

# ST THOMAS MAR THOMA CHURCH, BRISTOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1122211

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2008-01-08

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE FAITH, DOCTRINE AND PRACTICES OF THE PARENT CHURCH NAMELY "MAR THOMA CHURCH" FOR THE BENEFIT OF ITS MEMBERS, AND THE PUBLIC AND TO DO ALL CHARITABLE WORK ALLOWED UNDER THE LAW.

**Activities:** Advance the faith, doctrine and practices of the parent church namely ' Mar Thoma Church' for the benefit of its members and the public and to do all charitable work allowed under the law.

## Classification

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

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED IN PRACTICE NATIONAL
- Bristol City
- Devon
- Gloucestershire
- Somerset
- South Gloucestershire
- Wiltshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£267,296	£195,243	-	-
2024-03-31	£197,987	£157,828	-	-
2023-03-31	£343,636	£147,785	-	-
2022-03-31	£217,499	£97,805	-	-
2021-03-31	£126,583	£100,013	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALEX PRASAD ABRAHAM Lay Leader		2020-04-01
Abraham Niravathu Vice Pres.		2023-04-01
Analyse P G PG Rep		2025-04-01
Biju Thomas PG Rep		2025-04-01
Cherian Alexander PG Rep		2025-04-01
Dr Priya Achu Abraham Youth Rep		2025-04-01
Jinie Sam SunSch Rep		2023-04-01
Jinu Susan Varughese PG Rep		2025-04-01
Joseph Ninan PG Rep		2025-04-01
Kolekulangara Vilayil oommen John Mandalam		2021-04-01
Rini Thomas SSangh Rep		2025-04-01
Ruby Varghese PG Rep		2025-04-01
SANU SAMUEL Treasurer		2019-04-01
Saji John Secretary		2024-04-01
Saji K Yohannan Lay Leader		2024-04-01
Sam K Varughese E M Rep		2025-04-01
Santhosh Poikayil John PG Rep		2025-04-01
Sara Sanu Samuel Choir Rep		2025-04-01
Shilpa Mathew PG Rep		2025-04-01
Shine Thomas PG Rep		2025-04-01
Thomas Samuel PG Rep		2025-04-01
Zachariah Abraham Accountant		2025-04-01

**ST THOMAS MAR THOMA CHURCH, BRISTOL**

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1122211

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025  
For  
St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol

Johns Accountancy & Taxation  
4 Northville Road  
Bristol BS7 0RG

St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol

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**St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 and according to the charity law 2011.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Charity Name:** St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol, UK

**Charity Registration Number:** 1122211

**Operational Address:** Vicarage, 24 Sherbourne Avenue, Bradley Stoke, Bristol, BS34 8BB.

**Worshipping at:** St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Stackpool Road, Southville, Bristol, BS31NW.

**Vicar & President:** Rev. Sanoj Babu Mathew

**Charity Trustees for the year 2024-25**

Mr. Abraham Niravathu	Vice President
Mr. Saji John	Secretary
Mr. Jaffey Chacko	Treasurer
Mr. Zachariah Abraham	Accountant
Mr. Alex P Abraham	Lay Leader I
Mr. Saji Yohannan	Lay Leader II
Mr. K V Oommen John	Mandalam Representative
Mr. Sanu Samuel	Diocesan Representative
Mr. Johnson Chacko	Edavaka Mission Representative
Mrs. Annie Cherian	Sevika Sangham Representative
Mr. Renoy Kurien	Choir Representative
Mr. Alan Saji John	Youth Fellowship Representative
Mrs. Jinie Sam	Sunday School Representative
Mr. Biju P Abraham	Prayer Group Representative
Mr. Anu Devanesan	Prayer Group Representative
Mr. Sogi K Oommen	Prayer Group Representative
Mr. Johnson Chacko	Prayer Group Representative
Mr. Vineeth P Kunju	Prayer Group Representative
Mr. Moncy V Mathew	Prayer Group Representative
Mr. Robu John Chacko	Prayer Group Representative

**Internal Auditors:**

Mr. Sunil Daniel and Mr. Sunil Thomas

**Independent Examiner:**

John's Accountancy and Taxation, 4 Northville Road, Filton, Bristol, BS7 0RG.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution adopted on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2006 as amended on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2007 and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

### **Risk Management**

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

### **Objectives and Activities**

#### **Review of Activities**

The Holy Communion Services are celebrated in Malayalam on the first three Sundays and in English on all the fourth Sundays and where five weeks are present English Holy Communion Services are held on both third and fifth Sundays to support the leadership of Youth Fellowship.

Our parish actively participated in all Diocesan programs such as Marthoma Meet/Diocesan Inauguration, Diocesan Sunday celebration and Diocesan Carol Service.

The 17th Annual Parish Day was celebrated on the 21st April 2024 following the Holy Communion Service led by our newly appointed Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. PD Dr. Joseph Mar Ivanios Episcopa. During this holy communion service 16 of our children became communicant members of the church. Our Diocesan Bishop's felicitation programme was also included in our parish day meeting.

Parish Sports Day was organised on 26th August 2024 at Jubilee Green Park, Bradley Stoke. Children, youths and adults along with our Vicar and family participated in different sports activities, the winners were presented with prizes.

The harvest festival was organised on 1st and 8th of September 2024 on a prayer group basis. Most parish members actively participated in this service and donated various items for auction as thanksgiving offertory for the blessings received from the Almighty.

Our Parish members in good number participated in the Mar Thoma meet/Diocesan inauguration on 29th September 2024 at the Bethel Convention Centre, Birmingham.

We celebrated Family Sunday on the 27th October 2024 with a Holy Communion Service.

The annual parish convention was held from 15th to 17th November 2024. Rev. Merin Mathew, Vicar, St. Andrews Mar Thoma Parish, Edinburgh was the speaker for the convention. The theme for this year's convention was "Walking with Jesus: The cross and the resurrection".

Carol rounds were held in nine areas under our prayer groups. The representatives and members took responsibility as convenors to support the event. Locations were Bath, Weston-Super-Mare, Yeovil, Taunton, North Bristol, South East Bristol, Gloucester, Swindon & Hereford.

The Christmas carol service was held in the parish on Saturday, the 21st December 2024. Rev. Fr. Eldhose K G Karukapallil, Vicar of Mor Baselios Yeldho Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, Bristol was the chief guest and delivered the Christmas message.

Ecumenical Carol Service "Gloria 2024" was held on the 26th December 2024 at St. Vincent Church, Embleton Road, Bristol, and was hosted by St. George Knanaya Catholic Mission, Bristol. Our Parish Choir presented two carols during the service. It was well attended by the Episcopal Churches from Bristol.

The watch night service started on the New Year's Eve with singing, intercession, testimony and message from the Word of God, prior to starting the Holy Communion Service. Our Vicar, Rev. Sanoj Babu Mathew led the Service.

Our parish Choir took part in this year's Diocesan Christmas Carol Service held on 4th January 2025 at Cotton Green Church, Tamworth. Our Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Ivanios Episcopa led the service.

Harmony 2025, a musical event was organized on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 at Trinity Academy, Bristol. Well known singers from India performed in this event and was well attended by the people from the parish and outside.

This year's inter-prayer group quiz and song competition was held on 9th March 2025, following the Holy Communion Service. Dr. Sudeep Thomas and Mr. Mathew K Thomas, members of the Hermon Mar Thoma Church, Birmingham, were the judges invited for quiz and the song competition.

This year we have launched a new Neighborhood Friendship initiative by participating in Southville Primary School Summer Fayre. Our Edavaka Mission, Sevika Sangham and Youth Fellowship were actively involved in this initiative. We look forward to developing new Friendship Initiatives with our neighbors and neighboring organisations.

Our church is a mission-oriented church, and our parish also has been actively involved in mission and charitable work here in UK and in India. This year, our parish supported three local charities named One25, In Hope and Beloved. As part of the Education Sunday Celebration in our parish, we collected a dedication offertory from our children and donated the amount to the local school's Winter Food Hamper Appeal.

We have a Sunday School with 180 children in 18 classes. Sunday School organizes various events for the spiritual nourishment of our children. Vacation Bible School was held on 30<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 with the theme "GO PRO". Mr. Ciby Mathew and Mrs. Sunu Ciby, members of Salem Mar Thoma Church, Southampton, were the leaders.

We have an active youth group which meets regularly with different programs to help one another to grow more in their spiritual lives. They are also involved in charitable work here in UK and in India. We have a talented choir group which supports worship service, parish convention, Christmas carol service, Ecumenical carol service, etc.

The Sevika Sangham (Women's wing) of St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol, plays a major role in our church, they meet every Sunday after the service with different interacting programs. They observe World Day of Prayer every year. This organization raises funds to be donated to charitable organisations and other causes.

Our Edavaka mission (parish mission) focuses on the spiritual growth of our parishioners by conducting retreats, intercessory prayers, chain prayers on every Friday night, monthly night vigil, etc. Many of its members deliver word of God during worship services and prayer meetings. Edavaka mission co-ordinates worship and meditation during lent season.

We have six area prayer groups in our parish, and all were meeting together on allocated days for prayer meeting led by our Vicar.

We give all glory and honor to Lord Almighty for HIS providence to our parish and its members. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our parishioners for their various contributions and prayers towards the overall growth of our parish.

