

HERMON MAR THOMA CHURCH

THE MIDLANDS, UNITED KINGDOM

UK & Europe Zone



16TH ANNUAL REPORT & STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

2022-23

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MIDLANDS, UNITED KINGDOM

(Diocese of North America & Europe)

Member of the Churches Together in England (CTE) & Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI)

Charity Registration No. 1137185

Notice of the 16th Annual General Body Meeting

To,

All the Members

Notice is hereby given that the 16th Annual General body Meeting of Hermon Mar Thoma Church, Midlands UK will be held on Sunday the 13th of August 2023 immediately after the Holy Communion Service at St Marys Hobs Moat Hall, 30 Hobs Meadow, Birmingham B92 8PN to transact the following business. Our vicar, Rev John T Thomas will preside over the meeting.

The Holy Communion Service will start at 11.00am

AGENDA

1. Appointment of Recording Secretary
2. To present and approve the Annual Report for year ended 31st March 2023
3. To approve the over expenditure and non-budgeted expenditure.
4. To present and approve the Statement of Accounts with Auditor's and Independent Examiner's report for the year ended 31st March 2023
5. To present and approve the Budget for the year 2023-24
6. Authorise the Trustees to spend an amount equal to 6/12 of the budgeted amount in the first six months of the year
7. Nomination of Independent Examiner
8. Any other business with the prior permission of the Chair
9. Approval of Minutes

All Edavaka Sangham members are requested to be present for the meeting.

As per instruction

Georgie Thomas

Secretary - Hermon Mar Thoma Church

secretaryhermonmtc@gmail.com

Dated 30/07/2023

Note forming part of the notice:

- If any member wishes to bring up any matter under the item 'Any Other Business' should contact the Vicar or Secretary in writing before 5pm on 9th August 2023
- Members who wish to raise any questions or require any clarification on the Report and/or Statement of Accounts are requested to contact the Vicar or Secretary in writing before 5pm on 9th August 2023

Website: www.midlandsmtc.org.uk

Vicarage: 83 Cheswood Drive, Minworth, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B76 1XU

Worship Venue: St Mary's Church, Hobs Moat, Solihull, Birmingham, B92 8PN



Charity Information

Hermon Mar Thoma Church is a registered Charity in The United Kingdom, with its registered address at 83 Cheswood Drive, Sutton Coldfield, B76 1XU. It is one of the 13 churches in the UK & Europe Zone of the Mar Thoma Church.

Charity No : 1137185

Charity Name : Hermon Mar Thoma Church



Purpose, Objectives and Mission

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Charity is to advance Christian faith and develop a community rooted in biblical doctrine to lead a Christian life.

OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the Church are to,

- advance the Christian religion in the Midlands Region
- provide its members with regular Christian worship services, in accordance with the traditions of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar
- provide pastoral care and organize activities to promote the spiritual life of its members
- make voluntary contributions for evangelistic and charitable work in the United Kingdom and abroad – especially India.

MISSION

The Mar Thoma Church defines itself as 'Oriental in origin, Eastern in traditions, Episcopal in nature, Democratic in administration, Catholic in mission, Reformed in faith, Evangelical in outreach work and Ecumenical in vision. Each and every adult member of the Church is considered to be an Evangelist'.

The Church may participate in collaborative programmes with other Churches with which it has communal relationships and also participate in all acceptable ecumenical relationships as a full member of the World Council of Churches (WCC), Churches Together in England (CTE) and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI).



Governance

The charity is an unincorporated charity. Hermon MTC is controlled by the Constitution of Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar, which is approved and adapted for use in the United Kingdom by the Sabha through The Diocese of North America and Europe. The Governing Document is dated 01 April 2010.

MANAGEMENT

Hermon MTC is a Parish of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar, which has its head office in Tiruvalla, Kerala, India and reports to the Diocese of North America and Europe in the region.

The Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar is led by Marthoma Metropolitan, His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan who resides at Church Headquarters, Poolatheen, Thiruvalla, Kerala.

Hermon MTC belongs to the UK & Europe Zone, which administers the local governance of the Church in the region. The Diocesan Bishop, Rt Rev Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa who resides at Sinai Mar Thoma Centre, New York, USA supervises the regional administration subject to the approval of the Metropolitan.

Locally, Hermon MTC is managed by its Trustees, also called Executive Committee Members, that are elected by the General Body. Vicar of Church acts as the President of Executive Committee.

VICAR

Hermon MTC are blessed to have a fulltime resident Vicar to provide pastoral care to the members of the church and the community around the Midlands region. Rev. Saju Chacko is serving as the Vicar of the Church since May 2019. The Church is very grateful to have Achen and his family with us.

TRUSTEES / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Executive Committee members or Trustees ensure day-to-day running and maintenance of Hermon MTC in accordance to the Constitution of Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar. The trustees are all individuals.

The Vicar of Hermon Mar Thoma Church also holds the position of the President. Except for the President and the representatives to the Sabha Mandalam and the Diocesan Assembly, all the other members are elected by the general body or appointed by their respective organisations on an annual basis. The representatives to the Sabha Mandalam and the Diocesan Assembly of the parent church are elected, and the terms of office to these bodies are for a period of three years.



The members of the Executive Committee (EC) for financial year ended 31st Mar 2023 are as follows:

POSITION	NAME
President	Rev. Saju Chacko
Vice President	Mr Sudeep K Thomas
Secretary	Mr Georgie P Thomas
Trustee (Accounts)	Mr Sherry Matthews
Trustee (Finance)	Mr Sam Varghese
Lay Leader 1	Mr Thomas Koshy
Lay Leader 2	Mr Aby Chandy
Mandalam Member	Mr Mathew Varughese
Diocesan Assembly Member	Mr Shiju Abraham
Nominated Zonal Assembly member	Mr Thomas Abraham
Organization Representatives	
Choir	Mr. Mathew K Thomas
Sevika Sangham	Mrs Shency Mathew
Sunday school	Mr Mathew Samuel
Youth Fellowship	Mr Ashik Shibu
Edavaka Mission	Mrs Baby John
Couple Fellowship	Mrs Reeba George
Area Representatives	
Birmingham & Solihull	Mr Blessen Mathew
Coventry, Warwickshire & Nuneaton	Mr Sam Mathew
Walsall, Wolverhampton & Stafford	Mr Anil K Mathews
Nottingham, Derby & Burton-Upon-Trent	Dr Koshy John
Leicester	Mr Shaji Thomas

RECRUITMENT OF TRUSTEES

The trustees are elected every year before the commencement of the fiscal year in the month of February. They are elected by the General Body. The recruitment and appointment of Trustees are as per the Constitution of Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar.



COUNCIL OF MAR THOMA PARISHES IN UK & EUROPE

The Council of Mar Thoma Parishes in UK and Europe, a charity by its own right, is a UK & Europe zone's administrative organization of the Mar Thoma Church acting as zonal office for effective directorial coordination between the headquarters in Tiruvalla, India and the parishes and congregations of the European Region. The Zonal Bishop, Rt Rev Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa is the President of Council. President, Vice-president, Secretary, Trustee Finance, Trustee Accounts and Diocesan Assembly Member from Hermon MTC represents Councils' General Body.

GENERAL BODY

All persons whose names are borne on the Hermon MTC register who receive holy communion in the parish and who have completed 18 years of age and whose parish membership has not been barred in any disciplinary proceeding, by appropriate authority, are entitled to be the members of the General Body.

MEMBERSHIP

As of 31st March 2023, there are 132 families who are registered as members or member families.

AUDITORS

Mr Abraham Varghese and Mr Monish Varghese were appointed as internal auditors for the year 2022-23.



Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, however since the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, the Trustees have determined to interpret this responsibility as requiring them to follow current best practice and prepare the accounts according to the FRS 102 SORP 2015.

In particular, charity law requires the Trustees, if they prepare accounts on an accruals basis, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to,

- Prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).
- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the charity legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the Trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.



Purpose Oriented Activities

This section summarises the main the main activities undertaken by the church during the year 2021-22 to achieve its constitutionally declared purposes that include the spiritual enrichment of its members and participation in attending to the needs of the community during this year.

With the Grace of our Lord Jesus, it has been the privilege of Hermon MTC to serve the Mar Thoma diaspora community in the Midlands area for past 16 years. We thank God for his immense blessing and pray that he continues to guide us to thrive in his Ministry in the years to come.

The year 2022-23 is the year, the world emerged fully from the COVID-19 pandemic and countries almost fully removed all restrictions on their populations. But the challenges that the world faced during this year are not any less, the war in Ukraine has raged on for a year with no sign of resolution, the world saw one of the most devastating earthquakes of modern times in Turkey & Syria killing more than 50000 people, there are other tragedies unfolding all across the globe that haven't been much publicised.

The UK has seen a fair share of turmoil too.

The passing of Her Highness Queen Elizabeth II on 8th of September 2022 after almost 71 years on the throne was a momentous time of sorrow for the country. Most of the population had only know her as the monarch. We at Hermon Mar Thoma honoured her life and prayed for her immediate family and the country as a whole.

The cost-of-living crisis has been affecting almost everyone and there is unrest in every walk of life and resolutions seemingly difficult to come by.

However, during these turbulent times, we have seen God's miracles all around us and in our personal lives, we praise him for all his mercies on all of us.

A report on these activities is summarized as below.

WORSHIP SERVICES

In the past year we have completely gone to our routine in-person services. We have had regular Holy communion services, in English on the 1st & 3rd Sundays & in Malayalam on 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays.

These are a great source of fellowship, comfort, and strength to all the members and guest who attend the service. This year we have seen a large number of new arrivals in our area, both people who come for employment and studies, we have been blessed with their presence at our services. Our Vicar, Rev Saju Chacko has worked relentlessly in co-ordinating these services, welcoming new arrivals and assisting with their needs.



OUTREACH SERVICES

Derby Outreach Service: - Holy Communion Services held in Derby on the 2nd Saturdays, once in 3 months, have continued, these have been well attended by the Derby - Burton on Trent – Nottingham area members of our church and other guests from the local area. This continues to be a blessed experience for all and helps those attend to be connected to the parish.

