

Light for the Blind'
St Joseph's Hospices
Helping the Blind and Dying Destitute of South India
U.K. Registered Charity No. 1085698

Chairperson's Report 2025

The Charity 'Light for the Blind' was constituted as a Charitable Trust in the city of Leeds in August 2000 by Fr Thomas Rathapillil and Mrs Myrtle Watkins. Its main objective is to raise funds for the continuing care of the dying and destitute people in our hospices in Tamil Nadu, South India.

Along with other organisations, the Charity is struggling to remit funds to India. The local Indian licence under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act was revoked based on unfounded accusations. This was successfully challenged in the court in India. However, the restoration of the licence is taking longer than we or Father Thomas would like. The local Indian charity has been successful in raising funds for operational activities. We have stopped new fund-raising activities and are monitoring the situation. We are also in the process of writing to the supporters of the charity, to keep them informed of this situation.

A new bank account was opened (after the end of the financial year) as the UK government's Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) was capped at £85,000 (now £120,000).

I would like to take this opportunity to say a fond farewell to two of the trustees who have resigned over the course of the year. We thank Peter Hendricks for over a decade of sterling service, for his insightful input into our deliberations and especially for his work as Secretary of the charity. We welcomed Jill Harkin during the year. However, a new job opportunity, meant that Jill would be unable to carry on as a Trustee. We wish her well, in the next step of her career.

I also extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the donors, charitable trusts, churches and schools, whose valuable contributions form the bedrock of our success.

Sheila Margreaves
Chair Light for the Blind

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

NOTE: One of a number of articles covering the subject of FCRA registration.

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/2024/04/india-fcra-ngo-world-vision-foreign-funding-close/>

Light for the Blind

Registered Charity 1085698

ACCRUALS BASIS

	Year ended 31/08/2025	Year ended 31/08/2024
RECEIPTS		
Donations under Gift Aid - hospice	£30,674.35	£31,898.00
Donations non-Gift Aid - hospice	£12,000.00	£34,827.92
Charitable trusts	£2,000.00	£3,000.00
Schools and parishes	£1,157.84	£1,463.28
Income tax back	£7,980.72	£8,243.42
Other CAF	£1,767.28	£1,149.72
Just giving - Gift Aid	£845.00	£1,075.00
Just giving - Non Gift Aid	£130.00	£0.00
Sub total	£56,555.19	£81,657.34
Bank interest received - gross	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£56,555.19	£81,657.34

PAYMENTS

Charitable Payments

Light for the Blind India	£10,000.00	£0.00
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Management and Administration

Postage	£589.00	£0.00
Stationery	£0.00	£29.88
Publicity Website Hosting	£76.77	£55.20
Just giving Fees	£24.96	£25.16
Cloud Storage Subscription	£237.60	£198.00
Zoom license	£201.48	£155.90
Professional Fees	£2,650.00	£2,650.00
Insurance	£433.34	£398.34
Bank charges	£203.35	£145.87
Sundry	£60.00	£60.00
Total Management & Administration	£4,476.50	£3,718.15

TOTAL PAYMENTS

(£14,476.50)

(£3,718.15)

DEFICIT/SURPLUS

£42,078.69

£77,939.19

MOVEMENT OF FUNDS

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Fund balances brought forward	£120,842.96	£42,903.77
Movement in the year	£42,078.69	£77,939.19
Fund balances carried forward	£162,921.65	£120,842.96

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT YEAR END

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Current Assets

Lloyds TSB Bank plc	£161,552.31	£115,518.46
Gift aid Debtor	£4,019.34	£7,974.50
Accrual	(£2,650.00)	(£2,650.00)

Net Assets in Unrestricted Funds	£162,921.65	£120,842.96
	£0.00	£0.00


These accounts were approved by the Trustees on

21-October-2025

Signed



Treasurer



Chair

(if any):

Address:

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WAKEFIELD, WEST YORKSHIRE

WF4 3ND

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.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

LIGHT FOR THE BLIND

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 AUGUST 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1085698

Set out on pages

OF THE ACCRUALS BASIS AND TRUSTEES REPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 AUGUST 2025.

**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:

20/11/2025

Name:

MRS S M HARRISON

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body**

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