

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

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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 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. 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: Three 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 140 children attending various grades - from pre-school to grade 11. We have 39 main stream teachers and 13 associate teachers under the leadership of Head teacher (Mr. Sam Kurian) and the Deputy Head Teacher (Mr. Dony Philip). 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 29th & 30th June. 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. They 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 (Ms. Aswathy Jacob and Mr. Don Paul) under the guidance of the Vicar. They have conducted different events and activities focussed on different age group. Aptos Narrow. 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 6th Saturday and 7th Sunday of July 2024. We had Rasa, Intercessory prayers and fellowship meal on Sunday after the Divine Liturgy.

Harvest Festival: The Harvest Festival (Annual Thanksgiving) held on Sunday, 29th September 2024 continued on the success in 2023 with more families participating and contributing to the harvest collection.

St. Gregorios's Festival (Parumala Perunal): We celebrated the blessed feast of St. Gregorios of Parumala on 2nd and 3rd 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 and 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 Programme: Our Christmas Carol Programme was held at JFK School hall at 6.00pm on Saturday, 14 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 Carole Service: The carole service were organised for four weeks which covers all the parish members house. These visits brought warmth, fellowship, and the message of Christmas.

Christmas Service: Our Christmas liturgy and Holy Eucharist were celebrated on Tuesday 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 01 January 2025 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 15th February 2025 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.

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

Reserves

The Church reserves are held to help its current and future activities including maintenance of the church building. The retained surplus of the parish as on 31/03/2025 was £ 737,321 (£668,303 on 31/03/2024)

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 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name of Charity : St. Thomas' Indian Orthodox Church, London
Charity Registration Number : 1118820
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. 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

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Approved by the Board of Trustees on10/01/2026..... and signed on it's behalf by:


.....
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.

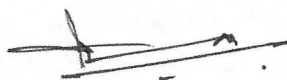
Independent examiner's statement

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
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Date : 26/01/2026

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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.


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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
		305,958	244,993
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(576)	(1,084)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		305,382	243,909
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		737,321	668,303
NET ASSETS		737,321	668,303
FUNDS	8		
Unrestricted funds		737,321	668,303
Restricted funds		-	-
TOTAL FUNDS		737,321	668,303

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)


.....
Mr Ajai Sam
(Secretary)


.....
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

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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

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

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5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gift Aid Tax Receivable	95,553	94,800
	<u>95,553</u>	<u>94,800</u>

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	<u>210,405</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>210,405</u>	<u>139,348</u>

7. CREDITORS

Creditors & Accruals	576	1,084
Total	<u>576</u>	<u>1,084</u>

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	
	668,303	69,018	-	737,321	
	668,303	69,018	-	737,321	
TOTAL FUNDS					

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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

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	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

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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