

St. Ignatius Elias Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, Belfast

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100633

Details

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| Status | Received |
| Registered | 2014-11-04 |
| Register | View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register |

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Activities

Purposes: To maintain the faith, traditions and doctrines of the Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church and to perform all religious rights and sacraments for all in Northern Ireland in accordance with the ancient Syrian Orthodox traditions, as followed by the Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church in India.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Community development,Economic development,Education/training,General charitable purposes,Medical/health/sickness,Religious activities,Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds),General public,Interface communities,Overseas/developing countries,Voluntary and community sector,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £130,826 | £101,222 | £0 | 0 |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|--------------------------|------|-----------|
| Mr Bennet V Mathew | | |
| Mr Biju Kuriakose | | |
| Mr Biju Paul Puthukunnel | | |
| Mr Daniel Kavalayil | | |
| Mr Eldho K Ouseph | | |
| Mr Gibi Andrews | | |
| Mr Joby Mathew | | |
| Mr Nelson Peter | | |
| Mr Niju Baby | | |
| Mr Paulose N Kuriakose | | |
| Mr Rajan Markose | | |
| Mr Regi M George | | |
| Mr Saji George | | |
| Mr Shibu K Abraham | | |
| Rev Fr Aju Varghese | | |

St. Ignatius Elias Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, Belfast

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Accounts

ST. IGNATIUS ELIAS JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED KINGDOM

[MALANKARA SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH – U.K. REGION]

(Under the Holy Apostolic See of Antioch & All the East)

Charity Registration Number: NIC100633

Statement of financial activities

(01 April 2024 - 31 March 2025)

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted building funds | Total |
|--|-------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| | | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 |
| | | £ | £ | £ |

Income and endowments

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Donations | 1 | 41,103 | 33,315 | 74,418 |
| Charitable activities | 2 | 43,343 | | 43,343 |
| Other income | 3 | 13,065 | - | 13,065 |
| Total Income | | 97,511 | 33,515 | 130,826 |

Expenditure

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|----------------|----------|----------------|
| Charitable activities | 4 | 101,222 | | 101,222 |
| Depreciation | | 7,405 | | 7,405 |
| Total expenditure | | 108,627 | - | 108,627 |

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|------------------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total funds carried forward | | (11,116) | 33,515 | 22,199 |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------|

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|---------------------------------------|--|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Fund balances at 1 April 2024 | | 177,928 | | 177,928 |
| Reversal of Transfers between funds | | (65,445) | 65,445 | - |
| Fund Balances at 31 March 2025 | | 101,367 | 98,760 | 200,127 |

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

| | Notes | 2025 | 2025 |
|--|-------|------|------|
| | | £ | £ |

Fixed Assets

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|---------|---------|
| Land & Buildings | 5 | | 302,944 |
| Land Improvements | 6 | 54,775 | |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | | (3,652) | |
| | | | 51,123 |
| Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment | | 18,763 | |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | | (3,753) | 15,010 |

Current Assets

| | | | |
|--------------|--|--------|--|
| Cash in hand | | 410 | |
| Cash at bank | | 23,300 | |
| | | 23,710 | |

Liabilities

Amounts falling due within one year

| | | | |
|---------------|---|---------|--|
| Loan from CFI | 7 | (9,200) | |
|---------------|---|---------|--|

| | | | |
|--|--|--|---------|
| Net current assets | | | 14,510 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | 383,587 |

Amounts falling due after one year

| | | | |
|-------------------|---|--|-----------|
| Loan from CFI | 7 | | (183,460) |
| Net assets | | | 200,127 |

The funds of the charity

| | | | |
|-------------------------|--|--|---------|
| Restricted income funds | | | 98,760 |
| Unrestricted funds | | | 101,367 |
| | | | 200,127 |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Donations

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Charity donations | 1,415 |
| Other donations | 39,688 |
| Total | 41,103 |

2. Charitable activities

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Annual Subscription | 17,340 |
| Holy Baptism | 200 |
| Holy Mass Sponsorship | 6,100 |
| Housewarming | 860 |
| Offertory | 8,012 |
| Sunday School | 930 |
| Church Feast | 4,850 |
| Vanitha Samajam collection | - |
| Christmas carol | 5,051 |
| Total | 43,343 |

3. Other Income

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| HMRC Gift aid claim 2022-23 | 13,065 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|

4. Charitable activities

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Bank Charges | 107 |
| Loan Interest | 14,955 |
| Charity Paid | 3,000 |
| Christmas Carol Expenses | 747 |
| Church Materials | 3,193 |
| Consecration Day Expenses | 2,168 |
| Food & Refreshments | 12,199 |
| Gift | 1,410 |
| Hall Rent | 4,441 |
| Holy Mass Expenses | 50 |
| Insurance | 1,065 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,003 |
| MSOC-UK | 2,200 |
| Planning & Legal Fees | 2,912 |
| Renovation Works | 25,189 |
| Sunday School & VBS | 1,866 |
| Travelling Expenses | 5,630 |
| Utility Bills | 2,072 |
| Vanitha Samajam | 15 |
| Vicar Expenses | 17,000 |
| Total | 101,222 |

