



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

## ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS (For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017)



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

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

**Charity Registration Number: 1123807**

**Place of Worship**

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**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2016-2017****EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY) 2016-17**

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

Rev. Dr. Jacob Abraham	President	Appointed
Mr. Benoy Peter	Vice-President	Elected
Mr. Samson Abraham	Secretary	Elected
Mr. Sam P. George	Treasurer	Elected
Mr. Reji Thankachen	Accountant	Elected
Mr. Jimmy Jacob	Lay Ministrant	Elected
Mr. Jibbi Philip	Lay Ministrant	Elected
Mr. Kurian John	Sabha Mandalam Representative	Elected
Mr. Varghese Mathews	Diocesan Assembly Representative	Elected
Mr. Jyothi Joshep	Choir Representative	Elected
Mr. Omana Koshy	Sunday School Representative	Elected
Mrs. Lizzy John	Sevika Sangham Representative	Elected
Mr. Hansen Raj	Youth League Representative	Elected
Mr. Anil Cherian	Edavaka Mission	Elected
Mr. Jobbi Varghese	Area Representative (Chelmsford)	Elected
Mr. Shinu K Varghese	Area Representative (Eastham)	Elected
Mr. Cinish P. Abraham	Area Representative (Ilford)	Elected
Mr. Sibi George	Area Representative (North London)	Elected
Mr. Shiju Thomas	Area Representative (Romford)	Elected

All the committee members are elected in and by the General Body (Edavaka Shangham) after Holy Communion Service or appointed by their respective organisations for a period of one year, except for the President (Vicar) and the representatives to Sabha Mandalam and Diocesan Assembly. The Vicar holds the position of the President and is appointed. The representatives to the Sabha Mandalam and Diocesan Assembly are elected by the general body for a period of three years.

**Auditors:**

Auditor 1	Mr. Thomas Alexander
Auditor 2	Mr. Mathew Chacko

Auditors are not members of the Executive Committee.

**BANKERS:**

LloydsTSB	Barclays Bank
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## **ANNUAL REPORT 2016 -17**

***Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful:  
Colossians 3:15***

Paul expresses on three things in his letter to Colossians, Peace, One Body in Christ and be Thankful.

Paul calls believers to live in peace given by God Our Father through Jesus Christ. We receive peace from God through the blood of Christ our saviour in the cross. We should allow Peace to "rule" our hearts, meaning Gods peace should be out fist priority and should reflect in how we live and co-exist in the community. Believers are not called to live in violence or quarrel among each other, but in peace.

Paul further speaks of the unity in Christian community and asks believers to tolerate, love, and support each other as one body of Christ. He explains with Christ as the head, we are all part of a spiritual "body," which is the church. Peace within the body requires peace between its parts. He warns, believers will experience internal conflict at times, but seeking peace will help us resolve issues in love. Paul further mentions all Christians must have an attitude of thanksgiving. Paul mentions thanks multiple times in this letter, showing the importance of gratitude in the Christian life.

Being one body in Jesus Christ, sharing his peace and thanking Lord Almighty, The Executive Committee has great pleasure in presenting the **ELEVENTH Annual Report** of St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church East Area, London- UK for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

### **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:**

The vision of the Mar Thoma Church is "**Lighted to Lighten**". St Peter's Mar Thoma Church East Area, London- UK is a Parish of The Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar, with 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, promoting Christian harmony and fellowship. We aim to play an important role in passing our faith, traditions, culture and beliefs to our future generation.

As St Peter's Mar Thoma Church, our sole aim is to bear witness to the love and sacrifice of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ who died in cross for our sins, providing us hope to have eternal life by faith. We 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 bearing each other's (fellow brethren's) burden under the vision of the Mar Thoma Church. We will seek to support evangelistic work reaching people in the East of London and England and provide pastoral care and serve their spiritual needs.



### **Parish History:**

St Peter's Mar Thoma Church was first formed as a Mar Thoma Congregation in the East Area of London, United Kingdom. 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.

In a meeting held on 31st Jan 2006 we submitted a signed list of names to our Diocesan Bishop Rt. Revd. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos, at St. John's Mar Thoma Church, and of April 2006, our Bishop issued a directive (kalpana) formally establishing a Congregation in the East Area. Rev. Benu John was appointed as our 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 (Kalpana) 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 with Charity Registration number 1123807.

