



'Light for the Blind'

**St Joseph's Hospices**

Helping the Blind, Dying Destitute, and Mentally Ill of India  
Registered Charity No. 1085698

The Charity 'Light for the Blind' was constituted as a charitable trust in August 2000 in the city of Leeds. Its main objective is to raise funds for Fr Thomas Rathapillil's hospices for the dying destitute and a smaller number of mentally ill patients and their children. All but one of the hospices are sited in Tamil Nadu, South India, and the other in Pondicherry.

The COVID-19 situation in India is extremely severe and all our patients are vulnerable. Therefore we are currently unable to take new patients and we focus on maintaining the welfare and safety of all patients and staff.

St Joseph's Hospice, Dindigul, cares for 135 patients, a number much reduced owing to the ravages of COVID-19. This hospice is largely funded by the Indian community by donations from all over the district which help to cover meals, clothing and staff salaries.

St Joseph's Hospice, Chengleput, also keeps 139 patients safe and sound. The smallish group of children and their parents have been moved to Pondicherry with their teacher to keep them even safer in their own bubble.

St Joseph's Hospice, Tamburam, was constructed in 2014 to function as a safe holding area where desperately ill patients could be medically assessed before travelling by ambulance for further nursing at Chengleput, as appropriate.

St Joseph's Hospice, Pondicherry, is caring for 106 patients. Fr Anthony Singaraya Plash is now working with Fr Thomas and learning all necessary skills.

St Joseph's Hospice, Vellore, is one of our more recent foundations, but because of COVID-19 it has not yet re-opened for new patients. Two of our staff are settled there in caretaker roles, while two new priests from Sri Lanka are awaited - when air travel resumes.

As has always been the case, all operational expenses, with the exception of bank and accountancy fees plus other small charges, have been met by the Trustees. All monies raised are sent directly to Tamil Nadu, solely for the purposes laid out in paragraph 1.

We once again give heartfelt thanks to all our donors - individuals, churches and charitable trusts - who have so generously supported our work.

*Sheila Margreaves*

Chair Light for the Blind

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/directors/ members of**

Charity Name  
LIGHT FOR THE BLIND

**On accounts for the year ended**

31 AUGUST 2020

<b>Charity no.:</b>	1085698	<b>Company no.:</b>	
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**Set out on pages**

Accruals basis and Trustees Report  
(delete as appropriate; include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31/08/2020.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

[The company'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 (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.

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Signed:  Date:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

**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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Registered Charity 1085698

### ACCRUALS BASIS

	Year ended 31/08/20	Year ended 31/08/19
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Donations under Gift Aid - hospice	39,915.22	47963.45
Donations non-Gift Aid - hospice	7,307.55	22637.37
Charitable trusts	1055.88	0.00
Schools and parishes	3,050.86	5422.69
Income tax back	9,979.57	11990.88
Other CAF	1,045.04	1699.61
Donated shares		0.00
Sub total	62,354.12	89714.00
Bank interest received - gross	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	62,354.12	89714.00

### PAYMENTS

#### Charitable Payments

Light for the Blind India	50,000.00	90000.00
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#### Management and Administration

Telephone	0.00	0.00
Postage	381.84	290.00
Stationery	252.63	219.40
Publicity	1,025.80	239.20
Gifts	0.00	0.00
Professional Fees	2,542.50	2691.00
Insurance	398.34	373.34
Bank charges	209.44	224.51
Sundry	205.38	62.25
<b>Total Management &amp; Administration</b>	5,015.93	4099.70

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### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT YEAR END


#### Current Assets

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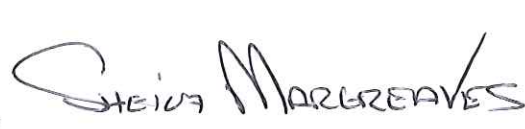
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