

DIOCESE OF THE INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH UK, EUROPE AND AFRICA

England & Wales · Charity number 1139302

Details

Other names DIOCEUK

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2010-12-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE FOR THE FOLLOWINGS OF THE DOCTRINES AND BELIEFS OF THE INDIAN ORTHODOX RELIGION AND TO PROVIDE PLACES OF WORSHIP AND DEVOTION FOR THE INDIAN ORTHODOX COMMUNITY IN UNITED KINGDOM, IRELAND AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD AND TO PROPAGATE CHRISTIANITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OBJECTIVES AND TENETS OF THE INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, TO MAINTAIN PLACES OF REGULAR COMMON WORSHIP AND PRAYER, AND FOR INSTRUCTION IN THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH, IN ITS TRADITION, HISTORY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APOSTOLIC AND ANCIENT TRADITIONS OF THE INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH AND SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE HOLY EPISCOPAL SYNOD OF THE MALANKARA ORTHODOX CHURCH. TO PROVIDE FOR RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES OF SPECIAL GROUPS LIKE WOMEN, YOUTH AND CHILDREN. TO PROMOTE AND CARRY OUT SERVICE ACTIVITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WIDER COMMUNITY AND SOCIETY.

Activities: Monetary assistance to deserving people in need. Conduct classes and programmes to instruct religious and faith matters to help them to grow as responsible adults and committed citizens to work for the cause of well being and betterment of others. Programmes conducted for youth and Family to integrate with societies and communities at large and thereby become part of the national life.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NATIONAL AND OVERSEAS.
- India
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£515,709	£344,336	£685,208	1
2024-03-31	£217,914	£178,295	-	-
2023-03-31	£140,140	£114,866	-	-
2022-03-31	£81,413	£59,149	-	-
2021-03-31	£118,703	£103,050	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Abraham Kurian		2022-04-01
Abraham Thomas		2023-05-29
Binoy Chuttimalayil Joshua		2023-05-29
JOHN SAMUEL		2023-05-29
Johnson Puliparathadathil Yohannan		2023-05-29
Libin Varghese		2023-05-29
Rev Varghese Thundiyil Mathew		2023-05-29
Stanly David James		2023-05-29
Vinodu Kochuparambil Alias		2023-05-29

Accounts

**DIOCESE OF THE INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH UK, EUROPE & AFRICA
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**Diocese of the Indian Orthodox Church UK, Europe & Africa
Reference and Administrative Details
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Trustees

H.G.Abraham Mar Stephanos - President/Chair
Rev Varghese T Mathew - Diocesan Secretary
Rev Binoy C Joshua - Council member
Rev Stanly David James - Council member
Mr John Samuel - Council member
Mr Vinod Kochuparambil - Council member
Mr Johnson P Yohannan - Council member
Mr Libin Varghese - Council member
Mr Abraham Kurian - Diocese Finance

Charity Number 1139302

Principal Address

St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church
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Independent Examiner

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Diocese of the Indian Orthodox Church UK, Europe & Africa Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

The Indian Orthodox Church, also known as the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church is an Autocephalous Oriental Orthodox Church with its central office in the Indian state of Kerala. The IOC is an autonomous church and headed by the Catholicos. Its present primate is Baselios Mar Thoma Mathews III, Catholicos of the East. The structure of Indian Orthodox Church is also episcopal polity. Churches in UK, Europe and African Diocese are currently under pastoral care of the diocesan bishop, Rev Abraham Mar Stephanos, who is the chairperson of the charity. Trustees are the diocesan council members. Risks are mitigated by a careful evaluation and budgeting of the income and expenditure at the start of the financial year. Misuse of funds is safeguarded by strict adherence to the rules and regulations by all the trustees.

The Charity's objects are to provide for the following of the doctrines and beliefs of the Indian Orthodox religion and to provide and maintain places of worship and devotion for the Indian Orthodox community in United Kingdom, Ireland and elsewhere in the World and for instruction in the faith of the Church, in its tradition, history, in accordance with the Apostolic and ancient traditions of the Indian Orthodox Church propagate Christianity in accordance with the objectives and tenets of the Indian Orthodox Church, to provide for religious, educational and cultural activities of special groups like women, youth and children and to promote and carry out service activities for the benefit of the wider community and society.

The Orthodox mission upholds 2000 years of tradition in establishing the Kingdom of God on earth, bearing in mind that the whole of humanity should be united in the building up of the Kingdom of God. The faithful are both communally and individually a part of the mission to grow the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. The Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa, registered with the UK Charity Commission (Registration Number 1139302) caters to the religious needs of its members in accordance with the Apostolic and ancient traditions of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, subject to the authority of the Holy Episcopal Synod.

This is made possible by catering to the spiritual needs of the Orthodox faithful who have migrated and continue to migrate to Diocese, through the provision of accessible pastoral services and Church facilities. The Diocese also ensures to address the needs of the younger generation in their journey to integrate within a multicultural and multifaith society, while upholding the faith, traditions, language and cultural practices of our ancestors. We endeavour to extend the spirit of Christian fraternity and bilateral relationships to all sections of the local and wider community through dialogue and outreach. The Diocese of UK Europe and Africa continues its journey in striving to be relevant through God's love, hope, and mercy. We are committed to growth and development in spiritual, academic, and ecumenical fields, while always emphasizing the value of sacramental family life.

Significant Activities

The Diocesan general body met twice during 2024-2025. The Annual General Body Meeting of the Diocese for 2024 was held on 06 May 2024 at Hemel Hempstead, hosted by St. Thomas IOC Hemel Hempstead. The Half Yearly General Body Meeting on 30 November 2024 at Leicester, hosted by St. George IOC Leicester. Both meetings were presided by Diocesan Metropolitan H.E. Abraham Mar Stephanos.

