

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1122211

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2017
For
St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol

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For the Year Ended 31 March 2017

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St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol

Report of the Trustees For the Year Ended 31st March 2017.

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st March 2017. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name: St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol, UK

Charity Registration Number: 1122211

Operational Address: Vicarage, 24 Milward Grove, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 5 AJ.

Worshipping at: St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Stackpool Road, Southville, Bristol, BS3 1NW.

Vicar & President: Rev. Abraham P Mathew

Charity Trustees for the year 2016-17

Mr. Oommen Abraham	Vice President
Mr. Saji John	Secretary
Mr. Moncy V Mathew	Treasurer
Mr. Samuel Sam Moni	Accountant
Mr. Sam K Varghese	Lay Leader I
Mr. Johnson Chacko	Mandalam Representative
Mr. Jaffey chacko	Diocesan Assembly Representative
Mr. Varghese George	Edavaka Mission Representative
Mrs. Annie Philip	Sevika Sangham Representative
Mr. Sanu Samuel	Choir Representative
Mr. Anu Devanesan	Youth Fellowship Representative
Mrs. Jinie Sam	Sunday School Representative

Internal Auditors: Mr. Abraham Niravathu and Mr. Binu B Varaghese

Independent Examiner: John's Accountancy and Taxation, 4 Northville Road, Filton, Bristol, BS7 0RG.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution adopted on 26th November 2006 as amended on 28th October 2007 and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Objectives and Activities

Review of Activities

Sunday worship service starts at 11.30 am. The Holy Communion Service is celebrated in Malayalam on all Sundays except fourth Sundays on which the Holy Communion Service is celebrated in English. Fifth Sundays we are having divine service in Malayalam.

We have organized an Ecumenical convention with St. Anne's Church from 15th to 17th April, 2016. Rt. Rev. Mike Hill, COE Bristol diocesan Bishop and Rev. Shemil Mathew, CMS priest were delivered the message. Members from both the parishes and sister parishes of St. Anne's were attended in this convention.

We organized an executive committee retreat on 23rd April 2016 at Evangelical Church, Bradley Stoke. Rev. K.J. Samuel and our Vicar led the sessions. Both the leaders were emphasized the duty of Office Bearers and Executive Committee members towards the over-all growth of the parish and congratulated the members for their dedicated service.

VBS was held from 1st June to 04 June 2017. The theme was "What's Up" based on Colossians 3:1. The leader for this year's VBS was Mr Subin Mathew, Tabore Mar Thoma Church, Manchester. Around 80 children attended in VBS this year.

Annual parish convention was held from 27th to 30th Oct.' 2016. Mr. Sam K Uthup (Kottayam, Kerala) was the speaker for the convention. The theme of the convention was "Formation of faith amidst challenges".

The Parish day was celebrated on 04th Sept.' 2016. Rev. Jacob Mathew, Vicar, Hermon Mar Thoma Church, Birmingham was the chief guest and gave the message. As a token of our appreciation and recognition, we had distributed Parish's certificate to our children those who passed GCSE, A-Level and University exams in last academic year during the parish day celebration.

Education Sunday was observed on 04th Sept.'16 with a dedication service for all our students. A special offertory was taken to support a deserving charity.

The harvest festival was celebrated on 18th September, 2016.

Family Sunday was celebrated with Holy Communion on 23rd October 2016. The service was led by Rev. T.T.Thomas and the message was given by Rev. T.C.Chريان.

St. Thomas Day which is also the Mar Thoma Church Day was celebrated on 21st December, 2016 with Holy Communion Service. Vicar, Rev. Abraham P Mathew led the service.

To share the joy of Christmas with our fellow parishioners, a group of our members visited the houses of all the parish members for carol singing during the Christmas season.

The Christmas carol service was held on the evening of 24th December 2016. Rev. V.T.John, Vicar General and the Vicar of Sinai Mar Thoma Church, London, was the chief guest and delivered the message.

During this reporting year also an Ecumenical Carol Service which involves all the Malayalam churches in Bristol was conducted on 26th December, 2016 and it was hosted by Indian Orthodox Church, Bristol. Our Vicar, Rev. Abraham P Mathew gave the message during this service.

