

ST THOMAS' INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH LONDON

England & Wales · Charity number 1118820

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2007-04-16

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FAITH.

Activities: Promoting religious educational and cultural activities of special groups like children, youth and women. Carrying out service activities and charity for the benefit of members of the church

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED IN PRACTICE MIDDLESEX, HARTFORDSHIRE, BEDFORDSHIRE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
- Bedford
- Buckinghamshire
- Central Bedfordshire
- Hertfordshire
- Slough
- Surrey
- Windsor And Maidenhead
- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£243,334	£174,316	-	-
2024-03-31	£225,789	£104,886	-	-
2023-03-31	£205,413	£124,782	-	-
2022-03-31	£56,696	£59,679	-	-
2021-03-31	£80,236	£76,151	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANIL ABRAHAM		2025-04-01
Ajai Sam		2023-04-01
Binson John		2025-04-01
Binu Cherian		2025-04-01
Charls Raju		2023-04-01
Cijine John		2022-04-01
Daliya Thomas		2025-04-01
Jisa Alex		2025-04-01
Libu Abraham		2024-04-01
Rev Matthews Kuriakose		2025-07-01
SHIBU PAUL		2017-04-01
Saiju Varghese		2025-04-01
Shelvin Kuriakose		2025-04-01
Shiji Paul		2025-04-01
Suja Sajan		2025-04-01
Vibin Babu		2025-04-01

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Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1118820

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
St.Thomas Indian Orthodox Church , London

Thomas David Accountancy & Taxation Limited
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St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church , London

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Margadeepam: The margadeepam was held on 25th January 2025, was a heartfelt tribute to the elderly members in the parish who are above 60 in the presence of H.G Stephanos Thirumeni.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

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Trustees / Committee


The Trustees and Officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Rev. Fr. Mathews Kuriakose : Vicar and President
Mr. Charls Raju : Trustee
Mr. Ajai Sam : Secretary
Mr. Santhosh Kurian : Committee Member
Mr. Mathew Varghese : Committee Member
Mr. Libu Abraham : Committee Member
Mrs. Grace Raju : Committee Member
Mrs. Shiji Baboy : Committee Member
Mrs. Elizabeth Joshua : Committee Member
Mr. Deny Chacko : Committee Member
Mr. Shibu Paul : Committee Member
Mr. Roy Vaghese : Committee Member
Mr. Cijine John : Committee Member
Mr. Geevarghese Thomas : Ex- Officio
Mr. Koruthu Varghese : Ex- Officio

Independent Examiner

Thomas David Accountancy & Taxation Limited
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Approved by the Board of Trustees on10/01/2026..... and signed on it's behalf by:


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Mr. Ajai Sam - Secretary

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church , London

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

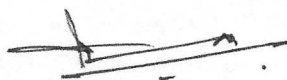
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Mr Thomas David FCCA
Thomas David Accountancy & Taxation Limited
557 Filton Avenue
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Date : 26/01/2026

St.Thomas Indian Orthodox Church , London

Statement of Financial Activities

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

				2025	2024
	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund	Total funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	239,675	-	239,675	225,069
Investment Income	3	3,659	-	3,659	720
Total		243,334	-	243,334	225,789
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Church Running Costs		(174,316)	-	(174,316)	(101,759)
Other		-	-	-	-
Total		(174,316)	-	(174,316)	(101,759)
NET INCOME		69,018	-	69,018	124,031

CONTINUING OPERATIONS*

All income and expenditure have arisen from continuing activities.


St.Thomas Indian Orthodox Church , London

Balance Sheet

At 31 March 2025


	Notes	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	4	431,939	424,394
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	95,553	94,800
Cash at bank and in hand	6	210,405	150,193
		<u>305,958</u>	<u>244,993</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(576)	(1,084)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>305,382</u>	<u>243,909</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>737,321</u>	<u>668,303</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>737,321</u>	<u>668,303</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	8	737,321	668,303
Restricted funds		-	-
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>737,321</u>	<u>668,303</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 10/01/2026 and were signed on its behalf by:




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Mr. Charls Raju
(Treasurer)



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Mr Ajai Sam
(Secretary)



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Fr. Mathews Kuriakose
(Vicar and President)

St.Thomas Indian Orthodox Church , London

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

St Thomas Indian Orthodox Church, London meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes(s).

Incoming resources

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life.

Land & Building	:	Not provided (Trustees have carried out a full impairment review in accordance with FRS 102 and find out that the estimated residual value is not materially different from it's carrying value in the Balance Sheet)
Fixtures and fittings	:	15% on reducing balance basis

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

There are no trustees remuneration paid during the year other than the salary and allowances paid to the vicar for the pastoral services

St.Thomas Indian Orthodox Church , London

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

2. Income From Donations & Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£
Donations Received	239,675	239,675	225,069

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

Bank Interest		2,934	-
Rental Income		725	720
Total		3,659	720

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvement Fund	Land & Building	Fixtures and fittings	Totals
	£	£	£	£
COST				
At 1 April 2024	5,020	653,834	58,097	716,951
Additions	7,599	-	1,054	8,653
At 31 March 2025	12,619	653,834	59,151	725,604
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2024	-	240,798	51,759	292,557
Charge for the year	-	-	1,109	1,109
At 31 March 2025	-	240,798	52,868	293,666
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2025	12,619	413,036	6,283	431,939
At 31 March 2024	5020	413,036	6,338	424,394

St.Thomas Indian Orthodox Church , London

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gift Aid Tax Receivable	95,553	94,800
Total	95,553	94,800

6. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Cash in Hand/ Cheque	415	-	415	5,124
Balance in Natwest Bank A/c Number 66075408	43,431	-	43,431	113,915
Balance In Natwest Bank A/c Number 66107881	2,125	-	2,125	20,310
Balance In Natwest Bank A/c Number 4261	156,743	-	156,743	-
Balance In Natwest Bank A/c Number 4288	7,691	-	7,691	-
Total	210,405	-	210,405	139,348

7. CREDITORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors & Accruals	576	1,084
Total	576	1,084

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.04.24	Net Movement In Funds	Transfers between Funds	At 31.03.25
	£	£	£	£
Funds				
Unrestricted Funds	668,303	71,631	(7,500)	732,434
Designated Funds - Solace	-	(2,613)	7,500	4,887
Total Funds	668,303	69,018	-	737,321
TOTAL FUNDS	668,303	69,018	-	737,321
		Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Movement in Funds
		£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund		240,234	168,603	71,631
Designated Funds - Solace		3,100	5,713	(2,613)
Total		243,334	174,316	69,018

St.Thomas Indian Orthodox Church , London

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
I. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Subscriptions	51,361	43,935
Offertory	12,550	20,110
Birthday	6,149	5,238
Wedding Anniversary / Wedding	1,892	2,553
Women's Fellowship (Manna)	1,748	3,834
Youth Activities	10,855	1,375
AMOSS Fellowship	130	-
Harvest Donation	22,855	23,940
Christmas / New Year Offering	4,093	2,389
Sunday School & OVBS	2,772	2,274
Sunday Offerings	8,421	-
Fellowship Meal & Other Meals	45,015	31,998
Seminary & Mission Sunday	10	50
Donation - Holy Week	65	15,218
Donation - Property	-	2,319
Donation - Charity	5,199	2,920
Donation - Catholicate	190	470
Donation - Diocese	470	645
Donation - church items	339	-
Payback from Diocese	135	1,730
Parumala Perunal	244	742
Kurbana Kramam & Holy Bible	3,330	-
Solace Offerings	3,100	-
Gift Aid - HMRC	50,773	42,000
Sunday Auction	-	275
Perunal / St. Thomas Day	157	536
Donation - Kaimuthu	3,500	-
Baptism	250	1,000
Card payback	7	-
Infrastructure Development	4,065	17,800
Kinder Garden - Sustainable Eco project	-	90
Malankara Sangam	-	1,630
Total Donations & Legacies (A)	239,675	225,069
<u>Investment Income</u>		
Bank Interest	2,934	-
Rental Income	725	720
Total Investment Income (B)	3,659	720
Total Incoming Resources	243,334	225,789

St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church , London

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

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	2025	2024
	£	£
II. EXPENDITURE		
Charitable Activities		
Catholicate	1,462	1,500
Diocesan Contribution	2,400	4,700
Mission Sunday & Seminary	1,100	-
Sunday School & OVBS	9,685	9,066
Diocese Expense	4,333	850
AMOSS Fellowship	301	-
Youth Fellowship	2,142	1,098
Women Fellowship	3,504	1,143
Christmas Expenses	3,396	2,060
Holy Week Expenses	314	4,994
St. Thomas Day Expenses	250	621
Parumala Perunal	341	200
Charity	6,249	3,108
Solace Pay	5,713	
Vicar Allowance	18,729	15,706
Vicar Pension	781	812
National Insurance	1,820	1,519
Vicar Telephone & Travel	3,250	250
Vicar Meals	587	70
Vicar Accomodation	4,476	-
Kaimuth	6,250	1,250
Visiting Priest	3,782	1,100
Sacramental Ex	94	-
Holy Service books	4,783	-
Barbecue Expenses	-	892
Office Stationary	1,379	1,188
It Expense	2,471	-
Cultural Events	1,382	3,162
Fellowship Meal	57,762	21,370
Kinder Garden - Sustainable Eco project	-	474
Church Provisions	3,319	2,285
Property Utility -Electricity and Gas Charges	6,343	7,216
Property Utility -Water Charges	786	753
Property Utility -Waste Collection	1,583	1,322
Property Utility -Internet	714	582
Property Insurance	1,319	1,332
Carry Forward Expenditure	162,801	90,624

St.Thomas Indian Orthodox Church , London

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Brought Forward Expenditure	162,801	90,624
Repairs and Maintenance	3,667	4,451
Establishment Expenses	136	81
Property Cleaning	4,378	3,173
Accountancy	730	772
Bank Charges	1,496	1,540
Depreciation	1,109	1,118
Total Resources expended	174,316	101,759
Net income	69,018	124,031

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Principal address : St. Agnells Lane,
Hemel Hempstead,
HP2 7AY

Trustees / Committee

The Trustees and Officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Rev. Fr. Anoop Malayil Abraham : Vicar and President
Mr. Geevarghese Thomas : Trustee
Mr. Varghese Koruthu : Secretary
Mr. Ajay Sam : Committee Member
Mr. Charls Raju : Committee Member
Mr. Baboy Thampi : Committee Member
Mr. Jijo Mathew : Committee Member
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Independent Examiner

Thomas David Accountancy & Taxation Limited
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Approved by the Board of Trustees on 26/01/2025 and signed on it's behalf by:



Mr. Varghese Koruthu - Secretary

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St. Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church, London

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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Date : 27/01/2025

St.Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church , London

Statement of Financial Activities

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

				2024	2023
	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund	Total funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	225,069	-	225,069	204,983
Investment Income	3	720	-	720	430
Total		225,789	-	225,789	205,413
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Church Running Costs		(104,886)	-	(104,886)	(124,782)
Other		-	-	-	-
Total		(104,886)	-	(104,886)	(124,782)
NET INCOME		120,904	-	120,904	80,631

CONTINUING OPERATIONS*

All income and expenditure have arisen from continuing activities.

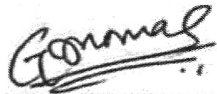
St.Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church , London

Balance Sheet

At 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	4	424,394	417,368
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	94,800	69,674
Cash at bank and in hand	6	150,193	61,149
		<u>244,993</u>	<u>130,823</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,084)	(792)
		<u>243,909</u>	<u>130,031</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>243,909</u>	<u>130,031</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		668,303	547,399
LONG TERM LIABILITIES			
Bank Loans (Secured)		-	-
		<u>668,303</u>	<u>547,399</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>668,303</u>	<u>547,399</u>
FUNDS			
	8		
Unrestricted funds		668,303	547,399
Designated		-	-
Restricted funds		-	-
		<u>668,303</u>	<u>547,399</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
		<u>668,303</u>	<u>547,399</u>

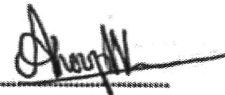
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Mr. Geevarghese Thomas
(Treasurer)



Mr Varghese Koruthu
(Secretary)



Fr. Anoop Malayil Abraham
(Vicar and President)

St.Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church , London

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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Basis of preparing the financial statements

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Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life.