**For and on behalf of the Trustees**



**Saji John,  
Secretary**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**  
**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages five to nine.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Jomy John  
Johns Accountancy & Taxation  
Filton  
Bristol BS7 0RG

Date.....17/06/2025

**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	
Notes	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
			<u>Total</u>
			<u>(£)</u>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>			
Voluntary income	158,113	82,129	240,242
Charitable Activities	15	21,099	21,114
Activities for generating funds	2,193	-	2,193
Other incoming resources	3,747	-	3,747
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>164,069</b>	<b>103,228</b>	<b>267,296</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>			
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>			
Charitable Expenditure	70,782	35,168	105,950
Fundraising Expenses	-	20,831	20,831
Governance Cost	60,968	-	60,968
Other Resources expended	7,494	-	7,494
	<b>139,244</b>	<b>55,999</b>	<b>195,243</b>
			<b>157,828</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>	24,824	47,229	72,053
Gross transfer between funds	(14,566)	14,566	-
Net incoming resources	<b>10,258</b>	<b>61,795</b>	<b>72,053</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	927,596	27,982	955,579
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>937,854</b>	<b>89,776</b>	<b>1,027,632</b>



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Saji John  
Secretary



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Jaffey Chacko  
Treasurer



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Zachariah Abraham  
Accountant


The notes form part of these financial statements


St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol


Balance Sheet  
At 31 March 2025

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>(£)</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>(£)</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Total</u> <u>(£)</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Total</u> <u>(£)</u>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Assets	4	1,197,519	-	1,197,519	1,197,852
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	5	38,634	11,110	49,744	10,371
Cash at bank and in Hand		<u>1,851</u>	<u>78,666</u>	<u>80,517</u>	<u>55,775</u>
		40,485	89,776	130,262	66,146
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(44,052)		(44,052)	(33,130)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)</b>		<u>(3,566)</u>	<u>89,776</u>	<u>86,210</u>	<u>33,016</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>1,193,953</b>	<b>89,776</b>	<b>1,283,729</b>	<b>1,230,869</b>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	7	<u>256,099</u>	-	<u>256,099</u>	<u>275,291</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><b>937,854</b></u>	<u><b>89,776</b></u>	<u><b>1,027,630</b></u>	<u><b>955,579</b></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted Funds	9			<b>937,854</b>	<b>927,599</b>
Restricted Funds				<b>89,776</b>	<b>27,980</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u><b>1,027,630</b></u>	<u><b>955,579</b></u>

The financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 15/06/2025 and were signed on its behalf by

  
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Saji John  
Secretary

  
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Jaffey Chacko  
Treasurer

  
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Zachariah Abraham  
Accountant

**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and “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 2019)

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**Resources expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the 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.

**Tangible fixed assets**

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.

Freehold property	- not provided
Furniture and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance basis
Computer equipment	- 33.33% on reducing balance
Motor Vehicle	- 20% on reducing balance basis

The Trustees have carried out a full impairment review in accordance with FRS11, as a result of which no depreciation charge is made in respect of freehold property on the grounds that the estimated residual value is not materially different from its carrying value in the Balance Sheet.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

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.

**2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Harvest/Auction	2,193	1,241
Youth Fellowship/ Sevika Sangham	0.00	7,749
	<u>2,193</u>	<u>8,990</u>

**3. TRUSTEES’ REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees’ remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Trustees’ Expenses**

There were no trustees’ expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<u>Freehold Property</u> (£)	<u>Property Improvements</u> (£)	<u>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</u> (£)
<b><u>COST</u></b>			
At 1 April 2024	1,117,205	38,783	69,945
Additions	-	-	5,578
Disposals	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<b>1,117,205</b>	<b>38,783</b>	<b>75,523</b>
<b><u>DEPRECIATION</u></b>			
At 1 April 2024	-	-	43,661
Charge for the year	-	-	3,937
Elimination on disposal	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,598</b>
<b><u>NET BOOK VALUE</u></b>			
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<b>1,117,205</b>	<b>38,783</b>	<b>27,925</b>
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>1,117,205</b>	<b>38,783</b>	<b>26,284</b>

	<u>Motor Vehicles</u> (£)	<u>Computer Equipments</u> (£)	<u>Total</u> (£)
<b><u>COST</u></b>			
At 1 April 2024	16,575	5,431	1,247,939
Additions	-	1,582	7,161
Disposals	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<b>16,575</b>	<b>7,013</b>	<b>1,255,100</b>
<b><u>DEPRECIATION</u></b>			
At 1 April 2024	1,658	4,769	50,088
Charge for the year	3,315	242	7,494
Elimination on disposal	0	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<b>4,973</b>	<b>5,011</b>	<b>57,582</b>
<b><u>NET BOOK VALUE</u></b>			
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<b>11,603</b>	<b>2,002</b>	<b>1,197,519</b>
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>14,918</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>1,197,852</b>

**5. DEBTORS; AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2025</b> £	<b>2024</b> £
Gift Aid Receivable	40,150	9,406
Prepayments & Accrued Income	9,000	678
Stewardship Control Account	594	287
	<b>49,744</b>	<b>10,371</b>

**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>6. CREDITORS; AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		
Bank Loans and Overdrafts	16,766.00	14,340
Prepaid collections	4,474.00	-
Accrued Expenses	1,450.00	-
Solidarity fund	3,500.00	-
Clergy Relocation Fund	8,000	6,000
Provision for Expenses	9,862	12,789
	<b>44,052</b>	<b>33,130</b>

<b>7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR</b>		
Stewardship Mortgage	<b>256,099</b>	<b>275,291</b>

**8. SECURED DEBTS**

Following secured debts are included within creditors:

Stewardship Mortgage	<b>272,865</b>	<b>289,631</b>
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**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.2024	Net Movement in Funds	Transfers between Funds	At 31.03.2025
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General Fund	927,596	24,824	(14,566)	937,854
	<b>927,596</b>	<b>24,824</b>	<b>(14,566)</b>	<b>937,854</b>

	Opening	Net movements	Tranf b/w funds	Closing Balance
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Sevika Sangham	4,822	96		4,918
Youth Fellowship	2,404	1,199		3,603
Sunday School	8,740	(2,735)		6,004
Edavaka Mission	1,020	84		1,103
Choir	997	397		1,393
Zone	-	434	(434)	-
Fabric	10,000	42,136	15,000	67,136
PFO	-	378		378
TMC	-	5,241		5,241
Rounding off	-	-	-	-
	<b>27,982</b>	<b>47,229</b>	<b>14,566</b>	<b>89,776</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>955,577</b>	<b>72,053</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,027,630</b>

Net movement in Funds, included in above are as follows

	Incoming Resourcs	Resources Expended.	Movement in Funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	164,069	(139,244)	24,824
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Sevika Sangham	3,199	(3,103)	96
Youth Fellowship	2,663	(1,464)	1,199
Sunday School	7,302	(10,038)	(2,735)
Edavaka Mission	1,907	(1,823)	84
Choir	2,993	(2,596)	397
Zone	9,719	(9,285)	434
Fabric	59,841	(17,705)	42,136
PFO	8,125	(7,747)	378
TMC	7,479	(2,238)	5,241
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>267,296</b>	<b>(195,243)</b>	<b>72,053</b>

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**Charity Registration Number:** 1122211

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**Worshipping at:** St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church,  
Stackpool Road, Southville, Bristol BS3 1NW

**Vicar & President:** Rev Sanoj Babu Mathew

#### **Charity Trustees for the year 2023-2024**

Mr. Abraham Niravathu	Vice President
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Mr. Saji Mathew	Treasurer
Mr. Sunil K J Daniel	Accountant
Mr. Sam K Varughese	Lay Leader I
Mr. Mathew Samuel	Lay Leader II
Mr. K V Oommen	Mandalam Representative
Mr. Sanu Samuel	Zonal Assembly Member & Choir Representative
Mr. Alex P Abraham	Edavaka Mission Representative
Mrs. Annie Cherian	Sevika Sangham Representative
Mr. Alan Saji John	Youth Fellowship Representative
Mrs. Jinie Sam	Sunday School Representative
Mr. P G Analyse	Prayer Group Representative
Mr. Mency John Mathew	Prayer Group Representative
Mr. Biju P Abraham	Prayer Group Representative
Mr. Johnson Chacko	Prayer Group Representative
Mr. Vineeth P Kunju	Prayer Group Representative
Mr. Reji Abraham	Prayer Group Representative

**Internal Auditors:** Mr. Sunil Thomas  
Mr. Samuel Sammoni

**Independent Examiner:** John's Accountancy and Taxation,  
4 Northville Road,  
Bristol BS7 0RG.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution adopted on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2006 as amended on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2007 and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

### **Risk Management**

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

### **Objectives and Activities**

#### **Review of Activities**

Holy Communion Services are conducted on each Sundays starting at 9:30 am. All fourth Sundays have been set apart for English Communion Service. Birthdays and Wedding Anniversary thanksgiving and special prayer services are held during the Holy Communion Service. Parish initiated and started Holy Communion services was started in Taunton and Yeovil as an effort to reach out to the members living away from Bristol in the South-west regions.

Parish has six area prayer groups; prayer meetings are held regularly on Fridays and Saturdays. Thought-provoking messages by our Vicar Rev Sanoj Babu Mathew are shared from the Word of God during the meetings.

During the financial year, a total of forty-one families joined the membership of the Parish.

Our Parish is part of the Diocese of UK-Europe-Africa, which was elevated from UK & Europe Zone, on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024. A newly consecrated Bishop Rt Rev Dr Joseph Mar Ivanios Episcopa was appointed as our Diocesan Bishop. Our parish actively participated in all Zonal programs such as zonal intercessory prayer meetings & Zonal Sunday celebrations. Members of our parish took part in the Zonal one-day meet on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023 held at Tamworth. 25 sponsors from the Parish supported the Diocese's "Light to Life" project which enables education and food for underprivileged children in India.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Day was celebrated on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023 led by our Vicar Rev Sanoj Babu Mathew.

Education Sunday dedication was held in September, and the offertory raised from our Children were donated to the Southville Primary School food bank that provided food hampers for more than 42 families in the Parish neighbourhood.

Harvest Festival took place on two consecutive Sunday's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023, since the membership numbers have grown to about 180 families.

Parish observed the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 as Family Sunday and during the Service, One-day income Offerings was collected.

A parish picnic was organised on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023. A trip to Exmouth, that included a visit to the historic "Holy Trinity Church". In addition, a visit to the "Geoneedle" along the Jurassic coast was held, followed by a journey on the "Seaton Tramway" in Colyton

Parish's annual convention was held from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in the Parish. Our speaker was Rev Sunny Thomas, a retired clergy of the Mar Thoma Church, who shared inspiring messages and

was a blessing to our members.

