

# ST. MARY'S INDIAN ORTHODOX CONGREGATION, NORTHWEST LONDON

England & Wales · Charity number 1204724

## Details

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Other names	ST. MARY'S INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, NORTHWEST LONDON
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2023-09-14
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE THE DOCTRINES AND BELIEFS OF THE INDIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN NORTH WEST LONDON AND THE SURROUNDING AREA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AND SOCIETY THROUGH THE HOLDING OF REGULAR COMMUNAL WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION OF RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS, PRAYER MEETINGS, LECTURES, PRODUCING AND/OR DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE ON INDIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FAITH TO ENLIGHTEN OTHERS ABOUT THE FAITH.

**Activities:** We gather for worship at Hayes Methodist Church Hall, 4 Station Road, Hayes, UB3 4DA on all Saturday mornings at 08:30 AM to celebrate the Holy Eucharist services. We also have online prayer meetings on a regular basis. We also conduct Sunday School classes for children up to age 18 years and then have social groups for young adults above 18 yrs, women fellowship, senior groups among others.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

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- Bracknell Forest
- Buckinghamshire
- Oxfordshire
- Reading
- Slough
- Surrey
- Windsor And Maidenhead
- Wokingham
- Throughout London

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£68,499	£49,277	-	-
2024-03-31	£31,653	£27,298	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Rev Shyju Panakunnel Mathai</b>	Chair	2023-08-01
Akhila P Raju		2025-03-15
Anish Philip		2025-03-15
Babil Bino Mathew		2025-03-15
Jobin George		2023-01-14
Lijin Joseph		2025-03-15
Nishin George		2023-01-14
Nissy Anna Mathew		2025-03-15
Salomon Thomas		2025-03-15
Shinoj Padanilathu Kochukunju		2025-03-15
Shinu Cherian Varghese		2025-03-15
Sijo Abraham		2025-03-15
Susan Peter		2025-03-15

**ST. MARY'S INDIAN ORTHODOX CONGREGATION, NORTHWEST LONDON**

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# Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**  
**for**  
**St.Mary's Indian Orthodox Church , Northwest London**

Thomas David Accountancy & Taxation Limited  
557 Filton Avenue  
Bristol  
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**St.Mary's Indian Orthodox Church , Northwest London**  
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**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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## St.Mary's Indian Orthodox Church , Northwest London

### Report of the Trustees For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> 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 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

**Holy Qurbana & Divine services:**The Holy Eucharist services were initially conducted on all Sunday afternoons at St. Anselm's Church premises till August 2024. From September 2024, the services were moved to the current premises at Hayes Methodist Church Hall and services were conducted on all Saturday mornings to better suit the needs of the community.

**Church Feast:** The Church celebrated its Perunnal (Feast) on 19 May 2024. The Chief-celebrant of the Feast was Diocesan Metropolitan H. G. Abraham Mar Stephanos. On this auspicious day, His Grace announced the elevation of the Congregation to a Parish.

**Holy Baptism:** During the year 2024-25, we were able to provide the sacrament of Holy Baptism to three children, welcoming them to body of Christ, the Church.

**Family Get-together:** Family get-together for all the families in our community was organized in August 2024 where more than 30 families came together to spend time in games and fun activities.

**Onam Celebration:** The Onam celebration was organized within the church premises in September 2024. There was a large participation from among the members who took initiative towards having cultural dance, songs and traditional food.

**Food Festival:** The Church organized a food festival in July 2024 where in members were motivated to make food items at the homes and to be purchased by members of the community.

**Harvest Festival:** First fruits auction or Harvest Festival was held in the month of February 2025.

**Christmas Carols:** Christmas Carol rounds were held during the three Saturdays of December before Christmas and we were able to visit 20 families to spread the message of birth of Jesus Christ.

**Charity Works:** During the year, we were able to extend support to 3 members of our church through the Benevolent Fund which was created for the sole purpose of helping our members in times of financial crises.

