

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1127602

Tabore Mar Thoma Church, Manchester
Receipts and payments accounts
For the year ended
31 March 2024

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Reference and administrative details

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Charity registration number 1127602

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The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Structure, governance and management

The trustees present their annual report and the receipts and payments account of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Governing document

The trust is an unincorporated trust, constituted under a constitution adopted on 03 August 2008 and is a registered charity, number 1127602. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Objectives of the Charity

Objectives of the charity are:

- For advancement of the Christian faith, to include worship of the lord Jesus Christ, to conduct religious sacraments and services as necessary, in accordance with the faith and practices of the Mar Thoma church (parent church), in particular, but not exclusively.
- To advance the Christian faith, in particular but not exclusively, by engaging in missionary and other charitable Christian activities.
- To or for such other charitable purpose as the executive committee may from time to time determine.

In alignment with the traditions of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church in Malabar and guided by the visionary leadership of Abraham Mar Thoma, Tabore Mar Thoma Church remains steadfast in its mission. Our primary objective is to provide regular Christian worship services to the members of Mar Thoma churches residing in the diaspora within our region. Additionally, the church is dedicated to offering pastoral care and organizing a variety of activities aimed at nurturing the spiritual life of our members. Furthermore, we are committed to fostering strong ecumenical relations with the local community, embodying the spirit of Christian unity and cooperation. As part of our mission, Tabore Mar Thoma Church actively engages in making voluntary contributions to support churches, evangelism, and charitable endeavors both in the UK and India. Moreover, we strive to inspire and empower individuals within our parish to actively participate in evangelistic efforts, fulfilling the Lord's call to be witnesses to the world.

In setting our objectives, and planning our activities, we have given careful consideration to Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit.

Congratulations To His Majesty King Charles III

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to His Majesty King Charles III on his ascension to the throne of the United Kingdom . As the nation welcomes its new monarch, we pray for wisdom, guidance, and blessings upon His Majesty as he leads the kingdom forward. May his reign be marked by peace, prosperity, and the pursuit of justice for all citizens.

Congratulations To the Newly Ordained Episcopas Of Mar Thoma Church

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the newly ordained Episcopas of Marthoma Sabha , Rt. Rev. Zacharias Mar Aprem Episcopa Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Ivanios Episcopa, Rt. Rev. Mathews Mar Seraphim Episcopa. This significant milestone in our Sabha's leadership marks the appointment of dedicated servants of God who bring with them a wealth of experience, faith, and passion for serving

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our community. With humility and grace, these ordained leaders are entrusted with guiding and shepherding our churches in accordance with the teachings of Christ. We offer our prayers and support as they embark on this sacred journey of leadership, knowing that their steadfast commitment will strengthen and enrich the spiritual life of our church.

Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church

Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church otherwise called as Mar Thoma Church in a shorter form or Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar, which is a part of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, is one of the ancient Churches in the world. It is traditionally believed that St. Thomas (Mar Thoma in Syriac), the disciple of Jesus Christ came to India in AD 52 and established the Church in the Malabar coast. Kerala is known as Malankara in those times. Being rooted in the Bible, the Church maintains its Episcopal heritage and value oriented democratic form of administration.

The Church believes in Jesus Christ, the God incarnate for the redemption of humankind, and in the Triune God revealed by him, who himself is one among the Trinity. The Church cherishes its oriental heritage and Episcopacy as a gift of God. The Church accepts Holy Bible as the basis for all matters of faith and doctrine, and the Nicene Creed formulated in accordance with the Holy Scripture. The Church is regarded as a 'bridge' church in the Ecumenical world.

The Church is at present blessed by the able leadership of twelve Bishops and is headed by Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan who is the 22nd Malankara Metropolitan to occupy the Holy Apostolic Throne of St. Thomas. The Church is served by 1184 clergy through fourteen dioceses to 1.6 million people (approx.). The headquarters is located at SCS Campus, Thiruvalla, Kerala, India and has over a million adherents spread worldwide.

The Church actively participates in the programs of the World Council of Churches, the Christian Conference of Asia, the National Council of Churches and the Kerala Christian Council. It is in full communion with the Anglican Church, The Church of South India and the Church of North India and has cordial relations with the various denominations of the Christian Church. The Church actively co-operates with the C.S.I. and the C.N.I. through CCI (Communion of Churches in India).

Diocese

Our parish has been part of the Diocese of the UK, Europe, and Africa of the Mar Thoma Church since January 1, 2024. Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Ivanios Episcopa serves as the Diocesan Bishop. Prior to this, we were under the UK-Europe Zone, and our Bishop was Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa.

Our parish wholeheartedly supports the development initiatives, charity activities, and mission needs of the diocese. Nearly 100 church members participated in the Mar Thoma Kudumba Sangamam organized by the UK and Europe Zone.

Our Parish

Tabore Mar Thoma Church Manchester (UK) is one of the parishes of Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar which has been established in 2007 with the approval of Synod. Tabore Mar Thoma Church was registered as a charity organization in Manchester, England (Registration No. 1127602) and its registered office & vicarage is at 195 B, Mount Road, Gorton, Manchester M18 7GG. Own church was acquired in December 2018 & the sacrament of the parish was conducted on 19th of October 2019, by LATE LAMENTED HIS GRACE THE MOST REV. DR. JOSEPH MAR THOMA METROPOLITAN.

