

HERMON MAR THOMA CHURCH

THE MIDLANDS, UNITED KINGDOM

UK & Europe Zone



17TH ANNUAL REPORT & STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

2023-24

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NOTICE AND CHARITY INFORMATION



HERMON MAR THOMA CHURCH

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 17th Annual General Body Meeting

To,

All the Members

Notice is hereby given that the 17th Annual General body Meeting of Hermon Mar Thoma Church, Midlands UK will be held on Sunday the 6th of October immediately after the Holy Communion Service at St Marys Church, 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 12.00 noon

AGENDA

1. Appointment of Recording Secretary
2. To present and approve the Annual Report for year ended 31st March 2024
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 2024
5. To present and approve the Budget for the year 2024-25
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. **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM – PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE WALSALL WOOD METHODIST CHURCH****
9. Any other business with the prior permission of the Chair
10. 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 20/09/2024, Updated on 05/10/2024

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 29th September 2024
- 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 29th September 2024

****Added after discussion at Emergency EC& CDT meeting on 05/10/24 as the property came on the market in past 10 days since the General Body Notice was circulated.**

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 & Africa Diocese 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 Mar Thoms Church 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 Mar Thoms Church 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 UK-Europe & Africa 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, Tiruvalla, Kerala.

Hermon MTC belongs to the UK & Europe Zone, which administers the local governance of the Church in the region. The Diocesan Bishop of North America & Europe, Rt Rev Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa who resided at Sinai Mar Thoma Centre, New York, USA supervised the regional administration subject to the approval of the Metropolitan until December 31st, 2023. From 1st January 2024, Rt Rev Dr Joseph Mar Ivanios took over as the Diocesan bishop of Mumbai & UK-Europe & Africa dioceses and 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 Mar Thoms Church 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. John T Thomas is serving as the Vicar of the Church since May 2023. 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 2024 are as follows:

POSITION	NAME
President	Rev. John T Thomas
Vice President	Mr Sudeep K Thomas
Secretary	Mr Georgie P Thomas
Trustee (Accounts)	Mr Aby Abraham Chandy
Trustee (Finance)	Mr Shiju Abraham
Lay Leader 1	Mr Binoy Thomas
Lay Leader 2	Mr Joji K John
Mandalam Member	Mr Thomas Koshy
Diocesan Assembly Member	Mr Thomas Abraham
Nominated Diocesan Assembly member	Mr Sherry Matthews
Organization Representatives	
Choir	Mr. Gaius Thomson
Sevika Sangham	Mrs Reeba George
Sunday school	Dr Noel Jacob
Youth Fellowship	Mr Monish Varghese
Edavaka Mission	Mrs Jejo Joji
Couple Fellowship	Mrs Tania Thomas
Area Representatives	
Birmingham & Solihull	Mr Blessen Mathew
Coventry, Warwickshire & Nuneaton	Mr Sujith Mathew
Walsall, Wolverhampton & Stafford	Mr Abraham Varghese
Nottingham, Derby & Burton-Upon-Trent	Mr Jiji Kurien
Leicester	Mr Sanish Mathew



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 the UK-Europe & Africa diocese's administrative organization of the Mar Thoma Church acting as Diocesan office for effective directorial coordination between the headquarters in Tiruvalla, India and the parishes and congregations of the European Region. The Diocesan Bishop 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 2024, there are 152 families who are registered as members or member families.

AUDITORS

Mr Verghese Philip and Mrs Minu Sherry were appointed as internal auditors for the year 2023-24.



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 2023-24 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.

A report on these activities is summarized as below.

By the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, it has been the blessing & privilege of Hermon Mar Thoma Church to serve the Mar Thoma diaspora community in the Midlands area of the United Kingdom for past 17 years.

We have come a long way from when we started as a prayer group of St John Mar Thoma Church some 20 odd years back, over the past 17 year we have grown as a parish. We one of the largest parishes in the UK by geographical spread, from Stoke on Trent in the North to Banbury in the South and from Mansfield in the North-East to Worcester in the South-West. Our membership has been steadily growing, we now have 152 registered families & individuals and there are a good number of regular guest worshippers too. Over the years we have worshipped in 5 venues around Birmingham, and we have been here at St Marys for the past 8 years. We thank God for His immense blessing on us and our fellowship and pray that He continues to guide us to thrive in his Ministry in the years to come.

The year 2023-24, has been challenging the war in Ukraine has raged on for a year with no sign of resolution, and war broke out in the Middle east following the October 7th attack on civilians in Israel which saw a military response that has seen unimaginable death and displacement of the Palestinian population.

The events around the world have affected the UK too so has many domestic issues; The cancer diagnoses of the King & Princess of Wales have shaken the nation, the cost-of-living issues, issues with the NHS are all cause for concern.

However, during these trying 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.

The past year was quite special for us as a Mar Thoma Community, on December 2nd, 2023, we were blessed with the consecration of three new Bishops Rt Rev Zacharias Mar Aprem, Rt Rev Dr Joseph Mar Ivanios, & Rt Rev Mathews Mar Seraphim. For us in the UK it was particularly special as in January as per Kalpana 115 from the Metropolitan Rt Rev Theodosius Mar Thoma the UK-Europe Zone was separated from the North America



& Europe Diocese and a new Diocese of UK Europe & Africa formed, Rt Rev Dr Joseph Mar Ivanios has been appointed the Diocesan Episcopa.

For us as a parish we had our Vicar transfer during this financial year, in April 2023 Rev Saju Chacko left to take charge at St Johns MTC Vechoochira and Rev John T Thomas of Valakom Mar Thoma Valiyapally took charge of our parish in May 2023. Rev John T Thomas is our 3rd full-time Vicar.

WORSHIP SERVICES

In the past year we have had regular Holy communion services, in English on the 1st & 3rd Sundays & in Malayalam on 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays.

All the worship services have been well attended by our members and guests. The fellowship and the opportunity to worship has been a true blessing that we cherish when many are deprived of the opportunity.

OUTREACH SERVICES

We also have had our outreach services in Leicester, every 4th Saturday.