Watch night service on New Year's Eve 2016 started at 9:00 pm with praise & worship and testimonies. We entered into the New Year with the celebration of Holy Communion. Our Vicar, Rev. Abraham P Mathew gave the message and led the Service.

As part of our Ecumenical commitment, joint worship services with St. Anne's C of E were conducted on 17th April, 25th December, 2016 & 26th February, 26th March 2017. These services were led by both the Vicars and Rev. Shernil Mathew, CMS priest.

The Joint Partnership Committee with St. Anne's C of E met few occasions for the smooth functioning of both communities under one roof and witness more in the local community. As we acquired our own worship place and about to move out by the end of this reporting year, we organized a thanks giving meeting on 26th March 2017 to express our gratitude to St. Anne's community for the fellowship and service received from them. Rev. Abraham P Mathew, Mr. Jaffey Chacko and Mr. Zachariah Abraham from our parish and Mr. Michael Lloyd, Mr. Tony Clift, Mrs. Carla Macgregor and Rev. Tina Goede from St. Anne's recollected the sweet memories and experiences of our partnership relation for the last five years.

The Diocesan Sunday was celebrated on the 05th March 2017, as per the directive of our Diocesan Bishop. Rev. Roney Cherian, Vicar of Carmel Mar Thoma Church, Liverpool led the worship service and gave the message as part of the pulpit change.

Since its beginning, our parish has been actively involved in mission and charitable work here in UK and in India. This year, we have supported few homeless people to build their houses, helped few people to meet their medical expenses. We could lend helping hand to some students to meet their education expenses. Also, we supported couple of people who are affected by natural calamity in Kerala, India.

After we became a parish in 2007 we were earnestly praying and searching for our own worship place to have our traditional worship. During this reporting year Almighty helped us to acquire a closed down former Methodist Church at Stackpool Road, Southville, Bristol, with the tremendous support from our members.

Our Sunday school is continuing to support the "Snehatheeram project" in India from the offertory collection taking from Sunday school children. This is a project which takes care of the HIV patients and their dependents. This year Sunday school also supported Vasai girls hostel Mumbai, India.

Our Youth group is very active in all the activities of our parish. They raised fund during Christmas time as 'Santa's Gift' to support people with educational and medical needs.

Women's wing in our parish meets regularly after worship service with different programmes. Their involvement in parish activities is commendable. This year also they raised charity fund through food sale and supported 'Pratheeksha Bhavan', an old age home in Kerala, India. They organized World Day of Prayer meeting on 4th March 2017.

We have an active choir which supports worship service, parish convention, Christmas carol service, etc with their talented voice.

Our Edavaka mission focuses on the spiritual growth of our parishioners by conducting retreats, intercessory prayers and bible convention.

Area prayer groups meet once in a month in South Bristol, North Bristol, Bath, Yeovil-Taunton and Gloucester-Swindon areas for prayer meeting.

We would like to acknowledge various contributions and prayers of all our members during this year and convey our heartfelt thanks to them.

For and on behalf of the Trustees

Saji John
Secretary.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 set out on pages five to nine.

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 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 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 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

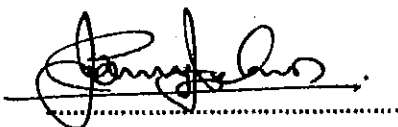
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (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:



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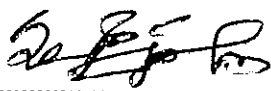
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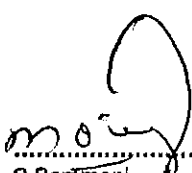
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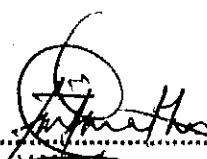
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Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 March 2017

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Notes	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>	<u>(£)</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary Income	240,639	-	240,639	97,182
Activities for generating funds	8,610	-	8,610	20,728
Other Incoming resources	41	-	41	19
Total Incoming resources	249,290	-	249,290	117,929
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Costs of Generating Funds				
Charitable Expenditure	68,206	-	68,206	70,279
Fundraising Expenses	-	-	-	-
Governance Cost	11,879	-	11,879	10,864
Other Resources expended	5,993	-	5,993	6,017
	86,078	-	86,078	87,161
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS	163,211	-	163,211	30,768
Gross transfer between funds	26,318	(26,318)	-	-
Net Incoming resources	189,529	(26,318)	163,211	30,768
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	261,901	26,318	288,219	267,451
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	451,430	-	451,430	288,219


