

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1122211

Report of the Trustees, and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
For
St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol

Johns Accountancy & Taxation
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For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol

Report of the Trustees For the Year Ended 31st March 2024.

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st March 2024. 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 2019)

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 2023-2024

Mr. Abraham Niravathu	Vice President
Mr. Jaffey Chacko	Secretary
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 26th November 2006 as amended on 28th 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 1st 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 11th 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 16th Annual Parish Day was celebrated on the 16th 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 3rd and 10th September 2023, since the membership numbers have grown to about 180 families.

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

A parish picnic was organised on the 28th 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 17th to 19th 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 23rd December 2023, Saturday. Rev Fr Shyju P. Mathai delivered the Christmas message.

Ecumenical Carol Service "Gloria 2023" was held on the 26th 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 31st 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 3rd 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 17th 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 12th 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 1st to 4th 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 6th 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 16th 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 5th Sundays. During the year, monthly house prayers were initiated. A one-day outing, where 47 members took a day trip on the 8th July 2023 to Illfracombe and Woolacombe. The World Day of Prayer was conducted on the 2nd 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jaffey Chacko', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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").

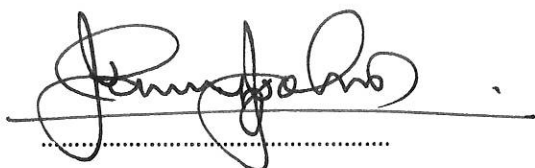
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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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Date 04/09/2024.

St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol

Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 March 2024


			<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>		
Notes	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
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
Total incoming resources	163,652	34,336	197,987	343,637
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Costs of Generating Funds				
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
	128,999	28,828	157,828	147,786
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS	34,652	5,508	40,160	195,851
Gross transfer between funds	(11,085)	11,085	-	-
Net incoming resources	23,567	16,593	40,160	195,851
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	904,030	11,388	915,419	719,567
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	927,597	27,981	955,579	915,419



Jaffey Chacko
Secretary



Saji Mathew
Treasurer



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

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.

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

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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

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

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
	10,371	9,477

St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol

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

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

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR		
Stewardship Mortgage	275,291	291,961

8. SECURED DEBTS		
Following secured debts are included within creditors:		
Stewardship Mortgage	289,631	304,322

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

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

	Opening	Net movements	Tranf b/w funds	Closing Balance
Restricted Funds				
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)
	11,388	5,507	11,085	27,980
TOTAL FUNDS	915,419	40,160	-	955,579

Net movement in Funds, included in above are as follows

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended. £	Movement in Funds £
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	163,653	(128,999)	34,653
Restricted Funds			
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)
TOTAL FUNDS	197,988	(157,829)	40,160

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

	2024	2023
	(£)	(£)
<u>Incoming Resources</u>		
Voluntary Income		
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
	186,293	155,974
Activities for Generating Funds		
Harvest/Auction	1,241	1,306
Youth League Restricted	3,151	2,114
Sevika Sanghom Restricted	4,598	1,738
	8,990	5,158
Other Incoming Resources		
Bank Interest Received	324	71
Rent Income (South Ville Premis)	2,380	6,270
Gain on Asset disposal	-	176,164
	2,704	182,506
	197,987	343,637
<u>Total Incoming Resources</u>		
<u>Resources Expended</u>		
Charitable Expenditures		
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
	<u>101,325</u>	<u>78,497</u>

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
	<u>50,327</u>	<u>62,598</u>

Depreciation

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

Total Resource Expended	157,828	147,785
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Net Income	40,160	195,851
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