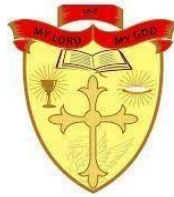




## **ST THOMAS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH –LIVERPOOL**

Charity Registration No.1110650



### **Trustee's Report for the period (01 April 2017 – 31 March 2018)**

**Address:**

St James, West Derby  
Mill Lane, Liverpool  
L12 7JA

**Vicar:** Rev.Fr Eldo Varghese  
**Hon. Secretary:** Laison John  
**Hon. Treasurer:** Kurian Varkey

## Introduction

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, with great honour, I present the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the St Thomas Indian Orthodox Church Liverpool for the period - 01 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

## Governance and Structure

The St Thomas Indian Orthodox Church, Liverpool is a Parish affiliated to and constituted by the Malankara Orthodox Church, also known as the Indian Orthodox Church founded in India by St. Thomas, one of the Twelve Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, presently administered by His Holiness Baselios Mar Thoma Paulose II, Catholicos of the East, and Malankara Metropolitan, Successor to the Apostolic Throne of St. Thomas.

St Thomas Indian Orthodox Church, Liverpool is under the direct ecclesiastical jurisdiction of His Grace Dr Mathews Mar Thimothios, Metropolitan of the Diocese of UK, Europe and Africa, subject to the authority of the Holy Episcopal Synod of the Malankara Orthodox Church. Rev. Fr. Eldo Varghese, the current vicar leads the parish during the report year whose spiritual and administrative contributions helped in the growth of the Church.

## Objective of the Charity

Charity's objects are to provide a cultural religious and socio-religious base for the Indian Orthodox Community in the Merseyside, Warrington and Chester area.

General Body and Office Bearers (Trustees) for the year 2017 - 2018

Annual General Body meeting held on 05/03/2017 unanimously elected the Board of Trustees for the year 2017 - 18 as follows;

| <b>Title</b>   | <b>Name</b>               |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Hon. Secretary | Mr. Laison John           |
| Hon. Treasurer | Mr. Kurian Varkey Paulose |
| Trustees       | Dr George Kuruvilla       |
|                | Mr. Anzy Skaria           |
|                | Mr. George Varughese      |
|                | Dr Oommen Koshy           |
|                | Mr. Linz Aiyannattu       |
|                | Mr. M V Mathew            |
|                | Mr. Biju John             |

## Activities

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

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

The Holy Qurbana is celebrated on every first and third Sundays which commences with Morning Prayer at 9:00 am and Qurbana at 10:00 am.

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

Some of our Church members participated in family conference which was held in August 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 and expecting an increase in next year.

### **Christmas Carol Service**

The Church had Christmas service Holy Qurbana, carol singing, and children's nativity play on Christmas Eve (**24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017**).

### **Convention, Perunnal & Harvest Festival**

We celebrated our Convention, Perunnal & harvest festival on **October 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> 2017**. It was a fruitful and colourful event where our parish members have contributed their all efforts to fulfil the needs of our church and all witnessed a wonderful cultural program from kids and adults.

### **Holy Week Services 2017**

1. The Church was celebrated passion week on 09/04/2017 to 15/04/2017 for the year 2017.
2. And for the year 2018 church celebrated passion week on 25/03/2018 to 31/03/2018

### **Charity Projects**

We have contributed £500 towards the charity in UK and overseas during the last financial year.

## Spiritual Organisations

### **Sunday School**

The total strength of 62 students were enrolled from Year 1 classes 1 to Year 10. Total number of teachers served this year was 12.

## **Youth/MGOCSM**

We have 20 OCYM members in our church and they do have a regular activity in the church. Our youth members are very active in worships and other church activities. And it's our privilege to renounce our youth's future is great and it's been evident in their activities.

## **MOMS**

MOMS group of St Thomas Indian Orthodox Church Liverpool is an active and pleasant bunch of lively and lovely ladies, who are a credit to our St Mary's League of women of good faith.

