#### **CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1110650**

# St. Thomas Indian (Malankara) Orthodox Church Unaudited Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2020

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# **Financial Statements**

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## **Trustees' Annual Report**

#### Year ended 31 March 2020

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes 1-3 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the 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). The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

#### Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name St. Thomas Indian (Malankara) Orthodox Church

Charity registration number 1110650

Principal office St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church

Mill Lane West Derby Liverpool L12 7JA

The trustees

Mr Linz Aiynattu Mr Mathews Varghese Dr George Kuruvilla Mr Kurian Varkey Paulose

Mr Dino Kurian Mr Nikson Thomas Mr Aji Paul George

Rev Eldo Parakkott Varghese (Chair)

Mr Sunil Mathew Mr Shajan Mathew

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#### Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

#### Year ended 31 March 2020

#### Structure, governance and management

#### **Governing document**

The trust is an unincorporated trust, constituted under a trust deed dated 18 October 2003 and is a registered charity, number 1110650.

#### Governance and structure

St Thomas Indian Orthodox Church Liverpool is a parish affiliated to and constituted by the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church also known as the Indian Orthodox church founded in India by St Thoma, one of the twelve apostles of Lord Jesus Christ, presently administrated by His Holiness Baselios Mar Thoma Paulose II, Catholics of the East and Malankara Metropolitan, Successor to the Apostolic Thorne of the St Thomas.

St Thomas Indian Orthodox Church Liverpool is under the direct ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Diocese of UK, Europe and Africa subject to the authority of the Holy Episcopal Synod of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church.

Rev, Fr Eldo P Varghese the present vicar leads the parish during the report year, whose spiritual and administrative contributions helped the growth of the church.

#### General Body and the managing committee meetings office bearers for the year 2019-2020

As of March 2020, we have 51 families as our registered members. Annual General Body Meeting held on March 17th 2019 unanimously elected the Managing Committee for the year 2019-2020 follows:

Hon. Secretary - Mr Sunil Mathew
Hon. Treasurer - Mr Aji Paul George
Committee Member - Mr Shajan Mathew
Committee Member - Mr Nikson Thomas
Committee Member - Mr Mathews M V
Committee Member - Mr Dino Kurian
Committee Member - Mr Moby Mathai
Internal Auditor - Mr Anil George
Ex-Officio - Mr Kurian Varkey Paulose
OSSAE Representative - Mrs Sony Linz Aiyanattu
MMVS Representative - Mrs Sneha Bose
Youth Representative - Mr Bibin Baby

The election has been approved by diocesan Metropolitan vide order UK/LPL/19/027.

Hon Treasurer Mr Aji Paul George presented the budgets for 2019-2020. The General Body held on May 19th 2019 (GB 2019-2020/01) approved the budgets for the year 2019-2020.

The Half Year General Body held on 6th October 2019 and discussed half yearly accounts.

We thank all and gratefully acknowledge your contributions in many ways, which helped in the progress of our church. The managing committee met 7 times during this year to plan and co-ordinate day to day church administration of the parish. I appreciate each committee members for their co-operation, dedication, and hard work.

## Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

#### Year ended 31 March 2020

#### Objectives and activities

#### **Objectives of the Charity**

Charity's objectives are to provide a cultural religious and socio-religious base for the Indian Orthodox Community in the Merseyslde, Warrington and Chester area. In setting our objectives, and planning our activities, we have given careful consideration to Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit.

#### Achievements and performance

The following activities were held aiming towards the achievement of the said objectives.

#### **Worship and Pastoral Care**

Holy Qurbana is celebrated on every First and Third Sunday of every month and 5th Sunday if there is 5 weeks, commence with morning prayer at 9am and Qurbana at 10am.

#### **Feast**

During this financial year, the parish celebrated and validated various events and service.

Feast of Patron Saint (perunnal)- Feast of St George, Feast of St. Mary, Feast of St. Thomas.

Harvest Festival- Harvest Festival was held on October 20th 2019.

Holy Week - We had a passion week schedule during the financial year 2019-2020.

Christmas Celebration - Christmas service December 24th 2019.

Christmas Carol Service - The church conducted a house carol singing activity to cherish and announce the birth of saviour Jesus Christ on December 7th,8th and 14th 2019. The church had Christmas Holy Qurbana, Carol singing and children nativity play on Christmas Eve (December 24th 2019). Rev Fr Jacob Abraham, Vicar of Marthoma Church Liverpool gave the Christmas message on this blessed moment.

New Year Service - The church had New Year service Holy Qurbana on New Years Eve (December 31st 2019).

Visit of Dignitaries - We had 10 priests visit from Kerala, Rome for different occasions during this year.

Visit of Bishops- Our Diocesan Bishop H.G.Dr Mathews Mar Thimothios.

