

The Annual Report of the Gilgal Pentecostal Church (Reg. Charity No. 1141435) Bury St. Edmunds, for the period from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, presented on the occasion of the General Body Meeting.

Date and time of Meeting: 26th March 2023

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.

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 conducted in the church premises.

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 some 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, 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:

Cottage prayer meetings were conducted in family homes at Red Lodge, Cambridge, Colchester, Bury St Edmunds, 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.

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. Often, the ladies also meet via Zoom platform and conduct prayer meetings.

Other Key Highlights:

Monthly Talent Program for Youths:

Talent program was conducted on a monthly basis (every 4th 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.

One-day Family Seminar: 16/04/2022

A one-day family seminar was organized in the church where Pr. Manoj Abraham shared the word of God which was a great blessing to all families. It was also attended by a number of people outside the church.

Two-day Spiritual Conference: 10/11/2022 – 11/11/2022

A two-day spiritual conference was arranged in the church where Pr. Thomas Abraham from Kerala, India led spirit-filled meetings and ministered the word of God.

Tribal Mission Project, India

The church was able to organize, start and support a new mission project this year in Attappadi, Kerala which is a tribal area. We have been able to financially support a servant of God, Pastor Unni who has taken a pioneer work in sharing the gospel to the tribal villages in Attappadi, North Kerala as well as educating the tribal people there and supporting their social upliftment. Although the mission is challenging, Pastor Unni has made considerable progress and was able to engage with the local people and share the gospel with them.

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.

10/07/2022 – Interactive Sessions by Evangelist Daniel Shearer

24/11/2022 – Pr Abraham George, Kerala, India

29/11/2022 – Pr Baiju Kattakada, Kerala, India

14/12/2022 – Pr Binu Shekharan, Punjab, India

19/12/2022 – Pr Jomon Devasia, Kerala, India

22/12/2022 – Pr Pramod Kumar, Haryana, India

20/12/2022 – Pr Rajan Victor, Kerala, India

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.

Church Annual General Body Meeting

The Church Annual Report was presented by the secretary on 26th March 2023 and the following office bearers and trustee members were elected for the year April 2023 to March 2024 as decided by the general meeting.

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 4 Hare Road Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 5XJ	VICE PRESIDENT
Mr Sam Daniel 23 Falstaff Way, Chilton Sudbury CO10 0RF	SECRETARY

Mr. SAM THULAMANNIL BIJU 37 Ranworth King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 4XD	TREASURER
Mr. EBIN ABRAHAM 30 Harebell Road Red Lodge Suffolk IP28 8TY	YOUTH LEADER
Mr. NAVEEN P MATHEW 2 Thistle Way Red Lodge, Bury St Edmunds IP28 8FR	TRUSTEE
Mr. SAMUEL JOSEPH 26 Leete Road, Cambridge CB1 9ET	TRUSTEE
Mr. JIKU SAMUEL THAMPY 7 The Meadows Worlington Suffolk IP28 8SH	TRUSTEE
Mrs. JIJU GEORGE 4 Hare Road Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 5XJ	TRUSTEE
Mr. LIJO VARGHESE 24 Larch Way Red Lodge Bury St Edmunds IP28 8YA	TRUSTEE

Mr. SHAJI VARGHESE 8 Monarch Close Haverhill Suffolk CB9 9QW	TRUSTEE
Mr Roji Samuel 1 Redwood Drive Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP32 6TN	SAFEGUARDING OFFICER



Sam Daniel
Secretary
Reg. Charity No: 1141435



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



Charity Name	No (if any)
GILGAL PENTECOSTAL CHURCH	1141435

Receipts and payments accounts


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For the period from	Period start date	Period end date
	01/04/2022	31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
OFFERINGS	-		-	-	487
DONATIONS	29,254		-	29,254	29,899
GIFT AID	7,597		-	7,597	7,884
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	36,851	-	-	36,851	38,270
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	36,851	-	-	36,851	38,270
A3 Payments					
Administrative expenses	7,462		-	7,462	5,197
Gifts and Donations	3,000		-	3,000	400
Travel and Other expenses reimbursed	6,500		-	6,500	5,000
Charity	799		-	799	-
Professional	700		-	700	500
Refreshments	3,482		-	3,482	2,271
Evangelism			-	-	482
Building Fund			-	-	755
Telephone	521		-	521	404
Bank charges	115		-	115	29
Bank Loan	10,991		-	10,991	9,837
Fixed Assets			-	-	1,762
Contribution to AOG	600		-	600	600
Insurance	1,003		-	1,003	940
Rent	200		-	200	-
Sunday School	60		-	60	-
Equipments/printer	585		-	585	-
			-	-	-
Sub total	36,017	-	-	36,017	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	36,017	-	-	36,017	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	833	-	-	833	38,270
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,686	-	-	15,686	5,592
Cash funds this year end	16,519	-	-	16,519	15,686

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	16,274		
	Cash in Hand	245		
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	16,519	-	-
	account(s)	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Church Building	Church Building	210,141	-
	MIC SYSTEMS	GENERAL FUND	548	-
	FURNITURE	GENERAL FUND	700	-
	SAFE & SHELF	GENERAL FUND	264	-
	LAPTOP	GENERAL FUND	250	-
	HAND DRYERS (20	GENERAL FUND	540	-
	PRINTER	GENERAL FUND	45	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Bank loan	Church building	102,521	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Sunny John	15/12/2023



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 2023	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: 15/12/2023

Name:

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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.