**Sunday School:** During the year, the Sunday School held the Orthodox Vacation Bible School(OVBS) in October 2024.

**Daily Evening prayers:** The Sunday School children have been leading in the daily evening prayers in English since the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January 2024.

**Youth Fellowship (Marian Youth):** Our youth have represented the Church at various conferences and actively helping the congregation.

**Women Fellowship (MMVS):** There has been an active representation of the members of MMVS who actively helped during harvest festival and the family get together.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Reserves

The Church reserves are held to help its current and future activities including maintenance of the church building The retained surplus of parish as on 31/03/2025 was £26,103 { 31/03/2024 was £6,881}

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### Governing document

The Charity is controlled by its governing document, constitution adopted on 14th January ,2023.

##### Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The vicar is appointed by the diocesan Bishop and his term will until further order from the Diocesan Bishop. The Secretary, Treasurer and other committee members are elected at the annual general body meeting of the charity.

**St.Mary's Indian Orthodox Church , Northwest London**

**Report of the Trustees**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Name of Charity : **St.Mary's Indian Orthodox Church ,Northwest London**  
Charity Registration Number : **1204724**  
Principal address : **44 FIRCROFT CLOSE**  
**TILEHURST**  
**READING**  
**RG31 6LJ**

**Trustees**

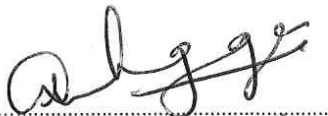
The Officers serving during the year were as follows:

Fr. Shyju P. Mathai : Vicar and President  
Mr. Jobin George : Treasurer  
Mr. Nishin George : Secretary  
Mr. Bittoy George : Committee Member  
Mr. Lajeev Rajan : Committee Member  
Mrs. Nimmy Varghese : Committee Member  
Mrs. Bennette Roshan : Committee Member  
Mr. Stanlin Johnson : Committee Member  
Mr. Shiji Varghese : Committee Member  
Mr. Babil Bino Mathew : Committee Member  
Mr. Jose John : Committee Member  
Mr. Anish Philip : Internal Auditor

**Independent Examiner**

Thomas David Accountancy & Taxation Limited  
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Approved by the Board of Trustees on **03-Jan-2026** and signed on it's behalf by:



Mr. Nishin George  
(Secretary)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
**St.Mary's Indian Orthodox Church , Northwest London**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position and the related notes.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr Thomas David FCCA  
Thomas David Accountancy & Taxation Limited  
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Date : 15/01/2026

St.Mary's Indian Orthodox Church , Northwest London

Statement of Financial Activities

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

				2025	2024
	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund	Total funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	68,493	-	68,493	31,653
Investment Income	3	6	-	6	-
<b>Total</b>		<u><u>68,499</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>68,499</u></u>	<u><u>31,653</u></u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Charitable activities & Church Running Costs		(49,277)	-	(49,277)	(27,349)
<b>Total</b>		<u><u>(49,277)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(49,277)</u></u>	<u><u>(27,349)</u></u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<u><u>19,222</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>19,222</u></u>	<u><u>4,303</u></u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS\*

All income and expenditure have arisen from continuing activities.

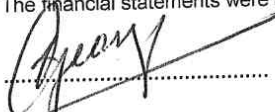
**St.Mary's Indian Orthodox Church , Northwest London**

**Balance Sheet**

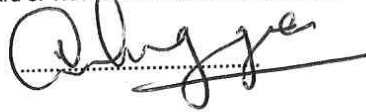
**At 31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	4	2,039	959
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	5	12,621	240
Cash at bank and in hand	6	11,744	6,635
		<u>24,364</u>	<u>6,875</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(300)	(953)
		<u>24,064</u>	<u>5,922</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>24,064</u>	<u>5,922</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		26,103	6,881
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		<u>26,103</u>	<u>6,881</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
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Unrestricted funds		26,103	6,881
Restricted funds		-	-
		<u>26,103</u>	<u>6,881</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			
		<u>26,103</u>	<u>6,881</u>

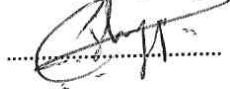
The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 03-Jan-2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr. Jobin George  
(Treasurer)



Mr. Nishin George  
(Secretary)



Fr. Shyju P. Mathai  
(Vicar & President)

## St.Mary's Indian Orthodox Church , Northwest London

### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost conversion, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

St Stephen's Indian Orthodox Church, Birmingham meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes(s).

