



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

## 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.Dr.Mathews MarThimothios C	Chair	01-04-2022 to 02-11-2022	Synod of Indian Orthodox Church
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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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Abraham Mar Stephanos	03 November 2022- 31 March 2023

### 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 Mathews III, 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 the diocesan bishop. Abraham Thomas aka Abraham Mar Stephanos, 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

**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)**

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. 42 priests and three deacons are serving 58 parishes/congregations as the Vicar/Priest-in-Charge. We have an approximate number of 3150 of registered families all together. We have nine own worship places in the UK.

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 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.

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, MMVS, 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.

## 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.

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);

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 105 members of the diocese towards the diocesan development which provides a consistent inflow of funds.

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

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)	<b>Abraham Kurian</b>	
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	To	Period end date
	01/04/2022		31/03/2023

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
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
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>50,842</b>	<b>89,298</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>140,140</b>	<b>81,413</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>50,842</b>	<b>89,298</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>140,140</b>	<b>81,413</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
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
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>49,891</b>	<b>64,975</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>114,866</b>	<b>59,149</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>49,891</b>	<b>64,975</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>114,866</b>	<b>59,149</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>24,323</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,274</b>	<b>22,264</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>4,758</b>	<b>106,032</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>110,790</b>	<b>88,526</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>5,709</b>	<b>130,355</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>136,064</b>	<b>110,790</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				
		5,709	130,355	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>5,709</b>	<b>130,355</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

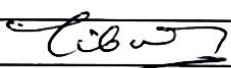
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>				
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
	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)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				
	Mortgage to HSBC Bank		128,306	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	TIBU THANKACHAN	05/01/2024





# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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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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:

08- Jan-2024

Name:

THOMAS KOSHY

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

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