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Accountant


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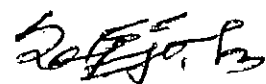
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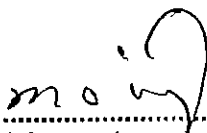
Balance Sheet
At 31 March 2017

		<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>(£)</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>(£)</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Total</u> <u>(£)</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Total</u> <u>(£)</u>
	Notes				
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	4	836,730	-	836,730	203,595
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	25,965	-	25,965	9,982
Cash at bank and In Hand		6,093	-	6,093	81,420
		32,058	-	32,058	91,402
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(47,987)	-	(47,987)	(6,778)
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)		(15,929)	-	(15,929)	84,624
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		820,801	-	820,801	288,219
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	7	369,371	-	369,371	-
NET ASSETS		451,430	-	451,430	288,219
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds	9			451,430	281,901
Restricted Funds				-	26,318
TOTAL FUNDS				451,430	288,219

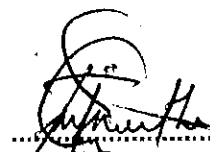
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Sajji John
Secretary



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S. Sammen
Accountant



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Moncy V Mathew
Treasurer

The notes form part of these financial statements

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

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 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
Furniture and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance basis
Motor vehicles	- 20% on straight line basis
Computer equipment	- 33.33% on reducing balance

The Trustees have carried out a full impairment review in accordance with FRS11, as a result of which no depreciation charge is made in respect of freehold property on the grounds 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

	2017	2016
	£	£
Harvest/Auction	8,610	7,660
Direct Event Income	-	13,068
	<u>8,610</u>	<u>20,728</u>

3. 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.

Trustees' Expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2017 nor for the year ended 31 March 2016.

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

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Freehold Property</u> (£)	<u>Property Improvements</u> (£)	<u>Fixtures & Fittings</u> (£)
<u>COST</u>			
At 1 April 2016	182,977	4,087	16,966
Additions	630,406	-	8,285
At 31 March 2017	813,383	4,087	25,251
<u>DEPRECIATION</u>			
At 1 April 2016	-	-	9,160
Charge for the year	-	-	3,174
At 31 March 2017	-	-	12,334

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 March 2017	813,383	4,087	12,917
At 31 March 2016	182,977	4,087	7,806

	<u>Motor Vehicles</u> (£)	<u>Computer Equipments</u> (£)	<u>Total</u> (£)
<u>COST</u>			
At 1 April 2016	10,500	6,255	220,786
Additions	-	437	639,128
At 31 March 2017	10,500	6,692	859,913

DEPRECIATION

At 1 April 2016	5,600	2,429	17,190
Charge for the year	2,100	719	5,993
At 31 March 2017	7,700	3,149	23,183

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 March 2017	2,800	3,543	836,730
At 31 March 2016	4,900	3,825	203,595

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2017 £	2016 £
Gift Aid Receivable	8,006	9,348
Prepayments	17,959	834
	25,965	9,982

St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol

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

	2017	2016
	£	£
6. CREDITORS; AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Bank Loans and Overdrafts	11,388	
Deferred Income	-	1,258
Accrued Expenses	10,354	5,520
Interest Free Loan	10,000	-
Building Contractors	16,245	-
	<u>47,987</u>	<u>6,778</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

HSBC Mortgage	<u>369,371</u>	-
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8. SECURED DEBTS

Following secured debts are included within creditors:

HSBC Mortgage	<u>380,759</u>	-
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.2016	Net Movement in Funds	Transfers between Funds	At 31.03.2017
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	215,492	160,034	26,318	401,844
Sevlka Sangham	1,536	(215)		1,320
Youth League	19	2,473		2,492
Sunday School	348	(47)		301
Edavaka Mission	246	706		952
Choir	55	261		316
Reserve Fund (Parish Project)	44,207			44,207
	<u>261,901</u>	<u>163,211</u>	<u>26,318.00</u>	<u>451,430</u>
Restricted Funds				
Parsonage/Parish Fund	26,318	-	(26,318)	-
	<u>26,318</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-26,318.00</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>288,219</u>	<u>163,211</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>451,430</u>