### **Place of Worship:**

Presently we worship in St. Luke's' Church, Baxter Road, Ilford, IG1 2HN. We are very grateful to Revd. John Brown, the committee members of St. Luke Church, Chelmsford Diocese of Church of England for their unremitting support to us and in allowing us to worship our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in full freedom since September 2009. Occasionally we hold special programs at 'Desmond Tutu Hall' beside the Church. We conducted our worship service in St. Michaels Church Manor Park London between the periods of April 2006 to August 2009.

### **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 DBS (CRB) checks in line with legislative procedures.

Currently our DBS checks and application are done through "*DBS checks and safeguarding support for Churches and Christian organisations*". Mr Benoy Peter and Mr Samson Abraham have been elected by the executive committee to support the DBS process.



### **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 License:**

As a registered charity, according to the new UK Immigration laws, our parish is required to obtain the Sponsorship license 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 license with the Rating A.

Our vicar and family were granted entry visa on the basis of Sponsorship Certificate under the Sponsorship Management System. Our Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos appointed Mr. Kurian John as Authorising Officer and key contact person.

### **Pension Scheme:**

As per rule of UKBA, St. Peter's Mar Thoma has joined the pension scheme, but our Vicar Rev. Dr. Jacob Abraham has opted out of the pension scheme.

### **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 120.

Our membership as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 is 57 Families. In total there are 207 Members in the parish, including children.

### **OUR VICARS:**

Rev. Benu John	– from April 2006 to April 2007
Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew	– from May 2007 to April 2010
Rev. Sabu C Mathew	– from May 2010 to April 2013
Rev. Vinoj Varghese	– from May 2013 to April 2016
Rev. Dr. Jacob Abraham	– from May 2016 – Present

### **Farewell & Welcome:**

A farewell was organised to say thank you and good bye to Rev. Vinoj Varghese, Reeba kochamma, Arpitha and Nevadetha on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 after Holy Communion service. We are very grateful to Vinoj Achen and family for their guidance and hard work for the last 3 years in uplifting our spirit of fellowship and brotherhood in Christ.

Further, we welcomed our new Vicar Rev. Dr. Jacob Abraham, Reena Kochamma, Milan, Alan and Melvin to the parish on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 after Holy Communion Service. Achen and his family reside in our Vicarage 154, Clock House Lane, Collier Row, Romford RM5 2TJ. Our Vicar also supports outreach work at Peterborough region.

### **Diocese Bishops**

St Peter's Mar Thomas church is under the leadership of North America and Europe Diocese and there are 71 parishes and 7 congregations in the diocese. We wholeheartedly thank Rt. Rev Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius for his generous support and guidance for last 7 fruitful years as diocesan bishop till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

Further, we wholeheartedly welcome Rt. Rev Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos as our new diocesan bishop who took charge on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. May God almighty provide him with all the blessings to guide us in spiritual enlightenment.





### **VICARAGE:**

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 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. 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. As on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 the outstanding amount as loan is £ 132,935.86.

### **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 Mar Thoma Parishes in Europe):**

Our Parish is a contributing member of Council of Mar Thoma Parishes in Europe (COMPE) which is formed in 2009.

### **CTE & CTBI Membership:**

We, St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church, London have membership in both Churches Together in England (CTE) and Churches Together in Briton and Ireland (CTBI).

## **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

### **Worship Services:**

The Holy Communion services are celebrated in Malayalam and English on the Second and the Forth Sundays of the month respectively. Divine services are conducted on First, Third and Fifth Sundays (as in case of 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in a month). 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.

### **Parish Day:**

We celebrated our Parish Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 and Rev. Abraham P. Mathew, Vicar of St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church Bristol was invited as chief guest. A brief report of parish activity was read and dinner was provided as part the celebration.

### **Parish Convention:**

It was decided to conduct Convention in April 2017 along with Parish Day.

### **Student dedication & Thanksgiving Service:**

Student dedication and thanksgiving service was held as part of Holy Communion Service with special worship order promoting children participation in church worship on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (Chelmsford Area).

### **Christmas Carol Service:**

The Christmas Carol service held on 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2016 was well attended by parish member and members from our sister parishes. Revd John Brown, Vicar of St. Luke's Church delivered the Christmas message. The Church Choir electrified the evening by their wonderful melodious songs praising and sharing the good news about the birth of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.



Brightness and richness were added to the carol service by the wonderful performance of our Sunday school children and youth group. The icing on the cake was done by our area prayer group by their active participation in the carol service. The church atmosphere got warmer as Sevika Sangham and Edavaka Mission sang their songs. Drum beats and jingle bells filled the atmosphere marking the arrival of our special guest Santa Clouse, who distributed gifts to children. On behalf of Executive committee we thank and appreciate the dedication and hard work of the Sunday school Teachers and children, Leaders and team members of Choir, Youth Fellowship, Sevika Sangham, Edavaka Mission and Area Prayer groups for their generous participation. Refreshment dinner was provided as part of the Christmas celebration.