Leicester Outreach Service: - Taking in to account the significant increase in new families that have arrived in Leicester area over the past couple of years and the difficulty that they were finding to travel for the Sunday worship, an Outreach service at Leicester was commenced in January 2023. These Holy Communion Services take place, monthly, on the 4th Saturday. These services are held at St Andrew's Church, Hinckley Road Leicester LE3 3PF. They have been well attended by the Leicester area members of our church and other guests from the local area. This has proven to be a blessed experience for all and helps those attend to be connected to the parish.

GREAT LENT 2022 AND PASSION WEEK SERVICES

The Great Lent in 2022 ran from the 27th of February to 17th of April.

As per the Liturgy of the Mar Thoma Church we had daily Sandhya Namaskaram prayers (Evening prayer meetings), these were conducted on the online platform as the pandemic was still restricting normal activities.

All members actively participated in these prayers. Many families, the Sevika Sangham, Youth Fellowship, and Sunday school led the Lent meditations. These were blessed opportunities to dwell on our Lord's mighty mercies to humankind, reflect on His presence in our Lives & to re-evaluate our relationship with our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ.

We had the Mid-Lent Service on 23rd March 2022 on the online platform led by Rev Saju Chacko.

The 40th Friday Holy Communion Service was held on 8th April at St Mary's Hobs Moat Hall .

The Hosanna Holy Communion Service was held 11th April.

We had in-person Sandyanamaskaram (Evening worship) prayers on 11th & 12th at St Mary's Hobs Moat and on 13th at Trinity Methodist Church, Oadby, Leicester.

The Pessaha or Maundy Thursday Holy Communion was held at 7.30pm on 14th April, followed by the Good Friday service at 9.00am on 15th and the Easter Sunday Holy Communion service was at 7.00am on 17th April. All these services were well attended and received by the congregation & guests.

On the 16th of April our Diocesan Bishop Rt Rev Dr Isaac Mar Philexonos led the Passion day recital virtually via Zoom platform. This was organised by the UK-Europe Zone and our parish participated in various parts of the recital.



Daily Lent Meditations

As part of the Great Lent, our Youth and Sunday School produced daily Lent meditation audio clips which was circulated to all members on the digital platform. This was a great initiative by our Sunday School and Youth organisations. The messages posted were touching and meaningful, they reflected the understanding of the bible and its message imbibed by our youngsters, these were well-received by our members.

15th PARISH DAY

We had our 15th Parish Day on the 8th of May 2022, the Very Rev VT John was the chief guest & Rev MJ Cherian also graced the occasion with his presence. We celebrated the 15 years of our existence as a Parish of the Mar Thoma Church in the UK. On the occasion Tithe was collected. There was a special dedication service for our youth who were about to take their Board exams. We also honoured our Senior members on the occasion by celebrating those had completed 70years or 40 years of married life. This was a blessed experience for all who attended.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Vacation Bible School was conducted in-person this year after a gap of 2 years. Rev Matthews George and Christina Mathew Kochamma were the leaders at this year's VBS, the theme for the year was **Ambassadors of Christ**. The program ran from June 2nd to June 5th, the first 3days were held at St Stephens Indian Orthodox Church Brays Road, Sheldon B26 2RR and the final day with the concluding meeting & rally was held at St Mary's Hobs Moat Hall, Solihull B92 8PN. 63 Children registered and participated in the VBS. Mrs Sheeba George was the convener for this year's VBS, she along with our Vicar Rev Saju Chacko, the Sunday School team and volunteers put up a memorable few days for the children. The Children collected a charity fund of £345/- which was donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

The occasion was a blessing to all who attended, and the children definitely enjoyed their time but above all learnt how important it is to be ambassador of Christ and how to live lives that would reflect his teachings of love and compassion at every point in this increasing fractious world that we live in.

FATHER'S DAY & CHURCH BARBEQUE

Father's Day was celebrated on June 19th. Special thanksgiving prayers were offered during the Holy Communion service. After the service we had a church barbeque in the grounds of St Mary's Hobs Moat Hall, Solihull. All families participated enthusiastically, and it was a very enjoyable time for one and all.

EPISCOPAL VISIT & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos, our Diocesan Bishop, visited our parish on the 26th of June. On the occasion he celebrated the Holy Communion and administered First Holy Communion to 19 of our youngsters(a further 2 more received the First Holy Communion separately). The service was held at King Edward VI School, Five ways Birmingham B32 4BT. Thirumeni spent time with the congregation.



He also took time to meet and talk to the Executive Committee team and led a Dedication service for the Committee.

PARISH PICNIC

On the 27th of July a parish picnic was organised by the couple fellowship under the leadership of Mrs Reeba George at Playland Fun Park Stourport-on-Severn. The day was fun filled with various games and activities with traditional Kerala food served. Both children & adults alike had a wonderful time.

STUDENTS' THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION SERVICE

The Students' Thanksgiving and Dedication services was held on Sunday, September 4th, 2022 before the start of the new academic year.

All children starting school, entering new academic years at school & universities along with the teachers amongst our congregation including the Sunday school teachers were upheld in prayers and blessed during the service.

As a part of thanksgiving service, a special offertory was collected. An amount of £1342/- was raised. We thank all families and individuals for their generous contributions. As has been our practice over the past two years following the church's undertaking to support three children in their all-round development till the age of 18, from Abhayam Children's Home, Kottarakara, Kerala, part of the money raised was donated on this behalf.

SPECIAL PRAYERS IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE LATE HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

During the Holy Communion Service of 11th September special remembrance prayers were offered on the sad demise of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. On this occasion we at Hermon Mar Thoma Church joined the rest of the country in remembering and thanking God Almighty for her life and service. **A minute's silence was observed remembering Her Majesty's life.**

Prayers were also offered for His Majesty King Charles III as he assumes office as the new sovereign.

SEVIKA SANGHAM SUNDAY SERVICE & ONASADYA

The Sevika Sangham Sunday was celebrated on the 11th of September. The members of the Sevika Sangham (Women's fellowship) assisted in various parts of the Holy Communion service. Mercy Kochamma delivered the message on the occasion.

Following the service Onasadya, a traditional Kerala style feast was served to commemorate the Harvest festival in Kerala. The Sevika Sangham also organised a pickle sale on the day.



SENIOR CITIZEN SUNDAY

The 18th of September was celebrated as Senior Citizen Sunday. Our senior members helped with the Holy Communion service. Our Seniors who had turned 70 during the year and who had completed 40 years of married life were honoured.

ZONAL SUNDAY

The 2nd of October 2022 was celebrated as Zonal Sunday. On occasion Rev Varghese Koshy from Nazareth Mar Thoma Church, Dublin visited our parish as part of the Pulpit Exchange programme on the UK-Europe Zone. This is undertaken to make the congregation aware of the programme and activities undertaken by the Zone to promote and facilitate the spiritual nurturing of the flock of the Mar Thoma church in the region.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

A Special Thanksgiving and Holy Communion service was held on 9th October 2022. This was an occasion to look back on the wonderful mercies God showered on us in the past year. This service was well attended by all members.

During Harvest festival the members of the congregation brought in their first fruit offerings(donations), these were entered into charity auctions. There were also charitable sales through food stalls. The congregation contributed generously toward the Harvest offertory. The total offertory and donations received by way of the charity auction & charity food sale for the Harvest festival was £20898/-

YOUTH SUNDAY

Youth Sunday was celebrated on 16th October. The members of the Youth Leagues assisted in various parts of the service. Mr Sam Mathew delivered the sermon on the occasion.

FAMILY RETREAT AND FAMILY SUNDAY

The Parish Family Retreat away weekend was held on the 21st , 22nd and 23rd October 2022 at Cefn Lea Park, Dolfor, Mid Wales. Rev Merin Mathew was leader at the retreat. On 23rd we had Holy Communion service which was commemorated as the Family Sunday.

The retreat was in part an informal fellowship with games, talent displays. The retreat was a blessed experience for all who attended. 104 participants attended the retreat.

Mrs Baby John, our Edavaka Mission representative was the convenors for the event and made all arrangements and made the event a big success.



CAROL ROUNDS

Door to Door Carol rounds is a Christmas time tradition that had to be avoided for the past couple of years owing to the pandemic.

We resumed the service to spread the message and joy of Christmas. This year with the increased number of Parish Members and the wider area to cover, each Prayer Group did the Christmas Carol Rounds in their respective areas. Rev Saju Chacko our vicar and Office bearers accompanied the rounds where and when possible. This was a blessed experience and fellowship for the congregation, many families from all areas joined the rounds to spread the joy. As a Christmas gift, the Church presented all members with a Parish Calendar.

On 3rd December Burton on Trent, Derby, Nottingham area & Walsall-Wolverhampton-Stafford-Stoke on Trent area had their round. Birmingham-Solihull-Worcester area had their rounds on 4th, 9th, 10th & 11th December. On 17th December, Coventry-Warwick-Banbury area had their rounds. Leicester area had their rounds on 15th, 16th, 19th & 20th December. Carol rounds offertory was collected by the respective area prayer groups during their rounds.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

The Christmas Carol service was held on 18th December after the Holy Communion Service. The choir led the Christmas Carol celebration with melodious carol songs all organizations contributed meaningful programmes during the celebrations.

Rev Sunny Thomas was the chief guest on the occasion, he participated in the Holy Communion service.

On Christmas day, the 25th of December we had the Holy Communion service at 7am.

NEW YEAR WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

Holy Communion and Watch-night service was held on the 31st of December from 9pm onwards, led by our vicar Rev Saju Chacko. Many members took the opportunity to share their testimonies and to thank God Almighty for all the blessing showered on them.

PARISH CONVENTION

We had our annual Parish Convention over 3 days in February on 17th, 18th & 19th. On the 17th, the 1st day of the convention was held at Binley Woods Village Hall, Rugby Road, Coventry CV3 2AX. On the 18th, the 2nd day of the convention was held at Littleover Baptist Church, Thornhill Rd, Derby DE23 6FZ. On the 19th, the final day of the convention was held along with the Holy communion service at St Mary's Hobs Moat Hall. On the final day a Family Dedication service was held too.

