

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1204560

St. Marys Indian Orthodox Church, Sunderland
Receipts and payments accounts
For the year ended
31 March 2025

XAVIERS ACCOUNTANTS LIMITED

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St. Marys Indian Orthodox Church, Sunderland

Financial Statements

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St. Marys Indian Orthodox Church, Sunderland

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2025

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	St. Marys Indian Orthodox Church, Sunderland
Charity registration number	1204560
Principal office	222 Gleneagles Road Sunderland SR4 9RA

The trustees

Sheena Philips
Varghese Babu
Dr Mohan George – Appointed 1.3.25
Biji Varughese – Resigned 1.3.25
Raji Thomas– Resigned 1.3.25
Jerin Joji– Resigned 1.3.25
Annamma Babu– Resigned 1.3.25
Mini Benny– Resigned 1.3.25
Jinu Varghese– Resigned 1.3.25

Independent examiner

Mijos Xavier
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St. Marys Indian Orthodox Church, Sunderland

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Structure, governance and management

The trustees present their annual report and the receipts and payments account of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. We continued to meet the primary mission of the church, to meet the spiritual necessities of our community in the area. We continued pursuing our vision, notwithstanding the worldly challenges facing us, reflecting Faith, Hope and Charity at all times.

Governing document

The trust is an unincorporated trust, constituted under a constitution adopted on 01 September 2023 and is a registered charity, number 1204560. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Objectives of the Charity

Charity's objective is to promote the Orthodox Christian faith. In setting our objectives, and planning our activities, we have given careful consideration to Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit.

Objectives and activities

"I know mine own, and mine own know me, and they follow me, and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand." (John 10:14, 27–28)

By the grace of God, and under the guidance of the Holy Trinity, our parish has continued to grow in faith, fellowship, and service. Our community has completed 20 years of witness in Sunderland.

With God's blessings, we have supported families and individuals spiritually and materially, strengthened our ministries, and carried out charitable works.

Managing Committee

The General Body meeting of the Church was held on Sunday 3rd March 2024 after Holy Qurbana, and a new committee has been elected to oversee the day to day affairs of the Parish from 1ST of April 2024. The following committee members were elected:

- Treasurer – Mrs Kunjumol Joy
- Secretary – Dr Mohan George
- Sunday School Headteacher – Mrs Saramma Sabu
- MMVS Secretary – Mrs Merin Mary Shaji
- Youth Secretary – Miss Kerlin Biji
- Committee Member – Mr Jinu George
- Committee Member – Mr Raji Thomas
- Committee Member – Mr Biji Varghese (Ex official)
- Committee Member – Mr Jerin Joji (Ex official)
- Internal auditor – Mr Baiju Thomas

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2025

The committee conducted 6 meetings during its tenure. We had a very exciting and active year. The highlight was the blessed apostolic visit of His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Mathews III, Catholicos of the East & Malankara Metropolitan on Monday, 27th May 2024. The occasion was graced also by the presence of our beloved HG Abraham Mar Stephanos, Bishop Stephen Wright -Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, Fr. Happy Jacob, Fr. Christopher Hancock and many other priests. We again were blessed to have a Holy Qurbana conducted by H. G. Abraham Mar Stephanos on Sunday, 4th August 2024. We know that our Parish has a special place in his heart.

We also partook at the Malankara Orthodox Sangamam at Coventry on Saturday 25th May 2024. It was well attended and was a very gracious and blessed occasion. Sunday School Day was on Sunday 7th July 2024 had to be conducted indoors due to adverse weather conditions. It was well attended and was a very gracious and blessed occasion. MMVS and the Youth took part in the OCYM Malta Nuzaratho competition on the 11th of July 2024. OVBS was conducted from Friday 30th - 1st September 2024. Thanks to all teachers and Achen for their sincere input. Onam Sadhya was provided on Sunday 15th September. Christmas Carols was conducted on the Sunday 1st and Saturday 7th December 2024. We are also partook at the Annual Ecumenical choir presentation at the St. Joseph church in Sunderland on the Sunday 5th January 2025.

Sunday School

- 34 students and 8 teachers in 9 classes (KG to Class 10).
- Adopted the Talmido curriculum in collaboration with OSSAE-UK.
- Held unit talent competitions (solo/group song, elocution, essay writing, quiz).
- 7 students appeared for the 10th Grade Vedhapadana Certificate examination with excellent results.
- OVBS 2024: Theme "Let Us Pray" (Luke 11:1), attended by 39 children.

Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam (MMVS)

- Monthly prayer meetings on 1st and 3rd Saturdays.
- Participation in South Regional Conference (April 2024, Southampton).
- 10 members successfully completed MMVS examination.
- MMVS team won the zonal quiz competition
- MMVS took over the responsibility of the food provision

OCYM & Other Activities

- Youth members actively participated in worship, parish events, and diocesan programs.
- Youth conducted a carwash and participated in various fund raising activities
- Home visits by Vicar and Committee members provided pastoral care, blessings, and fellowship.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

At the Annual General Body meeting on 1st March 2025, a new Managing Committee was elected and began duties on 1 April 2025.