During the report year, the Diocesan Council met seventeen times, including live as well as online meetings to discuss several strategies and ways forward. Some meetings included special guests for specific agendas. The term of the current Diocesan Council concludes in May 2028.

Diocesan Day was celebrated on the 15 September 2024 (first Sunday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross). Special prayers for the mission and growth of the Diocese were held at all Parishes

The Spiritual Organisations of the Diocese continue to serve as the backbone and lifeline of the activities of the Diocese. Activities of the Spiritual Organisations are tailored to cater to the spiritual empowerment and communal needs of all members of the Diocese, including Children, Youth, Men and Women.

The Diocese continues to engage with its members on several fronts to ensure continuous spiritual development through meaningful academic as well as counselling programmes.

Maitri, the Diocese's pioneering Charity project continues to benefit several deserving persons, with the aid of regular contributions from members as well as one-off donations from well-wishers

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Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

Public Benefit

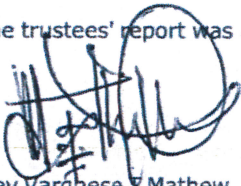
The trustees of DIOCEUK have considered the commission's guidance on public benefit in planning diocesan activities for the advancement of religion. The charity enables ordinary people to live out their faith as part of the Indian Orthodox Church, through the Holy Eucharist, learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus Christ. Pastoral care is an integral part of the whole ministry of the Church. Having a great variety of expressions, it focuses appropriately on the needs of individuals and social groups within the Church and wider community, irrespective of religious and cultural barriers.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Reserves

The Charity will maintain General Fund for meeting all the regular activities and for specific activities operates a Restricted Fund. Transfer between funds may be made according to the plans of the Charity. Retained surplus of the charity as on 31.03.2025 were at £685,208 (£513,835 as on 31.03.2024).

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



Rev Varghese Mathew

Diocesan Secretary
12/01/2026

Diocese of the Indian Orthodox Church UK, Europe & Africa
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Diocese of the Indian Orthodox Church
UK, Europe & Africa
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Diocese of the Indian Orthodox Church UK, Europe & Africa (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the Trust's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Thomas David FCCA
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Diocese of the Indian Orthodox Church UK, Europe & Africa
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

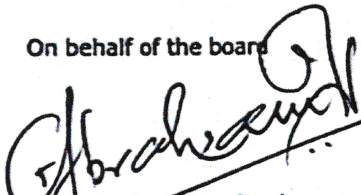
				2025	2024
	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds
		£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies		182,221	223,788	406,009	216,973
Investments	3	904	-	904	941
Other	4	108,796	-	108,796	-
		<u>291,921</u>	<u>223,788</u>	<u>515,709</u>	<u>217,914</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds		(172,158)	(172,178)	(344,336)	(157,937)
Charitable activities:					
NET INCOME		119,763	51,610	171,373	59,977
Transfers between funds	13	(490,050)	490,050	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>(370,287)</u>	<u>541,660</u>	<u>171,373</u>	<u>59,977</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		435,619	78,216	513,835	453,858
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	13	<u><u>65,332</u></u>	<u><u>619,876</u></u>	<u><u>685,208</u></u>	<u><u>513,835</u></u>

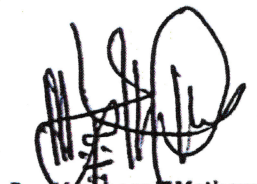
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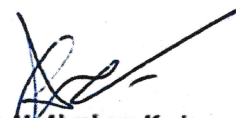
Diocese of the Indian Orthodox Church UK, Europe & Africa
Statement of Financial Position
As At 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	7	29,072	-	29,072	445,733
		<u>29,072</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,072</u>	<u>445,733</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	13,466	-	13,466	-
Cash at bank and in hand		52,328	619,876	672,204	175,683
		<u>65,794</u>	<u>619,876</u>	<u>685,670</u>	<u>175,683</u>
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	9	<u>(7,701)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,701)</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		<u>58,093</u>	<u>619,876</u>	<u>677,969</u>	<u>175,683</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>87,165</u>	<u>619,876</u>	<u>707,041</u>	<u>621,416</u>
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year	10	<u>(21,833)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,833)</u>	<u>(107,581)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>65,332</u>	<u>619,876</u>	<u>685,208</u>	<u>513,835</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted Funds				619,876	78,216
Unrestricted Funds				65,332	435,619
TOTAL FUNDS	13			<u>685,208</u>	<u>513,835</u>

On behalf of the board


H.G. Abraham Mar Stephanos
President/Chair


Rev Varghese T Mathew
Diocese Secretary


M. Abraham Kurian
Diocese Finance

Dated: 12/01/2026

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

Diocese of the Indian Orthodox Church UK, Europe & Africa
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. General Information

Diocese of the Indian Orthodox Church UK, Europe & Africa is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1139302. The principal address is St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Cranfield Road, London, SE4 1UF.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Incoming Resources

Sources of fund raising are from the parish churches under the diocese, from voluntary contributions and donation from the community and fundraising events. Direct debit payments are setup by members of the diocese towards the diocesan development which provides a consistent inflow of funds. During the year, the freehold property at Swindon was sold at £565,000 with an intention to use the net sale proceeds towards acquiring another larger property for using as Diocese Head Quarter. Our primary investment policy and objective is to acquire and maintain a Diocesan Headquarter as soon as possible.

2.3. Donated Goods and Services

Sources of fund raising are from the parish churches under the diocese, from voluntary contributions and donation from the community and fundraising events.

2.4. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold	Nil
Leasehold	Nil
Plant & Machinery	15%
Motor Vehicles	20%
Fixtures & Fittings	15%
Computer Equipment	33.33%

2.5. Leasing and Hire Purchase Contracts

Assets obtained under finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired under finance leases are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired under hire purchase contracts are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the charity. Obligations under such agreements are included in the creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the statement of financial activities so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the statement of financial activities as incurred.