Rev Merin Mathew from St Andrews Mar Thoma Church, Edinburgh was our chief speaker.



GREAT LENT 2023

The Great Lent 2023 commenced on the 19th of February. Evening prayers (Sandyanamskaram) were held in the respective area prayer groups on Fridays and Saturdays from March 15th virtual online meeting were arranged, in addition. All these were well attended by many in the congregation, and some provided blessed messages from the word of God

On March 31st we had the 40th Friday Holy communion to mark the end of Christ's 40 days of trials in the wilderness.

MOTHER'S DAY

On 19th March, special prayers were offered during the Holy Communion to celebrate our mothers. Following the service, the Youth League presented a song to honour all the Mums in the congregation

PRAYER MEETINGS

Following the relaxation of restrictions brought in during the pandemic, face to face area prayer meetings were resumed to pray, share & dwell on the Word of God together. These fellowships were a source of divine solace for everyone in our congregation.

Some virtual meetings were retained as they helped avoid the need to travel and people could meet during the weekdays if needed.

Area Prayer Meetings

We have resumed Area prayer meetings across all area groups. These were held in homes and by renting halls in local areas. These were led by our Vicar Rev Saju Chacko has been well attended and has been a blessing for all local area prayer groups.

Walsall Wolverhampton & Stafford Area meet on the 1st Saturdays, Birmingham Solihull & Worcester Area on 2nd Fridays evening or 2nd Saturdays morning, Burton Derby Nottingham Area on 2nd Saturdays evening, Coventry Warwick & Banbury Area on 3rd Saturdays and Leicester Area on 4th Saturdays.

Bible study:

Virtual Bible study and Prayer sessions were conducted twice weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays till mid July 2022

These sessions are a source spiritual nourishment to all who are able to attend them.

Chain prayer

Under the leadership of the Sevika Sangam chain prayers were held to dwell on the prayer requests received from the congregation and the wider community, these were held twice a week. Individual members of the



congregation devote their time in prayer in a relay fashion. God Almighty acknowledges to supplication of his faithful. The Sevika Sangam also participated in an alternate week Zonal Chain prayer.

Organisation Prayer Meetings

Edavaka Mission & Sevika Sangham held periodic prayer meetings at various residence across the congregation.

PARTICIPATION IN UK-EUROPE ZONAL ACTIVITIES

Hermon Mar Thoma Church is extremely proud to be an active part of the functioning of the UK-Europe Zone of the Diocese of North America & Europe both in its spiritual mission and administrative activities.

The church has made substantial contribution to the various Zonal programmes such as the Passion Recital Programme, Weekly Online Intercessory prayer meetings, Mar Thoma Meet, Zonal Sunday School, Zonal Christmas Carol and Zonal Centre inauguration and felicitation of His Grace Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan. Our congregation actively participated in these activities.

It is a privilege to have our members, Mr Thomas Abraham (Zonal Treasurer) and Mr Sherry Matthews (Chief Editor for Echo: Quarterly Zonal Publication) taking key administrative positions within Zone. Few of our choir members are also part of the Zonal Choir.

We as a parish shall continue to contribute to the activities and development of the Zone in its mission to spread and uphold the message and light of our Saviour Jesus Christ by nurturing and supporting its member parishes and their congregations.

ORGANISATION REPORTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The presence of the Great Shepherd in our midst, within our church and the Sunday school ministry and the kindness, gentleness and love of ALL have enabled Hermon Mar Thoma church Sunday school to complete another successful year. We are blessed with the leadership and guidance from our vicar, Rev Saju Chacko from May 2019. We follow The North America and Europe diocese Sunday school curriculum. Currently there are 64 students registered in 12 classes. Every Sunday, before the Holy Communion service, the Sunday school children and teachers meet with delight for common session at 9.45am. We take this time together to think on mercies past, and ways to affirm the Word of God as the foundation for living the Christian life through activities including songs, bible reading, stories and games. This will then be followed by in-person classes which resumed in September 2022. Occasional online lessons for senior classes are held for catching up with



the work or any lost time in-person. The Sunday school aims for children to feel they are important members of the Hermon church family and precious children of God.

On the 3rd of July 2022, our Sunday school students sat the annual UK & Europe zonal exams. We are proud of all children for their great effort and thank parents for the immense support in preparing the children for the exams.

It was indeed a great blessing for us all to join, in-person, for the 2022 VBS, from 2nd to 5th June, with our vibrant VBS directors, Rev Mathews George and Mrs Christina Mathews with the theme, Ambassadors of Christ.

Our Sunday school children, teachers and parents attended the North Centre World Sunday School Day celebration on Saturday, 5th November 2022. The Sunday school children took the lead in various roles during the service on the World Sunday School Day celebration at Hermon Mar Thoma church, on the 6th of November 2022 and the sermon was delivered by Mrs Tania Thomas.

During the Lent season 2023, Sunday school children from Grade 4 onward along with our Youths lead on a daily devotion based on our bible reading portion for the Lent season. The short messages were shared on the Hermon MTC Whatsapp group every morning from 19th Feb to 10th April.

So wonderful indeed has our Heavenly Father accepted and blessed all our effort to build up the Kingdom of Our God Almighty through teachers and parents of our church. May the Lord Almighty enable us as a Sunday school and as a church to continue the Great Commission to Teach the Gospel—the Good News of Jesus Christ.

COUPLE FELLOWSHIP

The Couple fellowship has been working with the church to improve the fellowship between all members. As part of this initiative, the following events were organized:

Father's Day & Barbeque: In connection with Father's Day, a barbeque was organized on the 19th of June 2022 after church with full participation from all our fathers. Every prayer group actively took part in the event and also in bringing the items that were allocated to them. It was a wonderful time and fellowship after church getting to know the new members of the church and at the same time enjoying the variety of food's prepared by our Fathers.

Parish Picnic: A one-day picnic to Playland Fun Park at Stourport-on-Severn was organized on the 23rd of July 2022. It was a fun-filled day with games and entertainments and in addition to it the families had the opportunities to go on boat rides and other fun rides as well. Overall, it was a pleasant day to spend wonderful time with family and friends of the wider Hermon Mar Thoma Church family.

Altar flowers is a new initiative by the couple fellowship started from the month of December 2022. Families have been voluntarily supporting in bringing fresh flowers for the altar every alternate week for the Sunday



Worship services. This is usually taken up by the family that is celebrating a birthday or anniversary during that week/month or sometimes even random.

Our Gratitude & special thanks to Rev. Saju Chacko for all his supports and guidance throughout in making these events a success. Above all, Thanking God almighty for his grace and blessings throughout.

EDAVAKA MISSION

The Edavaka mission's role is to nurture the spiritual growth of the parish. Under the able and proactive leadership of our vicar Rev Saju Chacko, the organisation continued to deliver on by organising prayer meetings the various area prayer groups, coordinating the Parish Convention. Prayer meeting were held in coordination with the Sevka Sangham, these were held at the residences of Mr Mathew Samuel-Mrs Jessy Mathew, Mr Aby Chandy-Mrs Reeba George & Dr Sudeep Thomas-Dr Raghey Kurian.

The Edavaka Mission also help organise the Family Retreat.

CHOIR

The choir has been an indispensable component of Hermon Mar Thoma parish by actively supporting the Holy Qurbana and leading the congregation in drawing closer to the presence of God through songs and worship. As well as leading the singing ministry of our Church during the Holy Communion/Worship service each week, the choir also leads the congregation through songs and worship for the passion service.

Our choir is well established and plays an integral part in the Church services and prayers. In the year 2021-2022, we had 37 actively participating members who lead the worship under the leadership and guidance of our talented choir leaders.

The choir celebrated 22nd May 2022 as its dedication day. This blessed Holy Communion service was led by Rev M J Cherian and Rev Saju Chacko. A dedication service was held for the choir members during which a special song was sung as a sign of commitment towards the worship ministry.

It is commendable that our choir had some notable achievements during the year 2022/2023.

Garshom TV Ecumenical Carol competition: The choir took part in the Joy to the World Christmas Carol singing competition held on the 10th of December 2022, organised by Gershom TV. We sang our heart out and won the first prize, notably claiming the cash prize of £1000.

Zonal Participation: Hermon Choir is no stranger when it comes to participation in Mar Thoma Church, UK & Europe Zonal activities. Whether face to face or virtual, our choir contributes whole heartedly to support the zonal activities. On Tuesday 27th December 2022, our choir participated in the Zonal Christmas Carol service held in St James Mar Thoma church, New Eltham. Few of our members also actively supported the zonal choir during the zonal office dedication service on 4th March 2023.



Christmas Carol Service: The choir led Christmas Carol Service held on the 18th of December 2022. Dedication of our choir leaders and choir members in making this a truly memorable experience are commendable.

Choir audition: Hermon choir held its second audition on 12 March 2023, as the DSMC guidelines specify choir audition after every 5 years. Total number of choir members in the newly formed choir was set as 45 as our church has seen an explosive growth this year.

Hermon Mar Thoma choir is registered with the DSMC, the music department of the Mar Thoma church. Hence the administration of choir is carried out as per DSMC guidelines. The leadership and guidance of Rev. Saju Chacko as well as the dedication of our choir leaders and choir members, have been instrumental in ensuring that the choir was able to faithfully support its mission in the church. The choir committee has also met various times in the year and has been actively involved in making informed decisions that enables the success of our ministry.

We are grateful to our God almighty for enabling us to graciously use the talents he has blessed us with. May He enable us to continue to be effective in the Hermon Church Choir ministry.

SEVIKA SANGAM

The Sevika Sangham has continued to fulfil its role of helping in all spheres of our church life and upholding the various needs of the parish and all its individuals by means of our prayers and physical assistance where needed and possible. Sevika Sangham members also got involved actively in all services of the church and especially dedicating their time in prayer fellowships and willingly participating in it.