In February 2024 due to difficulties for children from Leicester area to attend the central Sunday school regularly, *following deliberation on a request received by the Executive Committee and its recommendation (added at GBM)*, the Leicester area prayer group registered as a independent Sunday school with the Diocesan Sunday School for the children of the area.

Chronologically, the following are the special services and events that took place during the past year.

GREAT LENT 2023

The Great Lent in 2023 ran from the 27th of February to 17th of April.

We had in person Sandhyanamaskaram worship in respective area prayer groups on Fridays & Saturdays and virtual worship on weekdays from Mid-Lent onwards. We had 40th Friday Holy Communion Service. During Passion week we had all our Special Worship services, and these were well attended.

During the Great Lent, our Youth and Sunday School prepared daily Lent meditations which were circulated through our church Whatsapp group. This is a great new initiative and continues to be well-received by all our members.



Rev SAJU CHACKO'S SEND-OFF

On April 23rd, 2023, after the service we had a send-off meeting for Achen and family. It was a heartfelt and emotional event. Achen and family left the UK on 26th of April.

Rev JOHN T THOMAS' WELCOME

Achen arrived in the UK on 12/5/23, Achen celebrated his first Holy Communion in our church on 14/5/23 and following the service a welcome meeting.

16TH PARISH DAY

Our 16th Parish Day was held on the 28th of May 2023, the Rev Thomas Baby of Tabore Mar Thoma Church Manchester was the chief guest. Tithe was collected on the day. A total Tithe Collection of £7780 was made this year.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Vacation Bible School was conducted from June 1st to June 4th, 2023. The theme for the year was **Roots & Fruits**. The program was conducted at St Mary's Church & Hall Hobs Moat, Solihull. 75 children participated in the VBS. Mrs Regina Mathew was the convener and the directors were Thejus George Palooran and Anugraha Abraham from Tabore MTC Manchester. Rev John T Thomas & Rev MJ Cherian oversaw the whole program. The children whole-heartedly participated in all the activities & enjoyed the whole program and a charity fund of £525/- was raised by the children and donated to the ACORNS Children hospital charity.

ZONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL EXAM

The Zonal Sunday School exam was held on 2nd July 2023 after the Holy Communion service 46 children took the exam which started at 2pm.

PARISH PICNIC

On the 28th of August, a parish day trip & picnic was organised by the Couple fellowship under the leadership of Mrs Tania Thomas, we visited Skegness beach We travelled by 2 coaches and all who attended had a wonderful time.

CHURCH CULTURAL DAY & ONASADYA

On September 2nd Saturday we had our annual Church Cultural Festival and the Onasadya to commemorate the Onam Harvest festival in Kerala. Our Youth league took leadership and hosted the event and all our members actively participated.



STUDENTS' THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION SERVICE

The Students' Thanksgiving and Dedication services was held on Sunday, September 3rd, 2023.

As a part of thanksgiving service, a special offertory was collected. An amount of £1288/- was raised. The money raised is used to support the development of 3 children at Abhayam Children's Home, Kottarakara, Kerala.

SEVIKA SANGHAM SUNDAY

The Sevika Sangham Sunday was celebrated on the 10th of September. The members of the Sevika Sangham (Women's fellowship) assisted in various parts of the Holy Communion service including assisting at the altar. Minu Kochamma delivered the message on the occasion.

SENIOR CITIZEN SUNDAY

The 17th of September was celebrated as Senior Citizen Sunday. Our senior members helped with the Holy Communion service.

ZONAL SUNDAY

The 24th of September was celebrated as Zonal Sunday. On the occasion Rev John Mathew C from St John's Mar Thoma Church, Hounslow visited our parish as part of the Pulpit Exchange programme.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

A Special Thanksgiving Service to celebrate the Harvest Festival was held on of 1st of October 2023.

The congregation contributed generously toward the Harvest offertory and charity auction & food sale. A total collection of £21536/- was made.

ZONAL SEVIKA SANGAM CONFERENCE

The conference was hosted by our church and was well attended by Sevika Sangam members from all around the UK-Europe Zone. Rev Merin Mathew was the chief guest.

FAMILY RETREAT AND FAMILY SUNDAY

The Parish Family Retreat away weekend was held on the 13th, 14th, & 15th October 2023 at Pioneer Centre, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster. Rev Shemil Mathew was leader at the retreat. We meditated on the book of Nehemiah. On 15th we had Holy Communion service which was commemorated as the Family Sunday. The retreat was in part also an informal fellowship with games, talent displays. The retreat was a blessed experience for all who attended. 70 participants including children attended the retreated.



Mrs Anu Shaji was the convenor for the event and made all arrangements and made it a big success.

YOUTH SUNDAY

Youth Sunday was celebrated on 22nd October. The members of the Youth Leagues assisted in various parts of the service. Miss Christine Mathew delivered the sermon on the occasion.

NORTH CENTRE WORLD SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY

On the 4th of November 2023 as part of the World Sunday School Day was held at Birkenhead School, Birkenhead hosted by Tabore Mar Thoma Church Manchester, our Sunday school children participated in the event.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

On the 5th of November 2023 we celebrated the Sunday school anniversary children took the lead in various roles during the Holy Communion service. Mrs Christus Wincy Thomas delivered the sermon on the day. We had a small anniversary meeting after the service when the Sunday school children performed various items based on their lessons. A prize distribution ceremony was also held on the occasion.

MAR THOMA KUDUMBA SANGAMAM

The UK-Europe Zone Mar Thoma Family Meet was held at Coton Centre, Tamworth 11/11/2023. There was a very enthusiastic participation by all parishes in the Zone. Rt Rev Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos presided over the function which consisted of Holy Communion Service, Farwell ceremony to our Diocesan Bishop and a light devotional music programme. Rt Rev Saju Muthalaly Bishop of the Diocese of Loughborough was the chief guest.

CAROL ROUNDS

Carol rounds are a Christmas time Door to Door fellowship and this year also we were able to visit almost all of our families and spread the joy & message of the birth of Christ. The visits were conducted from December 1st to 23rd over the weekends. Each family were presented a Parish Calendar and a cake.

