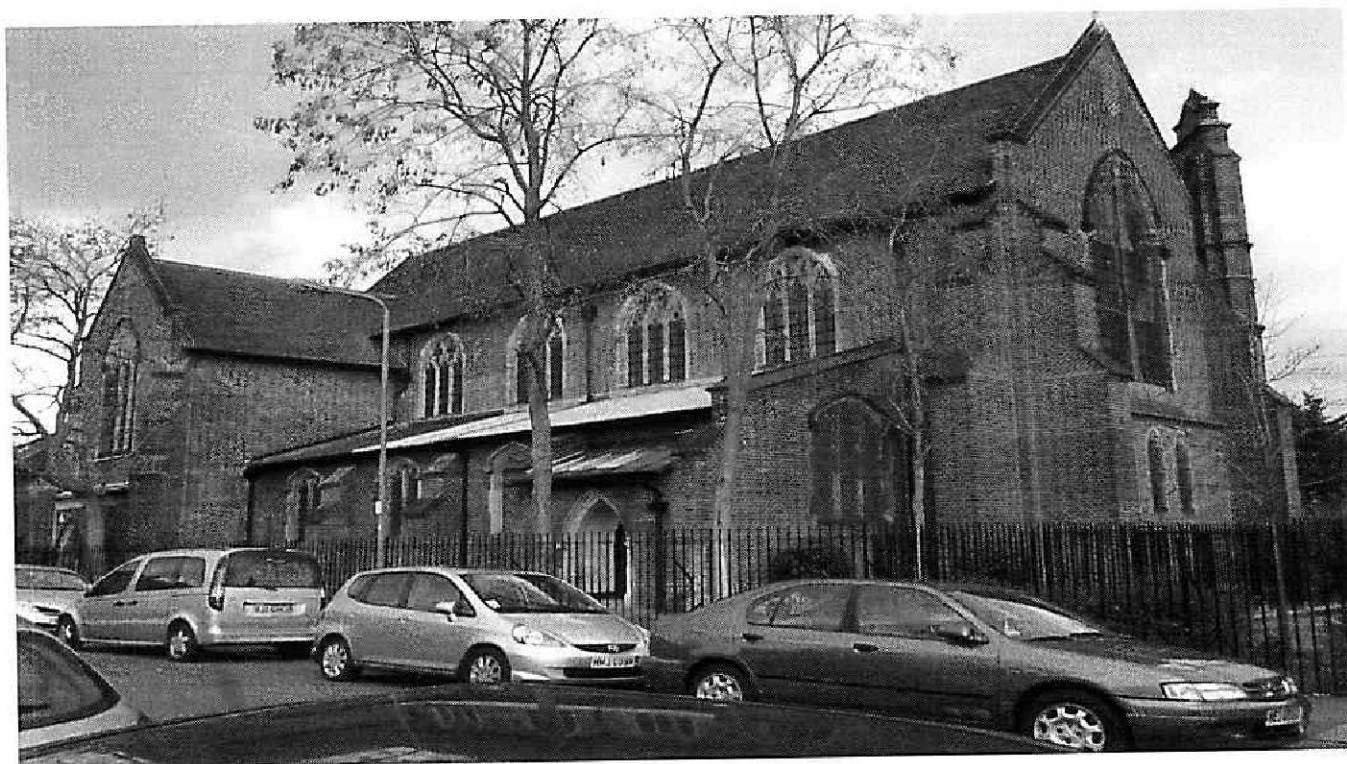


# **St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church, London- UK**

## **TENTH ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**



*A Parish of The Mar Thoma Syrian Church in the Diocese of North America and Europe*

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Member of the Churches Together in England  
Member of the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

**Charity Registration Number: 1123807**

**Worship services held at:**

**St. Luke's Church, Baxter Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 2HN**

**Website: [www.marthomachurchlondon.com](http://www.marthomachurchlondon.com)**

**Tel: 020 8491 4049**



## St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church East Area, London- UK

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

04<sup>th</sup> July 2016

To: All members of the General Body

Notice is hereby given that the Tenth Annual General Body Meeting of the St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church - East Area, UK will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2016 at 5.00 pm at St. Luke's Church, Baxter Road Ilford, Essex IG1 2HN to transact the following agenda.