##### Incoming resources

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure

##### Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life.

<b>Fixtures and fittings</b>	:	15% on reducing balance basis
<b>Computer equipment</b>	:	33.33% on reducing balance basis

##### Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### Funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

St.Mary's Indian Orthodox Church , Northwest London

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

2. Income From Donations & Legacies

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations Received	<u>68,493</u>	<u>31,653</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank Interest	6	-
Total	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings	Computer equipment	Totals
	£	£	£
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2024	727	232	959
Additions	1,371	-	1,371
At 31 March 2025	<u>2,098</u>	<u>232</u>	<u>2,330</u>
 <b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2024			
Charge for year	214	77	291
At 31 March 2025	<u>214</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>291</u>
 <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,884</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>2,039</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>727</u>	<u>232</u>	<u>959</u>

**St.Mary's Indian Orthodox Church , Northwest London**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**

**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gift Aid Tax Receivable	12,621	-
Debtors/Prepayments	-	240
	<u>12,621</u>	<u>240</u>

**6. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash in Hand	381	760
Bank Account Lloyds A/c 72963	3,061	-
Bank Account Lloyds A/c 66960	8,301	5,875
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>11,744</b></u>	<u><b>6,635</b></u>

**7. CREDITORS**

AMOUNT FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors & Accruals	300	953
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>300</b></u>	<u><b>953</b></u>

**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 01.04.24	Net Movement In Funds	Transfers between Funds	At 31.03.25
	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds</b>				
General fund	6,881	19,222	-	26,103
	<u>6,881</u>	<u>19,222</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,103</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>6,881</b></u>	<u><b>19,222</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>26,103</b></u>

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Movement in Funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	68,499	49,277	19,222
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>68,499</b></u>	<u><b>49,277</b></u>	<u><b>19,222</b></u>

**St.Mary's Indian Orthodox Church , Northwest London**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**

**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>I. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b><u>Donations and legacies</u></b>		
Subscriptions	12,370	8,271
Harvest Festival	4,006	2,674
Gift Aid HMRC	17,900	-
Offertory	11,302	8,231
Donations - Refreshments	4,319	-
Birthday & Wedding Anniversary Donations	675	-
Holy week Donations	285	2,086
Other Donations	7,015	4,095
Onam	1,214	-
One Day Trip	64	385
Sunday School	814	835
Food Fest	2,497	-
Donations - Feast Day	796	-
Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam	755	-
OVBS	460	-
Christmas & Carol	905	680
Youth Fund	741	401
Family Get Together	1,012	172
Catholicate Day	240	150
Donations-Eucharist	63	
Donations-Baptism	375	156
Marthoman Sangamam	610	60
Other Income	32	2,347
Donations- Books	35	100
Diocesan Contributions	10	1,010
<b>Total Donations &amp; Legacies (A)</b>	<b>68,493</b>	<b>31,653</b>
<b>Bank Interest</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>Total Investment Income (B)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Incoming Resources (A+B)</b>	<b>68,499</b>	<b>31,653</b>

