

ST MARYS INDIAN ORTHODOX CONGREGATION OXFORD

England & Wales · Charity number 1149906

Details

Other names ST MARYS INDIAN ORTHODOX CONGREGATION, ST MARYS INDIAN ORTHODOX CONGREGATION/CHURCH, ST. MARY'S INDIAN (MALANKARA) ORTHODOX CHURCH, ST. MARY'S INDIAN (MALANKARA) ORTHODOX CHURCH

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2012-11-26

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FAITH TO FURTHER SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AS ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

Activities: Mainly Bible class for the church youth members, Sunday School, Christmas carol service, church choir and songs, food festival, Harvest festival, religious and cultural programmes. We announce about the programmes in the church after mass interested to participate in any kind of religious and cultural programmes. We provide equal opportunities for everyone whoever interested to participate.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- India
- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£23,867	£23,570	-	-
2024-03-31	£39,201	£23,051	-	-
2023-03-31	£18,581	£13,762	-	-
2022-03-31	£11,015	£7,548	-	-
2021-03-31	£6,065	£3,630	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
VARUGHESE K CHERIAN	Chair	2012-11-04
Biby Abraham Thomas Male		2019-05-18
Jaic George		2024-08-17
KOSHY T CHACKO		2012-11-04

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Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1149906

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
For
St Marys Indian (Malankara) Orthodox Church, Oxford

Johns Accountancy & Taxation
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St Marys Indian (Malankara) Orthodox Church, Oxford

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**ST MARY'S INDIAN (MALANKARA) ORTHODOX CHURCH,
OXFORD**

**Report of the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2015).

OBJECTIVES

To promote the orthodox Christian faith to further such charitable purposes for the benefit of the public as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the trustees may from time to time determine.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

Worship & Pastoral Care

We have our Holy Eucharist held on every Third Saturday of the Month at St. Anthony of Padua Church. During this year, The Annual General Body has agreed to commence a Second Holy Eucharist (Qurbana) which would be in English to address the growing children and the young people of our church on every First Sunday of the month starting from September 2024 at Northway Evangelical church Oxford.

Feast of St Mary

The annual Feast of St. Mary was held on 15th and 16th September 2023.

Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord

We conducted Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord on the 23rd of December 2023.

Passion Week

The passion week for this year was in the last week of March.

Christmas Carol

Christmas carol for this year was held on 21st and 22nd December 2023. The Parish members visited the residence of our members during these two days singing the Christmas carols, Santa visit and spreading the happiness of the birth of our Jesus Christ.

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival was held on 21st October 2023 after the Holy Qurbana at Northway Hall.

Barbeque

The Annual barbeque was held on 23rd September at Northway Evangelical Church along with the closing ceremony of our Orthodox Vacation Bible Study for 2023. Almost all the members of our church and some of the Local community have participated and made the day a great success.

General Body Meeting

There were 3 General bodies held in the FY 23-24. April 15th, 2023, November 18th, 2023, and March 16th, 2024.

Charity

St Mary's Indian Orthodox Church is a registered charity under the Charity commission England and Wales with Charity Number -1149906. Currently we have 3 charity trustees and 7- Volunteers. Trustees- Mr. Varughese K. Cherian, Mr. Saji Thekkekkara, and Mr. Biby Thomas. As per the General Body decision Mr. Jaic George & Mr. Rajin V Poulouse will be added to the list of Charity Trustees.

**ST MARY'S INDIAN (MALANKARA) ORTHODOX CHURCH,
OXFORD**

**Report of the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

Membership

We currently have 48 Family Members in our church. We welcome all the newcomers to the church. We thank all the members and the non-members of our church who have supported us, spiritually, physically, financially, and morally during the last year. We request your prayers and support in the coming years.

SPIRITUAL ORGANIZATIONS

Sunday School

The Sunday School Classes are held on the first Sunday evening of each month, from 4pm to 6pm and third Saturday after Holy Eucharist at Northway Evangelical church.

The Orthodox Vacation Bible School for this year was special and mesmerizing, the event took place over three days in September 2023, with a full-day event on September 2nd and a three-hour session on September 3rd. The program concluded with a half-day children's event at Northway Church

The OCYM

The OCYM (Orthodox Christian Youth Movement) plays a vital role within our church community, with Mr. Kevin Shaji serving as Secretary, and Ms. Alisha Koshy and Ms. Hannah Philip as Joint Secretaries. Throughout the past year, our youth actively participated in various initiatives and events.

Acolytes (AMOSS)

On behalf of all the members of the Church like to acknowledge the dedicated service of all the acolytes assisted with duties at the Altar.

MMVS

The MMVS has its meetings scheduled on the third Friday of the month via online along with bible study.

Prayer Meeting

The prayer meetings were led and guided by our vicar Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Jacob Tharakan along with the help of Mr. Nibu Thomas, Prayer coordinator. The prayers are held after our Sunday School on every First Sunday evening of the month.

Choir

Choir has taken a great precedence in our church from the past year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves

The Church reserves are held to help its current and future activities including a separate savings account for acquiring assets. The retained surplus of parish as on 31/03/2024 was £47562.01 (£ 31411.18 on 31/03/2023).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is controlled by its governing document, The constitution adopted on 19 Dec 2009 as amended on 17 Nov 2012.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The vicar is appointed by the Diocesan Bishop and his term will until further order from the Diocesan Bishop. The Secretary, Treasurer and other committee members are elected by the annual general body meeting of the charity.

