

The Annual Report of the Gilgal Pentecostal Church (Reg. Charity No. 1141435) Bury St. Edmunds, for the period from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, presented on the occasion of the General Body Meeting.

Date and time of Meeting: 31st March 2024

Venue: Gilgal Pentecostal Church, Bury St Edmunds

Beloved in Christ,

Another exciting year has gone by, and we have been blessed with the Lord Almighty's protection, kindness, and love throughout. This year, as in previous years, we were able to provide a variety of services to a sizable portion of the community. Our community had found these services to be helpful and spiritually fulfilling over the course of the year. These services include Sunday worship, youth meetings, cottage meetings, night prayers, and ladies' fellowship. The church fellowships were held in a private, contemplative setting that was ideal for worship, and people had opportunities to lead and worship, especially for youths from and within the church.

Sunday School Ministry - (Sunday 11 – 12 PM)

The Sunday school programs were designed to instil Christian values and aspirations in kids, producing a future generation of leaders and role models for the community. Based on their age, the students are placed in different classes and taught a Sunday school curriculum that is based on biblical themes.

Fifteen students and six teachers participated in the Sunday School Ministry this year. Our kids' efforts to set an example in their schools, colleges, and communities have been aided by the Sunday school ministry. On Sundays, the kids had classes from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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, Stowmarket, Sudbury, Red Lodge, and Haverhill.

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 on a monthly basis.

Cottage Prayer Fellowships:

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

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 Youth Seminar: 22/07/2023

A one-day youth seminar was organized in the church where Pr.Tiju Thomas from Bangalore, India shared the word of God which was a great blessing to all the church youngsters and families. It was also attended by a number of people outside the church.

Vacation Bible School for Kids: 14/10/2023

A one-day VBS programme for kids was conducted which was led and organized by the Sunday School teachers. A number of kids from the community and from within the church attended. The kids were divided into separate groups according to their age and they had an entertaining day with lots of fun, music, Bible stories, art and craft, action songs and games along with pizza and snacks.

Tribal Mission Project, India

The church has continued to support the mission project this year as well 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. A number of families now attend a Sunday service in their locality.

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.

10/04/2023 – Pr. Sajan, Kerala, India

12/06/2023 – Pr. T S Daniel, Kerala, India

05/11/2023 – Pr. Emmanuel, Cambridge, India

05/11/2023 – Pr. Abraham, Pune, India
11/12/2023 – Pr. S Mathew, Mumbai, India
24/12/2023 – Pr. Sunny Adimaly, Kerala, India
18/03/2024 – Pr. Solomon, Leicester

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 (Bury Drop in), supplying them with essential food items.

Church Annual General Body Meeting

The Church Annual Report was presented by the secretary on 31st March 2024 and the existing office bearers and trustee members were elected to continue for the year April 2024 to March 2025 as decided by the general meeting but with the following changes.

Mr Sajo John was elected as the Treasurer for the year April 2024 to March 2025.
Mr. Naveen P Mathew was elected as the Youth Leader following Mr Ebin Abraham's relocation to Australia.

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. SAJO JOHN 20 Peachey Close Bury St Edmunds IP32 6GU	TREASURER

Mr. NAVEEN P MATHEW 2 Thistle Way Red Lodge, Bury St Edmunds IP28 8FR	YOUTH LEADER
Mr. SAMUEL JOSEPH 26 Leete Road, Cambridge CB1 9ET	TRUSTEE
Mr. JIKU SAMUEL THAMPY 7 The Meadows Worlington Suffolk IP28 8SH	TRUSTEE
Mrs. JIJI 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

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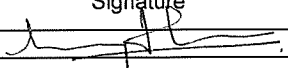
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	Period end date
	01/04/2023	31/03/2024

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					
TITHE & DONATIONS	31,014		-	31,014	29,254
GIFT AID	7,351		-	7,351	7,597
ADVANCE TO PETTY CASH	488		-	488	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	38,853	-	-	38,853	36,851
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	38,853	-	-	38,853	36,851
A3 Payments					
Administrative expenses	9,829		-	9,829	7,462
Gifts and Donations	4,412		-	4,412	3,000
Travel and Other expenses reimbursed	5,634		-	5,634	6,500
Charity			-	-	799
Professional	900		-	900	700
Refreshments	2,761		-	2,761	3,482
Evangelism	928		-	928	-
Building Fund			-	-	-
Telephone	532		-	532	521
Bank charges	122		-	122	115
Bank Loan	13,677		-	13,677	10,991
Fixed Assets			-	-	-
Contribution to AOG	600		-	600	600
Insurance	1,124		-	1,124	1,003
Rent	782		-	782	200
Sunday School			-	-	60
Equipments	269		-	269	585
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	41,571	-	-	41,571	36,017
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	41,571	-	-	41,571	36,017
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,718	-	-	- 2,718	833
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,519		-	16,519	15,686
Cash funds this year end	13,801	-	-	13,801	16,519

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	13,801		
	Cash in Hand	-		
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,801	-	-
	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	-
	PRESSURE COOKER	GENERAL FUND	140	-
	GRINDER	GENERAL FUND	129	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Bank loan	Church building	88,844	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Sunny John	12/10/2024	



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 2024

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 Acthave 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:

12/10/2024

Name:

Sebastian Machukattu Devasia

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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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.