

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1111562

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

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St. George Indian Orthodox Church

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Trustees' Annual Report

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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
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The trustees

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

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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

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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').

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: 13 November 2022

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Receipts and payments accounts

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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

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	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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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