### **House to House carol singing:**

House to house carol singing was conducted during the Christmas season where members from all areas actively participated in visiting and sharing the good news about the birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour. On behalf of Executive Committee we would like to thank all the Area Representatives – Jobbi Varghese, Shinu K Varghese, Cinish Abraham, Sibi George and Mr. Shiju Thomas for their support in making house to house carol singing a great time of joy and participation. Mr. Samson Abraham (Secretary) coordinated the carol rounds.

### **Watch Night Service:**

We had the Watch Night service and Holy Communion Service on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 at 10:00 pm in St. Luke's Church, Baxter Road, Ilford. Intercessory prayer was led by Mr. Kurian John and Holy Communion service was celebrated by Ven. Rev. Dr. John Perumbaleth. The service was well attended by many of our members, thanking and praising Lord Jesus for allowing them another new year with their families and friends.

### **Harvest Festival:**

The Harvest Festival was celebrated on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at Holy Trinity Church Parish Hall, Barking Side, Ilford LG6 2BX. 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 played a key role in fund raising activity of the day. We raised a total amount of £ 10,716.00.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the families for their generous support in Auction. We express our special thanks to our the convenors Mr. Alexander Thomas and Mr. Alex Lukose for their effort, at the same time appreciate the hard work of Mrs Gigi Benoy (Sevika Sangham Secretary) and the team in effectively coordinating and planning the food allocation between families.

### **Cultural Festival:**

Kerala Cultural Festival was organised on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Baking side, Ilford LG6 2BX. Cultural festival is a unique opportunity for the diaspora community to showcase our rich Kerala tradition to our younger generation. We take pride in dressing up in traditional Kerala cloths and perform traditional dance and acts. Our children, youths, and adults show case their talents reflecting rich Kerala tradition. There after every one sit down, to enjoy the traditional Kerala meal specially served on banana leaves with 22 to 27 different types of side dishes including at least two type of sweet dish.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the families, especially children and youths for their whole hearted high volt participation in Kerala festival. We would like to thank our coordinators Mrs Susan Shaker and Mr. Santosh George for their wonderful event management and highly organised way of doing things.

**Family Sunday:**

On 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Family dedication Sunday was celebrated as part of Holy Communion Service. Rev. Dr. Jacob Abraham celebrated Holy Communion service in St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church and special book marks were distributed. Our special guest on the occasion was Evangelist Babu Pullad, who enlightened us by the word of God. During the service special offertory covers were distributed to family and tithe offerings were collected.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

Our V.B.S. was held from 2<sup>nd</sup> June to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at St. Luke's Church, Ilford and the theme was "Be Holy". Around 80 children participated both from our parish and other churches. As VBS director, Mr. Hansen Raj gave an excellent leadership. We appreciate the hard work and dedication of Mr. Varghese Abraham (VBS convenor) and all the Sunday school teachers for their support throughout the VBS. It was a great time for children as they thoroughly enjoyed the VBS and are eagerly waiting for the next year. As part of VBS, children raised £500.00 to support St. Luke's charity project.

On 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016 as part of Christmas Carol Service, Mr Varghese Abraham thanked children for their willingness & participation in charity work. The collected amount was handed over to Revd. John Brown Vicar of St. Luke Church Ilford for charity support.

**PRAYER GROUPS:**

St. Peter's Mar Thoma church presently has 6 active prayer groups (6<sup>th</sup> prayer group Harlow was unanimously approved by General body of St. Peter's Mar Thoma church on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017). Every prayer groups elect a representative for the executive committee and the representative coordinate activities in their respective areas.

**Chelmsford** – Mr. Jobbi Varghese was elected as area representative for Chelmsford area prayer group. Chelmsford area prayer group conduct Holy Communion Service as an outreach mission activity (as part of St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church London) to support spiritual growth among believers in and around Chelmsford.

Believers from Bury St. Edmonds, Colchester, Clacton on sea, Southend on sea, Basildon, Harlow and Chelmsford participate in the Holy Communion Service held by-monthly in Chelmsford. Regular monthly prayer meetings, intercessory prayer for sick and needed and Sandhya Namaskaram prayer during Great Lent.