Annual General body meeting held on 23/03/2022 after the service, report has been passed and new office bearers been elected.

We held our parish Sevika Sangam day on September 11th, 2022, our Sevikasangam members led the service and Mrs. Mercy Kochamma delivered an inspirational message.

Regular Sangham meeting is held on 2nd Sunday of every month.

Sevika Sangham members been participated in Zonal Sevika Sangham Quiz competition, and we won the second prize in it.

As Sevika sangam we actively participate and contribute to parish Harvest festival, in auction and also in food sale.

We also have Little Drops and MANNA projects to raise the fund for charity and church development.

We had a Pickle sale last year which had contributed £662 to the church development fund.



We continued our chain prayer which started during the pandemic period. All the members have been participating sincerely and been willing to dedicate their time for this amid their daily busy schedules. It has been of immense strength and comfort for all those involved.

We would like to thank all members for their continued support and pray that God Almighty will continue to guide and strengthen us in all our endeavours for the growth of our church and help us to be a blessing to many.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Hermon Youth is a vibrant and active community of young people dedicated to their faith and service to the community. Over the financial year 22/23, the Hermon Youth has been engaged in various events and activities aimed at building fellowship, promoting growth in faith, and community involvement.

On the 15th of October 2022, the Hermon Youth attended the Zonal Youth Fellowship One Day Retreat at All Saints Mar Thoma Church in Peterborough. The retreat was a great opportunity for young people from across the zone to come together in shared fellowship and listen to the word of God. The theme of the retreat was 'Youth: Inheritors of Faith', and the speaker for the retreat was Rev. Johnson M. John. The retreat involved taking part in a worship service, activities including singing sessions and games, and forming valuable friendships and networks that will serve them for years to come.

The Hermon Youth also participated in a webinar on the 22nd of October 2022, which was part of a two-part series aimed at addressing the addiction problem and discussing ways in which it can be eradicated. The first session of the webinar was for parents and aimed to raise awareness of the issue of addiction and ways to prevent it. The session was a great success, and it is hoped that it will help address the addiction problem in the community.

On the 26th of November 2022, the Hermon Youth participated in the Inter-Church TEAM Triathlon competition, hosted by the Zonal Youth Fellowship at the Coton Centre in Tamworth. The young people put up a great show and performed exceptionally well in various competitions, including football, tug of war, relay, and aptitude test and general knowledge. The Hermon Youth teams achieved first place in football (Under 18s) and second place in tug of war (Under 18s) and tug of war (Over 18s) and relay (Over 18s). Both our singing teams performed wonderfully, and we are proud of the superb effort made by our contestants for aptitude test and general knowledge.

Throughout the financial year 22/23, every third Sunday was youth-led. The young people took on various roles in leading the worship service, including leading prayers, delivering sermons, leading singing sessions, and also organizing Lent meditation and reflection sessions. This gave our young people an opportunity to grow in their faith and develop their leadership skills.



In conclusion, I am pleased to report that our young people have been actively engaged and participated in various events and activities throughout the financial year 22/23. These events have been instrumental in promoting fellowship, growth in faith, and community involvement among our young people. We are proud of their dedication to their faith and commitment to serving the community. We look forward to the continued growth and development of our young people and their continued involvement in upcoming events and activities in the future financial year.

HELPING HAND

As a charitable organisation it is our responsibility to identify people in our community who are in need and assist them where possible. Helping Hand is a charitable programme of Hermon Mar Thoma Church, Midlands UK introduced in the last year to streamline the charitable activities of the church. The project offers us an opportunity to reflect on the free, generous, and “undeserved” divine love that we have received in our lives. Our church and its members have been in the forefront of supporting various local and abroad (India) charitable activities of the Malankara Mar Thoma Church.

During 2021-22, as an initial step we kept this social aid project to focus especially on the following areas and are designed only towards our charitable work in India and locally.

- Charitable work in India - Medical Aid, Education Aid, Marriage Aid
- Charitable work in UK - Support to local UK Charities/Non-profit Organisations, Crisis Relief Aid

We have distributed total of £1000.00 to some families who has requested for financial help due to sudden demise of their family member. In association with our Sunday School, we have donated £450.00 to Abhayam to support the education of 3 children in Kerala.

In response towards the war crisis in Ukraine, we have initiated an appeal in association with Red Cross UK and the response from our members were commendable. We as a church were able to collect essentials, clothing, and a cash total £3000.

We, Helping Hand Team of Hermon Mar Thoma Church extend our sincere thanks to all our members for the support you have provided throughout this year. We also request all our members to contribute towards these charitable projects to the following bank account, so that we can ensure that we were able to extend our support to many people who are in need.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The General Body on 21st July 2019 appointed the current Church Development Committee for the purpose of buying a Church and Parsonage. This committee have been working tirelessly to achieve this objective.



Having purchased the parsonage in May 2021, during this financial year, the committee turned its attention to need of buying a property that we could develop to be our church. Suitable and affordable properties that became available were far and few in between.

An offer was made on the United Reformed Church, Halesowen and our offer was accepted, however as timescales required could not be strictly met the vendor withdrew the offer.

Another offer has been made at the end of March 2023 on the United Reformed Church, Hatherton Road, Walsall (at time of publication of this report we have been told our bid was unsuccessful).

The current Church Development Committee reviewed its activities and assessed various factors that may influence the aim of procuring a property for our church and has provided recommendations that should be considered & discussed by the General Body of the Church. It recommended that the team should be reconstituted and should be given succinct instruction on its remit and aspects of search criteria.

A new team has been selected and will assume charge when the new Executive committee takes reins of the running of the Church activities.

We thank the current Church Development Committee for their efforts and contribution towards the development of our Church.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

During the past year, Hermon MTC witnessed an influx of new members in the region and who joined our worshipping community, 29 new families and individuals joined us.

1. Mr Vimal Babu, Mrs Sheeba George, Reuben Vimal (Leicester)
2. Mr Jestin Abraham, Mrs Stephy Jestin, Juan Jestin (Leicester)
3. Mr Shynu Thampy, Mrs Asha Thomas, Johan Shynu (Burton-on-Trent)
4. Mr Anse Mathew Thomas, Mrs Jiza Mary Philip, Nedeeva Grace Anse (Leicester)
5. Mr Vineeth Joseph & Mrs Jiny Elizabeth Vineeth (Derby)
6. Mr Santhosh Philip, Mrs Sanaja Susan Mathew, Johan Santhosh, Hanna Sara Santhosh (Telford)
7. Miss Riya Mary Mathew (Birmingham)
8. Mr Sanish Mathew, Mrs Benevol Aleys Moncy (Leicester)
9. Mr Mathew Thomas Cherukara, Mrs Pramode Mathew, Joel Mathew, Jilsha Mathew (Stoke-on-Trent)
10. Mr Robin K George, Mrs Honey Mathews, Ashrielle Robin (Derby)



11. Mr Binoy Thomas, Mrs Viji M Varghese, Nathen Thomas, Jonathan Thomas (Birmingham)
12. Mr Bibin Philip Babu, Mr Betsy Mariam Samuel (Leicester)
13. Mr Joji John, Mrs Renu Joji, Austin Georgy John, Jewel Elsa Georgy (Telford)
14. Mr Mathew P George, Mrs Soja Joseph, Justin Mathew, Jaden Mathew (Leicester)
15. Mr Bibin Varghese Thomas, Mrs Siji Sunny, (Worcester)
16. Mr Jose John, Mrs Sherry Mathews, Janet Jose, Joann Jose, (Birmingham)
17. Dr Kevin T Varghese (Leicester)
18. Mr Jibin K Alex, Mrs Sherin Panicker, Abraham Jibin Alex (Leicester)
19. Mr Binu Gevarghese, Mrs Riji Susan Gevarghese, Angela Gevarghese (Coventry)
20. Mr Jose Ulahanan, Mr Maria Mathai, Riya Tracey Jose, Tana Grace Jose (Birmingham)
21. Mr Jesly Joy, Mr Neenu Augustine, Sarah Mariam Jesly (Leicester)
22. Mr Wilson Thomas , Mrs Anju Anna Joy, Edwin Joy Wilson (Redditch)
23. Mr Marcus Abraham, Mrs Fevin Elsa Jacob (Stoke-on-Trent)
24. Mr Sunu Mathew, Mrs Shiny Susan Thomas, Gia Elsa Mathew, Niko Thomas Mathew (Telford)
25. Mr Jeby John, Mrs Dhanya Mathew, Adeena Helen Jeby, Josiah John Jeby (Birmingham)
26. Mr Mathew T Ben, Mrs Priya Elsa Roy, Ann Susan Mathew, Diya Elsa Mathew (Telford)
27. Mr Shyju Mathew, Mrs Sherly Shyju, Levin Shyju (Leicester)
28. Mr Sujith Varghese, Mrs Ajisha David, Mast. Adley Sujith (Leicester)
29. Miss Anjana Premkumar (Kidderminster)

We warmly welcome them to our midst and hope that they will enjoy a blessed fellowship in our parish through the love of Christ Jesus

We would also like to thank all members who had to leave our congregation for various reasons, their support to the church was invaluable. We wish them all the very best wherever God places them, and we are sure He will surround them with His continued love and grace.

BAPTISMS

Over the past year, 2 children and an adult received Baptism and were welcomed to the Christian fellowship of the Mar Thoma Church



NEW ARRIVALS

In the last 12 months many of our members were blessed with new babies. Hermon Mar Thoma Church wishes them all the very best and promises to provide an environment of spiritual nurturing to them and their families.

BEREAVEMENTS

Many of our members lost their loved ones over the past year. We express our deepest condolences to these families and pray that they will be strengthened to move forward and cherish the lives of their loved ones.

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

Hermon Mar Thoma Church is indebted to all who sincerely helped us through the various stages and who served us faithfully in the past year. We are truly grateful for all the provisions and services received and thank Almighty for making it possible.

Clergy / Guest Visits

We express our sincere gratitude to the following distinguished guest/visitors for their gracious presence on the Online platform and valuable service to the parish during the year 2022-2023.

