

**The Annual Report of the Gilgal Pentecostal Church (Reg. Charity No. 1141435) Bury St. Edmunds, for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, presented on the occasion of the General Body Meeting.**

**Date and time of Meeting: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Venue: Gilgal Pentecostal Church, Bury St Edmunds**

**Beloved in Christ,**

Another eventful year has passed, and the Lord Almighty has protected us and showered His mercy and love on us all throughout the year. Like previous years we were able to serve large sections of the community this year by offering a range of services. Over the course of the year, our community had found these services beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. These services include area prayers, night prayers, cottage meeting, youth meeting, Sunday worship and ladies fellowship. The Church fellowships were conducted in an intimate and reflective environment conducive for worship whilst opportunities were given to people to worship and lead especially to youths from and within the church.

**Impact of Covid Pandemic:** The church has been able to restart the meetings in the church premises on Sundays and all families have been attending it. The cottage meetings were also restarted although not yet on a regular schedule.

**Sunday School Ministry - (Sunday 11 – 12 PM)**

The Sunday school activities were aimed at inculcating in children, Christian hopes and values and thus making a generation of visionaries and role models in the society. The students are divided into various classes according to their age and are taught prescribed Sunday school syllabus based on biblical themes.

During this year, a total of fifteen students and five teachers served in the Sunday School Ministry. The Sunday school ministry has helped our children in their efforts to become role models in their universities, schools, and the society. The children were taught on Sunday 11 AM to 12 PM.

**Youth Meeting and Worship - (Saturday 5 - 7 PM)**

Youth Ministry is the primary source where youngsters are given opportunities to conduct praise and worship, discussions on contemporary issues faced by youths and biblical solutions to issues, counselling to avoid temptations of drugs, alcohol etc. Youths are also given advice to become bold, independent, resilient, and truthful in their lives and how to integrate themselves into the society in accordance with true Christian perspective and value.

During the youth meeting youngsters were given opportunities to recite Bible verses, say short stories and deliver biblical short messages. There were opportunities to perform their skills with musical instruments and singing. There was occasional Bible Quiz to broaden the biblical knowledge of young people. There were interactive games

held as well to keep the youths engaged. All the activities were done via Zoom meetings.

### **Sunday Worship Service: 10 AM TO 1PM**

The primary aim of our church is to worship God in Truth and Spirit according to the Christian faith based on spiritual and Pentecostal direction. "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth". Worship is the consciousness of the presence of God and the response to that consciousness. So, the aim of worship is to outreach the deepest emotions of the soul in adoration, reverence, homage, exaltation, and praise to the Almighty. Worships were conducted in an informal manner with freedom of expression. It was not dependent upon created environment and circumstances, but attitude, appetite, and anticipation created atmosphere for worship. As an essential part of the worship, we engaged in constant prayers, singing spirit filled vibrant songs, Bible reading, inspirational testimonies, spiritual messages, seeking and receiving prophetic words from God, infilling of Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues etc all that brought us steps closer to our Lord Jesus.

In this year also the Lord has enlarged the boundary of the church by adding new families. God has revealed His power and mercy in our midst through miraculous healings and deliverances from difficult problems and answered all our prayers. Many men of God were invited in this year to our church meetings and their messages were a great spiritual blessing to all our families attending from Bury St. Edmunds, Cambridge, Ipswich, King's Lynn, Sudbury, Red Lodge, Haverhill and Colchester. The Fasting Prayer Meetings conducted on the last week of every month and Year End/ New Year fasting prayers and messages were great opportunities for believers to pray in union and to interceding for communities, leaders, rulers, nations etc. Holy Communion was also conducted as we could gather in person at the church.

### **Cottage Prayer Fellowships:**

We were able to restart the cottage prayer meetings after such meetings were stopped due to the Covid pandemic. Different meetings were conducted in family homes at Red Lodge, Cambridge, Colchester, and Haverhill. These meetings helped believers to pray in union and to intercede for the families, communities, leaders, rulers, nations and also to hear from God's word.

### **Weekly Bible Class: Wednesday 9 PM to 10 PM**

A weekly bible class was conducted by Pastor Sunny John where families would join via zoom and spend useful time learning and understanding the Bible in a systematic way. The topics covered this year included the Spiritual Gifts, New Testament church etc.

### **Ladies Prayer Meeting**

Ladies Prayer Meetings were conducted on the 4th Sunday of every month between 10 AM to 11 AM. These meetings were primarily prayer towers for all the activities of the church and other specific issues of the families. In this prayer ministry, the

members have prayed for several requests given to the church by non-members and families. Their prayers in unity with God had found remarkable results.

### **Other Key Highlights:**

#### **Monthly Talent Program for Youths:**

Talent program was conducted on a monthly basis (every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday) where all youths of the church actively participated to display their skills in singing, bible memorizing, bible quizzes, dance, skits, speeches and debates on relevant topics and other special programs. This was a great encouragement for young children to grow and develop their skills as well as helping them to speak and perform before other people.

#### **Christmas Outreach Program: 18/12/2021**

A Christmas Outreach program was conducted in the town centre of Bury St Edmunds. The youths of the church sang Christmas songs, invited the public to the Christmas carol service and also distributed gospel tracts.

#### **Christmas Carol Service: 22/12/2021**

A Christmas Carol Service was conducted in the church premises on 22/12/2021. It was attended by a number of people from the community and everyone had a blessed time with great worship and also sharing from the word of God about the meaning of Christmas.

