

ST GREGORIOS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH PETERBOROUGH

England & Wales · Charity number 1182376

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2019-03-07

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Activities

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities

Geography

- Cambridgeshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£51,304	£29,235	-	-
2024-03-31	£31,150	£21,558	-	-
2023-03-31	£30,782	£10,992	-	-
2022-03-31	£15,466	£7,496	-	-
2021-03-31	£9,177	£2,440	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Mathews Kuriakose	Chair	2020-07-01
Akhilesh MATHEW		2018-10-21
BETTY KIZHAKKEPARAMBIL JOHN		2022-03-12
Eldo KURIAN		2018-10-21
JEBBY VARGHESE		2022-03-12
Paulson VARUGHESE		2020-03-20
SINU KATTOOR GEORGE		2022-03-12
THOMAS VARGHESE PUTHENPURAYL		2020-12-09

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Accounts

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1182376

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
For
St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Peterborough

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ST GREGORIOS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, PETERBOROUGH

Report of the Trustees for the Year ended 31st March 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. 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 AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims:

- Objective of the Church is to promote faith in accordance with the doctrines and rites of the Indian Orthodox Church.
- The trustees have considered a charity commission's guidance on public benefit including the guidance 'public benefit running charity (PB2)'.

Significant Activities:

During this period, the parish has served as a spiritual hub for the Indian Orthodox community in Peterborough and neighboring areas, facilitating regular worship, religious education, and charitable outreach. The significant activities are listed below:

1. Worship & Pastoral Care

Worship is the cornerstone of our mission, providing spiritual sustenance and pastoral support to the faithful.

- The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on the second Saturdays of every month. The Morning Prayer commences at 9:00am, followed by the liturgy at 9:30am.
- The Feast of Nativity: In the Indian Orthodox tradition, the Feast of the Nativity is referred to as Yeldho Perunnal. The service include Holy Eucharist and Service of Bon Fire. This service is the culmination of the 25-day Advent Fast, during which the faithful abstain from meat and dairy products to prepare their hearts for the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ. The service conclude with the "Breaking of the Fast" by sharing a Christmas Feast or meal.
- Passion Week Observances: A cornerstone of the orthodox liturgical year is the Great Lent. This year's holy week services were led by Rev. Fr. Ricku S Cherian. The congregation engaged in deep reflection on the passion, crucifixion, and resurrection of Christ through solemn prayer and meditation.
- Pastoral Guidance: Rev. Fr. Mathews Kuriakose serves as the vicar of the church. Reverend provides continuous spiritual support to the families of the parish.

2. Spiritual Organizations

The church's activities are decentralized into specific organizations, ensuring that every age group is engaged in spiritual and social development within the parish structure.

- Sunday School: Sunday School sessions ensure to nurture the spiritual development of our younger generation. Regular classes were held on the second Saturday of every month from 8:00am to 9:00am, prior to the Holy Qurbana. Additional classes were conducted on the fourth Saturday of each month from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. A unit-level talent competition was held on 05th April 2024.

- Orthodox Vacation Bible School (OVBS): OVBS provides a safe, faith-based environment for the children during school holidays while deepening the children's connection in faith through interactive Bible lessons, action songs, and engaging activities. A three-day OVBS session was successfully conducted in July 2024, focusing on a biblical theme. The theme of the year was "Let's Pray – St. Luke 11:1".
- Martha Mariam Yanitha Samajam (MMVS): Named after the Blessed Virgin Mary, MMVS is the Women's wing of the church. Regular meetings were held after Holy Qurbana on the second Saturday of each month. This year, four members attended the MMVS - UK Diocese annual conference conducted in Birmingham on 19th of October 2024. MMVS also organized a food festival event on 12th of October 2024, which not only fostered fellowship among parish members but also served as an opportunity to raise funds for the church. Also, seven members attended the Annual MMVS exams and everyone came out in flying colors.
- Orthodox Christian Youth Movement (OCYM): Youth League conducted regular gatherings after Holy Qurbana on the second Saturday of each month, providing a platform for spiritual discussions, fellowship, and outreach activities.
- Prayer Meetings: Prayer meetings were held on the fourth Saturday of every month from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. These meetings offered a space for families to come together in prayer, reflect on scripture, and support one another in faith.

