

**The Annual Report of the Gilgal Pentecostal Church (Reg. Charity No. 1141435) Bury St. Edmunds, for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, presented on the occasion of the General Body Meeting**

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# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

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members of

GILGAL PENTACOSTAL CHURCH

On accounts for the year  
ended

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Charity no  
(if any)

1141435

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective  
responsibilities of  
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The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent  
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My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent  
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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*)

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  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
 have not been met ; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn 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:

17/01/2022

Name:

Sebastian Machukattu Devasia

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

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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