

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1182376

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
For
St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Peterborough

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For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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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.

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- 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:

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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:

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. Georios 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. Presad Daniel	- Hon. Treasurer
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
St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Peterborough

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").

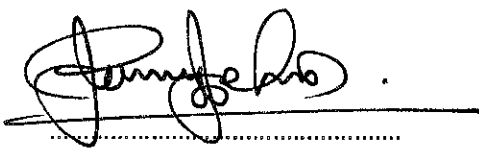
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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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Date:29/01/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Notes	<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	45,698	25,908
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	49,790	5,600	55,291	45,698



Mr. Prasad Daniel
Treasurer

The notes form part of these financial statements

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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
	<u>50,031</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>55,531</u>	<u>45,699</u>
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	(240)	-	(240)	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)	<u>49,791</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>55,291</u>	<u>45,699</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>49,791</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>55,291</u>	<u>45,699</u>
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due after more than one year	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS	<u>49,791</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>55,291</u>	<u>45,699</u>
FUNDS				
Unrestricted Funds	1		49,791	40,199
Restricted Funds			5,500	5,500
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>55,291</u>	<u>45,699</u>

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

The notes form part of these financial statements

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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	-	-		-
	<hr/> 40,199	<hr/> 9,592	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 49,791
Restricted Funds				
Church Property Fund	5,500	-		5,500
	<hr/> 5,500	<hr/> -	<hr/> -	<hr/> 5,500
TOTAL FUNDS	<hr/> 45,699	<hr/> 9,592	<hr/> -	<hr/> 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	-	-	-
	<hr/> 31,150	<hr/> 21,558	<hr/> 9,592
Restricted Funds			
	<hr/> -	<hr/> -	<hr/> -
TOTAL FUNDS	<hr/> 31,150	<hr/> 21,558	<hr/> 9,592

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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		
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

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements