

ST. GEORGE INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1111562

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2005-10-04

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FAITH.

Activities: Practice of the Indian Orthodox Christian faith and associated religious activities. Involved in providing reliefs and aid to the needy.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bolton
- Lancashire
- Manchester City
- Warrington

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£169,105	£218,672	-	-
2024-03-31	£145,964	£108,812	-	-
2023-03-31	£122,668	£86,748	-	-
2022-03-31	£80,671	£89,895	-	-
2021-03-31	£46,369	£37,209	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BYJU JOHN		2023-10-22
Benoyi Mathew		2023-10-22
GEORGE VERGHESE		
THOMAS KOSHY		2023-10-22

ST. GEORGE INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1111562

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1111562

St. George Indian Orthodox Church
Receipts and payments accounts
For the year ended
31 March 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2025

Vicar's Message

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

As we reflect on the past year, I want to take a moment to express my deep gratitude to everyone who has played a part in our church. Every act of service—seen or unseen—has helped shape our community in meaningful ways. Your efforts are appreciated more than words can fully express, and I hope you know how valuable your contribution has been.

Whether through prayer, kindness, love, or the generous sharing of time, talents, energy, experience, and finances, each of you has played a role in building a church that stands strong in joy, faith and hope. It's this spirit of dedication that encourages us as we look to the future with optimism.

A special word of thanks goes to our Trustee, Secretary, the Managing Committee, and the leaders of our spiritual organizations. Your unwavering support, commitment, and prayers have been a vital part of our journey—and I'm truly grateful for each and every one of you.

Philippians 2:2

then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

May God bless you all.

Rev.Fr Eldo Parakkottil Varghese

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2025

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name St. George Indian Orthodox Church

Charity registration number 1111562

Principal office Belgrave street
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The trustees

Mr George Verghese
Mr Benoyi Mathew
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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Structure, governance and management

The trustees present their annual report and the receipts and payments account of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. We continued to meet the primary mission of the church, to meet the spiritual necessities of our community in the area. We continued pursuing our vision, notwithstanding the worldly challenges facing us, reflecting Faith, Hope and Charity at all times.

Governing document

The trust is an unincorporated trust, constituted under a constitution adopted on 24 April 2005 and is a registered charity, number 1111562. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

Objectives of the Charity

Charity's objective is to promote the Orthodox Christian faith. In setting our objectives, and planning our activities, we have given careful consideration to Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit.

Vicar

Under the leadership and guidance of Rev. Fr. Eldo P Varghese., we were able to complete a full year with Qurbana being celebrated on all Sundays and all the Moronoyo Feasts.

Holy Qurbana

We celebrate the Holy Qurbana's on all Sundays with every 4th Sunday of the month was celebrated in English to nurture our younger Generation. All the Moronoyo feasts were also celebrated during the liturgical calendar. Prayers for birthdays, wedding anniversaries, sick and the departed were offered during the Qurbana Service.

Acolytes

On behalf of all the members of the Church, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedicated service rendered by all the church acolytes starting from Mr. George Thomas, Mr. Daniel Varghese, Mr. Abraham Joseph, Mr. Shaji Varghese, Mr. Rubin Saji, , Mr. Joshi K Eapen, Mr. Reji Tharian Keecheril, Mr Manu T John, Mr. Vinu George, Mr. Jinoj Philip, Mr. Benoyi Mathew,, Mr Ken Renji, Mr. Toby Shaji, Mr. Nevin Tharakan, Mr. Jeffin John, Mr. Jinu George, Mr Predeesh K Varghese, Mr. Jorgy Solomon, Mr. Jenson Varghese, Mr. Ashlin Roy, Mr. Sleeba P Thomas, Mr. Cris Sleeba, Mr. Sajin K Rajan, Mr. Albin Babu, Mr Shintu George, Mr. Axel Benoyi, Mast. Aiden Philip, Mast. David Daniel, Mast. Akshay Thomas and Mast. Joel Sam Kurishingal.

Mast. Geo George, Mast. Joshua Shaji and Mast. Cyrus Babu Chacko was initiated by our HG Abraham Mar Stephanos as acolytes on the 26th November 2024. Special mention to Mr. Reji Tharian Keecheril for co-ordinating the Acolytes Rota system for all the Holy Services. I would also like to express gratitude to those Acolytes who visit our Church during regular Qurbanas, feasts and special occasions.

General Body

Our Church is governed by the General Body directives in accordance with our Church Constitution.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2025

This year we had election was conducted to elect the new committee and office bearers for the forthcoming financial year of 2024-25, along with the GB. The GB and election were presided over by Rev. Fr. Eldo Varghese. The following were elected as the new Managing Committee–

Position	Name
Trustee	- Mr. Biben John
Secretary	- Mr. Roy Samuel
Comm. Mem	- Mr. Daniel Varghese
Comm. Mem	- Mr. Ginu Oommen
Comm. Mem	- Mr. Sajo Joseph
Comm. Mem	- Mr. Anish Thomas
Comm. Mem	- Mr. Raju Samuel
Comm. Mem	- Mr. Thomas Oommen
Comm. Mem	- Mrs. Susan Pathil
Comm. Mem	- Mrs. Shyni Mathew
Ex – Officio	- Mr. Benoyi Mathew
Ex – Officio	- Mr. Litto Titus

Internal Auditor - Mr. Thomas Koshy & Mr. Thomas Varghese
Diocesan Representative - Mr. Roy Samuel & Mr. Manoj Daniel
Malankara Association Representative - Mr. Benoyi Mathew.
First Aid Officers - Mrs. Sheila John & Mrs. Annie Joseph
Health & Safety Officer - Mr. Sinu Daniel till Oct 2024 and then Trustee & Secretary till 31/3/25
Sunday School Head Teacher - Mr. Suresh Daniel
Prayer Co-ordinator - Mr. Manu T John
MOMS Secretary - Mrs. Shyni Mathew and Trustee Mrs. Sheena Sajin
Youth Secretary - Mr. Axel Benoyi
Acolytes Co-ordinator - Mr. Reji Keecheril
Safeguarding officers - Mrs. Sheena Sajin and Mr. Litto Titus

In total there were 4 General Body Meetings held during this calendar year. The following were the dates GBM's held.

- 1st AGM held on 30th June 2024 – Budget Proposal GB
- 2nd AGM held on 8th Sep 2024- Annual Financial Report GB.
- 3rd AGM Half Yearly GB held on 3rd Nov 2024 – Half Yearly accounts presented.
- 4th AGM held on 30/03/2025- Election for new office bearers

Managing Committee Meetings

There was a total of 10 Managing Committee Meetings held in the financial year The dates were:
06/04/2024 / 07/05/2024 (zoom) / 16/05/2024 (zoom) / 08/06/2024 / 01/09/2024 / 06/10/2024 /
02/11/2024 / 22/12/2024 / 26/01/2025 / 23/03/2025

- AGM & Elections held on 17th Mar 2024 – Elections conducted for the year 2024 – 2025. The following members were elected as office bearers, committee members and representatives for the spiritual Wing.

Important GB decision taken in the financial year of 2024-2025

Important GB decision that there was total 6 main church events food from church account. These are Christmas, Easter, New year Get together-programme, Palli Perunnal (St George Feast), Prathistha Perunnal and ONAM. (GB decision on 08/09/2024)

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2025

Objectives and activities

Activities of the Charity - Special church events

The Great Lent

The Great Lent started on 3rd March 2025. There were daily evening prayers Online from Sunday to Friday, and Saturdays the prayers were in the Church. The Prayers were led by Rev. Fr. Eldo Varghese.

Great Lent Retreat

Mid Lenten retreat was conducted on the 22nd March 2025. The retreat was led by Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Kochupurakkal. The retreat was followed by Holy Confession and Evening prayers.

Passion Week

The Passion Week services commenced in the beginning of April 2025. We had the 40th Friday service, Hosanna, Pesaha Vyazhan (Maundy Thursday), The Good Friday, The Good Saturday and Easter services were led by our Vicar Fr. Eldo P Varghese.

St. George's Feast (Geevarghese Sahada Perunnal)

The Feast of the Patron saint was celebrated on the 4th & 5th May with Flag Hoisting, Devotional Speech and Evening Prayers on the 4th and the Holy Qurbana and Perunnal Sushroosha on the 5th of May followed by Nercha Appam brought in by all the families of the Church. The chief celebrant was Rev. Fr. Binu Thomas from Stockport St. Mary's congregation assisted with our vicar Rev. Fr. Eldo P Varghese.

Prayer Meeting

It was decided to start the prayer meeting, and the coordinator will be Mr. Manu T John. Every Saturday we are having the prayer meeting after evening prayer.

Prathishta Perunal

The 6th Anniversary – Prathishta Perunal was celebrated on the 25th and 26th of May 2024, with prayers and devotional talk on the 25th of May and the Holy Qurbana on the 26th led by our vicar Rev. Fr. Eldo P Varghese.

Pentecostal Feast

The Pentecostal Feast was conducted on the 19th May 2024 led by our Vicar Rev. Fr. Eldo Varghese.

Orthodox Sangamam

Malankara orthodox Suriyani Sangamam had happened on 25 May 2024@ Coventry. Two buses full of our members went for the function. The first pick up point was from Salford near light oaks garage and Second Pick up was from Holy Trinity church near Platt Lane Rusholme and the coordinators was Mr. Benoyi Mathew and Mr. Biben John.

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Family Picnic and Sports Day 2024

This year we had the family get together picnic and sports day on 6th July 2024@ Moses Gate Country Park, Farnworth, Bolton and co-ordinators was Mr. Anish Thomas and Mr. Raju Samuel.

OVBS

The OVBS was a spiritually enriching program with plenty of learning, fun and good fellowship and it was a positive experience for the children who attended and the Teachers who led. OVBS was held from 24th October 2024 to 27th October 2024. The theme was (Let's pray) and guest speaker was Rev. Fr. Zachariah Cherian.

Harvest Festival

Harvest festival was celebrated on 20th October 2024 and almost we managed to raise around £6000 pounds. After the expense all monies goes to the NANMA charity project. The co-ordinators were Mrs. Shyni Mathew and Mrs. Susan Pathil. This year we had a special gift sponsors:

- 1.Highest amount of money bid: this award was won by Mr. Biben John and family gift prize sponsored by Vibe Craft Events.
- 2.Highest amount of monetary value raised by sold items: this award was won by Mr. Thomas Oommen and family gift prize sponsored by Pravasi collections.

