



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 01 12 2022 Period start date To: 30 11 2023 Period end date

Charity name: First Church of Christ, Scientist, Godalming

Charity registration number: 1025924

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	As a branch church of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, USA, its aim is so to avail itself of the opportunities for branch church activity, provided for in the Manual of The Mother Church by Mary Baker Eddy, as to afford "proof of its utility", (Science and Health p. 583), by maintaining and spreading the truth as set forth in the Bible and interpreted in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy, Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science.
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	This year the Church has continued to welcome visitors to its Sunday services and Wednesday testimony meetings, to provide a Sunday School, and to maintain a Reading Room open to the public. The Church has made donations to various organisations which promote Christian Science or look after Christian Scientists in need.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit and are of the view that the religious activities of the charity satisfy this requirement.

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		
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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	The Church has continued to promote Christian Science to the Godalming and surrounding communities. It has supported church members and members of the public in increasing their understanding of Christian Science, through regular church services and meetings, by maintaining a Reading Room open to the public and by sponsoring a public lecture.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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 church's financial position is sound. Income is received as donations from members and those attending the church, and Sunday collections. In addition, we have a number of organisations and individuals not associated with the church whom we allow to use church facilities for events, teaching or for storage. We do not charge these users a fee but they give us donations as they feel appropriate. We are able to supplement this income from our reserves as needed, and have done so this year.
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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The aims of this Church are not furthered by financial means. The Church uses its funds in support of its purpose as stated in the Constitution and Rules, including maintaining the church building and contents, the organ, and the Reading Room. The "reserves" of the Church, as defined by the Charity Commission, are held in bank accounts and as investments managed by a professional manager. Day to day running expenses of the Church and Reading Room are met in part by regular income.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	As shown in accounts
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

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	
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	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution

How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated
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	Trustees are those members elected by majority vote of the Church membership onto the Board of Directors of the Church every autumn.

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	First Church of Christ, Scientist, Godalming
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1025924
Charity's principal address	6 Ockford Road, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 1QY

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	Julian Gall	Board Chairman		
2	Kristina Sutton	Board Member		
3	Sue Thomas	Board Member		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Julian Gall		
Nina Inman		
Kristina Sutton		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

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)	<i>JJ Gall</i>	
Full name(s)	Julian John Gall	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Board Chairman	
Date	31/12/2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
First Church of Christ, Scientist, Godalming

No (if any)
1025924

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Account start date 01/12/2022	To	Period end date 30/11/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Collections and donations (note 1)	7,694	-	-	7,694	11,409
Special collections (note 9)	177	-	-	177	267
Income tax reclaim on covenants	1,608	-	-	1,608	-
Reading Room sales	462	-	-	462	471
Reserve fund interest	97	-	-	97	73
Investment dividends/interest	9,759	-	-	9,759	9,621
Refund of earlier year expenditure on bldg	5,321	-	-	5,321	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	25,119	-	-	25,119	21,840
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sales of investments	23,045	-	-	23,045	59,290
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	23,045	-	-	23,045	59,290
Total receipts	48,163	-	-	48,163	81,130
A3 Payments					
General running expenses	15,598	-	-	15,598	9,444
Musicians' fees and expenses	3,444	-	-	3,444	4,985
Church Officers' honoraria	1,583	-	-	1,583	1,946
Librarian's salary	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
Soloist's fees	1,920	-	-	1,920	-
Church activities	7,652	-	-	7,652	9,818
Investment management fees	3,364	-	-	3,364	3,468
Charitable donations	1,977	-	-	1,977	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	40,538	-	-	40,538	29,662
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Purchases of investments	24,970	-	-	24,970	55,932
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	24,970	-	-	24,970	55,932
Total payments	65,507	-	-	65,507	85,594
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 17,344	-	-	- 17,344	- 4,463
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	37,936	-	-	37,936	42,399
Cash funds this year end	20,592	-	-	20,592	37,936

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	Cash held	29	-	-
	Bank Current Account	2,149	-	-
	Reserve Fund (Lloyds Savings Account)	7,097	-	-
	Rathbones Cash Accounts	11,316	-	-
	Total cash funds	20,591	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

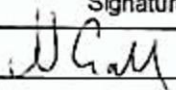
	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	#REF!	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Freehold Property - Church and Reading Room Organ	-	1,500,000
		-	800,000
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		-	-
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		-	-
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	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature 	Print Name JULIAN GALL	Date of approval 8/5/24
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Godalming

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Godalming (the Trust) for the year ended 30 November 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination.

I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



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Date: 8/5/24