The Vicars

All the former 7 vicars have ably shepherded us. We fondly remember them & thank the Almighty for

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their spiritual leadership & committed service.

As per the Kalpana dated on 19/10/2023 from our Metropolitan, Our present Vicar Rev. Thomas Baby Thandasseril is transferring after the three-year ministry in our church. We express our heartfelt gratitude to Achen and his family for their invaluable contributions to our parish during their time with us. As they embark on their journey to serve at the Edakkara Mar Thoma Church in Malappuram District, Kerala, we extend our prayers and best wishes for their continued ministry.

The new vicar appointed for our church is Rev. John P Chacko. God may strengthen him to nurture the spiritual wellbeing of the community.

We express our thanks to Vicars of the other Mar Thoma Churches & Sister parishes in UK,

Mission & Objectives

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Worship Services

Our Holy Communion services were conducted regularly as scheduled as follows

Sl. No	Day	Worship Service	Venue	Time
1	1 st Sunday	Malayalam	Church	9.30am
2	2 nd Sunday	English	Church	9.30am
3	3 rd Saturday	Malayalam	Church	3.00pm
4	3 rd Sunday	Malayalam	Church	9.30am
5	4 th Sunday	English	Church	9.30am
6	5 th Sunday	Malayalam	Church	9.30am

Furthermore, in Leeds and Preston, Holy Communion will be celebrated on one Saturday each month.

General Body

General Body meetings were held twice during the financial year and appropriate decisions were taken on various matters. We thank all the members of the General Body for participating in these meetings and for their valuable suggestions for the betterment of the parish.

Kaisthana Samithi

The Kaisthana Samithi met on 10 occasions including 2 emergency committee to transact important matters concerning smooth functioning of the parish. We believe that all the Kaisthana Samithi members are chosen by our Lord Almighty to serve the parish. The members spend considerable time organizing the various activities of the year. We thank each Kaisthana Samithi members & Conveners of various programs for contributing selflessly by giving their valuable time and their hard work & sincere efforts for successfully organizing the programs of the parish in the best possible way.

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Office Bearers & Kaisthana Samithi Members of 2023-2024

President	: Rev Thomas Baby T
Vice-President	: Mr. James Varughese
Secretary	: Mr. Anil Samuel
Finance Trustee	: Mr. Sanoj M George
Accountant Trustee	: Mr. Alex Zachariah
Lay leader 01	: Mr. P.K. Mathai
Lay Leader 02	: Mr. Koshy Thomas
Mandalam Representative (23-26)	: Mr. Abraham P John
Zonal Representative (23-26)	: Mr. Varughese P John
Nominated Zonal representative	: Mr. Pramod Varghese

Organization Representatives of 2023-2024

Edavaka Mission	: Mr. Ipe Kurian
Youth Fellowship	: Mr. Ashwin Varghese
Sevika Sangham	: Mrs. Elizabeth Jacob
Sunday School	: Mrs. Tessy Abraham
Choir	: Mr. Joji Mathew

Area Prayer Representatives of 2023-2024

1) Ashton-Stockport	: Mr. Mathew Abraham
2) Blackburn	: Mr. Tibi Kurien
3) Bolton	: Mr. Aniyankunju Scaria
4) Leeds	: Mr. Mathew C Mathew
5) Manchester	: Mr. Denny Thomas
6) Preston	: Mr. Manu Varghese
7) Sheffield	: Mr. Jacob Mathew
8) Withington	: Mr. Santosh Varghese
9) Wythenshawe-Sale	: Mrs. Sindhu John

Health and Safety Officer	: Mr. Denny Thomas
Safeguarding Officer	: Mrs. Rojy Santosh
Fire Safety Officer	: Mr. Siju George
UKBA Officer	: Mr. Pramod Varghese.
Key Contact	: Mr. Anil Samuel.

Auditors (Internal Auditors)	: Mr. Siju George
	: Mr. Reji Chacko

Dedication Service

A dedication service was held for Kaisthana Samithi members on July 27th 2023.

Membership

People who have their names recorded in the Parish Register of Tabore Mar Thoma church, Manchester are members of the Parish. All members over the age of 18 constitute the general body of the church. During the reporting year 2023-24 many families have joined our church and constituted our membership to 195 families as on 31st March 2024.

Area Prayer Groups

We have 9 area prayer groups & Around 160-plus families are active members of the parish, Prayer groups plays an active role in the Spiritual nourishment of our members. Participation of our prayer groups in supporting every day worship service & Various activities is highly

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Area Prayer groups	Representatives (2023-24)	Representatives (2024-25)
Ashton-Stockport	Mr. Mathew Abraham	Mr. Johnson Samuel
Blackburn	Mr. Tiby Kurian	Mr. Santhosh Sam Chacko
Bolton	Mr. Aniyankunju Skaria	Mr. Aniyankunju Skaria
Leeds	Mr. Mathew C Mathews	Mr. Jerry Sam
Manchester	Mr. Denny Thomas	Mr. Denny Thomas
Preston	Mr. Manu Varghese	Mr. Manu Varghese
Sheffield	Mr. Jacob Mathew	Mr. Ashams Geo Daniel
Withington	Mr. Santosh Varghese	Mr. Jacob Thomas
Wythenshawe-Sale	Mrs. Sindhu John	Mrs. Annie Siju

Subscription

Monthly subscription represents the voluntary monthly contribution made by the members against the day to day expenses of the Parish. We are grateful to all those who have supported the financial need of the church. This year we got £49868.00 as subscription.