St. Gregorios Feast (Parumala Perunnal)

The Feast of St: Gregorios of Parumala was held on 2nd and 3rd November 2024. Our vicar Rev. Fr. Eldo P Varghese led the Sunday Holy Qurbana after that we had special perunnal refreshments.

Christmas Carol Visits and Christmas/ New year Get together

This year our Carol visits to almost all the members houses. The carol started from 30th November, The Visits were conducted over a 5-week period on weekends covering the various areas in and around Manchester from where our members hail from. The Carols completed on the 21st of December. We were also able to conduct the Annual Christmas and New Year get together on the 4th of January 2025 in Thornleigh Selesian College in Bolton. There were variety of performances by the different spiritual wings and individuals and followed by dinner. The programme was co-ordinated by Mr. Benoyi Mathew, Mr. Litto Titus, Mr. Jiji Kurian and Mrs. Mini Raju.

Food Festival

Our Christian values teach us to help others in a time of need. Keeping this core value at heart, the MMVS conducted a Food Festival on the 23rd February 2025, where variety of food were sold, and funds raised for a charitable cause. We raised £3000 from food sales.

Other Church Events

Diocesan Sunday School Talent Competition Event

The parish also hosted the diocesan-level talent competition event was on September 21, 2024, at Parrswood High School in Didsbury, Manchester. This event, supported by the entire parish, credit goes to all the members of the parish.

Cricket

The St: George Cricket Team, the winning champions of UK 2024 organised by Makkarios Memorial Trophy hosted by St: Thomas Indian Orthodox Church, Newcastle on 31st August 2024. The winning money £400 handover over to the trustee for the charity.

Choir

Special thanks to Mr. Sajin Rajan for organising the choir practise on Saturday evening for the Holy Qurbana preparation for every Sunday.

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Apostolic Visit

The main Historic event was the visit of His Holiness Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Mathews III visit to our church was on 26th May 2025 and we were blessed. On the same day His Holiness Bava Thirumeni was inaugurated the NANMA charity project along with Diocesan Bishop His Grace Abraham Mar Stephanos and Diocesan Secretary Rev. Fr. Varghese Mathew and Rev. Fr. Baiju Johson other dignitaries also attended the function.

Metropolitan's Visit

Firstly, the Diocese Metropolitan H.G. Abraham Mar Stephanos Metropolitan accompanied with His Holiness BAVA Thirumeni to our church on 26th May 2025 and His Grace Abraham Mar Stephanos Thirumeni led Holy Qurbana on the second time for the church at church's 20th Celebration on 24th November 2024.

Visiting Clergy - First time

Rev. Fr. Tijo Varghese, York Rev. Fr. Akhil Varghese, Kerala.

Rev. Fr. Jibin Thomas Abraham, Germany Rev. Fr. Ricku S Cherian, Lincolnshire

Rev. Fr. Mathew Varghese Cor Episcopa, Thonakkadu

20th Church Anniversary Celebrations

According to GB decision invited H G Abraham Mar Stephanos Metropolitan and all previous Vicars Rev. Fr. Happy Jacob, Rev. Fr. Varghese T Mathew and Rev. Fr. Josen John who were served in our church for the 20th Church anniversary celebration was held on 24th November 2024. After the Holy Qurbana we had a public meeting ended with photo session with refreshments.

Financial Review

The charity's principal funding source is from donations and from other activities.

Reserve policy

It is policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration and support costs.

The trustees' annual report was approved and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr George Verghese
Trustee

Date: 05 October 2025

St. George Indian Orthodox Church

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St. George Indian Orthodox Church

Year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St. George Indian Orthodox Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mijos Xavier ACA FCCA
Independent Examiner

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Date: 09 October 2025

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	ST. GEORGE INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH		1111562		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	Period start 01-Apr-24	To	Period end date 31-Mar-25	
Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscription-Current Year	42,680	-	-	42,680	36,535
Subscription-Last Year	1,855	-	-	1,855	730
Offertory	9,811	-	-	9,811	31,597
Offertory - Individual Cover	16,246			16,246	
Christmas Donation	3,141	-	-	3,141	3,135
Diocese Day Collection	240	-	-	240	290
Diocese Day Collection - Last Year		-	-	-	100
Catholicate Day Collection	10	-	-	10	-
Catholicate Day Collection - Last Year		-	-	-	100
Food & Refreshments-Donations	23,833	-	-	23,833	15,538
Food & Refreshments-Last year	3,100	-	-	3,100	1,885
Birthday	2,527	-	-	2,527	2,585
Wedding Day Offerings	775	-	-	775	815
Passion Week Donation	100	-	-	100	680
Marthamariyam Samajam	5,058	-	-	5,058	6,171
OVBS	1,100	-	-	1,100	2,210
Sunday School Receipt	7,140	-	-	7,140	3,370
Other Donations	2,125	-	-	2,125	952
Church Building Fund Donations	5,980	-	-	5,980	1,670
Contribution For Church Accessories	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	24,691	-	-	24,691	20,783
Harvest Festival	6,117	-	-	6,117	5,781
Harvest Festival - Last year	285	-	-	285	660
Interest Received	1,162	-	-	1,162	530
Baptism	100	-	-	100	-
Harvest Festival - Non-Gift-aidable Donation	584	-	-	584	589
Charity Donations	5,420	-	-	5,420	1,895
Wedding Registrations	-	-	-	-	-
Burial Plot Receipts	809	-	-	809	2,428
Emergency Family support Fund- Repayments	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Receipts	500	-	-	500	150
Raffle Ticket Receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Community Day Donations	1,144	-	-	1,144	1,550
Sports Club Donations	401	-	-	401	625
Youth League Donations	531	-	-	531	1,390
Diocese Orthodox Sangamam Coupon & Registration	520	-	-	520	1,220
English Qurbana Kramam Receipts	1,120	-	-	1,120	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	169,105	-	-	169,105	145,964
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	169,105	-	-	169,105	145,964

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A3 Payments					
Vicar's Salary	16,280	-	-	16,280	16,747
Payments to visiting clergies	3,450	-	-	3,450	2,090
Charity event expenses	8,656	-	-	8,656	9,512
Christmas Expenses	1,191	-	-	1,191	4,012
Diocese Contribution	3,000	-	-	3,000	3,200
Perunnaal Expenses	1,572	-	-	1,572	
Catholicate Day Donation Paid		-	-	-	1,000
Refreshments	32,576	-	-	32,576	24,362
Gifts & Presentation	45	-	-	45	50
Sacramental Expenses	1,084	-	-	1,084	217
Onam Expenses	1,791	-	-	1,791	
Passion Week Expenses		-	-	-	4,141
Marthamariyam Samajam	3,987	-	-	3,987	4,295
OVBS	2,950	-	-	2,950	4,078
Sunday School Expenses	18,526	-	-	18,526	7,317
Miscellaneous Expenses	136	-	-	136	461
Water	718	-	-	718	448
Gas & Electricity	3,902	-	-	3,902	2,921
Insurance	1,069	-	-	1,069	1,052
Printing, Stationery & Postage	1,010	-	-	1,010	1,405
Telephone	1,121	-	-	1,121	1,016
Repairs & Maintenance	1,258	-	-	1,258	2,238
Groceries	4,523	-	-	4,523	3,555
DBS Verification Charges	197	-	-	197	
Travelling Expenses	1,131	-	-	1,131	429
Bank Charges - Card Payment Fee	699	-	-	699	456
Burial Plot Expenses	722	-	-	722	
Fixtures & Fittings	20,564	-	-	20,564	1,794
Light & Sound System Expenses	692	-	-	692	-
Waste Collection	1,643	-	-	1,643	1,021
Accounting Charges	300	-	-	300	300
Harvest Festival - Expenses		-	-	-	102
Incidental Expenses	1,069	-	-	1,069	-
English Qurbana Kramam Expenses	3,058	-	-	3,058	
Construction Work	57,978	-	-	57,978	
Bava Thirumeni Visit	3,731	-	-	3,731	
Accommodation		-	-	-	314
Benevolent Fund	2,500	-	-	2,500	-
Bank Charges - HSBC	286	-	-	286	290
Alarm Monitoring & Service	636	-	-	636	525
Rent	696	-	-	696	
Community Day Expenses	4,930	-	-	4,930	1,791
Sports Club Expenses		-	-	-	573
Youth League Expenses	991	-	-	991	656
Media and Design Expenses		-	-	-	280
Cleaning Expenses	1,921	-	-	1,921	980
Diocese Orthodox Sangamam Expenses	1,600	-	-	1,600	2,950
PAYE Expenses (Employer)	2,672	-	-	2,672	2,234
Catholicose Donations Paid	1,000	-	-	1,000	
AMOSS Expenses	40	-	-	40	
Fire Safety Expenses	768	-	-	768	
Sub total	218,672	-	-	218,672	108,812
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	218,672	-	-	218,672	108,812
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 49,567	-	-	- 49,567	37,152
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	134,822	-	-	134,822	97,670
Cash funds this year end	85,255	-	-	85,255	134,822

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period				
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in hand	517	-	-
	Cash at the Bank - Card Account	616	-	-
	Cash at the Bank - Current Account	21,236		
	Cash at the Bank - Building Fund & Family Support	62,886	-	-
	Total cash funds	85,255	-	-
	(agree balances w ith receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Details			
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church building - Purchase cost	Unrestricted	90,224	-
	Church building - Construction	Unrestricted	304,531	-
	Church building - Professional fees	Unrestricted	12,233	
	Church building - Security & CCTV	Unrestricted	8,610	
	Church building - Electricals	Unrestricted	7,119	
	Church building - Landscape	Unrestricted	57,312	
	Church building - Decoration	Unrestricted	20,134	
	Church building - Accessories	Unrestricted	8,291	-
	Church building - Appliances & Furniture	Unrestricted	23,772	-
	Church building - Sound system	Unrestricted	9,232	-
	External hard disc. Camera, laptop	Unrestricted	5,122	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Mr George Verghese	05-Oct-25	

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Trustees' Annual Report

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Vicar's Message

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

I take this time as a good opportunity to thank all those people who have played their own important parts in Our Church Life during the past one year as I feel it is important for everyone to realise how much they are appreciated in whatever they do, separate to these remarks which are more of a reflection of where we have been and for us all to think about our future. Our Church members are actively involved in serving God by their kindness, prayer and love also by spending their time, talent, energy, experience and money, in such a way that should give us great confidence and encouragement for the future.