Land & Building	:	Not provided (Trustees have carried out a full impairment review in accordance with FRS 102 and find out that the estimated residual value is not materially different from it's carrying value in the Balance Sheet)
Fixtures and fittings	:	15% on reducing balance basis

Change in Accounting Policies:

The fixed assets are depreciated as below

Freehold Land and building - Nil

Fixtures and fittings - 15% on reducing balance basis

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

There are no trustees remuneration paid during the year other than the salary and allowances paid to the vicar for the pastoral services

St.Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church , London

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

2. Income From Donations & Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Donations Received	225,069	225,069	204,983

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

Bank Interest	-	55
Rental Income	720	375
Total	720	430

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvement Fund	Land & Building	Fixtures and fittings	Totals
	£	£	£	£
COST				
At 1 April 2023		653,834	54,973	708,807
Additions	5,020	-	3,124	8,144
Disposal		-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	<u>5,020</u>	<u>653,834</u>	<u>58,097</u>	<u>716,951</u>

DEPRECIATION

At 1 April 2023		240,798	50,641	291,439
Charge for the year		-	1,118	1,118
Eliminated on Disposal		-	-	-
At 31 March 2024		<u>240,798</u>	<u>51,759</u>	<u>292,557</u>

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 March 2024	<u>5,020</u>	<u>413,036</u>	<u>6,338</u>	<u>424,394</u>
At 31 March 2023		<u>413,036</u>	<u>4,332</u>	<u>417,368</u>

St.Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church , London
Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift Aid Tax Receivable	94,800	69,674
	94,800	69,674
	94,800	69,674

6. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Cash in Hand	5,124	-	5,124	-
Balance in Natwest Bank A/c Number 66075408	124,760	-	124,760	47,459
Balance In Natwest Bank A/c Number 66107881	20,310	-	20,310 #	13,690
Total	150,193	-	150,193	61,149
	150,193	-	150,193	61,149

7. CREDITORS

Creditors & Accruals		1,084	792
Amounts falling due within one year		-	-
Total		1,084	792
		1,084	792

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.04.23	Net Movement In Funds	Transfers between Funds	At 31.03.24
	£	£	£	£
Funds				
Unrestricted Funds	547,399	120,904	-	668,303
Designated Funds	-	-	-	-
	547,399	120,904		668,303
TOTAL FUNDS	547,399	120,904		668,303
	547,399	120,904		668,303

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Movement in Funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	225,789	104,886	120,904
Total	225,789	104,886	120,904
	225,789	104,886	120,904

St. Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church , London

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
I. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Subscriptions	43,935	31,902
Offertery	20,110	26,967
Birthday	5,238	5,384
Wedding Anniversary / Wedding	2,553	2,157
Women's Fellowship (Manna)	3,834	2,832
Youth Fellowship (Gala)	1,375	1,478
Youth Fellowship (Batminton)		332
Harvest Donation	23,940	26,611
Christmas / New Year Offering	2,389	2,436
Sunday School & OVBS	2,274	880
Fellowship Meal	31,998	30,973
Seminary & Mission Sunday	50	135
Donation - Holy Week	15,218	3,946
Donation - Property	2,319	2,109
Donation - Charity	2,920	-
Donation - Catholicate	470	295
Donation - Diocese	645	290
Payback from Diocese	1,730	-
Parumala Perunal	742	30
Gift Aid - HMRC	42,000	52,585
Sunday Auction	275	140
Perunal / St. Thomas Day	536	-
Emergency Expenses Payback		13,500
Baptism	1,000	-
Infrastructure Development	17,800	-
Kinder Garden - Sustainable Eco project	90	-
Malankara Sangam	1,630	-
Total Donations & Legacies (A)	225,069 #	204,983
<u>Investment Income</u>		
Bank Interest		55
Rental Income	720	375
Total Investment Income (B)	720	430
Total Incoming Resources	225,789 #	205,413

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St.Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church , London

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
II. EXPENDITURE		
Charitable Activities		
Catholicate	1,500	4,000
Diocesan Contribution	4,700	6,000
Mission Sunday & Seminary	-	700
Sunday School & OVBS	9,066	5,055
Diocese Expense	850	61
Youth Fellowship	1,098	3,997
Women Fellowship	1,143	-
Christmas Expenses	2,060	2,014
Holy Week Expenses	4,994	1,814
St. Thomas Day Expenses	621	859
Parumala Perunal	200	-
Charity General	3,108	-
Vicar Allowance	15,706	14,500
Vicar Pension	812	228
National Insurance	1,519	1,589
Vicar Telephone & Travel	250	1,500
Vicar Meals	70	875
Vicar Accomodation	3,127	4,521
Kaimuth	1,250	1,500
Visiting Priest	1,100	3,386
Barbecue Expenses	892	-
Office Stationary	1,188	619
Emergency Expense	-	13,465
Cultural Event	3,162	-
Fellowship Meal	21,370	30,805
Kinder Garden - Sustainable Eco project	474	-
Church Provisions	2,285	3,763
Property Utility -Electricity and Gas Charges	7,216	3,647
Property Utility -Water Charges	753	426
Property Utility -Waste Collection	1,322	1,167
Property Utility -Internet	582	486
Property Insurance	1,332	1,290
Property Maintenance	3,689	7,909
Carry Forward Expenditure	97,439 #	116,175

St.Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church , London

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Brought Forward Expenditure	97,439	116,175
Repairs and Maintenance	762	1,769
Establishment Expenses	81	80
Church Cleaning	1,298	635
Property Cleaning	1,875	2,361
Accountancy	772	672
Bank Charges	1,540	1,286
Mortgage Interest	-	1,040
Depreciation	1,118	764
Total Resources expended	104,886	124,782
Net income	120,904	80,631

ST THOMAS' INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH LONDON

England & Wales - Charity number 1118820

Accounts

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
for
St. Thomas, Indian Orthodox Church, London

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St. Thomas, Indian Orthodox Church , London

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St. Thomas, Indian Orthodox Church , London
Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31st March 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and Aims

The main objective of the parish is to promote the Orthodox Christian Faith by maintaining place of regular worship and prayers and promoting service activities and charity for the benefit of the wider community and society.