Offertories And Collections

Offertory collections during every worship service and special collections for any special events will serve as primary sources of income for the church. Both contributions are voluntary and made by members to meet the needs of the parish.

One Day Income

This voluntary contribution from members signifies their gratitude for the blessings bestowed upon them by God. Each salaried member is encouraged to share their one day income with the church. This year, the collection took place on March 10th.

Anduvary

This is a contribution from the members to the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association for its missionary work.

Recessa & Uposhanam

Recessa represents the yearly payment by each adult member of the Mar Thoma Church which is remitted to the Sabha Office whereas Uposhanam is the sum contributed by the members from the savings generated by fasting during the Passion Week which is sent to the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association.

Suvishesha Nidhi

This fund is utilized for the missionary activities of the Diocese. The active participation of the area prayer groups in this collection is appreciated.

Diocesan Collection

This Collection is utilized for the All the activities & day by day expenses of the Diocese.

Parish Convention

This year's Parish convention was held from September 22nd to 24th, 2023, at Tabore Mar Thoma Church, Rev. Sanoj Babu Mathew Achan, the Vicar of Bristol St. Thomas Parish, was our main Speaker

Charity

A portion of our proceeds is dedicated to supporting various charitable endeavours, benefiting individuals and communities in need, both locally in the UK and in India. Our commitment to charitable work extends to partnering with Rochdale Council for local charity initiatives within the UK. Through these collaborative efforts, we aim to make a positive impact on the lives of those facing hardship and adversity, embodying the spirit of compassion and service advocated by our faith.

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The details of the charitable work undertaken during the year 2023-24 are as follows:

Within the UK:

1. Charity Aid: Donation to the Mayor of Rochdale Council - £1,000
2. Funeral Aid – Contribution to Canterbury Mar Thoma Church £2,150

Outside the UK:

1. Shelter Aid: Contribution requested by the Vicar of Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, Ampalakara- £500
2. Education Aid: Support for a girl's education in Kerala - £500
3. Charity Aid: Donation to the Sneharam Mar Thoma Prokject, Punalur, Kerala - £500
4. Charity Aid: Support for Badvel Mar Thoma Mission Center, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh - £500
5. Charity Aid by Sevika Sangham: £1,750 (Please refer notes under Sevika Snagham)

Family Sunday & Parish Day

This year, Family Sunday was celebrated alongside Parish Sunday on November 12, 2023. We were honored to have Fr. Anoop John K from Sheffield as our esteemed chief guest, who delivered a profound message during the Parish day celebration. As a symbol of our collective dedication, families are invited to contribute a special offertory and join in Holy Communion together with all their members.

Merit Awards

Students who scored Highest Marks in GCSE ,A-level examination were honored by cash prizes on the Parish Day celebration. This year 3 students for GCSE & 2 students for A-Level got the merit award

Family Retreat

The parish's three-day family retreat was held from September 1st to 3rd, 2023, at Castle Head, Cumbria. Based on the theme 'Surrender & Let God Work,' Rev. Thomas Baby Achan and Rev. Abu Cherian Achan conducted classes & for Smart Heart. Professor Dr. Cecil Thomas also gave a lecture.

Harvest Festival

The parish's Harvest Festival for this year was a joyous occasion, celebrated on both the 10th and 24th of September 2023. During this festive time, members from all prayer groups enthusiastically contributed the first fruits of their harvest. These offerings, symbolizing gratitude and abundance, were collected with heartfelt generosity. The proceeds from these first fruits play a crucial role in supporting various initiatives and endeavours within the parish community. Through the collective efforts and generosity of our members, the Harvest Festival serves as a testament to our unity, stewardship, and commitment to serving one another in love. This year We raised approx. £9205.00

Door to Door Carol Rounds

This Year under the leadership of Parish Vicar Thomas Baby Achan, the parish organized a door-to-door Christmas carol service from November 24th to December 16th, 2023. With the assistance of various prayer groups within the parish, we were able to visit homes in different areas and share the Christmas message. This year, we collected approximately £6541.

Christmas Carol

The parish's Christmas carol service was held on December 24, 2023, at 2:00 pm under the chairmanship of Rev. Thomas Baby Achan. Both the Senior and Junior choirs of the parish performed beautiful songs. Our esteemed chief guest, Rev. Dr. M.J. Joseph (Keekozhoor), delivered the Christmas message.

Watch Night /New Year Service

Watch night /New year service was conducted on 31st December from 9.30 p.m. onwards at our church. Rev. Dr. M.J. Joseph (Keekozhoor) led the service and the New Year Holy Qurbana. Approximately 215 members attended the Service

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Lent & Passion Week Services

Lent worship services were conducted from mid-Lent, on March 6th, at 8:00 pm via an online platform. These services were held every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday during lent until passion week. Many families participated in this service.