3. Other Events

- Feast of St. George: This year, we were able to celebrate the feast of St. George on 11th of May 2024. The diocesan metropolitan His Eminence Abraham Mar Stephanos was the chief celebrant.
- Sports Day: A Sports Day was conducted at Moulton Chapel Community Hall in Spalding on 8th of September 2024. This event ensures that the members remain integrated within the community rather than becoming isolated. The event featured a variety of activities, including running races for children and adults, team games such as tug-of-war, and other engaging outdoor activities. Prizes were awarded to the winners, and the day was filled with joy and laughter, promoting physical fitness and a sense of togetherness. Members came together in organizing the whole event including preparing a delicious meal for the whole community that gathered.
- Onam Celebration: Onam is the traditional South Indian festival. Our church celebrated the festival with great enthusiasm on 14th of September 2024. After the Holy Qurbana service, attendees were treated to a grand Onam Sadhya, a traditional vegetarian feast served on banana leaves, featuring a variety of authentic dishes. The Onam Sadhya is more than just a meal; it is an act of communal fellowship. The sadhya was followed by vibrant cultural programs, reflecting the spirit of a sense of unity and shared identity.
- Music Fest: A Christian devotional music fest event was organized by our church on 26th of October 2024. The whole event created an accessible gateway for the Christian community and the wider Peterborough community to experience the beauty of the Indian Christian faith.
- Feast of St. Gregorios: St. Gregorios of Parumala is the first canonized saint of the Indian Orthodox Church, and therefore is a figure of great intercessory importance. This feast marks the parish's patronal festival. This year the feast was celebrated on the 8th and 9th of November 2024. The feast begins with the hoisting of the parish flag, signaling the start of the commemorative. This is followed by special evening prayers. The Perunnal Qurbana (Festal

Eucharist), celebrated next day. Another central feature of the feast is the Rasa (Ceremonial Procession). During the Rasa, the congregation moves in a solemn procession around the church with traditional rhythmic chanting of prayers. Following the spiritual services, the celebration transitions into a communal feast known as Nercha Vilambu. The event also provided an opportunity for spiritual renewal and a strengthened sense of community among the parishioners.

- Christmas Carol Visits: On December 2024, the church's carol group spent three days visiting the houses of church members to spread the joy and message of Christmas. With festive songs, prayers, and warm greetings, the carolers brought the spirit of Christmas to each residence. These visits were cherished moments of fellowship, allowing members to celebrate and experience the true essence of the holy Nativity.
- New Year Service: This year we were able to offer Holy Eucharist in the New Year's Eve, where the congregation gathered to offer gratitude for past mercies and seek divine protection for the future

Structure, Governance, and Management:

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees:

- The Vicar is appointed by the Diocesan Bishop, and their term will continue until further instructions are received from the Diocesan Bishop.
- The Secretary, Treasurer, and other committee members are elected by the Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the charity.

Reference and Administrative Details:

Name of Charity	-	St. Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church,
Charity Registration Number	-	1182376
Principal Address (Rented)	-	103 Ledbury Road, Netherton, Peterborough, PE3 9RA

Trustees

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

Rev. Fr. Mathews Kuriakose	-	Vicar and President
Mr. Akhilesh Mathew	-	Hon. Treasurer
Mr. Paulson Varghese	-	Hon. Secretary
Mr. Shaji John	-	Committee Member
Mr. Sinu Kattoor George	-	Committee Member
Mr. Noshy John	-	Committee Member
Mr. Siniumon Abraham	-	Committee Member
Mr. Presad Daniel	-	Committee Member
Mr. Reny Peter	-	Committee Member
Mrs. Jincy P James	-	Committee Member

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 10th May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Akhilesh Mathew
(Treasurer)

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Peterborough**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 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").

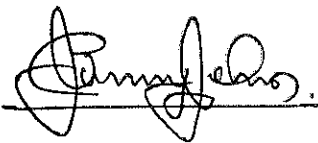
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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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Date:22/01/2026

St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Peterborough

Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</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	45,397	-	45,397	26,422
Activities for generating funds	5,907	-	5,907	4,728
Other incoming resources	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources	51,304	-	51,304	31,150
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Costs of Generating Funds				
Charitable Expenditure	23,706	-	23,706	18,564
Fundraising Expenses	4,486	-	4,486	1,762
Governance Cost	1,043	-	1,043	1,232
	29,235	-	29,235	21,558
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS	22,069	-	22,069	9,592
Gross transfer between funds			-	-
Net incoming resources	22,069	-	22,069	9,592
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	49,791	5,500	55,291	45,698
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	71,860	5,500	77,361	55,291