Rt Rev Dr Issac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa	Rev Sunny Thomas
Rev. Sijo John	Mercy Kochamma
Rev. MJ Cherian	Rev. Varghese Koshy
Rev. Abu Cherian	Rev Merin Mathew
Very Rev VT John	Rev Johnson M John
Rev Matthews George	Mrs Nancy Koshy
Rev MM Thomas	

Hermon Mar Thoma Church has always encouraged its members to express their faith and given opportunity to take part in various charitable activities to promote their spiritual and emotional wellbeing. Regular Divine Services and Prayer meetings serve as foundation for growth and upliftment of the beneficiaries constantly throughout the year. Presence of locally resident vicar proved helpful in promoting regional bible study classes and /or cottage fellowship. Various sub-organisations also played its role of encouraging and sustaining the unity of community at all age groups.



Performance and Outlook

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

The Parish is grateful for the wholehearted response of the members to the Stewardship campaign. The parish is wholly dependent on the voluntary contributions of members and friends to whom Hermon MTC is greatly indebted, for their financial support during the year under review.

The charity's financial position at the end of the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial position of the charity at 31 March 2023 and comparatives for the prior period are detailed in the accounts and can be summarised as follows:-

	2023 (£)	2022 (£)
Total Funds		
Net Income for the year	68819	13009
Funds brought forward	351234	338225
Total	420053	351234
Funds Allocation		
Unrestricted Funds	181973	109812
Designated Revenue Funds	180591	180591
Revenue Restricted Funds	981	200
Fixed Asset Restricted Funds	56508	60631
Total	420053	351234

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund.

RESERVE POLICY

Designated Funds: The funds are earmarked towards procuring the Church's own vicarage and / or worship place in the future.

Fixed Asset Restricted Funds (Church Procurement Fund) : These are funds that are specifically collected for the procurement of a Parish Church by means of purchasing an existing church or constructing a purpose-built church.

Unrestricted Funds: The Parish shall set aside reserves to provide financial stability and the means to sustain, improve and develop its mission and objectives. As the flow of income is not uniform, reserves need to be set



aside to meet expenses that are irregular in pattern. The Executive Committee has determined that the approximate level of free reserves should be equivalent to six months expenditure, approximately £40,000. Unrestricted fund in excess of £40,000 at the year-end would be transferred to the Designated funds.

ELECTION OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2023-2024

The election of the office bearers for 2023-2024 took place during General body meeting on 26th February 2023 at St Marys Hobs Moat Hall. The list of elected members is given on page 51.

The organisational representatives were elected by the general bodies of the respective organisations.

SUMMARY

Under the leadership of Rev Saju Chacko, we have now established a strong presence and participation in the region with several new members joining this year. Rev Saju Chacko has been extremely dynamic and his ability to reach out to existing and new members has helped the church grow in the community. He has worked relentlessly in co-ordinating these services. All in-person are being well attended by the members. This year we also welcomed many new members and students to our church worship services. After 4 years of service in our parish will be leaving at the end of April 2023

God was extremely gracious to us and kept us all safe, nurtured us and comforted us during the last 24 months of the global pandemic. We resumed face to face services from September 2021 onwards and the church has only gone strength to strength in the last 7 months.

The Trustees have had to regard the charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in managing the activities of the charity.

This report along with the account for the year 2022-23 was approved by the board trustees on 23 July 2023

On behalf of Board of Trustees

Mr Georgie Thomas

Secretary

Rev John T Thomas

President

OVER EXPENDITURE & NON-BUDGETED





Independent Examiner's Report

Hermon Mar Thoma Church

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charity on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

I report on the financial statements of the charity on pages 23 to 38 for the year ended 31 March 2023 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (effective January 2015) adapted to meet the needs of unincorporated organisations, as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commission for England & Wales, effective January 2015 (The SORP), under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 35.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As described on page 5, the charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the governing documents of the charity for the conducting of an audit. As a consequence, the Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under any legal provision, or otherwise, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- b) follow the procedures in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and;
- c) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

I conducted my examination in accordance with the General Directions issued by the Charity Commission for England & Wales, under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, setting out the duties of an Independent Examiner in relation to the conducting of an Independent Examination. An Independent Examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and of the accounting systems employed by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that the financial statements comply with the SORP, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the Independent Examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Attention is drawn to the accounting policy stating that, notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, and in order to accord with current best practice, the Trustees have determined to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP 2015. I concur with this approach, and any references in my report to the regulations should be read subject to this comment.

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, in connection with my examination, I can confirm that :-

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT



This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under section 145 of the Act and in accordance with any directions given by the Commission under subsection (5)(b) of that section which are applicable;

and that no matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements :-

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011;

when preparing accounts on an accruals basis under s132 of the Charities Act 2011, to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act and the 2015 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts;

that the financial statements be prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective January 2015)

have not been met or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in my report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached;

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Jitender Kaur - Independent Examiner

Chartered Accountant

9 Stoughton Road
Oadby
Leicester
LE2 4DS

This report was signed on 24/07/2023



Internal Auditor's Report

INTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022-23

We have examined the income and expenditure account of the Hermon Mar Thoma Church, Midlands UK for the year April 2022 to March 2023.

For the purpose of the audit, we have obtained financial statements and explanations from the trustees, which is relevant for the audit.

We auditors verified the information provided and, in our opinion, the financial statements and explanations were true and accurate for the mentioned period.

Monish Varghese

Internal Auditor

Abraham Varghese

Internal Auditor

CASH FLOW STATEMENT



Statement of Financial Activities

Hermon Mar Thoma Church - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Current year Unrestricted Funds and Designated Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
Income & Endowments from:				
Donations & Legacies	148,539	-	148,539	72,368
Charitable activities	47,550	2,301	49,851	22,992
Other fundraising activities	-	22,886	22,886	5,950
Other	2	-	2	-
Total income	196,091	25,187	221,278	101,310
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	123,930	28,529	152,459	88,301
Total expenditure	123,930	28,529	152,459	88,301
Net income for the year	72,161	(3,342)	68,819	13,009
Net movement in funds	72,161	(3,342)	68,819	13,009
Reconciliation of funds:-				
Total funds brought forward	290,403	60,831	351,234	338,225
Total funds carried forward	362,564	57,489	420,053	351,234

All activities derive from continuing operations

The notes attached form an integral part of these accounts.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT



Hermon Mar Thoma Church - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

Hermon Mar Thoma Church - Analysis of prior year total funds, as required by paragraph 4.2 of the SORP

	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Prior Year Restricted Funds 2022 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2022 £
Income & Endowments from:			
Donations & Legacies	72,368		72,368
Charitable activities	20,187	2,805	22,992
Other fundraising activities	-	5,950	5,950
Total income	92,555	8,755	110,902
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	65,206	23,095	88,301
Total expenditure	65,206	23,095	88,301
Net income for the year	27,349	(14,340)	13,009
Transfers between funds	(2,470)	2,470	-
Net income after transfers	24,879	(11,870)	13,009
Net movement in funds	24,879	(11,870)	13,009
Reconciliation of funds:-			
Total funds brought forward	265,524	72,701	338,225
Total funds carried forward	290,403	60,831	351,234

All activities derive from continuing operations

Summary of funds	Unrestricted and Designated funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Last Year Total Funds 2022 £
Unrestricted Funds	181,973	-	181,973	109,812
Designated funds	180,591	-	180,591	180,591
Revenue Restricted Funds		981	981	200
Fixed asset funds	-	56,508	56,508	60,631
Total funds	362,564	57,489	420,053	351,234

The notes attached form an integral part of these accounts.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT



Hermon Mar Thoma Church - Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	325,393	325,690
Current assets			
Debtors	9	1,312	1,312
Cash at bank and in hand		275,608	213,099
Total current assets		<u>276,920</u>	<u>214,411</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(750)</u>	<u>(1,050)</u>
Net current assets		276,170	213,361
		<u>601,563</u>	<u>539,051</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11	<u>(181,510)</u>	<u>(187,817)</u>
The total net assets of the charity		<u>420,053</u>	<u>351,234</u>

The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:-

Restricted funds				
Restricted Revenue Funds	13	981	200	-
Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	13	<u>56,508</u>	<u>60,631</u>	
		57,489	60,831	
Unrestricted Funds				
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	13	175,963	109,812	
Designated Funds				
Designated Revenue Funds	13	186,601	180,591	
Total charity funds		<u>420,053</u>	<u>351,234</u>	

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of Balance Sheet items as set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the SOFA..

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of charity legislation with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The charity is subject to Independent Examination under charity legislation, and the report of the examiner is on page 21.

The Trustees are satisfied that, the charity is not registered under the Companies Acts, if it were so registered, it would be eligible to prepare accounts in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Sam Varghese - Trustee Finance
Trustee- Finance
Approved by the board of trustees on 23/07/2023

Sherry Matthews
Trustee- Accounts

The notes attached form an integral part of these accounts.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT



Cash Flow Statement

Hermon Mar Thoma Church

Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 March 2023

		2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities as shown below	A	<u>68,816</u>	<u>13,039</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	B	-	(325,870)
Cash flows from financing activities	C		
Repayment of amounts borrowed		(6,307)	-
Cash inflows from new borrowings		-	187,817
Overall cash provided by / (used in) all activities	A+B+C	<u>62,509</u>	<u>(125,014)</u>
Cash movements			
Change in cash and cash equivalents from activities in the year ended 31 March 2023		62,509	(125,014)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2022		213,099	338,113
		<u>275,608</u>	<u>213,099</u>
Cash at bank and in hand less overdrafts at 31 March			

CASH FLOW STATEMENT



Hermon Mar Thoma Church

Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 March 2023 - Continued

Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

Net income as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities	68,819	13,009
<i>Adjustments for :-</i>		
Depreciation charges	297	180
Decrease in creditors, excluding loans	(300)	(150)
Net cash provided by operating activities	A 68,816	13,039
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash in hand at for the year ended 31 March 2023	275,608	213,099
Total cash and cash equivalents	275,608	213,099



Notes to the Accounts

Hermon Mar Thoma Church

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting policies

Policies relating to the production of the accounts.