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5. Building property

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Purchase price | 225,000 |
| Design Cost | 1,526 |
| Planning cost | 1,445 |
| Legal fees | 1,800 |
| Search fees | 1,104 |
| Registration fees | 569 |
| Opening Balance as at 31/03/2024 | 231,444 |
| Additions during the year: | |
| Purchase of Land | 16,500 |
| Building Improvements | 55,000 |
| Closing Balance as at 31/03/2025 | 302,944 |

6. Land Improvements

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| Tarmac Works | 40,000 |
| Fencing | 14,775 |
| Total | 54,775 |

7. Loan from CFI

| Year | Opening Balance | Loan | Interest | Repayments | Closing Balance |
|---------|-----------------|---------|----------|------------|-----------------|
| 2023-24 | - | 150,000 | 3,940 | 4,365 | 149,575 |
| 2024-25 | 149,575 | 50,000 | 14,955 | 21,870 | 192,660 |

Approval

The above statement of accounts was approved by the General Body meeting on 6th April 2025.

For the board of trustees,

Gibi Andrews
Treasurer

St. Ignatius Elias Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, Belfast

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100633

Accounts

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Statement of financial activities

(01 April 2023 - 31 March 2024)

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted building funds | Total |
|--|-------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| | | 2024 | 2024 | 2024 |
| | | £ | £ | £ |

Income and endowments

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Donations | 1 | 21,514 | 28,050 | 49,564 |
| Charitable activities | 2 | 38,446 | | 38,446 |
| Other income | 3 | 9,303 | - | 9,303 |
| Total Income | | 69,262 | 28,050 | 97,312 |

Expenditure

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---------------|----------|---------------|
| Charitable activities | 4 | 49,617 | | 49,617 |
| Total expenditure | | 49,617 | - | 49,617 |

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|------------------------------------|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total funds carried forward | | 19,645 | 28,050 | 47,695 |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------|----------|----------------|
| Fund balances at 1 April 2023 | | 92,837 | 37,395 | 130,232 |
| Transfers between funds | | 65,445 | -65,445 | - |
| Fund Balances at 31 March 2024 | | 177,928 | - | 177,928 |

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

| | Notes | 2024 | 2024 |
|--|-------|------|------|
| | | £ | £ |

Fixed Assets

| | | | |
|-------------------|---|--|---------|
| Building Property | 5 | | 231,444 |
| Equipment | | | 170 |

Current Assets

| | | | |
|--------------|---|--------|--|
| Cash in hand | | 1,651 | |
| Cash at bank | 6 | 94,238 | |
| | | 95,889 | |

Liabilities

Amounts falling due within one year

| | | | |
|---------------|---|--------|--|
| Loan from CFI | 7 | -6,461 | |
|---------------|---|--------|--|

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|--|--|--|---------|
| Net current assets | | | 89,428 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | 321,042 |

Amounts falling due after one year

| | | | |
|-------------------|--|--|----------|
| Loan from CFI | | | -143,114 |
| Net assets | | | 177,928 |

The funds of the charity

| | | | |
|-------------------------|--|--|---------|
| Restricted income funds | | | 0 |
| Unrestricted funds | | | 177,928 |
| | | | 177,928 |

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Donations

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Charity donations | 1,342 |
| Other donations | 20,172 |
| | 21,514 |

2. Charitable activities

| | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Annual Subscription | 14,195 |
| Holy Baptism | 150 |
| Holy Mass Sponsorship | 4,220 |
| House warming | 130 |
| Offertory | 9,851 |
| Sunday School | 53 |
| Church Feast | 3,425 |
| Vanitha Samajam collection | 1,800 |
| Christmas carol | 4,622 |
| | 38,446 |

3. Other Income

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| HMRC Gift aid claim 2021-22 | 9,303 |
|-----------------------------|-------|

4. Charitable activities

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Bank charges & Interest | 108 |
| Interest on loan | 3,940 |
| Charity payments | 1,500 |
| Food and drink | 13,264 |
| Gift | 441 |
| Hall rent | 6,555 |
| Insurance (St.Brides Hall) | 89 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 735 |
| MSOC UK | 2,435 |
| Sunday School & VBS | 1,800 |
| Travelling expenses | 2,904 |
| Vanitha Samajam | 150 |
| Christmas Carol Expenses | 1,021 |
| Vicar expenses | 10,250 |
| Heat, Light and Power | 1,024 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 1,569 |
| Loan arrangement fee | 1,831 |
| | 49,617 |

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5. Building property

| | |
|-------------------|---------|
| Purchase price | 225,000 |
| Design Cost | 1,526 |
| Planning cost | 1,445 |
| Legal fees | 1,800 |
| Search fees | 1,104 |
| Registration fees | 569 |
| | 231,444 |

