




ST. MARY'S JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH MANCHESTER

(Under the Holy Apostolic See of Antioch & All the East)

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

UK Charity Registration No.1126394



ST. MARY'S JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH MANCHESTER

Annual Report 2020-2021

The annual report of the St. Marys' Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church Manchester covers the period from April 1st, 2020, to March 31st, 2021.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING 2020

The year 2020 was an unprecedented year of COVID-19 pandemic that made gathering for an annual general body meeting not possible for our church members. It was decided that the previous board of trustees would continue until the easing of covid related restrictions for face-to-face meetings. The Church managing committee conducted seven online meetings over the year to discuss and took various decisions required for the administration of the church. We thank all the committee members for their support.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Thandayath

Mr. Reji Thomas, Mr. Bijoy Alias, Mr. Saju Pappachan, Mr. Eldho Paul, Mr. George John, Mr K J Kuriakose, Mr. Abin Jose, Mrs Smera Smith, Mr Soban Paulose, Mr Ashen Paul

Vicar & President	: Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Thandayath
Secretary	: Mr. Bijoy Alias
Treasurer	: Mr. Ashen Paul
Joint Treasurer	: Mr. Kernal Eapen
Communication address	: 39 Tottenham Drive, Manchester, M23 9WH
Charity number	: 1126394
Bankers	: HSBC Bank Plc, 203 Wilmslow Road, Rusholme Manchester M14 5BE
Worship place	: St. Francis Church, Budworth Road, Sale Moor, M33 2RP

MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND MAJOR DECISIONS

We convened seven managing committee meetings online during the year 2021/20 to discuss and decide on various matters raised during this term. The main decisions and actions taken during this year were as follows. A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was registered under the name of St Mary's Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church (Charity Number:1189910) on June 11th, 2020. The ownership of the church building has been transferred to the newly formed CIO, as decided in a previous general body meeting. All the necessary documentation has been completed at the land registry. A new fence around the church was required to secure the property. Jobin George has taken the lead to organise this work. We offer our sincere prayers and heartfelt condolences on our beloved priest Rev Fr Biji Markose Chirathilattu's departure to his heavenly abode due to covid and remember his esteemed services to our church and the broader society. The managing committee has also decided to do a collection for contributing to Achan's funeral service.

The managing committee has also decided to go ahead with the planning of the church renovation. Along with building committee members and architects, the board of trustees have had extensive discussions to come up with a suitable plan for the new church. Planning permission from Bolton council has been duly obtained at the beginning of 2021. The managing committee has decided to invite several quotations for this work and present all the details of construction and costs in the next general body meeting to obtain necessary approvals from church members.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH

REGULAR HOLY MASS

Since the regular mass was interrupted due to covid restrictions, the church has decided to conduct evening prayers on Saturday during the lockdown time, and Kernal Eapen had been dutifully organised this program. We sincerely thank our priests who dialled in to facilitate this

and gave us uplifting messages during this difficult time. We managed to conduct a Christmas service in 2020 at the church with strict adherence to covid protocols.

ANNUAL CHURCH FEATS AND PARISH DAY:

We did not manage to celebrate these special days in 2020- 2021.

EASTER PROGRAM:

Good Friday and Easter services of 2021 were conducted at St Antony's Church Wythenshawe, a larger church, to facilitate socially distanced services. We thank everyone who came along for these services, especially our priests.

