



'Light for the Blind'
St Joseph's Hospices
Helping the Blind, Dying Destitute, and Mentally Ill of India
Registered Charity No. 1085698

Chairperson's Report 2018

'Light for the Blind' was constituted as a Charitable Trust in August 2000 in the city of Leeds. Our main objective is to raise funds for Fr Thomas Rathapillil's work in the State of Tamil Nadu, South India. He has founded and developed hospices for the dying destitute, for others in desperate need including mentally ill patients and their children.

This year has been a very difficult year for the charity and Fr Thomas, owing to the fundamental clash of values between our charitable work as Christians to relieve the suffering of the poor and needy and the Hindu concept of Karma.

In Tamil Nadu, thousands of Christians turned out in solidarity with the Bishops, Priests and Religious orders as they demonstrated in support of Fr Thomas and all the positive outcomes achieved through the aims and efforts of our Hospices. I am pleased to report that after a short break all the Hospices are once again functioning within their communities to continue their dedicated work among the poorest of the poor.

St Joseph's Hospice, Dindigul

Our first hospice, opened in 2006, continues to care for patients, and is now largely funded by the Indian community. Fr Thomas has appointed an Indian lady who has worked with Fr Thomas since the Hospice opened in 2006 along with her family to manage and oversee the day to day running of the Hospice.

St Joseph's Hospice, Chengleput

Our second and largest hospice has the capacity to accommodate 500 patients of all faiths or none. This is Fr Thomas's base

St Joseph's Hospice, Tamburam

Located not far from Chennai Airport and opened in 2014, Tamburam provides space for up to 30 seriously ill patients to receive the life-saving care and treatment they need, to survive the longer ambulance journeys to our larger hospices.

St Joseph's Hospice, Pondicherry

This our new Hospice this is up and running! We are hugely grateful for the generosity of one Catholic family in the UK who, over the years, have supported 'Life for the Blind' with great commitment.

St Joseph's Hospice, Vellore

Building work is still ongoing in Vellore, an industrial town between Chennai and Bangaluru with a population of over half a million.

This year all of the charities running expenses have been met by the Trustees, with the exception of banking, accountancy and insurance charges. All of the donations raised have been sent directly to Tamil Nadu to care for all our terminally ill and needy patients with their children.

Sheila Margreaves
Chairperson - on behalf of the trustees

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ACCRUALS BASIS

	Year ended 31/08/18	Year ended 31/08/17
RECEIPTS		
Donations under Gift Aid - hospice	37,787.30	78,686.65
Donations non-Gift Aid - hospice	6,394.82	21,585.92
Charitable trusts	800.00	11,050.00
Schools and parishes	8,259.96	1,128.15
Income tax back	9,446.83	33,336.66
Other CAF	1,917.13	1,341.88
Donated shares	0.00	0.00
Sub total	64,606.04	147,129.26
Bank interest received - gross	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	64,606.04	147,129.26

PAYMENTS

Charitable Payments

Light for the Blind India	80,000.00	461,000.00
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Management and Administration

Telephone	0.00	0.00
Postage	226.57	165.00
Stationery	42.00	0.00
Publicity	369.00	493.00
Gifts	96.90	0.00
Professional Fees	2,691.00	4,038.00
Insurance	372.70	330.03
Bank charges	201.87	218.25
Sundry	454.70	226.82
Total Management & Administration	4,454.74	5,471.10

TOTAL PAYMENTS

(84,454.74)

(466,471.10)

DEFICIT/SURPLUS

(19,848.70)

(319,341.84)

MOVEMENT OF FUNDS

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Fund balances brought forward	51,101.51	370,443.35
Movement in the year	(19,848.70)	(319,341.84)
Fund balances carried forward	31,252.81	51,101.51

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT YEAR END

Current Assets

Lloyds TSB Bank plc	27,990.74	41,431.10
Gift aid Debtor	4,762.07	11,170.41
Accrual	(1,500.00)	(1,500.00)
Net Assets in Unrestricted Funds	31,252.81	51,101.51
	0.00	0.00

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on

Signed





**Independent examiner's report
on the accounts**

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 2018

Charity no.:	1085698	Company no.:	
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(inserted or to be inserted) the page numbers of additional accounts

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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.

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

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.

None