

Mar Thoma Centre, 167, Avery Hill Road, New Eltham, SE9 2EX



**Annual Report & Accounts for the year 2022-2023** 



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### Annual Report 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30

### Introduction

A parish is the place where the people of God gather to offer thanksgiving and where they grow in deeper intimacy with Christ and the Church. It is where we welcome others and we strive to build a family of love by our communion with Christ and one another as a worshipping community and sacramental community. God Almighty enables us to live with such a vision and be witness to Christ Jesus.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of St. James Mar Thoma Church UK, it is with immense pleasure and a heart full of praise and gratitude to the Almighty Lord, the annual report and financial statement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 of St. James Mar Thoma Church UK is presented to you.

Let us thank Lord Almighty for His guidance, mercy, and grace we have experienced as a parish through the last twenty seven years and glorify His name for His faithfulness. We thank Our Almighty God for giving us this wonderful opportunity to serve the Lord and Our Parish during this historical major milestone.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the Accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities statement of Recommended Practice, (FRS102). The trustees have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation the activities being for the public benefit.

### **Historical Perspective of our Parish**

St. James Mar Thoma Church, UK (SJMTC) is a Parish of The Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar, in the Diocese of North America and Europe, which has its head office in Thiruvalla, Kerala, India.

The Mar Thoma worship in the UK started in 1957. St James Parish was based in Central London and was a continuation of the worship that started in Central London in the fifties to meet the needs of members residing in London and the Home Counties.

St. James Mar Thoma Church UK is a Registered Charity in the United Kingdom (Charity Reg. No: 1059210.), with the registered office at St James Mar Thoma Centre, 167 Avery Hill Road, London SE9 2EX.

Our Parish is administratively placed in the UK and Europe Zone, in the Diocese of North America and Europe, and His Grace Rt. Rev. Dr. Issac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa is our Diocesan Bishop. We remain blessed and thankful for His Grace's continuous support and leadership provided for our Parish.



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### **Mission and Objective**

The mission and objective of the Church is to keep and safeguard the faith as revealed by Christ and taught by the Apostles, to promote the spiritual life of the faithful through the administration of the sacraments and the preaching of the word.

Our Mission is to serve the people of this land as servants of the Crucified Lord without diluting and deluding the ethos of the Church. We as parish are embodied to promote the Christian religion, provide its members with regular Christian worship services in accordance with the traditions of the Mar Thoma Church; provide pastoral care and organise activities to enhance the supports the spiritual life of its members, enhances the ecumenical relationship within the local community and Churches, provides financial support for evangelistic and charitable work in the United Kingdom and abroad, especially India.

### **Governing Document**

St James Mar Thoma Church UK is governed by the constitution adopted on 27th October 1996 and as amended on 29th January 2006 and submitted to the Charity Commission and by the constitution of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar, India.

#### **Ecumenical Relations**

While retaining many of the traditional characteristics of the ancient Eastern church, the Mar Thoma Church keeps very close relations with Christian churches in other parts of the world. The Church enjoys full intercommunion relationship with the world-wide Anglican Community and is a full member of the World Council of Churches (WCC), Churches Together in England (CTE) and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI).

### Parish Membership & General Body participation

A parish register of all members is maintained by the Vicar and is kept updated. All persons above 18 years, who have their names on the parish register, receive Holy Communion in the parish and whose parish membership has not been barred, are entitled to be Edavaka Sangham members (General Body of the parish).

Our membership as of 31st March 2023 was 193 families with a total of 615 members, including new families who joined the parish during the reporting year. We welcome these families to the fellowship of St James Mar Thoma Church, UK

#### Vicar

We acknowledge the services of our Vicar Rev. K. K. Kuruvila, his wife Mrs. Remi Kuruvilla and their two daughters, Ms. Rhema Eliza Kuruvilla & Ms. Kerigma Susan Kuruvilla during this period. Achen has now completed four years of his service as the Vicar of our church. Achen's spiritual leadership and pastoral care has made a significant impact to the members' spiritual life and wellbeing. Through Achen's leadership and guidance, all organisations of the church and prayers groups are functioning well. Achen has also taken an active role in the zonal activities of the church, especially as the President of the zonal Sevika Sangham. We thank Achen and family for their blessed ministry in our parish for the past 4 years.



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### Appointment of Trustees of the Charity (Executive Committee)

The appointed Vicar of St James Parish is the President. The trustees (members of the Executive Committee) are elected or nominated every year before the commencement of the financial year. They are elected either by the General Body or by the members of the organisation whom they represent or nominated by the Diocesan Bishop. The Sabha Mandalam and the Diocesan Assembly members are elected/nominated and their terms of office to these bodies is for a period of three years. The appointment of Trustees is as per the constitution.

### Trustees of the Charity (Executive Committee) for the reporting year

The following members served as the Trustees of the Charity for the year 2022-2023.

President & Vicar	Rev. Kuruvila K Kochumepurathu	Appointed
Vice President	Mr. P.K. Edison	Elected
Secretary	Mr. Shiju Thomas	Elected
Trustee Accounts	Mr. Shiju Thomas	Elected
Trustee Finance	Mr. Ashok Thomas	Elected
Lay Leader 1	Mr. Alex P Sam	Elected
Lay Leader 2	Mr. Regi C Philip	Elected
Sabha Mandalam Member	Mr. Iju V Thomas	Elected
Diocesan Zonal Assembly	Mr. Cyril Abraham John	Elected
Diocesan Zonal Assembly	Mr. Noble J Mathew	Nominated
Edavaka Mission Representative	Mr. Rajan Chacko	Elected
Sevika Sangham Representative	Mrs. Bindu Annie Jacob	Elected
Sunday School Representative	Mrs. Sherine George	Elected
Youth League Representative	Mr. Nithin Jacob Theckadathu	Elected
Choir Representative	Mr. Aji Chacko	Elected
Area Prayer Group Representatives	Mrs. Aswathy Varghese	Elected
	(Bury St Edmunds Area)	Elected
	Dr. K. John (East Area)	Elected
	Mr. Sam V John (Ipswich Area)	Elected
	Mr. Shajan Varampel Mathai	
	(Kent Area)	Elected
	Mr. Ashwin Mathew Chacko	
	(North & West Area)	Elected
	Mr. Stephen Varughese Joseph	
	(South East Area)	Elected
	Mr. Praveen Mathew (South Area)	

The Executive Committee met 16 times during the year to discuss and deliberate on the day-to-day running of the Parish, as well as to execute the decisions of the General Body.