#### AGENDA

1. To receive & adopt the Annual Report for the year 2015 - 2016
2. Approval of non-budgeted and over budgeted items for 2015 -2016
3. To receive & adopt the audited Annual Accounts for the year 2015 - 2016
4. To approve the budget for the year 2016 - 2017
5. Resolutions:
  - Authorise the trustees to spend an amount equal to 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the budgeted amount in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the year.

You are kindly requested to attend this meeting.

For St Peter's Mar Thoma Church, London

Raju Paul

Secretary

Note forming part of the notice:

- If any member is interested in bringing up any matter under the item "Any other Business", please contact the Vicar in writing before 5 pm on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016.
- Questions and clarifications that should be answered by reference to records should be notified in writing to the Secretary or Vicar before 5pm on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016.



## REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2015 /2016

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY) 2015-2016

The members of the Executive Committee during the year and their appointing body where appropriate are as follows:-

Rev.Vinoj Varghese	President	Appointed
Mr.K.P. Babukutty	Vice-President	Elected
Mr. Raju Paul	Secretary	Elected
Mr. Mathew A. Chacko	Tresurer	Elected
Mr. Reji Thankachen	Accountant	Elected
Mr. Alex Lukose	Lay Ministrant	Elected
Mr. Sibin Daniel	Lay Ministrant	Elected
Mr. Kurian John	Sabha Mandalam Representative	Elected
Mr. Varghese Mathews	Diocesan Assembly Representative	Elected
Mrs. Jyoti Santosh	Choir Representative	Elected
Mr. Omana Koshy	Sunday School Representative	Elected
Mrs. Omana John	Sevika Sangham Representative	Elected
Mr. Sibin Babu Philip	Youth League Representative	Elected
Mr. Binu George	Edavaka Mission	Elected
Mr. Shiju Thomas	Area Representative 1	Elected
Mr. John K. John	Area Representative 2	Elected
Mr. Skaria George	Area Representative 3	Elected
Mrs. Omana Koshy	Area Representative 4	Elected
Mr. Joby Varghese	Area Representative 5	Elected

All the committee members are elected by the General Body or appointed by their respective organisations on an annual basis except for the President and the representatives to Sabha Mandalam and Diocesan Assembly. The representatives to the Sabha Mandalam and Diocesan Assembly of the parent church are elected, and their terms of office are for a period of three years. The Vicar holds the position of the President.

#### Auditors:

Auditor 1	Mr. Thomas Alexander
Auditor 2	Mr. Sajin Sam George

Auditors are not members of the Executive Committee

BANKERS:	LloydsTSB	Barclays Bank, Leicester, LE87 2BB
	102-104, high road	
	Ilford, Essex. IG1	
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# St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church East Area, London- UK

## TENTH ANNUAL REPORT 2015- 2016

"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:18

We must learn that whatever we give up for the obedience and glory of God has tremendous potential to be turned into a miracle that will not only bring freedom and deliverance to us, but to others as well. As Moses threw down the rod, it was almost like a throwing down of his past efforts, abilities, and works. Then, God began to work miracles, and in the picking of it back up, God was preparing Moses to see powerful miracles as now HE was the one in control!

The Executive Committee has pleasure in presenting the TENTH Annual Report of St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church East Area, London- UK for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

### INTRODUCTION:

The Mar Thoma Church owes its origin to the evangelistic works of St. Thomas the Apostle, who came to India in AD 52. The Church is Eastern in worship, Episcopal in tradition, Democratic in administration, Ecumenical in vision and Catholic in mission and follows a modified version of St.

James's liturgy. The relationship between the Anglican Church and the Mar Thoma Church goes back to the reformation of the Church in India in 1836. The two churches have since 1974 been in full communion with one another and are frequently represented at each other's celebrations and conferences. The Mar Thoma Church is a full member of the World Council of Churches and always plays active roles including the Presidency in WCC. Mar Thoma Church was granted membership of the Churches together in England (CTE) and the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI). The Marthomites started worshipping in the UK in 1957. St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church was originally formed as the Mar Thoma Congregation East Area - UK in April 2006 and then as a Parish from May 2007.

### MISSION, VISION & OBJECTS:

St Peter's Mar Thoma Church East Area, London- UK is a Parish of The Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar, which has its head office in Thiruvalla, Kerala, India. This church is fully committed to serving the spiritual needs of the Malayalee Christians residing in the East Area of England, and promotes Christian harmony and fellowship in the local community. We aim to play an important role in passing our faith, traditions, culture and beliefs to our future generation. In particular, this new church helps and supports new families to the U.K. and welcomes their active participation in Sunday school and various other church activities.

