



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2022 Period start date To 31/03/2023 Period end date

Charity name: HOLY TRINITY INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH CRAWLEY

Charity registration number: 1184221

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the Orthodox Christian faith throughout Crawley, Horsham, Haywards Heath, and other areas in Sussex and Surrey, England, for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings and public worship, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, production and/or distribution of literature on the orthodox Christian faith, and teaching the general public about the faith.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>To maintain places of regular common worship and prayer and for instruction in the faith of the Church, in its tradition, history, in accordance with the Apostolic and ancient traditions of the Indian Orthodox Church and subject to the authority of the Holy Episcopal Synod of the Indian Orthodox Church.</p> <p>To provide for religious, educational, social, and cultural activities of special groups like women, youth, children, and senior citizens.</p> <p>To promote and carry out service activities and diaconia for the benefit of the wider community and society.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During the year 2022 - 2023, the following activities were held at the Church. These events have helped the community members to uphold the Orthodox Christian faith and attend the services in the traditional format.</p> <p>Holy Qurbana – Regular Services (Holy Mass) were conducted during the First and Third Sundays of each month. Most of the services were attended by 100+ members.</p> <p>Other Services –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrated Holy Week Services, which was well received by the community. • Celebrated Christmas and New Year services • Christmas Carols – Visiting the houses of members during Christmas time to spread Christmas Cheer and the festivities. <p>Sunday School – Catechism classes are held after the Church Services regularly.</p> <p>OVBS (Orthodox Vacation Bible School) was held during the October half-term holiday for Sunday school children, with support from families and volunteers.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	Para 1.41	
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Achievements against objectives set		
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity accounts had a strong financial balance at the end of the period and all accounting best practises were followed.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held.	Para 1.22	The reserves are held for religious purposes when buying a property in the future.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£40,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	NA
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	NA
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	NA

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voluntary Donations, including offertory at Church. Monthly Subscription Amounts from the members of the Church. Sponsorships from local businesses for various events.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members moving out of the area is causing concern, resulting in a deficit in donations.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution with 11 Trustees.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Trustees are selected via an Annual General Body meeting attended by all eligible members of the Church.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<p>A proper handover and training are carried out when the newly elected office-bearers assume office duties.</p> <p>Ex-officio is elected to work along with the new office bearers for a period of at least 1 year.</p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The Church Management Committee will have the following key individuals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President – Vicar of the Church • Honourable Treasurer • Honourable Secretary • 7 Committee Members • Representatives from other religious bodies within the church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth Movement ○ Sunday School ○ Women
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	HOLY TRINITY INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH CRAWLEY
Other name the charity uses	Holy Trinity IOC
Registered charity number	1184221

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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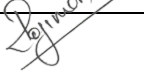
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Dinu Baby	Rojimon Varighese
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Hon. Church Treasurer & Charity Trustee	Charity Trustee
Date	13/03/2024	