

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1156444

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 March 2019
for
St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church

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St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

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St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2019. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities'.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1156444

Principal address

All Saints
1 Sutton Road
Southend on Sea
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Trustees

Mr Binoy Mathews
Mr Shaji Varughese
Mr Libini Mathews
Mr Jose George
Mr Geosan George
Mr Roy Philipose
Mr Roy T Thomas
Mr Eldhouse Paul
Dr Alexander Philip
Mr Sunil Thankachan

Accountants

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Introduction

Grace and Glory of our Lord be with us all.

On behalf of the managing committee, I take this opportunity to present the 10th Annual report of our church for 2018-2019. With the Grace of God and the visionary leadership of H.G Dr Mathews Mar Thimothios, Metropolitan -Diocese of U.K, Europe and Africa and our vicar Rev Fr John Varghese Mannamcherril with their selfless dedication, contribution and service for our community, helped in the growth of St.Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church at Southend -On -Sea. The parish is affiliated and constitute to the Malankara Orthodox Church, founded by St. Thomas, disciple of Lord Jesus Christ, apostle and patron saint of India in AD 52, Tendered and administered at present by his Holiness Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Paulose 2, Catholicos of the East and Malankara Metroplotitan, successor to the Apostolic throne of St Thomas.

St Gregorios IOC is under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of UK, Europe and Africa of the Malankara Orthodox Church which is led by H.G Mathews Mar Thimothios. We have been able to live up to the challenge of fulfilling our duties to the orthodox community from Southend , Basildon , Romford, Chelmsford, Cholcheseter and Grays. I am presenting a glimpse of all our activities accomplished during the year 2018-2019.

New Office bearers for 2018-19

The General body meeting held on the 10/03/18 has elected the below office bearers for the financial year 2018-19.

Trustee - Mr. Libini Mukaluvilayil Mathews
Secretary - Mr. Binoy Mathews

Managing Committee Members

Mr Shaji Varghese
Mr Jose George
Mr Geosan George
Mr Roy Philipose
Mr Eldhode Paul
Mr Sunil Thankachen(Ex officio)
Mr Roy Thomas (Ex officio)

Internal Auditor – Mr Rony K Rajan

Diocesan Members- Mr. K S Abraham.

Martha Mariam Samajam Secretary -Mrs Rosamma Abraham, Mrs.Thankamma Saji.(from Nov2018)

Sunday School Head Teacher - Mrs Loveena Simon

Child Protection Officer – Jeena Kuriyakose

Vicar

Rev Fr John Varghese continued as vicar of our Church, serving 35 families, with his fully dedicated service, including powerful and meaningful sermons on Saturdays and feast days, The church was able to attain tremendous spiritual growth. Spiritual organizations through his able and proper guidance, reached higher level. Rev Fr John Varghese is deeply spiritual and served the church members with his sincerity, devotion, and love that were so incredibly inspiring to all.

General Body Meetings

General Body meetings had been held to address various matters concerning the parish. There were five General body meetings held in the year 2018-2019. The Meeting was held at All Saints Church, Southend-On-Sea and had been presided by Vicar Rev. Fr. John Varghese Mannamcherril. The members are actively participated during these meetings and their valuable suggestions were properly implemented for the overall improvement of the parish.

Managing Committee Meeting

The Managing Committee, along with the Secretary, Trustee and Vicar meets on a regular schedule, to plan various activities, and discuss the affairs of the parish. This year, a total of four such meetings were held. The Vicar/President serves as the Chairman of the Managing Committee meetings.

Worship schedule

Holy Qurbana

Holy Qurbana was held every second Saturday of the month. Morning Prayer (Prabhatha Namaskaram) starts at 8:30 am followed by the Holy Qurbana at 9:30 am. Holy Qurbana is conducted in Malayalam. Special prayers for the sick, departed souls, parishioners celebrating birthday and wedding anniversary are conducted after the Holy Qurbana.