Significant activities

Holy Qurbana & Divine Service: We had regular worship services on all Sundays and important feast days. Every Sunday, morning prayer started at 9.00 am and the Holy Eucharist at 10.00am. Holy Liturgy is celebrated in Malayalam on three Sundays, and in English on every fourth Sunday of the month. On average, close to 250 people attend the Holy Eucharist on Sunday and foster bonds over fellowship meal after the Qurbana.

General Body Meetings: Four General Body meetings were held during the year to deliberate on various matters and to take appropriate decisions. The managing committee of the parish also met periodically to plan and review the activities of the church and also provided recommendations to the General Body

St. Thomas' Sunday School: Our Sunday School has been functioning very well with 142 children attending various grades - from pre-school to grade 12. We have 32 main stream teachers and 10 associate teachers under the leadership of Head teacher (Mr. Biju Kurian) and the Deputy Head Teacher (Mr. Sudarshan Joy). Classes are conducted immediately after the Holy Eucharist on all Sundays. Sunday school starts with a general assembly includes bible presentations, Malayalam teaching lessons, quiz competitions, song sessions and other traditional christian activities.

Other student activities: Our children actively participated in a number of events organised by the church. We successfully conducted the OVBS at our church on 10 & 11 September 2022. We conducted the Rededication of the children who turned 12. Our children conducted shoe box charity collection - a project run by the Samaritans Purse charity. Thy collected Christmas presents to be distributed for poor children in various parts of the world.

St. Thomas' Youth Fellowship: OCYM (Orthodox Christian Youth Movement) is led by Secretaries (Shilpa Sajan and Sachin Roy) under the guidance of the Vicar. They have conducted different events and activities focussed on different age group. The team launched e-Nercha - an initiative to make digital payments in church easy and convenient. Our youth fellowship is an inevitable part of the church as they continued to pump energy in to the parish by boosting the involvement of the young generation in the church activities.

St. Thomas' Women's Fellowship: Along with organising weekly fellowship meals, and food for key occasions, the women of the church were the driving force behind the success of Manna Fest. The secretaries, Binu Shinoy and Dolly Thomas were ensuring the active participation of women in the liturgy by reading the Old Testament portions. They have joined in Friday evening prayer chains on WhatsApp and Wednesday online intercessory prayers.

Patron's Day (St. Thomas Day): Patrons' Day celebrations were held at the church on Saturday, 02 July and Sunday, 03 July 2022. We had Rasa, Intercessory prayers and fellowship meal on Sunday after the Divine Liturgy.

Harvest Festival: The Harvest Festival (Annual Thanksgiving) held on Sunday, 04 September 2022 was inarguably the most successful held till date.

St. Gregorios's Festival (Parumala Perunal): We celebrated the blessed feast of St. Gregorios of Parumala on Saturday and Sunday, 05 and 06 of November. A padayathra (prayerful procession on foot) from Cassiobury Park in Watford on Saturday afternoon to end in the church in the evening to finish with the evening prayers ad fellowship meal was the main feature of this year's Perunal. We had Divine Liturgy followed by Rasa, intercessory prayers and nercha on Sunday.

Christmas Carol Service: Our Christmas Carol Service was held at JFK School hall at 6.00pm on Saturday, 17 December. The Carol service was arranged by our Sunday school children, Youth fellowship and church choir. The carol service ended with prayer followed by a fellowship meal.

Christmas Service: Our Christmas liturgy and Holy Eucharist were celebrated on Saturday 24 December. A Christmas Eve was celebrated at 6.00pm at our church followed by a Christmas Dinner.

New Year Service: Our parish had the celebration of Divine Liturgy on Sunday 1 January 2023 to mark the New Year and the anniversary of declaring our church as a parish by late lamented H. G. Dr. Makarios. This is also celebrated as a day of prize distribution to our Sunday School children.

Family Gala: Family Gala cultural event was organised for the parish family on 18 February 2023 at JFK school hall, Hemel Hempstead with lot of entertainment programmes for families.

Greetings from the church: We have been sending greeting cards from our church on various occasions. Birthday cards, wedding anniversary cards and Christmas Greetings were sent to all members.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves

The Church reserves are held to help its current and future activities including maintenance of the church building. The retained surplus of parish as on 31/03/2023 was £547,399 (£ 466,768 on 31/03/2022)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The vicar is appointed by the diocesan Bishop and his term will until further order from the Diocesan Bishop. The Secretary , Treasurer and other committee members are elected at the annual general body meeting of the charity.

St. Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church , London

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31st March 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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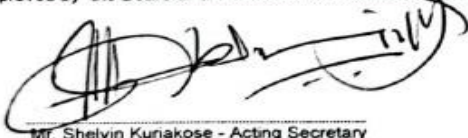
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Approved by the Board of Trustees on 17-3-2024 and signed on it's behalf by:



Mr. Shelvin Kuriakose - Acting Secretary

Dated: 17.03.2024

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St.Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church , London

Statement of Financial Activities

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	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
		£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	204,983	-	204,983	56,086
Investment Income	3	430	-	430	610
Total		205,413	-	205,413	56,696
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Church Running Costs		(124,782)	-	(124,782)	(59,678)
Other		-	-	-	-
Total		(124,782)	-	(124,782)	(59,678)
NET INCOME		80,631	-	80,631	(2,983)