6. Cash at bank

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Opening cash and bank balance | 130,232 |
| Income received | 247,312 |
| Expense incurred | -280,655 |
| Cash and bank balance | 96,889 |
| Less: Cheque issued but not cleared | -1,000 |
| Balance as per cash book | 95,889 |
| Closing balance: | |
| Balance as per bank statement (HSBC) | 95,238 |
| Cash in hand | 1,651 |
| | 96,889 |

7. Loan from CFI

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Loan received | 150,000 |
| Interest till 1 Jan 2024 | 915 |
| Interest till 31 Mar 2024 (90days) | 3,024 |
| | Total 153,940 |
| Loan repayment | -4,365 |
| Closing balance as at 31.03.2024 | 149,575 |

Closing balance of which:

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Amounts falling within one year | 6,461 |
| Amounts falling more than one year | 143,114 |
| | 149,575 |

Approval

The above statement of accounts was approved by the General Body meeting on 13th April 2024.

For the board of trustees,

Gibi Andrews
Treasurer

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Annual report

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024

Administrative Information

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

VICAR & PRESIDENT

Rev. Fr. Abin Mathew

SECRETARY

Mr. Daniel Kavalayil

TREASURER

Mr. Gibi Andrews

Jt. SECRETARY

Mr. Joby Mathew

Jt. TREASURER

Mr. Bennet V Mathew

MANAGING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Biju Kuriakose

Dn. Biju Paul Puthukunnel

Mr. Eldho K Ouseph

Mr. Nelson Peter

Mr. Niju Baby

Mr. Paulose N Kuriakose

Mr. Rajan K Markose

Mr. Regi M George

Mr. Saji George

Mr. Shibu Abraham

INTERNAL AUDITOR

Mrs. Sholy Paul

WORSHIP PLACE

St. Polycarp's Church Hall

104 Upper Lisburn Road, Finaghy

Belfast BT10 0BB

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Trustees Report

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the period from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

Reference and administrative details of the Church, its Trustees and advisers during this period are shown on page 1.

Structure, objects, Governance and Management

This church is a part of the Universal Syrian Orthodox Church. The supreme head of this Church is His Holiness Moran Mar Ignatius Aphrem II, the Patriarch of Antioch and all the East and his Successors. The Patriarch may appoint a Metropolitan (The Patriarchal Vicar) from Malankara Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church as the Metropolitan in charge of the Church. This Church is a registered charity under Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Objects. To maintain the faith, traditions and doctrines of the Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church and to perform all religious rights and sacraments for all in Northern Ireland in accordance with the ancient Syrian Orthodox traditions, as followed by the Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church in India.

The church conducts holy Eucharist, sacraments and services according to the faith, traditions, customs and rights of the Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, organises and conducts Sunday school, prayer meetings, retreats and activities of community development for youth.

The church generates funds through charity fund raising events, members' contributions and donations. This is used to provide financial assistance to sick people who require hospitalisation and medical treatment and financial assistance to those who can't afford education.

The Charity is organised, the General Body Meeting elects the Trustees. During the period there were one annual General Body Meeting, one half yearly General Body Meeting and three special General Body Meetings held. The Trustees manage the administrative as well as the financial affairs of the Church. The Trustees meet regularly for monitoring the activities. During this period, Trustees met eighteen times to review, monitor and plan activities.

Activities

1. The Holy Services are usually conducted every Saturdays of the month. Holy services are conducted by the vicar or any other priest deputed by the vicar. Many altar assistants are helping the priests in conducting the Holy services. Refreshments are provided to all after the Holy services.
2. Holy week services were conducted from 1st April 2023 to 8th April 2023. Fr Paulson Keerikkattil led the holy week services.
3. Vacation Bible School was conducted on 10th, 11th and 15th April 2023 at Dunmurry Community Centre. Many non-members also attended.
4. Feast of St. George was celebrated on 22nd April 2023.
5. Annual General Body Meeting was held on 29th April 2023 and elected the board of trustees listed in page 1.
6. The church has participated the King Charles Coronation celebrations conducted by Derriagh Local Community on 8th May 2023 and provided lunch for all participants.