Mr. Akhilesh Mathew
Treasurer

The notes form part of these financial statements

St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Peterborough

Balance Sheet
At 31 March 2025

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Notes	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets	-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in Hand	72,399	5,500	77,899	55,531
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	72,399	5,500	77,899	55,531
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	(540)	-	(540)	(240)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)	71,859	5,500	77,359	55,291
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	71,859	5,500	77,359	55,291
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due after more than one year	-	-	-	-
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NET ASSETS	71,859	5,500	77,359	55,291
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FUNDS				
Unrestricted Funds	1		71,859	49,791
Restricted Funds			5,500	5,500
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TOTAL FUNDS			77,359	55,291
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The financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 10/05/2025 and were signed on its behalf by



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Mr. Akhilesh Mathew
Treasurer

The notes form part of these financial statements

St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Peterborough
Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

				2025 £
1. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	At 1.4.2024 £	Net Movement in Funds £	Transfers between Funds £	At 31.03.2025 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	49,791	22,069		71,859
Others	-	-		-
	49,791	22,069	0	71,859
Restricted Funds				
Church Property Fund	5,500	-		5,500
	5,500	-	-	5,500
TOTAL FUNDS	55,291	22,069	-	77,359

Net movement in Funds, included in above are as follows

	Incoming Resourcs £	Resources Expended. £	Movement in Funds £
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	51,304	29,235	22,069
Others	-	-	-
	51,304	29,235	22,069
Restricted Funds	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	51,304	29,235	22,069

St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Peterborough
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	(£)	(£)
<u>Incoming Resources</u>		
Voluntary Income		
Subscription	12750	11450
Offerory	3001	4272
Gift Aid	13020	0
Passion Week	1887	3225
Christmas Carol	1170	1225
Donations	5304	779
Sunday School	715	579
Sneha Veedu/Rhythem(One day event)	4780	1898
Perunal Donation	1376	1400
Parish day	560	
OVBS	835	1595
	45397	26,422
Activities for Generating Funds		
Harvest festival	3721	3380
Food Festival	2186	1348
	5907	4,728
Other Incoming Resources		
Miscellaneous Income	0	-
Total Incoming Resources	51304	31,150
<u>Resources Expended</u>		
Charitable Expenditures		
Vicar's Remuneration	4250	3350
Perunnaal Expenses	2332	1668
Diocese of UK	760	1252
Donations, Charity & Gifts	4400	400
Passion Week	2897	3866
Hire Charges	4064	3358
OVBS	1350	1639
Youth/MMVS	227	441
Parish day	1613	714
Christmas	886	561
Sunday School Expenses	927	1314
	23706	18,564
Fund Raising Expenses		
Events Cost	4486	1762
	0	-
Governance Cost		
Sundry Expenses	358	125
Website	142	174
Accountancy Charges	300	240
Miscellaneous Expenses	243	693
	1043	1,232
Total Resource Expended	29235	21,558
Net Income	22069	9,592

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Accounts

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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 AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims:

Objective of the Church is to promote the Indian Orthodox Christian faith.

The trustees have considered a charity commission's guidance on public benefit including the guidance 'public benefit running charity (PB2)'.

Significant Activities:

1. Worship & Pastoral Care

Worship and pastoral care form the cornerstone of our church's mission. Regular worship services, including Holy Qurbana, were celebrated with utmost devotion under the spiritual guidance of our Vicar. Key highlights include:

- a. Holy Qurbana Services:
Conducted on the second Saturday of every month.
Morning prayer commenced at 9:00 AM, followed by Holy Qurbana at 9:30 AM
- b. Passion Week Observances
Holy Week Services were solemnly observed with meaningful worship and meditation, led by Rev. Fr. C. S. Mathews, the vicar from the Ahmedabad congregation. These services allowed the congregation to reflect deeply on the passion, crucifixion, and resurrection of Christ.