#### Other Officials

Authorizing officer and Key contact for UKBA	Mr. Shiju Thomas Mr. P. K. Edison
Internal Auditors (Elected)	Mr. Mathews John Mr. Ajex John



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### **General Body Meetings**

Two general body meetings were held during the reporting year. All general body meetings were held in-person in our church.

The Annual General Body meeting (AGM) was held on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 to receive and approve the annual report and accounts for the year 2021-22 and to receive and approve the budget for the year 2022-2023. The general body approved the annual report and accounts for the year 2021-2022 and passed the budget for 2022-2023. The General Body approved the proposal from trustees to open a new Bank Account. The General Body also decided to celebrate "Thanks Giving Day" in May and Parish Day in October every year.

The second general body meeting was held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to elect the office bearers and auditors for the year 2023-2024. In this meeting, General Body accepted the updated GDPR Consent Form and GDPR Privacy Policy and agreed to share both documents to all members of the parish. The General Body also accepted a proposal to implement parking management system to manage car parking within the church premises. Further, this meeting accepted the proposal from Executive Committee to elect Data Protection Officer (DPO) and Data Controller Officers (DCO) from within the executive committee.

### **Risk Management**

The Executive Committee have, from time to time, examined the major operational risks which the parish faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular review of steps that can be taken to reduce these risks. Risk management is reviewed and discussed at Executive Committee meetings.

For the safe running of the Church, a Health and Safety Policy has been adopted. A CCTV guideline is also followed for the use in Church.

### **Reserves Policy**

St James Mar Thoma Church shall set aside reserves to provide financial stability and the means to sustain, improve and develop its mission and objects. As the flow of income is not uniform, reserves need to be set aside to meet expenses that are irregular in pattern. The Executive Committee has determined that the approximate level of free reserves should be equivalent to four months expenditure, approximately £54,000. For various reasons, we were not able to fully maintain this level of reserves. As result of actions taken, we were able to make some progress on our reserves. However, a continued effort is needed to maintain this.

### **Financial Update**

St James Mar Thoma Church is wholly dependent on the voluntary contributions of members and well-wishers. We are greatly indebted for their financial support. The full income and expenditure statement for the year 2022/23 and the balance sheet are attached. In spite of the current political and economic situations around the world, it is pleasing to note that our various collections have increased. Whilst this is welcome news, we have a significant way to go before we can get to the level of reserves, we need to have for the smooth running of the affairs of the parish, meet various financial obligations and to maintain our Mar Thoma Centre, New Eltham.



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### **Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)**

We have adopted a policy, based on the requirements of the Children Act 1989, which is monitored and reviewed annually. DBS checks are being carried out on all individuals who take responsibility for children's activities.

Our Church recognises the need to provide a safe and caring environment for our children and young people. To accomplish this, we have also established a child protection policy and procedures and thereby fulfilling our commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of our children and youth.

### **General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)**

The GDPR came into to law on 25th May 2018. In compliance with the requirements, St James Mar Thoma Church have adopted and established a GDPR privacy policy. This policy is published on the Church website. All trustees have been briefed on the regulation and their responsibilities to be in compliance with the policy. Our parish is also registered with Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). During the reporting year, we have updated the GDPR Privacy Policy as approved in the General Body held on 26th Feb 2023.

### **Sunday Worship Services**

The Sunday Worship services were held in person and also broadcasted via the online platform. On average about 170 members attend the service regularly and an average 90 members participate in Holy Communion. We have Holy Communion service in both English and Malayalam. Our worship services are led by various area prayer group members on a rota basis. Both our Lay Leaders with the guidance from our Achen did a commendable job in ensuring that there is equal participation from all areas to lead our church service. Our Church Choir play an active role in leading our services. Sunday worship service conclude with a fellowship meal sponsored by the respective area prayer group members. During the reporting year, Sunday evening worship services were also held once in a month in Ipswich. Members from nearby areas, Ipswich, Bury & St Edmunds, Norwich and Colchester attended the worship services in Ipswich.

### **Special Services & Prayers**

Special services were conducted to celebrate Parish Day, Family Sunday, Diocesan Sunday, Edavaka Mission Sunday, Sevika Sangham Day, Youth Sunday, World Sunday School Day, Choir Sunday, Senior Citizens Day, Student Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day during the respective Sundays as per the church calendar.

#### Parish Sunday, Family Sunday and Parish Convention

In this reporting year, Parish Day was celebrated on 29th May 2022. Rev. Jobi Koruthu, Vicar of St. Peters Mar Thoma Church, East London, was our Chief Guest and Celebrant for the service.

The Family Sunday and Annual convention was held on 28th, 29th and 30th October 2022. Rev. Abu Cherian, vicar of Carmel Mar Thoma Church was the main speaker and guest of honour. The theme for the three-day convention was "Chemistry of a Blessed Christian Family". The first day session was held in Ipswich and the second and the final day were held at St James Mar Thoma Church. All sessions were well attended and was a blessing to our members.



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#### **Harvest Festival**

Over the years the Harvest Festival has evolved to be an event both young and old look forward to with great enthusiasm. Harvest Festival food sale and fund collections were organised on Saturday, 08<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Former Mayor of Loughton, Mr Philip Abraham was the chief guest for our Harvest Festival inaugural session. Councillor Patricia Greenwell visited our food stalls. We also managed to conduct auctions after church service and raffle ticket sales, with good participation from our members. Thanks to both our Harvest Festival Convenors, Mr. Cyril Abraham John and Mr. Iju V Thomas, who organised the events well and helped to raise significant funds during these difficult times.

