

THE ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1053883

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1996-03-19

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE PUBLIC EDUCATION IN ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY

Activities: To advance public education in Ecclesiastical History, mainly through conferences and publications.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Isle Of Man
- Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£44,601	£38,418	-	-
2024-03-31	£47,343	£41,719	-	-
2023-03-31	£38,011	£43,236	-	-
2022-03-31	£29,213	£25,218	-	-
2021-03-31	£26,626	£24,822	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Canon Professor Michael Francis Snape	Chair	2023-07-20
Dr Angela Platt		2022-07-20
Dr Arnold Hunt		2025-07-14
Dr David Ceri Jones		2024-07-24
Dr Edmund Wareham		2023-07-19
Dr Emilie Katie Maria Murphy		2023-07-19
Dr Felicity Gemma Hill		2023-07-19
Dr Hilary Carey		2022-07-20
Dr Joseph Richard Hardwick		2023-07-19
Dr Laura Marilyn Mair		2023-07-19
Dr Michael Fraser		2024-07-25
Dr Stephanie Burette		2025-07-14
Prof Aude de Mezerac Zanetti		2024-07-24
Professor Miri Rubin		2024-07-14
SIMON JENNINGS MA FCA		

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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The Trustees of The Ecclesiastical History Society ("the Society" or "the Charity") present their report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements comply with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The names of the Committee Members who served during the year and to the date of this report are:

- Prof Mike Snape (President)
- Prof Peter Marshall (Past President)
- Dr Sara Parvis (Vice-President)
- Dr Joseph Hardwick (Secretary)
- Mr Simon Jennings FCA (Hon Treasurer)
- Dr Angela Platt (Conference Secretary)
- Dr Edmund Wareham (Publicity Secretary)
- Revd Prof Charlotte Methuen (co-editor)
- Dr David Ceri Jones (co-editor)
- Dr Arnold Hunt (co-editor from 3 March 2025)
- Prof Hilary Carey (International Relations Secretary)
- Dr Aude de Mézerac-Zanetti (International Relations Secretary from 24 July 2024)
- Dr Dan Cruickshank (until 23 July 2024)
- Dr Anna French (until 23 July 2024)
- Dr Emilie Murphy (2023-2026)
- George Palmer (2023-2025)
- Dr Felicity Hill (2023-2026)
- Dr Laura Mair (2023-2026)
- Michael Fraser (from 24 July 2024)

Dr Stephanie Burette (co-opted to committee 11 October 2024 and to be formally voted on to committee at Annual General Meeting 16 July 2025)

Prof Mike Snape was inducted as President of the Society by Prof Peter Marshall at the start of the Society's annual summer conference in July 2024, and Dr Sara Parvis was elected Vice President at the 2024 AGM and will succeed Prof Mike Snape as President for 2025-2026.

The postal address of the Society is c/o S P Jennings, 18 Warwick Street, Oxford OX4 1SX.

Bankers:

COIF Charity Funds – Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4ET

National Westminster Bank Plc – Tavistock Square Branch, PO Box 83, Tavistock House, Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9XA

Independent Examiner:

Mr Peter J Stevenson, Flat 25, Cherwell Court, Banbury Road, Kidlington, Oxfordshire OX5 2BG.

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2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (INCLUDING TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT)

The Society is established under a formal written constitution, as periodically revised, most recently in 2024. The Society is based and administered in the United Kingdom. Management is vested in the Society's Committee which is responsible for the day to day running of the Charity, organising various events and maintaining contact with the members to ensure they are kept up to date with events and issues. The Committee is also responsible for the maintenance of accounting records and the preparation of the annual accounts.

The Committee also constitutes the body of the Trustees of the charity and is responsible for the report made on their behalf.

Induction and Training

Trustees receive training informally. All Trustees are informed of their responsibilities on appointment and are kept informed at meetings of their duties and obligations under the law in addition to their proper conduct in accordance with Charity Commission guidance.

Related Parties

None of the Trustees receives remuneration or other benefit from work with the Charity, save that essential officers as are required to attend conferences do so free of charge or receive re-imbursment of costs and expenses. Any transaction between the Charity and related parties must be approved by the Trustees.

Pay policy for staff and consultants

The trustees comprise the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity. The day to day running and operations of the Charity are delegated to appropriate administrative helpers and subcommittees. The Business Manager, a Website Manager and an administrative and accounting assistant are engaged as consultants.

All trustees give up their time freely and no trustee received remuneration in the year. The pay of any consultant reflects the level of responsibilities and skill set required. The pay is reviewed annually.

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP FRS 102;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the principles above. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the financial information included on the charity's website.

Internal Controls

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has appropriate systems of internal controls. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements follow best practice. They are also responsible for the charity safeguarding its assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The system of internal controls is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

Risk Management

The Trustees have undertaken a risk assessment which comprises:

- an annual review of the risks the charity may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

This continuing process will identify risk areas to which the charity is vulnerable and highlight any necessary safeguards that will need to be put in place. The Trustees identified the following areas of risk and safeguards to mitigate them:

- Insufficient conference attendance: mitigated by careful planning around projected numbers to avoid penalty payments for missing targets, providing flexibility for different types of attendance e.g. day rates, keeping the conference fee under review (having surveyed Members in summer 2022 about pricing points) to ensure it was accessible while not bound to lead to a loss, regularly reviewing the conference format, and active publicity campaigns;
- The Committee has been aware that moves in academic publishing towards open access may impact the Society through a withdrawal of hard copy versions of *Studies in Church History* and through the consequent loss of royalty revenue. A new contract has been concluded with CUP under which there will be provision for retention of a hard copy option for an experimental period at enhanced cost and subject to there being at least 100 subscribers at the enhanced price. Members have been invited to increase the element of their subscription payments relating to SCH to £35 if they wish to continue to receive hard copy editions with effect from 1 July 2025 and the Committee intends to try to ensure that the minimum commitment is achieved. If there is a shortfall, the Committee will review and decide whether to fund any temporary shortfall or allow CUP to cease hard copy printing.
- The Committee feels it is prudent to take account of the probable loss of royalty revenue along with rising overheads in assessing the general rates for membership subscriptions and will propose increases at the 2025 Annual General Meeting.
- Insufficient submissions to produce the annual volume of *Studies in Church History* mitigated by continued active work to ensure the conference theme is sufficiently clear and broad to attract submissions and encourages high quality conference proposals, making the publication schedule clear early on in the conference call/paper selection process, and promoting the prestige of publishing in *SCH*. The Society's production of 'The Church in Sickness and in Health' (*SCH* 58) demonstrated its ability to produce a volume even if there was no conference (due to COVID restriction). The Society also ensures it retains sufficient funds to cover the costs of two years' publications with CUP. If further mitigation was needed consideration could be given to developing a hybrid model for submissions both through the conference and independently of it;
- Declining membership due to cost-of-living pressures: the high-quality offer to Members was important, with promotion through the website and social media, and additional activities; new members are being encouraged through opportunity to participate in conferences, through incentives offered by prizes as well as the possibility of papers being published, and through social media;

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- Difficulties in recruiting unpaid officers to run the Society: involvement at all career stages was encouraged and ways to proactively encourage membership of the Committee were considered;
- The Society's position as a data controller: this would be reviewed regularly. Appropriate measures were in place to secure and regulate access to the membership database. Names and emails might be sent to the Conference Secretary but personal financial details were not passed to her; both she and the Secretary used bcc when sending material to email lists. Most Committee members would be members of HEIs and receive training on GDPR from them, but good practice in this area would be included in handover notes. The Society is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office.
- The trustees have insurance against trustee and public liability.

3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit and confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to it. They consider the information which follows in this annual report, about the Charity's aims, activities and achievements in the areas of interest that the Society supports demonstrates the benefit to its beneficiaries and through them to the Public that arise from those activities.

Objectives

The main object of the Society, as set out in its Constitution, is to advance public education in ecclesiastical history, mainly through conferences and publications.

Activities and Achievements

The Summer Conference at Durham from 23-25 July 2024 was on the theme 'The Church and the Military'. The committee awarded five postgraduates bursaries that covered the cost of the registration fee for the Summer Conference. The sixth bursary was kindly provided by the Anglo-Catholic History Society and this award helped to continue long-running links between the two societies. The Winter Meeting on the same theme, which remains an online event to facilitate participation, took place on Saturday 11 January 2025, and was also successful. The Winter Meeting featured three plenary lectures and thirty-four communications.

Publication of volume 61 of *Studies in Church History*, resulting from the Summer 2023 and Winter 2024 Conferences on the theme: 'Margins and Peripheries in Christian History' was scheduled for early July 2025. The electronic version of SCH 61 was published on 20 May 2025.

The Society has renewed the contract to publish *Studies in Church History* with Cambridge University Press. In line with recent developments in academic publishing, a key feature of the new contract is that starting with SCH 62, all subsequent volumes will be entirely open access and therefore available to everyone. A hard copy (paperback) will be available to subscribing members of EHS only.