#### **Diocesan Family Conference & Youth Camp**

Diocesan Family and Youth conference was held in May 25th and 26th, some of our Church members participated in this event.

## Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

#### Year ended 31 March 2020

#### Convention, Perunnal & Harvest festival

We celebrated our convention, Perunnal & Harvest Festival on October 19th, 20th 2019. It was a fruitful and colourful event where our parish members have contributed their all efforts to fulfill the needs of our church and all witnessed a wonderful cultural program from kids and adults. Members of Youth Organisation served a snacks throughout this day.

#### **Charity Project**

We have contributed £1000 towards the charity in UK and overseas during the financial year.

#### **Events**

#### **One Day Picnic**

We had a one day picnic this year we visited a beach, sea zoo and outdoor games in North Wales. It was very enjoyable and rejuvenating.

#### **Lenten Retreated**

One day retreated was conducted by Rev Fr Tom Jacob on 29th February 2020. Rev Fr Tom Jacob gave a devotional speech to all the members, bible class for youth and Sunday School children following that there was a Holy confession for every member of the church.

#### **Parish Day**

We celebrated parish day on January 19th 2020 with a meeting of all spiritual organisations and colourful programmes of children and adults.

#### **Spiritual Organisation**

#### **Sunday School**

Sunday School classes of the year started on January 5th 2020 after the Holy Qurbana. Total strength of 64 students were enrolled from Year 1 to 10 and 12. Total number of teachers served this year was 14. Sunday School annual day of 2019 was conducted. On January 2019th 2020 with a colourful programme. Church level Talent competition was held on 7th April 2019. District and Diocesan Talent competition which was conducted on 22nd June and 28th September 2019 respectively.

#### **Senior Group**

Tannis Maria Tini won 2nd prize in elocution on Diocesan Talent Competition. We conducted OVBS classes on May 30th to June 2nd in which 54 childrens attended and ended with a spectacular rally and colourful programmes. OVBS was coordinated by Mrs Blessy Shajan. Half Yearly and Annual examinations were conducted as per the schedule. We held the first Quiz competition for Sunday school children on 3rd November 2019. We had 33 participants and proved the kids their enthusiasm.

#### **OCYM Activities**

We have 22 OCYM members in our church and have a regular activity in the church. Our youth members are very active in worships and other church activities and its our privilege to renounce our youth future is great and its been evident in their activities. We would like to thank all members of Youth Movement for their countless efforts and hard work.

#### **MMVS**

9th Annual Report of Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam of St Thomas Indian Orthodox Church Liverpool:

St Marys Orthodox Martha Mariam Samajam is the women wing of the Malankara Orthodox Church. It is wing of the major spiritual organisations of the church combining all the female members.

#### Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

#### Year ended 31 March 2020

Around 20-30 ladies usually attend this meeting. Highlight of this year was our Church hosted North Zonal MMVS meeting with group song and Quiz competition. Currently we are having regular meeting after our service under the leadership of Rev Fr Eldo P Varghese. Thankyou Achan for your inspiriting message and spiritual leadership. We are looking forward to this coming year when we hope to conduct more structed activities which will bring Glory to God.

We would like to thank Mrs Sneha Bose for her countless efforts from their inception in our church.

#### **Prayer Group Meetings**

Prayer Group meeting are regularly conducted on first and third Saturdays in house wide. It comprises of devotional songs, Bible readings, devotional speech and intercessory prayer for the needy and sick. St Thomas Prayer Group. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our vicar Rev Fr Eldo P Varghese who has been a great leader and supported us through the last year and thank the prayer Co-Ordinator Mr Biju John, prayer group secretaries and church members for their prayers and support.

#### **AMOSS Liverpool**

We have 18 altar boys to serve the altar and they are dedicated to do their allocated assignments. We would like to congratulate all our altar servants for their hard works and dedication. It's a great privilege to thank our vicar Rev Fr Eldo P Varghese very keen to educate and guide our altar boys, especially young ones and we would like to thank each parent who are taking an important initiative to bring their kids before the Holy Qurbana. Last year, Bithov Vinu has been chosen to be serve in the altar with the blessing of Rev Fr Eldo P Varghese. It's a great time to praise our lord that we have more altar boys are coming to serve the table in every year.

#### **Visits**

The Parish duly acknowledges the visits by the following bishops and priest during report year.

Diocesan Bishop - Our Diocesan Bishop HG Dr Mathew Mar Thimothios visited church on 15th September 2019.

#### Priests:

- Rev Fr Vinu Varghese
- Rev Fr Vivek Varghese
- Rev Fr P J Joseph
- Rev Fr Tiji Thankachan
- Rev Fr Varghese John
- Rev Fr Happy Jacob
- Rev Fr Anoop Abraham
- Rev Fr Dr T P Elias
- Rev Fr Binu Thomas
- Rev Fr Tom Jacob

#### Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

#### Year ended 31 March 2020

#### **Financial review**

The charity's principal funding source is from donations of £41,269 (2019: £34,744) and from other activities which amounted to £20,144 (2019: £19,731). Overheads remained fairly consistent.

