

18TH ANNUAL REPORT

&

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

2024-25



HERMON MAR THOMA CHURCH
MIDLANDS, UNITED KINGDOM
UK-EUROPE-AFRICA DIOCESE

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NOTICE AND CHARITY INFORMATION



HERMON MAR THOMA CHURCH

MIDLANDS, UNITED KINGDOM

(Diocese of UK, Europe & Africa)

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

Charity Registration No. 1137185

Notice of the 18th Annual General Body Meeting

To, All the Members

Notice is hereby given that the 18th Annual General body Meeting of Hermon Mar Thoma Church, Midlands UK will be held on Sunday the 17th of August immediately after the Holy Communion Service at St Marys Church, 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 1.00pm

AGENDA

1. Appointment of Recording Secretary
2. To present and approve the Annual Report for year ended 31st March 2025
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 2025
5. To present and approve the Budget for the year 2025-26
6. Authorise the Trustees to spend an amount equal to 5/12 of the budgeted amount in the first five months of the year
7. Authorisation for trustees to pay the expenses for the first six months of the year 2026-27
8. Nomination & approval of Independent Examiner
9. Church Purchase update
Sub-Committees - Additional Nominations (5) from GB to Project Management Team
Additional Nominations (6) from GB to Fundraising Team
10. Any other business with the prior permission of the Chair
11. 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

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Dated 25/07/2025

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 3rd August 2025
- 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 3rd August 2025



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 17 parishes & 9 congregations 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 participates 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 Thoma 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 with 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 Monish Varghese
Mandalam Member	Mr Thomas Koshy
Diocesan Assembly Member	Mr Thomas Abraham
Nominated Diocesan Assembly member	Mr Sherry Matthews
Organization Representatives	
Choir	Mr. Mathew K Thomas
Sevika Sangham	Mrs Anu Shaji
Sunday School	Dr Noel Jacob
Senior Citizen Fellowship	Dr Sunny Thomas
Youth Fellowship	Miss Chirstine Mathew
Edavaka Mission	Mr Jinu P Mathew
Couple Fellowship	Mrs Tania Thomas
Area Representatives	
Birmingham & Solihull	Mr Jose John
Coventry, Warwickshire & Nuneaton	Mr Sam Mathew
Walsall, Wolverhampton & Stafford	Mr Thomas Oonnoony
Nottingham, Derby & Burton-Upon-Trent	Dr Susy Jacob
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 2025, there are 129 families who are registered as members or member families.

AUDITORS

Dr Reggie John and Mr Anil K Mathews were appointed as internal auditors for the year 2024-25.



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 2024-25 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 18 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 18 years we have grown as a parish. We are 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 129 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 2024-25, has been challenging the war in Ukraine has continued rage on over the past year with no sign of resolution, and the war that 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 has continued.

The events around the world have affected the UK too so has many domestic issues.

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 in the UK along with our brothers & sisters in the rest of Europe & Africa, on September 29th, 2024, we were blessed with the official inauguration of the Diocese of UK, Europe & Africa by our Metropolitan Theodosius Mar Thoma with Rt Rev Dr Joseph Mar Ivanios as the Diocesan Episcopa.



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 used to have outreach services in Leicester, every 4th Saturday.

FORMATION OF LEICESTER CONGREGATION

In October 2024, members of our Leicester area prayer group requested the formation of a separate congregation in Leicester this was discussed by the Executive Committee and ratified by the General Body in December 2024. Hence 27 of our members formed the new congregation in Leicester and started having independent services under the stewardship of Rev Regi Easow on 25th January 2025. The congregation was formally inaugurated on 23rd March by our Diocesan Bishop Rt Rev Dr Joseph Mar Ivanios. We wish them all the very best and are sure that they will spread God's light in the city of Leicester and the surrounding regions.

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

GREAT LENT 2024

The Great Lent in 2024 fell in the 2023-24 financial year commencing on the 11th of February and ending on March 31st, 2024.

17TH PARISH DAY

Our 17th Parish Day was held on the 5th of May 2024, the Rev Reji Easow was the chief guest. Tithe was collected on the day. A total Tithe Collection of £7360 /- was made this year.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Vacation Bible School was conducted from 30th May to June 2nd, 2024.

The theme was 'Go Proficient' (**GO Pro**). 60 children attended. Mrs Reeba George was the convener; the leaders were Mrs Mini Anu Thomas and Mr Melvin Shaji Varghese. The VBS team this year raised £700/- through a variety of fun challenges, and interactive experiences, encouraging donations and contributions to support Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity



ZONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL EXAM

The Zonal Sunday School exam was held on 7th July 2024 after the Holy Communion service 50 children took the exam which started at 2pm.

PARISH PICNIC

On the 31st of August, a parish day trip & picnic was organised by the Couple fellowship under the leadership of Mrs Tania Thomas, we visited Rutland Water in Leicestershire.

CHURCH CULTURAL DAY & ONASADYA

On September 7th Saturday we had our annual Church Cultural Festival and the Onasadya to commemorate the Onam Harvest festival in Kerala. This was held at St Giles Parish Hall Sheldon and many of our members actively participated.

STUDENTS' THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION SERVICE

The Students' Thanksgiving and Dedication services was held on Sunday, 1st September 2024.

As a part of thanksgiving service, a special offertory was collected. An amount of £1487.50 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 8th 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 15th of September was celebrated as Senior Citizen Sunday. Our senior members helped with the Holy Communion service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' Dedication service was also held on the 15th of September

DIOCESAN SUNDAY

Diocesan Sunday was celebrated on 22nd September. On the occasion Rev Subin Mathew Parayil Diocesan Bishop's secretary & Vicar of Cardiff Mar Thoma Church visited our parish as part of the Pulpit Exchange programme.



UK-EUROPE & AFRICA DIOCESE INAUGURATION

Diocese of UK, Europe & Africa was formally inaugurated by our Metropolitan Most Rev Theodosius Marthoma on 29th September 2024, at Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich. The function was graced by other bishops including Rt Rev Dr Euyakim Mar Coorilos Suffragan Metropolitan, Rt Rev Dr Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan, Rt Rev Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa, Rt Rev Dr Joseph Mar Ivanios Diocesan Episcopa, Rt Rev Mar Joseph Srampickal, Syro-Malabar Bishop, Dr Mark Chapman Revd Canon Professor & Mr Sojan Joseph MP for Ashford. Our parish played quite a significant part in the background helping with the running of the event.

YOUTH SUNDAY

Youth Sunday was celebrated on 20th October. The members of the Youth Leagues assisted in various parts of the service.

FAMILY RETREAT AND FAMILY SUNDAY

The Parish Family Retreat was held on the 26th October 2024 at the St Johns Hall of Knowle Parish Church. Rev Thomas John of Sinai Mar Thoma Church North London was leader at the retreat.