### **Christmas Carol Service**

The Christmas Carol Service was held on Sunday 11th December 2022 at St James Mar Thoma Church. The Lord Griffiths of Burry Port was our chief guest for the service and delivered the Christmas message. It was a beautiful service of carols led by our talented and dedicated senior and junior choir. The Sunday school children presented the nativity story with new and contemporary themes. We appreciate and extend our gratitude to the choir leadership and choir members, Sunday school teachers and the children for their dedication and hard work.

#### **House to House Carol Rounds**

As part of the Christmas celebrations, house-to-house carol rounds were arranged. Carollers together with the Vicar visited homes of our members in London and Home Counties of Middlesex, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Essex, Kent, East Sussex, Cambridgeshire and Suffolk during the weeks leading to Christmas. The carol rounds started on 26th November and completed on 18th December. It was an opportunity to proclaim the Good News of Christmas through carols, bible passages and prayer. As convenors, Mr Alex P Sam and Mr Shajan V Mathai, together with area representatives deserve considerable credit for their dedication and tireless efforts in arranging house visits for the first time after the pandemic.

### **Zonal Christmas Carol Service**

We the St. James Mar Thoma Church got the privilege to host this year's Zonal Carol Service on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at our church. Choirs from 8 different parishes from all over UK participated in this blessed service. Rev. Fr. Nithin P Koshy, Vicar of St. Gregorios Orthodox church was the chief guest.

This was the first major Zonal event organised in our newly built church, inviting choir teams from all Mar Thoma parishes in UK.

### **Watch Night Service**

Watch night service was held on the New Year's Eve at St James Mar Thoma Church. It was also an occasion of thanksgiving, praise, testimony, and worship especially during the tough economic times that the world was undergoing. Holy Communion was celebrated on the eve of the New Year 2023.



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### **Great Lent and Passion Week**

During this reporting year, our church observed the Great Lent with the Easter being celebrated on the Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2022. The passion week services, Good Friday service and Easter service were well attended both in person at our Church and online by our families.

Our church observed the Great Lent services for the year 2023 by conducting 12 Online Evening Prayer meetings. These online prayer meetings were managed by the Edavaka Mission and led by various area prayer groups.

### Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. During the year, we were able to support various missionary activities and lend a helping hand to those in need. Through the generous support of our members, we were able to support the following Charities and Charitable projects and Institutions in India and here in UK.

### They include the following:

- Light To Life Project, Sponsor a Child
- Friends of Vellore: Support for Safer Birth in the Jawadhi Hills appeal
- Educational Support for a student in St. Thomas Teachers Training Institute Thiruvalla
- Andimadam Mar Thoma Mission Field, Tamil Nadu

### Matrimony

During the year one of our members entered into family life. The service was conducted in their respective Parishes in Kerala and UK. We congratulate the newly married couple and wish them long and happy married life.

• Mr. Jithin Rajan Chacko & Mrs.Greeshma Philip

### **Baptism**

During the report year, we conducted 3 baptisms in our church. We welcome the newly baptised children to the Christian family and pray for their physical and spiritual growth.

Following are the list of children who were baptised in our church in the reporting year.

- 1) Nina Isabel Abraham (D/o Dr. George Abraham & Mrs. Charlotte Alice Abraham)
- 2) David Ryan George (S/o Mr. Frenji John Koshy & Mrs. Priyanka Cherian)
- 3) Levi Joshua George (S/o Mr. Frenji John Koshy & Mrs. Priyanka Cherian)
- 4) Joshua Stephen Varughese (S/o Mr. Stephen Varughese Joseph & Mrs. Shiny Marin Varughese)

### **Metropolitan Visit**

His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan visited UK during the month of February 2023. This was Thirumenis first visit to our newly built church. Thirumeni led our Sunday worship service on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023.



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#### **First Communion Service**

15 children attended the first communion service and received Holy Communion on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and became communicant members of the church. Prior to the first communion service, our vicar had conducted a series of classes for all first communicants, starting from the month of January 2023.

His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan was the celebrant during the first communion service.

### **Obituary**

This year some of our family members have lost their beloved Parents/Siblings/Relatives. Parish extended spiritual support for the consolation of these families. We place on record our condolences to all bereaved families.

Mrs Elizabeth Mathew (Liz), wife of Mr. Anil Mathew was called to eternity on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Mrs Thankamma Mathew, one of the senior members, was called to eternity on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023

We give thanks to God Almighty for their life, especially their services and contributions to St. James Mar Thoma Church and the love and fellowship they shared amongst our community.

### **House Blessing**

During this year several of our members have acquired new homes and the house blessing services have been conducted.

### St James Mar Thoma Centre

With a long-term vision to build and develop our own place of worship, in 2005, St. James MTC purchased (167 Avery Hill Road, New Eltham), spanning 4.6 acres in the Royal Borough of Greenwich, neighbouring the University of Greenwich campus.

The foundation stone laying service of the redevelopment of the Mar Thoma centre and Parsonage was held on 23rd August 2017. Our late His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan and Our Diocesan Bishop His Grace Rt. Rev. Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa led the service and laid the foundation stone in the presence of invited guests, clergy of sister parishes and members of the parish.

The consecration of our Church, Centre and parsonage was conducted on 8th May 2021 by His Grace Rt. Rev. Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa. On the following day, we had the first holy communion service at our newly built St James Mar Thoma Church.

By the Grace of Our good Lord, after years of collective prayers, hard work and perseverance, we accomplished this long-term vision of building our own place to serve as the St. James Mar Thoma Church Centre, with facility for worship, multi-use facility for community and sports activities and a parsonage.