**ST MARY'S INDIAN (MALANKARA) ORTHODOX CHURCH,
OXFORD**

**Report of the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name of Charity : St. Mary's Indian (Malankara) Orthodox Church, Oxford

Charity Registration Number : 1149906

Principal Address (Rented) : 5 Nuffield Road,
Headington,
Oxford
OX3 8RQ

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Mr. Varughese K Cherian

Mr. Biby Abraham Thomas

Mr. Koshy T Chacko

Mr. Jaic George

Mr. Rajin Veluthedathuparambil Poullose

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 20 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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Varughese K Cherian

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St Marys Indian (Malankara) Orthodox Church, Oxford**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 set out on pages 5 to 7

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

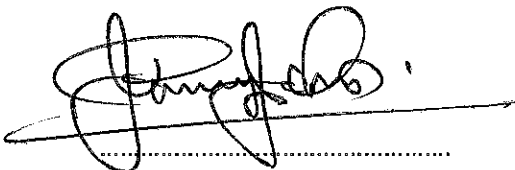
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content 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.




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Bristol BS7 0RG

Date 28/1/2025

St Marys Indian (Malankara) Orthodox Church, Oxford

Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Notes	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	37,501	-	37,501	19,765
Activities for generating funds	851	-	851	571
Other incoming resources	850	-	850	-
Total incoming resources	39,202	-	39,202	20,336
 RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Costs of Generating Funds				
Charitable Expenditure	20,108	-	20,108	11,115
Fundraising Expenses	-	-	-	-
Governance Cost	2,943	-	2,943	2,648
Other Resources expended	-	-	-	-
	23,051	-	23,051	13,763
 NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS	 16,151	 -	 16,151	 6,573
Gross transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Net incoming resources	16,151	-	16,151	6,573
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	31,411	-	31,411	24,838
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	47,562	-	47,562	31,411



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Mr. Varughese K. Cherian
Treasurer

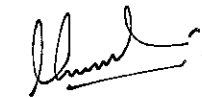
The notes form part of these financial statements.

St Marys Indian (Malankara) Orthodox Church, Oxford

**Balance Sheet
At 31 March 2024**

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Fund</u> (£)	<u>Restricted Fund</u> (£)	<u>2024 Total</u> (£)	<u>2023 Total</u> (£)
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	4		-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5	-			-
Cash at bank and in Hand		47,562	-	47,562	31,411
		<u>47,562</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,562</u>	<u>31,411</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	0		0	
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)		<u>47,562</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,562</u>	<u>31,411</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		47,562	-	47,562	31,411
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	7	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		<u>47,562</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,562</u>	<u>31,411</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds	9			47,562	31,411
Restricted Funds				-	-
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>47,562</u>	<u>31,411</u>

The financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 20-04-2024 and were signed on its behalf by



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Mr. Varughese K. Cherian
Treasurer

The notes form part of these financial statements

St Marys Indian (Malankara) Orthodox Church, Oxford
Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
6. CREDITORS; AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Bank Loans and Overdrafts	-	-
Accrued Expenses	-	-
	-	-

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.2023 £	Net Movement in Funds £	Transfers between Funds £	At 31.03.2024 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	31,411	16,151	-	47,562
	31,411	16,151	-	47,562

Net movement in Funds, included in above are as follows

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended. £	Movement in Funds £
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	39,202	(23,051)	16,151
Restricted Funds			
TOTAL FUNDS	39,202	(23,051)	16,151

St Marys Indian (Malankara) Orthodox Church, Oxford

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
<u>Incoming Resources</u>		
Voluntary Income		
Catholicate/Mission Sunday	205	
Charity		
Christmas Carol	1225	1375
DIOCEUK	250	
Donation	4376	275
Gift Aid	4495	2555
MMVS	100	
OCYM	70	
Offertory	8073	3697
Passion Week	2100	2408
Perunal(Feast and Festival)	6212	1525
Refreshment-Donation		
Subscription	10095	7380
Sunday School and OVBS	300	550
	<u>37501</u>	<u>19765</u>
Activities for Generating Funds		
Food Festival	0	
Harvest Festival	851	571
	<u>851</u>	<u>571</u>
Other Incoming Resources		
Bank Interest Received		
Miscellaneous income	850	0
<u>Total Incoming Resources</u>	<u>39202</u>	<u>20336</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Continued

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
<u>Resources Expended</u>		
Charitable Expenditures		
Catholicate day		
Charity		
Christmas	1466	830
Church Consumables	699	
DIOCEUK	1445	205
Donation		
Gift	91	
MMVS	190	
OCYM	95	
Passion Week	5067	3600
Perunal(Feast and Festivals)	6031	1180
Refreshment	0	786
Sunday School and OVBS	825	564
Vicars allowances	3400	3050
Visiting Priest /Bishop	800	900
	<u>20108</u>	<u>11115</u>
Fund Raising Expenses		
Events Cost	0	0
Governance Cost		
Accountancy	0	
Bank charges	77	86
Insurance	301	
Post, Stationery ,Telephone,Web		202
Rent	2565	2360
	<u>2943</u>	<u>2648</u>
Depreciation		
Fixtures and Fittings	0	
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Resource Expended	23051	13763
Net Income	<u>16151</u>	<u>6573</u>

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