2.6. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

3. Investment Income

Diocese of the Indian Orthodox Church UK, Europe & Africa
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	904	941

4. Other Income

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets held for charity's own use	108,796	-

5. Net Income/(Expenditure)

The net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	6,660	367
Gain/Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(108,796)	-

6. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was: 1 (2024: 1)

7. Tangible Assets

	Land & Property Freehold	Motor Vehicles	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 April 2024	445,000	-	1,100	446,100
Additions		34,999	-	34,999
Disposals	(445,000)	-	-	(445,000)
As at 31 March 2025	-	34,999	1,100	36,099
Depreciation				
As at 1 April 2024	-	-	367	367
Provided during the period	-	6,416	244	6,660
As at 31 March 2025	-	6,416	611	7,027
Net Book Value				
As at 31 March 2025	-	28,583	489	29,072
As at 1 April 2024	445,000	-	733	445,733

Diocese of the Indian Orthodox Church UK, Europe & Africa
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8. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	557	-
Gift Aid Tax receivable	12,909	-
	13,466	-
	13,466	-

9. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	5,000	-
Other taxes and social security	584	-
Net wages	1,500	-
Accruals	617	-
	7,701	-
	7,701	-

10. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	15,833	-
Bank loans	-	78,581
Unsecured loans from members	6,000	29,000
	21,833	107,581
	21,833	107,581

11. Loans

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due between one and five years:		
Bank loans	-	78,581
Other loans	6,000	29,000
	6,000	107,581
	6,000	107,581

12. Obligations Under Finance Leases and Hire Purchase

	2025	2024
	£	£
The future minimum finance lease payments are as follows:		
Not later than one year	5,000	-
Later than one year and not later than five years	15,833	-
	20,833	-
	20,833	-

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13. Movement in Funds

	As at 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	As at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General:					
General unrestricted fund	435,619	291,921	(172,158)	(490,050)	65,332
Restricted funds					
Diocese Headquarter Fund	2,071	13,774	(5,611)	494,167	504,401
MMVS	10,526	23,572	(16,748)	180	17,530
Maitri	13,488	85,647	(68,615)	(3,769)	26,751
AMOSS	-	1,950	(3,115)	1,165	-
Sunday School	38,475	41,710	(34,205)	(1,557)	44,423
Family Conference	8,915	24,107	(12,175)	(202)	20,645
Divyabodhanam	622	-	-	41	663
Sports	469	-	-	53	522
OCYM	130	29,999	(27,257)	80	2,952
Clergy Welfare	3,520	3,029	(4,452)	(108)	1,989
Total restricted funds	78,216	223,788	(172,178)	490,050	619,876
Total funds	513,835	515,709	(344,336)	-	685,208

	As at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Funds				
Total funds	453,858	217,914	(157,937)	513,835
Total funds	453,858	217,914	(157,937)	513,835

14. Transactions with Trustees

The following trustees have been paid remuneration or have received other benefits from the charity or related entity:

Name of trustee	Remuneration	2025 Total
	£	£
H.G. Abraham Mar Stephanos	22,927	22,927

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the previous year.

* During the year the expenses reimbursed to H. G. Abraham Mar Stephanos were as follows:

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	2025	2024
	£	£
Travel	21,118	-

Number of trustees reimbursed for expenses during the year was 1 (2024: 0)

Diocese of the Indian Orthodox Church UK, Europe & Africa
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:		
Donations and Charitable activities		
Parish Contributions	36,214	31,197
Donations DHQ	13,774	15,862
Diocese Day cover	9,083	11,569
Maithri Project	85,647	7,149
Spiritual Organisations	97,231	51,290
Clergy Welfare Funds	3,029	-
Catholicate day income	18,871	19,482
Mission Sunday	1,806	1,882
Seminary	3,299	2,493
Gift aid	18,908	16,868
Family Conference	24,107	-
MOBA	787	283
Mazmuro	4,201	-
Courses and training	10,200	-
Other Donations	54,490	39,178
Orthodox sangamam income	24,362	19,720
	406,009	216,973
Investments		
Bank interest receivable	904	941
	904	941
Other		
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets held for charity's own use	108,796	-
	108,796	-
	515,709	217,914
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNING COSTS		
Catholicate Day	(18,721)	(32,651)
Mission sunday expenses	-	(24,924)
Seminary payments	(950)	-
Spiritual Organisations expenses	(81,325)	(16,286)
Maitri	(68,615)	(10,290)
Churches Together	(1,974)	(2,232)
Mazmuro expenses	(346)	-
MOBA Expenses	(864)	-
Charity payments	-	(2,976)
Greenfield and Spanish Mission	(1,802)	(3,710)
Orthodox Sangamam expenses	(61,196)	(1,000)
Metropolitan Honorarium	(25,011)	(19,663)
Clergy Welfare expenses	(4,452)	(1,787)
Family Conference expenses	(12,175)	-
Metropolitan Exp	(21,118)	(17,968)
Apostolic Visits	(11,102)	-

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Diocese of the Indian Orthodox Church UK, Europe & Africa
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

Bank loan interest	(5,612)	(7,555)
Motor & travelling expenses	(2,809)	-
Rates, water, electricity & Insurance	(6,979)	(7,459)
Printing, postage and stationery	(2,885)	(1,835)
Training seminars and workshops	(2,213)	(1,568)
Website costs	(324)	(464)
Accountancy fees	(600)	-
Professional fees	-	(2,000)
Bank charges	(987)	(616)
Diocese Hospitality	(3,602)	-
Depreciation of motor vehicles	(6,416)	-
Depreciation of computer equipment	(244)	(367)
Hire purchase charges	(1,419)	-
AGM / board meetings expenses	(595)	(2,586)
	<u>(344,336)</u>	<u>(157,937)</u>
	<u>(344,336)</u>	<u>(157,937)</u>
NET INCOME	<u>171,373</u>	<u>59,977</u>