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7. Feast of Pentecost was celebrated on 27th May 2023.
8. Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul was celebrated on 1st July 2023.
9. One day picnic was conducted to Tollymore Forest Park at Newcastle on 2nd July 2023. Many parish members participated in the picnic.
10. Feast of St. Thomas was celebrated on 8th July 2023.
11. Feast of St. Mary was celebrated on 12th August 2023.
12. Onam (Festival of Kerala, India) along with the annual harvest festival was celebrated on 26th August 2023. Many games and cultural programmes were conducted. Onasadya (traditional special dinner) was served to all participants.
13. A pilgrimage trip was conducted to Knock church in Ireland on 2nd September 2023. Around 150 members participated.
14. The Patriarchal Vicar Issac Mor Osthathos Metropolitan visited our parish and celebrated Holy Mas on 16th September 2023.
15. Eight members from the church participated in the Diocesan family conference held at Stoke-on-Trent on 30th September and 1st October 2023.
16. Feast of St. Baselios was celebrated on 7th October 2023.
17. Half yearly General Body Meeting was held on 21st October 2023.
18. Parish annual day was conducted on 28th October 2023. Cultural competitions for Sunday school children, games and cultural programs for adults were conducted on the day. Lunch and dinner were provided to all.
19. Feast of St. Gregorios was celebrated on 4th November 2023. Scotland – Northern Ireland zonal seminar of Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam was conducted after the holy mass. Diocesan office bearers and members from Londonderry parish also attended the seminar.
20. To commemorate the birth of Lord Jesus Christ, Christmas Carol was conducted on 6 days during December 2023 under the leadership of the Vicar and Assistant Vicar. The Carol Team visited all houses and distributed church calendar and sweets.
21. Christmas Service was conducted on 24th December 2023. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Aju Varghese. Special cake and Christmas Dinner were provided to all.
22. The church carol team participated in the Diocesan level carol singing competition.
23. Feast of Baptism of Jesus was celebrated on 6th January 2024. A Cake Fest was conducted after the holy mass.

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24. A Food Fest was conducted on 20th January 2024 after the holy mass to raise funds for new church building.
25. Feast of the Patron Saint, St. Ignatius Elias III was celebrated on 2nd and 3rd February 2024 at St. Polycarp's Church, Finaghy, Belfast. On 2nd, Evening Prayer, Gospel Preaching & Love Feast were conducted. On 3rd, Holy Tri-Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. George Parekkattil, Rev. Fr. Abin Mathew and Rev. Fr. Aju Varghese. After the Holy Mass, Procession, Dinner and Cultural Programs were conducted. Prizes were distributed to all winning students for academic excellence, attendance and cultural programs. On this occasion, those who have completed 60 years of age and those couples who have completed 25 years of their marriage were specially honoured and mementos were presented to them.
26. Service of reconciliation was conducted on 10th February 2024.
27. A vaping awareness class for Sunday school students was conducted by Cancer Focus, Belfast on 24th February 2024.
28. A retreat for Sunday school students was conducted in English on 9th March 2024. A retreat for all parish members was conducted on 23rd March 2024.
29. Holy week services were conducted from 23rd March to 30th March 2024. Fr Aju Varghese led the holy week services.
30. Balakalolsavam (Cultural competition for children) was conducted during March 2024.
31. Zonal-wise Family Prayer meetings are conducted on 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month under the leadership of Vicar/Assistant Vicar. Online prayer meetings in English are conducted on 2nd and 4th Fridays.
32. Youth association is actively involved in conducting prayer meetings in English with the participation of students and young people.
33. Gospel wing is leading the initiatives for organising all prayer meetings.
34. Sunday school classes are conducted on every Saturdays and students are taught as per the MJSSA syllabus. Snacks & refreshments are provided to all after the classes.
35. Vanitha Samajam (Women's Association) was actively involved in organising all church events including Harvest Festival, VBS, Parish Annual Day, Annual Feast & Cultural Programs.
36. Church Choir is very active in making the Holy Service live and musical as and when needed.
37. House visits are conducted periodically under the leadership of the Vicar/Assistant Vicar.
38. Fourteen new members were admitted to the parish during the year.
39. The church has distributed a total of £1,500.00 from the charity fund to 5 individuals as support for medical treatment and to one organisation in support of their charitable activities.
40. The church has claimed back £9,302.53 as Gift Aid from HMRC for the year 2021-2022.

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41. Church Property: With enormous support from members and well-wishers, the parish managed to buy the property at 43 Derriaghy Road, Lisburn to use it as a church. All legal formalities completed, planning permissions obtained and registration completed in December 2023.
42. Financial activities: During 2023-2024, the total income was £97,312 and the total operating expenditure was £49,617.

Future Activities

The parish is undertaking refurbishment of the newly bought property at 43 Derriaghy Road. This includes renovation of the building, car park and fencing. We hope to inaugurate the church in summer 2024.

Approval

This report was approved by the General Body Meeting on 13th April 2024.