**St.Mary's Indian Orthodox Church , Northwest London**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**

**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>II. EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b><u>Charitable Activities</u></b>		
Vicar Allowances	13,550	8,000
Visiting Bishop & Priests	800	750
Insurance	101	101
Refreshments	10,603	4,310
Mementos & Gifts	563	307
Charity	3,485	1,500
Sunday School	1,001	740
Youth Movement	600	1,580
OVBS	62	
Sacramental (Qurbana) Materials	1,284	-
Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam	655	45
Rent -Building	7,535	4,600
Onam Festival	2,188	-
Computer software and consumables	638	114
Travell & Expense	2,975	1,350
Church Events	100	104
Family Get - together	420	37
Christmas	388	118
Catholicate Day	215	150
Diocesan Contribution	500	1,000
Diocese Meetings(Malankara Sangamam)	100	190
Sundry Purchases	38	613
Bank Charges	1	-
Accountancy	671	-
Harvest Fest expense	460	-
DBS	12	-
Depreciation	291	-
Printing, Stationery & Postage	42	1,741
<b>Total Resources expended</b>	<b><u>49,277</u></b>	<b><u>27,349</u></b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b><u>19,222</u></b>	<b><u>4,304</u></b>

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England & Wales - Charity number 1204724

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# Accounts

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# ST. MARY ' S INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Northwest London (Charity Registration: 1204724)

Worshipping at: St. Anselm's Church, Station Road  
Hayes. UB3 4DF

Registered at: 44, Fircroft Close, Tilehurst  
Reading. RG31 6LJ

## Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Date: 01<sup>st</sup> March 2024

*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*

### Reference and Administrative Information:

<b>Name of Charity:</b>	St. Mary's Indian Orthodox Congregation, Northwest London
<b>Diocese:</b>	Diocese of UK, Europe and Africa
<b>Charity registration No.:</b>	1204724
<b>Registered Address:</b>	44, Fircroft Close, Tilehurst, Reading, RG31 6LJ
<b>Worshipping at:</b>	St. Anselm's Parish Church, Station Road, Hayes, UB3 4DF

### Management:

The Vicar/priest in charge of the congregation is appointed by the Diocesan Metropolitan of the UK, Europe & Africa Diocese of the Malankara (Indian) Orthodox Syrian Church. The Vicar for the period from April-July 2023 was Fr. P J Binu with the last day of service was 31 July 2023. From 01 August 2023, Fr. Shyju P. Mathai was appointed as Vicar/Priest in charge of the Congregation vide communication from Diocesan Metropolitan (E-186/AMS/2023 dt. 03 July 2023). The Vicar is the Chair of the Management Committee and all spiritual organizations in the Congregation.

The trustees of the Congregation were duly appointed through the General Body Meeting held on April 2023 for the period 2023-24.

Mr. Jobin George as Hon. Treasurer

Mr. Nishin George as Hon. Secretary

The other trustees of the Congregation are:

Mr. Bittoy George, Mr. Lajeev Rajan, Mrs. Nimmy Varghese, Mrs. Bennette Roshan, Mr. Stanlin Johnson and Mr. Shiji Varghese.

Mr. Jose John was appointed as the Internal Auditor.

For the spiritual development of the members of the Congregation, following organizations were also started with corresponding leaders:

Sunday School - Headmistress – Mrs. Shiju Chacko

OCYM (Marian Youth Fellowship) - Secretary – Mr. Nevin Jose

MMVS (Women Fellowship) - Secretary – Mrs. Ramya Jerry

Diocesan Representative nominated and appointed – Mr. Bittoy George

## Church activities:

**Holy Qurbana & Divine services:** The Holy Eucharist services were initially conducted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday evenings, but from August 2023, the services were conducted on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday afternoons to better suit the needs of the community. The services were conducted primarily in Malayalam language, but from January 2024, one service in a month has been conducted in English.

In the month of June 2023, one of the Holy Eucharist services was led by the Diocesan Metropolitan H. G. Abraham Mar Stephanos.

**Member list:** At the beginning of the year in April 2023, we started with 20 families as registered members. Currently we have 43 families registered with the Congregation. 3 families have left the Congregation as they have moved to Church/Congregation to their current place of residence. We currently have families from Ashford, Ealing, Harrow, Hounslow, Reading, Staines, Slough and Uxbridge regions as communicant members of the Congregation.

**Charity Commission and HMRC Registration:** The Managing Committee members were successful in registering the Congregation as a Charity organization with UK Charity Commission and also with the HMRC to avail of Gift Aid on all the donations received by the Congregation.