The Centre will continue to be a blessing not just for our families, but also for the community as a whole and for the next generation.



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### **Parish Organizations**

The Parish is blessed with its organizations namely: Sunday School, Youth League, Church Choir, Suvishesha Sevika Sangham (The Women's Mission) and the Edavaka/Parish Mission. Each organization has elected leaders to help carry out the administrative duties and responsibilities vested on them meaningfully. All the organisations of our Parish functions effectively to further the mission of our Church.

### **Sunday School**

Mrs. Sherine George – Sunday School Headmistress

"Train a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it" Proverbs 22: 6

Another year has passed with seismic shifts and challenges in so many areas of life. Yet through all of it we experienced God's constancy and provision within our church and Sunday school ministry. This report covers for the period of April 2022 –March 2023.

The Administration staffs for the year 2022/23 were elected on 22nd August 2022 were as follows:

Headmistress: Mrs Sherine George	Treasurer: Mrs Susan Mathew
Secretary: Mrs Jessen Joseph	Auditor: Mrs. Meridith Babu

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND CLASSES

There are 82 children registered in our Sunday school in 2022-23, of which 50-55 children attended the classes regularly under the guidance and training of 20 teachers. Classes are held from 9.00am – 10.15am in church. The classes were divided into Nursery, Kindergarten, Grade1 to Grade11/12. After the classes, children attended the church service.

### **ACTIVITIES HELD DURING 2022 -23**

- The Sunday school calendar year started with Students dedication held on 11/9/2022.
- St James MTC SS hosted the South Zone WSSD on 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022 @ Joe Richardson Community Centre Hall which was attended by 502 participants from all churches of the South Zone centre.
- The World Sunday school day was celebrated in our church on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022. We followed the special worship order provided by the Samajam at the start of the service.
- Various planned annual competitions were held from January 2023.
- For outreach charity project work a sum of £400 has been donated to Mar Thoma Dayara Samooham .
- Sunday school is continuing the support to the local food bank (Bexley Food Bank) and children brought non-perishable tin food items on every Sunday. £100 was also donated to buy food to the food bank.

#### **Youth League**

Ms. Nisha Mary Philip - Youth Secretary

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18."



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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Almighty Lord and Saviour for his grace and mercy bestowed upon us throughout the year. It was indeed a blessing to witness Youth League members dedicatedly serving the lord through various activities and events.

11 Youth Fellowship meetings were successfully held in the last financial year. The youths also participated and engaged in the Youth Sunday Service with prayerful dedication. The Youth League were able to collect a sum of £465 for the Dayara mission in India as part of the Yeldho Lent collection. The Youths actively participated and organised various entertaining game sessions in both indoor and outdoor format for the church retreat. They also lent a hand during the harvest festival by organising the drinks, games and entertainment stall. The youths joined hands and beautifully decorated the church for Christmas which was appreciated by all, there was also a skit presentation by the youths in the Christmas Bells program. As a supportive gesture, a WhatsApp group was created for all the migrating students and youngsters in order to guide and support them for their new phase of life in UK. The Youths also had active participation at Zonal Level in events like Zonal Youth Retreat & Donal Triathlon, where we won 1 st position in aptitude and 2 nd position in Quiz. The Youths and their respective family members actively engaged in online sessions organised by the Zone on the theme - Tackling Addictions. Under the leadership of Rev. K.K Kuruvila, we had a meaningful Youth Convention, led by Rev. Abu Cherian.

We thank the Vicar, Executive Committee, Senior Parish members and all the Youth members for their support and participation throughout the year

#### **Church Choir**

*Mr. Preet Wilson – Choir Secretary* 

The Choir is an integral part of the worship service of our Church and plays a very active role in assisting the vicar and leading the worship services, special services and events which include the Parish Convention & Parish Day, First holy communion and Thirumeni's visit, Christmas carols service, Watch Night service and Passion Week services.

St James choir is affiliated with DSMC and has a strength of 36 choir members, 16 males and 20 females. Choir consists of members who are part of various organisations like Sevika Sangham, Sunday School, Youth League, Edavaka Mission etc.

Junior choir was led by the Junior choir in charge Mr. Jickson V George who did a wonderful job in leading the children. This was a great platform for the young children to begin their journey into learning and singing music and also be part of the overall choir.

The following members served as office bearers for the year 2022 – 23.

Choir Master	Mr. Aji Chacko	Choir secretary	Mr. Preet K. Wilson
Asst. Choir Master	Mr. Jiku Thomas	Treasurer	Mr. Nithin Jacob

### Activities for the year 2022-23

The **Choir Sunday** service was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022. Choir members took a major lead in assisting the service. There was a special order of worship by DSMC that was used during the service. Choir members also presented a special song. Mr. Preet Wilson gave the sermon for the service.

In 2022/23, two **choir auditions** were held. The first was a full audition for existing and new members on April 2, 2022, resulting in 16 male and 20 female selections. The second audition on March 25, 2023, added 5 male and 7 female members to the choir.



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Our choir began practising for the **Christmas carol service** in September. The service was held on December 11, 2022, in New Eltham, with Lord Griffiths of Burry Port as the chief guest who gave the sermon. The choir performed 7 new carols, 4 Malayalam and 3 English, and the Junior choir sang 2 new carols, all of which were well received. The event was recorded and released on YouTube. The Sunday school children presented a thought-provoking skit.

**Christmas Bells** is an annual event organized by the choir focusing on the theme of Christmas. This year, Christmas Bells was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at Church. The presentations by the church prayer groups and organisations were commendable and we would like to thank all the area group representatives, and everyone involved for their participation, effort and support.

The **Zonal carols service** took place on December 27 at St. James Mar Thoma church, featuring choirs from 8 different parishes. Rev. Nithin P Koshy, Vicar of St. Gregorios Orthodox church, gave the sermon. The choir took an active part in the service and took leadership in organising the event. The choir extends its gratitude to the church office bearers and committee for organizing the event successfully.

