

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1182359

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024  
For  
THE SYRO MALANKARA CATHOLIC CHURCH UK

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For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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# The Syro-Malankara Catholic Church UK.

## Trustees' Report for the Period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31st March 2024

We are delighted to present the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church UK report for the financial year spanning 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 on behalf of the Charity's Trustees.

### The Syro-Malankara Catholic Church U.K.

The Syro-Malankara Catholic Church UK belongs to the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, one of the individual Churches in the Universal Catholic Church, headed by His Holiness Pope Francis. The Syro Malankara Catholic Church UK is under the direct jurisdiction of His Eminence Cardinal Baselios Cleemis Catholicos and His Excellency Bishop Yoohanon Mar Theodosius, serving as the Apostolic Visitor. The Syro-Malankara Catholic Church UK is a C.I.O. (Charitable Incorporated Organization) in England and Wales with the registration number 1182359.

### Objectives and Activities

Based on the constitution of a C.I.O., the money received by the trustees is to be used to fulfil the following objectives:

"The advancement of the Catholic Faith and Christian beliefs for the benefit of the public by the statements of beliefs of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church".

This objective is achieved by organising the celebration of sacraments and religious services, prayer meetings, and providing accommodation and other support for clergy (including those in retirement).

This charity also supports other individuals engaged in the advancement of the following objectives:

- The advancement of education in accordance with the teaching of the Catholic Church. This is to be achieved through training individuals and groups, producing and distributing literature and broadcasting information using modern media to enlighten others about the Catholic Faith.
- The relief of poverty and suffering and other such charitable purposes for the benefit of the public are consistent with the doctrines of the Catholic Church.
- The acquisition, provision and maintenance of land and buildings are to be used primarily for the above activities and are to be available for hire by other communities.
- Any other related activities supporting the promotion of Christian beliefs in the UK. Or overseas, including donations to individuals or organisations promoting the Christian Faith.
- Any other activities which, in the opinion of the lawfully appointed Bishop of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church UK, are necessary to achieve the objectives of the Charity.

The 2023-2024 annual period was another valuable step towards expanding the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church in the United Kingdom region. Our Lord God Almighty showered His grace on us abundantly. The 8th National Convention (2023, June 23rd to 25th, Cyril Baselios Catholicos

Nagar, Cefn Lea Park, Wales) of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, Region of United Kingdom, was a great success. It will undoubtedly be engraved in the chronicles of the history of the Malankara Catholic Community in the UK. During the Convention, we were blessed with the presence of His Beatitude, Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicose, who is the head and father of Syro Malankara church. We thankfully remember the dedicated work of the National Council members, Executive committee members, different committee members, Priests, and all UK Malankara Catholic faithful who joined with us for the success of the Convention.

## Achievements and Performance

To achieve the charity's aim, the trustees conducted various activities through the different Apostolates of the Church, such as Catechism, Youth Apostolate (MCYM), Mothers Forum, and the Gospel Ministry Team (Suvishesha Sangam).

## Activities for Children

**"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it". - Proverbs 22:6**

### Annual Report for the Catechism Activities

The Department of Central Catechism has successfully concluded another enriching year of religious education and spiritual development. The Catechism academic year falls between September and July. Throughout the year, various engaging activities were organised to foster a deeper understanding of the faith among our children. We focused on teaching the essential aspects of Catholic doctrine, morality, and sacraments to ensure a comprehensive learning experience. Regular Catechism classes were conducted through interactive sessions, group discussions and multimedia presentations, creating a dynamic and immersive learning environment and incorporating community-building initiatives such as prayer services, retreats, outreach activities, regional camps and Bible quiz competitions. Catechism Day and Teachers' Day were celebrated in all mission centres. The Catechism students actively participated in the cultural programs and Holy Mass during the Feasts of the patron saint of their mission.

First, Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies were celebrated with great joy and reverence, marking significant milestones in the spiritual journey of our catechism students. The dedication of our experienced Catechists and the active participation of students and their families contributed to the program's success. Reflecting on the year's achievements, we look forward to continuing our mission of nurturing strong, informed, compassionate individuals grounded in their Catholic faith.