The vision of the Mar Thoma Church is "Lighted to Lighten". St Peter's Mar Thoma Church will endeavour to become the beacon in the UK especially in the East Area in providing spiritual enrichment to individuals and families through Fellowship, Prayer and Worship under the vision of the Mar Thoma Church. We will seek to support evangelistical work where Christianity is promoted. The Parish has a mission to reach people in the East of London and England and provide pastoral care and serve their spiritual needs.



## St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church East Area, London- UK

### PARISH HISTORY:

St Peter's Mar Thoma Church was first formed as a Mar Thoma Congregation in the East of London & UK. A committee was established in November 2005, and its aim was to establish a new Parish, geographically based in the East Area of UK.

The committee then organised 2 public meetings during December 2005 and January 2006, at the St. Michael's Church, Froud Community Centre, Manor Park where families and individuals residing in the East were invited to express their views. Due to the immense positive backing of these families during this meeting, the committee was subsequently able to collect 35 signatures of support.

The meeting held on 31st January 2006 with our Diocesan Bishop, the Rt. Revd. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos, at St. John's Mar Thoma Church, we have forwarded the signed list of names to the Bishop and effective as of April 2006, our Bishop issued a directive (kalpana) formally establishing a Congregation in the East Area. Revd. Benu John, was appointed by our Bishop as the first Vicar. On 2nd April 2006.

### PARISH STATUS:

On 4<sup>th</sup> March 2007, the General Body unanimously authorised the management committee to request our Diocesan Bishop to establish us as a Parish. Again, a signed list of names was forwarded to our Diocesan Bishop. Following a synod meeting in 2007, a directive was sent from His Grace the Most Revd. Dr Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Metropolitan establishing us as a Church, effective as of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007.

St Peter's Mar Thoma Church East Area, London- UK is a Registered Charity in the United Kingdom (Charity Reg. No: 1123807).

### PLACE OF WORSHIP:

Our worship services are being held at St. Luke's' Church, Baxter Road, Ilford, IG1 2HN from September 2009. (From April 2006 to August 2009 we were worshipping at St. Michaels Church, Manor Park, London). Revd. John Brown, Vicar of St. Luke's Church, Ilford is so kind enough to provide us the church and its facilities for our regular worship from September 2009. Occasionally we hold special programs at 'Desmond Tutu Hall' beside the Church.



## St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church East Area, London- UK

We take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to Rev. John Brown, The PCC of St. Luke's Church, Ilford and Chelmsford Diocese of Church of England for their unremitting support to us.

### RESERVE POLICY:

The parish will set aside reserves to provide financial stability and the means for the sustaining and development of our mission and objectives. As the flow of income is not uniform throughout the year we need reserves to be set aside to meet the expenses, which is more regular in pattern. The Executive Committee has determined that the approximate level of free reserves should be equivalent to four months expenditure. We are pleased to report that the required reserves have been maintained and we continue to operate prudently to build up funds for our future endeavours and developments.

### CHILD PROTECTION POLICY:

We have adopted a policy from the Diocese of Chelmsford, based on the requirements of the Children Act 1989, which will be monitored and reviewed as necessary. Key members of the parish and those working with children have undertaken CRB checks in line with legislative procedures

### HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY:

A Health and Safety Policy has been adopted by our church and a manual which is updated regularly is maintained.

### SPONSORSHIP LICENCE:

As a registered charity, according to the new UK Immigration laws, our parish is required to obtain the Sponsorship Licence from the UKBA (United Kingdom Border Agency) for bringing our Vicar under Tier 2- Minister of Religion category which will be granted on the basis of certain eligibility criteria set up by the UKBA. The Home Office granted us the Sponsorship Licence with the Rating A.

Our vicar and family were granted entry visa on the basis of Sponsorship Certificate under the Sponsorship Management System. The General body elected Mr. Kurian John as Authorising Officer and Mr. Raju Paul as key contact person from October 2015. As a registered charity, according to the UK immigration laws, this year our parish has successfully renewed Sponsorship Licence for another three years.

### MEMBERSHIP:

All baptised persons who have their names in the Parish Register of St Peter's Mar Thoma Church East Area, London - UK are members. All members over the age of 18 years and who partake in the Holy Communion in the parish constitute the General Body of the Church, which currently stands at 129.