The Society also organised an online Post-Graduate Colloquium on 7 March 2025 on the theme 'New Directions for Church History: Methods and Sources'. This event featured ten papers in two panels and two conversations. The colloquium, which like similar events EHS has organised in the past, was intended to extend and develop the Society's international reach: postgraduates from German, French, Italian, Indian, British and Filipino institutions delivered papers and talks at the event. The Society, led by its International Relations Secretaries, plans to organise a similar online post-graduate events in future years.

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During the year, the Society also awarded prizes. The Kennedy Prize for the best communication given by a post-graduate student at the previous year's conference (£500) was awarded to Teodora Popovici (University of Bucharest) for her paper: 'Papal Indulgences and the Conversion of Schismatics in Late Medieval Transylvania'. The President's Prize for the best communication given by an early career academic at the previous year's conferences (£1,000) was awarded to Robert Evans (Cambridge) for his paper: "'Correctio from the Margins": Geographical Peripheries and Moral Conformities in Later Carolingian Annals'. The recipients of both prizes are decided by that year's President and the editorial team.

The Society also awarded a Book Prize for the best first monograph published in the field of the history of Christianity during the 2023 calendar year. The panel shortlisted three books, and the prize, which amounts to £1,000, was awarded to Kyle Jackson for *The Mizo Discovery of the British Raj: Empire and Religion in Northeast India, 1890-1920* (Cambridge University Press). The panel, which determined both the shortlist and the winner, was made up of a specially convened sub-committee.

Finally, as part of the Society's 'endorsement scheme', the Society supported a project title 'Two More Episcopal Court Books for the Diocese of Lincoln, 1526-1562'. The project focuses on editing and publishing previously unpublished records from the Bishop of Lincoln's Audience Court created during the first sixty years of the sixteenth century. Drawing upon underutilised materials housed in the Lincoln Diocesan Archive, the project seeks to illuminate the workings of a court that maintained a significant interest in regulating the moral conduct of both clergy and laity. The project is led by Martin Roberts of the University of Lincoln and is supported with funds from Lincoln Record Society and their Nigel Burn Memorial Research Grant Scheme.

This support was extended under the Society's scheme offering endorsement for approved projects in the field of ecclesiastical history. Projects must be proposed by members in good standing, be within the scope of the Society's academic remit and demonstrably have the support of another organisation external to the proposer (e.g. Church/ Diocese/ Archiver/ Think Tank/ Charity/ Funding Council, but their not own University). The scheme which allows use of the EHS name and logo, but does not involve financial support, is intended to build public awareness in Ecclesiastical history and advance scholarship in the subject.

During the year, members' subscriptions and donations (exclusive of subscribing payments for the year's volume of SCH) amounting to £8,509 were received. The Committee would like to express its gratitude to those who continue to subscribe to the Society and to welcome new members.

Other receipts have predominantly come from conference fees and subscriptions to, and sales of, *Studies in Church History*. Income has been generated from investments in the M&G Charifund. The value of this investment has slightly increased this year but continues to be affected by market uncertainties and the Committee continues to monitor it.

The 2024 AGM appointed two members to serve on the Committee, Michael Fraser and George Palmer. George Palmer had been co-opted on to the committee at the spring committee meeting in March 2024, and the AGM was the opportunity to formally vote George on to the committee. To take the number of committee members to six, the committee co-opted Stephanie Burette on to the committee at the Autumn meeting on 11 October 2024.

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After years of service to the Society, Charlotte Methuen had signalled her intention to leave the editor post. Charlotte was appointed editor in 2010 and the first SCH volume she worked on was SCH 48, 'The Church and Literature'. Charlotte does not vacate her post immediately and will work with Sara Parvis on the volume of Studies of Church History that would come out of the conferences in 2025-26 (SCH 63). In early 2025 the Society advertised for the editor post and interviewed three candidates. Dr Arnold Hunt of the University of Durham was offered and accepted the role in early March 2025. Arnold joined the editorial team immediately so that he could be involved in the design and running of Sara Parvis' Conference and take a part in all aspects of the publication of SCH 63.

Emily Betz continues her work as website and publicity manager, as does Alice Soulieux-Evans as Assistant Editor for the Society. Dr Maria Harff continues to assist with bookkeeping and the management of the membership database.

4. FINANCIAL REVIEW**Incoming Resources**

Incoming resources totalled £44,601 for the year to 31 March 2025 (2024 - £47,343). The fees for attendance at the residential conference arranged in 2024 produced delegate fees of £15,391. The Charity's other income was derived principally from membership subscriptions (£8,509), subscriptions to, and direct sales of Studies in Church History (£4,884), and royalties from sales by CUP (£9,271).

Charitable activities

Total expenditure amounted to £38,418 (2024 - £41,719). Charitable activities comprised the running of conferences, the publication costs of Studies in Church History and the award of prizes. The cost of such activities amounted to £19,828, (2024 - £25,178).

Result of the year

After publication costs £4,180 (2024 - £4,540) and other costs, including governance costs, of £5,674 (2024 - £5,946), the Charity realised a net surplus of £6,183 (2024 - £5,624). The Summer Conference result showed a profit of £2,258 (2024 - deficit £3,349). After taking account of modest appreciation of the Charifund holding amounting to £4,088, £4,943 accumulated dividends, and foreign exchange losses of £28 (2024 - loss of £74), the funds of the Charity increased by £10,243 (2024- £6,710).

Financial position

The Trustees consider that the financial position of the Charity as at the year-end is satisfactory, with reserves of £143,349 (2024 - £133,106) and cash balances of £41,862 (2024 - £46,707).

Reserves Policy

There are no outstanding commitments or cash demands which are not adequately covered by our existing resources. Consequently, the Committee feels it would be inappropriate at this stage to adopt a specific reserves policy, beyond ensuring that sufficient funds are retained to cover six months administrative costs plus the likely costs of the annual summer conference (together estimated at £30,000). However, the Committee think it appropriate to conserve the surplus on the Publications Account which has accumulated through sales of SCH and royalties in the past. With online access to SCH, this source of income will largely disappear, and the Committee think it proper to expend the accumulated surplus gradually, using it to fund bursaries to permit appropriate candidates to participate in its conferences. The Committee is confident that the Society remains a going concern for at least twelve months from the date of this report, and that it is appropriate to prepare accounts on that basis.

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Investment Policy

£50,000 was invested in the M&G Charifund on 1 April 2014. The market value has fluctuated since with the effect of Covid 19 and subsequent global instability. It now stands at £93,056 having risen slightly over the past year taken together with accumulation dividends of £4,943.

5. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Trustees do not propose to deviate from the current objectives and activities of the charity as detailed above.

Approved by the Trustees on
and signed on their behalf by

J A Hardwick

[Name]

21 November 2025

[Date]

JOSEPH HARDWICK
SECRETARY

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

I report on the financial statements of The Ecclesiastical History Society for the year ended 31 March 2025, as set out on pages 9 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner and basis of report

The Trustees of The Ecclesiastical History Society are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for maintaining proper accounting records. They are also responsible for making available to me the charity's accounting records and all other records and information, including minutes of meetings, relevant to my examination. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"), and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair view", and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent reporting examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to
- Keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - Prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply to the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Peter J. Stevenson - 14/01/2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Page	Members' Funds	Publications Funds	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2025	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024
		£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:					
Subscriptions (note 1)	13	8,509		8,509	8,857
Investments (note 2)	13	993	4,943	5,936	5,311
Charitable activities (note 3)	13	16,001	14,155	30,156	33,175
Total income		25,503	19,098	44,601	47,343
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Cost of raising funds (note 5)	14	3,424	9,492	12,916	10,595
Charitable activities (note 6)	14	13,133	6,695	19,828	25,178
Other (note 7)	14	4,392	1,282	5,674	5,946
Total expenditure		20,949	17,469	38,418	41,719
Net income (expenditure)		4,554	1,629	6,183	5,624
Net gains/(losses) on investments (note 4)	13	(28)	4,088	4,060	1,086
Net movements in funds		4,526	5,717	10,243	6,710
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		51,914	81,192	133,106	126,396
Total funds carried forward	10	£56,440	£86,909	£143,349	£133,106

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 11-18 form part of these financial statements.