ACTIVITIES OF SPIRITUAL ORGANISATIONS:

Sunday school: Our Sunday school teachers merit great appreciation for conducting regular Sunday school classes online this year. This has ensured that the spiritual education of our young church members was not affected by the pandemic. Our Sunday school teacher George John with the support of other teachers have conducted a regular bible quiz program over Zoom every week that enriched children's bible knowledge and gave opportunities for a friendly interaction every week. The success of this engagement encouraged our Sunday school teachers to take this idea forward at a UK level. They have organised a weekly Bible Quiz competition over the summer months in the memory of Rev. Fr Biji Markose Chirathilattu, who was MJSSA director for the UK region. Two teams from our church reached the final, and the program was a grand success and well appreciated by our Bishop Mor Anthemos thirumeni and parents across the UK. We congratulate all our Sunday school teachers for their great effort for this esp. George John, Kernal Eapen, Maya Beiju who worked tirelessly to make this event happen. From our Sunday school teachers, George John has been selected as secretary of MJSSA, Suja Subin as North-West zone secretary and Eldho Peringattel as joint secretary, and we wish them well in their new position.

Martha Mariam Samajam (Woman's Prayer Group): The Woman's Prayer group of the church met online several times for prayer, singing devotional songs, Bible readings etc. Mrs Smera Paul has been elected as Northwest Zone co-ordinator for this year.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

We have received requests for financial assistance from Girish CK, Joby John, Joy and Gigi Jacob. The church managing committee has approved £1200 in total for supporting those brothers and their families.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During 2020–2021 the total income from various resources was £25,913.84. Expenditure was £17,774.92. We have in total, a balance of £89,486.92, including the sums forwarded from previous years.

CONCLUSION

I take this opportunity to thank our Patriarchal Vicar His Grace Anthemos Mathews, Vicar Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Thandayath, Rev. Fr. Eldhose Vattaparambil and other visiting priests, board of trustees, parish members and all well-wishers of the church. We are sincerely hoping for your continued support in the coming years.

On behalf of 2020-2021

Board of Trustees

Bijoy Alias

Secretary



Charity Name ST MARY'S JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH MANCHESTER	No (if any) 1126394
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2020	To	Period end date 31/03/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
SUBSCRIPTIONS	8,875	-	-	8,875	10,050
OFFERINGS	186	-	-	186	5,856
DONATIONS	4,247	-	-	4,247	49,044
INTEREST RECEIVED	-	24	-	24	124
BUILDING FUND	-	1,000	-	1,000	3,075
GIFT AID	11,581	-	-	11,581	21,890
VBS REG	-	-	-	-	370
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	24,889	1,024	-	25,913	90,409
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	24,889	1,024	-	25,913	90,409
A3 Payments					
FOOD EXPENCE	-	-	-	-	10,841
ALLOWANCE TO PRIEST	1,600	-	-	1,600	6,200
RENT	120	-	-	120	2,290
CHRISTMAS EXPENSE	475	-	-	475	-
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	-	-	-	-	1,424
PASSION WEEK	-	-	-	-	-
CHARITY DONATION	1,200	-	-	1,200	3,350
MSOC COUNCIL	2,500	-	-	2,500	3,825
TRAVELLING EXPENSE	-	-	-	-	511
VBS EXPENSE	-	-	-	-	900
CHURCH ITEMS	-	-	-	-	186
PURCHASE O CHURCH BUILDING	-	-	-	-	126,054
AUDIT FEE	-	-	-	-	480
PRINTING AND STATIONARY	-	-	-	-	50
NEW CHURCH WORKS	11,587	-	-	11,587	-
ELECTRICITY	293	-	-	293	-
STUDENT MOVEMENT	-	-	-	-	300
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	17,775	-	-	17,775	156,410
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	17,775	-	-	17,775	156,410
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,114	1,024	-	8,138	66,001
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	37,332	44,016	-	81,348	147,349
Cash funds this year end	44,446	45,040	-	89,486	81,348

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC CURRENT AC	43,989	-	-
	HSBC SAVINGS AC	-	45,040	-
	CASH BALANCE	457	-	-
	Total cash funds	44,446	45,040	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Kernal Eapen	29/06/2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

ST MARY'S JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH MANCHESTER

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1126394

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2021

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.

Signed:

Date:

29 June 2021

Name:

Seejo Tony

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

AFA

Address:

58 Highbury Grove

Portsmouth PO6 2RS

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.