Carol rounds offertory was collected by the respective area prayer groups during their rounds. A total of £ 7810/- was collected.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The Christmas Carol service was held on 16th December at Solihull Methodist Church. Fr Kuriakose Thadathil was the chief guest & the Vicar of Solihull Methodist Church Rev Molly Chitokwondo was also present on the



occasion & gave a message. Choir put on an exemplary performance. Our Sunday school children, Sevika Sangam & Youth also put on beautiful meaningful performances.

This year as part of the festive season of sharing we had a Secret Gift Exchange on the day of the carol service.

CHIRSTMAS DAY HOLY COMMUNION

On Christmas day, the 25th of December we had the Holy Communion service at 8am.

ZONAL CAROL SERVICE

The Zonal Ecumenical Carol service was hosted by All Saint Mar Thoma Church Peterborough. The service was a touching feast Christmas Carols. Our Choir was among the 6 choirs that participated.

NEW YEAR WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

Holy Communion and Watch-night service was held on the 31st of December from 9pm onwards. 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 16th, 17th & 18th. On the 16th, the 1st day of the convention was held at St Martin Church Hall, Walsall. On the 17th, the 2nd day of the convention was held at St Andrew's Church, Leicester. On the 18th, the final day of the convention was held along with the Holy communion service at St Mary's Hobs Moat Hall.

Rev Johnson M John from Switzerland Mar Thoma congregation was our chief speaker, and the theme was 'God's Promise & Human Participation'.

GREAT LENT 2024

The Great Lent 2024 commenced on the 11th of February and ended on March 31st. We had in person Sandhyanamaskaram worship in respective area prayer groups on Fridays & Saturdays and virtual worship on weekdays from Mid-Lent onwards. We had 40th Friday Holy Communion Service and we had Mr Sunny Stephen as a guest speaker on the occasion. During Passion week we had all our Special Worship services, and these were well attended.

During this Great Lent period also, our Youth and Sunday School continued to prepare & share daily Lent meditations. This involves our youngsters in church life and is well-received by all our members.



MOTHER'S DAY

On 10th March, special prayers were offered during the Holy Communion to celebrate our mothers.

PRAYER MEETINGS

Area Prayer Meetings

Area prayer meetings across all area groups have been held regularly and our Vicar is providing good leadership for them. These were held at homes or in rented halls in the local areas. These continued to be followed as per our set schedule, 1st Saturdays Walsall Wolverhampton & Stafford Area, 2nd Fridays evening or 2nd Saturdays morning Birmingham Solihull & Worcester Area, 2nd Saturdays evening Burton Derby Nottingham Area and 3rd Saturdays morning in Leicester Area and evening in Coventry Area.

Organisation Prayer Meetings

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

Sevika Sangam has been having regular online intercessory prayers

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 the supplication of his faithful. The Sevika Sangam also participated in an alternate week Zonal Chain prayer.

PARTICIPATION IN UK-EUROPE ZONAL ACTIVITIES

As per Kalpana 115 from the Metropolitan Rt Rev Thediosius Mar Thoma dated 9th December 2023 the UK-Europe Zone was separated from the North America & Europe Diocese and a new Diocese of UK Europe & Africa formed and the newly installed Thirumeni (Bishop) Rt Rev Dr Joseph Mar Ivanios has appointed the Diocesan Episcopa.

Hermon Mar Thoma Church is extremely proud to be an active part of the functioning of the UK-Europe Zone and look forward to the growth of the newly formed Diocese both in its spiritual mission and administrative activities.



We participated in various Zonal programmes such as the Monthly Edavaka Mission Online Intercessory prayer meetings, the Mar Thoma Kudumba Sangamam, Zonal Sunday School meet, and Zonal Christmas Carol service.

It is a privilege to have our members, Mr Thomas Abraham (Zonal Treasurer) taking key administrative positions within Zone. Few of our choir members are also part of the Zonal Choir.

ORGANISATION REPORTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

During 2023-24 there were 92 students registered in 13 classes. We are blessed with the leadership and guidance from our Vicar, Rev John T Thomas from May last year.

Sunday school classes are held every Sunday before the Holy Communion service. The 2023-24 academic year in September. The Sunday school lessons from 9:45 -10:15am followed by a Common session from 10:15-10:45 am. Our children have been having a blessed time learning the word of God and participating in songs, bible reading and games. The Sunday school thanks the parents for their role in nurturing the children's growth in Christian spiritual life by bringing them in regularly for the Sunday School and also at their own homes.

The Sunday school curriculum is based on the official Sunday school material provided by the Diocese of North America and Europe of the Mar Thoma Church.

On 18th April 2023 we had a special Sunday school celebration especially to appreciate and present prizes to children who completed Sunday school between 2020-2022 and those who sat exams in 2021-22.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2023 was another great blessing for the children, this was held from 1st to 4th June 2023. Mrs Regina Mathew was the convener of the VBS 2023. The church Sunday school teachers under the leadership of the vibrant VBS directors, Thejus & Anugraha engaged the children with lesson, songs and activities on the theme Roots & Fruits.

On the 2nd of July 2023, the 2022-23 cohort of Sunday school students sat the annual UK & Europe zonal exams. We are proud of all the children for their great effort and thank parents for the immense support in preparing children for the exams.

Sunday school teachers attended the North zone teachers retreat held at Peterborough on 30th September. Our Sunday school students, teachers and parents attended the World Sunday School Day celebration held on 4th November at Liverpool hosted by Tabore Marthoma church. On 5th November we celebrated as our



Sunday school anniversary and children assisted in various parts of the service and the sermon was delivered by Mrs Wincy Christus Thomas

During the Lent season, from Mid-Lent onwards Sunday school children and youth made daily devotion videos based on the bible readings for the day which were shared on the Hermon MTC WhatsApp group every morning until Easter. These messages were well received by the congregation and we are proud of all our students and parents for their dedication and contribution.

COUPLE FELLOWSHIP

The Couple fellowship has been working with the church to improve the fellowship between all members. As part of this initiative, the Parish Picnic to Skegness on August 19th ,2023 was organized. This was well participated, we had hired 2 coaches to accommodate all the participants. Everyone had an enjoyable time. Altar Flower contribution is a new initiative by the Couple fellowship started from December 2022. Families have been voluntarily supporting the initiative by bringing fresh flowers for the altar

EDAVAKA MISSION

The Edavaka mission's role is to nurture the spiritual growth of the parish. The Edavaka Mission coordinated the Parish Convention and held Prayer meeting in coordination with the Sevika Sangham, The Edavaka mission thanks Mrs Sunila Viji, for hosting an Edavaka Mission prayer meeting.

