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For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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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 Vanitha 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 began 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. Noshay 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").

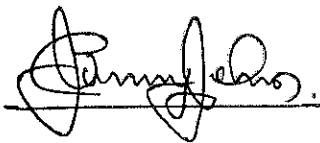
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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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Johns Accountancy & Taxation
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Bristol BS7 0RG

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>
		<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		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
		<u>72,399</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>77,899</u>	<u>55,531</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year		(540)	-	(540)	(240)
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)		<u>71,859</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>77,359</u>	<u>55,291</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>71,859</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>77,359</u>	<u>55,291</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		<u>71,859</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>77,359</u>	<u>55,291</u>
FUNDS	1				
Unrestricted Funds				71,859	49,791
Restricted Funds				5,500	5,500
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>77,359</u>	<u>55,291</u>

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 Resources £	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>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
<u>Incoming Resources</u>		
Voluntary Income		
Subscription	12750	11450
Offertory	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

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements