

# St Thomas Indian Orthodox Church Aberdeen

Scotland · Charity number SC046256

## Details

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**Known as** St Thomas Orthodox Church, St Thomas Parish

**Status** Active

**Legal form** Unincorporated association

**Registered** 2016-01-12

**Register** [View on the OSCR register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** 19 Kingswood Avenue  
Aberdeen  
AB15 8AE

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## Activities

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**Activities:** 'It carries out activities or services itself'

**Purposes:** 'the advancement of religion'

**What the charity does:** Charitable Purposes 1. The Advancement of religion 2. The relief of those in need because of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship, or other hardships. 3. The object of the parish/Society shall be to promote the orthodox Christian faith. Activities -Sunday services are held twice a month, with an average attendance of over 100 people. We have noticed an increase in participation from youth and children. -Separate meetings are organized for youth and children, focusing on Bible study and fellowship. -To strengthen relationships among youth, a day away from Aberdeen was organized, featuring various team-building activities and Bible-based discussions. -The Annual Parish Feast was held in October, with priests and members invited from our sister churches. - We celebrated our traditional festival, Onam. -Christmas carols were conducted over two Sundays.

**Beneficiaries:** 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

**Objectives:** (a) The object of the Parish/Society shall be to promote the Orthodox Christian faith.

## Geography

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- **Main operating location:** Aberdeen
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£35,559	£20,957	-	0
2024-03-31	£39,753	£13,176	-	0
2023-03-31	£28,217	£12,686	-	0
2022-03-31	£14,352	£8,655	-	0
2021-03-31	£21,431	£3,927	-	0

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# Accounts

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# **Report of the Trustees**

And

Unaudited Financial Statements for the

Period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

For

**ST: THOMAS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**ABERDEEN**

Registered Scotland Charity number: SC046256

ST. THOMAS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH ABERDEEN

SC046256

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# ST. THOMAS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, ABERDEEN

Trustee's Annual Report for the Year ended 31 March 2025

The trustee has pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2025

## **Reference & Administrative Information**

Charity Name : St. Thomas Orthodox Church

Charity No. : SC046256

Address :

Telephone No :

## **Structure, Governance & Management**

### **Constitution**

This Charity is a Christian Church. It is governed by its constitution which was adopted on May 2009. The church was granted charitable status by 12 January 2016.

## **Appointment of Trustees**

Trustees are elected at the Annual Meeting.

## **Management**

The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the Church whilst day -to-day running. We also have several volunteer leaders to assist on a rota basis.

## **Objectives & Activities**

### **Charitable Purposes**

1. The Advancement of religion
2. The relief of those in need because of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship, or other hardships.
3. The object of the parish/Society shall be to promote the orthodox Christian faith.

### **Activities**

- Sunday services are held twice a month, with an average attendance of over 100 people. We have noticed an increase in participation from youth and children.
- Separate meetings are organised for youth and children, focusing on Bible study and fellowship.
- To strengthen relationships among youth, a day away from Aberdeen was organised, featuring various team-building activities and Bible-based discussions.
- The Annual Parish Feast was held in October, with priests and members invited from our sister churches.
- We celebrated our traditional festival, Onam.
- Christmas carols were conducted over two Sundays.
- Several of our church members participated in blood donation drives.
- Additionally, we initiated a relief fund for Wayanad. In July 2024, Wayanad, a southern district in Kerala, India, experienced a massive landslide affecting several villages, resulting in 420 fatalities, hundreds of injuries, and over 1,500 homes damaged.
- We have contributed to the funeral expenses of [REDACTED] one of our community youth members.
- Somebody Cares: We donated various food items to their food bank in November and January. Additionally, in February and March, we provided monthly financial donations.

- Charlie House: We donated to Charlie House, a charity based in Aberdeen, Scotland, that supports children with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions and their families.

- Great Western Community: We also made a one-time donation to support the activities of Great Western Community, a charity based in Aberdeen that focuses on community empowerment and provides a safe, welcoming space for people to come together.

-We held special services for Easter and Christmas, and during the Christmas school holidays, we conducted a Vacation Bible class for children

**Church Council:**

The church council consists of two members who are elected by the general body and the period of the council is three years. The church accounts are handled by the trustee and every month is counted and checked by two people. The accounts are checked and audited every six months by our auditor who has accounting experience. Examined accounts statement is enclosed for your reference.

**Council Members:**

The Church council representatives consist of seven members who are elected by the general body meeting every year. Council decides each decision of the church, trustee and secretary executes accordingly. Internal auditor is not part of the council.

ST. THOMAS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
ABERDEEN

Financial Review

Gross income for the year is £35,559.19, the resources expended are £20,956.96. Therefore, the surplus for the year is £14,602.23. There is no fund in deficit.

I hereby submit this report for your kind perusal.

On behalf of all trustees of ST. THOMAS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, ABERDEEN.



**St Thomas Indian Orthodox Church Aberdeen**

**Receipts and payments accounts**

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	For the period from	Period start date	To	Period End Date
		01/04/2024		31/03/2025

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds	Restrict ed funds	Endowm ent funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offering	£2,767.11	-	-	2,767.11	£2,547.57
Subscription	£13,920.00	-	-	13,920.00	11,510.00
Special collection	£5,445.50	-	-	5,445.50	4,069.08
Donation	£4,700.01	-	-	4,700.01	15,156.36
HMRC Gift aid	£8,726.57	-	-	8,726.57	6,470.16
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	35,559.19	-	-	35,559.19	39,753.17
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	35,559.19	-	-	35,559.19	39,753.17
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Rent	£3,605.00	-	-	3,605.00	1,700.00
Charity donations	£2,160.52	-	-	2,160.52	2,979.66
Honorarium to priests and bishop	£6,975.00	-	-	6,975.00	5,100.00
Website	£129.60				
Printing postage and stationery	£181.59			181.59	110.02
Conferences, Youth Meets & Outreach	£6,422.45	-	-	6,422.45	1,915.00
Legal and Professional fees	£1,139.00	-	-	1,139.00	992.50
Insurance	£168.25	-	-	168.25	168.25
Miscellaneous expenses	£175.55	-	-	175.55	211.00
<b>Sub total</b>	20,956.96	-	-	20,827.36	13,176.43
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	20,956.96	-	-	20,827.36	13,176.43
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	14,602.23	-	-	14,602.23	26,576.74
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	93,813.74	-	-	93,813.74	67,237.00
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	108,415.97	-	-	108,415.97	93,813.74

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash/ Cheques in hand	188	-	-
	Cash at bank	108,228	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>108,416</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
				03/07/2025

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of**  
**ST: THOMAS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH ABERDEEN**  
**(Charity number: SC046256 )**

I report on the receipt and payment accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 set out on page 7

**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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993(the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

**It is my responsibility to:**

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and
- to state whether 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 of 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 statements above.

**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 41 of the 1993 Act: and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Acthave not been met or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

  
*03/07/2025*  