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date			Period end date				
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	01	April	2023		31	March	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name DIOCESE OF THE INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH UK, EUROPE AND AFRICA

Other names charity is known by DIOCEUK

Registered charity number (if any) 1139302

Charity's principal address Malankara House
 35 Henman Close,
 Swindon
Postcode SN25 4ZW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rt.Rev.Abraham Mar Stephanos	Chair		Synod of Indian Orthodox Church
2	Rev. Fr. Varghese T. Mathew	Trustee		
3	Rev. Fr. Binoy C. Joshua	Trustee		
4	Rev. Fr. Stanly David James	Trustee		
5	Mr. John Samuel	Trustee		
6	Mr. Vinod Kochuparambil	Trustee		
7	Mr. Johnson P Yohannan	Trustee		
8	Mr. Libin Varghese	Trustee		
9	Mr. Abraham Kurian	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Our Diocese is spread across three continents and in eight countries/five visa zones. 44 priests and four deacons are serving 65 parishes/congregations as the Vicar/Priest-in-Charge, out of them five parishes are commenced during 2023-24. We have an approximate 2450 of registered families all together. We now have nine own worship places in the UK. Under the spiritual guidance of our Diocesan Metropolitan, the Diocese is currently served by 44 priests and 4 deacons.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

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The professional student community presently living in European countries such as Bulgaria, Romania, Paris, Lithuania, Poland and other parts of Europe are inevitable part of our diocese. Our Diocesan Metropolitan have been giving special care to our children and our clergies and lay leaders are doing their best to spiritually support them and embrace them in whatever way possible.

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Diocese for 2023 was held on 29 May 2023 at Liverpool St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church presided by Diocesan Metropolitan HE Abraham Mar Stephanos. Further a Diocesan General Body Meeting was held on 17 September 2023 (online on ZOOM platform) and the half yearly General Body Meeting on 02 December 2023 at Leicester St. George Indian Orthodox Church. Additionally, a special meeting of the Representatives of the UK region was also held on 14 September 2023 ZOOM online platform.

The first Annual General Body Meeting of the newly elected Parish Representatives for the term 2023-2028 held on 29 May 2023 at Liverpool elected the following office bearers for the 2023 – 2028 term through online polling.

During the report year, the Diocesan Council met eighteen times, including live as well as online meetings to discuss several strategies and ways forward. Some meetings included special guests for specific agendas. The term of the current Diocesan Council concludes in May 2028.

Thank Almighty God that all the spiritual organisations in our diocese are functioning efficiently. The main objective and mission of our Church is to mould and nurture better people for the Kingdom of God. The spiritual organisations are indeed the tool and platform towards this accomplishment. Youth & MGOCSM, MOMS, OSSAE, Sports and Cultural forum, Pre-Marital Counselling and Maitri Charity project have been making exceptional progression during the reporting year.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Diocese continues to be at the forefront in ecumenical dialogues and representations. Notably, Diocesan Metropolitan Abraham Mar Stephanos was appointed as the faith and Order Commissioner of the World Council of Churches (WCC). He is also the Chairman of the Research Study Group for Nicea 2025 (WCC). We have great involvement and participation in CTE, Churches Together in Wales, Irish Council of Churches and other Oriental Orthodox Churches.

The 2023 Sunday School Teachers Annual Conference and General Body was held at St. Thomas IOC, Hemel Hempstead on 29th April 2023. The Conference was presided by the President of OSSAE-UEA and Diocesan Metropolitan H.G. Abraham Stephanos. There were a total of 120 Participants from the Entire Diocese. A new vision, spearheaded by our Metropolitan, aimed to revamp the Sunday School Curriculum to align with western academic standards. The American Diocese syllabus, tailored for UK Europe, was chosen after a review by a core committee. A total of 52 Teachers from across the diocese volunteered for a thorough review, focusing on basic language elements. An Orientation Program was introduced for the new curriculum on November 16. By January, the revised syllabus was launched in all parishes, with textbooks available online on the Diocesan website. The Metropolitan inaugurated the new syllabus on January 14 at St. Thomas IOC Aberdeen, followed by parishes across the diocese.

An executive committee for Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam (MMVS) consisting of general secretary, treasurer and zonal secretaries from different regions of the UK, Ireland, Europe & Africa working along with the MMVS Vice-President Fr. P. J. Binu to coordinate the MMVs activities in our Diocese was organised. Regular online committee meetings (at least once in 2 months where possible) are conducting to plan and organise the activities as per the year plan. MMVS Annual Conference 2023 was held on 28th October at Holy Innocents IOC South Wales. Around 200 members participated for the Annual Conferences 2023. The keynote addresses were delivered based on the theme "Call of God and steadfastness in faith (1 Peter 5:9,10)". Intercession prayer meetings are conducted with 50 families on a regular basis.

Diocesan Premarital Course started in November 2014, with the leadership and blessings of our Diocesan Metropolitan H.G Mathews Mar Thimothios. It has been successfully running year after year with good participation of youngsters attending from all over the Diocese. It is satisfying that during the year, the program has benefitted around 140 young adults preparing for marriage through its insightful sessions.

Parishes manage to witness Christ and help the flock in building a life worth living. Members of the Indian Orthodox Church love the church and it's tradition. They have commitment towards God and the Gospel through collective efforts, manage to help a lot of people who go through difficulties. All the parishes and congregations have charity funds; huge sum if it is pooled together from which every parish gives financial assistance to various deserving people. We are complementing to the

apostolic ministry of healing the sick and raising the dead through our helps.

This year by the grace of God many new clergy members have joined our diocese and served in various Parishes across the diocese, particularly in newly formed Congregations. There are currently 44 clergy serving in the diocese and supporting the initiatives of the Diocesan Metropolitan.