Basis of preparation and accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (effective January 2015)) and 'The FRS102 Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 2015', (The SORP 2015), and in accordance with all applicable law in the charity's jurisdiction of registration, except that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP 2015 in preference to the previous SORP, the SORP 2005, which has been withdrawn, notwithstanding the fact that the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 refer explicitly to the SORP 2005. This has been done to accord with current best practice.

Risks and future assumptions

These accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes the charitable company will have the ability to continue its operations as a going concern.

Policies relating to categories of income and income recognition.

Nature of income

Gross income represents the value, net of value added tax and discounts, of goods provided to customers and work carried out in respect of services provided to customers.

Categories of Income

Income is categorised as income from exchange transactions (contract income) and income from non-exchange transactions (gifts), investment income and other income.

Income from exchange transactions is received by the charity for goods or services supplied under contract or where entitlement is subject to fulfilling performance related conditions. The income the charity receives is approximately equal in value to the goods or services supplied by the charity to the purchaser.

Income from a non-exchange transaction is where the charity receives value from the donor without providing equal value in exchange, and includes donations of money, goods and services freely given without giving equal value in exchange.

Income recognition

Income, whether from exchange or non exchange transactions, is recognised in the statement of financial activities (SOFA) on a receivable basis, when a transaction or other event results in an increase in the charity's assets or a reduction in its liabilities and only when the charity has legal entitlement, the income is probable and can be measured reliably.

Income subject to terms and conditions which must be met before the charity is entitled to the resources is not recognised until the conditions have been met.

All income is accounted for gross, before deducting any related fees or costs.

Accounting for deferred income and income received in advance

Where terms and conditions relating to income have not been met or uncertainty exists as to whether the charity can meet any terms or conditions otherwise within its control, income is not recognised but is deferred as a liability until it is probable that the terms or conditions imposed can be met.

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Any grant that is subject to performance-related conditions received in advance of delivering the goods and services required by that condition, or is subject to unmet conditions wholly outside the control of the recipient charity, is accounted for as a liability and shown on the balance sheet as deferred income. Deferred income is released to income in the reporting period in which the performance-related or other conditions that limit recognition are met.

When income from a grant or donation has not been recognised due to the conditions applying to the gift not being wholly within the control of the recipient charity, it is disclosed as a contingent asset if receipt of the grant or donation is probable once those conditions are met.

Where time related conditions are imposed or implied by a funder, then the income is apportioned to the time periods concerned, and, where applicable, is accounted for as a liability and shown on the balance sheet as deferred income. When grants are received in advance of the expenditure on the activity funded by them, but there are no specific time related conditions, then the income is not deferred.

Any condition that allows for the recovery by the donor of any unexpended part of a grant does not prevent recognition of the income concerned, but a liability to any repayment is recognised when repayment becomes probable.

Income from legacies

Income from legacies is recognised when the charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them, that where required, probate has been granted, the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate, that it is probable that the amount will be received by the charity, and the amount to be received can be estimated with sufficient accuracy, and that any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

Where a payment is received from an estate or is notified as receivable by the executors after the reporting date and before the accounts are authorised for issue but it is clear that the payment had been agreed by the executors prior to the end of the reporting period, then the amount concerned is treated as an adjusting event and accrued as income in the accounting period if receipt is probable.

Where the charity has established entitlement to a legacy but there is uncertainty as to the amount of the payment, details of the legacy are disclosed as a contingent asset until the criteria for income recognition are met. Where a legacy is subject to the interest of a life tenant, the legacy is not recognised as income until the death of the life tenant.

If it is doubtful that full settlement of a legacy debtor will be received, then an adjustment is made to reduce the amount of the legacy debtor and legacy income rather than charging the adjustment as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities

Donated goods, facilities and services

Donated fixed assets are recognised at the current fair value. All such donations are recognised as donation income, and debited to fixed assets.

Donated goods that are not fixed assets are accounted for at a fair value, unless it is impractical to reliably measure the value of the donated items.

In the absence of any direct evidence of fair value of donated goods, then a value is derived from the cost of the item to the donor or, in the case of goods that are expected to be sold, the estimated resale value after deducting any anticipated costs of sales.

If it is impracticable to measure the fair value of goods donated for resale, or the costs of valuation outweigh the benefits, the donated goods are recognised as income when sold, with an equivalent amount being recognised as an expense.

The costs of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those goods upon receipt. When the goods are distributed freely or for a nominal consideration, then the carrying amount is adjusted at the time of sale, to the value at the point of distribution and the adjustment is shown as a cost of donations made.

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The carrying amount of any stock held for distribution is assessed for impairment at the reporting date. All donated goods are recognised as donation income, and debited to trading stock. When trading stock is subsequently sold, or appropriated to meet an expense, then the carrying value of the stock is recognised as an expense. In accordance with the SORP, goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries, or for consumption by the charity are included in '*legacies and donations*'. Goods donated for resale are included in '*Income from other trading activities*'

Donated services and facilities (including seconded staff and use of property) are included in the accounts on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity.

All donated services and facilities are recognised as donation income when received, (provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably) and recognised as an expense with an equivalent value.

Membership subscriptions

The income and any associated Gift Aid or other tax refund from a membership subscription received by the charity in the nature of a gift, is accounted for on the same basis as a donation.

The income from a membership subscription received by the charity where the subscription purchases the right to services or benefits is recognised as income from charitable activities.

Policies relating to expenditure on goods and services provided to the charity.

Recognition of liabilities and expenditure

A liability, and the related expenditure, is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, and when it is more likely than not that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and when the amount of the obligation can be measured or reliably estimated..

Liabilities arising from future funding commitments and constructive obligations, including performance related grants, where the timing or the amount of the future expenditure required to settle the obligation are uncertain, give rise to a provision in the accounts, which is reviewed at the accounting year end. The provision is increased to reflect any increases in liabilities, and is decreased by the utilisation of any provision within the period, and reversed if any provision is no longer required. These movements are charged or credited to the respective funds and activities to which the provision relates.

Volunteers

In accordance with the SORP, and in recognition of the difficulties in placing a monetary value on the contribution from volunteers, the contribution of volunteers is not included within the income of the charity.

However, the trustees value the significant contribution made to the activities of the charity by unpaid volunteer.

Policies relating to assets, liabilities and provisions and other matters.

Fixed Asset Investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds, investment properties and similar investments are shown initially at cost upon acquisition and at their market value at the balance sheet date at the end of the financial period. Investment properties are not depreciated.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at their original cost value, or subsequent revaluation, or if donated, as described above. Cost value includes all costs expended in bringing the asset into its intended working condition.

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets to their anticipated residual value over estimated useful lives.

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Plant and machinery	33 % straight line
Motor vehicles	20 % straight line

Accounting for capital grants and fixed asset funds.

Gifts of tangible fixed assets or grants of a capital nature, given for the purposes of acquiring specific assets to be fully utilised in the furtherance of the objects of the charity, are credited to fixed asset funds after the donated asset has been received or sums have been properly expended on the restricted purpose.

Debtors

Debtors are measured at their recoverable amounts at the balance sheet date.

Creditors and provisions

The creditors at the year end is the Independent Examiner's fees.

Financial instruments including cash and bank balances

Cash held by the charity is included at the amount actually held at the year end. Bank balances, whether in credit or overdrawn, are shown at the amounts properly reconciled to the bank statements.

Pensions - defined contribution schemes

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

2 Liability to taxation

As a registered charity, the organisation is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applied towards the charitable objects of the charity and for no other purpose.

3 Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

4 Net surplus before tax in the financial year

2023	2022
£	£

The net surplus before tax in the financial year is stated after charging:-

Depreciation of owned fixed assets	297	180
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5 Interest payable

2023	2022
£	£

Bank interest payable	8,237	6,082
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6 Staff costs and emoluments

Salary costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Pastoral Care	24,319	23,366
Other Pastoral Care (Benefits)	32,415	12,713
Trustees' Remuneration	-	-
Total salaries, wages and related costs	56,734	36,079

Numbers of full time employees or full time equivalents	2023	2022
The average number of total staff employed in the year was	1	1

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them have received any remuneration from the charity or any related entity, either in the current or prior year.

No employees received emoluments (excluding pension costs) in excess of £60,000 per annum.

7 Remuneration and payments to Trustees and persons connected with them

No trustees or persons connected with them received any remuneration from the charity, or any related entity.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and Buildings	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	324,970	8,993	9,988	343,951
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	324,970	8,993	9,988	343,951
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	-	8,273	9,988	18,261
Charge for the year	-	297	-	297
At 31 March 2023	-	8,570	9,988	18,558
Net book value				
At 31 March 2023	324,970	423	-	325,393
At 31 March 2022	324,970	720	-	325,690

9 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other debtors- Vicarage Deposit	1,312	1,312

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10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	750	750
Other creditors	-	300
	750	1,050

11 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans	181,510	187,817

12 Particulars of how particular funds are represented by assets and liabilities

At 31 March 2023	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	325,393	-	325,393
Investments at valuation:-				
Current Assets	176,713	42,718	57,489	276,920
Current Liabilities	(750)	-	-	(750)
Long Term Liabilities	-	(181,510)	-	(181,510)
	175,963	186,601	57,489	420,053

At 1 April 2022	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	325,690	-	325,690
Current Assets	(29,481)	180,591	63,301	214,411
Current Liabilities	(1,050)	-	-	(1,050)
Long Term Liabilities	-	(187,817)	-	(187,817)
	(30,531)	318,464	63,301	351,234

13 Change in total funds over the year as shown in Note 12 , analysed by individual funds

	Funds brought forward from 2022	Movement in funds in 2023	Transfers between funds in 2023	Funds carried forward to 2024
	£	See Note 14	£	£
Unrestricted and designated funds:-				
Unrestricted revenue funds	109,812	72,161	-	181,973
Designated revenue funds	180,591	-	-	180,591
Total unrestricted and designated funds	290,403	72,161	-	362,564
Restricted funds:-				
Church Development(Procurement)	60,631	(4,123)	-	56,508
Light to Life		120	-	120
Educational Aid	100	-	-	100
Helping Hands UK	100	661	-	761

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Total restricted funds	60,831	(3,342)	-	57,489
Total charity funds	351,234	68,819	-	420,053

14 Analysis of movements in funds over the year as shown in Note 13

	Income	Expenditure	Other Gains & Losses	Movement in funds
	2023	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted and designated funds:-				
Unrestricted revenue funds	196,091	(123,930)		72,161
Restricted funds:-				
Educational Aid	-	-		-
Helping Hands UK	2,181	(1,520)		661
Church Development(Procurement)	22,886	(27,009)		(4,123)
Light to Life	120		-	120
	221,278	(152,459)		68,819

15 The purposes for which the funds as detailed in note 11 are held by the charity are:-

Unrestricted and designated funds:-

Unrestricted revenue funds These funds are held for the meeting the objectives of the charity, and to provide reserves for future activities, and , subject to charity legislation, are free from all restrictions on their use.