Prayer Meeting

Our Prayer Meetings have been a great opportunity for our Parish Family members to get together and worship singing praise, reading Bible and encouraging younger generation to pray in our native language. Monthly prayer meeting are held every 4th Saturday of the month at Southend. Prayer meetings have been conducted at the residence of our parish members without fail till the day. Thanks to all families those who have arranged the monthly prayer meetings. Mr. Shibu Thomas has been served as the Prayer Meeting Secretary until December 2018 and from January 2019 Mrs. Ancy Jacob was selected as secretary for South end area prayer meeting.

Altar Assistants

The members of the Church acknowledge the dedicated service of all the acolytes. Reporting year we have got one new altar assistant, Master Edwin Bijoy through the 'kaivappu Srususha' by Our Diocesan Metropolitan H.G. Dr. Mathews Mar Thimothios Thirumeni. The Church wishes him the very best in his spiritual growth.

The following People served as Altar assistant during the year 2018-19.

Dr. K I Mathew
Mr. George Mathew
Mr. Shibu Thomas
Mr. Suru Mathew
Mr. Binoy Mathews
Mr. Roy Thomas
Mr. Sunil Thankachen
Master Shijo Shaji
Master Alwin Thomas Jacob
Master Jobin Geoson
Master Arun Philipose Abraham
Master Jacob Thomas
Master Alvin Abraham
Master Alwyn Roy
Master Edwin Bijoy

We thank each of them individually for rendering their service for our church. A special thanks to Dr. K I Mathew (Soman Uncle) for his sincere support and guidance to us during the Holy Qurbana.

Spiritual Organizations

Rev. Fr. John Varghese has led the community spiritually and in several occasions has taken the extra effort to visit the homes of members in Southend, Basildon, Chelmsford and Romford and organize prayer meetings whenever possible.

Martha-Mariam Samajam

Middle of this year Mrs. Thankamma Saji has elected as a secretary for Marthamariam Samajam. Members of the league participated actively in all the activities of the parish during OVBS and Christmas celebrations.

Sunday school

Sunday school has a great mission and responsibility in the making of our future generations. It plays an important role in developing our children as the foundation stones of our faith. St. Gregorios Sunday school consists of 38 students and 12 dedicated teachers. Classes are divided into 5 groups; Pre-School, Sub Junior, Junior, Senior and Secondary. Mrs Loveena Simon has been working as our Sunday School Head teacher, with a team of teachers; Bindhu Abraham, Priya Roshan, Misha Mithun, Ancy Jacob, Reena Bijoy, Sharon Shibu, and Ashna. Presently the Sunday school is being conducted 2nd Saturday of every month after the Holy Qurbana in the church. The following children were passed the Sunday school 10th exam

Miss Priyanka Mary Alexander A Grade

Miss Sneha Anna Shaji B Grade

Miss Nidisha Saji C+ Grade

Congratulations to all the students

Sunday School Talent Competition 2018

Sunday school talent competition has held in our church and all of our Sunday school children participated in various competitions and selected for district level. The district level competition was hosted by Hemel Hempstead church at Westfield academy Watford. Miss Hannah Maryam Binoy, Miss Arline Suru and Master Eaden Binoy was represented our church for solo songs and elocution.

In this occasion I would like to specially thank the Sunday School Head teacher and all the teachers for their dedication and support, without whom Sunday school would not have been a success. We hope to work together so that our Sunday school achieves new heights in future.

OVBS 2018

Sunday school carries a mission to our children that comes alongside the church to introduce, strengthen and sustain the great principles of our living Lord. Keeping this principle in mind St. Gregorios Sunday school puts together, Vacation Bible School for our children every year. This year OVBS was conducted on 7th July 2018 at All Saints Church, South end. Various individual and group activities were organized based on the theme "God Moulds Us" (Isiah 64:8). Total 24 students were participated in the OVBS and Mrs Sharon Shibu and Miss Ashna lead the OVBS and have made the day unforgettable, with the help of our Sunday school teachers, senior students and other helpful parish members. The Children took part in all the activities with great enthusiasm and excitement. These types of activities give us a great opportunity, to show our children, the tradition and memories what we have experienced as a child. We hope to have all your support and participation in re-creating this atmosphere for our children year after year.