There are regular Anuyathra Bible study sessions being held on the last Tuesday of every month. Throughout the year we have been able to hold 8 clergy meetings under the leadership of the diocesan metropolitan. We have been able to host an ecumenical prayer week of unity at the YMCA in London through which we have been able to maintain and uphold our ecumenical relations with other denominations.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity will maintain General Fund for meeting all the regular activities and for specific activities operates a Restricted Fund. Transfer between funds may be made according to the plans of the Charity. The Charity will try to keep £5000.00 in General Fund at all times.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Nothing to be noted

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

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- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Sources of fund raising are from the parish churches under the diocese, from voluntary contributions and donation from the community and fund-raising events.

Direct debit payments are setup by 70 members of the diocese towards the diocesan development which provides a consistent inflow of funds.

The diocese has procured a property as a diocese centre with an outstanding mortgage amount of £78,581. Our primary investment policy and objective is to pay off the mortgage at the earliest.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Abraham Kurian	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	16/Dec/2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

DIOCESE OF INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, UK EUROPE
DIOCEUK

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary contributions	42,766	23,857	-	66,623	62,975
Donation DHQ	55,946	15,862	-	71,808	27,303
Funds for activities	20,944	-	-	20,944	33,064
Maithri Project	-	7,149	-	7,149	5,709
Spiritual Organisations	-	51,390	-	51,390	-
Earthquake Relief Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Clergy Welfare Fund	-	-	-	-	11,089
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	119,656	98,258	-	217,914	140,140
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	119,656	98,258	-	217,914	140,140
A3 Payments					
Diocesan activities	3,586	79,803	-	83,389	34,322
Clergy welfare	315	1,472	-	1,787	-
Earthquake Relief Fund , Archana& Bince Charity	-	2,976	-	2,976	14,065
Employee Expense	17,968	16,500	-	34,468	21,487
NI & Taxes	-	3,163	-	3,163	7,873
Maithri	-	10,290	-	10,290	-
Mortgage payments	-	28,280	-	28,280	28,280
DHQ running cost	13,942	-	-	13,942	6,304
Tomb Restoration	-	-	-	-	2,535
Sub total	35,811	142,484	-	178,295	114,866
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	35,811	142,484	-	178,295	114,866
Net of receipts/(payments)	83,845	- 44,226	-	39,619	25,274
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,709	130,355	-	136,064	110,790
Cash funds this year end	89,554	86,129	-	175,683	136,064

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		89,554	86,129	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	89,554	86,129	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

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

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Diocesan Center, Malankara House, 35 Henmanns Close, Swindon, SN25 4ZW		397,500	-
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			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Mortgage to HSBC Bank		78,581	
			-	
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			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Report to the trustees/ members of	DIOCEUK(DIOCESE OF THE INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH,UK , EUROPE AND AFRICA)		
On accounts for the year ended	31/03/2024	Charity no (if any)	1139302
Set out on pages	TWO		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.


**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:  **Date:**

Name:

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

Address:

DIOCESE OF THE INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH UK, EUROPE AND AFRICA

England & Wales - Charity number 1139302

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month April	Year 2022		Day 31	Month March	Year 2023

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2	Rev. Fr. Happy Jacob	Trustee	01-04-2022 to 31-03-2023	Diocesan Assembly
3	Rev Fr Mathews Kuriakose	Trustee	01-04-2022 to 31-03-2023	Diocesan Assembly
4	Rev. Fr Eldo Varghese	Trustee	01-04-2022 to 31-03-2023	Diocesan Assembly
6	Mr.Soji T Mathew	Trustee	01-04-2022 to 31-03-2023	Diocesan Assembly
7	Mr. Abraham Kurian	Trustee	01-04-2022 to 31-05-2023	Nominated
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Abraham Mar Stephanos	03 November 2022- 31 March 2023

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Type of adviser	Name	Address

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Annual general body meeting was held on 02 October 2022 on Zoom Platform. Detailed Minutes of the Meeting is presented in this meeting for approval. It is overwhelming to see that the attendance to the general body meetings are improving and the attendees are very diligent and enthusiastic in constructive discussions and many valuable suggestions are made in these meetings.

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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

OASSIS-Europe is a platform dedicated to providing spiritual support to members of the MOSC studying in Europe. Since it was set up on 02 May 2021, the organisation has established contacts with students in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Finland, France, Georgia, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, and Ukraine. There are local coordinators in 24 countries across Europe. The organisation has provided a unique forum for fellowship and dialogue among students from various spheres of education. It is active on social media across Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

OSSAE-UK, During the post COVID period of this reporting year we have seen dramatic and excellent growth of our Sunday school Organisation. There were virtual and physical meetings for Sunday school, OVBS happening at almost all the Parishes/ Congregations. Regular Sunday school classes are conducted in every parish, for the children. The curriculum focuses on lessons and thoughts from the Bible, history and traditions of the Church, prayers, and offices of liturgy as well as activities including singing and drama, to promote self-development and social interaction. Through this, the Sunday School aims to provide a proper understanding of human values and how the Christian way of life can provide a caring and compassionate outlook to the society. In addition to advancing Christian religious faith, DIOCEUK has taken actions to support variety of charity work such as development of dialysis unit.

Diocesan Premarital Course started in November 2014, with the leadership and blessings of our Diocesan Metropolitan H.G Abraham Mar Stephanos. It has been successfully running year after year with good participation of youngsters attending from all over the Diocese. We have been organising the Diocesan Premarital Course as one day course online on Zoom. In the reporting year, we have conducted 4

Section D

Achievements and performance

Pre-Marital Counselling session which had been attended by 32 aspirant brides and bride grooms. The feedback received was very encouraging and motivational for other members of the community who are planning to start their family life in Christian faith.

Our Diocesan Orthodox Christian Youth Movement (OCYM-UK EU AFR), the Youth-wing of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, is in its 11th year of active leadership and Christian witness for the Church and society. It contributes to the goodness and progress of our Church and community in the three-fold path of worship, study and service. In the post COVID era and especially during the reporting year a significant number of youths were migrated from India to UK. The OCYM-UK had played a pivotal role in coordinating and providing necessary support to the new comers. Our youth members across different churches, held virtual quiz sessions, vigils, bible reading sessions and shared video messages to rejuvenate hope and unity.