#### **Street Outreach Programs:**

The youths of the church also conducted street outreach programs in Cambridge and Bury St Edmunds which involved distributing food packets to the homeless and spending time talking and interacting with such people who need help and support.

#### **Gospel Outreach:**

The youths of the church also participated in gospel outreach programs partnering with other churches and gospel groups on weekends where they went to different towns across Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire and took active part in sharing the gospel at the town centres.

#### **Collection for Food Bank:**

The church organized a collection box for getting food donations from the church members and the collected food was delivered to food banks in Bury St Edmunds.

#### **Visiting Servants of God:**

We had different blessed servants of God ministering to the church on various days throughout the year and their ministry with the word of God was a great blessing to all members of the church.

### Church Annual General Body Meeting

The Church Annual Report was presented by the secretary on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and the existing office bearers and trustee members were elected to continue for the year April 2022 to March 2023 as decided by the general meeting.

Additionally, Mr Roji Samuel was elected as the Safeguarding Officer of the church.

The names and position of the trustees are as follows:

NAMES	POSITIONS
PASTOR. SUNNY JOHN 10 Poppy Close, Red Lodge, Bury St Edmunds IP28 8FL	PRESIDENT
Mr. VARUGHESE ABRAHAM 50 St Johns Road Colchester Essex CO4 0JW	VICE PRESIDENT
Mrs. ALIENA SUNNY 2 Thistle Way Red Lodge, Bury St Edmunds IP28 8FR	SECRETARY
Mr. SAM THULAMANNIL BIJU 37 Ranworth King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 4XD	TREASURER
Mr. EBIN ABRAHAM 54 Blackthorn Close Cambridge CB4 1FZ	YOUTH LEADER
Mr. VARGHESE VARGHESE PLAPARA 26 Fleming Way Withersfield	TRUSTEE

Haverhill CB9 7SQ	
Mr. JIKU SAMUEL THAMPY 4 Fern Way Red Lodge Bury St Edmunds IP28 8WW	TRUSTEE
Mrs. JIJI GEORGE 50 St Johns Road Colchester Essex CO4 0JW	TRUSTEE
Mr. LIJO VARGHESE 24 Larch Way Red Lodge Bury St Edmunds IP28 8YA	TRUSTEE
Mrs. SAJINI SHAJI 8 Monarch Close Haverhill Suffolk CB9 9QW	TRUSTEE
Mr Roji Samuel 1 Redwood Drive Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP32 6TN	SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

### ***Donations to Charity:***

During this year, the Church had the privilege of deepening gospel partnerships and to extend support and assistance to various charitable missions around the world as previous years. We were also able to support some local food banks around Bury St Edmunds, supplying them with essential food items along with some monetary donation. The list of recipients of financial support and contributions are as given below:

Recipients
Pr Kaloor Mathai
Pr J Joseph
Pr Binny Abraham
Pr Samuel Jude
Educational Support - Shiju Thakadiel (Mundakayam, Kerala)
House Building Support - Santhosh (Ayarkunnam , Kottayam)
Church Parsonage Support - Aranmula, Kerala
Church Building Support - Philadelphia Fellowship Church, Udaipur, Rajasthan, India
Bury Drop In Charity (Food Bank)



**Aliena Sunny**  
**Secretary**  
**Reg. Charity No: 1141435**



**Pastor Sunny John**  
**President and Chairperson**  
**Reg. Charity No. 1141435**



Charity Name GILGAL PENTECOSTAL CHURCH	No (if any) 1141435
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>	
For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2021
	Period end date 31/03/2022

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## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
OFFERINGS	487		-	487	1,354
DONATIONS	29,899		-	29,899	30,547
GIFT AID	7,884		-	7,884	10,931
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>38,270</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,270</b>	<b>42,833</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>38,270</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,270</b>	<b>42,833</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Administrative expenses	5,197		-	5,197	3,976
Gifts and Donations	400		-	400	1,629
Travel and Other expenses reimbursed	5,000		-	5,000	7,600
Charity			-	-	500
Accountancy	500		-	500	800
Refreshments	2,271		-	2,271	-
Evangelism	482		-	482	-
Building Fund	755		-	755	-
Telephone	404		-	404	364
Bank charges	29		-	29	-
Bank Loan	9,837		-	9,837	10,204
Fixed Assets	1,762		-	1,762	-
Contribution to AOG	600		-	600	600
Insurance	940		-	940	887
Air con			-	-	6,674
Electrical fittings			-	-	6,603
Furniture			-	-	216
			-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>28,176</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,176</b>	<b>40,054</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>28,176</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,176</b>	<b>40,054</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>10,094</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,094</b>	<b>2,779</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,592		-	5,592	2,813
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>15,686</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,686</b>	<b>5,592</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Account	14,137		
	Cash in Hand	1,548		
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>15,686</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	account(s)	OK	OK	OK

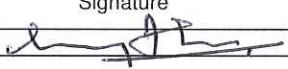
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church Building	Church Building	210,141	-
	MIC SYSTEMS	GENERAL FUND	548	-
	FURNITURE	GENERAL FUND	700	-
	SAFE & SHELF	GENERAL FUND	264	-
	LAPTOP	GENERAL FUND	250	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Bank loan	Church building	113,512	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on  
behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Sunny John	12/11/22





# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

GILGAL PENTACOSTAL CHURCH

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1141435

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner**

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  
examiner's statement**

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  
examiner's statement**

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - 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:

12/11/2022

Name:

Sebastian Machukattu Devasia

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qualification(s) or body  
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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.