CHOIR

Our choir as always is an indispensable component of our worship.

The Hermon Mar Thoma Church choir is proud to report a year of beautiful music, fellowship, and spiritual connection. Throughout the year, our dedicated choir members have come together to lift their voices in harmony, bringing joy and inspiration to our congregation.

In the past year, we have had the privilege of leading worship services, performing at special events, and spreading the message of faith through song. Our selection has included traditional hymns, contemporary worship songs, and seasonal favourites that have touched the hearts of all who have listened.

Our choir has grown not only in numbers but also in spirit, as we have formed strong bonds of friendship and support. Each member brings their unique talents and passion for music, creating a harmonious blend that resonates with the soul. In the year 2023-24, we have 45 members who had led the worship and other services actively under the leadership and guidance of our Vicar, Rev John T Thomas along with the talented choir leaders Mr Gaius Thomson and Mr Mathew K Thomas.



On Choir Dedication Sunday, 2nd April 2023, we come together to celebrate the beautiful voices and talents of our choir members. It is a special day where we honour our dedication, hard work, and commitment to bringing joy and harmony to our community through music.

Our choir has performed in the Ecumenical Christmas Carol Competition 'Joy to the World' this year organised by Garshom TV and London Asaphians. We performed beautifully and by God's grace, we won the second prize with a cash prize of £500.00.

Hermon Mar Thoma Choir is registered with the Department of Sacred Music and Communication (DSMC), musical department of the Malankara Mar Thoma Church. We follow the DSMC guidelines for our choir administration.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we are excited to continue our musical journey together, spreading love and light through the power of music. The choir remains a vital part of our church community, uplifting spirits and bringing people closer to God through the gift of song.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our church in this way and look forward to the music-filled adventures that lie ahead. Thank you to all who have supported and encouraged us on this beautiful musical path.

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 its individuals by means of our prayers and physical assistance.

'Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs' - Psalms 100:2

By God's abundant mercy and grace, we have completed another year of our Fellowship. God has guided us throughout this year and enabled us to meet all our responsibilities.

Over the last year we have been blessed with our Rev John T Thomas Achen's leadership and guidance. Minu Kochamma has been a source of inspiration for us too. She has particularly used her musical talents to help us with our presentations and songs for many of the church events this year.

Sevikasangham members were actively involved in various events of the Church.

Every second Sunday, after service we had meetings which were utilised for song practices and also to learn about the Women in the Bible and their contributions.

On Sevika Sangham Sunday (10th of September 2023) as dedicated by the Mar Thoma Church, many of our members (Sevinis) helped by assisting in various parts of the Holy Communion service and for the first time assisted at the altar on the day.



As usual during the Harvest Festival which was held on the 1st of October 2023, all Sevika Sangham members actively participated & contributed actively. We also took an active part in the Carol service on 16th December 2023, we sang a beautiful Carol on the occasion. For Maundy Thursday as always, many members helped by making Pesaha-appam and for Good Friday this year we contributed towards the expense of food that day (Kanji).

The Sevika Sangham Annual conference 2023 was hosted by our church on 7th of October 2023. We had about 180 guests from all Marthoma Churches in UK. The day was quite fruitful and blessed for all participants.

We continue to have our Chain prayers and Intercessory prayer meetings. The Intercessory prayers are held virtually on Tuesdays between 8 and 9pm

We also joined with the Edavaka mission to hold the fasting prayers. The offertory collected during this prayer is set aside for buying Malayalam & Malayalam-English Transliterated Liturgy books for the Church.

We also made a contribution towards Bhavana Nirmana Padhadhi (house building help scheme) of Salem Bhavan, Tiruvalla through the Diocesan Sevika Sangham charity.

We continued the Little Drops collection, the money collected was donated as Medical Aid to support the treatment of an individual through our Church's Helping Hand scheme.

We also have been continuing our Manna fundraising project, by auctioning homemade food or homegrown fruit & vegetables that our members brought from time to time. The amount collected is contributed towards the Church development fund.

A huge thanks to all the Sevinis for their dedicated support and contribution to all activities and Achen & Kochamma for their guidance throughout the past year. Above all thank God Almighty for all His blessings.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Hermon Youth are a vibrant and active community of young people dedicated to their faith and service to the community. Throughout the year the youth took on various roles in leading in Church life. Over the past year, the Hermon Youth has been actively engaged in various events and activities aimed at building fellowship and promoting growth in faith among our youth.

This year, the Hermon Youth organized the annual Cultural Fest which is aimed to celebrate the diverse cultural heritage within our community, it featured a variety of cultural performances, showcasing dances, music, and theatrical presentations from various backgrounds. We also had interactive games traditional to our community.

PURPOSE ORIENTED ACTIVITIES



The Hermon Youth participated in several zonal youth fellowship events throughout the year. These events provided valuable opportunities to connect with peers from across the region and the country, fostering a sense of fellowship and shared faith.

Every third Sunday the youth took leading roles in the Church service. This initiative allowed our young people to grow in their faith and developing their leadership skills.

We look forward to continued growth and development of our young people and their involvement in upcoming events and activities in the coming financial year.

HELPING HAND

As a charitable organization, it is our Christian responsibility and duty to identify those in need within our community and assist them where possible. The Helping Hand program, a charitable initiative of Hermon Mar Thoma Church, Midlands UK, was introduced to streamline the church's charitable activities. This project offers us an opportunity to reflect on the free, generous, and undeserved divine love we have received in our lives. Our church and its members have been at the forefront of supporting various charitable activities, both locally and abroad, particularly in India, under the guidance of the Malankara Mar Thoma Church.

For the 2023-2024 period, our social aid project focuses on the following areas, specifically directed toward our charitable work in India and the UK:

- Charitable work in India– Medical aid, Educational aid, Marriage aid.
- Charitable work in the UK – Support to local UK charities/non-profit organizations, crisis relief aid.