**Eastham** – Mr. Shinu K Varghese was the elected area representative of Eastham area prayer group. Regular prayer meetings are conducted in the area to support spiritual growth of the members in the area.

**Ilford** – Mr. Cinish P Abraham was the elected area representative of Ilford area prayer group. Regular prayer meetings are conducted in the area to support spiritual growth of the members in the area.

**North London** – Mr. Sibi George was the elected area representative of North London area prayer group. Regular prayer meetings are conducted in the area to support spiritual growth of the members in the area.

**Romford** – Mr. Shiju Thomas was the elected area representative of Romford area prayer group. Romford area prayer group conduct prayer meetings every week on Tuesday.

**Harlow** – Harlow prayer group currently have 7 registered members as part of St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church. On 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 the General body of St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church unanimously approved Harlow as an independent prayer group. Mr Philip Varghese (Binu) was elected as area representative of Harlow. Mr Philip Varghese had been instrumental in planning and arranging regular prayer meetings to support spiritual growth among Harlow members.





Let's unite in thanking God Almighty for our 6 prayer groups and their wonderful support in all spiritual activity including Holy Communion service, Sandaya Naskaram, Carol service and other activities like harvest festival, cultural festival, carol rounds etc.

### **MATRIMONY:**

No matrimony reported in this period.

### **BAPTISM:**

- 1) Roncy Leenas, daughter of Mr. Leenas Varughese and Mrs. Saumya Raj Leenas was baptised.
- 2) Michelle Sarah Abraham, daughter of Mr. Cinish Abraham and Mrs. Sherin George was baptised.

On behalf of St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church, we welcome both Roncy and Michelle to our faith community.

## **CHURCH and its ORGANISATIONS**

### **Sunday School:**

Sunday school classes are being held every week under the guidance of a dedicated team of teachers. There are 40 students and 15 teachers (full time and part-time). Sunday school is conducted regularly and we follow curriculum designed by North America & Europe Diocese.

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Sunday school children and teachers along with few parents attended a one day retreat organised in Birmingham to celebrate World Sunday school day.

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Sunday school day was celebrated as part of Holy Communion Service and special worship order was followed. Sunday school children assisted Vicar in conducting the service and the word of God was shared by Sunday School Secretary Mrs Jessin Sarah Koshy. Mrs. Omana Koshy is currently serving as the Head Teacher of Sunday School.

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

Suvisesha Sevika Sanghom or Sevika Sangham is an integral part of Mar Thoma Church and plays a vital role in church activity. Every woman above the age of 18 years is a member of the Sevika Sangham. Sevika Sangham organises regular Bible study and fasting prayer on every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. They participate in centre meetings and programs organised by sister church from time to time. On 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016 Sevika Sangham day was celebrated as part of Holy Communion Service and Reena Kochamma (w/o Rev Dr. Jacob Abraham) shared the word of God. On 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016, Sevika Sangham organised one day fasting prayer and Mr Paul Somaraj was invited to share the word of God.

Sevika Sangham under the leadership of Mrs Gigi Benoy (Secretary) have done commendable work in the area of Fasting prayer, Chain prayer and Charity. By the Grace of God, Sevika Sangham raised £1560.00 for charity work to supporting Navodaya Project, Illness Treatment and Student Education. Sevika sangham have a great deal of involvement in Harvest festival, cultural festival and Christmas Carol services. We really appreciate the group effort and hard work of the team members.

### **Youth Fellowship:**

Youths have their regular cottage prayer meetings every month. They also have bible studies and take active part in the choir and worship services. Youth members participated in programmes organised by our sister parishes. Around 17 youths participated in 2<sup>nd</sup> Europe Mar Thoma Conference, 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016 (Friday to Sunday) hosted by St. James Mar Thoma Church in Ashburnham Place, Battle, East Sussex TN33 9NF. We thank Caroline Benoy for coordinating the youths.



Youth Sunday was celebrated on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and a special dedication service was held. Youth presented a warm and humorous skit about "How to pray" in Christmas carol service. They also support parish by arranging the altar for Holy Communion service, monthly cleaning of the church etc. Mr Jibbi Philip and Mr. Hansen Raj very enthusiastically coordinated the youth activity in and outside the parish.

### **Choir:**

Choir takes active part in Sunday Services. The choir practice is held before the worship service. It's very encouraging to see choir leaders nurturing young talents. The choir always update themselves by learning new hymns and tunes published by the DSMC of Mar Thoma church.