Carol rounds were held in ten areas under our prayer groups. The representatives and members took responsibility as convenors to support the event, by renting large halls. Locations were Bath, Weston-Super-Mare, Yeovil, Taunton, North Bristol, South East Bristol, Gloucester, Yeovil, Swindon & Hereford.

The Christmas carol service was held in the Church on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2023, Saturday. Rev Fr Shyju P. Mathai delivered the Christmas message.

Ecumenical Carol Service "Gloria 2023" was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> December 2023, and was hosted by our Parish. It was well attended by the Episcopal Churches from Bristol.

A watch night service was held on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, with a time of praise, intercession, testimony and message from the Word of God, prior to starting the Holy Communion Service. Chief Guest for the evening was Rev Dr T S Thomas.

The church contributed to various charitable causes, after meeting its operational costs. £1,750 was donated in Dec 2023, to the local School's Winter Food Hamper Appeal to support needy families in the neighborhood. A donation of £500 each was given to local charities: One25 Project, Salvation Army's Homelessness Fund and InHope.

Harmony 2024, a family event to bring all the families together was organised. It was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 at the Trinity Academy. A family workshop was held during the morning session and our Guest speaker Rev Soju M Thomas, reflected on the theme "The Faith and Tradition of the Church: The need to be passed to Generations". A separate children's session was held and was led by Dr Genu Cherian. In the afternoon a variety of Cultural programs were presented by all age groups.

An inter-prayer group quiz and song competition was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024, following the Holy Communion Service. Mr Cibi Mathew and Mrs Sunu Cibi, members of the Salem Mar Thoma Church, Southampton were the invited judges for quiz and the song competition.

The Lenten period started on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Our Vicar Rev Sanoj Babu Mathew initiated and co-ordinated with all the sub-organisations of the Church, for volunteers to prepare and present a five-minute meditation based on the gospel reading for the day. About fifty messages over the lent were prepared and presented by members of all age groups including Sunday School children.

Parish has an organised Sunday School with 140+ registered children in 14 classes. Sunday School organizes various events for the spiritual nourishment of our children.

Vacation bible school was held on 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The theme was "Root and Fruit," Mr Ashish Varghese (Carmel MTC Liverpool) was the VBS director. Around 95 children participated.

The Youth Fellowship held a praise and worship session with Miss Anna Abraham as a guest speaker. Youths organised a food sale to raise money to buy a projector for both youth and parish events. Cottage prayers were also conducted this year, which were truly wonderful gatherings that fostered a sense of community and spiritual reflection. The youths also hosted a bake-off competition, judged by Vicar Rev Sanoj Babu Mathew and Mrs. Annie Cherian. Many youths attended the 6<sup>th</sup> Mar Thoma Youth Conference and played an active role by participating in the talent night and leading a praise and worship session.

Our parish choir group is very active and supports worship services, parish convention, Christmas carol service, Eccumenical carol service, etc. Choir hosted an amazing food sale on 16<sup>th</sup> July '23 with the support of our choir members and church members in a south Indian traditional Thattukada style.

The Sevika Sangham (Women's Wing) of the St.Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol meets on Sundays after the Holy Communion service and holds sessions for Bible study, intercession, biblical character study, planning and general meetings and cooking sessions on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. During the year, monthly house prayers were initiated. A one-day outing, where 47 members took a day trip on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023 to Illfracombe and Woolacombe. The World Day of Prayer was conducted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024. Palestine was the chosen country of the year. Rev. Dr. M.J. Joseph was the guest speaker at the event.

Edavaka Mission (Parish Mission) aims to transform all parish members to become disciples of Christ and to equip them to lead a meaningful spiritual life. A family retreat was held by Edavaka Mission in association with Sunday School. The theme was "May His glory of God manifest through us" based on 2 Corinthians 2:14. The main speaker was Rev Fr. Joseph Mathew from Glasgow and the children's session was led by Miss Anna Abraham.

We praise God to our entire parish family, for their participation, generosity, and prayers that have been the foundation of our collective success.

In closing, we give thanks to God for His abundant blessings and guidance throughout this year. We pray for His continued presence in our lives and in our parish as we move forward with faith, hope, and love.

For and on behalf of the Trustees



Jaffey Chacko  
Secretary

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**  
**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 set out on pages six to ten.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

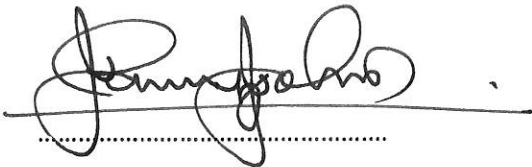
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Bristol BS7 0RG

Date 09/09/2024.

**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Notes	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>				
Voluntary income	159,706	26,587	186,293	155,974
Activities for generating funds	1,241	7,749	8,990	5,158
Other incoming resources	2,704	-	2,704	182,506
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>163,652</b>	<b>34,336</b>	<b>197,987</b>	<b>343,637</b>
 <b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>				
Charitable Expenditure	72,496	28,828	101,325	78,497
Fundraising Expenses	-	-	-	-
Governance Cost	50,327	-	50,327	62,598
Other Resources expended	6,176	-	6,176	6,691
	<b>128,999</b>	<b>28,828</b>	<b>157,828</b>	<b>147,786</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>	<b>34,652</b>	<b>5,508</b>	<b>40,160</b>	<b>195,851</b>
Gross transfer between funds	(11,085)	11,085	-	-
Net incoming resources	<b>23,567</b>	<b>16,593</b>	<b>40,160</b>	<b>195,851</b>
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Total funds brought forward	<b>904,030</b>	<b>11,388</b>	<b>915,419</b>	<b>719,567</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>927,597</b>	<b>27,981</b>	<b>955,579</b>	<b>915,419</b>



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Jaffey Chacko  
Secretary



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Saji Mathew  
Treasurer



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Sunil K J Daniel  
Accountant

**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Balance Sheet**  
**At 31 March 2024**

		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
		<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Notes		<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Assets	4	1,197,852	-	1,197,852	1,187,123
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	5	8,403	1,968	10,371	9,477
Cash at bank and in Hand		<u>29,760</u>	<u>26,015</u>	<u>55,775</u>	<u>30,650</u>
		38,163	27,982	66,146	40,127
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(33,130)		(33,130)	(19,871)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)</b>		<u>5,034</u>	<u>27,982</u>	<u>33,016</u>	<u>20,256</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>1,202,886</b>	<b>27,982</b>	<b>1,230,869</b>	<b>1,207,379</b>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	7	275,291	-	275,291	291,961
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>927,595</u>	<u>27,982</u>	<u>955,579</u>	<u>915,419</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted Funds	9			927,599	904,031
Restricted Funds				27,980	11,389
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>955,579</u>	<u>915,419</u>

The financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on **28/07/2024** and were signed on its behalf by



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Jaffey Chacko  
Secretary



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Saji Mathew  
Treasurer



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Sunil K J Daniel  
Accountant

## St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and "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 2019)

##### Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

##### Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the 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.

##### Tangible fixed assets

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.

Freehold property	- not provided
Furniture and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance basis
Computer equipment	- 33.33% on reducing balance
Motor Vehicle	- 20% on reducing balance basis

The Trustees have carried out a full impairment review in accordance with FRS11, as a result of which no depreciation charge is made in respect of freehold property on the grounds that the estimated residual value is not materially different from its carrying value in the Balance Sheet.

##### Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### Fund accounting

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.

#### 2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Harvest/Auction	1,241	1,306
Youth League/ Sevika Sanghom	7,749	3,852
	<u>8,990</u>	<u>5,158</u>

#### 3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

##### Trustees' Expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<u>Freehold Property</u> (£)	<u>Property Improvements</u> (£)	<u>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</u> (£)
<b><u>COST</u></b>			
At 1 April 2023	1,117,205	38,783	69,615
Additions	-	-	330
Disposals	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>1,117,205</b>	<b>38,783</b>	<b>69,945</b>
<b><u>DEPRECIATION</u></b>			
At 1 April 2023	-	-	39,399
Charge for the year	-	-	4,262
Elimination on disposal	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,661</b>
<b><u>NET BOOK VALUE</u></b>			
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>1,117,205</b>	<b>38,783</b>	<b>26,284</b>
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<b>1,117,205</b>	<b>38,783</b>	<b>30,216</b>

	<u>Motor Vehicles</u> (£)	<u>Computer Equipments</u> (£)	<u>Total</u> (£)
<b><u>COST</u></b>			
At 1 April 2023	-	5,431	1,231,034
Additions	16,575	-	16,905
Disposals	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>16,575</b>	<b>5,431</b>	<b>1,247,939</b>
<b><u>DEPRECIATION</u></b>			
At 1 April 2023	-	4,513	43,912
Charge for the year	1,658	256	6,176
Elimination on disposal	0	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>1,658</b>	<b>4,769</b>	<b>50,088</b>
<b><u>NET BOOK VALUE</u></b>			
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>14,918</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>1,197,852</b>
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>1,187,123</b>

**5. DEBTORS; AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024 £	2023 £
Gift Aid Receivable	9,406	7,207
Prepayments & Accrued Income	678	2,000
Stewardship Control Account	287	270
	<b>10,371</b>	<b>9,477</b>

**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>6. CREDITORS; AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		
Bank Loans and Overdrafts	14,340.27	12,361
Accrued Expenses		
Clergy Relocation Fund	6,000	-
Provision for Expenses	12,789	7,510
	<u>33,130</u>	<u>19,871</u>

**7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

Stewardship Mortgage	<u>275,291</u>	<u>291,961</u>
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**8. SECURED DEBTS**

Following secured debts are included within creditors:

Stewardship Mortgage	<u>289,631</u>	<u>304,322</u>
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**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.2023	Net Movement in Funds	Transfers between Funds	At 31.03.2024
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General Fund	904,031	34,653	(11,085)	927,599
	<u>904,031</u>	<u>34,653</u>	<u>(11,085)</u>	<u>927,599</u>