Mrs Minu Sherry coordinated the event very efficiently. 30 families attended. We had the Family Bible Quiz for the Adv. Thomas K. Mathew Memorial Ever rolling trophy based on the book of Acts during the retreat and was won this year by Mr Jinu P Mathew & Mrs Anithamol Achankunju.

MDLANDS & NORTH CENTRE WORLD SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY

On the 2nd November 2024 as part of the World Sunday School Day our Sunday School hosted the Midlands & North Centre World Sunday Day celebration. The event was held at Coton Green Church, Tamworth and 10 Sunday schools participated in the event with a total number of around 450 attendees.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

A Special Thanksgiving Service to celebrate the Harvest Festival was held on 10th November 2024. Rev Sajan P Mathew celebrated the Holy communion on the occasion.

The congregation contributed generously toward the Harvest offertory and charity auction & food sale. A total collection of £13685/- was made.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

The Sunday school anniversary was held on 17th November. The Sunday School children assisted in various parts of the service. Rev Sabi Mathew, Vicar Holy Trinity CSI Church, Birmingham was our chief guest. Along



with various programmes put on by our children to highlight what they had learnt in Sunday School through the year we also had the prize distribution to recognize the children's performance at the exams.

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 November 29th to 23rd December 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 £7355/- was collected.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The Christmas Carol service was held on 21st December at St Mary's Church Hobs Meadow Rev Bekah Clark of St Mary's Church was the chief guest. 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.

CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY COMMUNION

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

DIOCESAN CAROL SERVICE

Diocesan Carol service was held at Coton Green Church Centre, Tamworth on 4th January 2025. Our Choir was among the 12 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 was held in February from 14th -- 16th at Burton on Trent, Coventry & at Church. Rev Thomas Joseph from Germany Mar Thoma congregation was our chief speaker, the theme was 'Turn, Trust & Triumph – A Journey of Repentance, Devotion & Hope'



MOTHER'S DAY

On 30th March, special prayers were offered during the Holy Communion to celebrate our mothers. The Youth held a special Mother's Day Bake Sale

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 have to follow 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 Saturday mornings 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 on Tuesdays

Chain prayer

Under the leadership of the Sevika Sangam chain prayers are being 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 Sevika Sangam devote their time in prayer in a relay fashion. God Almighty acknowledges to supplication of his faithful.

PARTICIPATION IN UK-EUROPE DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES

Hermon Mar Thoma Church is extremely proud to be an active part of the functioning of the UK, Europe & Africa Diocese and look forward to the growth of the fledgling Diocese both in its spiritual mission and administrative activities.

We participated in various Diocesan programmes such as the Diocesan Inauguration on September 29th, Diocesan Carol service on January 4th and other Diocesan & centre level events.

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

Hermon Marthoma Church Sunday School has completed yet another successful year with the presence of the Great Shepherd in our midst & His immense blessing.

We are blessed with the leadership and guidance from our Vicar, Rev John T Thomas. We follow the UK-Europe & Africa Diocese Sunday school curriculum.

Currently we have around 68 students registered in 13 classes.

Sunday school classes have traditionally been held every Sunday before the Holy Communion service, and we have continued that through the past academic year. The last academic year resumed on 13th October 2024 and due to changes with regards to availability of the venue, Sunday school were held between 1:00-2:00 pm before the Holy Communion Service.

The continued dedication of the parents, who dutifully continue to bring their children to classes is to be appreciated. This has resulted in children having a blessed time, growing in the Word of God, engaging in songs, Bible readings and fun, interactive games.

In the past year, in addition the Sunday school children have been encouraged to participate in the worship. They, alongside the youth, have recently started participating in our new Praise and Worship service before every English Holy Communion service on the 1st & 3rd Sundays at 2:00pm. The initiative has been well received by the congregation and has been a blessing for all involved.

2024-25 ACTIVITIES

- VBS 2024 was held from 30th May to 2nd June. The theme was 'Going Proficient'. We had enthusiastic & vibrant VBS directors in Mrs Mini Anu Thomas and Mr Melvin Shaji Varghese and the 4-day program attracted 60 children. The VBS raised £700/- through a variety of fun challenges and interactive experiences, encouraging donations and contributions to support Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's charity.
- Diocesan Sunday School Exam was held on the 7th of July. 50 students sat the exam, and we are incredibly proud of all the children for their hard work, dedication and impressive efforts and their commitment to their studies truly shone through. A heartfelt thank you goes out



to all parents for their unwavering support and encouragement in helping to prepare the children.

- Diocesan exam paper valuation was hosted by us on 5th August bringing together the Diocesan Sunday school team, teachers from across the country to mark the Sunday school exam papers.
- Midlands & North Region World Sunday school celebration was held on 2nd November. The Hermon Marthoma church Sunday school hosted the event at Coton Green Church, Tamworth and was well organised. We are extremely grateful to our parents, teachers and executive committee members for the immense help and support which made it a blessed day. It was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, celebration and growth, leaving everyone inspired and uplifted. 10 Sunday schools participated in the event with a total number of around 450 attendees.
- Our Sunday school anniversary was held on 17th November. The Sunday School children assisted in various parts of the service. Rev Sabi Mathew, Vicar Holy Trinity CSI Church, Birmingham was our chief guest. Along with various programmes put on by our children to highlight what they had learnt in Sunday School through the year we also had the prize distribution to recognize the children's performance at the exams.
- Christmas Carol service was held on 21st December and the Sunday school children participated and put on a nativity skit and a musical performance. Many of the children had opportunity to display their skills at musical instruments and put on an incredible performance.
- Christmas Toy Appeal - Sunday school children participated actively in generous contribution to the Christmas toy appeal organised by the Helping Hand committee to support the Salvation Army Toy appeal. We are grateful to all the parents and children for the generous support and contribution.
- Sunday School teachers retreat of Midlands region was held on 1st February 2025 at Salem MTC, Southampton. Many of our teachers participated and it was a blessed event.
- Annual General body meeting of the Sunday School teachers was held on 9th February 2025 to elect the new office bearers.



- On 16th February we held a brief Parents-Teachers meeting under the leadership of our Vicar and Rev Thomas Joseph of Germany congregation spoke to us. Achen reiterated the importance of us being the role models for children.
- We were also blessed by the presence of Rev Sanoj Mathew on 30th March for our Holy Communion service and Achen spend some time with Sunday school teachers and parents before the Holy Communion and gave a short devotion again emphasising on getting our priorities right as parents and teachers.

There are changes being introduced as the functions our newly formed Diocese of UK, Europe & Africa and the various organizations including the Sunday school takes shape. As per Kalpana dated 14/03/2025- Diocesan Sunday School academic year has been changed and now will run from January to November with the Diocesan exams planned to be held on 3rd Sunday in November. This means that the current academic year will be extended until November 2025.

