

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY, OXTED

(Formerly First Church of Christ, Scientist, Oxted)

Registered Charity Number 242971

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

The charity is an accredited branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts.

The Society holds a weekly Sunday service at 10.00 am; at the same time Sunday School is normally provided for young people up to the age of 20. On the first and third Wednesdays of each month Testimony Meetings are also held, where those attending have an opportunity to share healings and experiences resulting from their study and practice of Christian Science. These services and meetings are all open to members of the public.

From January to July 2021 and following Government requirements, all services were conducted online. These have been successful and provided needed spiritual community during a particularly challenging time of the pandemic, both to our traditional attendees and further afield. Since August 2021, our in-person services were reinstated in a 'hybrid' format with simultaneous online transmission. The Wednesday services have continued online only. Both our Sunday and Wednesday services have been well attended with much positive feedback and appreciation.

The Society also maintains a Reading Room at 69 Station Road East, Oxted, which is normally open for use by the public on Monday's, Tuesday's, Thursday's & Friday's, except public holidays. The Reading Room offers a quiet sanctuary to the public and a wide range of Christian Science books and other literature, including the Bible and a selection of reference books, which are available for purchase, borrowing - or study on-site. Following Government 'lockdown' requirements during 2021, the Reading Room has either been closed, or open at other times depending on the lockdown 'Tier' but with required social distancing measures as appropriate. However, the literature service has continued via post. Since July 2021, it has been reopened to the public.

Reserves Policy: While none of our funds have been formally earmarked or designated as "reserves", it is a fact that with a small membership, our regular charitable expenditure generally (although not always) results in an annual deficit. Therefore, we are dependent on a strong cash balance and donations to sustain the charitable activities and purpose over the long term.

I declare in my capacity as Clerk, that the charity trustees have approved the report above and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Signature:C. M. Howells.....

Full name:Caroline Margaret Howells.....

Position: Clerk

Date:21st February..... 2022

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year to 31st December 2021

	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
Receipts:				
Unrestricted Funds				
Collections		479		651
Donations		4,330		2,690
Donation from Westminster Fund		-		5,000
Distribution of funds - FCCS Tunbridge Wells		45,000		-
Tax recovered on donations received		926		1,368
Reading Room receipts		962		1,099
Special Collections:				
The Mother Church	-		68	
Lecture	95	95	80	148
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Rental of apartment	7,830		7,800	
Less: Management fees and expenses	749	7,081	749	7,051
Room rental - Sunday School		-		-
Use of copier and sundry		-		2
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Restricted Funds				
Donation from Surrey Forum		13		105
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Interest on deposit	6	58,886	27	18,114
Interest on Yorkshire BS account	117	123	375	402
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Total Receipts		<u><u>59,009</u></u>		<u><u>18,516</u></u>

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	2021	2020
	£	£
Payments:		
Church Expenses		
Fees - Music		429
Heat Light and Water	982	1,056
Telephone and internet	385	492
Insurance	1,523	1,436
Printing, Stationery and Postage	24	92
Cleaning	716	689
Books and Quarterlies for church use	108	239
Miscellaneous	1,015	960
Repairs and Decoration	1,666	357
Furnishing and Equipment	1,615	-
Garden upkeep	1,236	2,457
Lecture expenses	-	2,530
Professional charges	250	100
Bank charges	96	60
	<u>9,616</u>	<u>10,897</u>
Reading Room Expenses:		
Honoraria		581
Heat, Light and Water	732	581
Telephone and stationery	559	467
Insurance	-	-
Cleaning	175	75
Miscellaneous	792	76
Literature for display and Distribution	247	490
Repairs and Decorations	2,769	3,318
	<u>5,274</u>	<u>5,007</u>
Other Expenses:		
Committees on Publication - pro rata	100	90
Apartment renovation and other expenses	1,093	-
Reading Room purchases	809	1,243
Donations (note 2)	2,573	2,268
	<u>4,575</u>	<u>3,601</u>
Total Payments	<u><u>19,465</u></u>	<u><u>19,505</u></u>

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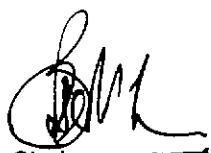
Receipts and Payments Account Summary for the Year ended 31st December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Receipts: from page 1	59,009	18,516
Payments: from page 2	19,465	19,505
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>39,544</u>	<u>- 989</u>
Bank and Cash balances at the start of the year	115,912	116,901
Bank and Cash balances at the end of the year	<u><u>155,456</u></u>	<u><u>115,912</u></u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2020

	2021 £		2020 £
	£	£	£
Bank balances:			
	Restricted	Unrestricted	
Bank current and cash accounts	102	2,101	2,203
Deposit accounts		67,831	67,831
Yorkshire Building Society		84,474	84,474
CAF account		948	948
	<u>102</u>	<u>155,354</u>	<u>155,456</u>
			<u><u>115,912</u></u>
Reading Room stock		500	500
Value of buildings and property for insurance purposes			
The Church		689,399	663,522
Reading Room		255,460	245,871

The accounts were approved by the Board on 21st February 2022 and signed on their behalf by



Chairman
Mr Jeremy Batchelor

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2021

1 Accounting Policies

The Church is defined as a "small charity" having a gross income of less than £250000 and has taken advantage of the regulations which entitle accounts to be prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

2 Donations	2021	2020
	£	£
Aid Fund for CS in need of Nursing Care	1,000	700
Hawthorne Trust Ltd	500	500
Hawthorne Benevolent Fund	500	500
Christian Science Nurses Benevolent Fund	500	500
The Mother Church	-	68
Donation to SanFrancisco Reading Room	73	-
Mini Focus		
	<u>2,573</u>	<u>2,268</u>

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Christian Science Society, Oxted (formerly First Church of Christ, Scientist, Oxted)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Christian Science Society (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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: 24/2/22