## Malankara Catholic Youth Movement

The Malankara Catholic Youth Movement is the youth movement that organises various activities for the youth. Notable events include a memorable two-day residential Youth Camp, leading the Holy Rosary, conducting Sports Days, and successful online events such as a Christmas Montage video and the 'IGNITE' Lenten Retreat. The MCYM, commemorating Servant of God Mar Ivanios, conducts Ivanian Prayer Meetings every two months. Acknowledging the leadership transition, with Rev. Fr. Jibu Mathew now as the director, and expressing gratitude to Rev. Dr. Louis Charuvila Puthenveedu, the MCYM Central Secretariat emphasises weekly meetings and the formation of an MCYM Senate to elect office bearers, fostering passion and unity among youths for the greater glory of Lord Jesus Christ in the United Kingdom. In closing, we seek intercession from Mother

Mary, St. Francis of Assisi, and all saints for the continued growth of MCYM as a strong and vibrant movement.

## Mothers Forum

Mothers Forum (Mathru Samajam) has the following goals: Prayer and Charitable deeds. All married women in the parish are eligible for Mothers Forum membership. Mothers Forum is one of the most active and pious apostolates of the Church and contributes its talents to the spiritual growth of the parish very effectively. Mothers Forum has been established in every mission centre with an elected president, secretary and treasurer as its office bearers. This apostolate leads a weekly prayer service via an online platform, including recitation of the Holy Rosary and evening prayer. A one-day Lenten retreat was conducted. Many members attended the retreat, and a spiritual talk was given by Sr. Ann Maria, a famous Evangelist in the UK. Mothers Forum has always been at the forefront of supporting programmes conducted in the church for the youth and catechism students. Along with their prayers, they wholeheartedly support the organisers in all possible ways. Active participation in the church choir, teaching Catechism, and preparing food for mission members on various occasions are just a few roles they undertake.

## Gospel Ministry Team (Suvisesha Sangam)

“Go into the entire world and proclaim the Good News to the whole creation” (Mk.16:15).

The Syro-Malankara Catholic Suvisesha Sangam is a holy renewal movement based on the spirituality of the Malankara Catholic Church to proclaim, celebrate and live the Good News. The members of the Suvisesha Sangam should follow 25 spiritual ways of life based on the spirituality of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, precisely: Liturgy of the hour, Sacraments, especially Holy Qurbano and confession, Lent, abstinence, fasting, Bible reading, meditation, prayer, spirituality based on self-sanctification and a life of witnessing.

The gospel ministry programme meets regularly and includes various spiritual awakening classes and meditations, Bible courses, Liturgical studies, dogmatic studies, moral studies, preaching ministry, Church history, and other relevant subjects.

## Malankara Catholic Council of U.K. Meetings

The Syro-Malankara Catholic Council UK Members met seven times in this financial year, four in person and three online, to discuss and plan various activities related to the missions in the United Kingdom. The National Council operates under the strong leadership of Rev Dr Kuriakose Thadathil, president of the council.

During each national council meeting and executive committee meeting, presidential addresses were conducted, and the national council was updated on the status of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church in the UK. At this point, the national council members were allowed to share their views on the development of the Church. The matters raised were discussed extensively during the meetings, and potential action steps were developed. Under the direct leadership of the National Council members, the following activities were organised: the Walsingham Pilgrimage, Commemoration of Servant of God Mar Ivanios and preparation of National Convention (2023).

## Structure, governance, and management

Syro-Malankara Catholic Church UK is a C.I.O. constituted by the declaration of a foundation C.I.O. dated 6th March 2019. The Syro-Malankara Catholic Church UK covers England and Wales with 18 mission centres, and 2 in Scotland (Glasgow and Aberdeen) have been formed. Various activities of the Charity are implemented through these missions:

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|----------------|------------------|
| 1. Aberdeen    | 11. Ipswich      |
| 2. Ashford     | 12. Liverpool    |
| 3. Belfast     | 13. Luton        |
| 4. Bristol     | 14. Manchester   |
| 5. Cardiff     | 15. Northampton  |
| 6. Coventry    | 16. Nottingham   |
| 7. Croydon     | 17. Plymouth     |
| 8. East London | 18. Sheffield    |
| 9. Glasgow     | 19. Southampton  |
| 10. Gloucester | 20. West London. |

Holy Mass and other sacraments are celebrated regularly with the support of the local Roman Catholic diocese. The Malankara Catholic Council of the UK supports the trustees. The elected members of each mission offer their services voluntarily to grow the charity. Council meetings are held regularly to plan and implement various activities and monitor the operation.