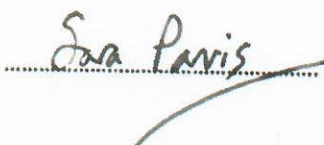
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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Page	Members' Funds 31 March 2025 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024 £
FIXED ASSETS:					
Quoted investment at market value (note 11)	15	20,000	73,056	93,056	84,025
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Debtors (note 12)	15		8,981	8,981	10,012
Cash on deposit (note 13)	16	27,563	5,830	33,393	18,400
Cash at bank (note 13)	16	9,127	(658)	8,469	28,307
Total current assets		36,690	14,153	50,843	56,719
TOTAL ASSETS		£56,690	£87,209	£143,899	£140,744
LIABILITIES:					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year (note 14)	16	(250)	(300)	(550)	(7,638)
Total net assets		£56,440	£86,909	£143,349	£133,106
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds					
Members' Reserve	9	56,440	-	56,440	51,914
Publications Reserve	9	-	86,909	86,909	81,192
		£56,440	£86,909	£143,349	£133,106

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and were signed of its behalf by:





17 Dec 2025
[Date]

The notes on pages 11-18 form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Legal status of the trust**

The Ecclesiastical History Society ("the Society" or "the Charity") is a registered charity (charity number 1053883). It is a members association governed by a constitution. The property of the Society is held by the Committee as charitable trustees.

The contact address is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements.

Basis of Preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2016) – (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The presentational currency of these financial statements is Pounds Sterling.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value with the following significant accounting policies applied.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The forecast income and reserves are sufficient to cover all of the budgeted expenditure to be able to continue as a going concern.

Income & Expense recognition

Voluntary donations (including membership subscriptions- see below) and income from interest bearing deposit accounts are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, any conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. Publication royalties are recognised when the relevant account has been produced by the Cambridge University Press, sales when volumes have been sold and conference fees and expenses when there is a contractual commitment.

Income from membership, comprises an annual subscription and (if members so choose) payment for the annual publication. Annual subscriptions are considered donations and are recognised on receipt. The payment for the publications is shown as sales, but the cost of the volume sent to subscribing members is recognised on payment to the publishers.

Life membership subscriptions are included as income in full in the year of receipt. The payment of a lifetime subscription does not bestow a benefit beyond that enjoyed by members who choose to pay their subscription annually and the Charity is not bound to repay any portion of their membership if it ceases to operate.

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trustees to the expenditure ((save for the cost of publication of the annual SCH volume – which is recognised on receipt of the invoice from CUP). Expenditure is categorised under the following headings:

- The cost of raising funds – consists of advertising, marketing and direct mail materials, including publicity costs not associated with educational material, designed wholly or mainly to further the charity's purposes.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)****Expenditure recognition (continued)**

Charitable activities comprise grants and donations made during the period, and prizes awarded (which are recognised when the offer is conveyed to the recipient), and the costs of publication of SCH which are recognised when invoiced.

Status of funds

All funds are unrestricted and the Trustees have complete discretion for their use in pursuance of the Charity's objectives.

Foreign currency

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date. Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are converted at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. All transaction differences are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise.

Taxation and irrecoverable VAT

The Charity is not subject to tax on its income, provided that all surplus funds are used for charitable purposes. Accordingly, no provision is made for taxation.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

Gift Aid

As membership subscriptions carry a right to acquire copies of Studies in Church History at a price substantially below the retail price charged by the publisher, HMRC will not permit subscriptions to be gift aided. Other donations may be.

Basic financial instruments

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Investments in equity instruments are measured initially at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Investments are restated at market value each year at the Balance Sheet date, with changes recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees have considered how best to apply the Charity's accounting policies and make estimates in the preparation of the financial statements, where relevant. The Trustees have not made any significant estimates in these financial statements.

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1. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Members' Funds 31 March 2025 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2025 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2024 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024 £
Subscriptions & General donations	8,509	-	8,509	8,857	-	8,857
	8,509	-	8,509	8,857	-	8,857

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Members' Funds 31 March 2025 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2025 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2024 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024 £
Interest	993	-	993	906	-	906
Dividends	-	4,943	4,943	-	4,405	4,405
	993	4,943	5,936	906	4,405	5,311

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Members' Funds 31 March 2025 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2025 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2024 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024 £
Sales of Publications	-	4,884	4,884	-	4,480	4,480
Publication royalties	-	9,271	9,271	-	13,139	13,139
Summer Conference	15,391	-	15,391	14,766	-	14,766
Winter Conference	610	-	610	790	-	790
	16,001	14,155	30,156	15,556	17,619	33,175

4. OTHER GAINS/LOSSES

	Members' Funds 31 March 2025 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2025 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2024 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024 £
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	(28)	-	(28)	(74)	-	(74)
(Depreciation)/ Appreciation of investments	-	4,088	4,088	-	1,160	1,160
	(28)	4,088	4,060	(74)	1,160	1,086

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5. COST OF RAISING FUNDS

	Members' Funds 31 March 2025 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2025 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2024 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024 £
Fundraising and publications	3,424	9,492	12,916	3,275	7,320	10,595
	3,424	9,492	12,916	3,275	7,320	10,595

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Members' Funds 31 March 2025 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2025 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2024 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024 £
Summer Conference	13,133	-	13,133	18,115	-	18,115
Publications		4,180	4,180	-	4,540	4,540
Book Prizes		2,515	2,515	-	2,523	2,523
	13,133	6,695	19,828	18,115	7,063	25,178

7. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Members' Funds 31 March 2025 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2025 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2024 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024 £
Secretarial expenses	-	-	-	150	-	150
Bank charges & commissions	200	-	200	200	-	200
PayPal charges	196	-	196	191	-	191
Independent examiners fees	250	-	250	250	-	250
Subscriptions	-	-	-	149	-	149
Accountancy & administration fees	2,340	-	2,340	2,350	-	2,350
Trustee expenses	-	1,282	1,282	-	1,565	1,565
Database development costs	1,107	-	1,107	792	-	792
Trustee insurance	299	-	299	299	-	299
	4,392	1,282	5,674	4,381	1,565	5,946

The expenses, including attendance at Conferences, of the Editorial team, have been charged to the Publications Account.

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8. EMPLOYEES

No persons were employed during the year, nor in the previous year.

9. TRUSTEES

Trustees received no remuneration. Expenses reimbursed amounted to £1,282 (2024 - £1,374).

10. GOVERNANCE COSTS

Governance Costs are considered to comprise the Independent Examiner's fee of £250 (2024: £250).

11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Members' Funds 31 March 2025 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2025 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2024 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024 £
M&G Charifund (Market Value)	20,000	73,056	93,056	-	84,025	84,025

To rectify a notional overdrawn cash position on the Publications account, a decision was made to allocate £20,000 of the market value of the M&G Charifund to the Members Fund.

12. DEBTORS

	Members' Funds 31 March 2025 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2025 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2024 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024 £
Summer Conference Prepayment	-	-	-	1,439	-	1,439
Publishing royalties	-	8,981	8,981	-	8,573	8,573
	-	8,981	8,981	1,439	8,573	10,012

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13. CASH AT BANK

	Members' Funds 31 March 2025 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2025 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2024 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024 £
Cash on deposit	27,563	5,830	33,393	12,845	5,555	18,400
Cash at bank	7,593	876	8,469	28,085	222	28,307
Inter fund transfer	1,534	(1,534)	-	10,843	(10,843)	-
	36,690	5,172	41,862	51,773	(5,066)	46,707

14. CREDITORS – amounts falling due within one year

	Members' Funds 31 March 2025 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2025 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2024 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024 £
Accounts & Administration	-	-	-	675	-	675
IT Costs	-	-	-	103	-	103
Independent Examiners' Fees	250	-	250	250	-	250
Consultants Fees	-	300	300	270	1,800	2,070
CUP Publishing costs	-	-	-	-	4,540	4,540
	250	300	550	1,298	6,340	7,638

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15. Comparative breakdown for Statement of Financial Activities

	Page	Members' Funds 31 March 2024 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024 £
INCOME FROM:				
Donations and legacies (note 1)	13	8,857	-	8,857
Investments (note 2)	13	906	4,405	5,311
Charitable activities (note 3)	13	15,556	17,619	33,175
Total income		25,319	22,024	47,343
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Cost of raising funds (note 5)	14	3,275	7,320	10,595
Charitable activities (note 6)	14	18,115	7,063	25,178
Other (note 7)	14	4,381	1,565	5,946
Total expenditure		25,771	15,948	41,719
Net income (expenditure)		(452)	6,076	5,624
Gains/(losses) on investments (note 4)		(74)	1,160	1,086
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(526)	7,236	6,710
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		52,440	73,956	126,396
Total funds carried forward	9	51,914	81,192	133,106

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16. Comparative breakdown for Balance Sheet

	Page	Members' Funds 31 March 2024	Publications Funds 31 March 2024	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024
FIXED ASSETS:				
Quoted investment at market value (note 11)	15		84,025	84,025
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Debtors (note 12)	15	1,439	8,573	10,012
Cash on deposit (note 13)	16	23,466	(5,066)	18,400
Cash at bank (note 13)	16	28,307	-	28,307
Total current assets		53,212	3,507	56,719
LIABILITIES:				
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year (note 14)	16	(1,298)	(6,340)	(7,638)
Total net assets		51,914	81,192	133,106
The funds of the charity:				
Unrestricted funds				
Members' Reserve	17	51,914	-	51,914
Publications Reserve	17	-	81,192	81,192
	9/17	51,914	81,192	133,106

17. STUDIES IN CHURCH HISTORY

The Ecclesiastical History Society produces an annual volume in the series "Studies in Church History" (SCH), which is available to members at a discount, and to the general public. Subscribing Members receive a copy of the year's volume. Of the subscribing membership fee of 2023/24, £20 is attributable to Volume 58, and is included within Publications Income in note 3 on Page 12.