	Opening	Net movements	Tranf b/w funds	Closing Balance
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Sevika Sangham	3,365	1,457		4,822
Youth League	1,767	636		2,404
Sunday School	4,839	3,901		8,740
Edavaka Mission	1,230	(210)		1,020
Choir	189	808		997
Zone	-	(1,085)	1,085	-
Fabric	-	-	10,000	10,000
Rounding off	(2)	-	-	(2)
	<u>11,388</u>	<u>5,507</u>	<u>11,085</u>	<u>27,980</u>

**TOTAL FUNDS**

	<u>915,419</u>	<u>40,160</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>955,579</u>
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Net movement in Funds, included in above are as follows

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended.	Movement in Funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	163,653	(128,999)	34,653
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Sevika Sangham	4,854	(3,397)	1,457
Youth League	3,477	(2,841)	636
Sunday School	11,288	(7,387)	3,901
Edavaka Mission	809	(1,019)	(210)
Choir	4,133	(3,325)	808
Zone	9,775	(10,860)	(1,085)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>197,988</u>	<u>(157,829)</u>	<u>40,160</u>

**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>(£)</b>	<b>(£)</b>
<b><u>Incoming Resources</u></b>		
<b>Voluntary Income</b>		
Subscription / Stewardship	44,885	38,577
Offertory	47,829	38,138
Solidarity Fund	425	2,195
Gift Aid- General	25,789	19,861
Gift Aid (other) Restricted	3,765	3,998
Carol Rounds	6,046	5,500
One Day Income	11,800	8,430
Donations	15,833	3,301
Choir Restricted	3,990	352
Sunday School Restricted	10,206	6,205
Diocesan Collection (zone) Restricted	7,955	2,965
Agape Project Restricted	-	11,500
Recessa & Lent Collection	3,678	1,457
Edavaka Mission Restricted	671	340
Sevika Sanghom Restricted	-	475
Cardiff Congregation	500	4,000
Special Collections	2,722	6,410
Church Property Donation		2,100
Church Maintenance Fund	200	170
	<b>186,293</b>	<b>155,974</b>
<b>Activities for Generating Funds</b>		
Harvest/Auction	1,241	1,306
Youth League Restricted	3,151	2,114
Sevika Sanghom Restricted	4,598	1,738
	<b>8,990</b>	<b>5,158</b>
<b>Other Incoming Resources</b>		
Bank Interest Received	324	71
Rent Income (South Ville Premis)	2,380	6,270
Gain on Asset disposal	-	176,164
	<b>2,704</b>	<b>182,506</b>
	<b>197,987</b>	<b>343,637</b>
<b><u>Total Incoming Resources</u></b>		
<b><u>Resources Expended</u></b>		
<b>Charitable Expenditures</b>		
Gifts to Visiting Clergy	800	1,000
Vicar's Cost	29,513	26,546
Clergy Conference & Training	100	-
Motor Expenses - Fuel Charges	3,704	2,696
Vehicle - Mot / Insurance / Repairs	2,206	1,159
Motor Vehicle Lease	1,784	3,568
Diocesan - Assembly / Mandalam Travel Costs	683	882
Convention Expenses	1,012	600
Choir Expenses	3,325	755
Carol Expenses	3,106	1,960
Vicars Relocation Expense	6,536	5,687
Solidarity Fund	4,500	2,000
Charity Contributions	1,750	1,400
Special Events	5,786	8,488
Gifts/ grants to Individuals	650	450
Altar Expenses	784	367
Sevika Sangam	3,397	860
Recessa & Lent	3,678	1,457
Youth League	2,841	2,543
Zone	10,860	6,700

**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (Continued)**

Refreshments	5,904	1,551
Sunday School Expenses	7,387	5,250
Agape	-	2,143
Edavaka Mission	1,018	434
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	101,325	78,497

**Fund Raising Expenses**

Events Cost		-
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**Governance Cost**

Post, Stationery & Telephone	1,774	1,733
Church - Tele - Broadband and Website	478	441
Accountancy & Payroll Cost	800	400
Professional consultancy charges	1,217	10,922
Church/Hall - Repairs	3,388	9,604
Church Rent	904	-
Parsonage Expenses/ Misc	41	5,741
Parsonage Repairs	663	896
Vicarage Telephone / Internet/ Mobile	720	529
Vicarage - Council Tax	2,218	1,751
Church Insurance- Bldg&Content	3,085	2,685
Parsonage-Premises insurance	419	456
Vicarage - Gas / Electricity	2,736	2,652
Vicarage - Water	920	530
Church Gas/ Electricity	1,904	1,939
Church - Water	774	774
Parking Rent	1,770	1,792
Administration Expenses	393	214
Mortgage Interest and Charges	20,638	14,835
Bank charges	460	285
Sundry- Health & Safety/ Housekeeping	4,884	4,274
Virtual Platform	144	144
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	50,327	62,598

**Depreciation**

Fixtures and Fittings	4,262	6,075
Computer Equipments	256	615
Motor Vehicle	1,658	-
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	6,176	6,691

<b>Total Resource Expended</b>	157,828	147,785
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<b>Net Income</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	40,160	195,851

**ST THOMAS MAR THOMA CHURCH, BRISTOL**

England & Wales - Charity number 1122211

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1122211

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023  
For  
St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol

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St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol

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**St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Report of the Trustees  
For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> 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)

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Charity Name:** St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol, UK

**Charity Registration Number:** 1122211

**Operational Address:** Vicarage, 24 Sherbourne Avenue, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 8BB

**Worshipping at:** St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church,  
Stackpool Road,  
Southville,  
Bristol BS3 1NW

**Vicar & President:** Rev Sanoj Babu Mathew

**Charity Trustees for the year 2022-23**

Mr. Zachariah Abraham	Vice President
Mr. Jaffey Chacko	Secretary & Zonal Assembly Member
Mr. Saji John	Treasurer
Mr. Sunil K J Daniel	Accountant
Mr. Sam K Varughese	Lay Leader I
Mr. Chacko Mathew	Lay Leader II
Mrs. Ancymol Susan George	Mandalam Representative
Mr. Sanu Samuel	Zonal Assembly Member
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Mrs. Annie Cherian	Sevika Sangham Representative
Mr. Renoy John Kurien	Choir Representative
Dr. Priya Abraham	Youth Fellowship Representative
Mrs. Lekha Kuruvilla	Sunday School Representative
Mr. P G Analyse	Prayer Group Representative
Mr. Sunil Samuel	Prayer Group Representative
Mr. Biju P Abraham	Prayer Group Representative
Mr. K V Oommen John	Prayer Group Representative
Mr. P S John	Prayer Group Representative

**Internal Auditors:** Mr. Abraham Niravathu  
Mr. Saji Mathew

**Independent Examiner:** John's Accountancy and Taxation,  
4 Northville Road,  
Filton,  
Bristol, BS7 0RG.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution adopted on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2006 as amended on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2007 and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

### **Risk Management**

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

### **Objectives and Activities**

#### **Review of Activities**

Holy Communion Services are conducted on each Sundays starting at 9:30 am. All fourth Sundays have been set apart for English Communion Service. Birthdays and Wedding Anniversary thanksgiving and special prayer services are held during the Holy Communion Service. Our Vicar Rev Sanoj Babu Mathew along with Rev M M Thomas conducted a lay leader training on the 3rd September 2022. A number of our youngsters along with adult members received training and were enabled to assist during Sunday worship services

A first Holy Communion service was held on the 5th March 2023, led by our Diocesan Bishop Rt Rev Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos. 25 children from our parish to received their first holy communion. The service was well attended by members and well-wishers of the first communicants.

During the financial year, a total of thirty-two families and two individual members joined the membership of the Parish.

On the 1st of July 2022, by His grace and mercy, the AGAPE project was executed in its fulness. We successfully completed the sale of 24 Millward Grove in Fishponds and purchased 24 Sherbourne Avenue in Bradley Stoke with a new mortgage, and settled in full the outstanding mortgage on the Church. On the 4th July 2022, Diocesan Bishop Rt Rev Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos visited and blessed our newly bought Vicarage. On the 9th July 2022, the new Vicarage was dedicated for the Glory of God by our Vicar Rev Sanoj Babu Mathew.

Parish expresses its thanks to the able leadership and guidance of Very Rev P T Thomas, all the Convenors, project and executive committee members for being instrumental in the AGAPE project's successful completion. Parish thanks all the donors for their unwavering support and encouragement throughout this project. We deeply appreciate all your commitment, prayerful support and dedication for the parish and for the Kingdom of God.

The executive committee met seventeen times and the general body met twice to transact various matters relating to the parish.

Our Parish is part of the UK & Europe Zone, under the Diocese of North America and Europe. Our parish actively participated in all Zonal programs such as zonal Intercessory prayer meetings, Zonal Mar Thoma convention, Zonal Carol Service & Zonal Sunday celebration.

Members of our parish took part in the Zonal one-day meet on the 1st October 2022 held at Tamworth. 4th March 2023 marked history for the UK & Europe Zone. His Grace Most Rev Dr Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan, in the presence of our Diocesan Bishop, Clergy and laity dedicated the zonal office and Bishop's residence. A number of our members took part in the dedication program and some participated in the Zonal Choir.

Harvest Festival took place on two consecutive Sunday's 4th and 11th September 2022, due to the increase in numbers and was split by respective prayer groups.

Parish observed the 23rd October 2022 as Family Sunday and during the Service, One-day income Offerings was collected.

Parish's annual convention was held on the 11th to 13th November 2022 in the Parish. Our speakers Rev Saju Chacko (Vicar, Hermon Mar Thoma Church, Midlands) and Rev Thomas Baby (Vicar, Tabore Mar Thoma Church, Manchester) delivered the message.

The 15th Annual Parish Day was celebrated on the 13th November 2022, Rev Thomas Baby, (Vicar Tabore MTC, Manchester) was the chief guest who delivered the parish day message.

Carol rounds were held in large halls and were scheduled in seven areas namely, Bath, Weston-Super-Mare, North Bristol, South Bristol, Yeovil, Swindon & Taunton.

The Christmas carol service was held in the Church on the 17th December 2022, Saturday. Fr Saji Abraham delivered the Christmas message.