MMVS is the organisation for the ladies especially the mothers of our Diocese. With the understanding that the gem centre of faith and religion is in the bosom of the mother, the charity is promoting the pastoral and ecclesial guidance and support for following of the doctrines and beliefs of the Indian Orthodox religion for the ladies. Ladies wing (MMVS), is functioning in all of the parishes in the diocese and with an annual regional meet from all the parts of the United Kingdom held at St. George IOC, Manchester.

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Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Abraham Kurian	
Full name(s)	Abraham Kurian	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	28/Dec/2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

DIOCESE OF INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, UK EUROPE
DIOCEUK

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2022	To	Period end date 31/03/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary contributions	40,339	22,636	-	62,975	18,535
Donation DHQ	7,904	19,399	-	27,303	31,440
Funds for activities	2,599	30,465	-	33,064	20,185
Maithri Project	-	5,709	-	5,709	4,758
Bince and Archana Charity	-	-	-	-	5,945
Earthquake Relief Fund	-	11,089	-	11,089	-
Clergy Welfare Fund	-	-	-	-	550
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	50,842	89,298	-	140,140	81,413
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	50,842	89,298	-	140,140	81,413
A3 Payments					
Diocesan activities	22,100	12,222	-	34,322	1,834
Earthquake Relief Fund, Archana & Bince Charity	-	14,065	-	14,065	6,942
Clergy stipend	21,487	-	-	21,487	11,986
NI & Taxes	-	7,873	-	7,873	1,918
Mortgage payments	-	28,280	-	28,280	28,280
DHQ running cost	6,304	-	-	6,304	5,974
Tomb Restoration	-	2,535	-	2,535	2,215
Sub total	49,891	64,975	-	114,866	59,149
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	49,891	64,975	-	114,866	59,149
Net of receipts/(payments)	951	24,323	-	25,274	22,264
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,758	106,032	-	110,790	88,526
Cash funds this year end	5,709	130,355	-	136,064	110,790

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		5,709	130,355	-
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		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,709	130,355	-

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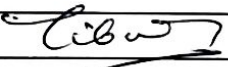
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Mortgage to HSBC Bank		128,306	
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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	TIBU THANKACHAN	05/01/2024



**Report to the trustees/
members of**

DIOCEUK(DIOCESE OF THE INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH,UK ,
EUROPE AND AFRICA)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/03/2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1139302

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Date:

08- Jan-2024

Name:

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DIOCESE OF THE INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH UK, EUROPE AND AFRICA

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	01	April	2021		31	March	2022

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Other names charity is known by DIOCEUK

Registered charity number (if any) 1139302

Charity's principal address Malankara House
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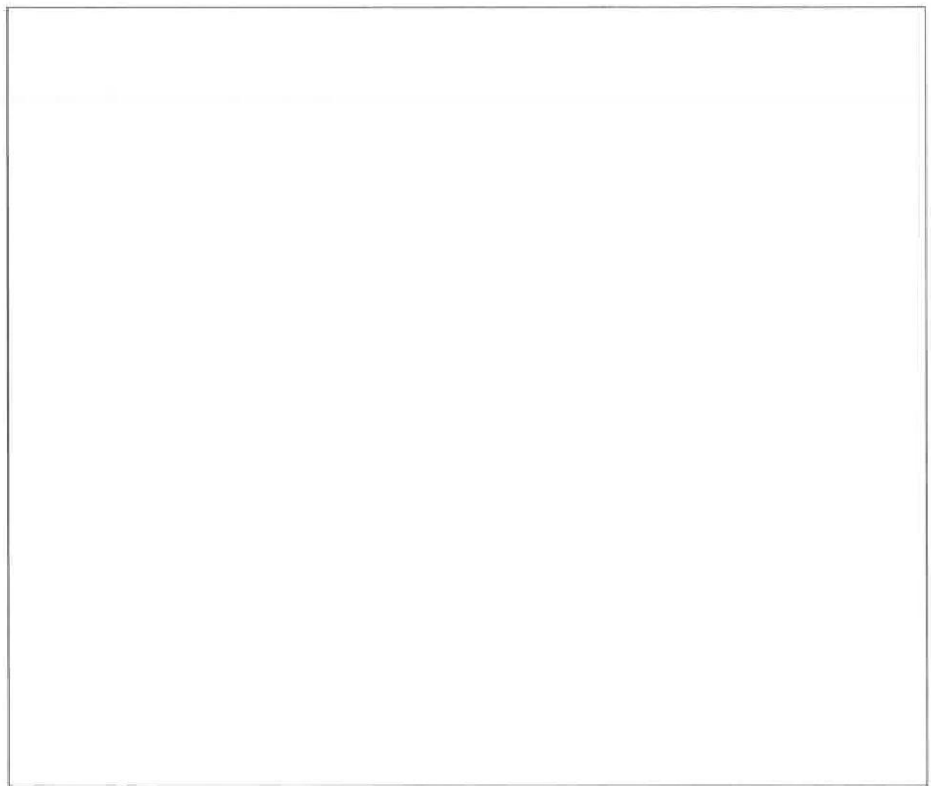
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With the understanding that the gem centre of faith and religion is in the bosom of the mother, the charity is promoting the pastoral and ecclesial guidance and support for following of the doctrines and beliefs of the Indian Orthodox religion for the ladies. Ladies wing (MMVS), is functioning in all of the parishes in the diocese and with an annual regional meet from all the parts of the United Kingdom held online via Zoom.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our planned activities for Youth were put on hold. However, our youth members across different churches, held virtual quiz sessions, vigils, bible reading sessions and shared video

messages to rejuvenate hope and unity. We are also currently in the middle of organising various virtual activities.