2. Spiritual Organizations

Various spiritual organizations played a vital role in fostering spiritual growth and community engagement within the parish. The following activities were conducted:

- a. Sunday School:

Sunday School sessions were consistently held on the second Saturday of every month from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM, prior to the Holy Qurbana, to nurture the spiritual education of children. Additional classes were conducted on the fourth Saturday of each month from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. A unit-level talent competition was held in April 2023.
- b. Orthodox Vacation Bible School (OVBS):

A three-day OVBS session was successfully conducted in October 2023, focusing on biblical themes and activities that enriched the faith of the youth and children.
- c. Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam (MMVS):

Regular meetings were held after Holy Qurbana on the second Saturday of each month.

St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Peterborough

Report of the Trustees

For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

- Thirteen members attended the MMVS UK Diocese annual conference conducted in Northampton in May 2023.
- MMVS organized a food festival event in January 2024, which not only fostered fellowship among parish members but also served as an opportunity to raise funds for the church.

d. Youth Movement:

Youth League conducted regular gatherings after Holy Qurbana on the second Saturday of each month, providing a platform for spiritual discussions, fellowship, and outreach activities.

e. Prayer Meetings:

Prayer meetings were held on the fourth Saturday of every month from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. These meetings offered an intimate setting for families to come together in prayer, reflect on scripture, and support one another in faith.

3. Other Events

a. Family Tour:

Conducted In July 2023, a one-day family tour was organized to the scenic Clacton-on-Sea, a beautiful seaside town known for its sandy beaches and lively pier. The trip provided an excellent opportunity for families to unwind and spend quality time together while enjoying the fresh sea breeze and coastal activities. Participants engaged in fun games, enjoyed delicious packed lunches, and explored the vibrant local attractions, fostering fellowship and creating unforgettable memories among the attendees.

b. Sports Day:

A Sports Day was conducted at Ferry Meadows in Peterborough in September 2023, bringing together members of the congregation for a day of healthy competition and camaraderie. The event featured a variety of activities, including running races for children and adults, team games such as tug-of-war, and other engaging outdoor activities. Prizes were awarded to the winners, and the day was filled with joy and laughter, promoting physical fitness and a sense of togetherness. Additionally, we came together to cook and enjoy a meal, further strengthening the bond within our community

c. Onam Celebration:

The traditional South Indian festival, Onam, was celebrated with great enthusiasm in September 2023. After the Holy Qurbana service, attendees were treated to a grand Onam Sadhya, a traditional vegetarian feast served on banana leaves, featuring a variety of authentic dishes. The colorful and joyful celebration highlighted the cultural heritage of Kerala, fostering a deep sense of unity and togetherness among the participants. The event was marked by vibrant decorations and cultural programs, reflecting the spirit of gratitude and abundance

d. Feast of St. Gregorios:

The Feast of St. Gregorios, a significant spiritual occasion, was celebrated on the second Friday and Saturday of November 2023. The celebrations included special liturgical services, hymns, and prayers to honor the saint. Devotees participated with deep faith and reverence, seeking the intercession of St. Gregorios for blessings and guidance. The event also provided an opportunity for spiritual renewal and a strengthened sense of community among the parishioners. A special Qurbana was conducted on Saturday to mark the occasion.

e. Christmas Carol Visits:

St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Peterborough

Report of the Trustees

For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

In December 2023, the church's carol group spent three days visiting the homes of church members to spread the joy and message of Christmas. With festive songs, prayers, and warm greetings, the carolers brought the spirit of Christmas to each residence. These visits were cherished moments of fellowship, allowing members to connect, celebrate, and experience the true essence of the holiday season. Many families welcomed the carolers with refreshments, creating a joyful and heartwarming atmosphere.

f. Christmas Feast:

The Christmas service was held on the 24th of December 2023, followed by a grand Christmas feast. The service included meaningful liturgical prayers, hymns, and a sermon focusing on the birth of Christ and its significance. The congregation came together to celebrate this joyous occasion with a beautifully prepared feast, featuring traditional dishes and desserts, signifying the spirit of love, sharing, and togetherness that Christmas represents

Structure, Governance, and Management:

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees:

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Mr. Reny Peter	- Hon. Secretary
Mr. Eldo Kurian	- Committee Member
Mr. Akhilesh Mathew	- Committee Member
Mr. Varughese Thomas	- Committee Member
Mr. Jobi Podimon	- Committee Member
Mrs. Jaimol Noshy	- Committee Member

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 13th April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Presad Daniel
(Treasurer)