To conclude, so wonderful indeed has our heavenly Father blessed all our effort to build up the Kingdom of Our God Almighty through teachers and parents of our church. We give thanks for His guidance and grace. 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- to the younger generation entrusted to our care.

COUPLE FELLOWSHIP

The Couple Fellowship has been diligently working to foster community spirit and enhance fellowship among the members of Hermon Mar Thoma Church. Through steadfast dedication and enthusiasm, the group organized several impactful events throughout the year, reinforcing bonds and encouraging greater participation.

1. Couple Fellowship Meeting

Last year, the Couple Fellowship initiated a significant program aimed at fostering connections and strengthening relationships among young couples within the church community. The inaugural meeting was held on 28th April 2024 at St. Mary Hobs Moat Church and marked a promising beginning for this new endeavor.

The event was structured to offer spiritual enrichment, enjoyable activities, and thoughtful discussions. The agenda included praise and worship, prayer partners, discussions on couple goals,



games, and a bible quiz. Rev. John T. Thomas Achen delivered a heartfelt and inspiring message, encouraging couples to strengthen their faith and relationships. This first meeting was immensely successful, creating a welcoming space for young couples to connect, share, and grow together in their journey of faith.

2. Parish Picnic

The Parish Picnic on 31st August 2024 at Rutland Aqua Park was an unforgettable day filled with fun, laughter, and camaraderie for the Hermon Mar Thoma Church community. Organized by the Couple Fellowship, this one-day outing provided families with an excellent opportunity to relax, enjoy, and build stronger connections within the congregation.

The event featured engaging games, scenic boat trips, football, and cricket, creating cherished memories with loved ones. For lunch, wrapped in banana leaves, '*pothichor*' offered a delightful dining experience with its unique combination of flavors and aromas. The picturesque setting of Rutland Aqua Park served as the ideal backdrop for a day of fellowship and joy, with opportunities for both adventure and serene family time.

3. Couple Fellowship Meeting

The Couple Fellowship continued its mission of strengthening relationships and promoting spiritual growth by organizing another meaningful meeting on the 15th of February at Brandon and Wolston Village Hall.

The highlight of the event was the presence of Rev. Thomas Joseph, an esteemed speaker from the Germany congregation, who delivered an inspiring message. He reminded us that while we may focus on imperfections or differences, God sees the deeper qualities and potential within our partners—qualities that align with His plan for our lives. Sometimes, what may seem unsuitable to us could be an opportunity for growth, understanding, or even fulfilling a higher purpose that we might not immediately recognize.

4. Altar Flowers

The Couple Fellowship has been encouraging families to voluntarily provide fresh flowers for the altar during Sunday Worship services. This thoughtful initiative has elevated the worship ambiance and provided families with a meaningful way to celebrate personal milestones such as birthdays and anniversaries.



A special note of gratitude goes to **Mr. Mathew Samuel** and **Mrs. Jessy Mathew** for their remarkable generosity in sponsoring the altar flowers for the year 2024-2025. Their kindness and contribution are deeply valued and appreciated by the entire church community.

Acknowledgments

The Couple Fellowship extends its heartfelt gratitude to Rev. John T. Thomas for his unwavering support and guidance in making these events successful. Above all, we thank God Almighty for His grace and blessings, which have sustained and inspired us throughout our endeavors.

Conclusion

The Couple Fellowship remains committed to nurturing relationships and fostering unity within the church community. We look forward to continuing these efforts and creating new opportunities for fellowship and service in the coming year.

EDAVAKA MISSION

Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists Association (MTVEA) is an organization that was started with the vision of Dr. Abraham Marthoma, that **'Every Marthomite is an Evangelist'** The Church Mission (Edavaka Mission) is the local chapter of the MTVEA.

Every Marthomite is expected to be a true witness to Jesus Christ and share the joy of salvation wherever they are placed.

Purpose & programmes for Edavaka Mission:

Jesus said, "When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witness for me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of earth". (Acts 1:8) "You will be my Witnesses." This is the motto of the Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists Association. The purpose of the association is to:

- witness Jesus Christ in our day-to-day life and to witness the grace of Jesus Christ to be participants in the building the Kingdom of God.
- prepare every member of the Mission for the sevenfold Program.



We humbly submit the Annual Report of the Edavaka Mission of Hermon Mar Thoma Church for 2024-25, offering a thousand praises and thanks to God for the grace that has been bestowed upon us in the parish mission activities of the past year, even amidst the limitations.

Registration

According to the by-laws and constitution of the MTVEA, our Edavaka Mission is registered with the Central office, Thiruvalla for the Tenure 2025-2026.

General Body meeting

Edavaka Mission general Body meeting was held on Sunday, 30th June 2024, after the Holy Communion Service at St. Marys Hobs Moat, Solihull. Vicar, Rev John T Thomas presided the meeting. The office bearers and area representatives for the years 2024-25 were elected.

The following parishioners were in charge of Hermon Mar Thoma Church Edavaka Mission during 2024-25

President: Rev John T Thomas

Area Representatives

Vice president: Mr. Thomas Koshy

Mr. K A Varghese - Birmingham

Secretary: Mr. Jinu P Mathew

Mr. Shinu Mathew - Coventry

Treasurer: Mr. Jose John

Mr Joji Philip - Leicester

**Mrs Jolly Thomas - Walsall- Wolverhampton-
Staffordshire-Shropshire**

Mr. Sajeev Daniel - Nottingham, Derby - Burton

The Edavaka Mission Committee met 3 times during the reporting year and prepared the year plan for 2024-25. It was decided 1. To organize monthly joint prayer in residences within all areas with the cooperation of the Sevika Sangham and respective area prayer groups, 2. To organize a spiritual enrichment class every month based on church liturgy, church history, and the Bible, 3. To organize a joint intercessory prayer in collaboration with the Sevika Sangham regarding the purchase of a church in Walsall, 4. To observe the second Sunday of October as Mar Thoma Volunteer Evangelists Association Day and edavaka mission members to lead worship and other activities.



Monthly Cottage Prayer

Monthly cottage Prayer Meetings were organized every month in the following parishioners' residence under the joint auspices of the Sevika Sangham and the respective Area Prayer Group to study the Word of God and pray:- **Mrs. Annamma Kurien** July 6th 2024, **Mr Shaji Thomas & Mrs. Anu Shaji** August 17th 2024, **Mr Aby Chandy & Mrs Reeba George** September 2024, **Dr Jacob Samuel & Dr.Susy Jacob** October 12th 2024, **Mr Jinu P Mathew & Mrs. Anitha, Mr. Binu Benny & Mrs. Sinu Vincilas** November 9th 2024, **Mr Biju P Mathew & Mrs. Shency Mathew** February 8th 2025, and **Dr. Georgie Thomas & Dr Ciju Thomas** March 1st 2025

Edavaka Mission Spiritual Enrichment Classes

The Edavaka Mission had decided to hold monthly Spiritual Enrichment Classes, Bible/Liturgy Study Sessions. These monthly sessions are held virtually via Zoom on a Wednesday evening.