Our membership as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 is 55 Families. In total there are 205 Members in the parish, including children.

### OUR VICARS:

Revd. Benu John - from April 2006 to April 2007  
Revd. Abraham Mathew - from May 2007 to April 2010.  
Revd. Sabu C Mathew – from May 2010 – April 2013  
Rev. VinoJ Varghese – from May 2013 – April 2016



## St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church East Area, London- UK

Rev. Vinoy Varghese resides in London and also renders outreach work at Birmingham where he extends evangelical guidance to Hermon Mar Thoma Church, Midlands, Birmingham.

### VICARAGE

The purchase of a Vicarage of our own has always been a long term goal for our Parish. The Annual General Body Meeting of St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2014 suggested the executive committee, to study the feasibility of the purchase of a parsonage through a Bank Mortgage payment. A subcommittee consisting of 5 members to find a suitable house was constituted. A house on sale at Collier Row (154, Clock House Lane RM 5 2TJ), at a distance of 7 miles from the St Luke's Church was selected as the new Vicarage.

#### Terms & Conditions of the Mortgage:

Property Value : £280000.00

Loan Amount : £180000.00

Mortgage period : 20 Years

The purchase was completed on 30/06/2015 and by the grace of God the Parsonage was dedicated on 14/08/2015 by our Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius Episcopa. Achen and church members from other UK sister parishes were also joined the Parsonage dedication service.

### UK CENTRE & EUROPE REGION

Our members are taking active leadership in various organisations under UK Centre and Europe Regional set up of the church.

#### COMPE (Council of Marthoma Parishes in Europe)

Our Parish is a contributing member of Council of Marthoma Parishes in Europe (COMPE) which is formed in 2009. Mr. Varghese Mathews is our church representative to COMPE.

#### CTE & CTBI Membership

We, St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church, London have membership in both Churches Together in England (CTE) and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) and our Vicar, is representing Mar Thoma Church in the CTBI network organization of Faith & order.

### REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES:

#### Worship Services

The Holy Communion services are celebrated in Malayalam and English on the first and the third Sundays of the month respectively. Divine services are conducted on second and fourth Sundays. During the year we conducted 70 services of which 43 were Holy Communion services (including 6 at Chelmsford), 27 Divine worship services, 1 Good Friday Services, 1 Christmas Carol Service , 1 Year-End Watch night service and 1 joint service with St. Luke's Church.



## St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church East Area, London- UK

### Parish Day

The Ninth Parish Day was celebrated on 03 May 2015. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa (Chennai-Bangalore Diocese) conducted the Parish Day Service. A brief report of Parish activities was read.

### Parish Convention

Parish Convention was held from 26/02/2016 to 28/02/2016, at St. Lukes Church and the main speaker was Rev. Dr. Jacob Thomas from Belfast.

### Students' Thanksgiving & Dedication Service

Students' thanksgiving and dedication service was held on 06<sup>th</sup> of September 2015 along with the Holy Communion service.

### Christmas Carol Service

The Christmas Carol service was held on 20<sup>th</sup> of December 2015. The Christmas message was delivered by **The Ven. Dr. John Perumbalath**. The programme was attended by few members from our sister parishes. The choir, under the leadership of Mrs.Jyoti Santhosh

To make the programme more colourful our Sunday school children displayed their talents with some excellent performance. We appreciate the dedication and hard work of the Choir and all others behind the scenes who made it a memorable programme.

House to house caroling was done during the Christmas season where members from all areas actively participated irrespective of their domain. We express our sincere thanks to the convenor Mr. Gimmy Jacob and Mr. Shekhar Ambetkar for the effort to make house caroling to joyful events.

### Watch Night Service

We had the Watch Night service on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 at 10.30pm at St. Luke's Church. The service was well attended by many of our members with their families and was a time of thanksgiving, testifying and worshipping.

### Harvest Festival:

The Harvest Festival took place on 05<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at Fanshawe Hall, Barnmead Road, Dagenham, RM9 5DX. The Sevika Sangham organised various stalls with Kerala delicacies. The youth league organised various games and other activities. Auctions of home-made products and other items were the key fund raising activity of the day. We raised a total amount of £ 10,833.00. We express our sincere thanks to the convenors Mr. John K.John & Mr. Sam P.George for their effort to make the Harvest Festival a grand success.