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
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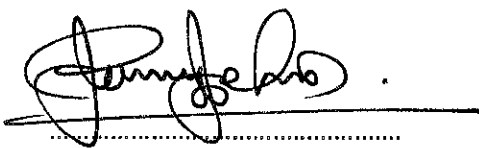
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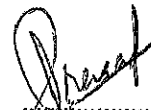
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Date:29/01/2025

St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Peterborough

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	26,422	-	26,422	27,140
Activities for generating funds	4,728	-	4,728	3,603
Other incoming resources	-	-	-	40
Total incoming resources	31,150	-	31,150	30,782
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Costs of Generating Funds				
Charitable Expenditure	18,564	-	18,564	9,855
Fundraising Expenses	1,762	-	1,762	-
Governance Cost	1,232	-	1,232	1,137
	21,558	-	21,558	10,992
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS	9,592	-	9,592	19,790
Gross transfer between funds			-	-
Net incoming resources	9,592	-	9,592	19,790
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	40,198	5,600	45,798	25,908
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	49,790	5,600	55,391	45,698



Mr. Prasad Daniel
Treasurer

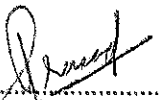
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St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Peterborough

Balance Sheet
At 31 March 2024

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Notes	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets	-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in Hand	50,031	5,500	55,531	45,699
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	50,031	5,500	55,531	45,699
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	(240)	-	(240)	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	49,791	5,500	55,291	45,699
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	49,791	5,500	55,291	45,699
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due after more than one year	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	49,791	5,500	55,291	45,699
FUNDS				
Unrestricted Funds	1		49,791	40,199
Restricted Funds			5,500	5,500
TOTAL FUNDS			<hr/>	<hr/>
			55,291	45,699

The financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 13/04/2024 and were signed on its behalf by


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Mr. Prasad Daniel

St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Peterborough
Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

				2024 £
1. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	At 1.4.2023 £	Net Movement in Funds £	Transfers between Funds £	At 31.03.2024 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	40,199	9,592		49,791
Others	-	-		-
	40,199	9,592	0	49,791
Restricted Funds				
Church Property Fund	5,500	-		5,500
	5,500	-	-	5,500
TOTAL FUNDS	45,699	9,592	-	55,291

Net movement in Funds, included in above are as follows

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended. £	Movement in Funds £
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	31,150	21,558	9,592
Others	-	-	-
	31,150	21,558	9,592
Restricted Funds			
	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	31,150	21,558	9,592

St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Peterborough
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	(£)	(£)
<u>Incoming Resources</u>		
Voluntary Income		
Subscription	11450	9,625
Offertory	4272	2,512
Gift Aid	0	10,355
Passion Week	3225	500
Christmas Carol	1225	1,125
Donations	779	510
Sunday School	579	360
Sneha Veedu(One day event)	1898	-
Perunal Donation	1400	1,525
Church Property Donation - Restricted		-
OVBS	1595	628
	26422	27,140
Activities for Generating Funds		
Harvest festival	3380	2,823
Food Festival	1348	780
	4728	3,603
Other Incoming Resources		
Miscellaneous Income	0	40
Total Incoming Resources	31150	30,782
<u>Resources Expended</u>		
Charitable Expenditures		
Vicar's Remuneration	3350	3,650
Perunnaal Expenses	1668	1,750
Diocese of UK	1252	200
Donations & Gifts	400	-
Passion Week	3866	-
Hire Charges	3358	3,138
OVBS	1639	430
Youth	441	
Parish day	714	
Christmas	561	
Sunday School Expenses	1314	687
	18564	9,855
Fund Raising Expenses		
Events Cost	1762	-
	0	-
Governance Cost		
Sundry Expenses	125	684
Website	174	212
Accountancy Charges	240	240
Miscellaneous Expenses	693	-
	1232	1,137
Total Resource Expended	21558	10,992
Net Income	9592	19,790

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ST GREGORIOS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH PETERBOROUGH

England & Wales - Charity number 1182376

Accounts

St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Peterborough, UK.

Annual Report for the Year 2022-2023

Introduction

“In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.” Ephesians 2:21-22

Respected Vicar, and my dearly beloved Parish Members,

With great thanks to Lord Almighty and on behalf of the Managing Committee, with great pleasure and respect I hereby submit the Annual Report of our church for the year 2022-23. We continued to meet the primary mission of the church, which is to meet the spiritual necessities of our community in the area. We also continued pursuing our vision, withstanding the worldly challenges, reflecting Faith, Hope and Charity.

Annual General Body -2022

On Saturday, March 12, 2023, a General Body Meeting was held after the Holy Qurbana and chaired by Rev. Fr. Mathews Kuriakose. The following Managing Committee was unanimously elected by the General Body Members.

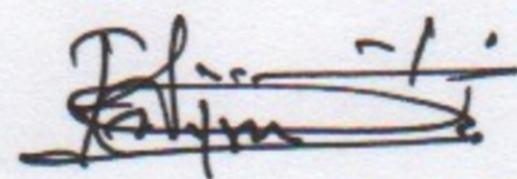
Honorable Treasurer – Mr. Eldo Kurian, Honorable Secretary – Mr. Akhilesh Mathew,

Committee Members – Mr. Varghese P Thomas (Ex-official), Mr. Paulson Varughese (Ex-official), Mr. Sinu George, Mr. Jeby Varghese, Mrs. Betty K John

On Saturday, April 9, 2023, a General Body Meeting was held after Holy Qurbana and was chaired by Reverend Fr. Mathews Kuriakose. The Annual Report of 2021/22 was submitted by the honorable Secretary, Mr. Paulson Varughese; the Annual Accounts of 2021/22 were submitted by the honorable Treasurer, Mr. Varghese P. Thomas, and the report was submitted by the Auditor, Mr. Merin Mathew. The General Body unanimously passed and accepted all the above reports.

The General Body has decided to celebrate Holy Week in April 2023, and the responsibility has been given to the newly elected Managing Committee for its management and arrangement.

Vicar



Rev. Fr. Mathews Kuriakose



On Friday, April 22nd, a General Body meeting was arranged through Zoom, and Mr Shaji John was unanimously elected as a church representative of the Malankara Association Member.

On Saturday, October 8, 2022, a half-year General Body meeting was held and chaired by Rev. Fr. Mathews Kuriakose. The honorable Treasurer, Eldo Kurian, presented the half-year accounts. Furthermore, the General Body decided to reschedule the current Zoom prayer meeting and Sunday school to every fourth Friday, from 5:30 to 9:00, at Marholm Village Hall, with the rent being paid by the church. It was also decided that two or three families should take responsibility for arranging them.

Due to personal reasons, the current prayer coordinator has resigned. Consequently, the General Body has elected Mrs. Manju Sinu as the new prayer coordinator for the church. Additionally, Mr Merin Mathew and Jeby Varghese were elected for day-to-day social media and website updates.

The memory of St Gregorios Parumala, the patron saint of the parish, was celebrated with devotion on November 11th and 12th, 2022, Friday and Saturday.

After the evening prayer on Friday, November 11th, Reverend Fr. Joseph Elavumkal, who came as the chief guest upon our invitation, delivered a sermon followed by a devotional rasa to the cross set up at the house of Varghese P. Thomas, followed by a colourful fireworks display.

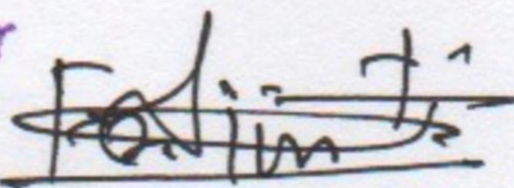
On Saturday, November 12th, the Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Joseph Elavumkal. The vicar, Rev. Fr. Mathews Kuriakose, led the festivities, Rev. Fr. Binoy Joshua, who actively participated in the evening prayers, Rev. Fr. Joseph Elavumkal, who blessed the festival with his sermon and Holy Communion, and all those who came with devotional wishes and visions, especially the festival coordinator Mr. Paulson Varughese who worked diligently for the warm conduct of the festival.

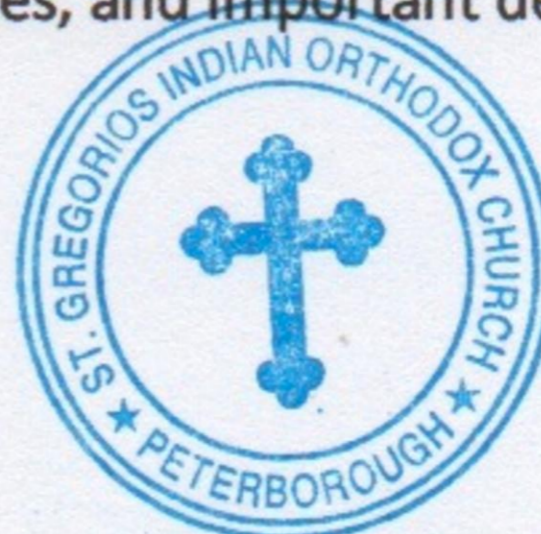
On behalf of the church, thanks to all for the smooth running of the festival.