Sandhya Namaskaram during Passion Week was conducted at our church. Our vicar, Rev. Thomas Baby T, lead the Sandhya Namaskaram, Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, Good Friday service, and Easter Sunday Worship.

Onam Celebration

We celebrated Onam as a Parish to revive memories of the Maveli Nadu, vibrant flower fields, fluttering butterflies, OnaSadya served on the tushanila, and the dazzling Chingapulari. This year's parish

Onam celebrations occurred on the 16th of September at the Sale Moor Community Center in Sale. The event was highlighted by the active participation of parishioners and various folk art performances.

Guest Speakers

During this year we were privileged to have the following eminent speakers to share the Words of God
Dr. Sunny Stephan

Rev. Sanoj Babu Mathew

Rev. M.J Cherian

Mr. Jackson George

Rev. Fr. Anoop John K

Rev. Dr. M.J Joseph

The following members of our parish also shared the Words of God during the worship services:

Mrs. Sunitha Thomas Kochamma

Mr. Abel Jossey

Mr. Robin Thomas

Mr. Siju George

Mr. Felix Mathew

Organizations

Choir

Psalms 147:1

Praise the LORD! It is good to sing praise to our God; it is pleasant and right to praise him.

This year new choir members has reformed after Voice test conducted on 26th March. Church has been registered under DSMC. Choir is assisting for church service on every Sunday. We have every Sunday choir practice session regularly which is led by choir leaders.

Our Choir has Senior & Junior Choir Group. Junior Choir Group always assist in English Holy Communion Service every 1st and 3rd Sunday.

Choir members has partake for the Holy week service where we had Lent Meditation and our Guest Speaker was Dr Sunny Stephen renowned Music Director and Founder chairman of World peace Mission. Choir was blessed by Choir workshop by Mr. Thejus George Palooran (Choir Master) on 20th May 2023. Choir has actively participate on church Onam programs where they sing a song. Christmas Carol choir practice started on 20th August 2023 online and later after church service. Choir members has participated for the Choirs of the UK Europe zone a virtual choir in presences of Diocesan Bishop Rt Rev Dr Issac Mar Philoxenos. Christmas Carol service was on 24th Dec 2023 which was held under leadership of church choir, a blessed service for congregation. All this was under guidance and support by our Achen Rev Thomas Baby and family. Our special gratitude and thanks to Achen and family.

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OFFICE BEARERS

The office bearers of 2023-2024 were:

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| 1 | Choir Leader | : | Mr. Joji Mathew |
| 2 | Asst. Choir Leader | : | Mrs. Tessy Abraham |
| 3 | Choir Secretary | : | Mr. Sam Varghese |
| 4 | Choir Master | : | Mr. Thejus George Palooran |

Edavaka Mission

"But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked." Luke 6 : 35

Tabore Mar Thoma Edavaka Mission, Manchester successfully completed another blessed year by the abundance grace and guidance of our God.

Following the decision made on January 28, 2024, it has been decided that every 5th Sunday after the service will be designated as the Edavaka Mission meeting. This initiative aims to enhance communication, spiritual uplifting and collaboration within our Church, fostering a stronger sense of community.

Sevika Sangam

2023-24 has been a blessed year for the Sevika Sangham.

The office bearers remained unchanged from the previous year as per the election meeting. Susan Parayil led the Sevika Sangham as the Vice President and was supported by Elizabeth Jacob as the Secretary and Rojy Santosh as the Treasurer.

The Sevika Sangham meeting was held on the 4 th Sunday of every month after the Holy Qurbana service. In our previous monthly meeting held in January, it was decided to hold a monthly prayer meeting in each prayer group are. The first meeting was held on 10 th February in the Ashton/Stockport area. Our members also participate in the Sevika Sangham UK/Europe weekly chain prayer.

The zonal Sevika Sangham one day conference was held on 7th October 2023 in Birmingham church. Around 15 members participated from our church and 5 of them took part in the bible quiz and won the 2nd prize.

We also celebrated Sevika Sangham day on 17th September 2023 – members assisted with the worship service and Sunita kochamma delivered a powerful message from the word of God. We also led the coffee shop following the service.

As per previous years, we continue to actively raise funds to participate in various charitable deeds throughout the year. This year we held a pickle sale and a Live Dosa fest – through these we raised almost £800. From this, we donated £250 to the Salem Childrens Home in Tiruvalla and £500 towards the renovation of the Shanti Nagar church in Andhra Pradesh. In addition, we are also continuing to actively support a nursing student at the Hoskote Mission Institute of Nursing by contributing £1,000 a year towards their education. We do this from the annual subscriptions that the Sevika Sangham members pay.

We would like to place on record our thanks to Rev. Thomas Baby & Kochamma for their continued guidance and support during the year as well as all of the members who have sincerely taken part and assisted in all of the activities. We thank the Lord Almighty for using the Sevika Sangham for building his kingdom.

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Sunday School

"Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him" Psalm 127:3

The annual report for the Sunday School at Tabore Mar Thoma Church for the year 2022-2023 highlights the importance of children as a precious gift from the Lord, as stated in Psalm 127:3.

