



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			T o	Period end date		
	05	04	2020		05	04	2021
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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Latitude Church

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1173837

Charity's principal address

7 THE MEWS, ROFFEY PARK

FOREST ROAD, COLGATE

HORSHAM

Postcode

RH12 4TD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name

Office (if any)

Dates acted if not for whole year

Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)

1 Ann Harper

2 James

Westbrook

3 Flo Westbrook

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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

	Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO - FOUNDATION REGISTERED 17 JUL 2017
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	elected by trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public and to prevent poverty in Horsham and further afield.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

<p>The trustees at Latitude Church are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and become part of our church community. The trustees review the worship, teaching and facilities throughout the church and make suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our community.</p> <p>When planning our activities throughout the year the trustees have considered the Commissions guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our church community through worship and prayer, learning the gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus as well as receiving pastoral care and taking part in outreach activities.</p> <p>We hold weekly meetings on a Sunday; these meetings are open to all and we actively advertise these meetings online for all to see as well as encourage all who attend to invite friends, family and members of the general public that they meet. These meetings include a time of worship, teaching and prayer.</p> <p>We also hold small group meetings for all who express an interest on a weekly basis, these meetings include further teaching and study as well as personal support and relationship building. we actively encourage all those who attend to extend the invitation to anyone they know who may be interested and we have had people visiting as well as those who are part of the church community already.</p> <p>We hold prayer meetings which are open to all who show an interest and can cover local and national issues. These are a great place to put our faith into action and through the power of prayer make a real difference to our community, country and even further afield. We are specifically committed to pray regularly for those God has put on our hearts and for our community.</p> <p>We have organised community events throughout the year, including BBQ's, Cinema evenings and craft events. These events are advertised online and open to the general public with the intention of inputting into the community and nurturing strong relationships and community ties. We have built good relationships during these events and well as serving our community.</p> <p>We have provided financial support to enable some people to attend our meetings.</p>
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Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We initially held fortnightly meetings for the general public on a Sunday, however after reflection the trustees identified a need in those attending for more regular large group meetings and to meet this need we now have weekly Sunday meetings.

During these meetings we hold a time of worship and much consideration has taken place within the style of worship to enable people with different tastes and preferences to worship God freely.

Throughout the year we have given much consideration to the provision of activities and spiritual input into the children who come to our meetings and we now have an area within the meeting room specifically for children to come and interact together with toys and crafts.

Much consideration has gone into the visibility of Latitude Church, making it easier for the general public to see where we are and come to our meetings. We have invested in banners, signage, business cards and increased communication on social media.

The number of people attending our meetings has increased from 20 to an average of 30. And during special services including guest Speakers, Christmas and Easter services, this number has increased to as much as 50 people.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees' policy is to hold a free reserve fund of two months operating costs, excluding events and community outreach activities. The trustee board regularly reviews the charity finances against budgets and income in order to maintain consistent and effective stewardship of funds. T

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Principal Funding Sources

The charity's principal funding source is giving, more specifically giving from church membership, be that during our regular weekly meetings or by direct payment to the charity account. Giving funds for the period amounted to £16190

Expenditure

Our greatest expenditures for the period are those associated with our weekly church meetings, namely, venue hire, worship ministry, children's work and catering. The weekly meetings play a pivotal role in achieving the charities objectives and therefore financial expenditure in support of these meetings is vital. Outside of the weekly meetings expenditure towards community outreach and events has further supported the key objectives of the charity.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Ann Harper

Full name(s)	Ann Harper	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
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Date	22.03.2022
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