Ecumenical Carol Service was held on the 26th December 2022, and was hosted by St Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Bristol. Our Parish Choir presented two carols during the service.

Watch night worship service was held on the 31st December 2022. The service was led by our Vicar Rev Sanoj Babu Mathew, with the Intercession led by Gincy Kochamma followed by short testimonies from our members.

The church contributed to various charitable causes, after meeting its operational costs. £1400 was donated in Dec 2022, to the local School's Winter Food Hamper Appeal to support needy families. A donation of £500 each was given to: The local Food Bank Appeal, One25 Project, Salvation Army's Homelessness Fund and a student undergoing financial crisis respectively.

Parish organised a Summer Fellowship "Clean & Grill" on the 30th July 2022, where the Church, its cellar store and surrounding premises of the Church were cleaned and cleared.

A family event was organized to bring all the families together under the banner Harmony 2023. It was held on the 11th February 2023 at the Filton Community Centre. A family workshop was held during the morning session where our Guest speaker Rev Jobi Koruthu deliberated on the theme "Mar Thoma Diaspora in the UK – Evolution and Evaluation". In the afternoon a variety of Cultural programs were presented by all age groups.

Area wise prayer meetings are held regularly on Saturdays respectively. Bible readings, Intercessory prayers by the members, thought-provoking messages by our Vicar Rev Sanoj Babu Mathew are shared from the Word of God during the meetings.

The Lenten period started on the 19th February 2023. Our Vicar Rev Sanoj Babu Mathew initiated and co-ordinated with all the sub-organisations of the Church, for volunteers to prepare and present a five-minute meditation based on the gospel reading for the day. About fifty messages over the lent were prepared and presented by members of all age groups including Sunday School children.

Parish has an organised Sunday School with 120+ registered children in 14 classes. Sunday School organizes various events for the spiritual nourishment of our children.

Vacation bible school was held on 25th to 28th of August 2022. The Theme was "Ambassadors of Christ" – the key verse was from 2nd Corinthians 5:20. Mr Thejus George Palloran was the VBS Director. Around 85-90 children participated.

The Youth Fellowship took the initiative to organise a food sale to raise money for the South East and North Bristol foodbank. 'Symphony' a music CD, sung and compiled by the youth was released on youth Sunday. A praise and worship session, with speaker Dr Rebecca John was organised by the youth and well received by the many in attendance.

Our parish choir group is very active and supports worship services, parish convention, Christmas carol service, Zonal carol service, etc.

A young couples fellowship have started to congregate once in a month following the Holy Communion Service.

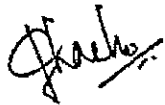
The Sevika Sangam (Women's wing) of St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol, plays a major role in our church and they meet every Sunday after the service. The organisation raises funds and donates regularly for charitable causes.

The World Day of Prayer was conducted on the 11th of March 2023 in the church premises. Taiwan was the chosen country of the year. We held the service in the morning following the order of worship written by the women of Taiwan.

Our Edavaka mission focuses on the spiritual growth of our parishioners by conducting retreats, intercessory prayers, bible studies. The group meets monthly on Wednesdays via ZOOM online platform.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have contributed to the success of our parish throughout the past year. May God's grace continue to bless our parish community abundantly as we move forward in our shared journey of faith

For and on behalf of the Trustees



Jaffey Chacko  
Secretary

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**  
**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages six to ten.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

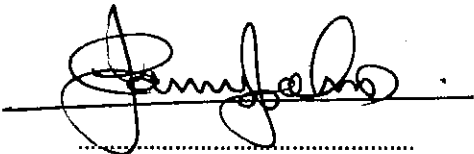
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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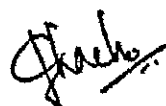
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Date 23/01/2024


**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	Notes	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income		130,139	25,835	155,974	205,042
Activities for generating funds		1,306	3,852	5,158	2,735
Other incoming resources		182,505	-	182,505	9,722
<b>Total Incoming resources</b>		<b>313,950</b>	<b>29,687</b>	<b>343,636</b>	<b>217,499</b>
 <b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>					
Charitable Expenditure		60,062	18,435	78,497	50,208
Fundraising Expenses		-	-	-	-
Governance Cost		48,055	14,543	62,598	40,573
Other Resources expended		6,691	-	6,691	7,024
		<b>114,807</b>	<b>32,978</b>	<b>147,785</b>	<b>97,805</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>		199,142 -	3,291	195,851	119,694
Gross transfer between funds		82,438 -	82,438	-	-
Net incoming resources		<b>281,580</b>	<b>(85,729)</b>	<b>195,851</b>	<b>119,694</b>
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		622,450	97,118	719,568	599,873
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>904,030</b>	<b>11,389</b>	<b>915,419</b>	<b>719,567</b>



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Jaffey Chacko  
Secretary



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Saji John  
Treasurer



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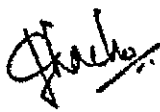
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**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

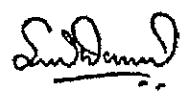
**Balance Sheet**  
**At 31 March 2023**

		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
		<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Notes	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Assets	4	1,187,123	-	1,187,123	896,622
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	5	7,477	2,000	9,477	14,880
Cash at bank and in Hand		<u>21,261</u>	<u>9,389</u>	<u>30,650</u>	<u>155,199</u>
		28,738	11,389	40,127	170,079
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(19,871)		(19,871)	(33,529)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)</b>					
		<u>8,867</u>	<u>11,389</u>	<u>20,256</u>	<u>136,550</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		1,195,990	11,389	1,207,379	1,033,172
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	7	291,961	-	291,961	313,604
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>904,030</u>	<u>11,389</u>	<u>915,419</u>	<u>719,568</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted Funds	9			904,031	622,451
Restricted Funds				11,388	97,117
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				<u>915,419</u>	<u>719,567</u>

The financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 09/07/2023 and were signed on its behalf by

  
 .....  
 Jaffey Chacko  
 Secretary

  
 .....  
 Saji John  
 Treasurer

  
 .....  
 Sunil K J Daniel  
 Accountant

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**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

**Incoming resources**

All Incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**Resources expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the 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.

**Tangible fixed assets**

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.

Freehold property	- not provided
Furniture and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance basis
Computer equipment	- 33.33% on reducing balance

The Trustees have carried out a full impairment review in accordance with FRS11, as a result of which no depreciation charge is made in respect of freehold property on the grounds that the estimated residual value is not materially different from its carrying value in the Balance Sheet.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

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.

**2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Harvest/Auction	1,306	1,285
Youth League/ Sevika Sanghom	3,852	1,450
	<u>5,158</u>	<u>2,735</u>

**3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**Trustees' Expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<u>Freehold Property</u> (£)	<u>Property Improvements</u> (£)	<u>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</u> (£)
<b><u>COST</u></b>			
At 1 April 2022	825,625	31,383	80,169
Additions	485,100	7,400	1,788
Disposals	193,520	-	12,343
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<b>1,117,205</b>	<b>38,783</b>	<b>69,615</b>
<b><u>DEPRECIATION</u></b>			
At 1 April 2022	-	-	42,089
Charge for the year	-	-	6,075
Elimination on disposal	-	-	8,766
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,399</b>
<b><u>NET BOOK VALUE</u></b>			
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<b>1,117,205</b>	<b>38,783</b>	<b>30,217</b>
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<b>825,625</b>	<b>31,383</b>	<b>38,080</b>

	<u>Motor Vehicles</u> (£)	<u>Computer Equipments</u> (£)	<u>Total</u> (£)
<b><u>COST</u></b>			
At 1 April 2022	-	7,156	945,323
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	1,725	-
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,431</b>	<b>945,323</b>
<b><u>DEPRECIATION</u></b>			
At 1 April 2022	-	5,622	45,021
Charge for the year	-	615	6,691
Elimination on disposal	0	1,725	-
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,513</b>	<b>51,712</b>
<b><u>NET BOOK VALUE</u></b>			
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>1,187,123</b>
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,534</b>	<b>896,622</b>

**5. DEBTORS; AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2023 £	2022 £
Gift Aid Receivable	7,207	5,944
Prepayments & Accrued Income	2,000	6,733
Stewardship Control Account	270	2,203
	<b>9,477</b>	<b>14,880</b>

**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>6. CREDITORS; AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		
Bank Loans and Overdrafts	12361	12,137
Accrued Expenses		
Clergy Relocation Fund	-	4,545
Provision for Expenses	7,510	16,847
	<b>19,871</b>	<b>33,529</b>

**7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

Stewardship Mortgage	<b>291,961</b>	<b>313,604</b>
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**8. SECURED DEBTS**

Following secured debts are included within creditors:

Stewardship Mortgage	<b>304,322</b>	<b>325,741</b>
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**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.2022	Net Movement in Funds	Transfers between Funds	At 31.03.2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General Fund	622,451	199,142	82,438	904,031
	<b>622,451</b>	<b>199,142</b>	<b>82,438</b>	<b>904,031</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Sevika Sangham	1,773	1,592	-	3,365
Youth League	2,081	(314)	-	1,767
Sunday School	2,847	1,992	-	4,839
Edavaka Mission	1,244	(14)	-	1,230
Choir	338	(149)	-	189
Zone	62	(3,062)	3,000	0
Agape Project	88,774	(3,336)	(85,438)	(0)
Rounding off	(2)			(2)
	<b>97,117</b>	<b>(3,291)</b>	<b>(82,438)</b>	<b>11,388</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>719,568</b>	<b>195,851</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>915,419</b>

Net movement in Funds, included in above are as follows

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended.	Movement in Funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	313,951	(114,808)	199,142
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Sevika Sangham	2,452	(860)	1,592
Youth League	2,230	(2,543)	(314)
Sunday School	7,241	(5,250)	1,992
Edavaka Mission	420	(434)	(14)
Choir	356	(505)	(149)
Zone	3,638	(6,700)	(3,062)
Agape Project	13,350	(16,686)	(3,336)
		-	0
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>343,637</b>	<b>(147,786)</b>	<b>195,851</b>