The Election of Office Bearers for 2025 - 2026 is as follows:

Trustee: Sabu Varughese Kadavantham

Secretary: Susannamma Thomas

Committee Members:

- Babu Varughese
- Biji Varughese
- Lijo Mathew
- Kunjumole Joy (Ex-Officio)
- Mohan George (Ex-Officio)

Internal Auditor: Nadia Iype

Additional representatives and officers:

Sunday School : Riya mol Rajan/ Rency Xavier

Martha Mariam Samajam: Merin Shaji/ Sheena Philips

OCYM: Mr. Varughese Babu/ Miss. Kerlin Biji

Safeguarding Officer: Mr. Jinu George

Malankara Association: Mr. Sabu Varughese Kadavantham

Media Coordinator: Miss Della Sabu / Mr. Jinu George

It was decided that the Charity Commission Trustees will be:

- Sheena Philips
- Varghese Babu
- Dr. Mohan George

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2025

Financial Review

The charity's principal funding source is from donations and from other activities. During the year, the charity's total receipts was £28,900 and total payments amounted to £23,598. The charity's fund balance at year end was £17,281.

Reserve policy

It is policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration and support costs.

The trustees' annual report was approved and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Sheena Philips
Trustee

Date: 18 September 2025

St. Marys Indian Orthodox Church, Sunderland

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St. Marys Indian Orthodox Church, Sunderland

Year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St. Marys Indian Orthodox Church, Sunderland ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, 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 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:


1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mijos Xavier ACA FCCA
Independent Examiner

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Date: 18 September 2025

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	ST. MARYS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, SUNDERLAND			1204560	CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	Period start 01-Apr-24	To	Period end date 31-Mar-25	
Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offertory	2,932	-	-	2,932	1,246
Subscription	10,370	-	-	10,370	5,600
Sunday School Donations	3,088	-	-	3,088	720
Food Donations Received	785	-	-	785	431
Perunal Offerings	650	-	-	650	100
Harvest Festival Auction	1,010	-	-	1,010	968
Other Donations	1,102	-	-	1,102	190
Passion Week Receipts - Previous Year		-	-	-	225
Passion Week Receipts - Current Year	300	-	-	300	1,081
Onam Donations	936	-	-	936	649
Christmas Donations Received	1,755	-	-	1,755	1,650
Martha Mariyam Samajam Receipts	4,094	-	-	4,094	596
Youth Charity Donations Received	869	-	-	869	175
Birthday Donations	180	-	-	180	50
Wedding Anniversary Donations	30	-	-	30	20
Orthodox Sangamam Receipts	580	-	-	580	270
Diocese Day Collection	145	-	-	145	665
Surplus income from previous period	-	-	-	-	9,836
Catholicose Day Donations	75			75	
		-	-	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28,901	-	-	28,901	24,471
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	28,901	-	-	28,901	24,471
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A3 Payments					
Reimbursement Vicar's Expenses	6,000	-	-	6,000	2,000
Charity Donations Paid	450			450	
Rent For Church	1,600	-	-	1,600	800
Sunday School Expenses	1,675	-	-	1,675	783
Snack Box/Food Expenses	1,051	-	-	1,051	1,184
Printing & Stationery	438	-	-	438	160
Holy Qurbana Expenses	132	-	-	132	274
Gifts	163			163	
Passion Week Expenses - 2024	1,379	-	-	1,379	794
Onam Expenses	923	-	-	923	1,265
Christmas Expenses	1,347	-	-	1,347	56
Martha Mariyam Samajam Payments	2,637	-	-	2,637	1,753
Youth League Expenses	199	-	-	199	686
Diocese Contributions Paid	1,600	-	-	1,600	1,935
Repairs & Maintenance		-	-	-	200
Miscellaneous Expenses	175			175	
Entertainment Expenses	300	-	-	300	230
Donations to Other Clergy	2,250			2,250	
Professional Fees	446	-	-	446	373
OVBS Expenses	551	-	-	551	
Groceries and Household Items	160	-	-	160	
Travelling Expense	123	-	-	123	
		-	-	-	
Sub total	23,598	-	-	23,598	12,492
A4 Asset and investment purchases					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	23,598	-	-	23,598	12,492
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,302	-	-	5,302	11,979
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,979	-	-	11,979	
Cash funds this year end	17,281	-	-	17,281	11,979

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in hand	-	-	-
	Cash at the Bank - Current Account	17,281	-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	17,281	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		Sheena Philips		18-Sep-25