

# 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.

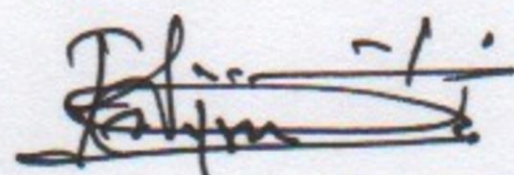
Honorable Treasurer – Mr. Eldo Kurian, Honorable Secretary – Mr. Akhilesh Mathew,

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.

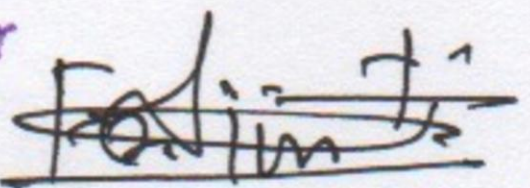
On Saturday, November 12th, the Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Joseph Elavumkal. The vicar, Rev. Fr. Mathews Kuriakose, led the festivities, Rev. Fr. Binoy Joshua, who actively participated in the evening prayers, Rev. Fr. Joseph Elavumkal, who blessed the festival with his sermon and Holy Communion, 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.

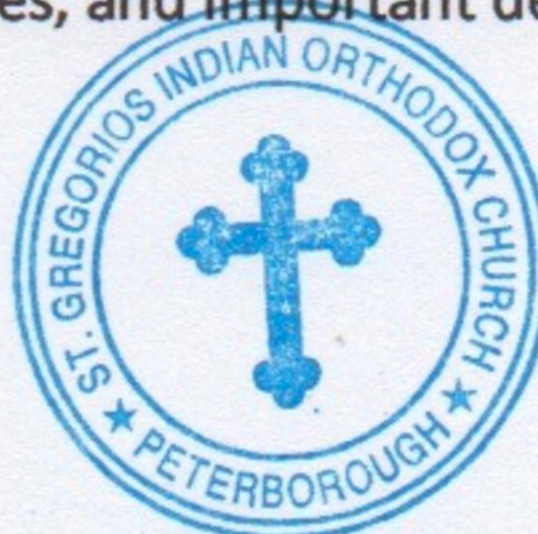
On behalf of the church, thanks to all for the smooth running of the festival.

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.

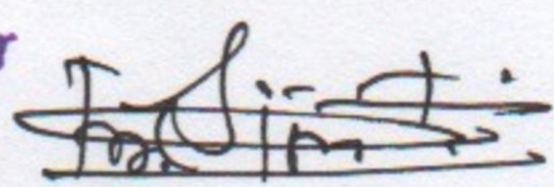
The 2022 OVBS took place from October 28 to 30 and concluded with a Holy Mass on the 30th. It was led by OVBS coordinators Mr. Sinumon Abraham and Mrs. Shirly Yeldo. The annual Sunday school event was held on November 11, 2022, at 6 o'clock in the church, featuring various art programs and prize-giving 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

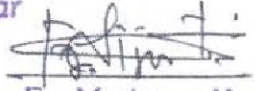
We pledge our gratitude & faith to our Holy Malankara Orthodox church founded by St. Thomas the Apostle of India and his successor His Holiness Moran Mar Baselios Mathews III Catholicos of the East and Malankara Metropolitan, the Holy Episcopal Synod, and our Diocesan Metropolitan HG Abraham Mar Stephanos. 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	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income		27,140	-	27,140	12,881
Activities for generating funds		3,603	-	3,603	2,585
Other incoming resources		40	-	40	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>30,782</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,782</b>	<b>15,466</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>					
Charitable Expenditure		9,855	-	9,855	6,526
Fundraising Expenses		-	-	-	-
Governance Cost		1,137	-	1,137	970
		<b>10,992</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,992</b>	<b>7,496</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>		<b>19,790</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,790</b>	<b>7,970</b>
Gross transfer between funds				-	-
Net incoming resources		<b>19,790</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,790</b>	<b>7,970</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		15,384	5,500	25,908	17,938
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>35,174</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>45,698</b>	<b>25,908</b>

  
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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

Balance Sheet  
At 31 March 2023

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>(£)</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>(£)</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Total</u> <u>(£)</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u> <u>(£)</u>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Assets		-	-	-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors		-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in Hand		40,199	5,500	45,699	25,908
		<u>40,199</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>45,699</u>	<u>25,908</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year		-	-	-	-
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)</b>		<u>40,199</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>45,699</u>	<u>25,908</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>40,199</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>45,699</u>	<u>25,908</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>40,199</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>45,699</u>	<u>25,908</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	1				
Unrestricted Funds				40,199	20,408
Restricted Funds				5,500	5,500
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>45,699</u>	<u>25,908</u>

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

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**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 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General Fund	20,408	19,790		40,199
Others	-	-		-
	<u>20,408</u>	<u>19,790</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>40,199</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Church Property Fund	5,500	-		5,500
	<u>5,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,500</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>25,908</u>	<u>19,790</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,699</u>

Net movement in Funds, included in above are as follows

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



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

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>(£)</b>	<b>(£)</b>
<b><u>Incoming Resources</u></b>		
<b>Voluntary Income</b>		
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	-
	<b>27,140</b>	<b>12,881</b>
<b>Activities for Generating Funds</b>		
Harvest festival	2,823	2,585
Food Festival	780	-
	<b>3,603</b>	<b>2,585</b>
<b>Other Incoming Resources</b>		
Miscellaneous Income	40	-
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>30,782</b>	<b>15,466</b>
<b><u>Resources Expended</u></b>		
<b>Charitable Expenditures</b>		
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
	<b>9,855</b>	<b>6,526</b>
<b>Fund Raising Expenses</b>		
Events Cost	-	-
	-	-
<b>Governance Cost</b>	-	-
Sundry Expenses	684	329
Website	212	-
Accountancy Charges	240	468
Rent	-	173
	<b>1,137</b>	<b>970</b>
<b>Total Resource Expended</b>	<b>10,992</b>	<b>7,496</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>19,790</b>	<b>7,970</b>



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

I report on the accounts for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> 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").

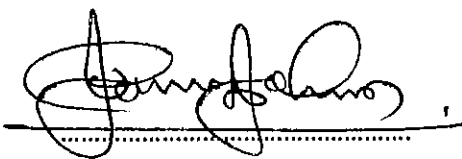
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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.



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Date 24/01/2024.