I also take this occasion to particularly thank Trustee, Secretary, Managing Committee Members and all the Spiritual Organization Leaders for your continued support and prayer.

Romans 15: 5-7: - "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

May God bless you all.

Rev.Fr Eldo Parakkottil Varghese

St. George Indian Orthodox Church

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

Reference and administrative details

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Charity registration number	1111562
Principal office	Belgrave street Bolton BL1 3RF

The trustees

Mr George Verghese
Mr Benoyi Mathew (Appointed 22/10/23)
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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

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Special mention to Mr. Shaji Varghese & Mr. Reji Tharian Keecheril for co-ordinating the Acolytes Rota system for all the Holy Services. I would also like to express gratitude to those Acolytes who visit our Church during regular Qurbanas, feasts and special occasions.

General Body

As life returned to normalcy after the outbreak of the pandemic, the church also returned to Normal activities and the election was conducted to elect the new committee and office bearers for the forthcoming financial year of 2023-24, along with the GB. The GB and election were presided over by Rev. Fr. Eldo Varghese.

St. George Indian Orthodox Church

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

The following were elected as the new Managing Committee –

Position	Name
Trustee	Mr. Benoyi Mathew
Secretary	Mr. Litto Titus
Ex – Officio	Mr. Abraham Joseph
Ex – Officio	Mr. Suresh Daniel
Comm. Mem	Mr. Byju John
Comm. Mem	Mr. Shibu Varghese
Comm. Mem	Mr. Biben John
Comm. Mem	Mr. Thomas Koshy
Comm. Mem	Mr. Ginu Oommen
Comm. Mem	Mr. Sinu Thomas
Comm. Mem	Mrs. Anie Saji
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In Total there were 3 General Body Meetings held along with an Interim Meeting to elect the Parish Diocesan Representative.

The following were the dates GBM's held.

- Interim GB held on 30th April 2023 – Parish Diocesan Representative elected for the next 5 years.
- 1st AGM held on 30th July 2023 – Accounts and Annual Reports presented.
- Half Yearly GB held on 22nd Oct 2023 – Half Yearly accounts presented.
- AGM & Elections held on 17th Mar 2024 – Elections conducted for the year 2024 – 2025. The following members were elected as office bearers, committee members and representatives for the spiritual Wing.

Managing Committee 2024 - 2025

Position	Name
Trustee	Mr. Biben John
Secretary	Mr. Roy Samuel
Ex – Officio	Mr. Benoyi Mathew
Ex – Officio	Mr. Litto Titus
Comm. Mem	Mr. Daniel Varghese
Comm. Mem	Mr. Raju Samuel
Comm. Mem	Mr. Anish Thomas
Comm. Mem	Mr. Thomas Oommen
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Sunday School Head Teacher	Mr. Suresh Daniel

St. George Indian Orthodox Church

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

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MOMS Trustee	Mrs. Sheena Sajin
Youth: Secretary	Mr. Axel Benoyi
Acolytes:	Mr. Reji Keecheril
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Important G.B. Decisions Taken in The Financial Year 2023-2024

1. The GB decided to pay £250.00 to Priests invited within 100 miles of church & extra £50.00 towards travel allowance if above 100 miles.
2. GB decided to pay only once for non-invited priests £150.00.
3. GB amended fuel expenses to 0.45/mile.
4. The GB approved a Budget of £30,000 with a variation of 10% + or – towards the works for the Roof & Tiling of Kurishadi.
5. GB decided to raise charity application amount to £500.00.
6. GB decided to pay £30.00 for a family from church account towards Diocese Contribution for members paying full subscription from this financial year.
7. GB decided to provide envelopes for offertory collection from members from 1st week of December.
8. GB elected Mr George Verghese, Mr Byju John, Mr Benoyi Mathew & Mr Thomas Koshy as charity Trustees.
9. GB decided to include Diocese Metropolitan name as one of the custodians of church.
10. GB decided to conduct prayer meetings at church on every 3rd Saturday from April to October at 5:30 pm

Objectives and activities

Activities of the Charity - Special church events

The Great Lent

This financial year was blessed two Passion Weeks.

2023 – 31st March to 8th April

2024 – 22nd March to 30th March

Passion Week

The Passion Week services commenced. We had the 40th Friday service, Hosanna, Pesaha Vyazhan (Maundy Thursday), The Good Friday, The Good Saturday and Easter services were led by our Vicar Fr. Eldo Varghese. The Lent Retreat was held on 9th March 2024. The retreat was led by Fr Zacharia Cherian (Ricku Achan) followed by Holy Confession and Evening Prayer.

St. George's Feast (Geevarghese Sahada Perunnal)

The Feast of the Patron saint was celebrated on the 6th & 7th May with Flag Hoisting, Devotional Speech and Evening Prayers on the 6th and the Holy Qurbana and Perunal Sushroosha on the 7th of May followed by Nercha appam brought in by all the families of the Church. Fr Shyju P Mathai was the Chief Celebrant for the occasion.

Pentecostal Feast & Pratheeshta Perunal

The Pentecostal Feast & Pratheeshta Perunal was conducted on the 28th of May 2023 Led by our Vicar Rev. Fr. Eldo Varghese.

St. George Indian Orthodox Church

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

Badminton Competition

Our parish conducted a badminton tournament on 27th May 2023 at Calrendon Leisure Centre. Thanks to coordinator Mr Shibu Varghese for the smooth running of the event.

1st Prize – Mr Anil Mathew & Mr Robert Mathew

2nd Prize – Mr Vibin Varghese & Mr Albin Varghese

3rd Prize – Mr John Valayaveetil & Mr Shijo John

Church Choir

Our church choir participated and were 2nd runners up (3rd place) in Season 2 of Mesthooso – Annual Inter Church choir competition hosted and conducted by St George IOC Leicester.

MMVS – North Zone Conference

Our church hosted MMVS North conference for the year 2023, this event was well appreciated by the delegates for the hosting and hospitality.

Picnic & Sports Day

Parish Picnic & Sports day was held on 01/07/2023 at Clifton Country Park, Salford, and this year we had the most participation by our members for Picnic & Sports day. Thanks for coordinator Mr Shibu Varghese & Mr Sinu Thomas for making this event a big success.

OVBS

The theme for this year's OVBS was "Abide in God" (St. John chapter 15 verse 4). We conducted OVBS across 4 days starting from the 26th of Oct to 29th Oct. First 3 days were held at our church and the final day presentation along with Holy Qurbana. We had 100 children registered for this year's OVBS. We had 15 teachers and 30 volunteers. We were blessed with the presence of our vicar Rev. Fr. Eldo Varghese and Fr Jeeson P Wilson during the OVBS sessions. Mr Suresh Daniel and Mr. Jinu George served as the coordinator for the OVBS. The classes were held over 4 days which the children participated with great enthusiasm and devotion. Concluding session of the OVBS began with the Holy Qurbana celebrated by Rev. Fr Eldo Varghese and Fr Jeeson P Wilson. After the Holy Qurbana, children presented various activities based on the theme.

St. Gregorious Feast (Parumala Thirumeni's Feast)

This year the Feast of Parumala Thirumeni was celebrated on the 5th of November 2023. The Holy Qurbana was celebrated by H.G. Zachariah Mar Nicholovos, Metropolitan of Northeast America followed by Special intercessory prayers for the Saint was conducted. The feast concluded with Nerchavilambu. All the members contributed towards the Nercha and the feast was held with utmost devotion.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival was held in our church on 19th November 2023. By the grace of God, we managed to collect £7,110.00. All the members earnestly contributed for the good cause and participated in the Harvest festival with big and small contributions. The Harvest festival was conducted with the same spirit and piety.

Christmas Carol Visits.

This year our community was able to return to our live Carol visits to almost all the members houses. The carol started from 25th November, The Visits were conducted over a 5-week period of 8 days covering the various areas in and around Manchester from where our members hail from. The Carols completed on the 23rd of December. The whole visits were organised and implemented flawlessly by Mr. Byju John & Mr Thomas Koshy. One day of our Carol visit was covered in BBC Radio.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

Christmas and New Year Services

The Christmas Service was commemorated on the 24th of December and the New Year service was led by our Vicar Rev. Fr. Eldo Varghese. We were also able to conduct the Annual Christmas and New Year get together on the 6th of January 2024 Thornleigh Salesian School Auditorium. There were variety of performances by the different spiritual wings and individuals. There were varieties of programmes followed by dinner. The programme was co-ordinated by Mr. Shibu Varghese, Mr Ginu Oommen, Mr Sajin Rajan, Mrs Ani Saji & Mrs. Lincy John.

Food Festival

Our Christian values teach us to help others in a time of need. Keeping this core value at heart, the MOMS wing conducted a Food Festival on the 4th of Feb 2024, where variety of food were sold, and funds raised for a charitable cause. We raised £3,609.99 from food sales, which was divided into 2 and donated to the applicants for charity from India.

Other Church Events

Metropolitan's Visit

This financial year our parish was blessed with the visit of H.G Zachariah Mar Nicholovos, Metropolitan of North East America. Thirumeni was the chief celebrant on Parumala Perunnal.

Visiting Clergy - First time

1. Rev Fr. Thomas Oommen
2. Rev Fr. Shyju P Mathai
3. Rev Fr. Shaiju K Mathai
4. Rev Fr. Binu Thomas
5. Rev Fr. Sanjeev Mary Offer
6. Rev Fr. Ricku S Cherian

Financial Review

The charity's principal funding source is from donations and from other activities.

Reserve policy

It is policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration and support costs.