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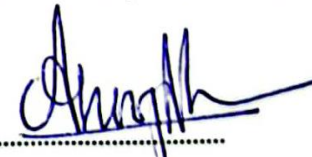
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CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(792)	(13,582)
		<u>130,031</u>	<u>78,408</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>547,399</u>	<u>491,779</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		547,399	491,779
LONG TERM LIABILITIES			
Bank Loans (Secured)			(25,011)
			<u>(25,011)</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>547,399</u>	<u>466,768</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	8	547,399	91,870
Designated			374,898
Restricted funds		-	-
		<u>547,399</u>	<u>466,768</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 17-03-2024 and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mr. Mathew Thomas
(Treasurer)


.....
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Fixtures and fittings	:	15% on reducing balance basis

Change in Accounting Policies:

The fixed assets are depreciated as below

Freehold Land and building - Nil

Fixtures and fittings - 15% on reducing balance basis

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

There are no trustees remuneration paid during the year other than the salary and allowances paid to the vicar for the pastoral services

St.Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church , London

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

2. Income From Donations & Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£
Donations Received	204,983	204,983	56,086

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank Interest	55	-
Rental Income	375	610
Total	430	610

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land & Building	Fixtures and fittings	Totals
	£	£	£
COST			
At 1 April 2022	653,834	50,212	704,046
Additions	-	4,761	4,761
Disposal	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	653,834	54,973	708,807

DEPRECIATION

At 1 April 2022	240,798	49,877	290,675
Charge for the year	-	764	764
Eliminated on Disposal	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	240,798	50,641	291,439

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 March 2023	413,036	4,332	417,368
At 31 March 2022	413,036	335	413,371

St.Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church , London

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift Aid Tax Receivable	69,674	44,250
	<u>69,674</u>	<u>44,250</u>

6. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Balance in HSBC Bank A/c Number 52497875	-	-	-	4,578
Balance in Natwest Bank A/c Number 66075408	47,459	-	47,459	30,879
Balance In Natwest Bank A/c Number 66107881	13,690	-	13,690	12,283
Total	<u>61,149</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,149</u>	<u>47,740</u>

7. CREDITORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Creditors & Accruals	792	120
Amounts falling due within one year	-	13,462
Total	<u>792</u>	<u>13,582</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.04.22	Net Movement In Funds	Transfers between Funds	At 31.03.23
	£	£	£	£
Funds				
Unrestricted Funds	91,870	80,631	374,898	547,399
Designated Funds	374,898	-	(374,898)	-
	<u>466,768</u>	<u>80,631</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>547,399</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>466,768</u>	<u>80,631</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>547,399</u>

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Movement in Funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	205,413	124,782	80,631
Total	<u>205,413</u>	<u>124,782</u>	<u>80,631</u>

St. Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church , London

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
I. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Subscriptions	31,902	23,832
Offertory	26,967	12,714
Birthday	5,384	3,946
Wedding Anniversary / Wedding	2,157	1,175
Women's Fellowship (Manna)	2,832	-
Youth Fellowship (Gala)	1,478	-
Youth Fellowship (Batminton)	332	-
Harvest Donation	26,611	320
Christmas / New Year Offering	2,436	730
Sunday School & OVBS	880	715
Fellowship Meal	30,973	2,255
Seminary & Mission Sunday	135	70
Donation - Holy Week	3,946	810
Donation - Property	2,109	-
Donation - Charity General	-	850
Donation - Catholicate	295	280
Donation - Diocese	290	180
Parumala Perunal	30	-
Gift Aid - HMRC	52,585	-
Sunday Auction	140	-
Mortgage interest	-	2,512
Emergency Expenses Payback	13,500	-
Baptism	-	325
Bank Credit	-	372
Others	-	4,999
Bank Interest	55	-
Rental Income	375	610
Total Incoming Resources	205,413	56,696

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St.Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church , London

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
II. EXPENDITURE		
Charitable Activities		
Catholicate	4,000	-
Diocesan Contribution	6,000	-
Mission Sunday	200	-
Seminary	500	-
Sunday School & OVBS	5,055	-
Diocese Expense	60	-
Youth Fellowship	3,997	-
Women Fellowship	-	300
Christmas Expenses	2,014	-
Holy Week Expenses	1,814	-
St. Thomas Day Expenses	859	-
Charity General	-	1,043
Vicar Allowance	14,500	16,464
Vicar Pension	228	358
National Insurance	1,589	-
Vicar Telephone & Travel	1,500	2,500
Vicar Meals	875	-
Vicar Accomodation	4,521	-
Kaimuth	1,500	-
Visiting Priest	3,386	1,150
Special Felicitation	-	5,401
Office Stationary	619	1,011
Emergency Expense	13,465	-
Fellowship Meal	30,805	700
Church Provisions	3,763	1,497
Property Utility -Electricity and Gas Charges	3,647	1,861
Property Utility -Water Charges	426	1,334
Property Utility -Waste Collection	1,167	825
Property Utility -Internet	486	275
Property Insurance	1,290	1,204
Property Maintenance	7,909	-
Repairs and Maintenance	1,769	-
Establishment Expenses	80	-
Church Cleaning	635	728
Property Cleaning	2,361	-
Accountancy	672	-
Others	-	225
Bank Charges	1,286	478
Mortgage Interest	1,040	1,503
Depreciation	764	20,823
Total Resources expended	124,782	59,678
Net income	80,631	(2,983)

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England & Wales - Charity number 1118820

Accounts



St Thomas Indian Orthodox Church

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Annual Report - 2021/22

We are delighted to present the report of the St. Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church London, for the year from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022, on behalf of the Managing Committee who are also Trustees of the Parish.

Affiliation and Membership

Our Church is a Parish of the U.K-Europe & Africa Diocese of the Indian (Malankara) Orthodox Church. The present head of this Church is HH Baselios Marthoma Mathews III and the Parish is under the direct jurisdiction of H.G Dr. Mathews Mar Thimothios, the Diocesan Bishop. The Parish is a registered Charity in England and Wales having the registration number: 1118820.

A membership register is maintained by the Parish. At the beginning of the reporting year we had 118 members.