18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Details of trustee expenses are given in note 9. There were no other related party transactions in either year.

19. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The trustees consider that, while the trustees are in the main elected by the members, it is the trustees who are in day-to-day control of the charity and there is no ultimate controlling party.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1053883

Accounts

Registered Charity No. 1053883

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The Trustees of The Ecclesiastical History Society (“the Society” or “the Charity”) present their report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements comply with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The names of the Committee Members who served during the year and to the date of this report are:

- Prof Peter Marshall (President)
- Prof Katy Cubitt (Past President)
- Prof Mike Snape (Vice-President)
- Dr Jacqueline Rose (Secretary until 20 July 2023)
- Dr Joseph Hardwick (Secretary from 20 July 2023)
- Mr Simon Jennings FCA (Hon Treasurer)
- Prof Elizabeth Tingle (Conference Secretary until 20 July 2023)
- Dr Angela Platt (Conference Secretary from 20 July 2023)
- Dr Chris Langley (Publicity Secretary until 20 July 2023)
- Dr Edmund Wareham (Publicity Secretary from 20 July 2023)
- Revd Prof Charlotte Methuen (co-editor)
- Prof Andrew Spicer (co-editor until 20 July 2023)
- Dr David Ceri Jones (co-editor)
- Revd Dr Kenneth Jeffrey (until 20 July 2023)
- Dr Géraldine Vaughan (International Relations Secretary)
- Prof Hilary Carey (International Relations Secretary from 20 July 2023)
- Canon Prof Mark Chapman (until 20 July 2023)
- Dr Dan Cruickshank (2021-2024)
- Dr Anna French (2021-2024)
- Dr Emilie Murphy (2023-2025)
- George Palmer (2023-2025)
- Dr Felicity Hill (2023-2026)
- Dr Laura Mair (2023-2026)

Prof Peter Marshall was inducted as President of the Society by Prof Katy Cubitt at the start of the Society’s annual summer conference in July 2022, and Prof Mike Snape was elected Vice President at the 2023 AGM and will succeed Prof Peter Marshall as President for 2024-2025.

Bankers:

COIF Charity Funds – Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4ET

National Westminster Bank Plc – Tavistock Square Branch, PO Box 83, Tavistock House, Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9XA

Independent Examiner:

Mr Peter J Stevenson, FCA – 8 Harbord Road, Oxford OX2 8LJ

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2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (INCLUDING TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT)

The Society is established under a formal written constitution, as periodically revised, most recently in 2023. The Society is based and administered in the United Kingdom. Management is vested in the Society's Committee which is responsible for the day to day running of the Charity, organising various events and maintaining contact with the members to ensure they are kept up to date with events and issues. The Committee is also responsible for the maintenance of accounting records and the preparation of the annual accounts.

The Committee also constitutes the body of the Trustees of the charity and is responsible for the report made on their behalf.

Induction and Training

Trustees receive training informally. All Trustees are informed of their responsibilities on appointment and are kept informed at meetings of their duties and obligations under the law in addition to their proper conduct in accordance with Charity Commission guidance.

Related Parties

None of the Trustees receives remuneration or other benefit from work with the Charity, save that essential officers as are required to attend conferences do so free of charge or receive re-imbursment of costs and expenses. Any transaction between the Charity and related parties must be approved by the Trustees.

Pay policy for staff and consultants

The trustees comprise the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity. The day to day running and operations of the Charity are delegated to appropriate administrative helpers and subcommittees. The Business Manager, a Website Manager and an administrative and accounting assistant are engaged as consultants.

All trustees give up their time freely and no trustee received remuneration in the year. The pay of any consultant reflects the level of responsibilities and skill set required. The pay is reviewed annually.

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP FRS 102;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the principles above. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the financial information included on the charity's website.

Internal Controls

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has appropriate systems of internal controls. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements follow best practice. They are also responsible for the charity safeguarding its assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The system of internal controls is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

Risk Management

The Trustees have undertaken a risk assessment which comprises:

- an annual review of the risks the charity may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

This continuing process will identify risk areas to which the charity is vulnerable and highlight any necessary safeguards that will need to be put in place. The Trustees identified the following areas of risk and safeguards to mitigate them:

- Insufficient conference attendance: mitigated by careful planning around projected numbers to avoid penalty payments for missing targets, providing flexibility for different types of attendance e.g. day rates, keeping the conference fee under review (having surveyed Members in summer 2022 about pricing points) to ensure it was accessible while not bound to lead to a loss, regularly reviewing the conference format, and active publicity campaigns;
- Increasing movement towards open access undermining the current model for publication of *Studies in Church History* (SCH) and the membership offer: the Editors keep up to date with developments and liaise with Cambridge University Press about the topic. Risk in this area had reduced compared to two to three years ago, given CUP's move into Read & Publish agreements;
- Insufficient submissions to produce the annual volume of *Studies in Church History* mitigated by continued active work to ensure the conference theme is sufficiently clear and broad to attract submissions and encourages high quality conference proposals, making the publication schedule clear early on in the conference call/paper selection process, and promoting the prestige of publishing in *SCH*. The Society's production of 'The Church in Sickness and in Health' (SCH 58) demonstrated its ability to produce a volume even if there was no conference (due to COVID restriction). The Society also ensures it retains sufficient funds to cover the costs of two years' publications with CUP. If further mitigation was needed consideration could be given to developing a hybrid model for submissions both through the conference and independently of it;
- Declining membership due to cost-of-living pressures: the high-quality offer to Members was important, with promotion through the website and social media, and additional activities; new members are being encouraged through opportunity to participate in conferences, through incentives offered by prizes as well as the possibility of papers being published, and through social media;
- Difficulties in recruiting unpaid officers to run the Society: involvement at all career stages was encouraged and ways to proactively encourage membership of the Committee were considered;
- The Society's position as a data controller: this would be reviewed regularly. Appropriate measures were in place to secure and regulate access to the membership database. Names and emails might be sent to the Conference Secretary but personal financial details were not passed to her; both she and the Secretary used bcc when sending material to email lists. Most Committee members would be members of HEIs and receive training on GDPR from them, but good practice in this area would be included in handover notes. The Society is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office.
- The trustees have insurance against trustee and public liability.

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3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit and confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to it. They consider the information which follows in this annual report, about the Charity's aims, activities and achievements in the areas of interest that the Society supports demonstrates the benefit to its beneficiaries and through them to the Public that arise from those activities.

The Trustees may use the income and the capital of the charity in promoting the objects.

Objectives

The main object of the Society, as set out in its Constitution, is to advance public education in ecclesiastical history, mainly through conferences and publications.

Activities and Achievements

The Summer Conference at Warwick in July 2023 on "Margins and Peripheries" marked a welcome return to in-person Summer Conferences. Five postgraduates were awarded bursaries that covered the cost of the registration fee for the Summer Conference at an effective cost of £1,800. The Winter Meeting on the same theme, which remains an online event to facilitate participation, was also highly successful.

Publication of volume 60 of *Studies in Church History*, resulting from the Summer 2022 and Winter 2023 Conferences on the theme: "The Church and Hypocrisy" was scheduled for June 2024, but technical issue at Cambridge University Press in June has delayed production. The electronic version of SCH 60 was published on 23 May, but at the time of writing (15 July), the Society is still waiting to hear when to expect publication of the hard copies of the Volume. News of the issue and the delay to publication, was communicated to subscribing members.

The Society also organised an online Post-Graduate Colloquium in December 2023 on the theme "New Directions for Church History: Opportunities and Challenges". This event was held in collaboration with the American Society of Church History and featured six papers in two panels, as well as a round table discussion with three post-graduate students, two from North American institutions, and the third from a French university. This event continued the Society's successful record of organising academic gatherings that help to nurture international connections in the fields of religious and church history. The Society, led by its International Relations Secretaries, plans to organise a similar online post-graduate event early in 2025.

During the year, the Society also awarded prizes. The Kennedy Prize for the best communication given by a post-graduate student at the previous year's conference (£500) was paid to Alice Kinghorn (University of Bristol) for her paper: 'Reverend John Stainsby and the "Diffusion of Gospel Truth" in early Nineteenth Century Jamaica. The President's Prize for the best communication given by an early career academic at the previous year's conferences (£1000) was awarded to Paula Tutty (Independent Researcher) for her paper: "'A Disgrace to his Schema": Monastic (Im)piety in Late Antique Egypt. The recipients of both prizes are decided by that year's President and the editorial team. The Society also awarded a Book Prize for the best first monograph published in the field of the history of Christianity during the 2022 calendar year. This prize amounting to £1000, was awarded jointly to Meg Leja for: *'Embodying the Soul: Medicine and religion in Carolingian Europe'* (University of Pennsylvania Press) and to Alison Knight for: *'The Dark Bible: Cultures of Interpretation in Early Modern England'* (Oxford University Press). The recipients of this Prize were determined by a specially convened sub-committee.

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Finally, the Society supported a project on 'Ghana's Oral Bible', a research project done by two PhD researchers (Mateo Baechtold of University de Lorraine\ College de France, and Joseph Asuming of the University of Ghana) in coloration with the National Folklore Ghana and the Interfaith and Ecumenical Relations Department of the Christian Council of Ghana. The project aims to document and study the Christianisation of the oral traditions of the Akan people in the Twentieth and Twenty-first Centuries.

This support was extended under the Society's scheme offering endorsement for approved projects in the field of Ecclesiastical History. Projects must be proposed by members in good standing, be within the scope of the Society's academic remit and demonstrably have the support of another organisation external to the proposer (e.g. Church/ Diocese/ Archiver/ Think Tank/ Charity/ Funding Council, but their own University). The scheme which allows use of the EHS name and logo, but does not involve financial support, is intended to build public awareness in Ecclesiastical history and advance scholarship in the subject.

During the year, members' subscriptions and donations (exclusive of subscribing payments for the year's volume of SCH) amounting to £8,857 were received. The Committee would like to express its gratitude to those who continue to subscribe to the Society and to welcome new members.

Other receipts have predominantly come from conference fees and subscriptions to, and sales of, Studies in Church History. Income has been generated from investments in the M&G Charifund. The value of this investment has slightly increased this year but continues to be affected by market uncertainties and the Committee continues to monitor it.

The 2023 AGM appointed three members to serve on the Committee (Drs Laura Mair, Felicity Hill and Emilie Murphy) and by Clause 8A of the Constitution at the March meeting the Committee co-opted a fourth member, George Palmer, to serve on the Committee for two years. The 2023 AGM also appointed Joseph Hardwick as Secretary to the Society, David Jones as Co-Editor, Edmund Wareham as Publicity Secretary and Angela Platt to the post of Conference Secretary. Emily Betz continues her work as website and publicity manager, Alice Soulieux-Evans as Assistant Editor for the Society, and Dr Maria Harff continues to assist with bookkeeping and the management of the membership database.

4. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Incoming Resources

Incoming resources totalled £38,011 for the year to 31 March 2024 (2023 - £29,213). The increase in incoming resources in comparison with the previous years is attributable to fees for attendance at the resumed residential conference arranged in 2023, which produced delegate fees of £14,766. The Charity's other income was derived principally from membership subscriptions (£8,857), subscriptions to, and direct sales of Studies in Church History (£4,480), and royalties from sales by CUP (£8,573). Two exceptional payments of accumulated royalties collected by the Publishers' Licencing Agency from older volumes of SCH amounting to £4,566 were also received.

Charitable activities

Total expenditure amounted to £41,719 (2023 - £43,236). Charitable activities comprised the running of conferences, the publication costs of Studies in Church History and the award of prizes. The cost of such activities amounted to £25,178 (2023 - £25,896).

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Result of the year

After publication costs £4,540 (2023 - £5,120) and other costs, including governance costs, of £5,946 (2023 - £4,363), the Charity realised a net surplus of £5,624 (2023 – deficit £5,225). The Summer Conference result showed a deficit of £3,339 (2023 - deficit £2,372), accountable in part by the cost of bursaries (£1,800). After taking account of modest appreciation of the Charifund holding amounting to £1,160, £4,405 accumulated dividends, and foreign exchange losses of £74 (2023 – loss of 23), the funds of the Charity increased by £6,710 (2023- £10,513 decrease).

Financial position

The Trustees consider that the financial position of the Charity as at the year-end is satisfactory, with reserves of £133,106 (2023 – £126,396) and cash balances of £46,707 (2023 – £31,582).

Reserves Policy

There are no outstanding commitments or cash demands which are not adequately covered by our existing resources. The single recurrent commitment is to Cambridge University Press for publication of Studies in Church History. This commitment can be securely met for the foreseeable future. Consequently, the Committee feels it would be inappropriate at this stage to adopt a specific reserves policy, beyond ensuring that sufficient funds are retained to cover the likely cost of 2 years' publications (approximately £12,000). The Committee is confident that the Society remains a going concern for at least twelve months from the date of this report, and that it is appropriate to prepare accounts on that basis.

Investment Policy

£50,000 was invested in the M&G Charifund on 1 April 2014. The market value has fluctuated since with the effect of Covid 19 and subsequent global instability. It now stands at £84,025 having risen slightly over the past year but mainly due to accumulation dividends of £4,405.

5. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Trustees do not propose to deviate from the current objectives and activities of the charity as detailed above.

**Approved by the Trustees on
and signed on their behalf by**
S P Jennings.

8 November 2024

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**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

I report on the financial statements of The Ecclesiastical History Society for the year ended 31 March 2024, as set out on pages 8 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner and basis of report

The Trustees of The Ecclesiastical History Society are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for maintaining proper accounting records. They are also responsible for making available to me the charity's accounting records and all other records and information, including minutes of meetings, relevant to my examination. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"), and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair view", and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent reporting examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to
- Keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - Prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply to the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Peter J Stevenson FCA, 8 Harbord Road, Oxford OX2 8LJ

20 November 2024

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Page	Members' Funds	Publications Funds	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023
		£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:					
Subscriptions (note 1)	12	8,857	-	8,857	9,296
Investments (note 2)	12	906	4,405	5,311	3,100
Charitable activities (note 3)	12	15,556	17,619	33,175	25,615
Total income		25,319	22,024	47,343	38,011
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Cost of raising funds (note 5)	13	3,275	7,320	10,595	12,977
Charitable activities (note 6)	13	18,115	7,063	25,178	25,896
Other (note 7)	13	4,381	1,565	5,946	4,363
Total expenditure		25,771	15,948	41,719	43,236
Net income (expenditure)		(452)	6,076	5,624	(5,225)
Net gains/(losses) on investments (note 4)	12	(74)	1,160	1,086	(5,288)
Net movements in funds		(526)	7,236	6,710	(10,513)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		52,440	73,956	126,396	136,909
Total funds carried forward	9	51,914	81,192	133,106	£126,396

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 10-17 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Page	Members' Funds 31 March 2024 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS:					
Quoted investment at market value (note 11)	14	-	84,025	84,025	78,460
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Debtors (note 12)	14	1,439	8,573	10,012	18,507
Cash on deposit (note 13)	15	23,466	(5,066)	18,400	29,494
Cash at bank (note 13)	15	28,307	-	28,307	2,088
Total current assets		53,212	3,507	56,719	50,089
TOTAL ASSETS		£53,212	£87,532	£140,744	£128,549
LIABILITIES:					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year (note 14)	15	(1,298)	(6,340)	(7,638)	(2,153)
Total net assets		£51,914	£81,192	£133,106	£126,936
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds					
Members' Reserve	8	51,914	-	51,914	52,440
Publications Reserve	8	-	81,192	81,192	73,956
		£51,914	£81,192	£133,106	£126,396

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and were signed of its behalf by:

S P Jennings

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Peter Marshal.

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8 November 2024

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[Date]

The notes on pages 10-17 form part of these financial statements

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Legal status of the trust**

The Ecclesiastical History Society (“the Society” or “the Charity”) is a registered charity (charity number 1053883). It is a members association governed by a constitution. The property of the Society is held by the Committee as charitable trustees.

The contact address is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements.

Basis of Preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2016) – (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The presentational currency of these financial statements is Pounds Sterling.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value with the following significant accounting policies applied.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The forecast income and reserves are sufficient to cover all of the budgeted expenditure to be able to continue as a going concern.

Income & Expense recognition

Voluntary donations (including membership subscriptions- see below) and income from interest bearing deposit accounts are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, any conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. Publication royalties are recognised when the relevant account has been produced by the Cambridge University Press, sales when volumes have been sold and conference fees and expenses when there is a contractual commitment.

Income from membership, comprises an annual subscription and (if members so choose) payment for the annual publication. Annual subscriptions are considered donations and are recognised on receipt. The payment for the publications is shown as sales, but the cost of the volume sent to subscribing members is recognised on payment to the publishers.

Life membership subscriptions are included as income in full in the year of receipt. The payment of a lifetime subscription does not bestow a benefit beyond that enjoyed by members who choose to pay their subscription annually and the Charity is not bound to repay any portion of their membership if it ceases to operate.

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trustees to the expenditure ((save for the cost of publication of the annual SCH volume – which is recognised on receipt of the invoice from CUP). Expenditure is categorised under the following headings:

- The cost of raising funds – consists of advertising, marketing and direct mail materials, including publicity costs not associated with educational material, designed wholly or mainly to further the charity’s purposes.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**Expenditure recognition (continued)**

Charitable activities comprise grants and donations made during the period, and prizes awarded (which are recognised when the offer is conveyed to the recipient), and the costs of publication of SCH which are recognised when invoiced.