Melody is at its best when it comes to Christmas carols, as choir members start practicing songs well in advance. They also participated in the ecumenical service held at St John's Mar Thoma Church, Hounslow on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December 2016. We highly value the dedication of all choir members in ensuring that we have a graceful service on Sundays. Mrs. Elizabeth Abraham was elected Secretary of our church choir. Mr. Sajin George and Mr. Hanson Raj served as the Malayalam and English choir leaders respectively.

### **Edavaka (Parish) Mission** *(Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelistic Association -MTEVA)*

With the sole moto of every Marthomite is an evangelist, all the members above 18years of age is considered to be members of Edavaka Mission. Edavaka mission is instrumental in organising prayer meetings and bible classes. They also give leadership in organising Family Retreats. Edavaka mission Sunday was celebrated on 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2016 as part of Holy Communion Service and Brother Sam K. Uthup was invited to share the word on God.

On 9<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Mr Alex Louis, member of St. James Mar Thoma church participated in our Holy Communion service. Mr. Louis shared the word of God focusing on different projects and activities under taken by Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists Association under the leadership of our Dioceses. This year Edavaka Mission under the leadership of Mr. Anil Cherian as secretary successfully coordinated sandhya namaskaram prayer meetings in all the areas (as per the executive committee's request) and initiated Edavaka Mission prayer meetings once in 3 months.

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

The executive committee met 7 times during the year to plan and advice necessary guidance for the regular and other activities of the parish. Three General body meetings were held during the year to decide various policy matters regarding several activities of the parish.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016, a joint committee meeting was held in St. Luke Church between St. Peter's MTC and All Saints MTC committee members to plan future programs.

### **MOVEMBER FOUNDATION Charity**

As suggested by Dioceses of North America and Europe, St. Peter's Church members supported Movember Foundation as charity and raised a total of £1125.00 for "MENS HEALTH". We would like to thank the team Mr Jobbi Varghese, Mr. Samson Abraham, Mr Anil Cherian, Mr. Kurian John, Mr. Thomas Alexander, Mr. Varghese Abraham, Mr. Santhosh George, Mr. Alex Lukose, and Mr. Reji Thhankachan for their valuable efforts. Mr. Samson Abraham as Team Captain coordinated the event.

### **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 Mr. 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.

### **FINANCE:**

The audited statement of accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017 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.

### **VISITING BISHOPS, CLERGY AND EVANGELISTS:**

We are very grateful to all who visited our parish and blessed us by sharing the gospel of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ, especially to :

- The Ven. Dr. John Perumbalath
- Rev. K. J. Samuel
- Rev. Abraham P. Mathew
- Rev. Shibu Kurian
- Evangelist Babu Pullad
- Evangelist Sam K. Uthup
- Evangelist Paul Somaraj

### **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.
- The Diocesan Bishop Rt. Revd. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos
- Revd. John Brown, The Anglican Parish of St. Luke's Great Ilford.

We would like to thank Rev. Alexander Tharakan for his pastoral support and guidance between the short gap of 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016, till our new Vicar Rev. Dr. Jacob Abraham reached United Kingdom.

We acknowledge the contributions of various leaders who prayerfully supported the mission and vision of St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church.

We are indebted to all our Parish Members for their generosity and active participation in all the programmes. The executive committee extends our heartfelt appreciation to all convenors, coordinators, office bearers for their prayerful support towards spiritual growth.



## **CONCLUSION:**

By the grace of Our Heavenly Father, Our saviour Lord Jesus Christ and The Holy Spirit, we have completed yet another year as Parish in the East Area of London. We are continuously being blessed with new members and now we have 57 families 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. Dr. Jacob Abraham in guiding us and also to Reena Kochamma and children who do take time and effort to actively participate in our church activities.

The Executive Committee is grateful for the prayer and financial support of each and every member of St. Peters Mar Thoma church and sister parishes in United Kingdom. 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,  
Samson Abraham  
Secretary – St. Peters Mar Thoma Church, Ilford, London  
Date: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2017  
for  
St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church



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

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**St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2017**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2017. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Significant activities**

Worship Services: The Holy Communion services are celebrated in Malayalam and English on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and on 1st and 3rd Sundays we have Divine services.

Parish Day: We celebrated our Parish Day on 3rd April 2016 and Rev. Abraham P. Mathew, Vicar of St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church Bristol was invited as chief guest. A brief report was read.

Student dedication & Thanksgiving Service: Student dedication service was held on 11th Sept 2016 and 24th Sept 2016 (Chelmsford Area) as part of Holy Communion Service with special worship order promoting children participation in church worship.

