



'Light for the Blind'
St Joseph's Hospices

Helping the Blind and Dying Destitute of South India
Registered Charity No. 1085698

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Chairperson's Report – 2019

Thankfully, 2019 has been a year of peaceful rebuilding, rehabilitation and recovery of our Indian hospices to their former status, with our founder and inspirer, Fr. Thomas, restored to good health and vigour. So too his loyal and dedicated staff, who now have the added support of two new young priests who have been seconded from the local diocese.

The three major hospices of Dindigul, Palesswaram and Pondicherry are all fully operational and are building up their resources to cater for more patients. Tambaram remains our holding hospice where patients are sent awaiting transfer to other locations, and Vellore will reopen its doors shortly to receive its first intake. A trustee again visited the hospices this year, following on from a trustee visit last year, and two more trustees will visit in early 2020.

The major problem this year has been the searing heat and lack of rain, which has severely affected water supplies. Two new wells have been dug in Palesswaram, with one existing well deepened to access water at a lower stratum. Water has had to be brought in to Dindigul by truck to supplement the dwindling volumes from its wells and, as a long-term solution, we are planning to install a 6km pipeline from a local reservoir.

Funds this year have fallen again despite a most successful appeal in Harrogate and Leeds, with Oxford and Abingdon again making their usual steady contribution to our coffers. Support from the local communities in our areas of operation continues in materials, food and medical assistance. More 'outreach' work is planned next year to increase this local effort.

We have had a change to trustee responsibilities, with a new treasurer and secretary taking up their respective reins, and our thanks go to them, and to those they replaced. Indeed, a big 'thank you' is due to all our hard-working and committed trustees for their ready involvement and loving care.

Sheila Margreaves

Chairperson – on behalf of the Trustees

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ACCRUALS BASIS

	Year ended 31/08/19	Year ended 31/08/18
RECEIPTS		
Donations under Gift Aid - hospice	47,963.45	37787.30
Donations non-Gift Aid - hospice	22,637.37	6394.82
Charitable trusts	0.00	800.00
Schools and parishes	5,422.69	8259.96
Income tax back	11,990.88	9446.83
Other CAF	1,699.61	1917.13
Donated shares	0.00	0.00
Sub total	89,714.00	64606.04
Bank interest received - gross	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	89,714.00	64606.04

PAYMENTS

Charitable Payments

Light for the Blind India	90,000.00	80000.00
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Management and Administration

Telephone	0.00	0.00
Postage	290.00	226.57
Stationery	219.40	42.00
Publicity	239.20	369.00
Gifts	0.00	96.90
Professional Fees	2,691.00	2691.00
Insurance	373.34	372.70
Bank charges	224.51	201.87
Sundry	62.25	454.70
Total Management & Administration	4,099.70	4454.74

TOTAL PAYMENTS

	(94,099.70)	(84,454.74)
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DEFICIT/SURPLUS

	(4,385.70)	(19,848.70)
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MOVEMENT OF FUNDS

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Fund balances brought forward	31,252.81	51101.51
Movement in the year	(4,385.70)	(19,848.70)
Fund balances carried forward	26,867.11	31252.81

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT YEAR END

Current Assets

Lloyds TSB Bank plc	20,810.00	27990.74
Gift aid Debtor	7,557.11	4752.07
Accrual	(1,500.00)	(1,500.00)
Net Assets in Unrestricted Funds	26,867.11	31252.81
	0.00	0.00

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on

Signed





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Light for the Blind

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2019

Charity no
(if any)

1085698

Set out on pages

Accruals basis and trustees report

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2019

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

SM Harrison

Date:

21/02/2020

Name:

Mrs S M Harrison

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

ACA

(if any)

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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