#### Reserve policy

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

#### Plans for future periods

#### **Church Building Lease / Construction**

On January 7th 2020, St Thomas Indian Orthodox Church Liverpool entered a signed 25 years Lease Agreement between Church of England Liverpool with St James Church West Derby Liverpool. General Body meeting held on May 19th 2019 has decided to form a Church Building Committee for carry on Church Building maintenance .Every month Church building committee has made meetings to discuss about the Church building maintenance. General Body meeting held on 23rd February 2020 approved a budget of £220,000 for Church Building Maintenance work. We praise God almighty for his Love, Mercy, and Grace and ask everyone to pray for a successful completion of Church maintenance and sale process.

#### **Conclusion & Word of thanks**

Let me thank God Almighty for giving the opportunity to serve as secretary of this blessed parish. Sincere thanks to Diocesan Bishop HG Dr Mathews Mar Thimothios, vicar Rev Fr Eldho P Varghese. Hon. Treasurer Mr Aji Paul George and all Managing Committee members and beloved parish members for the support and guidance given to me to complete the tenure. Let me conclude by expressing my sincere gratitude for all who supported me throughout this year especially while I was busy due to personal commitments. May the intercession and prayers of St Mary, our patron St Thomas, St George and all other Saints lead this parish and us to greater heights in the future. We pledge our loyalty to H.H Baselios Mar Thomas Paulose II, the successor on the apostolic throne of St. Thomas, The catholic of the East and to our Diocesan Metropolitan H G Dr Mathews Mar Thimothios.

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

Mr Sunil Mathew Trustee

Date: 5 January 2021

# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St. Thomas Indian (Malankara) Orthodox Church

#### Year ended 31 March 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of St. Thomas Indian (Malankara) Orthodox Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2020.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

#### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act: or
- 2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Mijos Xavier ACA, FCCA Independent Examiner

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Date: 7 January 2021

## **Statement of Financial Activities**

## Year ended 31 March 2020

		<b>2020</b> Unrestricted		2019
	Note	funds	Total funds	Total funds
Income and endowments Donations and legacies Charitable activities Investment income	4 5 6	41,269 20,144 101	41,269 20,144 101	34,744 19,731 72
Total income		61,514	61,514	54,547
Expenditure Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	(36,903)	(36,903)	(50,425)
Total expenditure		(36,903)	(36,903)	(50,425)
Net income and net movement in funds		24,611	24,611	4,122
Reconciliation of funds Total funds brought forward		125,914	125,914	121,792
Total funds carried forward		150,525	150,525	125,914

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

## **Statement of Financial Position**

#### 31 March 2020

Current assets	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Cash at bank and in hand		150,825	126,164
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year Accruals and deferred income		(300)	(250)
Net current assets		150,525	125,914
Total assets less current liabilities		150,525	125,914
Net assets		150,525	125,914
Funds of the charity Unrestricted funds		150,525	125,914
Total charity funds	13	150,525	125,914

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr Aji Paul George Trustee

Date: 5 January 2021

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### Year ended 31 March 2020

#### 1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church, Mill Lane, West Derby, Liverpool, L12 7JA.

#### 2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

#### 3. Accounting policies

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

#### Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

#### Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### Year ended 31 March 2020

#### 3. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

#### Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking
  activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those
  support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable
  activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

#### Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. Financial assets held at amortised cost comprise cash and bank in hand, trade debtors and other debtors. A specific provision is made for debts for which recoverability is in doubt. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost comprise all creditors except social security and other taxes.

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

4.	Donations and legacies				
		Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
	Donations Donations and collections	41,269	41,269	34,744	34,744
5.	Charitable activities				
		Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
	Sunday school and events Rent income	15,365 4,779	15,365 4,779	13,167 6,564	13,167 6,564
		20,144	20,144	19,731	19,731
6.	Investment income				
		Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
	Bank interest receivable	101	101	72	72
7.	Expenditure on charitable activities I	by fund type			
		Unrestricted	Total Funds	Unrestricted	Total Funds
		Funds £	2020 £	Funds £	2019 £
	Sunday school and events expenses Donations Clergy allowances	8,358 3,400 8,450	8,358 3,400 8,450	7,016 6,511 7,676	7,016 6,511 7,676
	Support costs	16,695	16,695	29,222	29,222
		36,903	36,903	50,425	50,425
8.	Expenditure on charitable activities I	by activity type	е		
		Activities undertaken directly	Support costs £	Total funds 2020 £	Total fund 2019 £
	Sunday school and events expenses	8,358	16,395	24,753	35,988
	Donations Clergy allowances Governance costs	3,400 8,450 —	300	3,400 8,450 300	6,511 7,676 250
		20,208	16,695	36,903	50,425

#### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### Year ended 31 March 2020

#### 9. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Premises	7,035	7,035	19,156
General office	9,360	9,360	9,816
Governance costs	300	300	250
	16,695	16,695	29,222

#### 10. Independent examination fees

	2020 £	2019 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	300	250

#### 11. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period were £nil (2019: £nil).

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2019: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2019: Nil).