The trustees' annual report was approved and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr George Verghese
Trustee

Date: 04 January 2025

St. George Indian Orthodox Church

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St. George Indian Orthodox Church

Year ended 31 March 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St. George Indian Orthodox Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Mijos Xavier ACA FCCA
Independent Examiner**

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PR1 1QE**

Date: 04 January 2025

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	ST. GEORGE INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH			1111562	CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	Period start 01-Apr-23	To	Period end date 31-Mar-24	

Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscription-Current Year	36,535	-	-	36,535	31,695
Subscription-Last Year	730	-	-	730	1,665
Offertory	31,597	-	-	31,597	22,522
Christmas Donation	3,135	-	-	3,135	3,316
Diocese Day Collection	290	-	-	290	425
Diocese Day Collection - Last Year	100	-	-	100	310
Catholicate Day Collection	-	-	-	-	455
Catholicate Day Collection - Last Year	100	-	-	100	380
Food & Refreshments-Donations	15,538	-	-	15,538	14,920
Food & Refreshments-Last year	1,885	-	-	1,885	300
Birthday	2,585	-	-	2,585	1,950
Wedding Day Offerings	815	-	-	815	730
Passion Week Donation	680	-	-	680	470
Marthamariyam Samajam	6,171	-	-	6,171	3,802
OVBS	2,210	-	-	2,210	2,040
Sunday School Receipt	3,370	-	-	3,370	930
Other Donations	952	-	-	952	976
Church Building Fund Donations	1,670	-	-	1,670	1,680
Contribution For Church Accessories	-	-	-	-	400
Gift Aid	20,783	-	-	20,783	16,074
Harvest Festival	5,781	-	-	5,781	7,052
Harvest Festival - Last year	660	-	-	660	295
Interest Received	530	-	-	530	97
Baptism	-	-	-	-	110
Harvest Festival - Non-Gift-aidable Donation	589	-	-	589	-
Charity Donations	1,895	-	-	1,895	1,330
Wedding Registrations	-	-	-	-	-
Burial Plot Receipts	2,428	-	-	2,428	3,932
Emergency Family support Fund- Repayments	-	-	-	-	1,500
Miscellaneous Receipts	150	-	-	150	-
Raffle Ticket Receipts	-	-	-	-	3,313
Community Day Donations	1,550	-	-	1,550	-
Sports Club Donations	625	-	-	625	-
Youth League Donations	1,390	-	-	1,390	-
Diocese Orthodox Sangamam Coupon & Registration	1,220	-	-	1,220	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	145,964	-	-	145,964	122,668
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	145,964	-	-	145,964	122,668

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A3 Payments					
Vicar's Salary	16,747	-	-	16,747	17,250
Payments to visiting clergies	2,090	-	-	2,090	2,775
Charity event expenses	9,512	-	-	9,512	3,200
Christmas Expenses	4,012	-	-	4,012	730
Diocese Contribution	3,200	-	-	3,200	650
Catholicate Day Donation Paid	1,000	-	-	1,000	650
Refreshments	24,362	-	-	24,362	24,109
Gifts & Presentation	50	-	-	50	-
Sacramental Expenses	217	-	-	217	3,200
Passion Week Expenses	4,141	-	-	4,141	470
Marthamariyam Samajam	4,295	-	-	4,295	1,085
OVBS	4,078	-	-	4,078	3,329
Sunday School Expenses	7,317	-	-	7,317	2,631
Miscellaneous Expenses	461	-	-	461	732
Water	448	-	-	448	340
Gas & Electricity	2,921	-	-	2,921	3,580
Insurance	1,052	-	-	1,052	953
Printing, Stationery & Postage	1,405	-	-	1,405	553
Telephone	1,016	-	-	1,016	842
Repairs & Maintenance	2,238	-	-	2,238	2,668
Groceries	3,555	-	-	3,555	2,495
Seminari Day Contributions	-	-	-	-	250
Travelling Expenses	429	-	-	429	521
Bank Charges - Card Payment Fee	456	-	-	456	451
Mission Sunday Contribution	-	-	-	-	250
Fixtures & Fittings	1,794	-	-	1,794	2,976
Light & Sound System Expenses	-	-	-	-	818
Waste Collection	1,021	-	-	1,021	828
Accounting Charges	300	-	-	300	300
Harvest Festival - Expenses	102	-	-	102	577
Video Conferencing Subscription	-	-	-	-	-
Zoom	-	-	-	-	20
Incidental Expenses	-	-	-	-	217
Accommodation	314	-	-	314	105
Benevolent Fund	-	-	-	-	5,000
Bank Charges - HSBC	290	-	-	290	257
Alarm Monitoring & Service	525	-	-	525	1,237
Rent	-	-	-	-	450
Diocese Welfare Fund	-	-	-	-	250
Community Day Expenses	1,791	-	-	1,791	-
Sports Club Expenses	573	-	-	573	-
Youth League Expenses	656	-	-	656	-
Media and Design Expenses	280	-	-	280	-
Cleaning Expenses	980	-	-	980	-
Diocese Orthodox Sangamam Expenses	2,950	-	-	2,950	-
PAYE Expenses (Employer)	2,234	-	-	2,234	-
Sub total	108,812	-	-	108,812	86,748
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	108,812	-	-	108,812	86,748
Net of receipts/(payments)	37,152	-	-	37,152	35,921
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	97,670	-	-	97,670	61,749
Cash funds this year end	134,822	-	-	134,822	97,670

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in hand	4,373	-	-
	Cash at the Bank - Card Account	2,019	-	-
	Cash at the Bank - Current Account	67,125		
	Cash at the Bank - Building Fund & Family Support	61,304	-	-
	Total cash funds	134,822	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Details			
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church building - Purchase cost	Unrestricted	90,224	-
	Church building - Construction	Unrestricted	246,553	-
	Church building - Professional fees	Unrestricted	12,233	
	Church building - Security & CCTV	Unrestricted	8,234	
	Church building - Electricals	Unrestricted	7,119	
	Church building - Landscape	Unrestricted	57,312	
	Church building - Decoration	Unrestricted	14,065	
	Church building - Accessories	Unrestricted	8,291	-
	Church building - Appliances & Furniture	Unrestricted	10,972	-
	Church building - Sound system	Unrestricted	9,232	-
	External hard disc. Camera, laptop	Unrestricted	3,803	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		Mr George Verghese		04-Jan-25

ST. GEORGE INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1111562

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1111562

St. George Indian Orthodox Church
Receipts and payments accounts
For the year ended
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St. George Indian Orthodox Church

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2023

Vicar's Message

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

I take this time as a good opportunity to thank all those people who have played their own important parts in Our Church Life during the past one year as I feel it is important for everyone to realise how much they are appreciated in whatever they do, separate to these remarks which are more of a reflection of where we have been and for us all to think about our future. Our Church members are actively involved in serving God by their kindness, prayer and love also by spending their time, talent, energy, experience and money, in such a way that should give us great confidence and encouragement for the future.

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Our Church is governed by the General Body directives in accordance with our Church Constitution. At the General Body meeting on 20th March 2022 election was conducted to elect the new committee and office bearers for the forthcoming financial year of 2022-23. The G.B. and election were presided over by Rev. Fr. Eldo Varghese. The following were elected as the new Managing Committee -

Office Bearers

- Trustee - Mr. Abraham Joseph
- Secretary - Mr. Suresh Daniel

St. George Indian Orthodox Church

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

Managing Committee are as follows:

- Mr. Biben John
- Mr. George Thomas
- Mr. Roy Samuel
- Mr. Sajin Thomas
- Mr. Anil Thomas
- Mr. Jiji Kurien
- Mrs. Nisha Litto
- Mrs. Bindu Benoyi
- Mrs. Suby Varghese

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- Health & Safety Officer - Mr. Shibu Varghese.

In total, there were 3 General Body Meetings held along with an Interim Meeting to elect the Parish Diocesan Representative. The following were the dates GBM's held.

- Interim GB held on 1st May 2022 - Parish Diocesan Representative elected for the next 5 years.
- 1st AGM held on 10th July 2022 - Annual Accounts and Annual Reports for the financial year 2021-2022 was presented. The GB passed the Annual Accounts and Report and authorised it for submission to the Charity Commission.
- Half Yearly GB held on 9th Oct 2022 - Half Yearly accounts presented.
- AGM & Elections held on 12th Mar 2023 - Elections conducted for electing office bearers for the year 2023 -24.

Managing Committee Meetings

There were a total of 6 Committee meetings held in the Financial year. The dates were as follows:

- 9th April 2022
- 16 April 2022
- 26th Jun 2022
- 2nd October 2022
- 8th January 2023
- 29th January 2023

IMPORTANT G.B. DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR OF 2022-2023

1. The GB proposed to increase Vicar's remuneration from July 2023.
2. The GB approved a Budget of £25,000 to £30,000 with a variation of 10% + or -, and authorised the committee to acquire the quotes, approve and proceed with the works for the Roof, Exhaust, fans, and redecorating.

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3. Alarm system and CCTV upgrade also was approved to install a new control panel in the Hall to give access to Cleaners.

4. The remuneration and travelling allowance of invited Clergy was also reviewed and approved.

5. The GB authorised the payment of monthly Salary via PAYE for all future vicars with any additional expenses the Church to bear.

Objectives and activities

Activities of the Charity - Special church events

The Great Lent

The Great Lent started on 28th of Feb 2023. There were daily evening prayers Online from Sunday to Friday, and Saturdays the prayers were in the Church. The Prayers were led by Rev. Fr. Eldo Varghese.

Great Lent Retreat

Mid Lenten retreat was conducted on the 4th March 2023. The retreat was led by Rev. Fr. Jeelson P Wilson - General Secretary MGOCSM. The retreat was followed by Holy Confession and Evening prayers.

Passion Week

The Passion Week services commenced in the beginning of the financial year. We had the 40th Friday service, Hosanna, Pesaha Vyazhan (Maundy Thursday), The Good Friday, The Good Saturday and Easter services were led by our Vicar Fr. Eldo Varghese.

St. George's Feast

The Feast of the Patron saint was celebrated on the 7th & 8th May with Flag Hoisting, Devotional Speech and Evening Prayers on the 7th May and the Holy Qurbana and Perunal Sushroosha on the 8th of May followed by Nercha appam brought in by all the families of the Church.

Pratheeshta Perunal

The 6th Anniversary - Pratheeshta Perunal was celebrated on the 28th and 29th of May 2022, with prayers and devotional talk on the 28th of May and the Holy Qurbana on the 29th led by Rev Fr. Saji John.

Pentecostal Feast

The Pentecostal Feast was conducted on the 5th of June 2022 Led by our Vicar Rev. Fr. Eldo Varghese.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

OVBS

The OVBS was a spiritually enriching program with plenty of learning, fun and good fellowship and it was a positive experience for the children who attended and the Teachers who led. OVBS was held from 27th October 2022 to 31st October 2022. The theme of OVBS was "Jesus Heals" -St. Luke 4:40. We had 76 children, 15 teachers and 30 Volunteers.