Parishes manage to witness Christ and help the flock in building a life worth living. Members of the Indian Orthodox Church love the church and its tradition. They have commitment towards God and the Gospel through collective efforts, manage to help a lot of people who go through difficulties. All the parishes and congregations have charity funds; huge sum if it is pooled together from which every parish gives financial assistance to various deserving people. We are complementing to the apostolic ministry of healing the sick and raising the dead through our helps.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity will maintain General Fund for meeting all the regular activities and for specific activities operates a Restricted Fund. Transfer between funds may be made according to the plans of the Charity. The Charity will try to keep £5000.00 in General Fund at all times.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Nothing to be noted

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Sources of fund raising are from the parish churches under the diocese, from voluntary contributions and donation from the community and fund-raising events.

Direct debit payments are setup by 106 members of the diocese towards the diocesan development which provides a consistent inflow of funds.

The diocese has procured a property as a diocese centre with an outstanding mortgage amount of £150,468. Our primary investment policy and objective is to pay off the mortgage at the earliest.

Section F

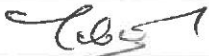
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	TIBU THANKACHAN	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	10/Jan/2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

DIOCESE OF INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, UK EUROPE
DIOCEUK

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2021	To	Period end date 31/03/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary contributions	13,158	5,377	-	18,535	26,609
Donation DHQ	9,961	21,479	-	31,440	27,640
Funds for activities	15,685	4,500	-	20,185	24,816
Maithri Project	-	4,758	-	4,758	26,077
Bince and Archana Charity	-	5,945	-	5,945	9,510
Parish contribution for clergy stipend	-	-	-	-	3,450
Clergy Welfare Fund	-	550	-	550	601
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	38,804	42,609	-	81,413	118,703
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	38,804	42,609	-	81,413	118,703
A3 Payments					
Diocesan activities	1,834	-	-	1,834	21,453
Family conference	-	-	-	-	7,981
Charity projects	-	6,942	-	6,942	23,290
Clergy stipend	11,986	-	-	11,986	3,450
NI & Taxes	-	1,918	-	1,918	1,155
Mortgage payments	-	28,280	-	28,280	38,280
DHQ running cost	5,974	-	-	5,974	7,441
Tomb Restoration	-	2,215	-	2,215	-
Sub total	19,794	39,355	-	59,149	103,050
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	19,794	39,355	-	59,149	103,050
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,010	3,254	-	22,264	15,653
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,252	102,958	-	88,706	-
Cash funds this year end	4,758	106,212	-	110,970	15,653

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		4,758	106,212	-
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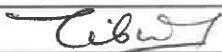
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	TIBU THANKACHAN	09/01/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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Date:

10- Jan-2023

Name:

THOMAS KOSHY

**Relevant professional
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CERTIFIED ~~CHARTERED~~ ACCOUNTANT (RETIRED) - EX FCCA

Address:

5 KINASMEAD PARK

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
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Other names charity is known by

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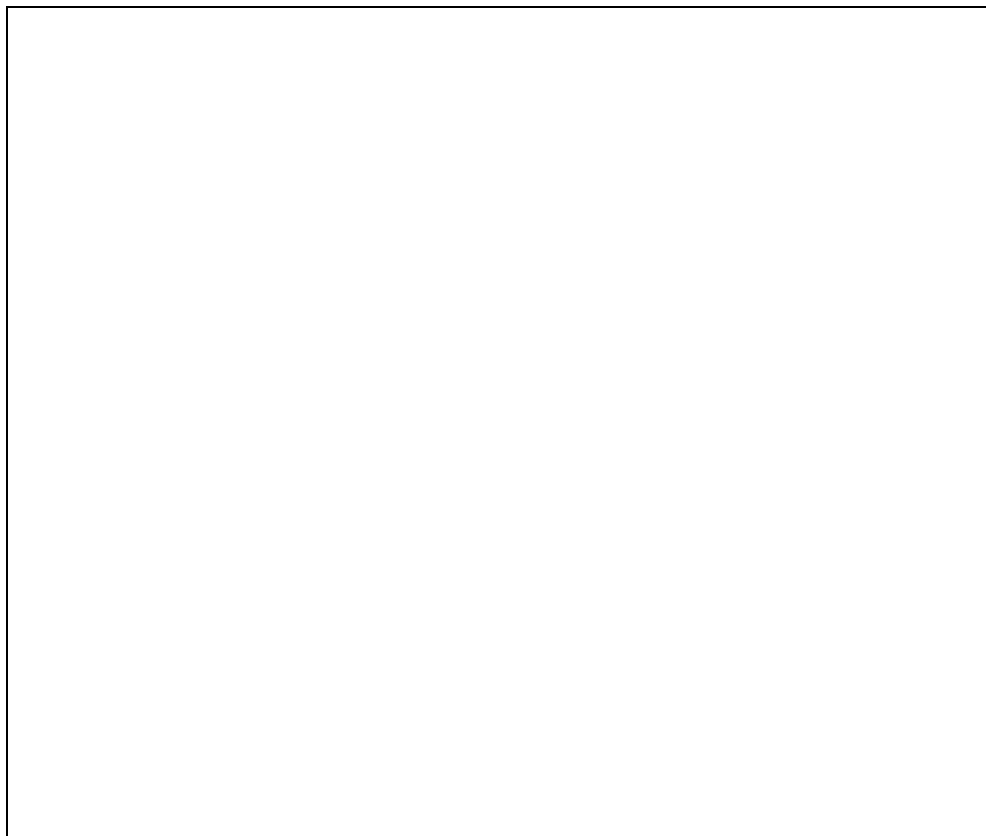
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OSSAE-UK, At the very outset, the year was marked with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, which initially put a stop to all the spiritual activities of our Churches, which included Sunday school. But, despite the challenges posed with the lockdowns and restrictions, we were able to bounce back finding ways continue our Sunday school activities. There are virtual meetings for Sunday school, OVBS happening at each parish during the pandemic. Regular Sunday school classes are conducted in every parish, for the children. The curriculum focuses on lessons and thoughts from the Bible, history and traditions of the Church, prayers, and offices of liturgy as well as activities including singing and drama, to promote self-development and social interaction. Through this, the Sunday School aims to provide a proper understanding of human values and how the Christian way of life can provide a caring and compassionate outlook to the society. In addition to advancing Christian religious faith, DIOCEUK has taken actions to support variety of charity work such as development of dialysis unit.