The Inaugural session was delivered by our Diocesan Bishop Rt Rev Dr Joseph Mar Ivanios on Wednesday 10th of July at 7.30pm on the topic of **Baptism**. This was followed by **Theology & Spirituality of Lord's Prayer** by Rev Sam Koshy T in August 2024, **Journey through the Liturgy meaning, Theology and Practice** by Rev. Sibi Mathew in September 2024, **A journey through faith, practice, and heritage of Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church** by Rev. Sibu Pallichira in October 2024, **Re-Imagining Ecclesiology** by Rev. Shiby Varghese P. in November 2024, **Inter-personal commandments in family life** by Rev Dr. K. Thomas Karavaloor in February 2025 and **FASTing** by Rev. Dr. Mothy Varkey in March 2025

Edavaka Mission & Sevika Sangham Joint Intercessory Prayer

An online Joint intercessory prayer was organized on Tuesday 5th November 2024, from 8pm to 9pm by the Edavaka Mission & Sevika Sangham via Zoom platform upholding the need to secure a church of our own.

Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists Association Day

Sunday, October 13th, was observed as Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists Association Day. Edavaka mission members led the worship and other services.



Mr. Jose John and Mrs. Jolly Thomas led the special worship order published by MTVEA. Mr. Thomas Koshy and Mrs. Minu Sherry read the lessons. Mr. Jinu P. Mathew and Mr. Binoy Thomas assisted in the holy Qurbana. Rev. John T Thomas led sermon and Mr K A Varghese concluded with the prayer.

Zonal Edavaka Mission Prayer Meeting

Sunday, 21st May 2024, at 8 pm - Midlands Hermon Marthoma Edavaka Mission led the Zonal Edavaka mission online prayer. Vicar, Rev. John T. Thomas delivered the sermon, and the Edavaka Mission Secretary Mr. Jinu P. Mathew led the intercessory prayer with Mr. Abraham Varghese and Mrs. Elizabeth Varghese. Mr Thomas Koshy read the lesson.

Edavaka Mission Zonal President Rev. Varghese Koshy, Zonal Secretary Mr. Sajeev Daniel led the other arrangements.

Parish Convention - 2025

Hermon Mar Thoma Church Parish Convention was held on **February 14, 15, and 16** in various areas. **Rev Thomas Joseph (Germany)** led the sermon. Edavaka mission members also actively participated in the convention arrangements.

CHOIR

The Church choir carried out its responsibilities diligently, sang beautifully, filling the space with harmonious voices that uplifted the spirit of our worship services under the leadership of our Vicar Rev John T Thomas, and Choir Leaders Mr Mathew K Thomas and Mr Matthew Alexander. The choir has enriched each worship experience in the past year with their heartfelt music and devotion.

Choir Dedications Sunday

Our Choir dedication Sunday took place on 26 May 2024, led by Rev John T Thomas, and we thank the Achen for all the support.

Choir membership

We were a 45-member Choir; however, throughout the year, there have been a few resignations from the choir, which has led to the choir strength being reduced to 37 members by the end of the year.



There was also a brief period in our choir membership where misunderstandings had arisen, which was rectified by the timely intervention of our Diocese Thirumeni Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Ivanios Episcopa. The choir has continued strengthening, refining their harmonies and deepening their connection to the ministry.

Christmas Carols 2024

The choir's participation in the Christmas carols this year was exceptional. Their dedication and hard work throughout the rehearsal period from September 2024 culminated in a series of beautiful, uplifting performances that added a special touch to the holiday season. The choir's songs of 'Unto us a child is born', 'This child' and 'Tharangal Nira Nirayai' were filled with emotion and grace, creating a warm, festive atmosphere for the congregation. Rev Bekah Clark gave a thought-provoking and inspiring Christmas message for the Carols 2024.

Hermon MTC choir also participated in the Diocesan Carols. Their performance was a seamless blend of voices, bringing to life the timeless messages of hope and joy that Christmas represents.

This year, the choir also reached out to the broader community by singing carols in Ardenlea Court care home, spreading the message of Christmas cheer through carolling events, which were warmly received. The carolling in a care home was the first time in Hermon Mar Thoma's history, and thanks to teamwork, the choir's participation was a highlight of the season and demonstrated the strength of our church's musical ministry.

Ecumenical Choir Competition

Hermon MTC Choir participated in the Ecumenical Christmas carol competition 'Joy to the World' this year, which Garshom TV and London Asaphians organised. By The grace of God, we won the second prize with a cash prize of £500.00. Congrats to all Hermon MTC Choir members for their commitment and dedication to this achievement.

Administration

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



Multiple committees and general body meetings have been held over the last year. There have also been rehearsals held for the worship services. All these combined, along with the dedication of the choir members, have allowed us to achieve a remarkable level of growth and excellence in our musical ministry. Through their commitment, the choir has not only grown in strength but has also become a cornerstone of our worship experience, creating a deeper connection with the congregation and elevating the overall atmosphere of our church services.

The choir committee members for 2025-2026 are as follows:

President: Rev John T Thomas
Choir Leader: Mr Thomas K Thomas
Joint Choir Leader: Mrs Riji Susan
Geevarghese
Secretary: Mrs Reeba George
Treasurer: Mr Mathew K Thomas

Diocesan Rep: Mrs Elizabeth Varghese
Committee members:
Mrs Anvy Thomas
Mr Sudeep Thomas
Dr Noel Jacob
Miss Steffi Shaji

Looking ahead to next year, we are excited about the new opportunities and challenges that await.

We look forward to deepening our musical skills by learning new hymns, anthems, and songs to enhance our worship services further. Each rehearsal is an opportunity to grow closer as a choir family and fully understand music's powerful role in our worship. We are excited to bring new members into the choir and continue to nurture the bonds we've formed with each other through our shared love of music and faith.

SEVIKA SANGAM

With hearts full of gratitude, we thank God for His abundant blessings, protection, and guidance over the past year. We extend our sincere appreciation to Achen and Kochamma for their unwavering support and leadership, which have been a great source of encouragement for all of us.

The Sevika Sangam committee members for 2024-2025 were as follows

President – Rev. John T Thomas
Vice President – Moly Varghese
Secretary – Anu Shaji
Treasurer – Sibi Mathew
Diocesan Rep – Josena Josekutty (till
October)

Area Representatives:
Birmingham – Shiby Varghese
Burton/Derby – Jomy Joy
Coventry – Annamma Thomas
Leicester – Jejo Joji
Walsall-Wolvs-Staffs-Shrops – Dr. Raghey
Kurien



Activities

Sevika Sangham Meetings

Regular meetings were held on the second Sunday of each month, unless rescheduled due to conflicting events.