We have distributed a total of £4,940.00 towards various charitable activities in the year 2023-2024. We have provided £650 for Educational Aid, £900 for Medical Aid, and £250 for housing aid to individuals in need in India. In response to the catastrophic disasters that occurred in Libya and Morocco in September 2023, Helping Hand launched an emergency appeal and collected £500.00, which has been transferred through the British Red Cross.

In association with Sunday School(VBS), we donated £560.00 to Acorns Children's Hospice, UK.

Our Sevika Sangam has generously donated £1,800.00 for the Medical aid of a family in UK and £510.00 towards housing aid for Shalem Home in Kerala, India.

The Helping Hand team at Hermon Mar Thoma Church extends our sincere thanks to all our members for the support you have provided throughout this year. We also kindly request all members to continue contributing



to these charitable projects by donating to the church bank account, so we can extend our support to even more people in need.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Church Development Committee have been constantly looking for suitable properties to achieve the ambition securing our own church. A suitable property eludes us still but the search continue and we are sure in HIS time God will provide.

NEWSLETTER

During the past year on 2nd July, we relaunched our Church Newsletter. Under the leadership of our Vicar & the Newsletter Editor Mrs Riji Gevarghese the newsletter is being published as a quarterly edition in a digital format. We thank the effort the editor and all the contributors of the various kinds of articles.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

During the past year, Hermon MTC witnessed an influx of new members in the region and who joined our worshipping community, 25 new families and individuals joined us.

1. Mr Jinu P Mathew, Mrs Anithamol Achankunju, Jiana Jinu (Birmingham)
2. Mr George Thomas, Mrs Susamma Thomas, Mr Alan Thomas, Mrs Chinnu Thomas, Aaron Alan George (Coventry)
3. Mrs Jessy Mathew, Aldora Jepsin (Leicester)
4. Mr Jethin Mammen, Mrs Juby Thomas (Birmingham)
5. Mr Sony Mammen, Mrs Aji Thomas, Anwil Mammen Sony, Albin Mammen Sony (Birmingham)
6. Mr Navin Joseph Thomas, Mrs Daisy Samuel, Athen Navin, Anugraha Mariam Navin (Coventry)
7. Mr Nibu Verghis Abraham, Mrs Cristin Thomas, Nathaniel Verghis, Noah Verghis (Telford)
8. Mr Justine Thomas George, Mrs Pretty Roy, Mr Thomas Eattickal, Mrs Jessy George (Coventry)
9. Mr Ajeesh Yohannan, Mrs Merin Raju, Evan Yohannan, Ryan Yohannan (Shrewsbury)
10. Mr Sanju Jacob, Mrs Jisha John, Rohan Philip (Birmingham)
11. Mr Chris K Thomas, Mrs Jomy Joy, Cadric Thomas (Burton-on-Trent)
12. Mr Sony Mathew, Mrs Minu Abraham, Serah Sony, Jonathan Sony (Coventry)
14. Mr Jince Cherian, Mrs Lisa Merin Thomas, Chrisson Cherian Jince (Stoke-on-Trent)
15. Mr Reji K George, Mrs July Reji, Joshua Reji George (Dudley)



16. Mr Binu Benny, Mrs Sinu Vincilas, David Binu (Redditch)
17. Mr Jose Pappachan, Mrs Joby Jose, Haania Jose, Heavana Jose, Hanok Malayilazhikam (Worcester)
18. Mr Ajeesh P Chacko, Mrs Sheemamol Scaria, Evlin Ajeesh, Eben Ajeesh (Leicester)
19. Mr Agith Varghese, Mrs Annama C Sam, Johan Agith, Joel Agith (Dudley)
20. Mr Anson Samuel, Mrs Sibi Mathew, Nanma Ann Grace (Coventry)
21. Miss Jitty Sara Sajan (Coventry)
22. Mr Ajil Alexander Johns Mrs Geba Alexander, Jayden Alexander Dave Alexander (Leicester)
23. Ms Josena Josekutty, Elisha Thaoms (Wolverhampton)
24. Mr Sajan Parackal, Dr Sherin Shaji (Coventry)
25. Mr Shijo Thomas, Mrs Sara Shijo Thomas, Adlyn Shijo (Birmingham)

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, 1 child 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

This year we lost **Mr Kurian Thomas**, husband of Mrs Annamma Thomas. We mourn his untimely demise and thank God Almighty for his life and the people he touched during his lifetime and even after his death. The parish extended all help and support both spiritually and in practical terms to the bereaved family.

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 2023-2024.

Rev. Thomas Baby	Fr Kuriakose Thadathil
Rev. John Mathew C	Rev Molly Chitokwondo
Rev Shemil Mathew	Rev. Johnson M John
Rev. MJ Cherian	Mr Sunny Stephen
Rev Sunny 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 2024.

The financial position of the charity at 31 March 2024 and comparatives for the prior period are detailed in the accounts and can be summarised as follows:-

	2024 (£)	2023 (£)
Total Funds		
Net Income for the year	17681	68819
Funds brought forward	420053	351234
Total	437734	420053
Funds Allocation		
Unrestricted Funds	182556	181973
Designated Revenue Funds	147264	180591
Revenue Restricted Funds	7984	981
Fixed Asset Restricted Funds	99930	56508
Total	437734	420053

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.

Restricted Funds

- **Restricted revaluation reserve** - This fund represents the restricted surplus arising on the revaluation of the charity's assets.



- **Fixed Asset Restricted Funds (Church Development-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 & its maintenance
- **Ex-Gratia Reserved Fund** - This fund is to be separated each year from the General Fund, equal to the vicar salary, to be provided as Ex-Gratia (termination award) to the vicar during the completion of his term.
- **Sevika Sangam Fasting Prayer Offertory** - This fund is collected as offertory during Sevika Sangam Fasting Prayers and is to be used only for the purchase of Malayalam/English Transliterated Worship Book
- **Zonal Light to Life** - The funds received under this is for the Zonal Charity Initiative- Light to Life- to provide Educational Charity. This year onwards, this fund is to be collected directly by the Diocese.
- **Choir Prize Money Fund** - This fund is the cash prize awarded to the Choir during the external competitions, this fund to be separated out and the usage to be decided by the Choir.
- **Helping Hand Fund** - The purpose of this fund is to collect and provided support various Charity activities for the church (mainly education fund, medical aid, marriage support, crisis relief and local charity).