#### 12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

One of the trustees is a clergy and during the year charity paid clergy allowances amounting to £6,850 (2019:£5,600). However, no trustees received any remuneration in respect of their services as a trustee during the year (2019 - £nil).

Trustees were not reimbursed for any of their expenses in the year (2018:£nil).

#### 13. Analysis of charitable funds

#### **Unrestricted funds**

General funds	At 1 April 2019 £ 125,914	Income £ 61,514	£ (36,903)	1 March 2020 £ 150,525
General funds	At 1 April 2018 £ 121,792	Income £ 54,547	Expenditure 3: £ (50,425)	At 1 March 2019 £ 125,914

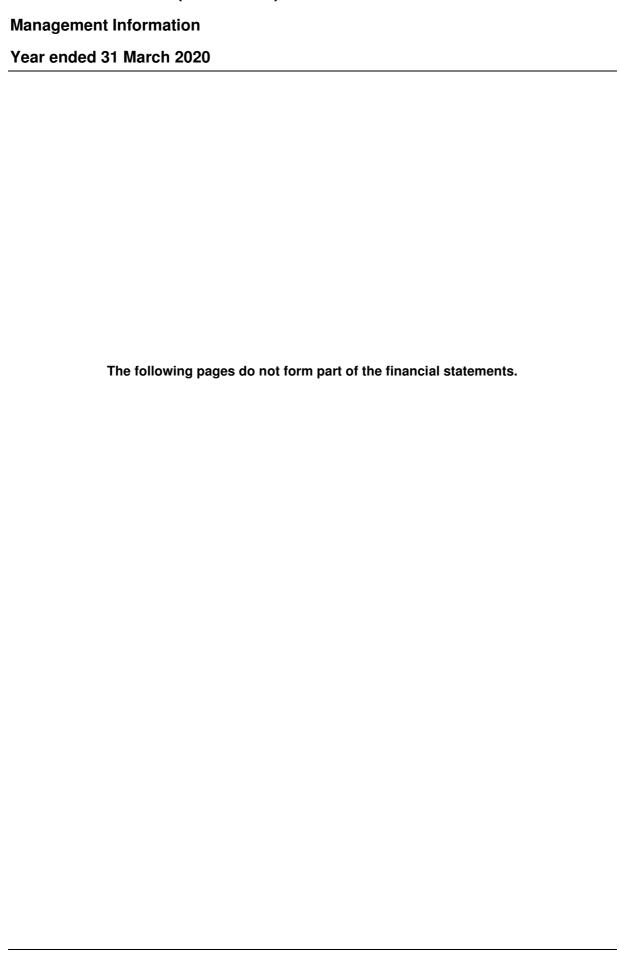
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# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

# Year ended 31 March 2020

## 14. Analysis of net assets between funds

		Total Funds
	Funds £	2020 £
Current assets Creditors less than 1 year	150,825 (300)	150,825 (300)
Net assets	150,525	150,525
	Unrestricted	Total Funds
	Funds	2019
	£	£
Current assets	126,164	126,164
Creditors less than 1 year	(250)	(250)
Net assets	125,914	125,914



# **Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**

	2020 £	2019 £
Income and endowments Donations and legacies	2	2
Donations and collections	41,269	34,744
Charitable activities		
Sunday school and events Rent income	15,365 4,779	13,167 6,564
	20,144	19,731
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	101	72
Total income	61,514	54,547
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities  Light and heat	(7,035)	(19,156)
Legal and professional fees Charitable Activities	(300) (29,568)	(250) (31,019)
	(36,903)	(50,425)
Total expenditure	(36,903)	(50,425)
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Net income	24,611	4,122

# **Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**

Expenditure on charitable activities Sunday school and events expenses Activities undertaken directly Sunday school and events	<b>2020</b> £ (8,358)	2019 £ (7,016)
Support costs Church maintenance and utility Miscellaneous expenses	(7,035) (9,360) (16,395)	(19,156) (9,816) (28,972)
Donations Activities undertaken directly Donations Clergy allowances	(3,400)	(6,511)
Activities undertaken directly Clergy allowances Governance costs	(8,450)	(7,676)
Accountancy fees  Expenditure on charitable activities	(36,903)	(250)