Status of funds

All funds are unrestricted and the Trustees have complete discretion for their use in pursuance of the Charity's objectives.

Foreign currency

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date. Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are converted at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. All transaction differences are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise.

Taxation and irrecoverable VAT

The Charity is not subject to tax on its income, provided that all surplus funds are used for charitable purposes. Accordingly, no provision is made for taxation.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

Gift Aid

As membership subscriptions carry a right to acquire copies of Studies in Church History at a price substantially below the retail price charged by the publisher, HMRC will not permit subscriptions to be gift aided. Other donations may be.

Basic financial instruments

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Investments in equity instruments are measured initially at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Investments are restated at market value each year at the Balance Sheet date, with changes recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees have considered how best to apply the Charity's accounting policies and make estimates in the preparation of the financial statements, where relevant. The Trustees have not made any significant estimates in these financial statements.

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1. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Members' Funds	Publications Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Members' Funds	Publications Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	31 March 2024	31 March 2024	31 March 2024	31 March 2023	31 March 2023	31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions & General donations	8,857	-	8,857	9,296	-	9,296
	8,857		8,857	9,296	-	9,296

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Members' Funds	Publications Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Members' Funds	Publications Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	31 March 2024	31 March 2024	31 March 2024	31 March 2023	31 March 2023	31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Interest	906	-	906	514	-	5174
Dividends	-	4,405	4,405	-	2,586	2,586
	906	4,405	5,311	514	2,586	3,100

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Members' Funds	Publications Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Members' Funds	Publications Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	31 March 2024	31 March 2024	31 March 2024	31 March 2023	31 March 2023	31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sales of Publications	-	4,480	4,480	-	5,279	5,279
Publication royalties	-	13,139	13,139	-	9,252	9,252
Summer Conference	14,766	-	14,766	10,418	-	10,418
Winter Conference	790	-	790	666	-	666
	15,556	17,619	33,175	11,084	14,531	25,615

4. OTHER GAINS/LOSSES

	Members' Funds	Publications Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Members' Funds	Publications Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	31 March 2024	31 March 2024	31 March 2024	31 March 2023	31 March 2023	31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	(74)		(54)	(23)		(23)
(Depreciation)/ Appreciation of investments		1,160	1,160		(5,265)	(5,265)
	(74)	1,160	1,086	(23)	(5,265)	(2,288)

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5. COST OF RAISING FUNDS

	Members' Funds 31 March 2024 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2023 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023 £
Fundraising and publications	3,275	7,320	10,595	3,282	9,695	12,977
	3,275	7,320	10,595	3,282	9,695	12,977

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Members' Funds 31 March 2024 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2023 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023 £
Post Graduate Symposium	-	-	0	263		263
Summer Conference	18,115		18,115	12,790	-	12,790
Publications		4,540		-	5,120	5,120
Book Prizes		2,523	2,523	-	2,523	2,523
Conference Bursary	-	-	-	200		200
Ukrainian Scholarship	-	-	-	5,000		5,000
	18,115	7,063	25,178	18,253	7,643	25,895

7. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Members' Funds 31 March 2024 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2023 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023 £
Secretarial expenses	150	-	150	161	-	161
Bank charges & commissions	200		200	200		200
PayPal charges	191		191	208		208
Independent examiners fees	250		25	250		250
Subscriptions	149		149	-		
Accountancy & administration fees	2,350		2,350	1,787		1,787
Trustee expenses	-	1,565	1,565	-	933	933
Database development costs	792		792	824	-	824
Trustee insurance	299		299			
	4,381	1,565	5,946	3,430	933	4,363

The expenses, including attendance at Conferences, of the Editorial team, have been charged to the Publications Account.

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8. EMPLOYEES

No persons were employed during the year.

9. TRUSTEES

Trustees received no remuneration. Expenses reimbursed amounted to £1,374 (2022 - £266) of which £441 is shown in note 7 under data development costs. They were paid to 2 trustees in relation to the editorial committee and one for database costs.

10. GOVERNANCE COSTS

Governance Costs are considered to comprise the Independent Examiner's fee of £250 (2023: £250).

11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Members' Funds 31 March 2024 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2023 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023 £
M&G Charifund (Market Value)		84,025	84,025	-	78,460	78,460

12. DEBTORS

	Members' Funds 31 March 2024 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2023 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023 £
Summer Conference Prepayment	1,439	-	1,439	9,255	-	9,255
Publishing royalties	-	8,573	8,573	-	9,252	9,252
	1,439	8,573	10,012	9,255	9,252	18,507

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13. CASH AT BANK

	Members' Funds	Publications Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Members' Funds	Publications Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	31 March 2024	31 March 2024	31 March 2024	31 March 2023	31 March 2023	31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash on deposit	12,845	5,555	18,400	24,196	5,298	29,494
Cash at bank	28,085	222	28,307	1,843	245	2,088
Inter fund transfer	10,843	(10,843)	-	18,929	(18,929)	-
	51,773	(5,066)	46,707	44,968	(13,386)	31,582

14. CREDITORS – amounts falling due within one year

	Members' Funds	Publications Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Members' Funds	Publications Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	31 March 2024	31 March 2024	31 March 2024	31 March 2023	31 March 2023	31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Summer/Conference	-	-	-	-	370	370
Post Graduate	-	-	-	263	-	263
Symposium	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts & Administration	675	-	675	270	-	270
IT Costs	103	-	103	-	-	-
Independent Examiners' Fees	250	-	250	250	-	-
Book Prize	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
Consultants Fees	270	1,800	2,070	-	-	-
CUP Publishing costs	-	4,540	4,540	-	-	-
	1,298	6,340	7,638	1,783	370	2,153

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15. Comparative breakdown for Statement of Financial Activities

	Page	Members' Funds 31 March 2023 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023 £
INCOME FROM:				
Donations and legacies (note 1)	12	9,296		9,296
Investments (note 2)	12	514	2,586	3,100
Charitable activities (note 3)	12	11,084	14,531	25,615
Total income		20,894	17,117	38,011
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Cost of raising funds (note 5)	13	3,282	9,695	12,977
Charitable activities (note 6)	13	18,253	7,643	25,896
Other (note 7)	13	3,430	933	4,363
Total expenditure		24,965	18,271	43,236
Net income (expenditure)		(4,071)	(1,154)	(5,225)
Gains/(losses) on investments (note 4)		(23)	(5,265)	(5,288)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(4,094)	(6,419)	(10,513)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		56,534	80,375	136,909
Total funds carried forward	8	52,440	73,956	126,396

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16. Comparative breakdown for Balance Sheet

	Page	Members' Funds 31 March 2023	Publications Funds 31 March 2023	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023
FIXED ASSETS:				
Quoted investment at market value (note 11)	14		78,460	78,460
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Debtors (note 12)	14	9,255	9,252	18,507
Cash on deposit (note 13)	15	24,196	5,298	29,494
Cash at bank (note 13)	15	20,772	(18,684)	2,088
Total current assets		<u>54,223</u>	<u>(4,134)</u>	<u>50,089</u>
LIABILITIES:				
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year (note 14)	15	(1,783)	(370)	(2,153)
Total net assets		<u>52,440</u>	<u>73,956</u>	<u>126,396</u>
The funds of the charity:				
Unrestricted funds				
Members' Reserve	16	52,440	-	52,440
Publications Reserve	16	-	73,956	73,956
	8/16	<u>52,440</u>	<u>73,956</u>	<u>126,396</u>

17. STUDIES IN CHURCH HISTORY

The Ecclesiastical History Society produces an annual volume in the series "Studies in Church History" (SCH), which is available to members at a discount, and to the general public. Subscribing Members receive a copy of the year's volume. Of the subscribing membership fee of 2022/23, £20 is attributable to Volume 58, and is included within Publications Income in note 3 on Page 12.

18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Details of trustee expenses are given in note 9. There were no other related party transactions in either year.

19. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The trustees consider that, while the trustees are in the main elected by the members, it is the trustees who are in day-to-day control of the charity and there is no ultimate controlling party.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1053883

Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees of The Ecclesiastical History Society (“the Society” or “the Charity”) present their report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements comply with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The names of the Committee Members who served during the year and to the date of this report are:

- Prof Katy Cubitt (President)
- Prof Frances Knight (Past President)
- Prof Peter Marshall (Vice-President)
- Dr Jacqueline Rose (Secretary)
- Mr Simon Jennings FCA (Hon Treasurer)
- Prof Elizabeth Tingle Conference Secretary)
- Dr Chris Langley (Publicity Secretary)
- Revd Prof Charlotte Methuen (co-editor)
- Prof Andrew Spicer (co-editor)
- Revd Dr Kenneth Jeffrey (2020-2023)
- Dr Géraldine Vaughan (International Relations Secretary)
- Dr Ruth Atherton (until 20 July 2022)
- Revd Dr Robert Evans (until 20 July 2022)
- Canon Prof Mark Chapman (2020-2023)
- Dr Dan Cruickshank (2021-2024)
- Dr Anna French (2021-2024)
- Prof Hilary Carey (from 20 July 2022)
- Dr Angela Platt (from 20 July 2022)
- Prof Alec Rylie (Past President to July 2022; co-opted until January 2023 for the book prize)

Prof Katy Cubitt was inducted as President of the Society by Prof Frances Knight at the start of the Society’s annual summer conference in July 2022, and Prof Peter Marshall was elected Vice President at the 2022 AGM to succeed Prof Cubitt as President for 2023-24.