By the Grace of God, Choir members, family and friends were able to go over the budget this year and donate a total of £1320 for a couple of blessed charity initiatives: £670 to MTC Aluva for those in need of dialysis and £650 to MCRD Thelliyoor.

### Suvishesha Sevika Sangham (The Women's Mission)

Mrs. Bindu Annie Jacob – Sevika Sangham Secretary

St. James parish is blessed with a vibrant Sevika Sangham that takes an active role in the spiritual life of the parish. Sevika Sangham members offered great mental and physical support for the family members of parish members in their sickness and in bereavement. Chain prayers and fasting prayers were observed every alternate Fridays by Sevika Sangham members. Sevika Sangham played an active role in organising and preparing a wide variety of food for our Harvest Festival. Our Sevika Sangham members organised Onam Sadhya after church service on the 9th of October 2022 which was well attended. An amount of £1540 was collected on the day. On the 5th of February 2023, we organised a one-off food sale to raise money towards our charity fund. This was a remarkable success and we managed to raise £1710.

A Bible quiz competition was held at church between the under versus the over 40's. Our Kochamma was the quiz master and the Over 40's members came out winners on the day.

Our Parish celebrated the Sevika Sangham day on the 4th of September 2022. Our members assisted and helped to lead the service for the Sunday Holy Qurbana on the day. Our Kochamma Mrs Remy Kuruvila delivered the sermon on the day on the theme 'Women - Defenders of Faith'.

Our vicar Rev K.K Kuruvilla served as the President of both the St. James Sevika Sangham and the UK & Europe Zone Sevika Sangham.

The following members served as office bearers for the year 2022 - 23.

Vice President	Mrs. Ashwathy Varghese	Treasurer	Sheena John
Secretary	Mrs. Bindu Annie Jacob	Auditor	Mrs. Shiney Alex
Joint Secretary	Mrs. Shanty Thomas		



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#### **Edavaka/Parish Mission**

Mr. Rajan Chacko- Edavaka Mission Secretary

Acts 1:8, "When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all Judaea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Edavaka Mission has a prominent role of spreading the Gospel and leading the mission activities of the Parish. The functioning of this organisation is based on the motto 'Every Marthomite is an Evangelist' and it was called to promote various activities of the Parish. Evangelism is the responsibility of every member of the Church and not that of the clergy alone.

Edavaka mission took initiative in organizing this year's lent Online evening prayer meetings. Edavaka mission organized a three-day Parish Convention on October 28,29 & 30th. Rev. Abu Cherian, vicar of Carmel Mar Thoma Church was our Convention speaker. The Theme for the convention was "Chemistry of a Blessed Christmas Family". All three days of the convention was very well attended.

The following members served as office bearers for the year 2022 - 23.

Vice President	Mr. Varughese Mathew	Treasurer	Dr. Shiney Susan Reji
Secretary	Mr. Rajan Chacko	Auditor	Mrs. Shiny Alex

The Edavaka Mission remains always as the body for helping the spiritual awakening of the Parish. We thank our Achen and all the Edavaka Mission committee members. May God's continuing guidance be with the Church and all Edavaka Mission activities.

### **Area Prayer Groups**

The Parish is currently made up of seven prayers groups namely: Bury St. Edmunds, East London, Ipswich, Kent, North & West London, South East London and South London. Each prayer groups met once a month for Bible study, praise and intercessory prayers. Each prayer group has an elected prayer leader to assist the Vicar with the arrangements. The online area prayers are a source of strength and enrichment to the lives of members both children and adults. The prayer groups also play a part in assisting with our Worship services. Each elected prayer group leader has played a vital role in keeping the families informed and also supporting the lay leaders for Church assistance. Prayer groups also have elected treasurers to manage the offertory and any other special collection the groups may decide.

### **Zonal Meetings**

The parish members participated in the Mar Thoma UK and Europe zonal conventions and prayer meetings. This included the Zonal convention, Zonal Youth Convention, Zonal Youth meetings, Zonal Sevika Sangham Meet, Zonal Christmas Carols and Zonal Mar Thoma Meet. Few of our members have taken up leadership role in the zone. Mr. Noble J. Mathew continued as the Zonal Secretary, and Mrs. Sherine George served as the Zonal Sunday School Treasurer. Mr Aji Chacko served as the DSMC Management Committee member.



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#### **Church Website & NewsLetter**

The official website of the parish is <a href="www.marthomachurch.org.uk">www.marthomachurch.org.uk</a>. The website continued to be regularly updated. It has been a source of information for both our members, new members and to others around the world.

The Church Newsletter was re-designed and is published weekly and distributed via email to members of the Parish. The Newsletter comprises the church programme calendar for each month and other information's such as: Sunday worship timings, Sunday lectionary, prayer schedules, special events, achievements by the parishioners, Financial Updates etc.

### Tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, by the Grace of God Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Defender of the Faith, who was called to eternity on 08<sup>th</sup> September 2022, was the longest-serving monarch of the United Kingdom.

We are indeed saddened by the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. While the country has lost a remarkable figurehead, a family has lost a dedicated mother, a grandmother and a great grandmother. Her Majesty The Queen served the nation with compassion, integrity and dignity, throughout her reign. Her Majesty's legacy will be the abiding and steadfast stability she provided the country, steering it through periods of significant political, cultural and social change over the last 70 years.

On behalf of all members at St James Mar Thoma Church, we extend our profound sympathy and sincere condolences to the entire Royal Family.

### **Visiting Clergies**

During the report year, following bishops and clergies visited our parish and led worship services:

- Rev Saju Chacko
- Rev Joby Koruthu
- Rev. Sijo John
- Rev Abu Cherian
- Rev Mathews Mathunny
- Rev Sunny Thomas

We would like to extend our gratitude to all the vicars and their parishes for the support.

### **Acknowledgements**

The Executive Committee would like to place on record for the grateful leadership, guidance and support of His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan and our Diocesan Bishop Rt Rev. Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa.