**Holy Baptism:** During the year 2023-24, we were able to provide the sacrament of Holy Baptism to four individuals – 3 children and 1 adult, welcoming them to body of Christ, the Church. One of the sacraments was officiated by the Diocesan Metropolitan H. G. Abraham Mar Stephanos.

**Marriage Announcement (Banns):** Marriage announcement was held for 1 member of the Congregation and Marriage Banns/Kurri was issued when no objections were raised after announcing the marriage.

**Family Get-together:** Family get-together for all the families in our community was organized on 27 August 2023 at Brent Park, Hanwell where more than 15 families came together to spend time in games and fun activities.

**Harvest Festival:** First fruits auction or Harvest Festival was held in the month of November 2023. As decided by the Management Committee, 75% of the proceeds received at the Harvest Festival would be used for external charity works.

**Christmas Carols:** Christmas Carol rounds were held during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of December and we were able to visit 16 families to spread the message of birth of Jesus Christ.

**Christmas Nativity (Get-together):** Christmas Nativity program to encourage the talents of our young children and to spend some time together was held on 17 December 2023. We were also blessed with the presence of Very Rev Abraham George Chor-episcopoi, Mrs. Elizabeth George Kochamma, Fr. Mathew Cashmore and Fr. Josiah of St. Anselm's Parish Church, Hayes.

**Christmas Service:** The service of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ was held on the evening of 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023. This was the first time the Christmas service was held in the congregation.

**Holy Confession:** Opportunity to avail of the Sacrament of Holy Confession has been made available to the faithful members of the congregation from January 2024. Many members have come forward and availed themselves of this opportunity.

**Great Lent 2024:** During the Great Lent of 2024, the Holy Eucharist services are being held on all the Sundays in the afternoon. Also, the services of the Palm Sunday, Holy (Maundy) Thursday, Holy (Good) Friday and Feast of the Resurrection (Easter) have been planned to be held. This is the first time that the Holy Week services are being planned to be held within the Congregation.

**Diocesan Contributions:** Every family in the Diocese was informed to contribute £30 towards the Diocesan activities and plans for the year. The Managing Committee decided to only ask the members an addition of £5 to their monthly subscription of £25 for the month of September 2023 and the Congregation would transfer the £30 so

collected in the month of September 2023 as Diocesan Contributions to the Diocese. Diocesan Contributions transferred £1000 in January 2024.

**Catholicate Day Collections:** Catholicate Day collections of £110 were received and transferred to the Diocese.

**Charity Works:** With the proceeds of the harvest festival, our congregation has been able to extend a helping hand towards our host – St. Anselm's Parish Church, Hayes, for their charity activities like running a food centre for the needy and café to speak and listen to the troubled members of the community.

We have also extended financial grant to a cancer patient, who is an ex-staff of the Hillingdon Hospital NHS trust to meet her financial needs for cancer medications.

The Managing Committee members of their own accord engaged in providing legal help and support to an international student who was communing with us during the months of May-June 2023. They were also involved in speaking with the students' parents back in India comforting them and providing them with regular updates. Diocesan Metropolitan was also kept in loop of all the developments.

**Sunday School:** We have a total 31 students in our Sunday School through all the grades up to Grade 10. We had 2 students in Grade 10 in the year 2023, who have cleared their exams with distinction.

**Unit level and Zonal level competition:** In the month of May 2023, we conducted the Unit level talent competition among our students and the winners from this competition presented their talents in the zonal competition at Canterbury church. Our children represented our congregation in a fabulous manner, and we were ranked 4<sup>th</sup> among all the churches of the zone.


**Diocesan Competition:** Master Kevin Jose, who won the elocution in the zonal competition, successfully represented our congregation at the Diocesan competition and won accolades at the Diocesan level competition.

**Daily Evening prayers:** Under the initiation of the Headmistress, Mrs. Shiju Chacko, with the intent of creating a disciple of prayer life among the children, the Sunday School children have been leading in the daily evening prayers in English since the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January 2024. The prayers are conducted on all days apart from the days of the great lent and Saturdays and Sundays.