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 2024-2025

The election of the Executive Committee members for 2024-2025 took place during General body meeting on 25th February 2024 at St Marys Hobs Moat Hall. The list of elected members is given on page 53.

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



SUMMARY

Under the leadership of Rev John T Thomas, we have now established a strong presence and participation in the region with several new members joining this year. Our church has been dynamic and have been able to reach out to existing and new members has helped the church grow in the community. This year we also welcomed many new members and students to our church worship services.

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 accounts for the year 2023-24 was approved by the board trustees on 04/09/2024
On behalf of Board of Trustees

Mr Georgie Thomas
Secretary

Rev John T Thomas
President


OVER EXPENDITURE & NON-BUDGETED





Over Expenditure & Non-Budgeted Items

Description	Budgeted Income	Actual Income	Budgeted Expense	Actual Expense
funeral Exp				167.31
Stipend			27661.5	37954.65
Farewell Meal				1000
GoodFri/Easter 24			1000	1098.18
Family Retreat	10000	6335	12000	8439.17
Bank Charges			100	135.0175

On behalf of Board of Trustees


Mr Shiju Abraham
Trustee-Finance


Rev John T Thomas
President


Mr Aby Abraham Chandy
Trustee-Accounts



Independent Examiner's Report

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charity on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

I report on the financial statements of the charity on pages 38 to 46 for the year ended 31 March 2024 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 19.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As described on page 7, 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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT



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

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

Accountants

9 Stoughton Road
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Leicester
LE2 4DS

This report was signed on 10/09/2024



Internal Auditor's Report

INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24

We have examined the income and expenditure account of the Hermon Mar Thoma Church, Midlands, UK, for the year April 2023-March 2024.

To carry out the audit, we have obtained financial statements and explanations from the trustees, which are relevant for the audit.

We, auditors, verified the information provided and, in our opinion, the financial statements and explanations are true and accurate for the mentioned period. However, below are the recommendations made for the trustees based on the review.

1. Make arrangements without delay to claim the gift aid amount pending for the past two years.
2. For all cash payments, we recommend that they be supported by vouchers where possible, and two individuals sign off on the claim form.

In doing this review, we have found that the Treasurer and Accountant have executed their responsibilities in a professional manner, and we thank them for their availability and quick responses to inquiries of clarification.

Mr Verghese Philip
Internal Auditor

Dr Minu Sherry
Internal Auditor

CASH FLOW STATEMENT



Statement of Financial Activities

Hermon Mar Thoma Church - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Current year Unrestricted Funds and Designated Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
Income & Endowments from:				
Donations & Legacies	106,073	710	106,783	148,539
Charitable activities	52,202	3,283	55,485	49,851
Other fundraising activities	-	4,085	4,085	22,886
Interest	1,078	-	1,078	2
Total income	159,353	8,078	167,431	221,278
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	144,810	4,940	149,750	152,459
Total expenditure	144,810	4,940	149,750	152,459
Net income for the year	14,543	3,138	17,681	68,819
Transfers between funds	(47,287)	47,287	-	
Net income after transfers	(32,744)	50,425	17,681	68,819
Net movement in funds	(32,744)	50,425	17,681	68,819
Reconciliation of funds:-				
Total funds brought forward	362,564	57,489	420,053	351,234
Total funds carried forward	329,820	107,914	437,734	420,053

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 2024

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

	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £	
Income & Endowments from:				
Donations & Legacies	148,539		148,539	
Charitable activities	47,550	2,301	49,851	
Other fundraising activities	-	22,886	22,886	
Interest	2	-	2	
	-			
Total income	196,091	25,187	221,278	
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	123,930	28,529	152,459	
Total expenditure	123,930	28,529	152,459	
Net income for the year	72,161	(3,342)	68,819	
Net movement in funds	72,161	(3,342)	68,819	
Reconciliation of funds:-				
Total funds brought forward	290,403	60,831	351,234	
Total funds carried forward	362,564	57,489	420,053	
Summary of funds				
	Unrestricted and Designated funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Last Year Total Funds 2023 £
Unrestricted Funds	182,556	-	182,556	181,973
Designated funds	147,264	-	147,264	180,591
Revenue Restricted Funds		7,984	7,984	981
Fixed asset funds	-	99,930	99,930	56,508
Total funds	329,820	107,914	437,734	420,053

The notes attached form an integral part of these accounts.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT



Hermon Mar Thoma Church - Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 €	2023 €
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	325,096	325,393
Current assets			
Debtors	9	-	1,312
Cash at bank and in hand		294,792	275,608
Total current assets		<u>294,792</u>	<u>276,920</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(6,319)</u>	<u>(750)</u>
Net current assets		288,473	276,170
		<u>613,569</u>	<u>601,563</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11	<u>(175,835)</u>	<u>(181,510)</u>
The total net assets of the charity		<u>437,734</u>	<u>420,053</u>

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

Restricted funds				
Restricted Revenue Funds	13	7,984	981	-
Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	13	<u>99,930</u>	<u>56,508</u>	
		107,914		57,489
Unrestricted Funds				
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	13	182,556		175,963
Designated Funds				
Designated Revenue Funds	13	147,264		186,601
Total charity funds		<u>437,734</u>	<u>420,053</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 27-28

The Trustees are satisfied that, although 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.