Christmas Carol Service: The Christmas Carol service held on 18th of December 2016 and Revd John Brown, Vicar of St. Luke's Church delivered the Christmas message.

House to House carol singing: House to house carol singing was conducted and all areas actively participated in visiting and sharing the good news about the birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Watch Night Service: On 31st December 2016 at 10:00 pm we conducted the Watch Night service and Holy Communion Service in St. Luke's Church, Baxter Road, Ilford. The Holy Communion service was celebrated by Ven. Rev. Dr. John Perumbaleth.

Harvest Festival: Harvest Festival was celebrated on 10th September 2016 at Holy Trinity Church Parish Hall, Barking Side, Ilford LG6 2BX. Auctions of home-made products and other items played a key role in fund raising activity of the day.

Cultural Festival: Kerala Cultural Festival was organised on 8th October 2016 at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Baking side, Ilford LG6 2BX.

Family Sunday: On 27th November 2016 Family dedication Sunday was celebrated as part of Holy Communion Service. Rev. Dr. Jacob Abraham celebrated Holy Communion service. Evangelist Babu Pullad enlightened us with the word of God.

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Our V.B.S. was held from 2nd June to 5th June 2016 at St. Luke's Church, Ilford and the theme was "Be Holy". Around 80 children participated both from our parish and other churches.

Lent Season Prayers - Sandhaya Namaskaram prayere were conducted in all areas under the leadership of prayer group from 27th Feb 2017 onwards.

Youth Suda - We celebrated youth Sunday on 9th October 2016 as part of Holy Communion Service.

World Sunday School Day - On Saturday 5th November 2016, children and teachers along with few parents attended a one day retreat organised in Birmingham to celebrate World Sunday school day.

Movember Foundation: St. Peter's Church supported Movember Foundation in November 2016 and raised £1125.00.

Prayer Meeting - Youth cottage meetings and area prayer meeting are conducted in member's house to support spiritual growth.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The Charity is controlled by its governing document, constitution adopted on 2 March 2008 and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1123807

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

**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2017**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Principal address**

154 Clockhouse Lane  
Collier Row  
Romford  
Essex  
RM5 2TJ

**Trustees**

Rev. Dr Jacob Abraham	-Vicar and President	Mrs Lizzy John
Mr Benoy Peter	- Vice President	Mr Hansen Raj
Mr Samson Abraham	-Secretary	Mr Anil Cherian
Mr Sam P George	-Trustee Finance	Mr Jobbi Varghese
Mr Reji Thankachan	- Trustee Accountant	Mr Shinu K Varghese
Mr Jimmy Jacob		Mr Cinish P Abraham
Mr Jibbi Philip		Mr Sibi George
Mr Kurian John		Mr Shiju Thomas
Mrs Jyothi Joshep		
Mrs Omana Koshy		

**Independent examiner**

Wormald & Partners  
Redland House  
157 Redland Road  
Redland  
Bristol  
BS6 6YE

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Mr Samson Abraham  
(Secretary)

**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 2017 set out on pages four to twelve.

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

have 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  
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BS6 6YE

Date: .....

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

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2017**

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total 2017 funds £	Total 2016 funds £
	Notes				
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		42,673	3,395	46,068	93,549
Other activities	2	10,716	-	10,716	10,833
Investment income	3	-	-	-	5
Other income		<u>29,945</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,945</u>	<u>25,270</u>
<b>Total</b>		83,334	3,395	86,729	129,657
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Church Running Costs		77,518	-	77,518	72,667
Other		<u>3,095</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,095</u>	<u>3,375</u>
<b>Total</b>		80,613	-	80,613	76,042
<b>NET INCOME</b>					
		2,721	3,395	6,116	53,615
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>176,587</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>176,587</u>	<u>122,972</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>179,308</u></u>	<u><u>3,395</u></u>	<u><u>182,703</u></u>	<u><u>176,587</u></u>

**CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.



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

**Balance Sheet**  
**At 31 March 2017**

	Not es	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total 2017 funds £	Total 2016 funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	8	291,327	-	291,327	294,217
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	9	9,820	-	9,820	15,616
Cash at bank and in hand	10	<u>17,282</u>	<u>3,395</u>	<u>20,677</u>	<u>60,270</u>
		27,102	3,395	30,497	75,886
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(14,894)	-	(14,894)	(19,798)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>12,208</u>	<u>3,395</u>	<u>15,603</u>	<u>56,088</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		303,535	3,395	306,930	350,305
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(124,227)	-	(124,227)	(173,718)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>179,308</u>	<u>3,395</u>	<u>182,703</u>	<u>176,587</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	15				
Unrestricted funds				179,308	176,587
Restricted funds				<u>3,395</u>	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>182,703</u>	<u>176,587</u>