Chain Prayers and Intercessory Prayers

Sevika Sangham continues to uphold its commitment to prayer by conducting fasting prayers in homes on the first Saturday of every two months, in collaboration with the Edavaka Mission and Area Prayer groups.

Additionally, chain prayers are held every Tuesday and Friday, with participation from dedicated members. Intercessory prayers take place every Tuesday evening from 20:15 to 21:00 via Zoom, under Achen's leadership, providing spiritual strength and comfort to our members.

We are also privileged to take part in the diocesan chain prayer, which is held fortnightly on Fridays. We thank God for the increased participation in these prayer ministries over the past year.

Annual Conference

The Sevika Sangham Annual Conference was hosted by Carmel Mar Thoma Church, Liverpool on 24th August 2024. Thirteen members from our church attended this blessed event, which was graced by the presence of all vicars and numerous Sevika Sangham members. A Bible quiz competition was also held, with five of our members actively participating.

Sevika Sangham Day

Sevika Sangham Day was observed on 8th September 2024, where our members played an integral role in the allocated service by delivering the sermon, reading lessons, and assisting as lay leaders. Minu Kochamma shared an inspiring message, and under her guidance, we sang a beautiful song in praise of God.

Diocese Inauguration Service

On 29th September 2024, our members actively supported the UK-Europe-Africa Diocese Inauguration Service under the guidance of Rev. Johnson M John. Sevika Sangham played a key role



in the Vigilance and Ushering Committee and participated in the online preparatory prayer sessions, which were held every Wednesday from 28th August to 25th September.

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival, held on 10th November 2024, was a joyous occasion. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all members for their dedication in ensuring the smooth running of the event. The food sale was a great success, thanks to the collective efforts of the congregation.

Christmas Carol Service

On 21st December 2024, Sevika Sangham members contributed to the Christmas Carol Service by singing a beautiful song under the guidance of Minu Kochamma, adding to the festive celebrations.

Charity and Fundraising

Sevika Sangham actively participated in various fundraising events throughout the year, including the food sale during the Harvest Festival. We also contributed to charities such as Helping Hands and Manna, the Church Development Fund.

In addition, the contribution made towards *Little Drops* this year will be used to support educational and medical needs. We sincerely thank all church members for their generosity and support, which has made these charitable initiatives possible.

As we reflect on this blessed year, we extend our deepest gratitude to Achen, whose leadership as President has been invaluable. We also express our heartfelt appreciation to all office bearers for their continued dedication and commitment to the mission of Sevika Sangham.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Hermon Church Youth has had a highly active and impactful year, with our young members consistently demonstrating dedication and commitment to both their spiritual growth and service to the congregation. This year, the youth have engaged in a variety of activities that have allowed them to not only develop their faith but also play a significant role in the life of the church. From taking on leadership roles in worship services to participating in community events, the youth have shown remarkable enthusiasm, initiative, and unity.



Throughout the year, the youth actively participated in multiple zonal youth fellowship events. These events provided valuable opportunities for our young people to connect with peers from surrounding congregations, fostering a sense of unity and fellowship.

A cornerstone of this year's youth activities was the initiative to have youth-led praise and worship services on every third Sunday of the month. This initiative empowered the young members of our congregation to take on key roles within the worship service, including:

- Leading prayers
- Delivering sermons
- Leading the congregation in songs of praise
- Managing service logistics and technical aspects
- Actively taking part in playing instruments

This experience proved invaluable, as it not only allowed the youth to exercise their gifts and talents but also played a significant role in their personal spiritual growth. By taking on these responsibilities, our young people were able to strengthen their leadership abilities, deepen their faith, and contribute meaningfully to the church's worship experience. The positive reception from the congregation demonstrated the success of this initiative in creating a dynamic and engaging worship atmosphere.

The youth have proactively organised events throughout the year, ranging from the Mother's Day event, the youth organized a bake sale featuring a wide variety of baked goods. This event was a gesture of appreciation for the mothers within the congregation, while also serving as a fundraising initiative for the Youth conference this summer. The youth worked collaboratively to prepare, package, and sell the baked goods, demonstrating teamwork and dedication to serving the church community.

During the church's Parish Day and Christmas celebrations, the youth took part in a special musical performance, showcasing their vocal and instrumental talents. This event was a testament to the youth's dedication and creativity, as they worked together to prepare a meaningful and uplifting performance.

The Hermon Church Youth Ministry has had a remarkable year of growth, service, and fellowship. Through active participation in zonal youth fellowship events, the successful implementation of



youth-led worship services, and organization of events, the youth have demonstrated their commitment to deepening their faith and serving both the church and the broader community. As we look ahead to the coming year, we are excited to continue fostering an environment where our young people can thrive spiritually, develop their leadership skills, and make meaningful contributions to the life of the church.

The Hermon Church Youth had a dynamic year, demonstrating dedication to spiritual growth and service. They engaged in various activities, assuming leadership roles in worship services and participating in community events.

Throughout the year, they attended zonal youth fellowship events, fostering unity with peers from other congregations. A key initiative was holding youth-led worship services every third Sunday, where they led prayers, delivered sermons, managed logistics, and played instruments. This experience enhanced their leadership skills and deepened their faith.

They organized a successful Mother's Day bake sale to appreciate mothers and raise funds for a summer youth conference. During Parish Day and Christmas celebrations, they showcased their musical talents.

HELPING HAND

As a charitable organization, it is our Christian responsibility to recognize and support those in need within our community. The Helping Hand program—a charitable initiative of Hermon Mar Thoma Church, Midlands UK—was established to better coordinate the church's charitable efforts. This initiative provides us with a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the free, generous, and unmerited love of God in our lives.

Hermon Mar Thoma Church has consistently been at the forefront of supporting a wide range of charitable activities in the UK, abroad, and in India.

For the 2024–2025 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 and non-profit organizations, bereavement support fund, and crisis relief aid.

PURPOSE ORIENTED ACTIVITIES



We have distributed a total of £14,337.04 toward various charitable activities in the year 2024–2025. In India, we provided £1,300.00 for educational aid, £1,750.00 for medical aid, £800.00 for the crisis relief fund, and £500.00 for housing aid to individuals in need.

