



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	April	2020		31	March	2021

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 Hennman 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.Dr.Mathews MarThimothios C	Chair		Synod of Indian Orthodox Church
2	Rev. Fr. Happy Jacob	Trustee		Diocesan Assembly
3	Rev Fr Mathews Kuriakose	Trustee		Diocesan Assembly
4	Rev. Fr Eldo Varghese	Trustee		Diocesan Assembly
5	Mr. Raju Puthenvilayil Mathai	Trustee		Diocesan Assembly
6	Mr.Soji Mathew	Trustee		Diocesan Assembly
7	Mr. Tibu Thankachan	Trustee		Nominated
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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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	All the trustees except the President is elected from the Diocesan General Assembly of Indian Orthodox Church

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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 autonomous church and headed by the Catholicose. Its present primate is Baselios Mar Thoma Paulose II, Catholicose 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 diocesan bishop Dr. Mathews Mar Thimothios, who is the chairperson of the charity. Trustees are the diocesan council members. The trustees meet at least three times a year. 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.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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.

Our Diocese is spread across three continents and in eight countries/five visa zones. 24 priests and three deacons are serving 42 parishes/congregations as the Vicar/Priest-in-Charge. We have an approximate number of 1400 of registered families all together. We have nine own worship places in UK.

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)

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.

It is good thing to notice that the migration of health workers to Europe are in the rise. We should not leave any space for any of our members are lost in the crowd or get neglected from our radar. It is our collective responsibility to find them provide support to settle down and to make part of our community and retain them in true faith and tradition.

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.

Annual general body meeting was held on 25 April 2020 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.

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)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

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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 23 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, 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

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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.

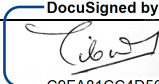
Direct debit payments are setup by 120 members of the diocese towards the diocesan development which provides a consistent inflow of funds.

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

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



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
01-04-20

To

Period end date
31-03-21

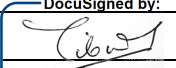
Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	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
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Diocesan Center, Malankara House, 35 Henmanns Close, Swindon, SN25 4ZW		£397,500	-
			-	-
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Mortgage to HSBC Bank		£173,843	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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").

Independent
examiner's statement

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.

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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