Membership is open to any bona fide member of the Malankara (Indian) Orthodox Church who is baptized in accordance with the baptismal rite of the Malankara Orthodox Church or a Church in communion with it, and who agrees to abide by the constitution of the parish, and is currently living in UK. Voting rights in the Parish and election to office is confined to all adult members who have completed 18 years of age.

Objectives and Aims of the Parish

The following are the general aims of the Parish:

- The main object of the Parish is to promote the Orthodox Christian faith. In furtherance of the above the parish shall have the following powers :-
- To maintain places of regular worship and prayer and to give instruction in the faith of the Church, its tradition and history
- To provide for religious, educational and cultural activities of special groups like women, youth and children
- To promote and carry out service activities and charity for the benefit of the wider community and society

Worshipping place and Registered office

All our divine worship and liturgical activities are conducted at our church in St. Agnells Lane, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, HP2 7AY. We had our Prayer Fellowship meetings at the houses of the parishioners. Our registered office and the correspondence address of the Parish/Charity is St. Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church London, St.Agnells Lane,Hemel Hempstead,Hertfordshire,HP2 7AY.

Administration of the Parish

The governance of the Parish/Charity is controlled by the Constitution adopted by the General Body of the Parish in 2007. As per the constitution the general administration of the Parish is conducted under the general supervision of the Vicar/President, by the General Body, the Managing Committee, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Parish/Charity is run by volunteers who are not entitled to remuneration, except the Vicar who is paid a salary for his pastoral services. The Vicar is appointed by the Diocesan Bishop and he holds the term until further order from the Bishop. The Managing Committee functions as the Trustees of the Parish/ Charity. The Managing Committee is elected by the General Body of the Parish and the term of the Committee is 1 year.

The Managing Committee / Trustees

The Election General Body of the Parish could not be convened due to the pandemic. The Vicar with guidance from the Diocesan metropolitan authorized the below office bearers to continue from the previous year.

The members of the Committee/ Trustees are as follows:

Vicar: Rev. Fr. Varghese John Mannamcheril

Honorary Treasurer: Mr. Shelvin Kuriakose

Honorary Secretary: Mr. Anil Abraham

Committee Members:

Mrs. Grace Raju

Mrs. Dolly Thomas

Mr. Jomy Alexander

Mr. Binu Cherian

Mr. Robin George

Mr. Mathew Thomas

Mr. Shaji Jacob Auditor (Internal)

Ex-Officio:

Mr. Shibu Paul

General Body Meetings

Election General Body Meeting 23/01/22

The following people were elected to the Church Management Committee for the Financial Year 2022-2023

Honorary Treasurer :- Mr Mathew Thomas

Honorary Secretary :- Mr. Jiji Mathews

Committee Members:-

- 1) Mrs Elizabeth Joshua John
 - 2) Mrs Shery John
 - 3) Mr Cijine John
 - 4) Mr Varghese K
 - 5) Dr Sen Varghese Kallumpuram
 - 6) Mr Shibu Paul
 - 7) Mr Gheevarghese Thomas
- Internal Auditor : - Mr Shaji Jacob agreed to continue.

General Functioning and Activities of the Parish

Divine Worship

We have regular worship services on all Sundays and important Feast days. Every Sunday morning prayers start at 9:00 am and the Holy Eucharist starts at 10.00 am. Holy Liturgy is celebrated in Malayalam and in English; the service in English is celebrated on every fourth Sunday of the month. On average around 230 people regularly attend our Divine Liturgies.

The service is open to all people irrespective of their membership in the Parish and we welcome even those who do not have any ecclesiastical connection with our Church to attend our worship and liturgies.

There are many acolytes who assist the Vicar to make the Holy Eucharist a heavenly experience. We express our gratitude to all of them for their devotion and dedicated services.

This year has been a difficult one with complete lock down in place for most part of the year yet when possible we organized the service with attendees managed carefully using COVID guidelines.

There were 60 Holy Eucharist live streamed from church this year with 10,663 views per the statistics.

Auxiliary organizations

We normally have our Sunday school after the Holy Qurbana each Sunday, an active Youth Fellowship and a dedicated Women's Fellowship

which meet at regular intervals for study and discussion. These meetings help them to interact between themselves and to formulate common programs and schemes for the wellbeing and the growth of the Parish. This year the functioning has been hampered by the pandemic. Despite that the auxiliary organizations did a tremendous job in keeping the energy high and organizing online events.

(a) St. Thomas' Sunday school

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We have an excellent Sunday school which has been functioning very well under the leadership of our beloved vicar, Mr. Biju Kurian Jacob is serving as Head Teacher and Mr. Sudarshan Joy as Deputy

Head Teacher. We have a dedicated team of 32 mainstream teachers and 10 associate teachers who make the functioning of our Sunday school very successful. We are proud to say that our Sunday school is the crown of our parish. Our Sunday

school is growing in numbers year on year and we have 120 children attending in various grades from pre-school to grade 12. Classes are conducted immediately after the Holy Eucharist on all Sundays except for

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Our children raised more than £760 for charity which will be

donated to a children's charity in UK. They also conducted shoe box collection which is a toy collection to be distributed as Christmas

◀ presents for poor children in various parts of the world.

Our children actively participated in a number of

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Celebrations, Family
Gala and Christmas
Carol Service. We
also successfully
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of June in which most of our Sunday School children participated and it was a great enriching experience for our children.

We are proud to say that all our children in grade X and grade XII

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body of Malankara
Orthodox Syrian
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We congratulate the
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(b) St. Thomas' Youth Fellowship

This was another year with pandemic restrictions easing on and off in which the youth members were very instrumental in all the activities of the church even whilst the church continued the services hybrid and eventually opened to all. We hope and pray that the fellowship continues

to strengthen and grow in the coming years. The President of the Youth Fellowship is the vicar, Rev Fr John Varghese Mannacherry. The secretary for the reporting period was Jesty Johnson and Benson Raju. .