Net movement in Funds, included in above are as follows

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended.	Movement in Funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	237,803	(77,770)	160,034
Sevlka Sangham	3,867	(4,082)	(215)
Youth League	3,340	(867)	2,473
Sunday School	2,280	(2,328)	(47)
Edavaka Mission	1,489	(783)	706
Choir	511	(250)	261
Reserve Fund (Parish Project)			
	<u>249,290</u>	<u>(86,079)</u>	<u>163,211</u>
Restricted Funds	-	-	0
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>249,290</u>	<u>- 86,079</u>	<u>163,211</u>

St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Bristol
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

	<u>2017</u> <u>(£)</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>(£)</u>
<u>Incoming Resources</u>		
Voluntary Income		
Subscription / Stewardship	22,572	22,287
Offertory	16,266	19,378
Solidarity Fund	4,052	2,183
Gift Aid	38,807	17,235
Carol Rounds	5,288	2,725
One Day Income	6,215	6,824
Parish Project	-	-
Donations	1,195	2,603
Sevika Sangham	3,867	1,995
Youth League	3,340	658
Sunday School	2,280	1,872
Diocesan Collection	2,299	1,260
Recessa & Lent Collection	1,289	1,494
Edavaka Mission	1,489	1,232
Choir	511	191
Congregation of Cardiff - Contribution	850	10,200
VBS Donations	575	1,447
Special Collections	2,197	1,575
Church Property Donation	127,661	-
Clergy Relocation Donations	-	2,226
	<u>240,839</u>	<u>97,182</u>
Activities for Generating Funds		
Harvest/Auction	8,610	7,660
Direct Event Income	-	13,068
	<u>8,610</u>	<u>20,728</u>
Other Incoming Resources		
Bank Interest Received	41	19
	<u>41</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>Total Incoming Resources</u>	<u>249,290</u>	<u>117,929</u>
<u>Resources Expended</u>		
Charitable Expenditures		
Gifts to Visiting Clergy	1,200	480
Church Rent	4,500	4,500
Vicar's Cost	20,980	20,042
Motor & Travelling Expenses	4,044	4,656
Convention Expenses	1,925	1,733
Choir Expenses	250	347
Carol Expenses	449	708
Clergy Relocation Expense	7,181	7,117
Solidarity Fund	7,345	2,000
Charity & Evangelism	2,500	2,500
Sabha/Diocese Donation & Special Collection	5,433	6,970
Events Cost	-	3,385
Donations & Gifts	700	1,793
Edavaka Mission	783	1,665
Sevika Sangam	4,082	775
Recessa & Lent	634	1,494
Youth League	867	2,192
Refreshments	1,544	1,988
Sunday School Expenses	2,328	2,787
VBS Expenses	1,252	1,310
Family Retreat/Picnic/Seminar	210	1,867
	<u>68,206</u>	<u>70,279</u>
Fund Raising Expenses		
Events Cost	-	-

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2017 (Continued)

	<u>2017</u> <u>(£)</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>(£)</u>
Governance Cost		
Post, Stationery & Telephone	1,262	2,089
Sundries	81	320
Accountancy & Payroll Cost	400	400
Church/Hall - Repairs	35	3,480
Parsonage Repairs	58	938
Insurance	1,037	346
Church Expenses-Electricity/Water	92	-
Parish Repairs	-	221
Diocesan Mandalam Travel Cost	-	381
Administration Expenses	838	1,054
Membership for CTE/COMPE	250	250
Special Events/ Centre Meeting	2,131	1,405
Mortgage Interest and Charges	5,710	-
	<u>11,879</u>	<u>10,864</u>
 Depreciation		
Motor Vehicles	2,100	3,035
Fixtures and Fittings	3,174	2,100
Computer Equipments	719	882
	<u>5,993</u>	<u>6,017</u>
 Total Resource Expended	 86,079	 87,161
 Net Income	 <u>163,211</u>	 <u>30,768</u>

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