**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (Continued)**

	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
	<b>(£)</b>	<b>(£)</b>
<b>Fund Raising Expenses</b>		
Events Cost		-
<b>Governance Cost</b>		
Post, Stationery & Telephone	2,114	1,733
Church Website	60	
Accountancy & Payroll Cost	400	400
Professional consultancy charges	10,922	190
Church/Hall - Repairs	9,604	13,536
Parsonage Expenses/ Misc	5,741	-
Parsonage Repairs	896	1,549
Parsonage- Rates, Phone-TV-Internet	5,462	4,522
Insurance	3,141	2,719
Church/Parsonage Expense-Electricity/Water	2,713	1,785
Parking Rent	1,792	900
Administration Expenses	214	200
Mortgage Interest and Charges	14,835	11,369
Bank charges	285	60
Sundry- Health & Safety/ Housekeeping	4,274	1,396
Virtual Platform	144	214
	<b><u>62,598</u></b>	<b><u>40,573</u></b>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Fixtures and Fittings	6,075	6,392
Computer Equipments	615	631
	<b><u>6,691</u></b>	<b><u>7,023</u></b>
<b>Total Resource Expended</b>	<b>147,785</b>	<b>97,805</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>195,851</u></b>	<b><u>119,694</u></b>

**ST THOMAS MAR THOMA CHURCH, BRISTOL**

England & Wales - Charity number 1122211

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1122211

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022  
For  
St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol

Johns Accountancy & Taxation  
4 Northville Road  
Bristol BS7 0RG

St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol

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**St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. 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)

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**Charity Registration Number:** 1122211

**Operational Address:** Vicarage, 24 Millward Grove, Fishponds, Bristol BS16 5AJ  
*(as at 31/03/2022)*  
24 Sherbourne Avenue, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 8BB  
*(Effective from 01/07/2022)*

**Worshipping at:** St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church,  
Stackpool Road, Southville, Bristol BS3 1NW

**Vicar & President:** Very Rev. P T Thomas

**Charity Trustees for the year 2021-22**

Mr. Johnson Chacko	Vice President
Mr. Jaffey Chacko	Secretary & Zonal Assembly Member
Mr. Saji John	Treasurer
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### **Objectives and Activities**

#### **Review of Activities**

Following the passion week services with limited number at Church, Holy Communion Services were conducted on Sundays at 9:30 AM on a regular basis from the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 with strict adherence to covid protocols. The services of all Sundays were streamed via Zoom and to enable participation of all our members. On an average 75 families from our parish were able to participate in the live streaming worship on a regular basis. Birthday and Wedding Anniversary thanksgiving and special prayer services were held during the Holy Communion Service.

Our parish actively participated in all Zonal programs such as zonal intercessory prayer meetings, Zonal Mar Thoma convention, Zonal Carol Service & Zonal Sunday celebration.

Harvest Festival was celebrated on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and the Family Sunday Service was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

Annual Parish convention was held on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov – 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021 through online platform (ZOOM), Rev. Jobi Koruth was the speaker.

The Parish Day was celebrated on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and Rev Jobi Koruth was the speaker. Senior Citizens and Front-line workers were honored.

The Christmas carol service was celebrated on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021, Fr Eldhose K George was the Chief Guest who delivered the Christmas message.

Watch night worship service was held on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. The service was led by our Vicar Very Rev P T Thomas, with a message to reflect on the theme "God is our refuge and strength", over the last year, followed by short testimonies from our members.

As a mission-oriented church our parish has been actively involved in mission and charitable work here in UK and in India. Education Sunday dedication offertory from our children has been ear marked to support the Mar Thoma Institutions for the hearing impaired in Chengala, Kasargod, a mission of the Mar Thoma Church to reach out and care for the hearing impaired. In addition, donations were raised to support Covid needs and to support the family of the Late Rev Anup Mathew.

A project for the parish "AGAPE" was initiated following the approval of the General Body on the 29th August 2021. The project decision was to: Sell our existing Vicarage, Settle in full the outstanding Mortgage Loan on our Church Building and Buy a new Vicarage with enhanced facilities subject to a maximum capital value of £500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand) – to be funded up to 70% by a new Mortgage. The Executive Committee and Project Committee has had around 20 formal meetings to record key decisions. The target was to complete in 100 days, however due to the pandemic, the project has taken a longer time than anticipated. The AGAPE project has made good progress, with four teams working concurrently. Leadership of our Vicar Very Rev P T Thomas has been commendable. As a parish we are extremely grateful to all the Project Committee members, who have served the project in various capacities including all the members who have prayerfully supported for the success of the project.

Parish has an organised Sunday School with 100+ registered children in 12 classes. Sunday School classes were conducted through online platforms. Sunday School organizes various events for the spiritual nourishment of our children.

We have an active Youth Fellowship group which meets regularly through online platform with a variety of programs to help one another to grow more in their spiritual lives. Funds raised by the youths have been ear marked for various educational needs of poorer youngsters in India and local Foodbank in Bristol.

Our parish choir group is very active and supports worship services, parish convention, Christmas carol service, Zonal carol service, etc.

The Sevika Sangam (Women's wing) of St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol, plays a major role in our church, they meet every Sunday after the service. The organisation raises funds and donates regularly for charitable causes.

Our Edavaka mission focuses on the spiritual growth of our parishioners by conducting retreats, intercessory prayers, bible studies. The group meets bi-monthly on Wednesdays via ZOOM online platform.

Due to the ongoing pandemic situation, the Parish continued to host the online prayer meeting every Saturday and was led by our Vicar with the support of area wise prayer groups. Intercessory prayers by the members and the thought-provoking messages by our Vicar were the integral part of these prayer meetings.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our parishioners for their various contributions and prayers towards the overall growth of our parish.

For and on behalf of the Trustees



Jaffey Chacko  
Secretary

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**  
**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 set out on pages five to nine.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

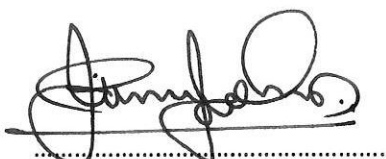
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Bristol BS7 0RG

Date 28/10/2022.

**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Total Funds</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>Total</u>
Notes	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>				
Voluntary income	101,407	103,634	205,042	119,514
Activities for generating funds	1,285	1,450	2,735	5,540
Other incoming resources	9,722	-	9,722	1,529
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>112,414</b>	<b>105,084</b>	<b>217,499</b>	<b>126,583</b>
 <b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>				
Charitable Expenditure	35,875	14,333	50,208	61,469
Fundraising Expenses	-	-	-	-
Governance Cost	40,573	-	40,573	30,115
Other Resources expended	7,023	-	7,023	8,429
	<b>83,472</b>	<b>14,333</b>	<b>97,805</b>	<b>100,013</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>	<b>28,943</b>	<b>90,751</b>	<b>119,694</b>	<b>26,570</b>
Gross transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Net incoming resources	<b>28,943</b>	<b>90,751</b>	<b>119,694</b>	<b>26,570</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Organisation Funds moved to Restricted Fund (2020-21)	(5,734)	5,734		
Total funds brought forward	<b>599,241</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>599,873</b>	<b>573,303</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>622,450</b>	<b>97,117</b>	<b>719,567</b>	<b>599,873</b>



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Secretary



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Saji John  
Treasurer



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Accountant


The notes form part of these financial statements


**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Balance Sheet**  
**At 31 March 2022**

		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	Notes	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Assets	4	896,621	-	896,621	903,644
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	5	12,943	1,937	14,880	4,819
Cash at bank and in Hand		<u>57,566</u>	<u>97,632</u>	<u>155,199</u>	<u>39,965</u>
		70,510	99,569	170,079	44,784
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(31,077)	(2,452)	(33,529)	(23,639)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)</b>		<u><b>39,433</b></u>	<u><b>97,117.36</b></u>	<u><b>136,550</b></u>	<u><b>21,145</b></u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>936,054</b>	<b>97,117</b>	<b>1,033,172</b>	<b>924,789</b>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	7	313,604	-	313,604	324,916
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><b>622,450</b></u>	<u><b>97,117</b></u>	<u><b>719,567</b></u>	<u><b>599,873</b></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted Funds	9			622,450	593,508
Restricted Funds				97,117	6,366
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u><b>719,567</b></u>	<u><b>599,873</b></u>

The financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 21/08/2022 and were signed on its behalf by

  
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**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**Resources expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the 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.

**Tangible fixed assets**

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.

Freehold property	- not provided
Furniture and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance basis
Computer equipment	- 33.33% on reducing balance

The Trustees have carried out a full impairment review in accordance with FRS11, as a result of which no depreciation charge is made in respect of freehold property on the grounds that the estimated residual value is not materially different from its carrying value in the Balance Sheet.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

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.

