

THE INDIAN (MALANKARA) ORTHODOX CHURCH

Diocese of UK- Europe and Africa

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Blessing to the Vicars, Parish Managing Committee, Diocesan Representatives and all the faithful of the Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa:

Dearly beloved in Lord,

The Diocesan general body meeting held on 29 April 2017 at Oxford, UK has elected the Diocesan Council members for the period 2017-22. We hereby approve the election of the diocesan council members and declare the formation of Diocesan Council 2017-22 as listed below.

Rev Fr Happy Jacob	Diocesan Secretary
Rev Fr George Thankachan	Priest Representative- Ireland Region
Rev Fr Mathews Kuriakose	Priest Representative- UK Region
Mr Mathew Philip	Layperson Representative- Europe Region
Mr Alex P Abraham	Layperson Representative- Ireland Region
Mr Jacob John Poovathoor	Layperson Representative- Africa Region
Mr Plakkal Josekutty Jacob	Layperson Representative- UK North Region
Mr George Mathew	Layperson Representative- UK Central Region
Mr Soji T Mathew	Layperson Representative- UK South Region

We hereby nominate the following personnel to the Diocesan council.

Mr PM Raju	UK Region
Mr Jacob P George	UK Region
Dr Shaji P Chacko	Ireland Region

Newly elected Diocesan Council should assume their office on 15 May 2017. Mr Thomas Koshy will continue to serve as the Internal Auditor. Outgoing Diocesan Secretary and Diocesan office bearers will be special invitees to the Diocesan Council. The diocesan council shall exercise their responsibilities under the guidance and instruction of the Diocesan Metropolitan and shall be pledged to the constitution of Malankara Orthodox Church and that of the Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa.

We hereby express Our sincere gratitude to the outgoing council for their valued service and contribution which helped tremendously for establishing the diocese in her infant stages. We congratulate and welcome the new Diocesan Council and urge the council members to do their best in prayers for the Goodwill of our Church.

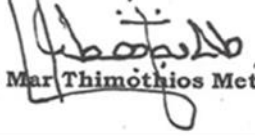
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We hereby express Our special gratitude to Dr P S Varghese for his valuable service as the Returning officer for the election. The assistance rendered by Mr Thomas Koshy as the internal auditor, Mr Abraham Kurien and Mr Saji Varghese are much appreciable. May We take this opportunity to send Our sincere gratitude to the Vicar, Managing committee members and all the faithful of St Marys IOC Oxford for the warm welcome and all the arrangements provided for the Diocesan General body meeting, MOMS meeting and Sunday School Teachers Conference.

May God Bless you all

Your Spiritual Father in Christ


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