AMOSS(Akhila Malankara Orthodox Shishrushka Sangam)

AMOSS annual conference was held in Hemel Hempstead church on 27th October. Mr Shibu Thomas, Mr Binoy Mathews, Master Alwin Jacob and Master Edwin Bijoy represented our church. It was a great opportunity to all the participants to know more about Holy Qurbana and the dedicated teaching session is very helpful for the altar assistant to know more about how to participate in Holy Qurbana in our traditional way.

Edavaka Dinam and Harvest Festival.

In the month of July (14/07/2018), Our church celebrated edavaka dinam and conducted a Harvest Festival. All our Church members actively participated in the Harvest festival to make this a great event. Parishioners brought Various plants and fruit from their garden and other articles for sale. Children and adults actively took interest in buying and raising fund for the church.

Church Tour 2018

This year as per member's suggestion the church tour was conducted for 3 days and visited Netherlands, Belgium, and Holland. Mr Geosan George was selected as a tour coordinator, and special thanks all members those who are participated

Food Fest 2018

This year 13/10/2018 the church organized a food fest to raise money for the church various activities especially for the charitable activities, the church members prepared variety homemade food for sale in the food fest. I would like to thank each and every one who supported the events great success.

Feast of St.Gregorios (Palli Perunal)

St.Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Southend On Sea, Celebrated its s Perunal of the Patron Saint Parumala Thirumeni on 09/11/2018 & 10/11/2018. On 09/11/2018 evening 7pm our padayathra started from Mr Jose Georges residence and ended at church followed by evening prayer(Sandhya namaskaram)our Vicar Rev Fr John Varghese lead the Padhayatra. Members from Chelmsford, Romford, Basildon Cholchester, Grays and Southend On Sea attended the Padhyatra. The Parumala Perunal was Conducted by Celebrating a Holy Qurbana, followed by Prathishanam and Nercha vilambu. The Chief Celebrant was the Rev. Fr.Ninan V George Vicar St Gregorios Indian orthodox Church Brockely

Visit of Diocese Methropolithian

Month of December our Diocese Methropolithian H G Mathews Mar Thimothios visited our parish and celebrated the Holy Qurbana.

Christmas Carol

Church members joined together to organize carol singing and the singers visited every members house on 8th, 15th & 22nd of December 2018. Areas covered were South end, Romford, Chelmsford, Basildon, Cholchester and Grays. It was a joyous and blessed experience for all the participants. We thank all the families that welcomed the carolers with their warm spirit and refreshments. Special thanks to all the families and children who participated in the carol singing.

Christmas Celebration

This Year due to the availability of church and church hall the Holy Qurbana(Christmas service) was celebrated on 23rd December evening by The Rev.Fr John Varghese. The Christmas Message delivered by our vicar Rev Fr John Varghese was inspiring to all the people gathered in the church. After the Holy Qurbana everyone participated in a Sneha-virunnu to celebrate the birth of our savior. The Highlight was the Carol songs presented by our Church Members.

New year Service

This year we conducted the Holy qurbana on New year evening which was lead by Rev Fr John Varghese, members attend the holy Qurbana and enter into the new year with the blessings. After the Holy Qurbana everyone participated in a snehavirunnu.

Donations

We thank both members and non-members for generously making contributions towards the church fund. Members have been keen to donate church liturgical items and books from India every time they visit their home country

Food And Refreshment

Parish provides refreshment after every 2nd Saturday Holy Qurbana. In some months, members of the parish have taken the opportunity to provide refreshment to the members attending the Qurbana. During the Perunal, members take keen interest in sponsoring the food and refreshments. Special thanks to all the family members who have supported to make all our events successful.