The report showcases the dedication and commitment of the teachers, student support staff, and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to nurture and educate the children in the ways of the Lord.

Through various activities, lessons, and events, the Sunday School has strived to instill values, faith, and knowledge in the young minds, preparing them to be strong and faithful followers of Christ in the future.

Throughout the year, the Sunday School organized a wide range of engaging activities, all of which were skill-fully overseen by Rev. Thomas Baby Vicar and President of Tabore Mar Thoma Church

The Sunday School plays a crucial role in nurturing our children and fostering their spiritual growth. It convenes every Sunday following the holy communion service, providing a consistent opportunity for our young ones to engage with their faith.

The Sunday School has an outstanding enrolment of around 165 students attending regularly, with all of these children having their parents complete electronic registration. Sunday School is proud to offer 13 classes, each one led by dedicated and enthusiastic teachers.

We are proud to have a team of 42 dedicated teachers, who are supported by our strong student mentors, to nurture and guide our future generation in their journey of faith. It is important to note that all our teachers have undergone thorough background checks through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) to ensure the safety and well-being of our young students before they begin their work with them.

These educators put in a great deal of effort to make sure that every child receives the necessary guidance and support to enhance their comprehension of religious teachings and principles.

Sunday School commences immediately after the conclusion of the holy communion service every Sunday, except for the fourth Sunday. On this Sunday, Sunday School will commence at 13:30 hours, prior to the holy communion service.

Starting in April 2024, there will be a change in the schedule for Sunday School. Following Holy Communion, Sunday School will now take place every Sunday, as there will no longer be Holy Communion in the afternoon on Sundays.

Furthermore, children will have the opportunity to lead the congregation in prayer, showcasing their involvement in the spiritual aspect of the community. This will be followed by a common session led by senior children, who will deliver a brief speech on various topics.

As part of the Sunday School routine, there will be an offertory collection and announcements made before the children are dismissed to their respective classes. This structured approach aims to provide a well-rounded experience for the children, incorporating both spiritual and educational elements into their Sunday School sessions.

Tabore Mar Thoma Church Sunday School adheres to the curriculum established by the UK Europe Zone, and we administer the UK and Europe Zonal examinations in accordance with this curriculum. Our academic year runs from September to July, providing students with ample time to delve into the rich history of the Mar Thoma Church.

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Through the study of the Mar Thoma Foundation and Vision, which are integral components of the Diocesan curriculum, children gain a deeper understanding of the historical and spiritual significance of the Mar Thoma Church. This comprehensive approach to education ensures that students not only excel academically but also develop a strong connection to their faith and heritage.

We concluded our academic year with final examinations held with the presence of invigilator arranged by Zonal from Liver pool Carmel Mar Thoma Church on July 2nd 2023, and each classes conducted mock exams before the final exams with the preparation of children to get very good grades. During this exam, students who achieved first, second, and third place were recognized and awarded for their outstanding performance. This acknowledgment serves as a source of motivation and encouragement for all students to strive for excellence in their academic pursuits.

Students Dedication:

On Sunday, September 10th, 2023, we celebrated Student Dedication Day, where all the students wore white and black attire. A special dedication prayer was held for each child as they embarked on their new academic year. It was a meaningful and inspiring event that brought the school community together to support and encourage the students in their educational journey. Senior students will be assisted to Rev Thomas baby on this dedication prayer.

Teachers' Dedication:

The teachers at Tabore Mar Thoma Church showed their dedication on September 17th 2023 by participating in a special prayer ceremony. All the Sunday school teachers gathered to sign their covenant on that day, committing themselves to guiding the children on the right path and instilling in them a fear of God. Special prayers were offered for the teachers, asking for strength and wisdom as they continue their important work of educating the youth in the ways of faith and righteousness.

Onam and Sunday School Sports/Games:

Despite the unfortunate cancellation of the original Sports Day scheduled for July 8th, 2023 due to inclement weather, a successful event was eventually held on September 16th, 2023 at the Sale moor Community Centre and the adjacent park.

The entire event was meticulously organized under the supervision of Teachers Mrs. Kripa John, Mr. Sanoj M George, Mr. Koshy Thomas, and Mr. Aji Varghese, who efficiently coordinated all the sports activities throughout the day.

A total of 250 participants, including adults, actively took part in the various sports competitions, showcasing their skills and sportsmanship.

Following the conclusion of the sports program, prizes were awarded to the first, second, and third place winners of each competition, fostering a sense of friendly competition and acknowledging the hard work and dedication of all the participants.

Teachers Retreat:

All Saints Mar Thoma Church, Peterborough has successfully organized the 2023 Zonal Teachers Retreat, which took place on September 30th. Despite facing some last-minute sickness and other commitments, a total of 10 out of the planned 25 teachers managed to attend the event. The retreat proved to be highly beneficial for the participating teachers, providing them with valuable insights and knowledge. Additionally, those teachers who were unable to attend expressed their desire to be a part of such retreats in the coming years, recognizing the value it brings to their professional development.