For board of trustees,

Daniel Kavalayil

Secretary

St. Ignatius Elias Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, Belfast

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Annual return

Registered Charity Number: 100633

ST. IGNATIUS ELIAS JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, BELFAST

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

ST. IGNATIUS ELIAS JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, BELFAST

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ST.IGNATIUS ELIAS JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, BELFAST

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of ST. IGNATIUS ELIAS JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, BELFAST

I report on the accounts of the ST. IGNATIUS ELIAS JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, BELFAST for the year ended 31.03.2024.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's statement

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters. My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept as required by section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Name: Shinu Arakkal

Address: 112 Glenburn Road, Dunmurry, Belfast BT179AR

Date: 26 Jan 2025

ST. IGNATIUS ELIAS JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, BELFAST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted building funds | Total | Total |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | 2024 | 2024 | 2024 | 2023 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income and endowments | | | | | |
| Donations | 1 | 21,514 | 28,050 | 49,564 | 25,535 |
| Charitable activities | 2 | 38,446 | | 38,446 | 25,848 |
| Other income | 3 | 9,303 | - | 9,303 | 12,365 |
| | | <u>69,263</u> | <u>28,050</u> | <u>97,313</u> | <u>63,748</u> |
| Total Income | | | | | |
| Expenditure | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 4 | 49,617 | | 49,617 | 33,203 |
| | | <u>49,617</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>49,617</u> | <u>33,203</u> |
| Total expenditure | | | | | |
| Total funds carried forward | | 19,646 | 28,050 | 47,696 | 30,545 |
| Fund balances at 1 April 2023 | | 92,837 | 37,395 | 130,232 | 99,687 |
| Transfers between funds | | 65,445 | (65,445) | - | |
| Fund Balances at 31 March 2024 | | <u>177,928</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>177,928</u> | <u>130,232</u> |

ST.IGNATIUS ELIAS JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, BELFAST

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

| | Notes | 2024 £ | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|--|-------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Fixed Assets | | | | |
| Building Property | 5 | | 231,444 | - |
| Equipment | | | 170 | - |
| Current Assets | | | | |
| Cash in hand | | 1,651 | | |
| Cash at bank | 6 | <u>94,238</u> | | |
| | | 95,889 | | <u>130,232</u> |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | | | | |
| Loan from CFI | 7 | <u>(6,461)</u> | | <u>-</u> |
| Net current assets | | | <u>89,428</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | 321,042 | 130,232 |
| Amounts falling due after one year | | | | |
| Loan from CFI | | | <u>(143,114)</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Net assets | | | <u>177,928</u> | <u>130,232</u> |
| The funds of the charity | | | | |
| Restricted income funds | | | - | 37,395 |
| Unrestricted funds | | | <u>177,928</u> | <u>92,837</u> |
| | | | <u>177,928</u> | <u>130,232</u> |

ST.IGNATIUS ELIAS JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, BELFAST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. Donations

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Charity donations | 1,342 |
| Other donations | 20,172 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 21,514 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |

2. Charitable activities

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Annual Subscription | 14,195 |
| Holy Baptism | 150 |
| Holy Mass Sponsorship | 4,220 |
| House warming | 130 |
| Offertory | 9,851 |
| Sunday School | 53 |
| Church Feast | 3,425 |
| Vanitha Samajam collection | 1,800 |
| Christmas carol | 4,622 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 38,446 |
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3. Other Income

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| HMRC Gift aid claim 2021-22 | 9,303 |
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4. Charitable activities

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Bank charges &Interest | 108 |
| Interest on loan | 3,940 |
| Charity payments | 1,500 |
| Food and drink | 13,264 |
| Gift | 441 |
| Hall rent | 6,555 |
| Insurance (St. Brides Hall) | 89 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 735 |
| MSOC UK | 2,435 |
| Sunday School & VBS | 1,800 |
| Travelling expenses | 2,904 |
| Vanitha Samajam | 150 |
| Christmas Carol Expenses | 1,021 |
| Vicar expenses | 10,250 |
| Heat, Light and Power | 1,024 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 1,569 |
| Loan arrangement fee | 1,831 |
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| | 49,617 |
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5. Building property

| | |
|-------------------|---------|
| Purchase price | 225,000 |
| Design Cost | 1,526 |
| Planning cost | 1,445 |
| Legal fees | 1,800 |
| Search fees | 1,104 |
| Registration fees | 569 |

231,444

6. Cash at bank

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Opening cash and bank balance | 130,232 |
| Income received | 247,312 |
| Expense incurred | (280,655) |
| Cash and bank balance | 96,889 |
| Less: Cheque issued but not cleared | (1,000) |
| Balance as per cash book | 95,889 |
| Closing balance | |
| Balance as per bank statement (HSBC) | 95,238 |
| Cash in hand | 1,651 |

96,889

7. Loan from CFI

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Loan received | 150,000 |
| Interest till 1 Jan 2024 | 915 |
| Interest till 31 Mar 2024 (90days) | 3,025 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 153,940 |
| Loan repayment | (4,365) |

Closing balance as at 31.03.2024

149,575

Closing balance of which:

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Amounts falling within one year | 6,461 |
| Amounts falling more than one year | 143,114 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 149,575 |

St. Ignatius Elias Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, Belfast

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100633

Accounts

ST. IGNATIUS ELIAS JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED KINGDOM

[MALANKARA SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH – U.K. REGION]

(Under the Holy Apostolic See of Antioch & All the East)

Charity Registration Number: NIC100633

Statement of financial activities

(01 April 2022 - 31 March 2023)

SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOMING RESOURCES

Incoming resources from generated funds

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Voluntary income | 1 | £25,535.00 |
| Income from operating activities | 2 | £25,848.00 |
| Other incoming resources | 3 | £12,364.61 |
| Total incoming resources | | £63,747.61 |

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Cost of generating funds

| | | |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Diocesan parish share | 4 | £250.00 |
| Management and administration | 5 | £32,871.36 |
| Expenses for other activities | 6 | £81.20 |
| Total resources expended | | £33,202.56 |

| | | |
|---|--|-------------------|
| Net incoming /outgoing resources | | £30,545.05 |
|---|--|-------------------|

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

| | | |
|---|--|-------------------|
| Total funds brought forward from previous year | | £99,687.30 |
|---|--|-------------------|

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Total funds carried forward | | £130,232.35 |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|

ST. IGNATIUS ELIAS JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED KINGDOM

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Charity Registration Number: NIC100633

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

| Fixed Assets | | |
|---------------------|-------|--------------|
| Tangible assets | £0.00 | £0.00 |

| Current assets | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Sundry Debtors | £0.00 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | £130,232.35 | £130,232.35 |
| | | |
| Liabilities | | |
| Amount falling due within one year | £0.00 | |
| Bank overdrafts | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| | | |
| Net current assets | | £130,232.35 |

| | | |
|-------------------|--|--------------------|
| Net assets | | £130,232.35 |
|-------------------|--|--------------------|

| Funds | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Restricted funds | £37,395.00 | |
| Unrestricted funds | £92,837.35 | |
| | | |
| Total funds for the charity | | £130,232.35 |

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| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Voluntary income | |
| Donations from members | £12,230.00 |
| Donations from non-members | £0.00 |
| Members subscriptions | £13,305.00 |
| Total | £25,535.00 |

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| 2. Income from operating activities | |
| Offertory from services | £11,687.00 |
| Charity collections | £1,396.00 |
| Holy Eucharist | £2,490.00 |
| Annual Parish Feast service | £6,127.00 |
| Christmas Carol | £3,250.00 |
| Other contributions | £898.00 |
| Total | £25,848.00 |

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 3. Other incoming resources | |
| Gift Aid Refund from HMRC | £12,364.61 |
| Total | £12,364.61 |

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 4. Diocesan parish share | |
| MSOC UK Contribution | £250.00 |
| Total | £250.00 |

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| 5. Church management and administration | |
| Vicar expenses and travel charges | £11,913.60 |
| Church rent | £5,152.50 |
| Sunday school expenses | £2,633.10 |
| Charity payments | £2,700.00 |
| Refreshments | £6,256.16 |
| Misc. & stationary | £846.23 |
| Furniture & other church items | £617.99 |
| Christmas Carol, Gifts, Donations | £2,751.78 |
| Total | £32,871.36 |

| | |
|---|---------------|
| 6. Expenses for other activities | |
| Public liability insurance | £0.00 |
| Bank Charges | £81.20 |
| Total | £81.20 |

ST. IGNATIUS ELIAS JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Charity Registration Number: NIC100633

Approval

The above statement of accounts was approved by the General Body Meeting on 29th April 2023.

For board of trustees,

Gibi Andrews

Treasurer

St. Ignatius Elias Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, Belfast

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100633

Annual report

ST. IGNATIUS ELIAS JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Charity Registration Number: NIC100633

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022-2023

Administrative Information

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

VICAR & PRESIDENT

Rev. Fr. Abin Mathew

SECRETARY

Mr. Daniel Kavalayil

TREASURER

Mr. Gibi Andrews

Jt. SECRETARY

Mr. Shaji John

Jt. TREASURER

Mr. Bennet V Mathew

MANAGING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Biju Kuriakose

Mr. Jins Jose

Mr. Joby Mathew

Mr. Nelson Peter

Mr. Niju Baby

Mr. Nishanth Thomas

Mr. Rajan K Markose

Mr. Saji George

Mr. Shibu Abraham

Mr. Shibu Jacob

INTERNAL AUDITOR

Mr. Paulose N Kuriakose

WORSHIP PLACE

St. Polycarp's Church Hall

104 Upper Lisburn Road, Finaghy

Belfast BT10 0BB

ST. IGNATIUS ELIAS JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED KINGDOM

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Trustees Report

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the period from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

Reference and administrative details of the Church, its Trustees and advisers during this period are shown on page 1.

Structure, objects, Governance and Management

This church is a part of the Universal Syrian Orthodox Church. The supreme head of this Church is His Holiness Moran Mar Ignatius Aphrem II, the Patriarch of Antioch and all the East and his Successors. The Patriarch may appoint a Metropolitan (The Patriarchal Vicar) from Malankara Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church as the Metropolitan in charge of the Church. This Church is a registered charity under Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Objects. To maintain the faith, traditions and doctrines of the Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church and to perform all religious rights and sacraments for all in Northern Ireland in accordance with the ancient Syrian Orthodox traditions, as followed by the Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church in India.