- To support a member of our community during the heartbreaking loss of their beloved daughter Hanna, Hermon Mar Thoma Church launched an appeal and raised a total of £5,530 to assist with the funeral expenses for the family.
- In response to the catastrophic disasters that occurred in Wayanad, Kerala, in July 2024, Helping Hand launched an emergency appeal and collected £1,795.00, which was donated through the Mar Thoma Church.
- During the Christmas and New Year season, Helping Hand organized a Toy Appeal in partnership with the Salvation Army to support underprivileged children across Birmingham and the Black Country. We were delighted to collect 44 toys, each one bringing joy and a smile to a child's face.
- In addition, to support the broader charitable initiatives of the Salvation Army, we also contributed Rs. 200 towards their ongoing efforts.
- To provide essential food and supplies to individuals and families in our neighbourhood and beyond, Hermon Mar Thoma Church organized a Food Bank Appeal, during the Christmas season. Generous contributions of food items were collected from our church members and donated to the food bank operated by the Renewal Centre in Solihull.
- In association with VBS, we donated £1,395.04 to Abhayam to support the education of three children in Kerala, India, and £687.00 to support activities of Great Ormond Street Hospital in the UK.

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 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 continues, and we are sure in HIS time God will provide.



NEWSLETTER

During the past year our Church Newsletter was published without fail on a quarterly basis under the leadership of our Vicar & the Newsletter Editor Mrs Anisha Alex. We thank the effort the editor and all the contributors of the various kinds of articles.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

During the past year, Hermon Mar Thoma Church witnessed an influx of new members in the region and who joined our worshipping community, 14 new families and individuals joined us.

1. Mr Jerry Varkey, Mrs Geena Jai & Miss Hazel Jerry (Leicester)
2. Mr Renju Oommen, Mrs Litty Abraham, Miss Achsa Renju, Miss Ann Renju (Telford)
3. Mr Jaison John (Birmingham)
4. Mr Binish George, Dr Shreya Koshy, Mr George P Thomas, Mrs Lizy George (Derby)
5. Mr Fibu Franklin, Mrs Levina Kurian, Miss Kathryn Fibu, Mast Daniel Chirayan, Mast Frank Chirayan (Coventry)
6. Mr Jithin Mathew, Mrs Suvitha Wilson Miss Ima Jithin (Oldbury, Birmingham)
7. Mr Sunu Daniel, Mrs Siji Kasmel, Evan Daniel, Eyon Daniel (Leicester)
8. Mr Jerin Thankachan, Mrs Bessy George, Miss Janet Jerin, Janis Jerin, Miss Jasmine Jerin (Wolverhampton)
9. Mr Lijo Philip, Mrs Siji Varghese, Miss Johana Lijo, Mast Johan Lijo (Highley)
10. Mr Rojan Varughese, Mrs Anna Varughese, Miss Jeny Rojan, Mast Juvan Rojan (Leicester)
11. Mr Nithin Varghese, Mrs Jeny Johnson, Mast Nathaneal Nithin Varghese, Miss Jonna Nithin (Nuneaton)
12. Mr Abraham George, Dr Sana Sankey, Mast Liam George (Newcastle under Lyme)
13. Mr Shiju Skariah George, Mrs Liny Varghese, Miss Essetta Shiju (Stafford)
14. Mr Subin George, Mrs Mili Shaji, Miss Emryn Subin (Droitwich)

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.

PURPOSE ORIENTED ACTIVITIES



BAPTISMS

Over the past year, we did not have any baptisms at our parish.

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 2024-2025.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Ivanios

Rev Thomas John

Rev. Sijo John

Rev Sabi Mathew

Rev Reji Easow

Rev Thomas Joseph

Rev C Joseph

Rev Sajan P Mathew

Rev Subin Mathew Parayil

Rev. Sanoj Babu

Rev. Bekah Clark

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 2025.

The financial position of the charity at 31 March 2025 and comparatives for the prior period are detailed in the accounts and can be summarised as follows:-

	2025 (£)	2024 (£)
Total Funds		
Net Income for the year	99972	17681
Funds brought forward	437734	420053
Total	537706	437734
Funds Allocation		
Unrestricted Funds	201498	182556
Designated Revenue Funds	147264	147264
Revenue Restricted Funds	10624	7984
Fixed Asset Restricted Funds	178320	99930
Total	537706	437734

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 2025-2026

The election of the Executive Committee members for 2025-2026 took place during General body meeting on 23rd February 2025 at St Marys Hobs Moat Hall. The list of elected members is given on page ____.

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 2024-25 was approved by the board trustees on 20/06/2025

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	Budget Income FY 2024-25	Actual Income FY 2024-25	Budget Expense FY 2024-25	Actual Expense FY 2024-25
Church Lease Car			4320.00	4337.76
Utility			6900.00	7356.42
VBS	1545.00	1545	3100.00	3264.26

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

Hermon Mar Thoma Church

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charity on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

I report on the financial statements of the charity on pages 38-42 for the year ended 31 March 2025 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (effective January 2015) 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 43.

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:-

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and;
- 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

Hermon Mar Thoma Church

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;

Jitender Kaur - Independent Examiner

Chartered Accountant

Faith House Main Street
Little Stretton

LE2 2FS

This report was signed on 23/07/2025



Internal Auditor's Report

INTERNAL AUDITORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2024-25

We have examined the Income and Expenditure Account of The Hermon Mar Thoma Church, Midlands UK for the financial year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

In order to carry out the audit, we have obtained financial statements and explanations from the Trustees, which are relevant for the audit.


The Trustees have executed their responsibilities in a professional manner and we thank them for their availability and quick responses to inquiries of clarification.

Below are our observations from the Audit:-

- Six electronic Bank Transfers made to the Diocese, are still awaiting formal receipts. We have verified the Kalpana and the Minutes of the Executive Committee for these, and the Diocesan Trustee has confirmed that they will be issued at the earliest.
- We would also like to bring it to the attention of the Church Executive Committee that we felt the Church Directory is probably not cost effective, as it appears to be highly underutilized.
- Similarly we would like to draw the attention of the Helping Hand Committee that it was recorded to make 2 donations of £ 200 each to the Salvation Army and the YMCA, only the former was actioned.

We, Auditors have verified the information provided and, in our opinion, the financial statements and explanations are true and accurate for the mentioned period.


Dr, Reggie John
Internal Auditor


Mr. Anil K Mathews
Internal Auditor

CASH FLOW STATEMENT



Statement of Financial Activities

Hermon Mar Thoma Church - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Current year Unrestricted Funds and Designated Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
Income & Endowments from:				
Donations & Legacies	99,812	1,303	101,115	106,783
Charitable activities	39,438	9,557	48,995	55,485
Other fundraising activities	-	78,390	78,390	4,085
Interest	2,541	-	2,541	1,078
Total income	141,791	89,250	231,041	167,431
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	118,079	12,990	131,069	149,750
Total expenditure	118,079	12,990	131,069	149,750
Net income for the year	23,712	76,260	99,972	17,681
Transfers between funds	(2,270)	2,270	-	
Net income after transfers	21,442	78,530	99,972	17,681
Net movement in funds	21,442	78,530	99,972	17,681
Reconciliation of funds:-				
Total funds brought forward	329,820	107,914	437,734	420,053
Total funds carried forward	351,262	186,444	537,706	437,734