VBS 2023:

The Vacation Bible School (VBS) organized by TMC Sunday School was held in Heywood, Oldham from October 26th to October 29th, 2023. The central theme for this event was 'ROOT AND FRUIT', inspired by the biblical verse "Once more a remnant of the kingdom of Judah will take root below and bear fruit above" from Isaiah 37:31. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our VBS Director, Jackson V George, and Assistant Director, Mini Anu Thomas, for their exceptional leadership and guidance

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throughout the VBS program and ensuring its success.

With an impressive turnout of over 130 children, the VBS proved to be a truly enriching experience for all the young attendees. The dedication and hard work of the leaders, along with the support of 56 teachers and student assistants, contributed to creating a memorable and educational environment for the children. The teachers went above and beyond to bring back the nostalgia of their own childhood and make it relevant and beneficial for the younger Mar Thoma generation.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the various activities and sessions organised during the VBS. From engaging processions to interactive lessons, the teachers made sure to captivate the attention of the young participants and instill valuable lessons rooted in faith and spirituality. The event not only provided a platform for the children to learn and grow but also fostered a sense of community and togetherness among the attendees.

As the VBS ended, the positive impact it had on the children was evident. They not only gained knowledge about their faith but also developed important life skills and values. The success of the VBS can be attributed to the collective effort of the organizers, teachers, and volunteers who worked tirelessly to create a nurturing and enjoyable environment for the children. We express our sincere appreciation to everyone involved in making this event a resounding success. Special thanks to our Catering team.

World Sunday School Day:

Tabore Mar Thoma church hosted the World Sunday School Day on November 4th 2023 at Liverpool Birkenhead school, with approximately 150 participants from our church and a total of 500 attendees from the North zone different churches.

The event featured sessions tailored for children, parents, and teachers, providing a comprehensive experience for all participants under the supervision of Mr. Siju George Zonal Secretary and manager by Mrs. Tessy Abraham, Head Teacher.

A dedicated team, led by Mr. Varughese P John, worked tirelessly to organize food for all the attendees throughout the day, ensuring everyone was well taken care of.

The success of the event was greatly attributed to the hard work and support of all the teachers involved, who played a crucial role in making

Annual Exam Prize Distribution:

Students who achieved first, second, and third place in their Sunday school exams, which took place on July 2nd, 2023, were presented with trophies on November 5th following the holy communion ceremony. We take great pride in our diligent students and the unwavering support of their parent

Mar Thoma Meet Participation:

The Mar Thoma meet took place in the Midlands on November 11, 2023. During the event, our children from the Sunday school were given a wonderful chance to showcase their talents. They presented a delightful singing performance and captivated the audience with an engaging action program during the public session held in the afternoon.

Charity Gift Collection.

The Wood Street Charity received an overwhelming number of gifts from our children during the Christmas season, which proved to be a remarkable achievement. Thanks to the unwavering support of parents, we were able to gather an impressive collection of items, filling up almost an entire van. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents who encouraged their children to participate in this noble cause. Additionally, we would like to express our appreciation to Mrs. Annie George, Hanna George, and Mr. Siju George for their invaluable assistance in delivering the donations to the Wood Street Charity.

Sunday School Christmas Carol:

The inaugural event in the history of Tabore Mar Thoma Church was a Christmas Carol celebration

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organized by our Sunday school for the children on the 17th of December 2023. Each class had the chance to showcase their talents through various programs, thanks to the dedicated support of our highly skilled teachers. Not only did the teachers assist in coordinating the performances, but they also took pride in participating in skits, dramas, and singing alongside the students. The immense effort put forth by everyone involved in making this event a success is truly commendable.

Mid Year Exams:

The mid-year Sunday school examination covering 10 chapters was administered on Sunday, January 28th at 1pm, just prior to the commencement of the holy communion service.

VBS Directors Training:

The Tabore Mar Thoma Church Sunday School team experienced another moment of pride as they had the privilege of hosting the VBS Directors Training at the White House on March 8th and 9th, 2023. The event was attended by 30 delegates, including Reverends from each parish, along with their families. The team received appreciation for their hard work and dedication in ensuring the success of the program. It was a collaborative effort that involved the entire team working together to make the event a memorable and fruitful experience for all participants.

Talent Contest:

On the 17th of February 2024, we organized a talent contest that saw an impressive participation of 105 children. The event was graced by esteemed judges from Liverpool Carmel Mar Thoma Church and Birmingham Church churches. It was a moment of joy and celebration when, on the 14th of April 2024, we awarded the winners of the contest with their well-deserved prizes.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the generous contributions made by our church members, who selflessly supported us in meeting the financial aspects of the event. Furthermore, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the teachers for their unwavering support throughout the contest.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the dedicated members of the church who generously volunteered their time and resources to support our various programs, including Sports Day, VBS and Talent Contest. Your contributions have truly made a significant impact on the success of these events and have helped foster a sense of community and togetherness among our congregation.

As we reflect on the success of these programs, we are reminded of the importance of teamwork and collaboration in achieving our shared goals. The selfless efforts of each church member have not gone unnoticed, and we are truly grateful for your unwavering support and commitment to our church community.