**2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Harvest/Auction	1,285	500
Youth League/ Sevika Sanghom	1,450	5,040
	<u>2,735</u>	<u>5,540</u>

**3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**Trustees' Expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

**4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<u>Freehold Property</u> (£)	<u>Property</u> <u>Improvements</u> (£)	<u>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</u> (£)
<b><u>COST</u></b>			
At 1 April 2021	825,625	31,383	79,722
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<b>825,625</b>	<b>31,383</b>	<b>79,722</b>
<b><u>DEPRECIATION</u></b>			
At 1 April 2021	-	-	36,142
Charge for the year	-	-	6,392
Elimination on disposal	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,534</b>
<b><u>NET BOOK VALUE</u></b>			
At 31 March 2022	<b>825,625</b>	<b>31,383</b>	<b>37,188</b>
At 31 March 2021	<b>825,625</b>	<b>31,383</b>	<b>43,580</b>
	<u>Motor Vehicles</u> (£)	<u>Computer</u> <u>Equipments</u> (£)	<u>Total</u> (£)
<b><u>COST</u></b>			
At 1 April 2021	-	8,593	945,323
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,593</b>	<b>945,323</b>
<b><u>DEPRECIATION</u></b>			
At 1 April 2021	-	5,536	52,178
Charge for the year	-	631	7,023
Elimination on disposal	0	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,167</b>	<b>59,201</b>
<b><u>NET BOOK VALUE</u></b>			
At 31 March 2022	<b>-</b>	<b>2,426</b>	<b>896,621</b>
At 31 March 2021	<b>-</b>	<b>3,057</b>	<b>903,644</b>

**5. DEBTORS; AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2022 £	2021 £
Gift Aid Receivable	5,944	3,743
Prepayments & Accrued Income	6,733	295
Stewardship Control Account	2,203	781
	<b>14,880</b>	<b>4,819</b>

**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>6. CREDITORS; AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		
Bank Loans and Overdrafts	12,137	12,332
Accrued Expenses		3,567
Clergy Relocation Fund	4,545	7,740
Provision for Expenses	16,847	-
	<b>33,529</b>	<b>23,639</b>

**7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

HSBC Mortgage	<b>313,604</b>	<b>324,916</b>
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**8. SECURED DEBTS**

Following secured debts are included within creditors:

HSBC Mortgage	<b>325,741</b>	<b>337,248</b>
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**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.2021	Net Movement in Funds	Transfers between Funds	At 31.03.2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General Fund	593,508	28,942	-	622,450
	593,508	28,942	-	622,450
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Sevika Sangham	972	801	-	1,773
Youth League	1,595	486	-	2,081
Sunday School	2,042	805	-	2,847
Edavaka Mission	1,056	187.50	-	1,244
Choir	276	62	-	338
Zone	425	(363)	-	62
Agape Project	-	88,774	-	88,774
	6,366	90,751	-	97,117
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>599,874</b>	<b>119,693</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>719,567</b>

Net movement in Funds, included in above are as follows

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended.	Movement in Funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	112,414	(83,473)	28,942
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Sevika Sangham	801	-	801
Youth League	848	(362)	486
Sunday School	1,637	(832)	805
Edavaka Mission	188	-	188
Choir	194	(132)	62
Zone	12,644	(13,007)	(363)
Agape Project	88,774	-	88,774
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>217,499</b>	<b>(97,806)</b>	<b>119,693</b>

**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	(£)	(£)
<b><u>Incoming Resources</u></b>		
<b>Voluntary Income</b>		
Subscription / Stewardship	34,459	31,470
Offertory	32,053	31,268
Solidarity Fund	50	8,335
Gift Aid- General	17,395	14,507
Gift Aid (other)	16,978	5,250
Carol Rounds	455	890
One Day Income	8,506	8,387
Donations	2,960	-
Choir	194	-
Sunday School	1,364	1,036
Diocesan Collection (zone)	7,985	8,600
Agape Project	74,511	-
Recessa & Lent Collection	2,452	1,818
Edavaka Mission	150	-
Cardiff Congregation	4,800	5,600
Special Collections	25	-
Church Property Donation	706	2,353
	<b>205,042</b>	<b>119,514</b>
<b>Activities for Generating Funds</b>		
Harvest/Auction	1,285	500
Youth League	795	4,140
Sevika Sanghom	655	900
	<b>2,735</b>	<b>5,540</b>
<b>Other Incoming Resources</b>		
Bank Interest Received	2	4
Rent Income (South Ville Premis)	9,320	-
Gain on Asset disposal	-	1,525
Miscellaneous income	400	-
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>217,499</b>	<b>126,583</b>
<b><u>Resources Expended</u></b>		
<b>Charitable Expenditures</b>		
Gifts to Visiting Clergy	250	(150)
Vicar's Cost	19,481	19,653
Motor & Travelling Expenses	5,664	3,996
Convention Expenses	700	470
Choir Expenses	132	32
Carol Expenses	451	471
Vicars Relocation Expense	5,430	4,260
Solidarity Fund	-	10,000
Charity Contributions	1,875	1,685
Special Events	871	-
Sabha/Diocese Donation & Special Collection	-	13,425
Altar Expenses	679	162
Sevika Sangam	-	755
Recessa & Lent	-	1,628
Youth League	362	3,969
Zone	13,007	-
Refreshments	475	-
Sunday School Expenses	832	1,113
	<b>50,208</b>	<b>61,469</b>

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St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022 (Continued)

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
<b>Fund Raising Expenses</b>		
Events Cost	-	-
<b>Governance Cost</b>		
Post, Stationery & Telephone	1,733	1,067
Church Website	-	-
Accountancy & Payroll Cost	400	400
Professional consultancy charges	190	252
Church/Hall - Repairs	13,536	6,547
Parsonage Repairs	1,549	289
Parsonage- Rates, Phone-TV-Internet	4,522	2,416
Insurance	2,719	2,378
Church/Parsonage Expense-Electricity/Water	1,785	4,636
Parking Rent	900	(300)
Administration Expenses	200	164
Mortgage Interest and Charges	11,369	11,537
Bank charges	60	40
Sundry- Health & Safety/ Housekeeping	1,396	688
Virtual Platform	214	-
	<b><u>40,573</u></b>	<b><u>30,115</u></b>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Fixtures and Fittings	6,392	7,687
Computer Equipments	631	742
	<b><u>7,023</u></b>	<b><u>8,429</u></b>
<b>Total Resource Expended</b>	<b>97,805</b>	<b>100,013</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>119,694</u></b>	<b><u>26,571</u></b>

**ST THOMAS MAR THOMA CHURCH, BRISTOL**

England & Wales - Charity number 1122211

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1122211

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021  
For  
St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol

Johns Accountancy & Taxation  
4 Northville Road  
Bristol BS7 0RG

St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol

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# St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol

## Report of the Trustees For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. 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).

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

**Charity Name:** St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol, UK

**Charity Registration Number:** 1122211

**Operational Address:** Vicarage, 24 Millward Grove, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 5AJ.

**Worshipping at:** St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Stackpool Road, Southville, Bristol, BS31NW.

**Vicar & President:** Very Rev. P.T.Thomas

#### **Charity Trustees for the year 2020-21**

Mr. Oommen.Abraham	Vice President
Mr. Saji John	Secretary
Mr. Saji Mathew	Treasurer
Mr. Sanu Samuel	Accountant
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### **Objectives and Activities**

#### **Review of Activities**

Due to the pandemic Covid-19, the worship service and all other parish programs were conducted through WebEx online platform. Sunday worship service starts at 9:30 am. The holy communion service was conducted on 20<sup>th</sup> September and 25<sup>th</sup> December in compliance with covid protocols and the rest of the Sundays we were conducting divine service.

Our parish actively participated in all Zonal programs such as zonal intercessory prayer meetings, Zonal Mar Thoma convention & Zonal Sunday celebration.

Harvest Festival was celebrated in the month of September 2020.

Annual Parish convention was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2020 through WebEx online platform, Rev. Dr. Joseph Daniel & Rev. K C Santhosh were the speakers.

The Parish Day was postponed due to pandemic and was celebrated on 08<sup>th</sup> Nov.' 2020 along with the Family Sunday. Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa was the chief guest and gave the message.

The Christmas carol service planned on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020 was cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances and the pre-recorded carol songs by parish choir were telecasted later through You Tube.

Watch night service on New Year's Eve 2021 started at 10:30 pm through WebEx platform with the Vicar's message followed by testimonies. Vicar announced the theme for the year 2021 "God is our refuge and strength" and encouraged the parish members to rely on this mighty Lord.

Our church is a mission-oriented church and our parish also has been actively involved in mission and charitable work here in UK and in India. This reporting year, we have started a new project "Home for Homeless" which aims to build homes for homeless people in Kerala, India. The first house in this category has been built during this reporting year. As part of the Education Sunday Celebration in our parish, we had collected a dedication offertory from our children. This offertory was sent to Balika Mandiram, Perumbavoor, which is one of our Church's charity institutions taking care of girls who come from socially and economically backward conditions.

We have a Sunday School with 82 children in 12 classes. Sunday School classes conducted through online platform. Sunday School organizes various events for the spiritual nourishment of our children.

We have an active youth group which meets regularly through online platform with different programs to help one another to grow more in their spiritual lives. They supported youths in India

carol service, Ecumenical carol service, etc.

The Sevika Sangham (Women's wing) of St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol, plays a major role in our church, they meet every Sunday after the service. Every year, this organization raises funds to be donated to the charitable organisations and other causes.

Our Edavaka mission focuses on the spiritual growth of our parishioners by conducting retreats, intercessory prayers, chain prayer on every Friday night, dhyana yogham, etc.

We have five area prayer groups in our parish and all were meeting together on every Saturday evening through online platform for prayer meeting.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our parishioners for their various contributions and prayers towards the overall growth of our parish.

### **Financial Review**

The Financial Statements for the year ending 31st March, 2021 have been prepared on an Accrual basis, in line with practice from prior years.

The total income (all Funds) for the year was £126,583 and the total expenses (all Funds) was £100,013, resulting in an excess of Income over Expenditure of £26571. Despite various restrictions imposed by Covid 19, our members continued steadfast in their financial commitment to the Church.

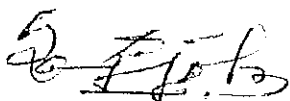
Changes in Financial Reporting: The Trustees agreed to report all fund movements relating to the the various affiliated Organisations (Youth League, Sevika Sangham, Choir, Sunday School, Edavaka Mission, UK Zone) as Restricted Funds, with retrospective effect from April, 2020. This would ensure a clear demarcation between the General Funds of the Church and the Funds of the referred Organisations.

### **Covid 19 Virus Impact Statement**

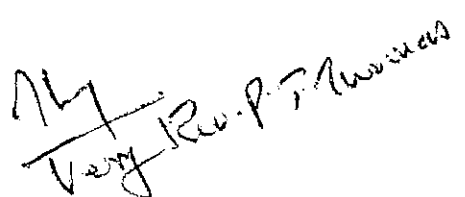
In line with the national lockdown measures introduced to limit the spread of Covid 19 Virus infection, Church Worship and activities within the Church premises were curtailed. However, the timely emergence of Online platforms provided members the opportunity to meet for Worship, Prayer and Bible Study. Thus continuity has been sustained for Church ministry and pastoral care through the reporting year ending 31st March, 2021.

Through prudent management of the financial resources, the Trustees have ensured that the Cash outflow was well controlled, to minimize any impact from any potential drop in revenue. The Trustees have continued to meet regularly through the year, on the online platform, to monitor and address any issues that have arisen from Covid 19 virus impact and to minimize any risks and exposure to the assets of the Church.

For and on behalf of the Trustees



**Saji John**  
Secretary.



**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**  
**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 set out on pages five to nine.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an Independent examination.

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



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Rajesh Thomas

Johns Accountancy & Taxation

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Bristol BS7 0RG

Date 30/08/2021

**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
For the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>(£)</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>(£)</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>Total Funds</u> <u>(£)</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>Total</u> <u>(£)</u>
Notes				
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>				
Voluntary Income	104,628	14,886	119,514	150,964
Activities for generating funds	500	5,040	5,540	3,953
Other incoming resources	1,529	-	1,529	5,074
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>106,657</b>	<b>19,926</b>	<b>126,583</b>	<b>159,991</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>				
Charitable Expenditure	42,175	19,295	61,469	62,087
Fundraising Expenses	-	-	-	910
Governance Cost	30,115	-	30,115	46,428
Other Resources expended	8,429	-	8,429	10,002
	<b>80,718</b>	<b>19,295</b>	<b>100,013</b>	<b>119,427</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>	<b>25,939</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>26,571</b>	<b>40,564</b>
Gross transfer between funds	-	-	-	(2,838)
<b>Net incoming resources</b>	<b>25,939</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>26,571</b>	<b>37,726</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Total funds brought forward	573,302	-	573,302	535,576
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>599,241</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>599,873</b>	<b>573,303</b>

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Secretary

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Treasurer

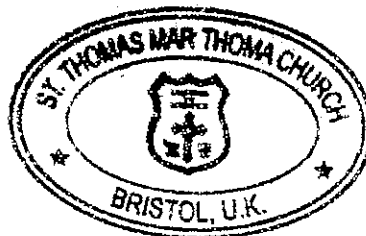
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Accountant

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Very Rev P T Thomas  
Vicar & President



St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol

**Balance Sheet**  
**At 31 March 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (£)	Restricted Fund (£)	2021 Total (£)	2020 Total (£)
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Assets	4	903,644	-	903,644	890,002
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	5	4,819	-	4,819	8,406
Cash at bank and in Hand		39,965	-	39,965	41,280
		<u>44,784</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,784</u>	<u>49,686</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(23,639)	-	(23,639)	(28,511)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)</b>		<u>21,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,144</u>	<u>21,175</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>924,789</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>924,789</u>	<u>911,177</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	7	324,916	-	324,916	337,875
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>599,873</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>598,873</u>	<u>573,302</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted Funds	9			593,508	567,668
Restricted Funds				6,366	5,734
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>599,873</u>	<u>573,302</u>

The financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 29/08/21 and were signed on its behalf by

*Saji John*

Saji John  
Secretary

*Saji Mathew*

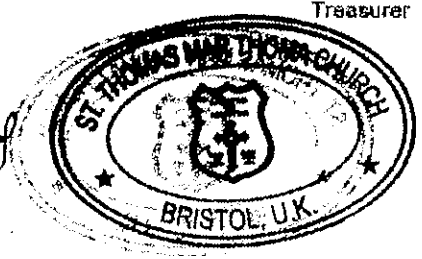
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**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**Resources expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the 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.

**Tangible fixed assets**

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.

Freehold property	- not provided
Furniture and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance basis
Computer equipment	- 33.33% on reducing balance

The Trustees have carried out a full impairment review in accordance with FRS11, as a result of which no depreciation charge is made in respect of freehold property on the grounds that the estimated residual value is not materially different from its carrying value in the Balance Sheet.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

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.

**2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Harvest/Auction	500	2,691
Youth League/ Sevika Sanghom	5,040	1,262
	<u>5,540</u>	<u>3,953</u>

**3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

**Trustees' Expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<u>Freehold Property</u> (£)	<u>Property Improvements</u> (£)	<u>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</u> (£)
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2020	825,625	12,708	77,616
Additions	-	18,674	2,105
Disposals	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2021</b>	<b>825,625</b>	<b>31,383</b>	<b>79,722</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2020	-	-	28,455
Charge for the year	-	-	7,687
Elimination on disposal	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2021</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,142</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2021	<b>825,625</b>	<b>31,383</b>	<b>43,580</b>
At 31 March 2020	<b>825,625</b>	<b>12,708</b>	<b>49,161</b>

	<u>Motor Vehicles</u> (£)	<u>Computer Equipments</u> (£)	<u>Total</u> (£)
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2020	10,500	7,302	933,752
Additions	-	1,291	22,071
Disposals	10500	-	10,500
<b>At 31 March 2021</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,593</b>	<b>945,323</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2020	10,500	4,794	43,749
Charge for the year	-	742	8,429
Elimination on disposal	(10,500)	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2021</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,536</b>	<b>52,178</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2021	<b>-</b>	<b>3,057</b>	<b>903,644</b>
At 31 March 2020	<b>-</b>	<b>2,508</b>	<b>890,002</b>

**5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2021 £	2020 £
Gift Aid Receivable	3,743	7,403
Prepayments	295	-
Stewardship Control Account	781	1,003
	<b>4,819</b>	<b>8,406</b>

**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>6. CREDITORS; AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		
Bank Loans and Overdrafts	12,332	13,048
Accrued Expenses	3,567	11,983
Clergy Relocation Fund	7,740	3,480
Sundry Creditors	-	-
	<u>23,639</u>	<u>28,511</u>

**7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

HSBC Mortgage	<u>324,916</u>	<u>337,875</u>
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**8. SECURED DEBTS**

Following secured debts are included within creditors:

HSBC Mortgage	<u>337,248</u>	<u>350,923</u>
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**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.2020	Net Movement in Funds	Transfers between Funds	At 31.03.2021
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General Fund	567,568	25,939	-	593,508
	<u>567,568</u>	<u>25,939</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>593,508</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Sevika Sangham	827	145	-	972
Youth League	1,425	171	-	1,595
Sunday School	2,119	(77)	-	2,042
Edavaka Mission	1,056	-	-	1,056
Choir	308	(32)	-	276
Zone	-	425	-	425
	<u>5,734</u>	<u>631</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,366</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>573,302</u>	<u>26,571</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>599,873</u>

Net movement in Funds, included in above are as follows

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended.	Movement in Funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	106,657	(80,718)	25,939
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Sevika Sangham	900	(755)	145
Youth League	4,140	(3,969)	171
Sunday School	1,036	(1,113)	(77)
Edavaka Mission	-	-	-
Choir	-	(32)	(32)
Zone	13,850	(13,425)	425
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>126,583</u>	<u>(100,013)</u>	<u>26,571</u>

**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	(£)	(£)
<b><u>Incoming Resources</u></b>		
<b>Voluntary Income</b>		
Subscription / Stewardship	31,470	28,685
Offertory	31,268	35,160
Solidarity Fund	8,335	-
Gift Aid	14,507	26,322
Gift Aid (other)	5,250	-
Carol Rounds	890	6,681
One Day Income	8,387	8,131
Donations	-	14,346
Sunday School	1,036	-
Diocesan Collection	8,600	17,315
Recessa & Lent Collection	1,818	1,500
Edavaka Mission	-	613
Cardiff Congregation	5,600	-
Special Collections	-	4,911
Church Property Donation	2,353	7,300
	<b>119,514</b>	<b>150,964</b>
<b>Activities for Generating Funds</b>		
Harvest/Auction	500	2,691
Youth League	4,140	356
Sevika Sanghom	900	906
	<b>5,540</b>	<b>3,953</b>
<b>Other Incoming Resources</b>		
Bank Interest Received	4	298
Rent Income (South Ville Premis)	-	4,776
Gain on Asset disposal	1,525	-
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>126,583</b>	<b>159,991</b>
<b><u>Resources Expended</u></b>		
<b>Charitable Expenditures</b>		
Gifts to Visiting Clergy	(150)	1,850
Vicar's Cost	19,653	16,633
Motor & Travelling Expenses	3,996	2,828
Convention Expenses	470	600
Choir Expenses	32	469
Carol Expenses	471	984
Clergy Relocation Expense	4,260	11,530
Clergy Conference & Training	-	130
Solidarity Fund	10,000	1,269
Charity Contributions	1,685	-
Special Events	-	3,884
Sabha/Diocese Donation & Special Collection	13,425	17,315
Grant to Organisations (Internal)	-	250
Donations & Gifts	-	501
Altar Expenses	162	-
Sevika Sangam	755	-
Recessa & Lent	1,628	1,500
Youth League	3,969	-
Refreshments	-	1,173
Sunday School Expenses	1,113	296
Family Retreat/Picnic/Seminar	-	875
	<b>61,469</b>	<b>62,087</b>

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**St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021 (Continued)**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
<b>Fund Raising Expenses</b>		
Events Cost	-	910
<b>Governance Cost</b>		
Post, Stationery & Telephone	1,067	1,064
Church Website	-	-
Accountancy & Payroll Cost	400	400
Professional consultancy charges	252	1,000
Church/Hall - Repairs	6,547	3,330
Parsonage Repairs	289	4,969
Parsonage- Rates, Phone-TV-Internet	2,416	4,714
Insurance	2,378	2,190
Church/Parsonage Expense-Electricity/Water	4,636	10,640
Parking Rent	(300)	1,200
Administration Expenses	164	1,381
Mortgage Interest and Charges	11,537	14,236
Bank charges	40	-
Sundry- Health & Safety/ Housekeeping	688	476
Other Interest paid	-	292
Visa processing	-	536
	<b><u>30,115</u></b>	<b><u>46,428</u></b>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Motor Vehicles	-	-
Fixtures and Fittings	7,687	9,330
Computer Equipments	742	672
	<b><u>8,429</u></b>	<b><u>10,002</u></b>
<b>Total Resource Expended</b>	<b>100,013</b>	<b>119,427</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>26,571</u></b>	<b><u>40,564</u></b>