This year we were blessed with the presence of our Vicar Rev. Fr. Eldo Varghese for the entirety of the event. On 28th of October as planned the day started with the registration and the inauguration ceremony which was commenced with the lighting of the lamp ceremony. Rev. Fr. Eldo Varghese gave us a theme-based speech and Mr Joshi Eapen taught us the prayer which kids all participated in actively. Following that day, they had a sing and praise session by the teachers. After that, they had their classroom activities, and of course the game session and the afternoon action song session which I believe the kids enjoyed.

On Day 3, Rev Fr Josen John joined as the Guest clergy and conducted the classes and also the confession for the older Kids. OVBS concluded on day 4 with English Qurbana celebrated by Rev. Fr. Josen John on Sunday.

St. Gregorious Feast (ParumalaThirumeni's Feast) & Harvest Festival (Adhiphalam)

Harvest Festival was conducted on the 13th of November. This year part of the proceeding was donated to Charity and the other part is to be used for the maintenance of the Cross area towards the North of the church. We managed to raise £6,745.17.

Talent Competition

The Annual Talent Competition was held on the 7th of May 2022 as a Live event in our Church after the Co-vid pandemic. This year was the commencement of Quiz programme as well.

Christmas Carol Visits

This year our community was able to return to our live Carol visits to almost all of the members houses. The carol started from 26th November, The Visits were conducted over a 5-week period on weekends covering the various areas in and around Manchester from where our members hail from. The Carols completed on the 15th of December.

Christmas and New Year Services

The Christmas Service was commemorated on the 24th of December and the New Year service was led by our Vicar Rev. Fr. Eldo Varghese. We were also able to conduct the Annual Christmas and New Year get together on the 7th of January in our Church Parish Hall. There were variety of performances by the different spiritual wings and individuals. Rev. Fr. Thomas Baby (Vicar of Tabore Marthoma Church, Manchester) was the Guest Speaker. There were varieties of programmes followed by dinner.

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Food Festival

Our Christian values teach us to help others in a time of need. Keeping this core value at heart, the MOMS wing conducted a Food Festival on the 5th of Feb 2023, where variety of food were sold, and funds raised for a charitable cause. We raised £2716.10 from food sales, which was divided into 2 and donated to the applicants for charity from India.

Other Church Events

Metropolitan's Visit -

This financial year our parish was blessed with the visits by two Metropolitans, the outgoing Metropolitan H.G Mathews Mar Timothios celebrated the 8-day Lent Qurbana on 7th of September.

Our present Metropolitan H.G. Abraham Mar Stephanos led the evening prayers on 19th November and celebrated the Qurbana on the 20th of November 2023. The youth Charity hike collections were donated to the Manchester Childrens Hospital in the presence of our Metropolitan.

Youth Charity hike (September 2022)

The Sunday School and Youth came together to organise a charity hike in the Peak District, where we walked 10km to raise money for the Manchester Children's Hospital Charity. We were able to raise £2740 and were fortunate enough to present this with our Thirumeni to one of the members of the Children's Charity.

Financial Review

The charity's principal funding source is from donations and from other activities.

Reserve policy

It is policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration and support costs.

The trustees' annual report was approved and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr George Verghese
Trustee

Date: 15 October 2023

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St. George Indian Orthodox Church

Year ended 31 March 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St. George Indian Orthodox Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Mijos Xavier ACA FCCA
Independent Examiner**

**Suite 3J
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Preston
PR1 1QE**

Date: 22 October 2023

	CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	ST. GEORGE INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH		1111562		CC16a
		Receipts and payments accounts				
		For the period from	Period start 01-Apr-22	To	Period end date 31-Mar-23	
Section A Receipts and payments						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year	
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	
A1 Receipts						
Subscription-Current Year	31,695	-	-	31,695	24,310	
Subscription-Last Year	1,665	-	-	1,665	525	
Offertory	22,522	-	-	22,522	12,132	
Christmas Donation	3,316	-	-	3,316	335	
Diocese Day Collection	425	-	-	425	215	
Diocese Day Collection - Last Year	310	-	-	310	110	
Catholicate Day Collection	455	-	-	455	210	
Catholicate Day Collection - Last Year	380	-	-	380	110	
Food & Refreshments-Donations	14,920	-	-	14,920	10,175	
Food & Refreshments-Last year	300	-	-	300	-	
Birthday	1,950	-	-	1,950	1,875	
Wedding Day Offerings	730	-	-	730	530	
Passion Week Donation	470	-	-	470	325	
Marthamariyam Samajam	3,802	-	-	3,802	1,783	
OVBS	2,040	-	-	2,040	480	
Sunday School Receipt	930	-	-	930	1,060	
Other Donations	976	-	-	976	3,345	
Church Building Fund Donations	1,680	-	-	1,680	540	
Contribution For Church Accessories	400	-	-	400		
Gift Aid	16,074	-	-	16,074	7,600	
Harvest Festival	7,052	-	-	7,052	6,745	
Harvest Festival - Last year	295	-	-	295	65	
Interest Received	97	-	-	97	3	
Baptism	110	-	-	110	95	
Charity Donations	1,330	-	-	1,330	550	
Wedding Registrations	-	-	-	-	150	
Burial Plot Receipts	3,932	-	-	3,932	7,383	
Auction	-	-	-	-	21	
Emergency Family support Fund- Repayments	1,500	-	-	1,500	-	
Raffle ticket Receipts	3,313	-	-	3,313	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	122,668	-	-	122,668	80,671	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	122,668	-	-	122,668	80,671	

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A3 Payments					
Vicar's Salary	17,250	-	-	17,250	13,566
Payments to visiting clergies	2,775	-	-	2,775	1,046
Christmas Expenses	730	-	-	730	1,176
Diocese Contribution	650	-	-	650	900
Catholicate Day Donation Paid	650	-	-	650	650
Refreshments	24,109	-	-	24,109	10,575
Gifts & Presentation	-	-	-	-	2,193
Sacramental Expenses	3,200	-	-	3,200	614
Passion Week Expenses	470	-	-	470	62
Marthamariyam Samajam	1,085	-	-	1,085	763
OVBS	3,329	-	-	3,329	1,039
Sunday School Expenses	2,631	-	-	2,631	1,848
Miscellaneous Expenses	732	-	-	732	15
Water	340	-	-	340	306
Gas & Electricity	3,580	-	-	3,580	4,828
Insurance	953	-	-	953	860
Harvest Festival - Expenses	577	-	-	577	483
Printing, Stationery & Postage	553	-	-	553	405
Telephone	842	-	-	842	864
Repairs & Maintenance	2,668	-	-	2,668	674
Groceries	2,495	-	-	2,495	686
Seminari Day Contributions	250	-	-	250	250
Travelling Expenses	521	-	-	521	118
Bank Charges - Card Payment Fee	451	-	-	451	340
Mission Sunday Contribution	250	-	-	250	250
Fixtures & Fittings	2,976	-	-	2,976	2,457
Light & Sound System Expenses	818	-	-	818	354
Waste Collection	828	-	-	828	561
Accounting Charges	300	-	-	300	300
Rent	450	-	-	450	-
Video Conferencing Subscription					
Zoom	20	-	-	20	-
Incidental Expenses	217	-	-	217	36
Diocese Welfare Fund	250	-	-	250	
Construction Work-Landscape	-	-	-	-	25,003
Accommodation	105	-	-	105	230
Benevolent Fund	5,000	-	-	5,000	
Sports Club		-	-	-	
Bank Charges - HSBC	257	-	-	257	43
Alarm Monitoring & Service	1,237	-	-	1,237	492
Burial Plots	-	-	-	-	15,408
Charity	3,200	-	-	3,200	500
Sub total	86,748	-	-	86,748	89,895
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	86,748	-	-	86,748	89,895
Net of receipts/(payments)	35,921	-	-	35,921	- 9,224
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	61,749	-	-	61,749	70,973
Cash funds this year end	97,670	-	-	97,670	61,749

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in hand	138	-	-
	Cash at the Bank - Card Account	-	-	-
	Cash at the Bank - Current Account	74,695		
	Cash at the Bank - Building Fund & Family Support	22,838	-	-
	Total cash funds	97,670	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Church building - Purchase cost	Unrestricted	90,224	-
	Church building - Construction	Unrestricted	246,553	-
	Church building - Professional fees	Unrestricted	11,883	
	Church building - Security & CCTV	Unrestricted	8,234	
	Church building - Electricals	Unrestricted	7,119	
	Church building - Landscape	Unrestricted	57,312	
	Church building - Decoration	Unrestricted	14,065	
	Church building - Accessories	Unrestricted	8,291	-
	Church building - Appliances & Furniture	Unrestricted	9,528	-
	Church building - Sound system	Unrestricted	9,232	-
	External hard disc. Camera, laptop	Unrestricted	3,803	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
Signed by trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		Mr George Verghese		15-Oct-23

ST. GEORGE INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1111562

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1111562

St. George Indian Orthodox Church
Receipts and payments accounts
For the year ended
31 March 2022

XAVIERS ACCOUNTANTS LIMITED

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2022

Vicar's Message

Dear St George Indian Orthodox Church Parish Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to look back and reflect on the year, giving thanks to God for all that has happened and also a time to look to the future and what we would like to see happening in the coming year. Once again it has been a challenging year, with our church family gradually regaining confidence in returning to our church both for worship and social activities.

There was a time that we were unable to worship together in our Church building and we have relied on technology especially for the Holy Qurbana, Evening Prayers and conducted many meetings of Spiritual Organizations. As restrictions were gradually lifted, we were able to resume services as normal.

It's a privilege for me to serve you all as a Vicar of Our Parish, I have joined at the End of this Financial year. In this Report book you can see all the activities conducted and the financial report of the Church.

There are many people I would like to thank, I would particularly like to thank Former Vicar Rev Fr Happy Jacob, Trustee, Secretary, Managing Committee Members, all the Spiritual Organization Leaders and all Parish Members for your continued support and prayer.

Romans 15: 5-7: - "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

May God Bless you all.

Rev.Fr Eldo Parakkottil Varghese.