House Visiting

Vicar visited houses of our Members in several occasions during this year. Thanks to all members for their warm welcome for our Vicar

Kerala Flood Relief Fund

Due to the unexpected situation in our home land Kerala, we unanimously decided to cancel our Onam celebrations and decided to collect as much as money from the members and send to Sabha related flood relief account. The All Saints church also contributed to this fund.

Sahaya Nidhi

The church members collected the amount for helping our former vicar Rev Fr Mathew Abram's wife; the members visited kochamma and handed over the amount. Thanks to everyone those who are contributed to this fund

New Born Babies

Every child is a blessing and gift from God. As we welcome our newest and the youngest members of the parish, let us pray that God continues to bless the parents to raise their children as blessings to this parish and to the world we live in.

- 1) Jaziel George– S/o Mr Sherin Mathew George and Mrs Teena Mary Oommen

Obituary

Mrs Saramma John M/O Joby John

Mr C.M Varghese F/O Roy Varghese

Mrs Mariyamma M/O Thankamma Saji

We conveyed our heartfelt condolence on behalf of St. Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, South end on Sea

Relocated Members

During the year, Three Members relocated from South end and Chelmsford to other places. Members are
1). Jiji Thomas and family 2). Mr Biju Varghese and family 3).Mr Bonny Aby Ninan and family

Visit of Dignitaries

The following dignitaries visited our church during the year 2018-2019

H.G Dr Mathews Mar Thimothios Diocesan metropolitan UK, Europe and Africa

Rev Fr A.M Mathai Corepiscopa

Rev Fr Dr Ninan V George (Vicar St Gregorios Indian orthodox Church Brockely, London)

Rev Fr Niel Paxton, All Saints Church, South end On Sea

Church Building Updates

We continuously looking for our own church building, for this purpose we elected following members as Building committee

Mr K S Abraham

Mr Jacob P Thomas

Mr George Mathews

Dr Alexander Philip

Mr Binoy Mathews

Mr Libini Mukaluvilayil Mathews

This year we participated in one land auction, unfortunately we didn't win the bid. Special thanks to Mr Jobi Jacob and Thomas Philip for their active participation and advice for looking the properties

Social Media

As per the current GDPR rules, the church concentrating to comply the rules in all our record keeping and other data related areas. For this we distributed the new membership forms to the members and will updated the records accordingly. From October as decided by the general body meeting the church created a closed Whatsapp group for circulating church related news only. The church secretary will be the admin for this church group

Thanks to All Saints Church, Southend

On behalf of the Managing Committee and all the members of St. Gregorios Indian Orthodox church, South end on sea, we extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to All saints Church Management especially Rev Fr Niel Paxton for their support and love which they have rendered upon us during the report year.

Our Pledge

We Pledge our loyalty to H.H.Baselious Marthoma Paulose II, Catholicose of the Apostolic Throne of St. Thomas and Malankara Metropolitan, H.G.Dr.Mathews Mar Thimothios Thirumeni, Our Diocesan Metropolitan, and all the Members of the Holy Episcopal Synod for their blessings and guidance.

Conclusion


Concluding this report by lifting our hearts in remembrance and gratitude to our Heavenly Father and Our Saviour Jesus Christ for the magnificent and wonderful way in which he has held us throughout the year with the intercessions of St. Mary, the Mother of God, St. Thomas, the Apostle of India, St. George, the saint of our church, St. Gregorious of Parumala patron saint of our church. On behalf of the Parish we extend our sincere thanks to our Diocesan Metropolitan, H.G. Dr. Mathews Mar Thimothios Thirumeni and our Vicar Fr. John Varghese for their leadership, support and prayers. Let us all continue to uphold Achen and family in our prayers. I thank God almighty for giving me the opportunity to serve the secretary position of this blessed parish. We must also acknowledge the diligent work of our Trustee Mr. Libini Mukaluvilayil Mathews and fellow Managing Committee Members, subcommittee members and all the spiritual organisations leaders.