Aby Abraham Chandu
Trustee- Accounts


Shiju Abraham
Trustee- Finance

Approved by the board of trustees on 04/09/2024.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT



Hermon Mar Thoma Church

Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 March 2024

		2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities as shown below	A	23,781	68,814
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		1,078	2
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	B	-	-
Net cash provided by investing activities	B	1,078	2
Cash flows from financing activities	C	-	-
Repayment of amounts borrowed		(5,675)	(6,307)
Cash inflows from new borrowings		-	-
Net cash used in financing activities		(5,675)	(6,307)
Overall cash provided by all activities	A+B+C	19,184	62,509
Cash movements			
Change in cash and cash equivalents from activities in the year ended 31 March 2024		19,184	62,509
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2023		275,608	213,099
Cash at bank and in hand less overdrafts at 31 March		294,792	275,608

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS



Hermon Mar Thoma Church

Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 March 2024

Hermon Mar Thoma Church

Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 March 2024 - Continued

Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

Net income as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities	17,681	68,819
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Adjustments for :-

Depreciation charges	297	297
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(1,078)	(2)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors, excluding loans	5,569	(300)

Net cash provided by operating activities	A	23,781	68,814
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Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash in hand at for the year ended 31 March 2024	294,792	275,608
Total cash and cash equivalents	294,792	275,608



Hermon Mar Thoma Church

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

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.

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.

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

Debtors

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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.

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

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

Depreciation of owned fixed assets	297	297
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5 Interest payable

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank interest payable	10,902	8,237

6 Staff costs and emoluments

<i>Salary costs</i>	2024	2023
	£	£
Pastoral Care	37,955	24,319
Other Pastoral Care (Benefits)	13,248	22,363
Trustees' Remuneration	-	-
Total salaries, wages and related costs	51,203	46,682

Numbers of full time employees or full time equivalents

	2024	2023
The average number of total staff employed in the year was	1	1

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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 2023	324,970	8,993	9,988	343,951
At 31 March 2024	324,970	8,993	9,988	343,951
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	-	8,570	9,988	18,558
Charge for the year	-	297		297
At 31 March 2024	-	8,867	9,988	18,855
Net book value				
At 31 March 2024	324,970	126	-	325,096
At 31 March 2023	324,970	423	-	325,393

9 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors- Vicarage Deposit	-	1,312

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	5,479	-
Accruals	840	750
	6,319	750

11 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans	175,835	181,510

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

At 31 March 2024	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	325,096	-	325,096

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Investments at valuation:-

Current Assets	186,878	-	107,914	294,792
Current Liabilities	(4,322)	(1,997)	-	(6,319)
Long Term Liabilities	-	(175,835)	-	(175,835)

182,556	147,264	107,914	437,734
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At 1 April 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

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

	Funds brought forward from 2023 £	Movement in funds in 2024 See Note 14 £	Transfers between funds in 2024 £	Funds carried forward to 2025 £
<i>Unrestricted and designated funds:-</i>				
Unrestricted revenue funds	175,963	14,543	(7,950)	182,556
Designated revenue funds	186,601	-	(39,337)	147,264
Total unrestricted and designated funds	362,564	14,543	(47,287)	329,820
<i>Restricted funds:-</i>				
Church Development(Procurement)	56,508	4,085	39,337	99,930
Zonal Light to Life	120	(120)	-	-
Ex-Gratia Reserved Fund			2,270	2,270
Sevika Sangam Fasting Prayer Offertory		62		62
Choir Prize Amount		500	1,000	1,500
Educational Aid	100	-	(100)	-
Helping Hands UK	761	(1,389)	4,780	4,152
Total restricted funds	57,489	3,138	47,287	107,914
Total charity funds	420,053	17,681	-	437,734

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

	Income 2024 £	Expenditure 2024 £	Other Gains & Losses 2024 £	Movement in funds 2024 £
<i>Unrestricted and designated funds:-</i>				
Unrestricted revenue funds	159,353	(144,810)	-	14,543

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Restricted funds:-

Sevika Sangam Fasting Prayer Offertory	62			62
Choir Prize Amount	500			500
Zonal Light to Life	210	(330)		(120)
Helping Hands UK	3,221	(4,610)	-	(1,389)
Church Development(Procurement)	4,085	-	-	4,085
	<u>167,431</u>	<u>(149,750)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,681</u>

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:-

Restricted revaluation reserve This fund represents the restricted surplus arising on the revaluation of the charity's assets.

Ex-Gratia Reserved Fund This fund is to be separated each year from the General Fund, equal to the vicar salary, to be provided as Ex-Gratia (termination award) to the vicar during the completion of his term.

Sevika Sangam Fasting Prayer Offertory This fund is collected as offertory during Sevika Sangam Fasting Prayers and is to be used only for the purchase of Malayalam/English Transliterated Worship Book.

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

Zonal Light to Life The funds received under this is for the Zonal Charity Initiative- Light to Life- to provide Educational Charity. This year onwards, this fund is to be collected directly by the Diocese.

Choir Prize Amount This fund is the cash prize awarded to the Choir during the external competitions, this fund to be separated out and the usage to be decided by the Choir.

Helping Hand UK The purpose of this fund is to collect and provided support various Charity activities for the church (mainly education fund, medical aid, marriage support, crisis relief and local charity.

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 2024 as required by the SORP 2015

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

17 Donations and Legacies

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Small donations individually less than £1000		-	-	1,815
Gift aid donation from subsidiary undertaking		-	-	40,054
Service Offertory	22,753	-	22,753	20,419
Birthday and Wedding Anniversary	11,029	-	11,029	11,905
Baptism Offertory and Donations	100	-	100	300
Tithe	7,780	-	7,780	8,390
Raseesa	868	-	868	1,600
Uposhanavaram	3,500	-	3,500	-
Christmas Donations - Carol Rounds	7,810	-	7,810	8,080
Zonal Contributions	1,570	-	1,570	1,085
Zonal Development Project Fund		-	-	11,750
Zonal Clergy Conference	1,086	-	1,086	-
Sunday School	675	-	675	500
Edavaka Mission		-	-	207
VBS Donations	3,915	-	3,915	1,690
House Warming	50	-	50	-
Choir	250	500	750	1,000
Zonal L2L contribution		210	210	-
VBS Charity Collections	525	-	525	400
Membership subscriptions as donations	44,162	-	44,162	39,344
Total donations and gifts from individuals	106,073	710	106,783	148,539
Total Donations and Legacies	106,073	710	106,783	148,539

18 Income from charitable activities - Trading Activities

Primary purpose and ancillary trading

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Cultural Meet	2,040	-	2,040	-
Communal Meal Contribution	17,263	-	17,263	16,330
Family Retreat	6,335	-	6,335	8,340
Harvest	21,536	-	21,536	20,898
Student Dedication	1,288	-	1,288	1,342