Christmas carol was conducted on December 16th, 17th, and 18th, 2022, under the leadership of our church. On the 16th, our homes in Spalding and Boston were visited, and on the 17th and 18th, houses in Peterborough were visited with the message of Christmas.

Then, on the evening of December 24, the Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Mathew Kuriakose. Rev. Fr. Mathew Kuriakose is serving as the Vicar, Merin Mathew as the internal auditor, and Johnson Accountancy Ltd as the external auditors.

The general body meeting of the church met 5 times, and important decisions were made.

Vicar

Rev. Fr. Mathews Kuriakose



The managing committee of the church met 9 times and discussed many matters for the church's growth. Eight new family memberships were added. Every month, Holy Mass is held on the second Saturday without interruption.

PRAYER MEETINGS

The prayer meeting of the church is held every fourth Friday evening. It has been decided to hold the prayer meeting at Maholm Village Hall from January 2023, which was conducted on Zoom during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mrs. Manju Sinu, the Prayer Coordinator, has been leading the activities admirably.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Under the guidance of Mrs. Sheeba Poulson, the Head Teacher of the Sunday School, along with Deputy Head Mrs. Sheeba Biju and others, 16 teachers are working effectively with 41 students. On April 20, 2022, a teachers' conference was conducted via Zoom meeting in the presence of the parish metropolitan, with 5 teachers participating from our church. Additionally, we held 5 teachers' meetings this year. In 2022, 3 students took the year 10 exam and achieved significant success.

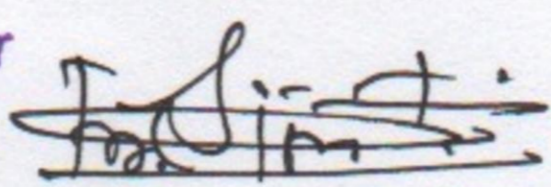
The 2022 OVBS took place from October 28 to 30 and concluded with a Holy Mass on the 30th. It was led by OVBS coordinators Mr. Sinumon Abraham and Mrs. Shirly Yeldo. The annual Sunday school event was held on November 11, 2022, at 6 o'clock in the church, featuring various art programs and prize-giving to the children. Master Alfy Sinu who secured the 1st prize in the quiz competition at the Diocesan level, was congratulated and received blessings on this occasion.

MMVS

In 2022-23, Mrs. Sophia Binoy, the MMVS Secretary, carried out meritorious activities. The MMVS meetings were conducted five times under the vicar's chairmanship. Under the leadership of MMVS, a rich food festival was held after the holy mass on September 10, 2022. Another elaborate food festival took place after the holy mass on October 8, 2022, during which £780 was collected for charity. Additionally, there is an online intercessory prayer conducted every Wednesday.

As part of the church's charitable efforts, a £200 donation was made to the Sue Ryder charity organization. I thank Heavenly father for giving me an opportunity to serve as the secretary of parish and for the abundant blessing received during the year 2022-2023. The dedication and commitments of the church members have contributed heavily to make the operation a success. On behalf of the vicar, Trusty and Managing committee Members, I would like to express our gratitude to all the members of the parish for their support, cooperation, and valuable donation for the various spiritual events during this year.

Vicar



Rev. Fr. Mathews Kuriakose



CONCLUSION

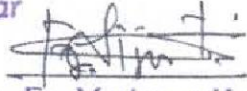
We pledge our gratitude & faith to our Holy Malankara Orthodox church founded by St. Thomas the Apostle of India and his successor His Holiness Moran Mar Baselios Mathews III Catholicos of the East and Malankara Metropolitan, the Holy Episcopal Synod, and our Diocesan Metropolitan HG Abraham Mar Stephanos. Let the Intercession of St. Mary and Apostle St. Thomas, Our Parish Patron St. Gregorios and all other church fathers bring blessings from God Almighty.

Let His Name be Glorified.