Diocesan Premarital Course started in November 2014, with the leadership and blessings of our Diocesan Metropolitan H.G Mathews Mar Thimothios. It has been successfully running year after year with good participation of youngsters attending from all over the Diocese. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, since October 2020, we have been organising the Diocesan Premarital Course as one day course online on Zoom.

The Diocese Annual AMOSS Conference was held on Saturday, 31st October 2020 through zoom online platform. The theme of the conference was taken from the book of Hebrews chapter 12 verse 28-29 "Therefore since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire".

Our Diocesan Orthodox Christian Youth Movement (OCYM-UK EU AFR), the Youth-wing of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, is in its 9th year of active leadership and Christian witness for the Church and society. It contributes to the goodness and progress of our Church and community in the three-fold path of worship, study and service. As the world was faced with COVID-19, our regular planned activities were put on hold. However, our youth members across different churches, held virtual quiz sessions, vigils, bible reading sessions and shared video messages to rejuvenate hope and unity.

With the understanding that the gem centre of faith and religion is in the bosom of the mother, the charity is promoting the pastoral and ecclesial guidance and support for following of the doctrines and beliefs of the Indian Orthodox religion for the ladies. Ladies wing (MOMS), is

Section D**Achievements and performance**

functioning in all of the parishes in the diocese and with an annual regional meet from all the parts of the United Kingdom held online via Zoom.

In early 2020, as the world was faced with COVID-19, our planned activities for Youth were put on hold. However our youth members across different churches, held virtual quiz sessions, vigils, bible reading sessions and shared video messages to rejuvenate hope and unity. We are also currently in the middle of organising various virtual activities.

Swanthanam was a mission started by diocese last year, with the objective to provide palliative counselling. This mission had begun in October 2019. There were a number of people in our community at different ages, who were suffering from worrying health conditions and it is sad to say that some were facing terminal conditions. There were also elderly people who were seeking attention, moral support and spiritual togetherness.

Parishes manage to witness Christ and help the flock in building a life worth living. Members of the Indian Orthodox Church love the church and it's tradition. They have commitment towards God and the Gospel through collective efforts, manage to help a lot of people who go through difficulties. All the parishes and congregations have charity funds; huge sum if it is pooled together from which every parish gives financial assistance to various deserving people. We are complementing to the apostolic ministry of healing the sick and raising the dead through our helps.

Section E**Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The Charity will maintain General Fund for meeting all the regular activities and for specific activities operates a Restricted Fund. Transfer between funds may be made according to the plans of the Charity. The Charity will try to keep £5000.00 in General Fund at all times.

Details of any funds materially in deficit**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Sources of fund raising are from the parish churches under the diocese, from voluntary contributions and donation from the community and fund-raising events.

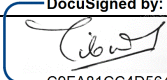
Direct debit payments are setup by 120 members of the diocese towards the diocesan development which provides a consistent inflow of funds.

The diocese has procured a property as a diocese centre with an outstanding mortgage amount of £173,843. Our primary investment policy and objective is to pay off the mortgage at the earliest.

Section F**Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	DocuSigned by: 	
Signature(s)	TIBU THANKACHAN	
Full name(s)	Trustee	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date	28/Dec/2021	



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DIOCESE OF INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, UK EUROPE &
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-04-20	To	Period end date 31-03-21
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary contributions	17,145	9,464	-	26,609	58,379
Donation DHQ	1,405	26,235	-	27,640	49,746
Funds for activities	24,816	-	-	24,816	22,754
Maithri Project	-	26,077	-	26,077	9,216
GIFTAID reclaim	9,510	-	-	9,510	8,047
Parish contribution for clergy stipend	3,450	-	-	3,450	13,650
Clergy Welfare Fund	-	601	-	601	10,938
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	56,326	62,377	-	118,703	172,730
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	56,326	62,377	-	118,703	172,730
A3 Payments					
Diocesan activities	16,540	4,913	-	21,453	51,066
Family conference	7,981	-	-	7,981	3,011
Charity projects	-	23,290	-	23,290	9,555
Clergy stipend	3,450	-	-	3,450	35,611
NI & Taxxes	-	1,155	-	1,155	4,824
Mortgage payments	-	38,280	-	38,280	48,280
DHQ running cost	7,441	-	-	7,441	6,440
Clergy Welfare Fund	-	-	-	-	7,000
Sub total	35,412	67,638	-	103,050	165,787
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	35,412	67,638	-	103,050	165,787
Net of receipts/(payments)	20,914	- 5,261	-	15,653	6,943
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,127	89,000	-	72,873	-
Cash funds this year end	4,787	83,739	-	88,526	6,943

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		4,787	83,739	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,787	83,739	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

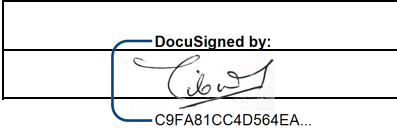
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Diocesan Center, Malankara House, 35 Henmanns Close, Swindon, SN25 4ZW		£397,500	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Mortgage to HSBC Bank		£173,843	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	TIBU THANKACHAN	28-12-21



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

DIOCEUK(DIOCESE OF THE INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH,UK ,
EUROPE AND AFRICA)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/03/2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1139302

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

10- Jan-2022

Name:

THOMAS KOSHY

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

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