### Cultural Program:

This year we had our cultural programme, named 'Kerala Cultural Festival' on 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2015 at Fanshawe Hall, Barnmead Road, Dagenham, RM9 5DX, which was an opportunity for our children, youths and other members to showcase their talents. Every one enjoyed the traditional Kerala meal served on banana leaves which truly was an opportunity to reminisce our time back home during the season of harvest. The endeavours of Mr. Alex Lukose & Mrs. Sajini Johny who took active part in organising the programme are well appreciated.



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### Family Sunday:

On 01<sup>st</sup> of November 2015 our parish celebrated as Family Sunday and Rev. Roney Cherian Vic. Of Carmel Marthoma Church, Liverpool was lead the Holy Communion Service and soon after the service Achen conducted a Family retreat and deliver the speech about the importance of family relationship. During the service parish members were offered Family tithe.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

A VBS (Vacation Bibles School) was held under the leadership of Sunday School from 28<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015 at St. Luke's Church, Ilford. A total of 80 children. attended the VBS. The VBS theme ws The Promise and the VBS Director Mr. Stanley Mathew John from St. John Marthoma Church gave an excellent leadership to the VBS. We express our sincere appreciation to Mr. Gimmy Jacob (VBS-convenor) and all those who supported to make the VBS a very meaningful and memorable one for our children.

From the amount collected through VBS offertory, a sum of £530.00 was given to St.Luke's charity.

### PRAYER MEETINGS:

Cottage prayer meetings are held in various members' homes across East and North London, Chelmsford . These fellowships give us potency & enhancement to lead a true Christian life.

BAPTISM:
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MATRIMONY:
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### CHURCH ORGANISATIONS:

Sunday School - Sunday School is the future church. Sunday school classes are being held every week under the guidance of a dedicated team of teachers. There are 40 students and 15 teachers in our Sunday school which takes an active part in the church services especially during the Christmas Carol programme. They meet regularly after church service between 5-6 pm where classes based on a curriculum designed by the Sunday school board of our North America & Europe Diocese are followed. Mrs. Omana Koshy is currently serving as the Head Master of Sunday School. Mrs. Binitha Rinosh worked as the Secretary during the reporting period. On 04/10/2015 Sunday School has organized a quiz competition after the service at St Luke's Church. Sunday School Anniversary was conducted on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Our Sunday school celebrated the World Sunday School on the 30/10/2015 at MTC Manchester, where they performed a song and skit.

Sevika Sangham (The Women's Mission) - Sevika Sangham day was also held on 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2015 along with the service. One day fasting prayer held on 16/01/2015 at St. Luke's Church and the main speaker was Mr. Abraham Thomas from St Johns MTC, Hounslow. Sevika Sangham have regular Bible studies, fasting prayers on Saturdays and prayer on Fridays, where members pray for others based on the prayer request forwarded to all members. Sevika Sangham organises the refreshments after church service every Sunday and they also take a prominent role in the Harvest Festival. Mrs. Gigi Benoy was the Sevika Sangham Secretary for 2015-2016.



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**Youth Fellowship** - Youths have regular meetings after church service. They also have bible studies and take active part in the choir and worship services. It has to be noted that Youth League members have participated in programmes organised by our sister parishes. They also help the parish by arranging the altar for Holy Communion service, monthly cleaning of the church etc. Youth Sunday was celebrated on 18/10/2015 a special dedication service was held for the youth Mr. Sabin Babu Philip worked as the Secretary during the reporting period.

**Church Choir** - Choir takes active part in leading the regular Sunday Services. The choir practices one hour every Sunday before the worship service and provide the lead role at the Christmas Carol Service. They also participated in the ecumenical service held at St Johns Mar Thoma Church, Hounslow on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December 2015. We value the dedication of all choir members in ensuring that we have a graceful service on Sundays. Mr. Sam P. George was the Secretary of our church choir for the reporting year and Mrs. Jyoti Sntosh Mrs. Susan Shekhar and Mr. Suraj Alexander served as the Malayalam and English choir leaders respectively. The choir has also taken initiative to learn the new hymns and tunes published by the DSMC of Marthoma church.

**Edavaka (Parish) Mission** – Edavaka Mission is active in organising Prayer meetings and bible classes. They also give leadership in organising Family Retreats. One day family retreat held on 14/11/2015 at Chelmsford and the main speaker was Rev. Thomas Philip, Vicar of Sinai MTC.