**Youth Fellowship (Marian Youth):** Our youth has been representing our congregation at conferences held at St. Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Brockley and St. George's Indian Orthodox Church, City of London and at the leadership camp in Kent. They have also actively helped during all the activities of the congregation.

**Women Fellowship (MMVS):** There has been an active representation of the members of MMVS at the various conferences held in and around London during the year. They have also actively helped during the family get together and the harvest festival.

The work and the activities of the Congregation would not be successful without the support and prayers of our members throughout this period. As this was the first year of the Congregation, there has been a massive support from all our members who were willing to donate every item that we use in our services. From the very Thaksa, candles, candle stands, incense, books, all the items have come from our members. The members of the Managing Committee for the year 2023-24, thank everyone for their support and prayers.



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FR. SHIJU P. MATHEW  
Registered Charity No: 1204724

## ST. MARY'S INDIAN ORTHODOX CONGREGATION, HAYES

Northwest London (Charity Registration: 1204724)

Income and Expenditure Statement for 2023-24 (as on 31st March 2024)

INCOMES	Amount	Amount	EXPENSES	Amount	Amount
<b>Donations</b>		7,017.24	<b>General Expenses</b>		8,501.97
- Regular Donation	4,094.92		- Church programme***	155.20	
- Baptism	156.00		- Consummables	1,039.65	
- Christmas Donation	680.00		- Courier charges	307.00	
- Holy Week Donations	2,086.32		- Sound system hire	650.00	
Catholic Day Contributions		150.00	- Youth Cake purchase	1,389.60	
Diocesan Day Contributions		1,010.00	- Food expenses	4,363.61	
Offertory		8,230.68	- Accounting platform	65.00	
Membership fees		8,271.17	- Achen Binu Send-off	200.00	
			- Cab charges	331.91	
<b>Registration</b>		295.00	Public Liability Insurance		100.8
-OSSAE Students (2023)	160.00		<b>Website charges</b>		49.13
-OSSAE Students (2024)	135.00				
<b>Church Activities</b>		6,578.50	<b>Registration</b>		1,005.00
- Family Get together	172.00		-OSSAE UK Diocese	740.00	
- Auction	2,674.00		-MMVS UK Diocese	45.00	
- Leicester Trip (Mesthooso)	385.00		- UK Diocesan Meeting	30.00	
- Sunday School activities	540.00		- OCYM Conference	190.00	
- Orthodox Samgamam	60.00		Gifts & Entertainment		50.96
- Cake bake sale	401.00		Transport		1,350.00
- Fund transfer*	2,346.50		<b>Rent</b>		4,600.00
Contribution for books		100	-St. Anselm's Church, Hayes	3,600.00	
			-Saffron Dor	1,000.00	
			<b>Diocesan Activities</b>		1,390.00
			- Catholicate Day Collection	150.00	
			- Mesthooso registration	50.00	
			- Diocesan Contribution	1,000.00	
			- Orthodox Samgamam	190.00	
			<b>Charity Activities</b>		1,500.00
			- Towards individuals	1,000.00	
			- Towards St. Anselm as Charity	500.00	
			Priest Charges		8,000.00
			Bishop Charges		500.00
			Visiting Priest Charges		250.00
			Surplus Income		4,354.73
		<b>31,652.59</b>			<b>31,652.59</b>

**Notes:**

\* Expense of Church program are the expenses borne during Family Gettogether and Christmas gettogether  
 Of the rent paid towards Saffron Dor for the Holy (Good Friday) service, £500 is refundable - Received in April '24  
 Transport charges are expenses incurred by Trustee for the transportation of church assets



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of** ST. MARY'S INDIAN ORTHODOX CONGREGATION, NORTHWEST LONDON

**On accounts for the year ended** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 **Charity no** 1204724

**Set out on pages** 1-2

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner** The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement** My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement** In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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 other than that disclosed below; 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 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.

**Signed:**  **Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Name:** Rachel Eden

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**Section B Disclosure**