

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  
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St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol

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For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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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").

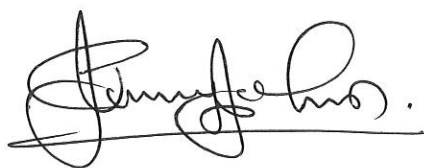
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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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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>Total</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>		
Notes	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>				
Voluntary income	158,113	82,129	240,242	186,293
Charitable Activities	15	21,099	21,114	-
Activities for generating funds	2,193	-	2,193	8,990
Other incoming resources	3,747	-	3,747	2,704
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>164,069</b>	<b>103,228</b>	<b>267,296</b>	<b>197,987</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>				
Charitable Expenditure	70,782	35,168	105,950	101,325
Fundraising Expenses	-	20,831	20,831	-
Governance Cost	60,968	-	60,968	50,327
Other Resources expended	7,494	-	7,494	6,176
	<b>139,244</b>	<b>55,999</b>	<b>195,243</b>	<b>157,828</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>	<b>24,824</b>	<b>47,229</b>	<b>72,053</b>	<b>40,160</b>
Gross transfer between funds	(14,566)	14,566	-	-
<b>Net incoming resources</b>	<b>10,258</b>	<b>61,795</b>	<b>72,053</b>	<b>40,160</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Total funds brought forward	<b>927,596</b>	<b>27,982</b>	<b>955,579</b>	<b>915,419</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>937,854</b>	<b>89,776</b>	<b>1,027,632</b>	<b>955,579</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	256,099	-	256,099	275,291
<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</u> <u>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>

**DEPRECIATION**

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>

**NET BOOK VALUE**

At 31 March 2025	<b>1,117,205</b>	<b>38,783</b>	<b>27,925</b>
At 31 March 2024	<b>1,117,205</b>	<b>38,783</b>	<b>26,284</b>

	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>	<u>Computer</u> <u>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>

**DEPRECIATION**

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>

**NET BOOK VALUE**

At 31 March 2025	<b>11,603</b>	<b>2,002</b>	<b>1,197,519</b>
At 31 March 2024	<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>

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

Stewardship Mortgage	<b>256,099</b>	<b>275,291</b>
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**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	Transf 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>

**TOTAL FUNDS**

<b>955,577</b>	<b>72,053</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,027,630</b>
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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	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>