On behalf of the TMC SS Office Bearers for 2023-24, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to each one of you for your dedication and hard work. Your contributions have helped create memorable experiences for all participants and have strengthened the bonds within our church family. Thank you once again for your invaluable support.

TMC SS Office Bearers 2023-24

President	:	Rev. Thomas Baby T
Head teacher	:	Mrs. Tessy Abraham
Secretary	:	Mrs. Jolly P Mathew
Treasurer	:	Mr. Varughese P John
Committee rep.	:	Mrs. Tessy Abraham

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me".

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Youth Fellowship Election 2023-24: -

2023-2024 TMC Youth Fellowship Executive Committee has been elected on 14.05.2023 after the service in Rev.Thomas Baby Achen's presence.

President:	:	Rev. Thomas Baby T
Vice president:	:	Kripa Sara John
Secretary	:	Ashwin Varghese Moncy
Joint Secretary:	:	Hannah Maria George
Treasurer	:	Jeswin James
Zonal Representative	:	Reuben Mathew
Youth Committee Member's	:	Thejus George Palooran
	:	Christy Anna Jiju
	:	Nevin Jacob

Activities

Church Cleaning:

Our youth members were involved in the church garden cleaning on 27.05.2023 Saturday. Thanking all the members who had participated

Fund Raise Activity Ice Lollies Sale:

Fund Raising: Along with Sevika Sangam dosa sale, our youth members sold Ice lollies. Appreciating for all the youth members who has contributed for the cost of lollies and managing the counter.

Special Thanks to the following youth members

- Merrick, Alex, and Christy - managed the counter.
- Jeswin - managed the cash collection.
- Hannah and Anu - overall in charge of the counter.

Youth Meeting

Our first youth meeting successfully conducted on 16.07.2023 after the service at church in Achen's presence, around 20 youth members participated. Meeting started with prayer, followed by a singing session and a quiz competition. Secretary shared our upcoming plans and programs. Youth meeting was conducted every 3rd Sunday after service.

Prayer Request Box Inauguration

"When your heart starts to worry, and your mind just can't rest, put your prayers down on paper and let God do the rest." Youth has successfully imposed a church prayer request box and our Vicar inaugurated by putting the first prayer request, held on 13.08.2023 after the service.

Health Related Talk

A health-related session held on 20.08. 2023.after service as part of youth meeting It was very informative talk led by Dr. Suku M George.

Family Conference

Our youth members actively conducted games and cultural programs in church family retreat on 02.09.2023.

Onam Celebration

Youth members actively participated in church's Onam celebration cultural programs on 16.09.2023. Thanking all youth members those who had put their effort to make our Onam celebration colourful.

Praise And Worship

As part of Youth Sunday, we arranged a Praise and Worship session on the topic "REFORMED BY THE WORD" in between the service just before the sermon on 20.08.2024. All youth members actively participated, and every youth member renewed their testimony.

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Art Gallery Exhibition

As part of Youth Sunday, youth members hosted an art gallery exhibition of beloved Chrysostom Thirumeni's memories and paintings of our youth members on 15.10.2023 after the service.

Fund Raise Activity Payasam Sale: -

Fund Raising: Along with youth sunday, our youth members sold payasam.

Appreciating all the youth members and the parents who has contributed payasam. Special Thanks to the youth members who have organised to sell the payasam.

A Refresher Talk – Mr. Sanoj On The Topic Relationship Awareness And Strength Awareness

An hour refresher talk hosted by our church Accountant Mr.Sanoj for youth members on 19.11.2023 after the service during the youth meeting.

Badminton Tournament

Youth committee has initiated a badminton tournament on 25.11.2023 Saturday from 8.30 am – 4.00 pm at St. Pauls High School Wythenshawe. We got high number of participations from our church. Appreciating everyone for the participation & congratulations for all the winners.

Christmas Carol Service

Youth members were actively involved in the church's carol service on 17.12.2023 by performing a Mime 'Life of Jesus' and a group song. Thanking all those who have took part in both the programs and committee members for coordinating.

A Note of Thanks from Yuvajana Sakhyam

As part of TMC youth fellowship, I thank our Achen and all committee members for their wholehearted support even during their busy schedule. May God bless us all in doing better and praising his name to the highest in the next year.

A Word of Thanks from Parsh

As we draw near to the conclusion of our annual parish report, Tabore Mar Thoma Parish wishes to express profound gratitude to the leaders of this country for granting us the freedom to openly practice our faith on the soil of Britain and for the opportunity to purchase and worship in churches dedicated to the Mar Thoma Church. We also extend our sincere thanks to the Supreme Leader of the Mar Thoma Church, Dr. Theodosios Mar Thoma Metropolitan, as well as the Suffragan Metropolitans, our Diocesan Episcopa, and other bishops within the Mar Thoma Syrian Church. Special appreciation is also extended to Our Parish Vicar Rev. Thomas Baby Thandasseril, other Priests, and vicars of sister churches who have provided timely cooperation in various needs. We are equally grateful to the vicars of other Mar Thoma Parishes in the UK, the officials of the Parish, Zone, and Diocese, members of the Kaisthana Samiti, area prayer representatives, organizational officials, and all other responsible individuals who have contributed to the success of our parish. Lastly, heartfelt thanks are extended to our dear parishioners whose help and cooperation in all special matters have been invaluable to us.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

As we look ahead to the future, let us continue to draw upon the strength and guidance found in our faith. Together, may we strive to embody the love and compassion of Christ, serving as beacons of hope and light in our community and beyond.