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Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	St. George Indian Orthodox Church
Charity registration number	1111562
Principal office	Belgrave street Bolton BL1 3RF

The trustees

Mr Biben John
Mr George Verghese
Mr Shaji Varghese
Mr Roy Samuel

Independent examiner	Mijos Xavier ACA FCCA Xaviers Accountants Limited Chartered Certified Accountants Suite 3J Recycling Lives Centre 1A Essex Street Preston PR1 1QE
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The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Structure, governance and management

We continued to meet the primary mission of the church, to meet the spiritual necessities of our community in the area. We continued pursuing our vision, notwithstanding the worldly challenges facing us, reflecting Faith, Hope and Charity at all times.

Governing document

The trust is an unincorporated trust, constituted under a constitution adopted on 24 April 2005 and is a registered charity, number 1111562. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

Objectives of the Charity

Charity's objective is to promote the Orthodox Christian faith. In setting our objectives, and planning our activities, we have given careful consideration to Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit.

Vicar

We had the privilege of Rev. Fr. Happy Jacob as our serving Vicar for the best part of this financial year, till 31st of January 2022. Under his leadership and guidance, we were able to overcome the difficulties of the pandemic and resume regular services, increasing from twice monthly to three a month. Rev. Fr. Eldo P Varghese took over as the serving Vicar from February 2022. Due to the Vicar's commitment, the 3rd Qurbana was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Josen John. With the leadership and Guidance of the Vicars, we are currently a full-fledged church with Qurbana being celebrated on all Sundays and all the Moronayo Feasts.

Holy Qurbana

With the relaxation of the pandemic restrictions, the Church resumed its normal services beginning with the Passion Week. The recommenced services started with Hosanna Service. We had to limit the number of attendees in accordance with the regulations set by the Government for the period.

From the month of May 2021, the number of Qurbanas increased from 2 a month to 3 a month, and from February 2022, the Qurbanas were celebrated on all Sundays and also on all the Canonical inter services.

Prayers for birthdays, wedding anniversaries, sick and the departed were offered during the Qurbana's. Online Prayer Request forms by members and worshippers were continued through the year.

Acolytes

On behalf of all the members of the Church, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedicated service rendered by all the church acolytes starting from Mr. George Thomas, Mr. Daniel Varghese, Mr. Abraham Joseph, Mr. Shaji Varghese, Mr. Rueben Paul, Mr. Kurian George, Mr. Joshi K Eapen, Mr. Vinu George, Mr. Jinoj Philip, Dr. Christie Cherian, Mr. Benoyi Mathew, Mast. Sherwin Samuel, Mast. Ken Renji, Mast. Toby Shaji and Acolyte Initiate Mast. Ashlin Roy., Newly joined Acolytes Mr. Sreeba P Thomas and Chris Sreeba had taken great efforts to continue the altar services. Special mention to Mr. Shaji Varghese for co-ordinating the Acolytes Rota system for all the Holy

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Services. I would also like to express gratitude to those Acolytes who visited our Church during feasts and special occasions.

General Body

Our Church is governed by the General Body directives in accordance with our Church Constitution. In accordance with a directive from H.H BavaThirumeni, there was no elections conducted for the forthcoming financial year, the office bearers and the committee were authorised to continue for the year 2021-22. The Members are as follows.

Office Bearers

- Trustee - Mr. Biben John
- Secretary - Mr. Suresh Daniel

Managing Committee are as follows:

- Mr. Benoyi Mathew (Ex - Officio Member)
 - Mr. Litto Titus (Ex- Officio Member)
 - Mrs Liby Roy (S S Head Teacher)
 - Mrs. Susan Sajin (MOMS Secretary)
 - Mr. Rubin Saji (Youth Secretary)
 - Mr. Shibu Varghese
 - Mr. Binu Kurian
 - Mr. Manoj Daniel
 - Mr. Mathai P Panakath
 - Mr. Raju Samuel
 - Mrs. Annie Varghese
 - Mr. Ginu Kurian
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- Internal Auditor: Mr. Jinoj Philip
 - Diocesan Representatives: Mr. Daniel Varghese

Annual General Body Meeting 2021-2022 (5th Sep 2021)

The First General Body of this financial year was convened to present the Financial Statement and the Annual report for 2020-2021. The GB was presided by Rev. Fr. Happy Jacob. Due to the pandemic, all the activities of the Church were very restricted for the entirety of this financial year. The Financial Report was presented by the Mr. Biben John (Trustee). The Annual report was presented by Mr. Suresh Daniel. The GB passed the Annual Accounts and Report and authorised it for submission to the Charity Commission.

IMPORTANT G.B. DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR OF 2021-2022

1. Following the long-term Lease of burial plots from the Bolton Council, the GB decided that in future in the event of a family member or descendent of the plot owner is requesting to be interred in the burial plot, the church will be obliged to provide a consent letter to the request parties, without any prejudice or reservations regardless of the Denomination or faith the person belongs to.

2. The Use of Church - Charges

a) Church members will not be levied any fees for the use of Church for special occasions, either on service day or non-service day.

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b) Non-Church Members - Orthodox & Oriental Orthodox Members

- Marriage - £150 for Church, £100 For Hall plus any additional charge for Cleaning.
- Baptism - £75.00 Plus certificate Charge, £50 for Hall Plus any additional charge for Cleaning.
- Married Children of Members if in Orthodox Faith - No Charges if on Normal Service Day, non-service days donations can be accepted on a voluntary basis.

The Secretary reported that one of the main important achievements of this term's committee was the completion of the purchase of the 16 Burial Plots in Overdale Cemetery, resurfacing of the approach road to the Church and the walkway around the Church. Purchase of HD Projector for the parish Hall (Sponsored by Dr. V M Sandeep Mathews). Successful transition to a full time Church, the committee was able overcome these challenges with a united front.

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Objectives and activities

Activities of the Charity - Special church events

The Great Lent

The Great lent period started in the previous financial year on the 23rd of Feb 2021. There were online prayers on all days led by Fr. Happy Jacob. And for the financial year of 2021-2022, the Great Lent started on 28th of Feb 2022. There were daily evening prayers online from Sunday to Friday, and Saturday prayers were in the Church. The Prayers were led by Rev. Fr. Eldo Varghese.

Great Lent Retreat (2021 - 22)

Due to the Pandemic and Lockdown the Service was called off.

Passion Week

The Passion Week services commenced in the beginning of current financial year. We had the Hosanna, Pesaha Vyazhan (Maundy Thursday). The Good Friday and Easter services were led by our Vicar Fr. Happy Jacob. The attendance for the services had to be controlled due to the restrictions and surging Co-Vid cases. We were able to manage this by the use of online forms.

St. George's Feast (Geevarghese Sahada Perunnal)

Due to the Pandemic and Lockdown the Service was called off.

Pentecostal Feast

Due to the Pandemic and Lockdown the Service was called off.

OVBS

The OVBS was a spiritually enriching program with plenty of learning, fun and good fellowship and it was a positive experience for the children who attended and the Teachers who led. OVBS was held from 28th October 2021 to 30th October 2021. The theme of OVBS was "Discern the will of God" -1 Thessalonians 5:18. We had 38 children, 12 teachers and 7 Volunteers.

This year we were blessed with the presence of Reverend father Happy Jacob and our local priest father Stephen and Melanie. On 29th of October as planned the day started with the registration and the inauguration ceremony which was commenced with the lighting of the lamp ceremony. Reverend Father Happy Jacob gave us a theme-based speech and Mr Joshi Eapen taught us the prayer which kids all participated in actively. Following that day, they had a sing and praise session by the teachers. After that, they had their classroom activities, and of course the game session and the afternoon action song session which I believe the kids enjoyed.

On day 2, our session commenced with morning prayer joined by our local Father Stephen and Melanie for a meaningful workshop to show our kids that each one of us is special and unique in our own way. OVBS concluded with English Qurbana on Sunday.

St. Gregorious Feast (Parumala Thirumeni's Feast) & Harvest Festival (Adhiphalam)

With easing of restrictions, we were able to conduct the Harvest Festival on the 14th of November. This year 10% of the Proceeds from the Auction was donated to The Children's Charity. We managed

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to raise £6,745.17. There was also a raffle draw with the Prizes Sponsored by Staff Giant, Royale Healthcare Pvt Ltd, Vivir Enterprises.

Christmas Carol Visits

Due to the ongoing Pandemic situation the Service was called off.

Christmas and New Year Services

The Christmas Service was commemorated on the 24th of December led by Rev. Fr. Happy Jacob, and the new year service was led by Rev. Fr. Josen John. We were also able to conduct the Annual Christmas and New Year get together on the 15th of January in our Church Parish Hall. There were variety of performances by the different spiritual wings and individuals. Rev. Fr. Josen John was the Guest Speaker. There were variety of programmes followed by dinner.

Food Festival

As a community we were all blessed with minimal impact of the Pandemic and the Lockdown. Our Christian values teach us to help others in a time of need. Keeping this core value at heart, the MOMS wing conducted a Food Festival on the 27th of Feb 2022, where variety of food were sold, and funds raised for a charitable cause. We raised £1801.50. 50% of the proceedings will be donated to charitable causes.

Charity Donations

This year's Charity Donation from the Church was made to the families of Binz Rajan & Archana, who were affected by a serious accident. These 2 families had recently arrived in UK and had bereaved.

Other Church Events

New Arrivals - The Church was blessed with a surge in new members joining during the year.

Baptisms and **weddings** were also conducted through the year.

Memorial awards were presented to GCSE and A-Level students achieving the highest grades.

In summary, the church has grown in membership and has extended the various religious and charitable activities. Truly a great show of unity and strength from all the members.

Financial Review

The charity's principal funding source is from donations and from other activities.

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Reserve policy

It is policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration and support costs.