The trustees who served during the Period and up to the date of the financial statements were:

- His Eminence Cardinal Baselios Cleemis Catholicos
- His Excellency Bishop Yoohanon Mar Theodosius
- Rev. Dr. Kuriakose Thadathil
- Rev. Dr. Louis Charuvila Puthenveedu
- Rev. Fr. James Elangikal
- Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Thiruvallil
- Rev. Fr. Lukose Kannimel
- Rev. Fr. Linu Thankachan

We raise our voices to thank Lord God Almighty for all the blessings. We also extend our deepest gratitude to His Eminence Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos for the love and fatherly affection shown towards our families. We are proud and grateful to His Excellency Yoohanon Mar Theodosius for his guidance and fatherly affection. Our priests have led the way for the faithful with prayerful insights and immense effort. We are also grateful for the support given by the government of the United Kingdom in recognising and acknowledging the work of this charity. To conclude this report, we would like to recognise the unending prayers and commitment shown by the faithful with the power of the Holy Spirit.

For and on behalf of the Trustees of Syro Malankara Catholic Church UK.



Rev Dr Kuriakose Thadathil

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**  
**THE SYRO MALANKARA CATHOLIC CHURCH UK.**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 set out on pages 6 to 9

**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").

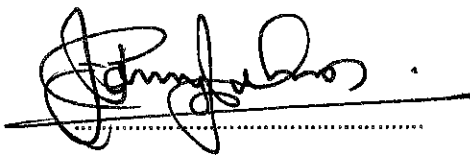
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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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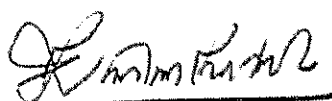
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**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

		<b><u>Unrestricted</u></b>	<b><u>Restricted</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
		<b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Total Funds</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Notes		<b><u>(£)</u></b>	<b><u>(£)</u></b>	<b><u>(£)</u></b>	<b><u>(£)</u></b>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
		237,163	-	237,163	89,206
	Voluntary income	9,773	-	9,773	3,436
	Activities for generating funds	325	-	325	735
	Other incoming resources				
	<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>247,260</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>247,260</b>	<b>93,377</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>					
	Charitable Expenditure	210,733	-	210,733	75,892
	Fundraising Expenses	7,257	-	7,257	4,201
	Governance Cost	-	-	-	-
	Other Resources expended	506	-	506	632
		<b>218,496</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>218,496</b>	<b>80,726</b>
	<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>	<b>28,765</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,765</b>	<b>12,651</b>
	Gross transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
	<b>Net incoming resources</b>	<b>28,765</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,765</b>	<b>12,651</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
	Total funds brought forward	63,807	570	64,377	51,726
	<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>92,572</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>93,142</b>	<b>64,377</b>



Rev. Dr. Kuriakose Thadathil  
Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

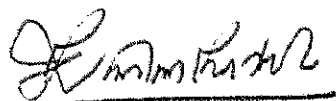


**THE SYRO MALANKARA CATHOLIC CHURCH UK**

**Balance Sheet**  
**At 31 March 2024**

		<b><u>Unrestricted</u></b>	<b><u>Restricted</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
		<b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
	Notes	<b><u>(£)</u></b>	<b><u>(£)</u></b>	<b><u>(£)</u></b>	<b><u>(£)</u></b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Assets	1	2,022	-	2,022	2,528
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors		-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in Hand		91,119	-	91,119	61,849
		91,119	-	91,119	61,849
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	2	-	-	-	-
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)</b>		<b>91,119</b>		<b>91,119</b>	<b>61,849</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>93,141</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>93,141</b>	<b>64,377</b>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>93,141</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>93,141</b>	<b>64,377</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>	3				
Unrestricted Funds				92,784	63,807
Restricted Funds				358	570
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<b>93,142</b>	<b>64,377</b>

The financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 25/4/24 and were signed on its behalf by



Rev. Dr. Kuriakose Thadathil  
Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE SYRO MALANKARA CATHOLIC CHURCH UK**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>2. CREDITORS; AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		
Accrued Expenses	-	-
	-	-

**3. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.2023 £	Net Movement in Funds £	Transfers between Funds £	At 31.03.2024 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General Fund	63,807	28,977		92,784
Others	-	0		0
	63,807	28,977	-	92,784
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Mothers Forum- Restricted	570	(212)	-	358
	570	(212)	-	358
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	64,377	28,765	-	93,142

Net movement in Funds, included in above are as follows

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended. £	Movement in Funds £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	247,260	218,284	28,977
Others	-	-	-
	247,260	218,708	28,977
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	-	212	(212)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	247,260	218,708	28,765

**THE SYRO MALANKARA CATHOLIC CHURCH UK**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**1. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b><u>Motor Vehicles</u></b> <b><u>(£)</u></b>	<b><u>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</u></b> <b><u>(£)</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b> <b><u>(£)</u></b>
<b><u>COST</u></b>			
At 1 April 2023	4,500	1,672	6,172
Additions			-
Disposals	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>1,672</b>	<b>6,172</b>
<b><u>DEPRECIATION</u></b>			
At 1 April 2023	2,657	987	3,644
Charge for the year	369	137	506
Elimination on disposal	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>3,026</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>4,150</b>
<b><u>NET BOOK VALUE</u></b>			
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>1,474</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>2,022</b>
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<b>1,843</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>2,528</b>

**THE SYRO MALANKARA CATHOLIC CHURCH UK**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
<b><u>Incoming Resources</u></b>		
<b>Voluntary Income</b>		
Offertory	40,195	26,291
Members Contributions	58,860	42,745
Gift Aid		
Catechism	3,996	460
Christmas Carol service	4,566	1,265
Holy Week	16,392	6,596
Special Events	18,768	11,080
National Convention	92,435	400
MCYM	1,950	
Mothers Forum- Restricted		370
	<b>237,163</b>	<b>89,206</b>
<b>Activities for Generating Funds</b>		
Other Charitable Activities incl	9,773	3,436
Fund raising	-	-
	<b>9,773</b>	<b>3,436</b>
<b>Other Incoming Resources</b>		
Rental Income	325	735
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>247,260</b>	<b>93,377</b>
<b><u>Resources Expended</u></b>		
<b>Charitable Expenditures</b>		
Allowances (Mission Priest Incharge)	33,701	28,610
Special Events	19,846	10,916
Insurance	720	755
Phone/Mob/Internet/TV	332	467
Pastoral- Visiting Priests	21,667	2,400
Repairs & Maintenance	1,661	2,124
Stationary/Printing/Administrative	7,431	931
Motor & Travelling Expenses	3,014	3,190
Other Charitable Expenses	2,082	1,952
Other Charities/Meetings	6,272	191
Utilities & Council Tax	3,642	3,331
Food, Grocery, House Holds & sundry	5,962	6,719
Rent	12,227	8,964
Holy week	7,146	2,386
Bank charges		290
Catechism	2,960	1,806
Christmas Carol Service	507	770
MCYM	616	
National Convention	80,735	
Mothers Forum	212	
	<b>210,733</b>	<b>75,892</b>
<b>Fund Raising Expenses</b>		
Other Charitable Activities incl	7,257	4,201
	<b>7,257</b>	<b>4,201</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Motor Vehicles	369	461
Fixtures and Fittings	137	171
	<b>506</b>	<b>632</b>
<b>Total Resource Expended</b>	<b>218,496</b>	<b>80,726</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>28,765</b>	<b>12,651</b>

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