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 2025

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

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

Summary of funds	Unrestricted and Designated funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Last Year Total Funds 2024 £
Unrestricted Funds	201,498	-	201,498	182,556
Designated funds	147,264	-	147,264	147,264
Revenue Restricted Funds	-	10,624	10,624	7,984
Fixed asset funds	-	178,320	178,320	99,930
Total funds	348,762	188,944	537,706	437,734

The notes attached form an integral part of these accounts.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT



Hermon Mar Thoma Church - Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	324,970	325,096
Current assets			
Debtors	9	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		383,468	294,792
Total current assets		<u>383,468</u>	<u>294,792</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(1,200)</u>	<u>(6,319)</u>
Net current assets		382,268	288,473
		<u>707,238</u>	<u>613,569</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	9	(169,532)	(175,835)
The total net assets of the charity		<u>537,706</u>	<u>437,734</u>

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

Restricted funds				
Restricted Revenue Funds	11	10,624	7,984	-
Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	11	<u>178,320</u>	<u>99,930</u>	
		188,944		107,914
Unrestricted Funds				
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	11	201,498		182,556
Designated Funds				
Designated Revenue Funds	11	147,264		147,264
Total charity funds		<u>537,706</u>	<u>437,734</u>	

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 35-36.

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 Chandy

Aby Abraham Chandy
Trustee- Accounts

Approved by the board of trustees on 12/07/2025

Shiju Abraham

Shiju Abraham
Trustee- Finance

CASH FLOW STATEMENT



Hermon Mar Thoma Church

Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 March 2025

		2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities as shown below	A	96,605	23,781
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		2,541	1,078
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	B	-	-
Net cash provided by investing activities	B	2,541	1,078
Cash flows from financing activities	C		-
Repayment of amounts borrowed		(6,303)	(5,675)
Net cash used in financing activities		(6,303)	(5,675)
Overall cash provided by all activities	A+B+C	92,843	19,184
Cash movements			
Change in cash and cash equivalents from activities in the year ended 31 March 2025		92,843	19,184
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2024		294,792	275,608
Cash at bank and in hand less overdrafts at 31 March		387,635	294,792

CASH FLOW STATEMENT



Hermon Mar Thoma Church

Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 March 2025

Hermon Mar Thoma Church

Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 March 2025 - Continued

Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

Net income as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities	99,972	17,681
Adjustments for :-		
Depreciation charges	126	297
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(2,541)	(1,078)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(1,312)	1,312
Increase in creditors, excluding loans	360	5,569
Net cash provided by operating activities	A 96,605	23,781
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash in hand at for the year ended 31 March 2025	383,468	294,792
Total cash and cash equivalents	383,468	294,792



Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

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.

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.

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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

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.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

4 Interest payable

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank interest payable	10,184	10,902

5 Staff costs and emoluments

<i>Salary costs</i>	2025 £	2024 £
Pastoral Care	32,596	37,955
Other Pastoral Care (Benefits)	6,688	13,248
Trustees' Remuneration	-	-
Total salaries, wages and related costs	39,284	51,203

<i>Numbers of full time employees or full time equivalents</i>	2025	2024
The average number of total staff employed in the year was	1	1

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

6 Remuneration and payments to Trustees and persons connected with them

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.

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and Buildings £	Plant & Machinery £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	324,970	8,993	9,988	343,951
At 31 March 2025	324,970	8,993	9,988	343,951
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	-	8,867	9,988	18,855
Charge for the year	-	126		126
At 31 March 2025	-	8,993	9,988	18,981
Net book value				
At 31 March 2025	324,970	-	-	324,970
At 31 March 2024	324,970	126	-	325,096

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	1,200	840
	1,200	6,319

9 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans	169,532	175,835

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

At 31 March 2025	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	8,174	316,796	-	324,970
Investments at valuation:-				
Current Assets	194,524		188,944	383,468
Current Liabilities	(1,200)	-	-	(1,200)
Long Term Liabilities	-	(169,532)	-	(169,532)
	201,498	147,264	188,944	537,706

At 1 April 2024	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	325,096	-	325,096
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

11 Change in total funds over the year as shown in Note 10 , analysed by individual funds

	Funds brought forward from 2024 £	Movement in funds in 2025 See Note 12 £	Transfers between funds in 2025 £	Funds carried forward to 2026 £
<i>Unrestricted and designated funds:-</i>				
Unrestricted revenue funds	182,556	23,712	(4,770)	201,498
Designated revenue funds	147,264	-		147,264
Total unrestricted and designated funds	329,820	23,712	(4,770)	348,762

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Funds brought forward from 2024	Movement in funds in 2025 See Note 12	Transfers between funds in 2025	Funds carried forward to 2026
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:-				
Church Development(Procurement)	99,930	78,390		178,320
Youth League Fund		303		303
Ex-Gratia Reserved Fund	2,270		2,270	4,540
Sevika Sangam Fasting Prayer Offertory	62	40		102
Choir Prize Amount	1,500	265		1,765
Helping Hands UK	4,152	(2,738)	2,500	3,914
Total restricted funds	107,914	76,260	4,770	188,944
Total charity funds	437,734	99,972	-	537,706

12 Analysis of movements in funds over the year as shown in Note 11

	Income 2025 £	Expenditure 2025 £	Other Gains & Losses 2025 £	Movement in funds 2025 £
Unrestricted and designated funds:-				
Unrestricted revenue funds	141,791	(118,079)	-	23,712
Restricted funds:-				
Sevika Sangam	40			40
Choir Prize Amount	500	(235)		265
Youth Conference Collection - New	803	(500)		303
Helping Hands UK	9,517	(12,255)	-	(2,738)
Church Development(Procurement)	78,390	-	-	78,390
	231,041	(131,069)	-	99,972

13 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.

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Restricted funds:-

Restricted fixed asset funds	The purpose of these funds is to purchase a property which will be used as Church.
Restricted revaluation reserve	This fund represents the restricted surplus arising on the revaluation of the charity's assets.
Church Development(Procurement)	The purpose of these funds is to purchase and maintain a property which will be used as Church.
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
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 Hands 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, Housing aid, crisis relief and local charity.)
Youth League Fund	Fund Collected by Youths to be utilised by Youth in the Next Financial Year

14 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 2025 as required by the SORP 2015

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

16 Donations and Legacies

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
Service Offertory	18,853	-	18,853	22,753
Birthday and Wedding Anniversary	11,434	-	11,434	11,029
Special Services	390	-	390	150
Tithe	7,360	-	7,360	7,780
Raseesa	320	-	320	868
Uposhanavaram	-	-	-	3,500
Christmas Donations - Carol Rounds	7,355	-	7,355	7,810
Diocesan Contribution	1,685	-	1,685	1,570
Zonal Clergy Conference	-	-	-	1,086
Sunday School	674	-	674	675
Youth League	-	803	803	-
VBS Donations	1,545	-	1,545	3,915
Choir	225	500	725	750
Zonal L2L contribution	-	-	-	210
VBS Charity Collections	687	-	687	525
Membership subscriptions as donations	49,284	-	49,284	44,162
<i>Total donations and gifts from individuals</i>	99,812	1,303	101,115	106,783
Total Donations and Legacies	99,812	1,303	101,115	106,783