Designated revenue funds The designated funds are for the repairs, maintenance and the purchase of property to be used as Church.

Restricted funds:-

Church Development(Procurement) The purpose of these funds is to purchase and maintain a property which will be used as Church.

Crisis Relief Fund Donations were collected for the Kerala flood relief appeal both at the church and the Family conference that have been passed on in whole to the relief work via our central governing body.

16 Ultimate controlling party

The charity is under the control of its legal members.

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Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2023 as required by the SORP 2015

This analysis is classified by conventional nominal descriptions and not by activity.

17 Donations and Legacies

	Current year	Current year	Current year	Prior Year
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Small donations individually less than £1000	1,815	-	1,815	5,430
Gift aid donation from subsidiary undertaking	40,054	-	40,054	-
Service Offertory	20,419	-	20,419	10,816
Birthday and Wedding Anniversary	11,905	-	11,905	6,747
Baptism Offertory and Donations	300	-	300	820
Tithe	8,390	-	8,390	4,910
Raseesa and Uposhnavaram	1,600	-	1,600	650
Christmas Donations	8,080	-	8,080	3,250
Zonal Contributions	1,085	-	1,085	275
Zonal Development Project Fund	11,750	-	11,750	5,000
Sunday School	500	-	500	226
Edavaka Mission	207	-	207	292
VBS Donations	1,690	-	1,690	-
Choir	1,000	-	1,000	500
VBS Charity Collections	400	-	400	-
Membership subscriptions as donations	39,344	-	39,344	33,452
Total donations and gifts from individuals	148,539	-	148,539	72,368
Total Donations and Legacies	148,539	-	148,539	72,368

18 Income from charitable activities - Trading Activities

Primary purpose and ancillary trading

	Current year	Current year	Current year	Prior Year
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Communal Meal Contribution	16,330	-	16,330	625
Sunday School Books and Exam	-	-	-	-
Family Retreat	8,340	-	8,340	5,846
Harvest	20,898	-	20,898	12,950
Student Dedication	1,342	-	1,342	766
Crisis Relief Fund	-	-	-	2,425
Medical Aid Raju	-	-	-	180
Educational Aid	-	-	-	100
Helping Hands UK	-	2,181	2,181	100
Sevika	640	-	640	-

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Light to Life	120	120	
Total Primary purpose and ancillary trading	47,550	2,301	49,851
			22,992

19 Income from other fundraising activities

	Current year	Current year	Current year	Prior Year
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Church Development Fund Donations	-	22,886	22,886	5,950
Total from other activities	-	22,886	22,886	5,950

20 Interest Income

	Current year	Current year	Current year	Prior Year
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest	2	-	2	-
Total from other activities	2	-	2	-

21 Expenditure on charitable activities - Direct spending

	Current year	Current year	Current year	Prior Year
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Visiting Clergy&Leaders	2,469		2,469	650
Pastoral Care costs(see below*)	24,319		24,319	23,366
Other Pastoral Care costs(see below**)	32,415		32,415	12,713
Choir	1,474		1,474	102
Parish day	1,175		1,175	
Family Retreat	10,389		10,389	6,673
Annual Convention	875		875	588
Carol Rounds	192		192	480
Sunday School Expenses	2,443		2,443	454
VBS Expenses	2,641		2,641	
Sevika Sangham	650		650	
UK Central Events	1,000		1,000	
Mandalam / Assembly Visits	120		120	
Youth League	203		203	
Edavaka Mission	150		150	

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Carol Service	1,085	1,085	1,270
Church Altar Expense	617	617	392
Communal Meal	13,329	13,329	
First Communion	1,593	1,593	
Total direct spending	97,139	97,139	46,688

Pastoral Care

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2022 £
Stipend	23,124		23,124	22,194
Vicar Winter and Guest Allowance	750		750	750
Vicar's Pension & PF	445		445	422
Total Pastoral Care	24,319	-	24,319	23,366

Other Pastoral Care Costs

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2022 £
Accommodation	2,245		2,245	4,585
Utilities(Water-paid annually+ Gas&Electric)	5,714		5,714	2,665
Relocation	2,362		2,362	
Travelling Expense(incl Mandalam Visit)	2,955		2,955	2,344
Vehicle Operating Cost	1,375		1,375	3,119
Vicarage Maintenance	2,093		2,093	
Vicarage Transfer	15,671		15,671	
Total Other Pastoral Care Costs	32,415	-	32,415	12,713

22 Expenditure on charitable activities- Grant funding of activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2022 £
Small Charity Donations			-	2,252
Helping Hands Project		1,520	1,520	
Crisis Relief Fund			-	5,165
Medical Aid Raju			-	1,000
VBS Charity	400		400	
Total grantmaking costs	400	1,520	1,520	8,417

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23 Support costs for charitable activities

	Current year	Current year	Current year	Prior Year
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
<i>Diocese Expenses</i>				
Nithyachilavu	900		900	670
Diocesan Sunday Collection	1,350		1,350	1,005
Diocesan Fund	1,800	23,188	24,988	1,340
Sabhan Office Payment			-	60
Episcopal Travel	450		450	335
Ecumenical Subscription	250		250	250
Salary Adjustment Fund	250		250	250
Scholarship Fund	900		900	670
			-	
<i>Premises Expenses</i>			-	
Church and Hall Rent	8,995		8,995	2,350
<i>Church Development Fund</i>				
Choir Development Fund			-	1,942
Conveyancing Costs		3,524	3,524	1,641
Furniture			-	933
Household Items			-	672
Other			-	692
Renovation Cost			-	9,298
White Goods			-	1,752
<i>Administrative overheads</i>			-	
Stationery and printing	1,407		1,407	696
Bank Charges	-		-	15
Website Maintenance	261		261	261
Sundry expenses			-	507
Equipment, repairs, expenses and maintenance	696		696	162
Other legal and professional	145		145	683
<i>Financial costs</i>				
Loan interest	8,237		8,237	6,082
			-	
<i>Depreciation & Amortisation in total for the period</i>		297	297	180
Total Support costs for charitable activities	25,641	27,009	52,650	32,446

24 Other Expenditure - Governance costs

	Current year	Current year	Current year	Prior Year
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Independent Examiner's fees	750	0	750	750
	750	-	750	750
Total Other Expenditure - Governance costs	750	-	750	750

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25 Total Charitable expenditure

	Current year	Current year	Current year	Prior Year
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities - Direct spending	97,139	-	97,139	46,688
Grantmaking costs	400	1,520	1,920	8,417
Support costs for charitable activities	25,641	27,009	52,650	32,446
Governance costs	750	-	750	750
	123,930	28,529	152,459	88,301