The church conducts holy Eucharist, sacraments and services according to the faith, traditions, customs and rights of the Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, organises and conducts Sunday school, prayer meetings, retreats and activities of community development for youth.

The church generates funds through charity fund raising events, members' contributions and donations. This is used to provide financial assistance to sick people who require hospitalisation and medical treatment and financial assistance to those who can't afford education.

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The Charity is organised, the General Body Meeting elects the Trustees. During the period there were one annual General Body Meeting, one half yearly General Body Meeting and three special General Body Meetings held. The Trustees manage the administrative as well as the financial affairs of the Church. The Trustees meet regularly for monitoring the activities. During this period, Trustees met thirteen times to review, monitor and plan activities.

Activities

1. The Holy Services are usually conducted every Saturdays of the month. Holy services are conducted by the vicar or any other priest deputed by the vicar. Many altar assistants are helping the priests in conducting the Holy services. Refreshments are provided to all after the Holy services.
2. Holy week services were conducted from 9th April 2022 to 16th April 2022. Fr Abin Mathew led the holy week services.
3. Annual General Body Meeting was held on 30th April 2022 and elected the board of trustees listed in page 1.
4. Members of the parish participated in the Lenten convention organised by the UK diocese during April 2022.
5. Vacation Bible School was conducted on 18th, 19th and 23rd April 2022 at Dunmurry Community Centre. Many non-members also attended.
6. Feast of St. George was celebrated on 23rd April 2022.

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7. Feast of Pentecost was celebrated on 4th June 2022.
8. Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul was celebrated on 25th June 2022.
9. Feast of St. Thomas was celebrated on 2nd July 2022.
10. The Patriarchal Vicar Dr. Mathews Mor Anthimos Metropolitan visited our parish and celebrated Holy Mas on 30th July 2022.
11. Mr. Shibu Abraham of this parish was elected to the diocesan level council and Mr. Paulose Kuriakose was nominated to the council.
12. Rev. Fr. Aju Varghese was appointed as the assistant vicar of this parish from 1st August 2022.
13. Feast of St. Mary was celebrated on 13th August 2022.
14. One day picnic was conducted to Castlewellan Forest Park on 21st August 2022. Many parish members participated in the picnic.
15. A pilgrimage trip was conducted to Knock church in Ireland on 3rd September 2022. Around 100 members participated.
16. Onam (Festival of Kerala, India) along with the annual harvest festival was celebrated on 17th September 2022. Many games and cultural programmes were conducted. Onasadya (traditional special dinner) was served to all participants.
17. Feast of St. Baselios was celebrated on 1st October 2022.
18. Half yearly General Body Meeting was held on 22nd October 2022.
19. Parish annual day was conducted on 29th October 2022. Cultural competitions for Sunday school children, games and cultural programs for adults were conducted on the day. Lunch and dinner were provided to all.
20. Feast of St. Gregorios was celebrated on 5th November 2022.
21. Bishop Issac Mor Osthathos Metropolitan was appointed as the new Patriarchal Vicar for UK diocese.
22. Former Patriarchal Vicar Zacharias Mor Phelexinos Metropolitan visited our parish and celebrated Holy Mas on 3rd December 2022.
23. To commemorate the birth of Lord Jesus Christ, Christmas Carol was conducted on 6 days during December 2022 under the leadership of the Vicar and Assistant Vicar. The Carol Team visited all houses and distributed church calendar and sweets.
24. Christmas Service was conducted on 24th December 2022. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Eldho M.C. Special cake and Christmas Dinner were provided to all. Christmas gifts were distributed to all children.

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25. The church carol team participated in the Diocesan level carol singing competition.
26. A workshop was conducted on 31st December 2022 for the Sunday school children on church faith and bible study.
27. Feast of the Patron Saint, St. Ignatius Elias III was celebrated on 3rd and 4th February 2023 at St. Polycarp's Church, Finaghy, Belfast. On 3rd, Evening Prayer, Gospel Preaching & Love Feast were conducted. On 4th, Holy Tri-Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Raju Cheruvillil Cor-episcopa, Rev. Fr. Abin Mathew, Rev. Fr. Aju Varghese and Rev. Fr. Eldho M.C. After the Holy Mass, Procession, Dinner and Cultural Programs were conducted. Prizes were distributed to all winning students for academic excellence, attendance and cultural programs. On this occasion, those who have completed 60 years of age and those couples who have completed 25 years of their marriage were specially honoured and mementos were presented to them.
28. Service of reconciliation was conducted on 18th February 2023.
29. Balakalolsavam (Cultural competition for children) was conducted during March 2023.
30. Zonal-wise Family Prayer meetings are conducted on 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month under the leadership of Vicar/Assistant Vicar. Online prayer meetings in English are conducted on 2nd and 4th Fridays.
31. Youth association is actively involved in conducting prayer meetings in English with the participation of students and young people.
32. Gospel wing is leading the initiatives for organising all prayer meetings.
33. Sunday school classes are conducted on every Saturdays and students are taught as per the MJSSA syllabus. Snacks & refreshments are provided to all after the classes.
34. Vanitha Samajam (Women's Association) was actively involved in organising all church events including Harvest Festival, VBS, Parish Annual Day, Annual Feast & Cultural Programs.
35. Church Choir is very active in making the Holy Service live and musical as and when needed.
36. House visits are conducted periodically under the leadership of the Vicar/Assistant Vicar.
37. Thirteen new members were admitted to the parish during the year.
38. The church has distributed a total of £2,700.00 from the charity fund to 13 individuals as support for medical treatment and to one organisation in support of their charitable activities.
39. The church has claimed back a total of £12,364.61 as Gift Aid from HMRC for the years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.
40. Financial activities: During 2022-2023, the total income was £51,383.00 and the total expenditure was £33,202.06. With the retained surplus of £99687.30 from previous year, the current retained surplus for the period is £130,232.35.

