

Report of the Trustees

And

Unaudited Financial Statements for the
Period ended 31st March 2026

For

ST: THOMAS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

ABERDEEN

Registered Scotland Charity number: SC046256

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ST. THOMAS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, ABERDEEN

Trustee's Annual Report for the Year ended 31 March 2026

The trustee has pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2026

Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name : St. Thomas Orthodox Church

Charity No. : SC046256

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Trustees (Church Council)

Fr Varghese P A (Priest)

Jibin John

Jacob Kochitty

Other trustees who served during the year

None

Structure, Governance & Management

Constitution

This Charity is a Christian Church. It is governed by its constitution which was adopted on May 2009. The church was granted charitable status by 12 January 2016.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are elected at the Annual Meeting.

Management

The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the Church whilst day -to-day running. We also have several volunteer leaders to assist on a rota basis.

Objectives & Activities

Charitable Purposes

1. The Advancement of religion
2. The relief of those in need because of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship, or other hardships.
3. The object of the parish/Society shall be to promote the orthodox Christian faith.

Activities

During the year, St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church (STIOC), Aberdeen continued to fulfil its charitable objectives through worship, Christian education, youth development, community engagement, and charitable outreach.

Religious Services

The church conducted regular worship services throughout the year. Sunday Holy Qurbana services were held twice each month, with an average attendance of over 100 worshippers. The parish also conducted special liturgical services during Holy Week, including Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter celebrations. The Trustees were encouraged by the continued growth in participation, particularly among children and young people.

Youth and Children's Ministry

The church remained committed to the spiritual development of its younger members through dedicated ministry programmes. Separate fellowship meetings were organised regularly for youth and children, focusing on Bible study, prayer, faith formation, and Christian fellowship.

Parish Feast

The annual Parish Feast was celebrated on 5–6 July 2025, bringing together parish members and visitors for worship, fellowship, and community participation.

Youth and Children's Development

The parish organised the Zonal Level Talent Competition on 28 June 2025, providing children and young people with an opportunity to develop their talents, strengthen friendships, and actively participate in church life.

Community and Charitable Support

The church continued its commitment to serving the wider community through charitable giving and support for local organisations, including:

- A donation of £200 to Barnardo's Aberdeen to support vulnerable children and young people.
- A contribution to the British Heart Foundation (Aberdeen) to support research into heart and circulatory diseases.
- A donation of £150 to The Archie Foundation (Aberdeen) to support babies, children, and families receiving healthcare across the north of Scotland.

These charitable activities demonstrate the church's commitment to living out Christian values through compassion, generosity, and service to the wider community.

Community Fellowship

The church continued to foster fellowship among parish members through regular gatherings and church activities, promoting spiritual growth, mutual support, and active participation in parish life.

Church Council:

The church council consists of two members who are elected by the general body and the period of the council is three years. The church accounts are handled by the trustee and every month is counted and checked by two people. The accounts are checked and audited every six months by our auditor who has accounting experience. Examined accounts statement is enclosed for your reference.

Council Members:

The Church council representatives consist of seven members who are elected by the general body meeting every year. Council decides each decision of the church, trustee and secretary executes accordingly. Internal auditor is not part of the council.

ST. THOMAS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
ABERDEEN

Financial Review

Gross income for the year is £ 32,758.54 , the resources expended are £19,557.79 . Therefore, the surplus for the year is £13,200.75 . There is no fund in deficit.

I hereby submit this report for your kind perusal.

On behalf of all trustees of ST. THOMAS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, ABERDEEN.

TRUSTEE

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of
ST: THOMAS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH ABERDEEN
(Charity number: SC046256)

I report on the receipt and payment accounts for the year ended 31st March 2026 set out on page 7

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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993(the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and
- to state whether 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 of 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 statements above.

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 41 of the 1993 Act: and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Acthave not been met or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Noble Dani George

25/07/2026

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Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	Period start date	To	Period End Date	
Charity No : SC046256		01/04/2025		31/03/2026	
Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offering	£3,495.08	-	-	3,495.08	£2,767.11
Subscription	£14,975.00	-	-	14,975.00	13,920.00
Special collection	£5,832.00	-	-	5,832.00	5,445.50
Donation	£855.00	-	-	855.00	4,700.01
HMRC Gift aid	£6,802.25	-	-	6,802.25	8,726.57
Bank Interest	799.21	-	-	799.21	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	32,758.54	-	-	32,758.54	35,559.19
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	32,758.54	-	-	32,758.54	35,559.19
A3 Payments					
Rent	£5,191.25	-	-	5,191.25	3,605.00
Charity donations	£783.15	-	-	783.15	2,160.52
Honorarium to priests and bishop	£7,400.00	-	-	7,400.00	6,975.00
Printing postage and stationery	£1,475.16			1,475.16	181.59
Legal and Professional fees	£410.00	-	-	410.00	1,139.00
Insurance	£180.65	-	-	180.65	168.25
Conferences, Youth Meets & Outreach	-	-	-	-	6,422.45
Electronics	500.63	-	-	500.63	-
Bank Charges	60.72	-	-	60.72	-
Head Office Contributions	250.00	-	-	250.00	-
Refreshments	3,100.00			3,100.00	-
Travel	206.23			206.23	-
Website	-	-	-	-	129.60
Miscellaneous expenses	-	-	-	-	175.55
Sub total	19,557.79	-	-	19,557.79	20,956.96
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	19,557.79	-	-	19,557.79	20,956.96
Net of receipts/(payments)	13,200.75	-	-	13,200.75	14,602.23
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	108,415.97	-	-	108,415.97	93,813.74
Cash funds this year end	121,616.72	-	-	121,616.72	108,415.97

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash/ Cheques in hand	-	-	-
	Cash at bank	121,617	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	121,617	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		Jibin John		25/07/2026