Bankers:

COIF Charity Funds – Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4ET

National Westminster Bank Plc – Tavistock Square Branch, PO Box 83, Tavistock House, Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9XA

Independent Examiner:

Mr Peter J Stevenson, FCA – 8 Harbord Road, Oxford OX2 8LJ

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Society is established under a formal written constitution, as periodically revised, most recently in 2021. The Society is based and administered in the United Kingdom. Management is vested in the Society's Committee which is responsible for the day to day running of the Charity, organising various events and maintaining contact with the members to ensure they are kept up to date with events and issues. The Committee is also responsible for the preparation of the annual accounts.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued) **Trustees' Responsibilities Statement (continued)**

The Committee also constitutes the body of the Trustees of the charity and is responsible for the report made on their behalf.

Induction and Training

Trustees receive training informally. All Trustees are kept informed at meetings of their duties and obligations under the law in addition to their proper conduct.

Related Parties

None of the Trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the Charity. Any transaction between the Charity and the related parties must be approved by the Trustees.

Pay policy for staff and consultants

The trustees comprise the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity. The day to day running and operations of the Charity are delegated to appropriate administrative helpers and subcommittees. The Business Manager, a Website Manager and an administrative and accounting assistant are engaged as consultants.

All trustees give up their time freely and no trustee received remuneration in the year. The pay of any consultant reflects the level of responsibilities and skill set required. The pay is reviewed annually.

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP FRS 102;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the principles above. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit and confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to it. They consider the information which follows in this annual report, about the Charity's aims, activities and achievements in the areas of interest that the Society supports demonstrates the benefit to its beneficiaries and through them to the Public that arise from those activities.

The Trustees may use the income and the capital of the charity in promoting the objects.

Objectives

The main object of the Society, as set out in its Constitution, is to advance public education in ecclesiastical history, mainly through conferences and publications.

Activities and Achievements

The Society's planned schedule, which had been adapted due to the Covid 19 pandemic, and the consequent conference and volume on "The Church in Sickness and in Health" was resumed by completing the work on the volume on "The Churches and Rites of Passage" (SCH 59) which is scheduled for dispatch shortly.

The Summer Conference at York in July 2022 on "The Church and Hypocrisy" marked a welcome return to in-person Summer Conferences, despite the need for adaptations to the schedule due to it coinciding with an unprecedented heatwave that shut down many of the main public transport routes to the Conference. Many participants were still able to attend, some of the plenary lectures moved online, and options to defer papers to the Winter Meeting in January 2023 were provided. Five postgraduates were awarded bursaries that covered the cost of the registration fee for the Summer Conference at an effective cost of £1,875. The Winter Meeting on the same theme, which remains an online event to facilitate different ways to participate in the Society's activities, was also highly successful. Publication of the resulting volume (SCH 60) is scheduled for June 2024.

The Society also organised a Postgraduate Colloquium in March 2023. As in pre-pandemic years, this was an in-person event to support networking with a minimal fee to cover the cost of refreshments, but the Society newly offered a competitive bursary scheme to support the costs of travel to the event in recognition of the particular pressures that the increasing cost of living (and declining opportunities to apply for institutional funding) place on postgraduates. In May 2022 a collaborative workshop with Rouen was held on the theme of "New Perspectives in Religious History", to further the Society's international connections and the Society is actively exploring different ways to internationalise its activities.

An appointment was also made to the Fellowship that the Society had co-sponsored with the Royal Historical Society to enable a six-month Fellowship at a higher education institution to provide a place of academic refuge for scholars from Ukraine. The Society provided £5000 for a fellowship in ecclesiastical history, in line with the Society's objects, and extended the offer of membership of the Society (with a fee-waiver) and support, in partnership with the host HEI, for attending the Summer Conference.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the financial information included on the charity's website.

Internal Controls

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has appropriate systems of internal controls. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements follow best practice. They are also responsible for the charity safeguarding its assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The system of internal controls is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

Risk Management

The Trustees have undertaken a risk assessment which comprises:

- an annual review of the risks the charity may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

This continuing process will identify risk areas to which the charity is vulnerable and highlight any necessary safeguards that will need to be put in place. The Trustees identified the following areas of risk and safeguards to mitigate them:

- Insufficient conference attendance: mitigated by careful planning around projected numbers to avoid penalty payments for missing targets, providing flexibility for different types of attendance e.g. day rates, keeping the conference fee under review (having surveyed Members in summer 2022 about pricing points) to ensure it was accessible while not bound to lead to a loss, regularly reviewing the conference format, and active publicity campaigns;
- Increasing movement towards open access undermining the current model for publication of *Studies in Church History* (SCH) and the membership offer: the Editors keep up to date with developments and liaise with Cambridge University Press about the topic. Risk in this area had reduced compared to two to three years ago, given CUP's move into Read & Publish agreements;
- Insufficient submissions to produce the annual volume of *Studies in Church History* mitigated by continued active work to ensure the conference theme is sufficiently clear and broad to attract submissions and encourages high quality conference proposals, making the publication schedule clear early on in the conference call/paper selection process, and promoting the prestige of publishing in *SCH*. The Society's production of 'The Church in Sickness and in Health' had demonstrated its ability to produce a volume even if there was no conference. The Society also ensures it retains sufficient funds to cover the costs of two years' publications with CUP. If further mitigation was needed another future option was building a hybrid model for submissions both through the conference and independently of it;
- Declining membership due to cost of living pressures: the high quality offer to Members was important, with promotion through the website and social media, and additional activities; new members are being encouraged through opportunity to participate in conferences, through incentives offered by prizes as well as the possibility of papers being published, and through social media;
- Difficulties in recruiting unpaid officers to run the Society: involvement at all career stages was encouraged and ways to proactively encourage membership of the Committee were considered;
- The Society's position as a data controller: this would be reviewed regularly. Appropriate measures were in place to secure and regulate access to the membership database. Names and emails might be sent to the Conference Secretary but financial details were not passed to her; both she and the Secretary used bcc when sending material to email lists. Most Committee members would be members of HEIs and receive training on GDPR from them, but good practice in this area would be included in handover notes.

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During the year the Society also awarded and paid prizes. The Kennedy Prize for the best communication given by a postgraduate student at the previous year's conferences (£500) was paid to Tim Yung (University of Hong Kong), for his paper 'Does God mind? Reshaping Anglican Chinese Rituals, c.1852-1941'. The President's Prize for the best communication given by an early career academic at the previous year's conferences (£1,000) was awarded to Conor O'Brien (University of Oxford), for 'The Origins of Royal Anointing'. The recipients of both of these are decided by that year's President and the editorial team. The Charity also awarded a Book Prize, for the best first monograph published in the field of the history of Christianity during the 2022 calendar year. This prize, amounting to £1000, was awarded jointly to Martin Christ for *Biographies of the Reformation: Religious Change and Confessional Coexistence in Upper Lusatia, 1520-1635* (Oxford University Press) and Zachary Guiliano for *The Homiliary of Paul the Deacon: Religious and Cultural Reform in Carolingian Europe* (Brepols). The recipient of this prize was determined by a specially convened sub-committee.

Finally, the Society supported a project on 'Writing Religious Conflict and Community in Exeter, 1500–1750' (ReConEx), a three-year Leverhulme-funded research project led by three researchers from the English department at the University of Exeter (Prof. Philip Schwyzer, Dr Niall Allsopp and Dr David Parry). The project explores the role of written texts in fashioning religious and communal identities in an early modern regional capital. This support was extended under the Society's scheme offering endorsement for approved projects in the field of ecclesiastical history. Projects must be proposed by members in good standing, be within the scope of the Society's academic remit, and demonstrably have the support of another organisation external to the proposer (e.g. church/diocese/archive/think tank/charity/funding council, but not their own University). The scheme, which allows use of the EHS name and logo, but not financial input, is intended to build public awareness of ecclesiastical history and advance scholarship in the subject.

During the year, members' subscriptions and donations (exclusive of subscribing payments for the year's volume of SCH) amounted to £9,296 were received. The Committee would like to express its gratitude to those who continue to subscribe to the Society and to welcome new members.