The trustees' annual report was approved and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr Biben John
Trustee

Date: 13 November 2022

St. George Indian Orthodox Church

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St. George Indian Orthodox Church

Year ended 31 March 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St. George Indian Orthodox Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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St. George Indian Orthodox Church

Receipts and payments accounts

Year ended 31 March 2022

Section A Receipts and payments			
	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2022	2021
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
Subscription-Current Year	24,310	24,310	22,160
Subscription-Last Year	525	525	415
Offertory	12,132	12,132	1,285
Christmas Donation	335	335	135
Diocese Day Collection	215	215	280
Diocese Day Collection - Last Year	110	110	220
Catholicate Day Collection	210	210	300
Catholicate Day Collection - Last Year	110	110	270
Food & Refreshments-Donations	10,175	10,175	475
Food & Refreshments-Last year	-	-	750
Birthday	1,875	1,875	600
Wedding Day Offerings	530	530	185
Passion Week Donation	325	325	520
Family Conference		-	-
Marthamariyam Samajam	1,783	1,783	-
OVBS	480	480	-
Sunday School Receipt	1,060	1,060	110
Other Donations	3,345	3,345	300
Church Building Fund Donations	540	540	1,688
Gift Aid	7,600	7,600	13,820
Harvest Festival	6,745	6,745	50
Harvest Festival - Last year	65	65	635
Interest Received	3	3	10
Seminary Day Collection	-	-	10
Baptism	95	95	-
Entertainment Donations	-	-	-
Charity Donations	550	550	1,586
Wedding Registrations	150	150	-
Burial Plot Receipts	7,383	7,383	-
Auction	21	21	-
Sneha Sparsham Charity - Donations	-	-	549
Christmas expenses-Unclaimed cheque last year	-	-	15
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	80,671	80,671	46,369
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total receipts	80,671	80,671	46,369

St. George Indian Orthodox Church

Receipts and payments accounts

Year ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A3 Payments			
Vicar's Salary	13,566	13,566	6,620
Payments to visiting clergies	1,046	1,046	-
Charity event expenses	-	-	2,008
Christmas Expenses	1,176	1,176	-
Diocese Contribution	900	900	900
Catholicate Day Donation Paid	650	650	650
Refreshments	10,575	10,575	110
Gifts & Presentation	2,193	2,193	-
Sacramental Expenses	614	614	-
Passion Week Expenses	62	62	62
Marthamariyam Samajam	763	763	100
OVBS	1,039	1,039	-
Sunday School Expenses	1,848	1,848	690
Miscellaneous Expenses	15	15	468
Sacramental expenses	-	-	357
Water	306	306	276
Gas & Electricity	4,828	4,828	2,649
Insurance	860	860	843
Harvest Festival - Expenses	483	483	-
Printing, Stationery & Postage	405	405	187
Telephone	864	864	354
Repairs & Maintenance	674	674	690
Groceries	686	686	61
Seminari Day Contributions	250	250	250
Travelling Expenses	118	118	98
Bank Charges - Card Payment Fee	340	340	-
Mission Sunday Contribution	250	250	250
Fixtures & Fittings	2,457	2,457	2,514
Light & Sound System Expenses	354	354	-
Waste Collection	561	561	267
Accounting Charges	300	300	300
Video Conferencing Subscription Zoom	-	-	258
Incidental Expenses	36	36	120
Construction Work-Landscape	25,003	25,003	8,594
Accommodation	230	230	-
Bank Charges - HSBC	43	43	38
Alarm Monitoring & Service	492	492	492
Burial Plots	15,408	15,408	-
Charity	500	500	7,003
Sub total	89,895	89,895	37,209
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			
	-	-	
	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-
Total payments	89,895	89,895	37,209
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,224	- 9,224	9,160
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	70,973	70,973	61,813
Cash funds this year end	61,750	61,750	70,973

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Receipts and payments accounts

Year ended 31 March 2022

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period			
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in hand	-	-
	Cash at the Bank - Card Account	-	-
	Cash at the Bank - Current Account	39,129	
	Cash at the Bank - Building Fund & Family Support	22,620	-
	Total cash funds	61,750	-
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
	Details		
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Details	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Details	Cost (optional)	Fund to which asset belongs
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church building - Purchase cost	90,224	Unrestricted
	Church building - Construction	246,553	Unrestricted
	Church building - Professional fees	11,883	Unrestricted
	Church building - Security & CCTV	6,473	Unrestricted
	Church building - Electricals	7,119	Unrestricted
	Church building - Landscape	57,312	Unrestricted
	Church building - Decoration	14,065	Unrestricted
	Church building - Accessories	8,174	Unrestricted
	Church building - Appliances & Furniture	9,528	Unrestricted
	Church building - Sound system	9,232	Unrestricted
	External hard disc. Camera, laptop	2,705	Unrestricted
	Details	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		-	
		-	
		-	
Signed by trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Mr Biben John	13-Nov-22

ST. GEORGE INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1111562

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1111562

St. George Indian Orthodox Church
Receipts and payments accounts
For the year ended
31 March 2021

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St. George Indian Orthodox Church

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St. George Indian Orthodox Church

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2021

Vicar's Message

Dear St George Indian Orthodox Church Parish Members,

Thanking Almighty for all the wonderful blessings in the previous year showered on us.

Our church has published an annual report each year, and we have typically tried to keep the contents focused on what God has done in the previous year through us. But we recognize that we must acknowledge the unprecedented circumstances we have experienced as a church community during this period and the challenges we face from the global pandemic and the sufferings of pandemic victims in our country and all over the world. As a Church family works to shine the light of the gospel to help bring peace and prosperity to the whole creation, we also pause to acknowledge the incredible losses many have experienced (loss of life, livelihood, home) from COVID-19 and the immense challenges ahead for our Church and Country as we seek to bring about a more just society. We mourn the loss of so many lives caused by COVID-19 and pray for the many families in our churches and community who are coping with the loss of a loved one. We pray that our church community will live the words of Micah 6:8 - "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" - and that we will be a family of churches that embodies the gospel in ways that bring justice, love and peace to our Society. We thank you for your sacrificial and prayerful support for the Church.

It was a privilege to serve alongside you in this period. We faced some unique challenges last year and it has been amazing to see God's provision through your service and sacrificial giving, even though it was a season of challenge. Throughout the year, you demonstrated a deep love and commitment to the Church and to the community. In this report book you can look over the activities and financial situation of our Church.

Praying for you all

In the service of our Lord

Rev Fr Happy Jacob

St. George Indian Orthodox Church

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2021

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	St. George Indian Orthodox Church
Charity registration number	1111562
Principal office	1 Ravenswood Drive. Bolton BL1 5AJ

The trustees

Mr Biben John
Mr George Verghese
Mr Shaji Varghese
Mr Roy Samuel

Independent examiner	Mijos Xavier ACA FCCA Xaviers Accountants Limited Chartered Certified Accountants Suite 30 Recycling Lives Centre 1A Essex Street Preston PR1 1QE
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St. George Indian Orthodox Church

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Structure, governance and management

We continued to meet the primary mission of the church, to meet the spiritual necessities of our community in the area. We continued pursuing our vision, notwithstanding the worldly challenges facing us, reflecting Faith, Hope and Charity at all times.

Governing document

The trust is an unincorporated trust, constituted under a Constitutions adopted on 24 APRIL 2005 and is a registered charity, number 1111562. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

Objectives of the Charity

Charity's objective is to promote the Orthodox Christian faith. In setting our objectives, and planning our activities, we have given careful consideration to Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit.

Vicar

We had the privilege of Rev. Fr. Happy Jacob as our serving Vicar for this financial year under whose leadership and guidance we were able to overcome one of the most challenging times in our memory. It was with his unrelenting commitment, guidance, and support, we were able to continue with our spiritual requirements amidst the lockdown. He was instrumental in initiating the daily Virtual Evening Prayers, which continues to this day. We as a community are thankful for all the support that our Vicar has given us during the last year.

Holy Qurbana

Due to the onset of the Pandemic and the subsequent Lockdown, our Spiritual activities were suspended and conducted in line with the mandatory requirements. When the lockdown rules were relaxed, we started virtual online streaming of the services and later services were attended by limited number of families. A Rota System was introduced based on membership numbers and initially a total of 5 families were allowed per service. As the lockdown eased further, a new system was introduced to accommodate up to 15 Member families and 5 Non-Member families. There were total of 9 Holy Qurbanas this year. The Christmas & New year services were cancelled due to the local lockdown. The Passion week services commenced this year on the 26th of March 2020 with 40th Friday Service, Hoshana Service on the 28th of March 2020 and the Pesaha Service on the 31st of March 2020. The Rest of the Passion week services were conducted in the new financial year. All the Qurbanas and the Passion week services were live streamed via online platforms like Zoom and YouTube.

Prayers for birthdays, wedding anniversaries, sick and the departed were offered during the Qurbana's and all the services. For the first time we introduced Online forms for members and worshippers to include prayer requests, and when Qurbana was not possible, the prayers for the above were done on the virtual Prabhatha Namaskaram held every Sunday by our Vicar Rev. Fr. Happy Jacob.

Acolytes

On behalf of all the members of the Church, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedicated service rendered by all the church acolytes starting from Mr. George Thomas, Mr. Daniel Varghese, Mr. Abraham Joseph, Mr. Shaji Varghese, Mr. Rueben Paul, Mr. Kurian George, Mr. Joshi K Eapen, Mr. Vinu George, Mr. Jinoj Philip, Dr. Christie Cherian, Mr. Benoyi Mathew, Mast. Sherwin Samuel, Mast. Ken Renji, Mast. Toby Shaji and Acolyte Initiate Mast. Ashlin Roy., who during this

St. George Indian Orthodox Church

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2021

pandemic and lockdown had taken great efforts to continue the altar services. Special mention to Mr. Shaji Varghese for co-ordinating the Acolyte Rota system for all the Holy Services. I would also like to express gratitude to those Acolytes who visited our Church during feasts and special occasions.

General Body

Our Church is governed by the General Body directives in accordance with our Church Constitution. Due to the Onset of the pandemic, there was only one GB held virtually on the 14th of Feb 2021. The election was completed in the previous financial year and the following members were elected as the church managing committee for the year 2020-2021 at the general body meeting held on the Sunday 08th of March 2020.