We also respectfully thank His Majesty's Government and the London Borough of Greenwich for all their assistance during the reporting year.

We acknowledge the dedication and sincere services of the entire Executive Committee; from the leadership and guidance of our Vice President, the tireless and meritorious work of the Treasurer



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and Accountant, Lay leaders, internal auditors, convenors of the various programmes, office bearers of organisations, all the area prayer group leaders and all our family members and well-wishers who have supported the parish through their prayers and generous contributions and wholehearted support during the year. We are also grateful to all Sevika Sangham Area prayer group leaders and families, who volunteer regularly to provide refreshments on Sundays after church service and on special occasions.

We affectionately remember with gratitude all our former and present Bishops, Vicars and their families, parish members and well-wishers. Let us thank and pray to our Lord Almighty for their services, able leadership and guidance, for their untiring work and contributions rendered for the growth of our Parish to this day.

#### Conclusion

We thank our God Almighty for the abundant mercies and provisions throughout this year, especially, during this unprecedented political and economic turmoil where we have faced with various challenges. In the midst of our limitations, His bountiful blessings protected, preserved and strengthened us to be His witnesses.

We are in a period where the next generation of our Mar Thoma community are coming over to this country. Our membership is constantly increasing and many within our community enjoy the love, fellowship and services provided by our Parish. New members attending our service need wholehearted support, guidance and fellowship. As a parish we need to set our priorities so that we can support our community.

For most part of the year under review, we conducted our regular worship services, prayer meetings, study sessions, and special events and activities, the parish has experienced God's enduring presence and grace. God Almighty has provided us timely spiritual leadership through the Bishops, Clergies, and other lay leaders. We have also extended possible support to the sick, needy, and marginalized people. Let us rededicate ourselves to continue the mission and ministry of God Almighty through reflecting Christ's character of humility, love, integrity, generosity, and servant hood. The church is the community where individuals get the support, guidance, skills, encouragement, and motivation to transform not only their own lives, but also assist others who are in need of meaning and wholeness. The church can effectively ensure that transformation is more than self-help, selfish, and without social grounding. May the Almighty God continue to bless our parish and make all our efforts for His glory and extension of His Kingdom.

Let us be the torch bearers of faith, "light to the generations and salt of the earth" and move forward with the motto of the Mar Thoma Church, 'Lighted to Lighten'.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee / Charity Trustees.

Rev. Soju M Thomas

Shiju Thomas

(Vicar & President)

(Hon. Secretary)



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# Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts (Internal)

Report to the Trustees /members of St James Mar Thoma Church UK (Charity No. 1059210) on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out on pages 19 to 28

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

### Basis of independent examiners' statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Direction 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 examiners' statement

In connection with our examination, no material matters have come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; 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.

We 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.

Mr. Mathews John (Hon. Independent Examiner)

Mr. Ajex John (Hon. Independent Examiner)

Date: 25th May 2023



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### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Actual 2022-23	Budget 2022-23	Actual 2021-22
Income						
Stewardship		74,127		74,127	90,000	74,825
Tax Refund		33,732		33,732	25,000	24,684
General Offertory	3a	53,031		53,031	40,000	41,457
General Offertory - Thanksgiving			3,490	3,490	3,000	2,771
Specific Offertory and Collections	3b		7,023	7,023	5,000	4,952
Harvest Festival	4	23,428	2,463	25,891	20,000	23,327
Christmas Carol Rounds		6,870		6,870	10,000	0
Mar Thoma Centre Enhancement Fund		1,430		1,430	100,000	2,680
Church Motor car collection				0	13,000	0
COVID 19 Council Grant		0		0	0	6802
Donations	3с	7,793		7,793	4,000	7,164
Diocesan Dues Collection (Zonal Contribution)			4,350	4,350	8,750	4,370
MTC Hire of Hall and Grounds		5,550		5,550	10,000	
Bank Interest		286		286	100	154
Church Organisation Collections			5,136	5,136	0	500
Souvenir Donations				0	0	10,125
Church Worship Book Donations		10		10	0	765
Zonal Development Fund			42,840	42,840	48,150	1,850
Charitable Donation Collections	18a		4,900	4,900	18,000	14,245
Church Fellowship Fund		9,632		9,632	10,000	1,085
Total Income		215,890	70,202	286,092	405,000	221,756



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	Notes	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Actual 2022-23	Budget 2022-23	Actual 2021-22
Direct Charitable Expenditure						
Salary, Tax and National Insurance	17	30,635		30,635	33,600	25,812
Provident/Pension Fund	••	750		750	750	422
Guest Expenses		990		990	1,000	940
Motor and Travel	10	2,715		2,715	5,000	1,379
Motor Car Leasing & Final Payment	10	2,085		2,085	15,000	4,110
Motor Insurance	10	1,165		1,165	1,300	1,216
Accommodation and Utility	7	5,357		5,357	9,000	7,079
Church Building & Contents Insurance		1,747		1,747	1,800	1,608
Visiting Clergy		3,750		3,750	2,500	950
Zonal Contribution	5	4,840	4,350	9,190	8,350	8,350
Specific Offertory	3b		7,023	7,023	5,000	4,952
Harvest Festival Expenses and Grants	4	1,260	2,463	3,723	2,500	4,103
Charity Contribution from Thanks Giving			3,490	3,490	3,000	2,771
Printing, postage and Stationery		28		28	250	59
Special Events, Parish Day / Convention		6,168		6,168	3,500	3,190
Provision for Vicars Transfer Cost	14	11,761		11,761	8,000	6,000
Mandalam and Assembly Meeting TA		0		0	1,000	0
Church Grant	9	2,750		2,750	3,000	3,250
Ecumenical Membership	5	400		400	400	400
Sundry Expenses		51		51	500	225
Altar Expense		279		279	500	301
Carol Rounds Expenses		1,140		1,140	1,500	0
Bank Charges		1,284		1,284	1,500	857
Family / Clergy Conference		0		0	500	0
Mar Thoma Centre Expenses	8	13,607		13,607	24,000	16,916
Bank Loan Repayment & Interest	11	52,912		52,912	79,572	38,073
Mar Thoma Centre Enhancement Expenses					100,000	
Donations		0	0	0	500	2,529
External Accountancy Fees				0	0	0
Church Organisation Payments			5,136	5,136	0	300
Church Opening Ceremony Expenses		0		0		3,647
Souvenir Expenses		0		0		1,400
Zonal Development Fund		5,310	42,840	48,150	48,150	1,850
Professional Fees		1,000		1,000	5,000	
IT Infrastructure		190		190	2,000	119
Election Expenses		0		0	0	2,378
Transfer to MTC Building Fund					0	2,680
Charitable Donation Payments	18b		4,900	4,900	18,000	14,245
Church Fellowship Expenses		9,605		9,605	10,000	1,318
Total Expenditure		161,777	70,202	231,979	396,672	163,429
Excess of Income over Expenditure		54,113	0	54,113	8,328	58,327
Less: Depreciation	12	52,975	0	52,975	0	55,256
Net Surplus	15	1,138	0	1,138	0	3,071
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these accounts.