For the Managing Committee.

Respectfully submitted.


Akhilesh Mathew

Vicar

Rev. Fr. Mathews Kuriakose



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1182376

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
For
St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Peterborough

Johns Accountancy Limited
4 Northville Road
Bristol BS7 0RG


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For the Year Ended 31 March 2023


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St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Peterborough

Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Notes	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	27,140	-	27,140	12,881
Activities for generating funds	3,603	-	3,603	2,585
Other incoming resources	40	-	40	-
Total incoming resources	30,782	-	30,782	15,466
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Costs of Generating Funds				
Charitable Expenditure	9,855	-	9,855	6,526
Fundraising Expenses	-	-	-	-
Governance Cost	1,137	-	1,137	970
	10,992	-	10,992	7,496
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS	19,790	-	19,790	7,970
Gross transfer between funds			-	-
Net incoming resources	19,790	-	19,790	7,970
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	15,384	5,500	25,908	17,938
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	35,174	5,500	45,698	25,908


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Mr. Akhilesh Mathew
Secretary


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Mr. Eldo Kurian
Treasurer

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St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Peterborough

Balance Sheet
At 31 March 2023

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Notes	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets	-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in Hand	40,199	5,500	45,699	25,908
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	40,199	5,500	45,699	25,908
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	-	-	-	-
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NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)	40,199	5,500	45,699	25,908
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	40,199	5,500	45,699	25,908
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due after more than one year	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS	40,199	5,500	45,699	25,908
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FUNDS				
Unrestricted Funds	1		40,199	20,408
Restricted Funds			5,500	5,500
TOTAL FUNDS			45,699	25,908
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The financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on and were signed on its behalf by


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Mr. Akhilesh Mathew
Secretary


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Mr. Eldo Kurian
Treasurer

The notes form part of these financial statements

St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Peterborough
Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

				2023 £
1. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
	At 1.4.2022 £	Net Movement in Funds £	Transfers between Funds £	At 31.03.2023 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	20,408	19,790		40,199
Others	-	-		-
	20,408	19,790	0	40,199
Restricted Funds				
Church Property Fund	5,500	-		5,500
	5,500	-	-	5,500
TOTAL FUNDS	25,908	19,790	-	45,699

Net movement in Funds, included in above are as follows

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended. £	Movement in Funds £
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	30,782	10,992	19,790
Others	-	-	-
	30,782	10,992	19,790
Restricted Funds	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	30,782	10,992	19,790

St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Peterborough
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	(£)	(£)
<u>Incoming Resources</u>		
Voluntary Income		
Subscription	9,625	8,300
Offertory	2,512	1,356
Gift Aid	10,355	-
Passion Week	500	-
Christmas Carol	1,125	-
Donations	510	875
Sunday School	360	-
Sneha Veedu	-	625
Perunnaal Padi	-	675
Perunnaal Donation	1,525	550
Church Property Donation - Restricted	-	500
OVBS	628	-
	27,140	12,881
Activities for Generating Funds		
Harvest festival	2,823	2,585
Food Festival	780	-
	3,603	2,585
Other Incoming Resources		
Miscellaneous Income	40	-
Total Incoming Resources	30,782	15,466
<u>Resources Expended</u>		
Charitable Expenditures		
Vicar's Remuneration	3,650	2,800
Perunnaal Expenses	1,750	298
Diocese of UK	200	200
Donations & Gifts	-	650
Food Expenses	-	905
Hire Charges	3,138	1,410
OVBS	430	-
Sunday School Expenses	687	263
	9,855	6,526
Fund Raising Expenses		
Events Cost	-	-
	-	-
Governance Cost		
Sundry Expenses	684	329
Website	212	-
Accountancy Charges	240	468
Rent	-	173
	1,137	970
Total Resource Expended	10,992	7,496
Net Income	19,790	7,970

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Peterborough**

I report on the accounts for the period from 1st April 2022 to 31 March 2023 set out on pages one to four.

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").

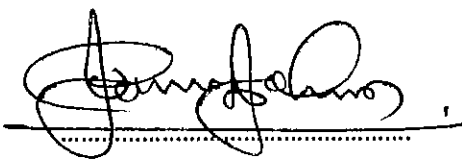
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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.



Jomy John
Johns Accountancy & Taxation
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Bristol BS7 0RG

Date 24/01/2024.