Following the national lockdown, youth meetings were conducted every Saturday at 5pm. Our youth were working round the clock with youth meetings on Saturday and Sunday School on Sunday all which was now online which actively carried on by youth teachers. We also attended online spiritual sessions which were arranged by our sister churches. We also had our own youth taking turns for being speakers and share their spiritual knowledge every week in the meetings. We were in forefront in helping Sunday School with online OVBS which was conducted on 11th July 2021.

We actively participated in Feed the Hungry, Save the Children Christmas Jumper day etc. As the church was slowly open to restricted number able to a/end service, youth prepared and helped the committee in its transition activities. We conducted special youth sessions every evening of the Holy Week with youth speakers, and also did our Good Friday online Vigil.

Our youth members are acolytes and assist the vicar during the weekly Eucharist and worships. Our youth are also active Sunday School teachers, come together a minimum of twice a year for thorough church cleaning.

(c) St. Thomas' Women's Fellowship

The activities of the Women's fellowship was severely hampered by the lockdown and a stop to the coming together at church. Nevertheless the Women's fellowship continued their prayer chain and also conducted online prayer meetings to pray for the sick and the needy.

Charitable Activities

We were involved in charity activities as in the past and made donations to many charity activities as reported in our financial statement. Many of our members have made personal contributions through the church and individually towards various charitable institutions and organizations in India. We appreciate their good will and may God bless them. We also participated twice in the *Feed the Hungry* program to the DENS food bank first during the Easter of 2021 and Christmas of 2021. We were able to do online collection from amongst our members as donation. We were one of the major contributors to this program.

We also contributed to different individual requests a total of 1043 GBP through this FY.

Good Friday & Easter Service

The Good Friday & Easter service this year was one of the difficult ones as the country was in a full lock down with the pandemic. This year again the service was only physically attended by the Vicar and the acolytes

and the parishioners watched it online. The parish extends sincere gratitude to the Vicar and all that helped to make this happen.

Christmas Service:

Our Christmas liturgy and the Holy Eucharist were celebrated on 24th December 2020 , the Christmas Eve at 6.00 pm at our Church and the service was a blessing for many who watched online.

New Year Service

We had the celebration of Divine Liturgy on Sunday 1st January 2021 to mark the New Year and the anniversary of declaring our church as a parish by late lamented HG Dr Makarios. This year it was done online and was well attended by parishioners.

Other Programs via online media

Rev Fr John Varughese Farewell

Online Media Report

Viewers from 13 different countries with 10,312 views and 3119.6 hours watch time across all videos.

Views ↓	Watch time (hours)
10,312	3,119.6

Financial Review

In this report year, we had total Income of 56696 GBP and total expense of 59579 GBP. A detailed Financial Statement is submitted to the General Body by the Hon. Treasurer.

Adjusting to the Pandemic

Starting March 2020 there has been rise in the COVID 19 infections and related deaths. Thank God that our members have been mostly safe. With the government announcing lock down from 23rd March 2020, we had to adapt quickly to safer operational measures and remote worship methodologies.

The Managing committee on behalf of all the parish would like to place our sincere gratitude to Vicar Fr. John Varughese Mannamcherril , Rev Fr. Abraham George Chor-Episcopos and all the acolytes and members of the parish who worked towards making sure the worship is run uninterrupted in the best possible way.

Change of Guard

Following the Kalpana from the Diocesan metropolitan, current Vicar Fr. Varughese John Mannamcherril was relieved off his duties at our parish as he embarks on his new journey. The parish will ever be grateful for all his contributions over the period and particularly his guidance over the

difficult time both with the pandemic and the losses we had as a parish. His last day of service was 31st January 2022. Equally we welcomed the new Vicar Fr Anoop Abraham to our parish and look forward to his guidance over the coming years. The new Vicar took charge on 1st February 2022.

The following people continue to represent our parish in

Diocesan General Body

- Mr. Mathew Varghese.

Malankara Association

- Mr Mathew Varghese
- Mr Noble Abraham

Births

Baby boy -

Baby girl --

Marriages

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Congratulations to all

Conclusion

Words are not enough to express our gratitude and submission to our Lord. The intercession of Holy Mother Mary, our Patron Saint Thomas and all other Saints are always a constant inspiration and enlightening guidance for our Parish. Let us continue the communion with them.

We pledge our loyalty to the supreme head of our Church, the Catholicos of the East and the Malankara Metropolitan, H.H. Baselios Marthoma Mathews III, and our Diocesan Bishop HG Dr Mathews Mar Thimothios.

We also express my sincere thanks to our Vicar for his continued guidance and leadership, to the leaders of various spiritual organizations, members of the Parish Managing Committee, fraternal members of our other parishes who support us through their donations and fellowship and above all to our own members for rendering their valuable support and contributions.

For and on behalf of the Managing Committee/ Trustees of
St. Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church London,
Hemel Hempstead

Mr. Anil Abraham.
Hon. Secretary

St. Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church London

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted 2022 Funds £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted 2021 Funds £	Total 2021 £
Income from:						
Donations	50,579	4,832	55,411	51,636	20,995	72,631
Charitable Activities	0	675	675	0	60	60
Other trading activities	610	0	610	7,545	0	7,545
Total Income	51,189	5,507	56,696	59,181	21,055	80,236
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	33,888	4,968	38,856	21,466	34,366	55,832
Depreciation	20,823	0	20,823	20,319	0	20,319
Total Expenditure	54,711	4,968	59,679	41,785	34,366	76,151
Net income/(expenditure)	(3,522)	539	(2,983)	17,396	(13,311)	4,085
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds	599	(599)	0	(8,370)	8,370	0
Net movement in funds	(2,923)	(60)	(2,983)	9,027	(4,941)	4,085
Reconciliation of funds						
Total Funds brought forward	469,691	60	469,752	460,664	5,001	465,665
Total Funds carried forward	466,768	0	466,768	469,691	60	469,752

St. Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church London (Charity Reg No 1118820)