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Helping Hands UK		3221	3,221	2,181
Sevika		62	62	640
Stationery Book Sale	1,680		1,680	
Zonal SS Meet	2,060		2,060	
Light to Life			-	120
Total Primary purpose and ancillary trading	52,202	3,283	55,485	49,851
Total from charitable activities	52,202	3,283	55,485	49,851

19 Income from other fundraising activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Total Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
Church Development Fund Donations	-	2,800	2,800	22,886
Manna		1285	1285	
Total from other activities	-	4,085	4,085	22,886

20 Interest Income

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Total Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
Bank Interest	1,078	-	1,078	2
Total from other activities	1,078	-	1,078	2

21 Expenditure on charitable activities - Direct spending

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Total Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
Visiting Clergy&Leaders	2,070		2,070	2,469
Pastoral Care costs(see below*)	37,955		37,955	24,319
Other Pastoral Care costs(see below**)	13,248		13,248	22,363
Family Conference			-	-
Zonal Clergy Conference	1,186		1,186	
Cultural Meet	2,016		2,016	
Choir	1,688		1,688	1,474
Parish day	-		-	1,175
Family Retreat	8,439		8,439	10,389

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Annual Convention		-	875
Sunday School Expenses	2,802	2,802	2,443
VBS Expenses	3,799	3,799	2,641
Sevika Sangham		-	650
Zonal Event Contributions	4,220	4,220	1,000
Mandalam / Assembly Visits	500	500	120
Youth League	75	75	203
Edavaka Mission		-	150
Carol Service	837	837	1,085
Church Altar Expense	664	664	617
Carol Rounds	1,130	1,130	192
Communal Meal	18,008	18,008	13,329
First Communion		-	1,593
Funeral Expenses	167	167	
Total direct spending	98,804	98,804	87,087

Pastoral Care

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Total Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
Stipend	37,955		37,955	23,124
Vicar Winter and Guest Allowance			-	750
Vicar's Pension & PF			-	445
Total Pastoral Care	37,955	-	37,955	24,319

Other Pastoral Care Costs

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Total Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
Relocation	6,162		6,162	2,362
Travelling Expense(incl Mandalam Visit)	1,618		1,618	2,955
Farewell Meal	1,000		1,000	
Vehicle Operating Cost	1,694		1,694	1,375
Church Lease Car	3,761		3,761	
Gain on Sale of Car	(987)		(987)	
Vicarage Transfer			-	15,671
Total Other Pastoral Care Costs	13,248	-	13,248	22,363

22 Expenditure on charitable activities- Grant funding of activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Total Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
Zonal L2L Contributions		330	330	-

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Helping Hands Project		4,610	4,610	1,520
VBS Charity	560		560	400
Total grantmaking costs	560	4,940	5,500	1,920

23 Support costs for charitable activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Total Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
Diocese Expenses				
Nithyachilavu	900		900	900
Diocesan Sunday Collection	1,350		1,350	1,350
Diocesan Fund	1,800		1,800	24,988
Episcopal Travel	450		450	450
Ecumenical Subscription	250		250	250
Salary Adjustment Fund	250		250	250
Scholarship Fund	900		900	900
Diocese Sevika Sangam Collection	200		200	
Diocese Youth Sunday collection	150		150	
Premises Expenses				
Church and Hall Rent	11,122		11,122	8,995
Vicarage Costs				
Utilities(Water-paid annually+ Gas&Electric)	6,202		6,202	5,714
Council Tax and Insurance Costs	2,366		2,366	2,245
Vicarage Maintenance	1,090		1,090	2,093
Church Development Fund				
Conveyancing Costs			-	3,524
Administrative overheads				
Stationery and printing	967		967	1,407
Book Printing	2,183		2,183	-
Bank Charges	135		135	-
Sundry expenses	1,394		82	
Website Maintenance	252		252	261
Software licences and expenses	156		156	
Equipment,repairs,expenses and maintenance			-	696
Other legal and professional	1,200		1,200	145
Financial costs				
Loan interest	10,902		10,902	8,237
			-	-
Depreciation & Amortisation in total for the period	297		297	297
Total Support costs for charitable activities	44,516	-	43,204	62,702

24 Other Expenditure - Governance costs

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2024	Current year Restricted Funds 2024	Current year Total Funds 2024	Prior Year Total Funds 2023
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	£	£	£	£
Independent Examiner's fees	930	0	930	750
Total Other Expenditure - Governance costs	930	-	930	750

25 Total Charitable expenditure

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Total Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
Expenditure on charitable activities - Direct spending	98,804	-	98,804	87,087
Grantmaking costs	560	4,940	5,500	1,920
Support costs for charitable activities	44,516	-	44,516	62,702
Governance costs	930	0	930	750
	144,810	4,940	149,750	152,459

2024-25 BUDGET PROPOSAL



Income Budget Proposal for 2024-25

2024-25 BUDGET PROPOSAL



Expenditure Budget Proposal for 2024-25

DONOR RECEIPTS SUMMARY



2023-24 ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



2024-25 Administrative Team

President	Rev. John T Thomas
Vice President	Dr Sudeep K Thomas
Secretary	Dr Georgie P Thomas
Trustee (Finance)	Mr Shiju Abraham
Trustee (Accounts)	Mr Aby Chandy
Lay Leader 1	Mr Binoy Thomas
Lay Leader 2	Mr Monish Varghese
Mandalam Member	Mr Thomas Koshy
Diocesan Assembly Member	Mr Thomas Abraham
Nominated Zonal Assembly Member	Mr Sherry Matthews
Organization Representatives	
Choir	Mr. Mathew K Thomas
Senior Citizen Fellowship	Dr Sunny Thomas
Sevika Sangham	Mrs Anu Shaji
Sunday School	Dr Noel Abraham
Youth Fellowship	Miss Christine Mathew
Edavaka Mission	Mr Jinu P Mathew
Couple Fellowship	Mrs Tania Thomas
Area Representatives	
Birmingham, Worcester & Solihull	Mr Jose John
Coventry, Warwickshire & Nuneaton	Mr Sam Mathew
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