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Future Developments

With the enormous support from members and well-wishers, the parish was planning to buy a property to use as a church. The church was able to locate a property at 43 Derriagh Road, Lisburn and agreed to buy the property. The planning and other legal formalities for the purchase of the property are in progress.

Approval

This report was approved by the General Body Meeting on 29th April 2023.

For board of trustees,

Daniel Kavalayil

Secretary

St. Ignatius Elias Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, Belfast

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100633

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of "ST. IGNATIUS ELIAS JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, BELFAST"

I report on the accounts of "ST. IGNATIUS ELIAS JACOBITE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, BELFAST" for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 2 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

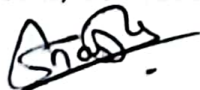
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Shaji John
33 Fortwilliam Demesne
Belfast BT15 4FD
Date: 18/01/2024

Statement of financial activities

(01 April 2022 - 31 March 2023)

SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOMING RESOURCES

Incoming resources from generated funds

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Voluntary income | 1 | £25,535.00 |
| Income from operating activities | 2 | £25,848.00 |
| Other incoming resources | 3 | £12,364.61 |
| Total incoming resources | | £63,747.61 |

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Cost of generating funds

| | | |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Diocesan parish share | 4 | £250.00 |
| Management and administration | 5 | £32,871.36 |
| Expenses for other activities | 6 | £81.20 |
| Total resources expended | | £33,202.56 |

| | | |
|---|--|-------------------|
| Net incoming /outgoing resources | | £30,545.05 |
|---|--|-------------------|

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

| | | |
|---|--|-------------------|
| Total funds brought forward from previous year | | £99,687.30 |
|---|--|-------------------|

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Total funds carried forward | | £130,232.35 |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|



Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

| | | |
|---------------------|-------|-------|
| Fixed Assets | | |
| Tangible assets | £0.00 | £0.00 |

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Current assets | | |
| Sundry Debtors | £0.00 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | £130,232.35 | £130,232.35 |
| | | |
| Liabilities | | |
| Amount falling due within one year | £0.00 | |
| Bank overdrafts | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| | | |
| Net current assets | | £130,232.35 |

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|-------------------|--|--------------------|
| Net assets | | £130,232.35 |
|-------------------|--|--------------------|

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|------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Funds | | |
| Restricted funds | £37,395.00 | |
| Unrestricted funds | £92,837.35 | |
| | | |
| Total funds for the charity | | £130,232.35 |

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|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Voluntary income | |
| Donations from members | £12,230.00 |
| Donations from non-members | £0.00 |
| Members subscriptions | £13,305.00 |
| Total | £25,535.00 |

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|--|-------------------|
| 2. Income from operating activities | |
| Offertory from services | £11,687.00 |
| Charity collections | £1,396.00 |
| Holy Eucharist | £2,490.00 |
| Annual Parish Feast service | £6,127.00 |
| Christmas Carol | £3,250.00 |
| Other contributions | £898.00 |
| Total | £25,848.00 |

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 3. Other incoming resources | |
| Gift Aid Refund from HMRC | £12,364.61 |
| Total | £12,364.61 |

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 4. Diocesan parish share | |
| MSOC UK Contribution | £250.00 |
| Total | £250.00 |

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| 5. Church management and administration | |
| Vicar expenses and travel charges | £11,913.60 |
| Church rent | £5,152.50 |
| Sunday school expenses | £2,633.10 |
| Charity payments | £2,700.00 |
| Refreshments | £6,256.16 |
| Misc. & stationary | £846.23 |
| Furniture & other church items | £617.99 |
| Christmas Carol, Gifts, Donations | £2,751.78 |
| Total | £32,871.36 |

| | |
|---|---------------|
| 6. Expenses for other activities | |
| Public liability insurance | £0.00 |
| Bank Charges | £81.20 |
| Total | £81.20 |