As a community, we have been sustained by the generosity and dedication of our members. From voluntary contributions during worship services to special collections for charitable endeavours, your unwavering commitment to the mission of our church has been a source of strength and inspiration.

This report concludes by expressing gratitude to God for His boundless grace evident in the work of the parish throughout the year. We earnestly pray that God will shower new graces and blessings upon us in the coming year.

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Financial Review

The charity's principal funding source is from donations and from other activities. For the reporting year the parish received a total income of £202,438 (2023:£131,942) against the total payments of £196,186 (2023: £140,409) with a net surplus of £6,252 (2023: £8,467). Detailed statement of Receipts and payments accounts attached as annexure.

Reserve policy

It is policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration and support costs.

The trustees' annual report was approved and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr Alex Zachariah
Trustee

Date: 26 January 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Tabore Mar Thoma Church, Manchester

Year ended 31 March 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Tabore Mar Thoma Church, Manchester ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, 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 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

**Mijos Xavier ACA FCCA
Independent Examiner**

**Xaviers Accountants Limited
Suite 3J
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1A Essex Street
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PR1 1QE**

Date: 28 January 2025



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Apr-23

To

31-Mar-24

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					
Stewardship	48,433	-	-	48,433	43,940
Donations	9,671	3,500	-	13,171	10,983
Offertories	40,814	-	-	40,814	41,106
Harvest Festival, One Day Income, First Holy Communion	29,495	-	-	29,495	16,902
Church Organisations Income	18,794	-	-	18,794	12,026
Other Income - Events, etc	4,257	-	-	4,257	1,976
Gift Aid Tax Claim FY21-22	14,864	-	-	14,864	-
Gift Aid Tax Claim FY22-23.	18,255	-	-	18,255	-
Bank Interest	355	-	-	355	109
Car Loan Received from members	14,000	-	-	14,000	-
Contribution from Hull congregation	-	-	-	-	4,900
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	198,938	3,500	-	202,438	131,942
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	198,938	3,500	-	202,438	131,942
A3 Payments					
Stipend to Vicar	32,880	-	-	32,880	37,559
Travel & Vehicle expenses	7,835	-	-	7,835	4,797
Rent & Rates	6,000	-	-	6,000	6,000
Church Events & Services	19,372	-	-	19,372	14,557
Printing, Postage & Stationery	651	-	-	651	580
Utility Expenses	26,331	-	-	26,331	26,925
Church Organisation Expenses	16,647	-	-	16,647	12,037
Diocesan/Sabha payments	11,892	-	-	11,892	15,623
Church Maintenance	20,834	-	-	20,834	12,354
Insurance/Visa Costs	27,111	-	-	27,111	5,419
Charitable activities	5,150	-	-	5,150	-
Visiting Clergy, Donations, Gifts, etc	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,450
Sundry Expenses	383	-	-	383	1,590
Books, Subscripn, Conference Attendance	100	-	-	100	845
Bank Charges	325	-	-	325	292
Parsonage maintenance	-	-	-	-	380
Sub total	176,511	-	-	176,511	140,409
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
New Car Purchase	17,218	-	-	17,218	-
Fridge	489	-	-	489	-
Cooking	769	-	-	769	-
85inch TV Expense	1,199	-	-	1,199	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	19,675	-	-	19,675	-
Total payments	196,186	-	-	196,186	140,409
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,752	3,500	-	6,252	- 8,467
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,383	-	-	30,383	38,850
Cash funds this year end	33,135	3,500	-	36,635	30,383

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	Current Account - a/c 91608231	22,112	-	-
	Saver/Deposit Account - a/c 81608258	10,898	3,500	
	Conference Account - a/c 31543784	125	-	-
	Cash in Hand			
	Total cash funds	33,135	3,500	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

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

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

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Property - Church building	Unrestricted funds	-	-
	Electrical appliances - Beko fridge freezer	Unrestricted funds		
	Electrical appliances - Flavel cooking range	Unrestricted funds	-	-
	Electrical appliances - Hisense 85" tv	Unrestricted funds	-	-
	Electrical appliances - Infrared heaters	Unrestricted funds	-	-
	Electrical appliances - Projectors	Unrestricted funds	-	-
	Electrical appliances - Microwave	Unrestricted funds	-	-
	Electrical appliances - Hedge trimmer	Unrestricted funds	-	-
	Electrical appliances - Chainsaw	Unrestricted funds	-	-
	Electrical appliances - Vacuum cleaner henry	Unrestricted funds	-	-
	Electrical appliances - Audio system mixer	Unrestricted funds	-	-
	Motor Vehicle - Nissan qashqai	Unrestricted funds	-	-
	Fixtures and fittings- Chairs	Unrestricted funds	-	-
	Fixtures and fittings - Hand drier	Unrestricted funds	-	-


	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Car Loan	Loan	14,000	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



Sanoj George

26-Jan-25

Alex Zachariah

26-Jan-25