



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 10th August 2023 (Period start date)

To 31st August 2024 (Period end date)

Charity name: Light Church

Charity registration number: 1204313

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<i>The Objects of the Charity are, for the benefit of the public, the advancement of the Christian faith, the prevention and relief of poverty, the relief of sickness and the preservation of health, the relief of those in need because of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage and the rehabilitation and education of offenders in such ways as the Trustees in their absolute discretion think fit. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Charity's activities shall include the operation of a church in Lancashire (and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time think fit) and associated services advancing the Christian faith, in line with the Free Methodist Church UK & IRL, and the provision of advice, assistance and other services.</i>
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	<i>Light Church carries out its objectives particularly, but not exclusively, through the holding of regular worship, prayer meetings, Bible study/Christian fellowship groups, providing pastoral care, and carrying out outreach through community-based events and activities. Light Church also partners with local organisations who align with our values and vision to help people in the area of the Fylde Coast.</i>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<i>The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.</i>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<i>The charity is in the process of developing a grant-making policy, which will be finalised prior to the commencement of operational activities.</i>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<i>The charity is currently developing its policy on social investment, including programme related investment, and this will be finalised before operational activity begins.</i>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<i>As the charity has been dormant during the period, there has been no contribution from volunteers to report.</i>
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	<i>During the period covered by this report, the charity remained dormant. It was established to enable the transfer of operations from a previously existing charity (519135). While no activities took place this year, preparations have been ongoing, and we expect the charity to become active in the coming year.</i>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<i>As the charity has been dormant during the period, no objectives were pursued or achieved.</i>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<i>No fundraising activities were undertaken during the period, as the charity remained dormant.</i>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	<i>The charity made no investments during the period, as it remained dormant.</i>
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<i>As the charity has been dormant during the period, there has been no financial activity apart from a £1 deposit to open the bank account. The financial position at year-end therefore reflects a balance of £1 with no income or expenditure.</i>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<i>The governing document does not specify a reserves policy. The trustees intend to establish a reserves policy once the charity is operational and its financial needs are clearer.</i>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<i>The charity holds no reserves as it has been dormant during the reporting period. Reserves will be considered once the charity becomes operational.</i>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<i>The charity has no funds in deficit.</i>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<i>The trustees are confident in the charity's ability to continue as a going concern as it transitions from a dormant state to active operations in the coming year.</i>

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	<i>The charity's future principal sources of income are expected to include donations from individuals, grants from funding bodies, and third-party support such as legacies and contributions from businesses.</i>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<i>The charity has not yet developed an investment policy, as it has been dormant during the period. A policy will be established once the charity becomes operational.</i>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<i>As the charity has been dormant during the period, no operational risks have arisen. The trustees will undertake a risk assessment and put appropriate measures in place once activities commence.</i>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<i>The charity is governed by a Foundation Model Constitution, adopted on 10 August 2023.</i>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<i>Charitable Incorporated Organisation</i>
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	<i>In accordance with the charity's Governing Document, trustees are appointed by decision of the existing trustees. There is no external body entitled to appoint trustees.</i>

Additional information (optional)

Charity name	Light Church
Other name the charity uses	Not applicable
Registered charity number	1204313
Charity's principal address	30 St. Michaels Road, Kirkham, Preston, PR4 2TQ

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><i>In accordance with the charity's Governing Document, the charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) <i>a copy of the current version of the Governing Document; and</i> (b) <i>a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.</i> <p><i>Further policies and procedures for trustee induction and training are currently being developed and will be implemented prior to the charity becoming operational.</i></p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<i>As the charity is not yet operational, its organisational structure is currently limited to the board of trustees. No wider network relationships are in place at this stage.</i>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<i>The charity has no related party relationships to report for the period.</i>
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

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
Rev'd. Daniel John Belshaw	Trustee	<i>Since formation of organisation</i>	(if any)
Mr. Paul Holmes	Trustee	<i>Since formation of organisation</i>	
Mr. Damian John Broughton MBE	Trustee	<i>Since formation of organisation</i>	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
<i>Not applicable – the charity has no corporate trustees.</i>		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
<i>Not applicable</i>		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	<i>Not applicable – the charity does not hold assets in a custodian trustee capacity.</i>
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	<i>Not applicable – the charity does not hold assets in a custodian trustee capacity.</i>
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	<i>Not applicable – the charity does not hold assets in a custodian trustee capacity.</i>

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)

Rev'd Daniel John Belshaw

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)

	
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Full name(s)

Rev'd Daniel John Belshaw	Mr Paul Holmes
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Position (e.g.
Secretary, Chair, etc.)

Trustee	Chair
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Date

25th June 2025



Light Church (1204313)

Correspondent

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Bank

The Co-operative Bank
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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)

Income	£
Donations and legacies	1
Total income	1
Expenditure	£
Total expenditure	0
Net income / (expenditure)	1

Balance Sheet

Cash at bank	1
Total assets	1
Total liabilities	0
Net assets	1

Approved by the trustees on 25 June 2025

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Mr. Damian John Broughton MBE