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

.....  
Mr Reji Thankachan  
(Trustee-Accountant)

.....  
Mr Sam P George  
(Trustee- Finance)

.....  
Rev.Dr Jacob Abraham  
(Vicar and President)

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2017**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' EFA, the and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**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. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	2017	2016
	£	£
Fundraising -Harvest Festival	<u>10,716</u>	<u>10,833</u>

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2017	2016
	£	£
Bank Interest	<u>-</u>	<u>5</u>

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

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2017**

**4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2017 nor for the year ended 31 March 2016 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 2017 nor for the year ended 31 March 2016.

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	51,689	41,860	93,549
Other charitable activities	10,833	-	10,833
Investment income	5	-	5
Other income	<u>25,270</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,270</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,797</b>	<b>41,860</b>	<b>129,657</b>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Church Running Costs	72,667	-	72,667
Other costs	<u>3,375</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,375</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,042</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,042</b>
 <b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>11,755</b>	<b>41,860</b>	<b>53,615</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<u>61,010</u>	<u>(61,010)</u>	<u>-</u>
 <b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>72,765</b>	<b>(19,150)</b>	<b>53,615</b>
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<u>103,822</u>	<u>19,150</u>	<u>122,972</u>
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>176,587</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>176,587</u></u>

**6. 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.

**7. 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.

**St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2017**

**8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>					
At 1 April 2016	282,282	6,865	10,048	1,323	300,518
Additions	-	-	-	206	206
At 31 March 2017	<u>282,282</u>	<u>6,865</u>	<u>10,048</u>	<u>1,529</u>	<u>300,724</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1 April 2016	-	3,260	2,230	811	6,301
Charge for year	-	902	1,954	240	3,096
At 31 March 2017	-	<u>4,162</u>	<u>4,184</u>	<u>1,051</u>	<u>9,397</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 31 March 2017	<u>282,282</u>	<u>2,703</u>	<u>5,864</u>	<u>478</u>	<u>291,327</u>
At 31 March 2016	<u>282,282</u>	<u>3,605</u>	<u>7,818</u>	<u>512</u>	<u>294,217</u>

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

	2017 £	2016 £
Trade debtors	-	50
Gift Aid Tax Receivable	9,528	14,559
Prepayments	<u>292</u>	<u>1,007</u>
	<u>9,820</u>	<u>15,616</u>

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

	General fund £	Restricted Fund £	2017 Total funds £	2016 Total funds £
Cash in hand		-	-	240
Lloyds Account	8,369	-	8,369	54,979
CCLA- Building Capital Fund	51	-	51	51
Barclays Account	<u>8,862</u>	<u>3,395</u>	<u>12,257</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total	<u>17,282</u>	<u>3,395</u>	<u>20,677</u>	<u>60,270</u>

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

	2017 £	2016 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 13)	8,709	5,711
Social security and other taxes	1,110	-
Creditors & Accruals	480	2,587
Provisions for Vicar's transfer Cost	<u>4,595</u>	<u>11,500</u>
	<u>14,894</u>	<u>19,798</u>

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

	2017 £	2016 £
Bank loans (see note 13)	124,227	173,718

**St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2017**

**13. LOANS**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2017 £	2016 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>8,709</u>	<u>5,711</u>

Amounts falling due in more than five years:

Repayable by instalments:		
Bank Loan	<u>124,227</u>	<u>173,718</u>

**14. SECURED DEBTS**

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2017 £	2016 £
Bank loans	<u>132,936</u>	<u>179,429</u>

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

**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.16 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.17 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General fund	171,926	4,375	(645)	175,656
Edavaka Missison	528	(150)	-	378
Youth League	519	(300)	-	219
Sevika Sangam	3,069	(82)	-	2,987
Sunday School Fund	545	(1,122)	645	68
	<u>176,587</u>	<u>2,721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>179,308</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Jubilee Project		3,395		3,395
	<u>176,587</u>	<u>6,116</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>182,703</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	80,730	(76,355)	4,375
Sevika Sangam	2,092	(2,174)	(82)
Sunday School Fund	512	(1,634)	(1,122)
Edavaka Missison	-	(150)	(150)
Youth League	-	(300)	(300)
	<u>83,334</u>	<u>(80,613)</u>	<u>2,721</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Jubilee Project	3,395		3,395
	<u>86,729</u>	<u>(80,613)</u>	<u>6,116</u>