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### **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2023**

	Notes	2023		20	022
FIXED ASSETS		£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	12		2,423,565		2,462,494
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at Bank- General		56,099		38,907	
Cash at Bank– Building Fund	15	10,668		10,668	
		66,767		49,575	
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors & Accruals	13	121,399		109,614	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			-54,632		-60,039
		-	2,368,933		2,402,455
Less: Bank loan (Bank of India)	11		780,450		807,110
Less: Provision for Vicar's transfer cost	14	<u>-</u>	8,000		16,000
NET ASSETS		-	1,580,483		1,579,345
Represented by :					
Unrestricted					
General Funds	15		647,185		646,047
Building Fund	15		930,263		930,263
Restricted					
Social welfare Fund	15		3,035		3,035
		-	1,580,483		1,579,345
		-			

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 03<sup>rd</sup> June 2023\_and were signed on its behalf by:

Rev. Soju M Thomas (President) Mr. SHIJU THOMAS (Hon. Trustee)

Mr. ASHOK THOMAS (Hon. Trustee)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these accounts



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### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### a. Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognized at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

### b. Recognition of income

Income included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

#### c. Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and are valued at cost. Depreciation is provided on the following rates.

Freehold property 2% on cost

Fixtures and fittings 20% on reducing balance
Computer and other equipment 25% on reducing balance
Car 10% on reducing balance

### d. Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor.

### 2. STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship consists of voluntary contribution. 157 family members made such contributions during the year ( Tax Year 2022 : 149 family members ).

### 3. OFFERTORY

3A. General Offertory	2023	2022
Church Service	25,993	15,615
Birthday, Wedding Anniversary	10,724	10,303
Baptism	631	2,312
Wedding	500	50
Parish Day	5,848	5,911
Family Sunday tithe	7,745	5,940
Students Thanksgiving Service	1,040	856
House Dedication Service	550	50
Family Get-together	0	420
Total	53,031	41,457



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3B. Specific Offertory and Collections	2023	2022
General Offertory: Suvishesha Nidhi Collection	130	10
Specific Offertory Collection: Vaidika Seminary	270	0
Specific Offertory Collection: Metropolitan Fund	139	141
Specific Offertory Collection : Choir Sunday	117	276
Specific Offertory Collection: Mission Sunday	183	221
Specific Offertory Collection: Education Sunday	311	334
Specific Offertory Collection: World Sunday School Day	114	330
Specific Offertory Collection: Voluntary Evangelist Day	202	380
Specific Offertory Collection: Bible Sunday	204	298
Specific Offertory Collection: Outside Kerala Mission	127	218
Specific Offertory Collection: Medical Mission Sunday	336	329
Specific Offertory Collection: Clergy Medical Aid	123	157
13 Sundays Collection	2,255	2,692
Specific Offertory Collection: Youth Sunday	222	255
Specific Offertory Collection : Self Denial	3,549	1,570
Specific Offertory Collection : Recessa	393	158
Specific Offertory Collection : Sevika Sangham Day	605	277
Total	7,023	4,952

Offertories and other collections made specifically during various church services will be disbursed as required.

3C. Donations	2023	2022
Family Retreat	1,310	0
Zonal Carol Service	2,189	0
Episcopal Visit	2,505	0
Zonal Mar Thoma Meet	575	0
Other	1,214	7,164
Total	7,793	7,164

### 4. HARVEST FESTIVAL

	2023	2022
Sale Of Tickets	10,525	12,935
Auctions	5,548	3,301
Food and Games Stalls	8,863	5,741
Donations	955	1,350
Total	25,891	23326.59
Restricted Fund	2,463	2,136
Less: Expenses	1,260	1,967
Surplus	22,168	19,224



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### 5. DIOCESAN DUES / SABHA OFFICE DUES

Diocesan Dues	2023	2022
Nithyachilavu	1,490	1,350
Zonal Fund	2,980	2,700
Episcopal Travel	745	675
Zonal Day Collection Offertory	2,235	2,025
Salary Adjustment Fund	250	250
Higher education Scholarship	1,490	1,350
Ecumenical Subscription Fees	400	400
Total	9,590	8,750

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### 7. ACCOMMODATION EXPENSES

	2023	2022
Lighting & Heating	3,316	2,905
Council Tax & Water Rates	1,464	3,204
Telephone & Internet	236	447
Television Licence	159	159
Repairs and Sundry Household Items	181	364
Total	5,357	7,079

### 8. MAR THOMA CENTRE EXPENSES

	2023	2022
Rates and Water	2,525	2,392
Light and Heat	4,538	5,868
Cleaning	2,577	2,250
Premises Licence	55	235
Ground Maintenance	4,223	1,815
Building Maintenance	405	2,074
Waste Collection	402	668
Gardening	102	0
Sundry	336	872
Christmas Decorations	70	742
Total Expenses	15,234	16,174
Utilities Refund	1,627	784
Total	13,607	15,390



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9.	CHURCH GRANT FOR CHURCH ORGANISATIONS		
		2023	2022
	VBS	500	500
	Sunday School	500	500
	Sevika Sangham	500	500
	Youth League	1,000	1,000
	Choir	0	500
	Edavaka Mission	250	250
	Total	2,750	3,250
		2023	2022
	Public Transport	515	450
	Fuel Charges	1,750	879
	Motor Repairs	23	0
	Tax & Toll Charges	427	50
	Total Motor and Travel	2,715	1,379
	Motor Car Leasing	2,085	4,105
	Motor Insurance	1,265	1,194

### 11. BANK LOAN

**Total Expenses** 

Motor Car Final Payment (Note 12)

Refund

Total

This relates to loan received from Bank of India and is secured on the Freehold Property together with personal guarantees given in favour of the bank by two of our church members, Mr P K Edison & Mr Reji Mathew. Interest is charged at SOFR plus 4% and the loan is repayable by monthly instalments of £6,631.

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	2023	2022
Interest Paid	52,912	38,073
Capital Repaid	26,660	41,499
Total Paid to Bank	79,572	79,572
Mortgage Outstanding - 31st March	860,022	886,682



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#### 12. FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property	Fixtures & Fittings	Motor Vehicle	Computer & Office Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2022	2,458,443	147,434	0	6,048	2,611,925
Additions	0	1,405	12,641	0	14,046
					0
At 31st March 2023	2,458,443	148,839	12,641	6,048	2,625,971
Depreciation	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2022	72,254	71,775	0	5,402	149,431
Charge for the Year	36,169	15,413	1,264	129	52,975
At 31st March 2023	108,423	87,188	1,264	5,531	202,406
Net Book Value	£	£	£	£	£
At 31st March 2023	2,350,020	61,651	11,377	517	2,423,565
At 31st March 2022	2,386,189	75,659	0	646	2,462,494

<sup>\*</sup>Included in cost of Freehold land and building is freehold land of £650,000 which is not depreciated.

### 13. CREDITORS & ACCRUALS

	2023	2022
Unrestricted	£	£
Restricted Funds	35,527	23,527
General Accruals	5,940	6,155
MTC Building Project Accruals	360	360
Bank Loan Repayable within 12 Months	79,572	79,572
	121,399	109,614

Included in the Restricted fund above is the remaining legacy amount £4,133 of the total amount received from the estate of a Late member of the parish and this amount will be disbursed in accordance with his wishes.

### 14. PROVISION FOR VICAR'S TRANSFER COST

	2022-23	2021-22
Brought forward at 1 April 2022	16,000	10,000
Visa extension expense - 2022	7,391	
Visa application expense - 2023	10,865	
Flight Tickets for outgoing Achen	1,505	
Total expended as at 31 March 2023	19,761	
Charge for the year	11,761	6,000
Carried forward at 31 March 2023	8,000	16,000

This is to provide for the travel and other related costs of the vicar and family, on their transfer to and from this parish.



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### 15. MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS

15. MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS	General Fund	MTC Building Fund	Social Welfare Fund	Total
Unrestricted	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2022	646,047	930,263		
Net Surplus for the Year	1,138			
As at 31 March 2023	647,185			647,185
As at 31 March 2023		930,263		930,263
Less expended this year		0		330,203
Less expended previous years (2018,2019,2020, 2021, 2022)		919,595		
Held at Building Fund Bank Account	<del>-</del>	10,668		
Restricted				
At 1 April 2022			3,035	
New Funds received in the Year				
Distributed in the year				
As at 31 March 2023			3,035	3,035
				1,580,483

#### 16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

		General	
	Unrestricted (£)	Restricted (£)	Total (£)
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,423,565		2,423,565
Current Assets	63,732	3,035	66,767
Current Liabilities	-129,399		-129,399
Long Term Liabilities and Provisions	-780,450		-780,450
Assets	1,577,448	3,035	1,580,483

### 17. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The vicar who served the parish during the year was remunerated in accordance with the terms agreed prior to the appointment. The charge in the accounts include net stipend to the vicar of £23516.94, tax and national insurance contributions on the stipend and on the value of taxable benefits in kind. The vicar who also acts as manager of the Mar Thoma Centre is provided with accommodation and all expenses incurred on pastoral and management duties were reimbursed to him. Except for the above, no remuneration, either directly or indirectly, out of the fund of the church was paid or payable for the year, to any trustee nor to any person or persons known to be connected with any trustees. No expenses were reimbursed to trustees for carrying out their duties during the year.



Hospice **Total** 

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### 18 a CHARITABLE DONATION COLLECTIONS

10 a	CHARTABLE DONATION COLLECTIONS	
		2022-23
	House Building Support for Evangelist - Ranni	2,100
	Light To Life Project	2,160
	Mission Field: Andimadam	300
	Educational Support for student at TTI	240
	Turkey Earthquake Fund	100
	Total	4,900
18 b	CHARITABLE DONATION PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTIONS	
		2022-23
	Light To Life Project	2,160
	Mission Field: Andimadam	300
	Educational Support for student at TTI	240
	Total	2,700
18 c	CHARITABLE DONATION PAYMENTS FROM ACCRUALS	
		2022-23
	Friends of Vellore, UK - Support for safer birth in the Jawadhi Hills Appeal	500
	Total	500
18 d	RESTRICTED CHARITABLE DONATIONS IN ACCRUALS	
		2022-23
	House Building Support for Evangelist - Ranni	3,670
	Turkey Earthquake Fund	100
	Bexley Food Bank	400
	Greenwich Mayor Charity - The Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice	750

4,920