Balance Sheet

as at 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	5		413,371	434,195
Current Assets				
Debtors	6	44,250		39,250
Cash at bank and in hand		47,740		53,262
			91,990	92,512
Current Liabilities				
Creditors: Amounts due within one year	7		(13,582)	(13,542)
Net Current Assets			78,408	78,970
Total Assets less current liabilities			491,779	513,165
Non-current Liabilities				
Creditors: Amounts due after more than one year	8		(25,011)	(43,413)
Net Assets			466,768	469,752
Funds				
Unrestricted Funds			91,870	92,310
Designated Funds			374,898	377,381
Restricted Funds			0	60
Total Funds	9		466,768	469,751

The financial statements were approved by the Managing Committee on 10 July 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

Rev Fr Anoop Abraham
(President)

Mathew Thomas
(Treasurer)

St. Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church London

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income/(expenditure) for the year end (as per the statement of financial activities)		(2,983)	4,085
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charges	6	20,823	20,319
Decrease in debtors	7	(5,000)	(14,250)
Decrease in creditors	8	(21)	(93)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		<u>12,819</u>	<u>10,061</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	6	0	0
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Repayments of borrowing		(18,340)	(16,843)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		<u>(18,340)</u>	<u>(16,843)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents during the year		<u>(5,521)</u>	<u>(6,782)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents as at 01 April		53,262	60,044
Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 March		<u>47,740</u>	<u>53,262</u>

St. Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church London

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- a. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities effective 1 January 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.
- b. The financial statements are prepared as a going concern basis. At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.
- c. All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and when receivable. Voluntary income is received by way of donations.
- d. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.
- e. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis at the following annual rates for each class of asset, over its estimated useful life.
- Land and buildings - 4% per annum
Equipment -20% per annum
Assets are capitalised if they are purchased at a cost of over £500
- f. Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the managing committee. Restricted funds can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.
- g. The charity was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in reduced activities, especially during the periods of lockdown. This resulted in lower income and expenditure. However, since the lifting of restrictions, activities have resumed and are reaching pre-pandemic levels.
- h. The Charity consistently applied the accounting policies to all the periods presented in these statements of financial activities

2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31 March 2022	31 March 2021
	£	£
Sunday School	675	60
	<u>675</u>	<u>60</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31 March 2022	31 March 2021
	£	£
Harvest Festival	-	7,425
Rental income	610	120
Cultural events	-	-
Manna Festival Collection	-	-
	<u>610</u>	<u>7,545</u>

St. Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church London

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4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

During the year, one trustee (2019: 1) received £15,241 (2019: £16,074) for services provided to the charity. This is an allowable payment as permitted by Section 185 of the Charities Act 2011.

During the year one trustee (2019: 1) was reimbursed £2,297 (2019: £1,865) for travel expenses incurred on behalf of the charity.

5. TAX

The charity is exempt from paying tax on its charitable activities

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and Fittings £	Freehold Land and Building £	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 April 2021	50,212	653,834	704,046
Additions	0	0	0
As at 31 March 2022	<u>50,212</u>	<u>653,834</u>	<u>704,046</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2021	(49,207)	(220,644)	(269,851)
Charge for the year	(670)	(20,153)	(20,823)
As at 31 March 2022	<u>(49,877)</u>	<u>(240,798)</u>	<u>(290,675)</u>
Net Book Value			
As at 31 March 2022	<u>335</u>	<u>413,036</u>	<u>413,371</u>
As at 31 March 2021	<u>1,005</u>	<u>433,190</u>	<u>434,195</u>

7. DEBTORS

	31 March 2022 £	31 March 2021 £
Gift aid receivable	44,250	39,250
Prepayments and other debtors	-	-
	<u>44,250</u>	<u>39,250</u>

8. CREDITORS: Amounts due within one year

	31 March 2022 £	31 March 2021 £
Accruals	120	141
Bank loan	13,462	13,401
	<u>13,582</u>	<u>13,542</u>

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9. CREDITORS: Amounts due after more than one year

	31 March 2022	31 March 2021
	£	£
Bank loan	<u>25,011</u>	<u>43,413</u>

A 20 year mortgage was taken out from NatWest Bank of £250,000 on 23 June 2011 towards the purchase of the charity's premises at St. Agnells Lane, Hemel Hempstead of the total purchase price of £365,000. The fixed interest rate period was completed on 13 July 2014 and re-negotiated a new mortgage from 13 Jan 2015 for a period of 5 years at an interest rate of 5.49% and standard variable rate for the rest of the term. The amount outstanding as at 31st March 2022 is £56,954 (2020: £56,955), representing 15.6% (2019: 20.2%) of the initial purchase price.

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	As at 1 April 2021	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	As at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Fellowship meals	0	1,450	(2,197)	747	0
Sunday School	60	675	0	(735)	0
Property Donation	0	3,262	(1,729)	(1,534)	0
Charity	0	0	(1,043)	1,044	0
Donation - Decade	0	0	0	0	0
Catholicate & Diocese Donations	0	120	0	(120)	0
Total Restricted Funds	<u>60</u>	<u>5,507</u>	<u>(4,968)</u>	<u>(599)</u>	<u>0</u>
Unrestricted Funds					
Designated - Capital fund	377,381	0	(20,823)	18,341	374,898
General Funds	92,310	51,189	(33,888)	(17,741)	91,870
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>469,691</u>	<u>51,189</u>	<u>(54,711)</u>	<u>599</u>	<u>466,768</u>
Total Funds	<u>469,751</u>	<u>56,696</u>	<u>(59,679)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>466,768</u>

Purpose of Restricted Funds

Fellowship meals

These are donations received from members as their contribution towards the meals and other expenses incurred for the fellowship meetings of the church members after church services.

Catholicate/Diocese donations

These are donations received from members towards the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church.

Sunday School

These are donations received from members towards the Sunday School.

Decade

These are donations received from members towards the decade house building and souvenir

Charity

These are donations received from members towards various charitable causes and projects including the floods which affected people in Kerala, India

Designated - Capital Fund

This represents the net book value of the fixed assets less any loans outstanding against the net book value of the assets.

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of St. Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church London on accounts charity registration number 1118820 for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Shaji Jacob

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Dated 10 July 2022