On behalf of the Managing Committee of Our church, we would like to express our heartfelt Gratitude and honest thanks to all our church members, those directly and indirectly involved, in words and in deeds for extending their support, which enabled us to discharge our duties and responsibilities sincerely and in a blessed manner. Thank you all for the teamwork.

Achievement and Performance

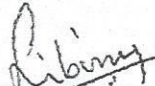
The trustees consider the surplus achieved on its activities to be satisfactory.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



Mr. Binoy Mathews
Trustee

Date: 31/01/2020



Mr Libini M Mathews
Trustee

Date: 31/01/2020

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 set out on pages nine to thirteen.

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.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

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.

Xavier Abraham

Xavier Abraham FCCA
For and on behalf of
Abraham and Associates
Chartered Certified Accountants
6 Weston Road,
Southend-on-Sea,
Essex,
SS1 1AT
Date : 31/ 01/ 2020

St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church


Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

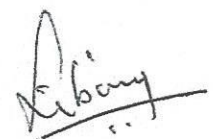
	Year Ended 31.03.19 Total funds £	Year Ended 31.03.18 Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
Voluntary income	38,044	38,280
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable activities	21,194	16,567
Administrative costs	<u>2,160</u>	<u>900</u>
Total resources expended	<u>(23,354)</u>	<u>(17,467)</u>
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	14,690	20,813
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total funds brought forward	<u>54,668</u>	<u>33,855</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>69,358</u>	<u>54,668</u>

St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2019

	Notes	31.03.19 Total funds £	31.03.18 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash in hand		69,838	55,118
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	3	(480)	(450)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>69,358</u>	<u>54,668</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>69,358</u>	<u>54,668</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>69,358</u>	<u>54,668</u>
FUNDS	4		
Total funds		<u>69,358</u>	<u>54,668</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>69,358</u>	<u>54,668</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on31/01/2020..... and
were signed on its behalf by:


BINDY MATHEWS
Trustee name:


LIBINI M. KALLANILAYIL MATHEWS
Trustee name:

St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

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 1993 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.

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. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2019 nor for the period ended 31 March 2018.

Trustees' Expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2019 nor for the period ended 31 March 2018.

3 CREDITORS: AMOUNT FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2019	2018
Accrued expenses	480	450

4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.04.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.03.19 £
Total funds	54,668	14,690	69,358
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>54,668</u>	<u>14,690</u>	<u>69,358</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Total funds	<u>38,044</u>	<u>(23,354)</u>	<u>14,690</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>38,044</u></u>	<u><u>(23,354)</u></u>	<u><u>14,690</u></u>

St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

	Year Ended 31.03.19 £	Year Ended 31.03.18 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Tithe, Donations and other income	<u>38,044</u>	<u>38,280</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>38,044</u>	<u>38,280</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable Activities		
Church Rent	1,255	1,135
Holy week expenses	-	1,900
Vicar allowance	3,150	2,500
Holy week Priest Allowance	1,000	1,616
Visiting priest	2,075	600
Sunday school expenses	283	426
Tour expenses	8,715	1,861
Food and Refreshments	2,600	5,811
Diocesan expenses	-	100
Event expenses	364	478
Donations	<u>1,752</u>	<u>140</u>
	<u>21,194</u>	<u>16,567</u>
Administrative costs		
Postage and stationery	144	198
Sundry expenses	1,131	207
Accountancy fees	480	450
Travelling expenses	155	45
Other professional fees	250	-
	<u>2,160</u>	<u>900</u>
Total resources expended	<u>23,354</u>	<u>17,467</u>
Net income	<u>14,690</u>	<u>20,813</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements