



'Light for the Blind'

St Joseph's Hospices

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

CHAIR'S REPORT 2021

'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 in Tamil Nadu, South India.

This year the hospices have continued to experience unprecedented difficulties, owing to the Covid-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, by means of stringent lockdown procedures, all patients and Staff have been kept safe from infection. All new patients are required to test negative before admission, followed by isolation before joining the wider community.

Finances remain steady despite the obstacle of limited appeals both here and in India, and we give thanks to all our donors who have continued to support our work. Construction of the Vellore hospice continues, with firm plans in place for the foundation of the new Chennai North hospice in early 2022.

Finally, we also thank our indomitable trustees and distinguished patrons for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Sheila Margreaves

Chair - Light for the Blind

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Registered Charity 1063998

ACCRUALS BASIS

	Year ended 31/03/2021	Year ended 31/03/2020
RECEIPTS		
Donations under Gift Aid - hospice	£41,854.88	£38,915.22
Donations non-Gift Aid - hospice	£14,347.01	£7,307.08
Charitable trusts	£300.00	£1,055.88
Schools and parishes	£2,241.02	£3,080.88
Income tax bank	£10,538.19	£5,878.07
Other CAF	£770.02	£1,045.04
Just giving - Gift Aid	£1,571.21	£0.00
Just giving - Non Gift Aid	£2,810.00	£0.00
Sub total	<u>£74,330.13</u>	<u>£62,384.12</u>
Bank interest received - gross	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>£74,330.13</u>	<u>£62,384.12</u>

	Year ended 31/03/2021	Year ended 31/03/2020
PAYMENTS		
Charitable Payments		
Light for the Blind India	<u>£80,000.00</u>	<u>£80,000.00</u>
Management and Administration		
Postage	£511.82	£381.84
Stationery	£0.00	£282.85
Publicity	£260.77	£1,025.80
Just giving Fees	£85.34	
Just giving subscriptions	£188.29	
Zoom license	£180.00	
Professional Fees	£2,542.50	£2,642.50
Insurance	£380.34	£388.34
Bank charges	£151.85	£208.44
Bundy	£0.00	£205.38
Total Management & Administration	<u>£4,288.71</u>	<u>£5,015.93</u>

TOTAL PAYMENTS (80,288.71) (85,015.93)

DEFICIT/SURPLUS £18,041.42 £7,368.19

	Year ended 31/03/2021	Year ended 31/03/2020
MOVEMENT OF FUNDS		
Fund balances brought forward	£34,205.30	£26,867.11
Movement in the year	<u>£10,041.42</u>	<u>£7,368.19</u>
Fund balances carried forward	<u>£44,246.71</u>	<u>£34,205.30</u>

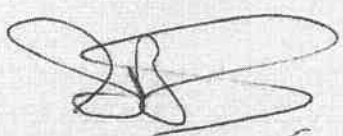
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT YEAR END

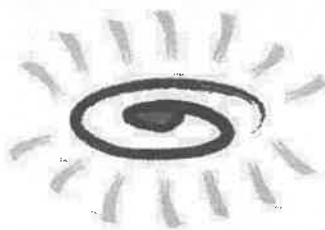
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	Year ended 31/03/2021	Year ended 31/03/2020
Current Assets		
Lloyds TSB Bank plc	£26,375.54	£26,468.99
Gift aid Debtor	£10,413.67	£9,878.61
Accrual	(£2,542.50)	(£2,342.50)
Net Assets in Unrestricted Funds	<u>£34,246.71</u>	<u>£34,205.30</u>
	£0.00	£0.00

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on

Signed  - Mark Williams 9-Oct-21

 Sujana Marenkovas 9 Oct 2021



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Christmas Message of Bishop Marcus for 'Light for the Blind'

For the second time, my Christmas message comes at the end of a year which has been overshadowed by the coronavirus pandemic and all the suffering it has brought. In this context, I am pleased to have this opportunity to express my highest esteem for Fr Thomas and all the staff, trustees and supporters of Light for the Blind.

Reflecting on the mystery of the Incarnation, the Evangelist Saint John tells us that the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overpower it. (cf. John 1:5) We know the pandemic has brought suffering, pain, poverty, uncertainty, despair, death and grief to many, not least to the people of India, with the poor and marginalized suffering the most. It seems that the darkness has triumphed. We must remember that whenever we encounter the darkness, it is an opportunity for us to scatter it by bringing the Light of Christ who dwells within us to all. I am profoundly grateful to all of you who, in many different ways, have brought light, hope and peace to some of our brothers and sisters who suffer the deepest darkness.

As patron of the "Light for the Blind", I invoke the blessing of almighty God upon all its supporters. I pray that the Christ-child, the Light who shines in the darkness, may bless all your efforts to bring relief to those who suffer. I wish you, your families and loved ones, a very happy and holy Christmas.

+ Marcus Stock

Rt Revd Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds

A note from our Treasurer, Mark.

In these constrained times, with limited appeals and Mass attendance lower, please see below information on how you can continue to support "Light for the Blind" finances.

- Electronic banking - see our website for details
- Follow the links to "JustGiving" on our website
- Please send cheques made payable "**Light for the Blind**" - post to the address below.

Treasurer Mark Wilkins

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**Patrons: The Rt Revd Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds and
William Dalrymple, historian and best-selling author.**



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 2021

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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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:

9/10/2021

Name:

MRS SM HARRISON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

ACA

(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.