### WEBSITE:

The Parish web site is [www.marthomachurchlondon.com](http://www.marthomachurchlondon.com), which is regularly updated with useful information for our church members. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Varghese Abraham for the timely web updates.

### NEWS LETTER / PROGRAMME DIARY

The St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church newsletter is published quarterly with programme diary of all services and events, Epistle and Bible Reading portions, names of members who are to read the lessons and those assisting the Vicar. The newsletter keeps our members informed of all future events.

### **Committee and General Body Meetings**

The executive committee met Eight times during the year to plan, advice and provide necessary guidance for the regular and other activities of the parish.

Four General body meetings were held during the year to decide various policy matters regarding several activities of the parish.

### FINANCE:

The audited statement of accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015 is appended to this report together with the statement by the Independent Examiners appointed under the Charities Act 1993 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2000.

Our sincere gratitude to Trustees, internal auditors and Wormald and partners for their timely preparation of accounts, auditing work undertaken and reports.



## St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church East Area, London- UK

### VISITING BISHOPS, CLERGY AND EVANGELISTS:

We are most grateful to all who visited and supported us this year, especially to:

Rt. Rev. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa

Rev. Dr. Jacob Thomas – From Belfast MTC

The Ven. Dr. John Perumbalath

Rev. Roney Cherian – Vicar from Liverpool MTC

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Our sincere gratitude are due to all those who guide us and support us, particularly to:

The Most Revd. Dr Philipose Mar Chrysostam Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan

The Most Revd. Dr Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan

The Bishop of Chelmsford, Rt. Revd. Stephen Cottrell

The Diocesan Bishop Rt. Revd. Dr Geevarghese Mar Theodosius.

Revd. John Brown, The Anglican Parish of St. Luke's Great Ilford

We acknowledge the contributions of various lay leaders who worked for the mission and vision of St Peter's Mar Thoma Church and managing its various programmes and organisations.

We are indebted to all our Parish Members for their generosity and active participation in all programmes.

The managing committee extends a heartfelt appreciation to all convenors/coordinators of the above programmes, the office bearers of the auxiliary organisations and all the members for their prayerful support.



## St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church East Area, London- UK

### CONCLUSION:

As a church, we have completed yet another year serving the members of the Parish in the East Area of London. We are continuously being blessed with new members as we provide service & fellowship to our members and others in the East area of London and beyond. We started with 35 families and now we have 55 families (few are in the process of taking membership) at the time of this report. God has been so kind and good to all of us, graciously blessing us in all our endeavours and without God's providence we would not have reached this far.

We are obliged to Rev. Vinoj Varghese in guiding our Parish and also to Kochamma and children who do take the time and effort to actively participate in our church activities regularly.

We are deeply indebted to our Lord in taking us through the initial challenges and providing our needs in its fullness. We acknowledge our gratitude to our Saviour in impacting the many lives of our people in trying times and situations. Despite the economic crisis the world is going through currently, our members generously support the church and uphold it in their prayers. We thank God for another year of our existence as a Parish. As we continue to grow as a Parish I am grateful for your continuous support and co-operation to make St Peters Mar Thoma Church a truly divine place of worship. Let us be an example to others by being a community extending warm welcome to all guests and newcomers, offering every possible help and support, binding each other with the chord of LOVE gifted to us by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**"For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ..."**  
(1Corinthians 3:11)

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

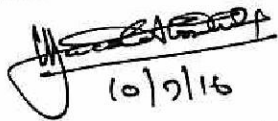
Raju Paul

Secretary

Place: Ilford

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Read & Passed

  
10/7/16

Rev. Fr. Abraham  
Vicar



Independent examiner's report to the trustees and members of  
St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church, East Area- UK

We report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 March 2016, which are set out on pages     to     .