## **Conclusion and Word of Thanks**

Let me thank God Almighty for giving the opportunity to serve as the Treasurer of this blessed Parish. Sincere thanks to all Managing Committee members and all parish members for the support and guidance given to me to complete the tenure.

## **Declaration**

I declare In my capacity of charity trustee that the trustees have approved the above report and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

**Kurian Varkey Paulose (Treasurer)**

**06/05/2018**



Charity name **ST THOMAS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

Charity number (if any) **1110650**

For the period from (start date) **01/04/17**

to (end date) **31/03/18**

## Section A

## Receipts and payments

|   | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Endowment<br>funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Total funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Last year<br>to the nearest<br>£ |
|---|--|--|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                            |  |  |   |                                    |                                  |
| BUILDING FUND DONATIONS                       | 1300   |  |   | 1300                               | 695                              |
| DONATIONS & COLLECTIONS                       | 25972  |  |   | 25972                              | 19132                            |
| EVENTS & SUNDAY SCHOOL                        | 9428   |  |   | 9428                               | 7735                             |
| GIFT AID                                      | 13170  |  |   | 13170                              | 9448                             |
| INTEREST RECEIVED                             | 25   |  |   | 25                                 | 28                               |
| ST JAMES CHURCH INCOME                        | 8502   |  |   | 8502                               | 2946                             |
| OTHER INCOME                                  | -  |  |   | -                                  | 9650                             |
| Sub total                                     | 58397  |  |   | 58397                              | 49634                            |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc</b>     |  |  |   |                                    |                                  |
| Total receipts                                | 58397  |  |   | 58397                              | 49634                            |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                            |  |  |   |                                    |                                  |
| EVENT EXPENSES                                | 3910   |  |   | 3910                               | 6826                             |
| DONATIONS                                     | 2300   |  |   | 2300                               | 2150                             |
| SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPENSES                        | 909  |  |   | 909                                | 683                              |
| BUILDING FUND LOAN REPAY                      | -  |  |   | -                                  | 1000                             |
| CHURCH LIGHT                                  | -  |  |   | -                                  | 660                              |
| SCHOOL EXPENSES                               | -  |  |   | -                                  | 798                              |
| CLEVER  | 9560   |  |   | 9560                               | 6750                             |
| ST JAMES CHURCH EXPENSES                      | 7970   |  |   | 7970                               | 5135                             |
| OTHER EXPENSES                                | 11090  |  |   | 11090                              | 11000                            |
| GARDEN & SOUND SYSTEM                         | 7469   |  |   | 7469                               |                                  |
| Sub total                                     | 43208  |  |   | 43208                              | 35662                            |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc</b> |  |  |   |                                    |                                  |
| Total payments                                | 43208  |  |   | 43208                              | 35662                            |
| Net of receipts/(payments)                    | 15189  |  |   | 15,189                             | 13972                            |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>             |  |  |   |                                    |                                  |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>            |  |  |   |                                    |                                  |
| Cash funds this year end                      | 106605                                       |  |   | 106605                             | 92633                            |
|   | 121794                                       |  |   | 121794                             | 106605                           |

## B1 Cash funds

| Details  | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ |
|--|---|---|--|
| CASH AT BANK   | 118270                                    |   |  |
| CASH IN HAND   | 2924                                      |   |  |
|  |   |   |  |
| Total cash funds<br>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | 121794                                    |   |  |

## B2 Other monetary assets

| Details | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ |
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## B3 Investment assets

| Details | Fund to which<br>asset belongs | Cost<br>(optional) | Current value<br>(optional) |
|---------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
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## B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

| Details | Fund to which<br>asset belongs | Cost<br>(optional) | Current value<br>(optional) |
|---------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
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## B5 Liabilities

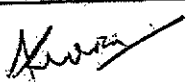
| Details | Fund to which<br>liability relates | Amount due<br>(optional) | When due<br>(optional) |
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf  
of all the trustees

Signature

Print name

Date of approval



KURIAN PAULOSE

30/01/2014

**REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF  
ST THOMAS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018**

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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

It is our responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

Our 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent 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 Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

**MATTHEWS SUTTON & CO LTD**  
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