**16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2017.



**Reconciliation of Income and Expenditure**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2016**

	Notes	UK GAAP £	Effect of transition to FRS 102 £	FRS 102 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>				
Donations and legacies		93,549	-	93,549
Other charitable activities		10,833	-	10,833
Investment income		5	-	5
Other income		<u>25,270</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,270</u>
<b>Total</b>		129,657	-	129,657
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>				
Charitable activities		72,667	-	72,667
Other costs		<u>3,375</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,375</u>
<b>Total</b>		76,042	-	76,042
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<u><u>53,615</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>53,615</u></u>

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

**Reconciliation of Funds**  
**At 1 April 2015**  
**(Date of Transition to FRS 102)**

	Notes	UK GAAP £	Effect of transition to FRS 102 £	FRS 102 £
		-	-	-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		-	-	-
		_____	_____	_____
		-	-	-
		=====	=====	=====
<b>FUNDS</b>		_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		-	-	-
		=====	=====	=====

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

**Reconciliation of Funds**  
**At 31 March 2016**

	Notes	UK GAAP £	Effect of transition to FRS 102 £	FRS 102 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Tangible assets		294,217	-	294,217
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Debtors		15,616	-	15,616
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>60,270</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,270</u>
		75,886	-	75,886
<b>CREDITORS</b>				
Amounts falling due within one year		(19,798)	-	(19,798)
		<u>56,088</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,088</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
		350,305	-	350,305
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>CREDITORS</b>				
Amounts falling due after more than one year		(173,718)	-	(173,718)
		<u>176,587</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>176,587</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>				
<b>FUNDS</b>				
Unrestricted funds		<u>176,587</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>176,587</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>176,587</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>176,587</u>

**St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2017**

	2017 £	2016 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Stewardship	15,240	14,413
General Offertory	3,470	5,020
Wedding/Birthday Donations	1,810	1,505
Recessa/Uposhanam/Diocesan Sun	780	2,145
General Donations	958	1,135
Christmas Carol	1,956	1,986
Charity Donations/Spl Offer	2,380	4,307
VBS Donations	1,850	2,085
Special Events	2,450	1,868
Sevika Sangam	1,743	1,329
Sunday School Income	410	388
Jubilee Project	3,395	-
Gift Aid Tax Refund	9,626	15,508
Parsonage Fund	-	41,860
	46,068	93,549
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising -Harvest Festival	10,716	10,833
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank Interest	-	5
<b>Other income</b>		
Contributions from churches	29,945	25,270
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	86,729	129,657
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Ministerial Stipend	24,089	18,474
Provident Funds	379	113
Travel & Subsistence	2,819	2,615
Vicarage Expenses	5,521	6,551
Visting Clergy,Bishops & Evang	1,050	1,950
Motor Expenses	2,119	2,531
Driving Licence Fees	826	-
Church/Hall Rent	2,208	2,916
Printing, Postage & Stationery	316	533
Vicar's Transfer Funds	9,000	3,500
Harvest Festival costs	210	290
Repairs & Renewals	4,221	2,290
Sunday School	1,584	1,703
Choir	109	-
Recessa,Diocesan & Mandalam	2,790	2,472
Special Events/Refreshments	3,436	4,286
Altar Expenses	33	75
Immigration & Work Permit	159	-
Vacation Bible School	2,259	2,302
Sundry Expenses	298	75
Bureau Costs	431	390
Sevika Sangam	1,558	1,000
Accountancy	480	480
Carried forward	65,895	54,546

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

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2017**

	2017 £	2016 £
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward	65,895	54,546
Diocesan Central Meetings	590	3,669
Immigration & CRB Charges	-	528
Membership Fees (COMPE)	300	250
Specific Donations	500	-
Charitable Donations	1,072	2,730
Edavaka Mission Expenses	-	228
Legal Costs	188	-
Insurance	289	255
Bank Loan Interest & Charges	<u>8,684</u>	<u>10,461</u>
	77,518	72,667
<b>Other</b>		
Fixtures and fittings	901	983
Motor vehicles	1,955	2,230
Computer equipment	239	152
Loss on sale of Motor Vehicle	<u>-</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u>3,095</u>	<u>3,375</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	80,613	76,042
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>6,116</u></u>	<u><u>53,615</u></u>

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 <sup>2017</sup>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. Mathew. A. Chacko**  
Hon. Independent Examiner

Dated: 02/07/2017



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

Dated: 02/07/2017