17 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
	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
Church & Hall Rent	120	-	120	-
Cultural Meet	1,935	-	1,935	2,040
Communal Meal Contribution	12,723	-	12,723	17,263
Family Retreat	870	-	870	6,335
First Communion	250	-	250	-
Harvest	13,685	-	13,685	21,536
Carol Rounds	-	-	-	-
Student Dedication	1,488	-	1,488	1,288
Helping Hands UK	-	9,517	9,517	3,221
Sevika	-	40	40	62
Stationery Book Sale	348	-	348	1,680
Diocese Inauguration	1,180	-	1,180	-

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Diocese - WSSD	6,324	6,324	
Diocese - Carol Reg	415	415	
Zonal SS Meet	100	100	2,060
Light to Life		-	
Total Primary purpose and ancillary trading	39,438	9,557	48,995
Total from charitable activities	39,438	9,557	48,995

18 Income from other fundraising activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Church Development Fund Donations	-	76,190	76,190	2,800
Manna		2200	2200	1285
Total from other activities	-	78,390	78,390	4,085

19 Interest Income

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Bank Interest	2,541	-	2,541	1,078
Total from other activities	2,541	-	2,541	1,078

20 Expenditure on charitable activities - Direct spending

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Visiting Clergy&Leaders	1,800		1,800	2,070
Pastoral Care costs(see below*)	32,596		32,596	37,955
Other Pastoral Care costs(see below**)	6,688		6,688	13,248
Zonal Clergy Conference				1,186
Cultural Meet	1,935		1,935	2,016
Choir	843	235	1,078	1,688
Parish day	1,140		1,140	
Family Retreat	1,245		1,245	8,439
Annual Convention	870		870	
Sunday School Expenses	1,837		1,837	2,802
VBS Expenses	3,264		3,264	3,799

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Sevika Sangham	400		400	
Diocesan Event Contributions	9,564		9,564	4,220
Mandalam / Assembly Visits			-	500
Youth League		500	500	75
First Communion	298		298	
Carol Service	330		330	837
Church Altar Expense	676		676	664
Carol Rounds	1,099		1,099	1,130
Communal Meal	11,531		11,531	18,008
Special Services	40		40	167

Total direct spending	76,156	735	76,891	98,804
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Pastoral Care

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Stipend	32,039		32,039	37,955
Vicar Winter and Guest Allowance	17		17	
Vicar's Pension & PF	540		540	
Total Pastoral Care	32,596	-	32,596	37,955

Other Pastoral Care Costs

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Relocation			-	6,162
Travelling Expenses	703		703	1,618
Farewell Meal			-	1,000
Vicarage Maintenance			-	-
Vehicle Operating Cost	1,647		1,647	1,694
Church Lease Car	4,338		4,338	3,761
Gain on Sale of Car				-987
Total Other Pastoral Care Costs	6,688	-	6,688	13,248

21 Expenditure on charitable activities- Grant funding of activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Zonal Contributions			-	330
Sevika Sangham Charity			-	
Helping Hands Project		12,255	12,255	4,610
Abhayam	1,395		1,395	
VBS Charity	687		687	560
Total grantmaking costs	2,082	12,255	14,337	5,500

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22 Support costs for charitable activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
<i>Diocese Expenses</i>				
Nithyachilavu	900		900	900
Diocesan Sunday Collection	1,350		1,350	1,350
Diocesan Fund	1,800		1,800	1,800
Sabhan Office Payment			-	-
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	200
Diocese Youth Sunday collection	150		150	150
			-	-
<i>Premises Expenses</i>				
Church and Hall Rent	9,752		9,752	11,122
<i>Vicarage Costs</i>				
Utilities	7,356		7,356	6,202
Council Tax and Insurance Costs	2,569		2,569	2,366
White Goods & Utensils	115		115	
Vicarage Maintenance	240		240	1,090
<i>Church Development Fund</i>			-	-
<i>Administrative overheads</i>				
Stationery and printing	788		788	967
Digital Parish Directory	303		303	-
Book Printing				2,183
Bank Charges	142		142	135
Sundry expenses				1,394
Website Maintenance	297		297	252
Software licences and expenses			-	156
Equipment, repairs, expenses and maintenance	219		219	
Other legal and professional	300		300	1,200
<i>Financial costs</i>				
Loan interest	10,184		10,184	10,902
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<i>Depreciation & Amortisation in total for the period</i>	126		126	297
Total Support costs for charitable activities	38,641	-	38,641	44,516

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS



23 Other Expenditure - Governance costs

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Independent Examiner's fees	1200	0	1,200	930
Total Other Expenditure - Governance costs	1,200	-	1,200	930

24 Total Charitable expenditure

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Expenditure on charitable activities - Direct spending	76,156	735	76,891	98,804
Grantmaking costs	2,082	12,255	14,337	5,500
Support costs for charitable activities	38,641	-	38,641	44,516
Governance costs	1,200	0	1,200	930
Total Charitable expenditure	118,079	12,990	131,069	149,750



DONOR RECEIPTS SUMMARY



2025-26 ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



2025-26 Administrative Team

President	Rev. John T Thomas
Vice President	Mr(Dr) Sudeep K Thomas
Secretary	Mr(Dr) Georgie P Thomas
Trustee (Finance)	Mr Mathew K Thomas
Trustee (Accounts)	Mr Aby Chandy
Lay Leader 1	Mr Binoy Thomas
Lay Leader 2	Mr Shiju Skariah George
Mandalam Member	Mr Thomas Koshy
Diocesan Assembly Member	Mr Thomas Abraham
Nominated Diocesan Assembly Member	Mr Sherry Matthews
Organization Representatives	
Choir	Mr. Thomas K Thomas
Senior Citizen Fellowship	Dr Sunny Thomas
Sevika Sangham	Mrs Jejo Joji
Sunday School	Dr Noel Abraham
Youth Fellowship	Miss Jenisha Joji
Edavaka Mission	Mr Jinu P Mathew
Couple Fellowship	Mrs Sibi Mathew
Area Representatives	
Birmingham, Worcester & Solihull	Mr Jose John
Coventry, Warwickshire & Nuneaton	Mr Anson Mathew Samuel
Walsall, Wolverhampton & Stafford	Mrs Jolly George
Nottingham, Derby & Burton-Upon-Trent	Mr Sajeev Daniel
Safeguarding Officer	Mrs Jinu Varghese
Internal Auditors	Mr Anil K Matthews
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