Office Bearers

- Trustee - Mr. Biben John
- Secretary - Mr. Suresh Daniel

Managing Committee are as follows:

- Mr. Benoyi Mathew (Ex - Officio Member)
 - Mr. Litto Titus (Ex- Officio Member)
 - Mrs Liby Roy (S S Head Teacher)
 - Mrs. Susan Sajin (MOMS Secretary)
 - Mr. Rubin Saji (Youth Secretary)
 - Mr. Shibu Varghese
 - Mr. Binu Kurian
 - Mr. Manoj Daniel
 - Mr. Mathai P Panakath
 - Mr. Raju Samuel
 - Mrs. Annie Varghese
 - Mr. Ginu Kurian
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- Internal Auditor: Mr. Jinoj Philip
 - Diocesan Representatives: Mr. Daniel Varghese

Annual G.B Meeting 2020-2021 (14thFeb 2021)

The First General Body of this financial year was convened virtually on Zoom to present the Financial Statement and the Annual report for the year 2019-2020. The GB was presided by Rev. Fr. Happy Jacob. Due to the pandemic, all the activities of the Church were closed for the entirety of this financial year. The Report was presented by the Mr. Benoyi Matthew (Trustee 2019-2020). The GB passed the accounts and authorised it to be presented to HMRC. The Annual report was presented by Mr. Litto Titus and was passed by GB. As per the directive from H H Bava Thirumeni, there was no elections conducted for the forthcoming financial year, the office bearers and the committee were authorised to continue.

St. George Indian Orthodox Church

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2021

IMPORTANT G.B. DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR OF 2020-2021

1. Approval of Funds to Purchase a Camera and Laptop for Church Livestreaming and other Activities.
2. Approval to conduct a survey of members in the proposal to purchase burial plots at the Overdale Cemetery and based on the result to proceed with required purchase.
3. To open a new Sub Account to maintain the Family Welfare Fund.

I would like to add that one of the main important achievements of this term's committee was the completion of the Canopy work at the side of the Church. In addition to this the Charity Food Drive in aid of Local Food Banks to support the public affected by the Pandemic, adapting to the new way of worship via virtual platforms with innovative methods and plans to accommodate members wishing to attend services, introduction of Rota System and Online forms, this committee was able overcome these challenges with a united front. As directed by GB, an Online Google form was published via WhatsApp to all members regarding the proposal to purchase burial plots at Overdale Cemetery. Based on the 39 Responses out of 68 Members, 36 Responses were in favour of purchasing the plots and 3 against. 8 Members agreed to purchase a total 11 Plots. A Core committee was formed to devise a plan and procure the plots. I would like to express my humble gratitude to Our Vicar, the Trustee, each and every committee member, for their relentless support and hard work. Lastly, I would also like to express my thanks to all the members of this congregation who have supported us and conformed to the all the new procedures and plans during this pandemic. This year has once again reiterated that our Church can achieve many things with our strong sense of unity.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2021

Objectives and activities

SPECIAL CHURCH EVENTS

The Great Lent

The Great lent period started in the previous financial year on the 23rd of Feb 2020. The Lockdown due to the pandemic gave us a new platform and during the Lent there was regular virtual Evening Prayers virtually via Zoom platform.

Passion Week

The lockdown forced all religious activities to be ceased, hence the Holy Week services were all special prayer services held virtually via Zoom, led by Rev. Fr. Happy Jacob.

This financial year ended with the Holy Passion week services with the very first service being the 40th Friday Special service on the 26th of March. Following this we had the Hoshana, Pesaha Vyazhan (Maundy Thursday) The Good Friday and Easter services were led by our Vicar Fr. Happy Jacob.

OVBS

The OVBS was a spiritually enriching program with plenty of learning, fun and good fellowship and it was a positive experience for the children who attended and the staff who led. OVBS was held from 15th November 2020 to 6th December 2020 (Four Sundays) via Zoom. The theme of OVBS was "Discern the will of God" -1 Thessalonians 5:18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ. We had 64 children, 12 teachers. We were blessed with the presence of our Vicar Rev. Fr. Happy Jacob.

The classes were held over four Sundays. Children participated with great enthusiasm and devotion. The first OVBS session was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Happy Jacob, followed by a session about Spirituality in the modern world, led by Fr Jessen V George, subsequently the second Sunday was about Growing in Christ led by Fr Rohith Skariah. The third OVBS session was about common issues facing teenagers led by Dr Sen Kallumpuram and lastly the 4th and the final session was about the influence of social media and its effect in our life, led by Fr Jobin from Salsburg. The programme would not be fruitful without the leadership of Vicar and the OVBS Coordinator. We are humbly thankful to Rev. Fr. Happy Jacob, Church managing committee and all the Sunday School teachers for their efforts and support.

Charity Food Drive

As a community we were all blessed with minimal impact of the Pandemic and the Lockdown. Our Christian values teaches us to help others in a time of need. Keeping this core value at heart, the committee deliberated and decided to conduct a Charity Food Drive. As our manpower was limited, it was decided to supply Foodbanks with the required supply of food. The committee allocated a £1,000 for this cause, and there was approximately another £1,500 donated by members. In total we were able to cover 6 weeks of donations to Food Banks in different parts of Greater Manchester.

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Due to the Pandemic and Lockdown the following activities were called off

- St. Gregorious Feast (Parumala Thirumeni's Feast)
- Harvest Festival (Adhyaphalam)
- Pentecostal Feast
- Christmas Carol Visits.
- Christmas and New Year Services
- Great Lent Retreat

Obituary

We also remember those parish members who lost their loved ones during the Last financial year and pray for the souls of the Departed. The names of those loved ones who reached the Abode of almighty are as follows:

- Mr. K. P Varghese - Aged 74 -Father of Mr. Vibin Varghese
- Dr. J C Philip -Aged 93 -Our old member
- Mr. Tomy John,Elder brother of Mr. Byju John
- Mrs. Chinnamma Mathai - Aged 85- Mother of Mr. P M Mathai
- Mr. T C Varghese - Aged 80, Father of Mrs Liby Roy.
- Mrs. Rachel Koshy - Aged 84- Mother of Mr. Varghese Koshy
- Mrs Sosamma Chacko - Aged 77- mother of MR. A C Thomas

We also remember and pray for all the Souls in our Wider Malankara Orthodox community who had lost their loved ones due to Covid 19.

Financial Review

The charity's principal funding source is from donations and from other activities.

Reserve policy

It is policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration and support costs.

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Trustee

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Christmas Donation	135	135	2,365
Diocese Day Collection	280	280	235
Diocese Day Collection - Last Year	220	220	10
Catholicate Day Collection	300	300	85
Catholicate Day Collection - Last Year	270	270	10
Food & Refreshments-Donations	475	475	5,910
Food & Refreshments-Last year	750	750	150
Birthday	600	600	1,475
Wedding Day Offerings	185	185	370
Passion Week Donation	520	520	940
Family Conference	0	-	100
Marthamariyam Samajam	0	-	95
OVBS	0	-	1,440
Sunday School Receipt	110	110	1,795
Other Donations	300	300	734
Church Building Fund Donations	1,688	1,688	1,149
Contribution-New Church Accessories	0	-	450
Gift Aid	13,820	13,820	16,280
Harvest Festival	50	50	2,525
Harvest Festival - Last year	635	635	150
Interest Received	10	10	38
Seminary Day Collection	10	10	45
Baptism	0	-	50
Entertainment Donations	0	-	495
Charity Donations	1,586	1,586	2,200
Sneha Sparsham Charity - Entry Ticket Sale	0	-	2,620
Sneha Sparsham Charity - Raffle Ticket Sale	0	-	1,751
Sneha Sparsham Charity - Sponsorships	0	-	675
Sneha Sparsham Charity - Donations	549	549	1,693
Sneha Sparsham Charity - Food Sale	0	-	2,376
Christmas expenses-Unclaimed cheque last year	15		-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	46,369	46,369	80,467
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).			
	-	-	
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total receipts	46,369	46,369	80,467

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A3 Payments			
Vicar's Salary	6,620	6,620	8,045
Payments to visiting clergies	-	-	1,050
Charity event expenses	2,008	2,008	3,530
Christmas Expenses	-	-	1,151
Diocese Contribution	900	900	900
Catholicate Day Donation Paid	650	650	650
Refreshments	110	110	9,708
Gifts & Presentation	-	-	260
Sacramental Expenses	-	-	390
Passion Week Expenses	62	62	1,178
Family Conference	-	-	590
Marthamariyam Samajam	100	100	1,125
OVBS	-	-	1,661
Sunday School Expenses	690	690	3,310
Youth League Expenses	-	-	159
Miscellaneous Expenses	468	468	80
Sacramental expenses	357	357	-
Rent	-	-	50
Water	276	276	244
Gas & Electricity	2,649	2,649	3,410
Insurance	843	843	823
Printing, Stationery & Postage	187	187	527
Telephone	354	354	925
Repairs & Maintenance	690	690	628
Groceries	61	61	208
Seminari Day Contributions	250	250	250
Travelling Expenses	98	98	320
Bank Charges - Card Payment Fee	-	-	171
Entertainment Expenses	-	-	499
Mission Sunday Contribution	250	250	250
Fixtures & Fittings	2,514	2,514	854
Light & Sound System Expenses	-	-	200
Waste Collection	267	267	680
Accounting Charges	300	300	-
Video Conferencing Subscription Zoom	258	258	-
Incidental Expenses	120	120	-
Construction Work-Landscape	8,594	8,594	4,811
Professional Fees	-	-	259
Sports Club	-	-	262
Bank Charges - HSBC	38	38	10
Alarm Monitoring & Service	492	492	611
Diocese Welfare Fund	-	-	1,800
Sneha Sparsham Charity	7,003	7,003	3,670
Sub total	37,209	37,209	55,249
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total payments	37,209	37,209	55,249
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,160	9,160	25,218
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	61,813	61,813	36,595
Cash funds this year end	70,973	70,973	61,813

St. George Indian Orthodox Church

Receipts and payments accounts

Year ended 31 March 2021

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period			
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in hand	100	-
	Cash at the Bank - Card Account	373	-
	Cash at the Bank - Current	48,002	-
	Cash at the Bank - Building Fund	22,498	-
	Total cash funds	70,973	-
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
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			-
			-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church building - Purchase cost	Unrestricted	90,224
	Church building - Construction	Unrestricted	246,553
	Church building - Professional	Unrestricted	11,883
	Church building - Security &	Unrestricted	6,473
	Church building - Electricals	Unrestricted	7,080
	Church building - Landscape	Unrestricted	32,309
	Church building - Decoration	Unrestricted	13,755
	Church building - Accessories	Unrestricted	8,174
	Church building - Appliances &	Unrestricted	8,100
	Church building - Sound system	Unrestricted	9,044
	External hard disc	Unrestricted	86
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
			-
			-
Signed by trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Mr George Verghese		
	Trustee	Date: 15 November 2021	