u></b>		
			Air Ticket Bishop Severious Mor Kuriakose	1,237.15	
			Air Ticket Bishop Ayub Mor Silvanos	1,300.00	<b>2,537.15</b>
			<b><u>Security and Cleaners</u></b>		
			Security 3G	1,295.57	
			Cleaners Boys	1,000.00	<b>2,295.57</b>
			Costume and Accessories for Procession		<b>50.50</b>
			Band Set		<b>850.00</b>
			Stage Extension		<b>772.00</b>
			7 Sacaraments		<b>310.00</b>
			<b><u>Accomodation</u></b>		
			Accomodation for Bishops	669.80	
			Accomodation for Priest	715.00	
			Accomodation Nice Xavier	140.73	<b>1,525.53</b>
			<b><u>Stationary</u></b>		
			Plate and Glass	725.00	
			Coffee, Milk,Sugar & Breakfast	382.65	
			Printing, Stationary & Mis Exp	750.00	<b>1,857.65</b>
<b>Income Total</b>		<b><u>134,647.37</u></b>	<b>Expense Total</b>		<b><u>56,420.08</u></b>
			<b>Closeing Balance</b>		<b><u>78,227.29</u></b>
			<b>Cash in Bank</b>	76,245.24	
			<b>Cash in Hand</b>	1,982.00	<b>78,227.24</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b><u>134,647.37</u></b>	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b><u>134,647.37</u></b>

# AUDITORS REPORT

I have examined the Financial Statement for the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 of St. Peter & St Paul's Knanaya Church London. The Executive committee is responsible for the preparation of the summary Financial Statement. I have also read all the information contained in the statement and I have found that the summery of Accounts are correct.

Roshan Thomas

Internal Examiner

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