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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

It is our responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

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



**Mr. Sajin Sam George**  
Hon. Independent Examiner

Dated: 20/04/16



**Mr. Thomas Alexander**  
Hon. Independent Examiner

Dated: 20/04/2016

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**  
**St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 set out on pages five to ten.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
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  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr D R Patel  
Senior Partner  
Wormald & Partners  
Redland House  
157 Redland Road  
Redland  
Bristol  
BS6 6YE

Date: 23/07/16

**St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2016**

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total 2016 funds £	Total 2015 funds £
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<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income		51,689	41,860	93,549	71,906
Activities for generating funds	2	10,833	-	10,833	11,284
Bank Interest	3	5	-	5	180
Other incoming resources		<u>25,270</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,270</u>	<u>18,057</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>87,797</b>	<b>41,860</b>	<b>129,657</b>	<b>101,427</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Church Running Costs		72,667	-	72,667	63,835
Other resources expended		<u>3,375</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,375</u>	<u>1,225</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>76,042</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,042</b>	<b>65,060</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>					
		11,755	41,860	53,615	36,367
Gross transfers between funds	13	<u>61,010</u>	<u>(61,010)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		72,765	(19,150)	53,615	36,367
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		103,822	19,150	122,972	86,605
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b><u>176,587</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>176,587</u></b>	<b><u>122,972</u></b>

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**St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church**

**Balance Sheet  
At 31 March 2016**

	Not es	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total 2016 funds £	Total 2015 funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	7	294,217	-	294,217	3,605
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8	15,616	-	15,616	16,630
Cash at bank and in hand	9	<u>60,270</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,270</u>	<u>112,358</u>
		75,886	-	75,886	128,988
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(19,798)	-	(19,798)	(9,621)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>56,088</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,088</u>	<u>119,367</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		350,305	-	350,305	122,972
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	11	(173,718)	-	(173,718)	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>176,587</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>176,587</u>	<u>122,972</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	13				
Unrestricted funds				176,587	103,822
Restricted funds				-	19,150
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>176,587</u>	<u>122,972</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 10.07.2016 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr Reji Thankachan  
(Trustee Accountant)



Mr Mathew A Chacko  
(Trustee Finance)



Rev Vinoj Varghese - Jacob Abraham  
(Vicar and President)

*Read & Passed*  
*10/7/2016*  
*Rev. Jacob Abraham*  
*Vicar*



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**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2016**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**Resources expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity.

Resources expended include attributable VAT that cannot be recovered.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- not provided
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance basis
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance basis
Computer equipment	- 33.33% on reducing balance basis

The trustees have carried out a full impairment review in accordance with FRS 11, as a result of which no depreciation charge is made in respect of Freehold Property on the ground that the estimated residual value is not materially different from its carrying value in the Balance Sheet.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

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

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS**

	2016	2015
	£	£
Fundraising -Harvest Festival	<u>10,833</u>	<u>11,284</u>

**3. BANK INTEREST**

	2016	2015
	£	£
Bank Interest	<u>5</u>	<u>180</u>

**4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2016 nor for the year ended 31 March 2015 other than the ministerial stipend and other related living expenses paid to the vicar for his pastoral duties.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2016 nor for the year ended 31 March 2015.

**St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2016**

**5. INVESTMENT POLICY**

The trustees have the power to transfer money from the current account to a deposit account to maximise the income received from interest.

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to its operations, personnel and finances, and are satisfied that the systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to major risks. The trustees to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity periodically review these procedures.

**7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>					
At 1 April 2015	-	4,825	3,835	805	9,465
Additions	282,282	2,040	10,048	518	294,888
Disposals	-	-	(3,835)	-	(3,835)
At 31 March 2016	<u>282,282</u>	<u>6,865</u>	<u>10,048</u>	<u>1,323</u>	<u>300,518</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1 April 2015	-	2,277	2,924	659	5,860
Charge for year	-	983	2,230	152	3,365
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	(2,924)	-	(2,924)
At 31 March 2016	<u>-</u>	<u>3,260</u>	<u>2,230</u>	<u>811</u>	<u>6,301</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 31 March 2016	<u>282,282</u>	<u>3,605</u>	<u>7,818</u>	<u>512</u>	<u>294,217</u>
At 31 March 2015	<u>-</u>	<u>2,548</u>	<u>911</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>3,605</u>

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

	2016 £	2015 £
Trade debtors	50	1,210
Gift Aid Tax Receivable	14,559	14,352
Prepayments	<u>1,007</u>	<u>1,068</u>
	<u>15,616</u>	<u>16,630</u>

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

	General fund £	Edavaka Missison £	Youth League £
Cash in hand	-	-	-
Lloyds Account	50,558	528	519
CCLA- Building Capital Fund	51	-	-
Barclays Account	5,000	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,609</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>519</b>