2023-24 BUDGET PROPOSAL



DONOR RECEIPTS SUMMARY



	Stwdshp	Offertory	B'day & Wedng	Rasees a &	Tithe	Baptis m Ofy	Studnt Dedn	Edvka Mission	Sevika Sgm	Snday School	VBS Dons	VBS Chrtly	Harvest	Chrstm Don	Zonal Contrb	Comm Meal	Helpg Hand	Light to Life	Donati ons	Chrch Dev Fnd	SvkaSg m CDF	Zonal Dev Fnd	Family Retreat	Total
Abraham Jacob(Dr)	650.00		150.00	60.00	100.00								150.00	60.00		50.00				1001.00		400.00		2621.00
Abraham Mathew Mannettu	120.00		40.00		200.00																250.00	30.00		640.00
Abraham Thomas (Dr)	1600.00	300.00	800.00										640.00	600.00						3000.00		300.00		7240.00
Abraham Thomas(Biju)	240.00		10.00		50.00								100.00	50.00							100.00			550.00
Abraham Varghese	600.00		270.00	20.00	350.00		100.00						340.00	150.00		475.00				2000.00		1000.00	240.00	5545.00
Asha Alex			50.00								30.00									2235.00				2315.00
Aby Abraham Chandy	480.00		150.00	203.00	300.00		20.00			320.00			500.00	200.00	50.00	225.00	1000.00			3000.00		500.00		6948.00
Allan John George	360.00		140.00	5.00	100.00		40.00						390.00	30.00	20.00	225.00								1310.00
Anil K Mathews	360.00		110.00	20.00	200.00		40.00						50.00	100.00	50.00	25.00	100.00					300.00	200.00	1555.00
Anish K Mathew	180.00													75.00										255.00
Anisha Thomas	60.00																							60.00
Anjana Premkumar						110.00																		110.00
Anse Mathew Thomas	60.00		60.00				10.00				25.00		115.00	30.00										300.00
Ashish Punnoose														20.00										20.00
Ben Eapen	1200.00		30.00	3.00									605.00							1000.00				2838.00
Bibin Philip Babu														30.00										30.00
Bibin Varghese Thomas																225.00								225.00
Bibin Varghese	300.00		75.00	30.00	200.00		20.00						190.00	50.00		225.00						100.00	290.00	1480.00
Bibin Vazhayil Varghese	360.00					50.00				10.00			30.00	50.00	50.00									550.00
Biju Mammen George	264.00		110.00		20.00		30.00			10.00	50.00		350.00			225.00						150.00		1209.00
Biju P Mathew	300.00		70.00	20.00	30.00		10.00			10.00			30.00	50.00		225.00							295.00	1040.00
Bijumon P Chacko	180.00																							180.00
Binoy Thomas	150.00		20.00										55.00	25.00		150.00								400.00
Cyril Jacob Chacko(Dr)	180.00		40.00										282.00	50.00		400.00								952.00
Gaius Sunny Thomson	360.00		210.00	40.00										40.00		225.00								875.00
Geevarghese P Abraham	120.00													50.00										170.00
George Thomas(Derby)	180.00		60.00	35.00	40.00								50.00	100.00										465.00
George Thomas(Geemon)			50.00		100.00								181.00	70.00										401.00
Georgie Thomas(Dr)	1500.00	1000.00	290.00	54.50	1000.00		100.00				100.00		1495.00	200.00	50.00	475.00	250.00	120.00					300.00	6934.50
Jain Jacob Varghese	80.00		350.00								50.00						100.00							580.00
Jaison Abraham		120.00	35.00										20.00	50.00										225.00
Jeby John & Dhanya Mathew			30.00											20.00										50.00
Jesly Joy			20.00											30.00										50.00
Jestin Abraham			80.00											30.00										110.00
Jibin K Alex	60.00													20.00										80.00
Jibu M Cherian	360.00		145.00	43.00	50.00	100.00	10.00				50.00		105.00	50.00		225.00								1138.00
Jibu Raju Thomas	300.00																							300.00
Jibu Varghese Raj	300.00		60.00							20.00	50.00			50.00		225.00								705.00
Jiby James			40.00																					40.00
Jiji K Kurian	360.00		70.00	23.00	50.00		20.00			20.00			100.00	50.00	50.00	150.00							155.00	1048.00
Jinu P Mathew & Anitha													40.00	50.00										90.00
John Mathew(Dr)	275.00																							275.00
John Philip	600.00																							600.00
Joji John(Telford)	150.00		60.00											100.00										310.00
Joji K John	150.00		125.00	10.00	50.00		15.00						90.00		60.00	130.00								630.00
Joji M Philip	360.00		130.00	50.00	100.00		30.00			20.00	50.00		205.00	100.00		225.00						200.00	505.00	1975.00
Joncy Philip													40.00									1000.00		1040.00
Jose John			15.00																					15.00
Jose Yacob Jacob	50.00													25.00										75.00
K A Varghese	600.00		130.00	30.00	50.00								115.00	50.00	50.00	225.00							360.00	1610.00
Kevin Varghese Thottungal	120.00																							120.00
Koshy John	470.00		150.00										193.00	50.00										863.00
Kurian Thomas	360.00			27.00																				387.00
Kurian Thomas(Sam)	300.00		75.00		250.00								316.00	100.00		225.00						500.00		1766.00
Libin Mathew	90.00	15.00	30.00	20.00										30.00			50.00		100.00					560.00
Mathew K Thomas	480.00		135.00		50.00		10.00				50.00		285.00			225.00						50.00		1285.00
Mathew P Daniel	360.00		70.00										150.00	25.00						400.00				1005.00
Mathew P George & Soja Joseph	330.00										20.00		30.00	30.00						250.00				360.00

DONOR RECEIPTS SUMMARY



	Stwdshp	Offertory	B'day & Wedng	Rasees a &	Tithe	Baptis m Ofly	Studnt Dedn	Edvka Mission	Sevika Sgm	Snday School	VBS Dons	VBS Chrt'y	Harvest	Chrstm's Don	Zonal Contrbn	Comm Meal	Helpg Hand	Light to Life	Donati ons	Chrch Dev Fnd	SvkaSg m CDF	Zonal Dev Fnd	Family Retreat	Total	
Mathew Samuel	700.00		80.00	103.00	100.00		25.00						227.00	100.00	50.00	225.00						200.00		1810.00	
Mathew Samuel (Anil)	360.00		80.00		100.00		20.00				500.00		480.00			225.00						250.00		2015.00	
Mathew Varughese Melapurathu	600.00		335.00								25.00		300.00	100.00		225.00						150.00		1735.00	
Modit Monsi	900.00		80.00		100.00						50.00			100.00		225.00								1455.00	
Neha Sara Kuruvilla			10.00																					10.00	
Nishant Thomas	360.00		160.00				20.00							50.00		200.40								790.40	
Oommen P Easow	180.00		60.00										50.00	50.00		150.00								490.00	
Raji Simon Idiculla(Dr)	600.00		100.00		300.00								520.00	100.00										1620.00	
Reggie Sam John(Dr)	600.00	210.00	170.00				20.00						450.00	280.00		225.00	50.00			500.00			240.00	2745.00	
Rev Saju Chacko	360.00		80.00	33.00			40.00						100.00	100.00		225.00								938.00	
Riya Mary Mathew																							100.00	100.00	
Robin K George			20.00										25.00											45.00	
Roby Mathews(Dr)	720.00												1500.00											2220.00	
Romi G Mathew														30.00										30.00	
Roni Kurian	250.00		70.00				50.00						114.00	50.00	50.00	225.00								809.00	
Roy Mathew	240.00		40.00		10.00								40.00	50.00										380.00	
Sabu George Mullasserimannil	120.00		100.00	20.00									50.00	100.00		225.00				1000.00				1615.00	
Sajeev Daniel	360.00		40.00		50.00								58.00	50.00		100.00						100.00		758.00	
Sajimon Sethu	360.00		70.00		100.00								77.00	50.00										657.00	
Saju Joshi Jacob	210.00		60.00	103.00							50.00			50.00										473.00	
Sam Mathew	1500.00		50.00		400.00								288.00			250.00						500.00	100.00	3088.00	
Sanish Mathew	150.00		55.00		30.00								50.00	50.00	10.00									345.00	
Santhosh Philip	335.00		30.00											100.00	50.00		50.00							565.00	
Sanu P Varghese	560.00		200.00				80.00						262.00			225.00						200.00	400.00	1927.00	
Shajan Venchalil Abraham	360.00		100.00	100.00	250.00		50.00		50.00		100.00		320.00	150.00		225.00						250.00	175.00	2130.00	
Shaji Thomas	300.00		55.00	55.00	100.00		20.00				50.00		170.00	100.00	25.00	225.00						100.00	300.00	1500.00	
Shajin Varghese	400.00		10.00																					410.00	
Sherin J George			110.00										100.00	100.00								250.00	200.00	760.00	
Shibu T George	300.00		145.00				10.00				25.00		185.00	100.00		425.00						100.00		1290.00	
Shiby Varghese	300.00		20.00	20.00	50.00		30.00						90.00	25.00		225.00						50.00		810.00	
Shiju Abraham	480.00		180.00		200.00		40.00				50.00		438.00	50.00		225.00					120.00	400.00		2183.00	
Shiju J Mathew (Dr)	660.00																							660.00	
Shinu Varghese	360.00		70.00		60.00		20.00				10.00	50.00	159.00		50.00	225.00						200.00		1204.00	
Siby Punnoose	320.00		90.00							20.00			114.00	50.00			50.00		50.00					644.00	
Sojan C Pappachan	300.00		100.00								25.00		109.00	40.00	75.00	280.00								929.00	
Sojan lype													50.00											50.00	
Sudeep Kurian Thomas(Dr)	600.00		50.00										754.00	150.00		425.00							250.00	2229.00	
Sujith K Mathew	300.00		75.00											30.00		220.00						150.00		775.00	
Sujith Varghese			10.00										14.00	30.00										54.00	
Sujo Jose Uppanmackal	30.00		75.00										135.00	50.00										290.00	
Sunny Thomas(Dr)	360.00		60.00		100.00								411.00		50.00	425.00				3000.00		600.00	340.00	5346.00	
Sunu Mathew														70.00										70.00	
Sybin Thomas Philip			10.00		10.00											20.00								40.00	
Tholooparambil Jacob Samuel(Dr)	600.00		200.00		100.00								220.00	50.00		50.00	50.00					500.00		1770.00	
Thomas Abraham	500.00		200.00		300.00								558.00	200.00	75.00	250.00								2083.00	
Thomas Joseph	360.00		60.00	23.00	40.00								100.00	60.00		100.00						100.00		843.00	
Thomas K Thomas & Marykutty Thom	625.00		60.00	10.00	100.00								100.00	50.00		225.00	50.00					50.00		1270.00	
Thomas Koshy	300.00		200.00	40.00	150.00		50.00			10.00	50.00		327.00	50.00	50.00	225.00						200.00	500.00	2152.00	
Thomaskutty Oonnonny	600.00		70.00	20.00	200.00		20.00		7.00		50.00		381.00	100.00	50.00	225.00				500.00		150.00	360.00	2733.00	
Tito John	120.00													50.00									250.00		420.00
Varghese Philip	500.00		150.00		100.00								150.00			225.00						500.00		1625.00	
Vibin Mathew	300.00		15.00		20.00		5.00			10.00					50.00	120.00	30.00							550.00	
Viji George	120.00		65.00	10.00									200.00			225.00								620.00	
Vimal Babu			80.00											40.00										120.00	
Vineeth Joseph	400.00		120.00										100.00		50.00									670.00	
Wilson Thadathil Varghese	240.00		100.00		50.00								95.00	50.00						500.00			360.00	1395.00	
Wilson Thomas			50.00										36.00											86.00	
Anonymised	3250.00	2620.00	2225.00	300.00	2000.00		207.00		20.00	40.00	150.00		2239.00	960.00	60.00	1825.00	401.00			4500.00		1600.00	1715.00	24112.00	
Guest & Cash Donations	935.00	16154.03	775.00	70.00	80.00	40.00	180.00	206.67			40.00	400.00	1560.00	1175.00	10.00	2435.00			491.50	25.00	443.00	350.00	625.00	66298.84	

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