	Sevika Sangham £	Sunday School Fund £	2016 Total funds £	2015 Total funds £
Cash in hand	240	-	240	1,328
Lloyds Account	2,829	545	54,979	69,562
CCLA- Building Capital Fund	-	-	51	41,468
Barclays Account	-	-	5,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,069</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>60,270</b>	<b>112,358</b>

**10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2016 £	2015 £
Bank Loans	5,711	-
Creditors & Accruals	2,587	3,121
Provision for Vicar's transfer Cost	11,500	6,500
	<b>19,798</b>	<b>9,621</b>

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	2016 £	2015 £
Bank Loan	173,718	-

**12. SECURED DEBTS**

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2016 £	2015 £
Bank loans	179,429	-

The Bank loan is fully secured by first legal charge over the freehold property at 154 Clock House Lane , Romford, Essex, RM5 2TJ.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2016**

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.15 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.16 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	99,940	11,126	60,860	171,926
Edavaka Missison	528	-	-	528
Youth League	519	-	-	519
Sevika Sangham	2,447	472	150	3,069
Sunday School Fund	<u>388</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>545</u>
	103,822	11,755	61,010	176,587
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Parsonage Fund	<u>19,150</u>	<u>41,860</u>	<u>(61,010)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>122,972</u></u>	<u><u>53,615</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>176,587</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	85,782	(74,656)	11,126
Sevika Sangam	1,622	(1,150)	472
Sunday School Fund	<u>393</u>	<u>(236)</u>	<u>157</u>
	87,797	(76,042)	11,755
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Parsonage Fund	<u>41,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,860</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>129,657</u></u>	<u><u>(76,042)</u></u>	<u><u>53,615</u></u>

**St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2016**

	2016 £	2015 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Stewardship	14,413	14,252
General Offertory	5,020	4,697
Wedding/Birthday Donations	1,505	2,175
Recessa/Uposhanam/Diocesan Sun	2,145	1,926
General Donations	1,135	749
Christmas Carol	1,986	2,015
Charity Donations/Special Offer	4,307	6,827
VBS Donations	2,085	2,485
Special Events	1,868	2,355
Sevika Sangham	1,329	1,095
Sunday School Income	388	385
Edavaka Mission	-	123
Gift Aid Tax Refund	15,508	13,672
Parsonage Fund	<u>41,860</u>	<u>19,150</u>
	93,549	71,906
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>		
Fundraising -Harvest Festival	10,833	11,284
<b>Bank Interest</b>		
Bank Interest	5	180
<b>Other incoming resources</b>		
Contribution from BHMTc	<u>25,270</u>	<u>18,057</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	129,657	101,427
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Ministerial Stipend	18,474	18,664
Provident Funds	113	200
Travel & Subsistence	2,615	2,742
Vicarage Expenses	6,551	15,668
Visting Clergy,Bishops & Evang	1,950	1,325
Motor Expenses	2,531	2,172
Church/Hall Rent	2,916	2,883
Printing, Postage & Stationery	533	632
Vicar's Transfer Funds	3,500	3,500
Harvest Festival costs	290	8
Repairs & Renewals	2,290	-
Sunday School	1,703	1,399
Recessa,Diocesan & Mandalam	2,472	3,370
Special Events/Refreshments	4,286	2,999
Altar Expenses	75	58
Vacation Bible School	2,302	1,934
Sundry Expenses	75	-
Bureau Costs	390	415
Youth League	-	150
Sevika Sangam	1,000	300
Accountancy	480	300
Diocesan Central Meetings	3,669	948
Immigration & CRB Charges	528	173
Carried forward	<u>58,743</u>	<u>59,840</u>

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2016**

	2016 £	2015 £
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward		
Membership Fees (COMPE)	58,743	59,840
Specific Donations	250	250
Charitable Donations	-	1,525
Edavaka Mission Expenses	2,730	1,970
Insurance	228	250
Bank Loan Interest & Charges	255	-
	<u>10,461</u>	<u>-</u>
	72,667	63,835
<b>Other resources expended</b>		
Fixtures and fittings	983	849
Motor vehicles	2,230	303
Computer equipment	152	73
Loss on sale of Motor Vehicle	10	-
	<u>3,375</u>	<u>1,225</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	76,042	65,060
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<b>Net income</b>	<u>53,615</u>	<u>36,367</u>

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