Other receipts have predominantly come from conference fees and subscriptions to, and sales of, *Studies in Church History*. Income has been generated from investments in the M&G Charifund. The value of this investment has continued to be affected by market uncertainties and the Committee continues to monitor it.

As noted in last year's report, Tim Grass who had been the Society's Business Manager for many years, retired and has been replaced by Alice Soulieux Evans. Tim and Alice worked together during 2022, and this is reflected by a non-recurrent increase in consultancy costs, while both were engaged in the handover process.

It was also noted last year Emily Betz has replaced Angela Platt (who has since been elected to the Committee) as website and publicity manager.

Dr Maria Harff continues to assist with bookkeeping and the management of the membership database.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Incoming Resources

Incoming resources totalled £38,011 for the year to 31 March 2023 (2022 - £29,219). The increase in incoming resources in comparison with the previous years is attributable to fees for attendance at the resumed residential conference arranged in 2022, which produced delegate fees of £10,418. The Charity's other income was derived principally from membership subscriptions (£9,296), subscriptions to, and direct sales of Studies in Church History (£5,279), and royalties from sales by CUP (£9,252).

Charitable activities

Total expenditure amounted to £43,236 (2022 - £25,218). Charitable activities comprised the running of conferences, the publication costs of Studies in Church History and the award of prizes. The cost of such activities amounted to £25,896 (2022 - £7,833); the reduction in total members' funds of £4,094 is attributable to the cost of bursaries at the Summer Conference (£1,925) and at the Winter Conference (£200) alongside the scholarship for a Ukrainian scholar (£5,000).

Result of the year

After publication costs £5,120 (2022 - £5,340) and other costs, including governance costs, of £4,363 (2022 - £2,580), the Charity realised a net deficit of £5,225 (2022 - £3,995). After taking account of investment depreciation and foreign exchange losses, of £5,288 (2022 - £5,846 increase), the funds of the Charity decreased by £10,513 (2022- £9,841 increase).

Financial position

The Trustees consider that the financial position of the Charity as at the year-end is satisfactory, with reserves of £126,396 (2022 - £136,909) and cash balances of £31,582 (2022 - £46,081).

Reserves Policy

There are no outstanding commitments or cash demands which are not adequately covered by our existing resources. The single recurrent commitment is to Cambridge University Press for publication of Studies in Church History. This commitment can be securely met for the foreseeable future. Consequently, the Committee feels it would be inappropriate at this stage to adopt a specific reserves policy, beyond ensuring that sufficient funds are retained to cover the likely cost of 2 years' publications (approximately £12,000). The Committee is confident that the Society remains a going concern for at least twelve months from the date of this report, and that it is appropriate to prepare accounts on that basis.

Investment Policy

£50,000 was invested in the M&G Charifund on 1 April 2014. The market value has fluctuated since with the effect of Covid 19 and subsequent global instability. It now stands at £78,460 having fallen slightly over the past year despite accumulation dividends of £2,586.

4. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Trustees do not propose to deviate from the current objectives and activities of the charity as detailed above.

Approved by the Trustees on
and signed on their behalf by

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[Name]

19/7/2023
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[Date]

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**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

I report on the financial statements of The Ecclesiastical History Society for the year ended 31 March 2023, as set out on pages 8 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner and basis of report

The Trustees of The Ecclesiastical History Society are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for maintaining proper accounting records. They are also responsible for making available to me the charity's accounting records and all other records and information, including minutes of meetings, relevant to my examination. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"), and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair view", and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent reporting examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to
- Keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - Prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply to the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Peter J Stevenson FCA, 8 Harbord Road, Oxford OX2 8LJ

Peter J. Stevenson
18th August 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Page	Members' Funds	Publications Funds	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022
		£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies (note 1)	14	9,296	-	9,296	9,356
Investments (note 2)	14	514	2,586	3,100	3,245
Charitable activities (note 3)	14	11,084	14,531	25,615	16,612
Total income		20,894	17,117	38,011	29,213
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Cost of raising funds (note 5)	15	3,282	9,695	12,977	14,805
Charitable activities (note 6)	15	18,253	7,643	25,896	7,833
Other (note 7)	15	3,430	933	4,363	2,580
Total expenditure		24,965	18,271	43,236	25,218
Net income (expenditure)		(4,071)	(1,154)	(5,225)	3,995
Net gains/(losses) on investments (note 4)	14	(23)	(5,265)	(5,288)	5,846
Net movements in funds		(4,094)	(6,419)	(10,513)	9,841
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		56,534	80,375	136,909	136,909
Total funds carried forward	9	52,440	73,956	126,396	£126,396

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 10-17 form part of these financial statements.

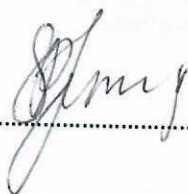
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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Page	Members' Funds 31 March 2023 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £
FIXED ASSETS:					
Quoted investment at market value (note 11)	14	-	78,460	78,460	81,140
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Debtors (note 12)	14	9,255	9,252	18,507	12,746
Cash on deposit (note 13)	15	24,196	5,298	29,494	28,980
Cash at bank (note 13)	15	20,772	(18,684)	2,088	17,101
Total current assets		54,223	(4,134)	50,089	58,827
TOTAL ASSETS		£54,223	£74,326	£128,549	£139,967
LIABILITIES:					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year (note 14)	15	(1,783)	(370)	(2,153)	(3,058)
Total net assets		52,440	£73,956	126,396	£136,909
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds					
Members' Reserve	8	52,440	-	52,440	56,534
Publications Reserve	8	-	73,956	73,956	80,375
		52,440	£56,534	126,396	£136,909

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and were signed of its behalf by:

P. Marshall



[Date]

10/7/2023

The notes on pages 10-17 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Legal status of the trust**

The Ecclesiastical History Society (“the Society” or “the Charity”) is a registered charity (charity number 1053883).

The contact address is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements.

Basis of Preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2016) – (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The presentational currency of these financial statements is Pounds Sterling.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value with the following significant accounting policies applied.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The forecast income and reserves are sufficient to cover all of the budgeted expenditure to be able to continue as a going concern.

Income & Expense recognition

Voluntary donations (including membership subscriptions- see below) and income from interest bearing deposit accounts are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, any conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. Publication royalties are recognised when the relevant account has been produced by the Cambridge University Press, sales when volumes have been sold and conference fees and expenses when there is a contractual commitment.

Income from membership, comprises an annual subscription and (if members so choose) payment for the annual publication. Annual subscriptions are considered donations and are recognised on receipt. The payment for the publications is shown as sales, but the cost of the volume sent to subscribing members is recognised on payment to the publishers.

Life membership subscriptions are included as income in full in the year of receipt. The payment of a lifetime subscription does not bestow a benefit beyond that enjoyed by members who choose to pay their subscription annually and the Charity is not bound to repay any portion of their membership if it ceases to operate.

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trustees to the expenditure ((save for the cost of publication of the annual SCH volume – which is recognised on receipt of the invoice from CUP). Expenditure is categorised under the following headings:

- The cost of raising funds – consists of advertising, marketing and direct mail materials, including publicity costs not associated with educational material, designed wholly or mainly to further the charity’s purposes.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**Expenditure recognition (continued)**

Charitable activities comprise grants and donations made during the period, and prizes awarded (which are recognised when the offer is conveyed to the recipient), and the costs of publication of SCH which are recognised when invoiced.

Status of funds

All funds are unrestricted and the Trustees have complete discretion for their use in pursuance of the Charity's objectives.

Foreign currency

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date. Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are converted at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. All transaction differences are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise.

Taxation and irrecoverable VAT

The Charity is not subject to tax on its income, provided that all surplus funds are used for charitable purposes. Accordingly, no provision is made for taxation.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

Gift Aid

As membership subscriptions carry a right to acquire copies of Studies in Church History at a price substantially below the retail price charged by the publisher, HMRC will not permit subscriptions to be gift aided. Other donations may be.

Basic financial instruments

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Investments in equity instruments are measured initially at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Investments are restated at market value each year at the Balance Sheet date, with changes recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees have considered how best to apply the Charity's accounting policies and make estimates in the preparation of the financial statements, where relevant. The Trustees have not made any significant estimates in these financial statements.

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1. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Members' Funds 31 March 2023 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £
Subscriptions & General donations	9,296	-	9,296	9,356	-	9,356
	9,296	-	2,296	9,356	-	9,356

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Members' Funds 31 March 2023 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £
Interest	514	-	514	12	-	12
Dividends	-	2,586	2,586	-	3,233	3,233
	514	2,586	3,100	12	3,233	3,245

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Members' Funds 31 March 2023 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £
Sales of Publications	-	5,279	5,279	-	5,080	5,080
Publication royalties	-	9,252	9,252	-	8,411	8,411
Summer Conference	10,418	-	10,418	2,701	-	2,701
Winter Conference	666	-	666	420	-	420
	11,084	14,531	25,615	3,121	13,491	16,612

4. OTHER GAINS/LOSSES

	Members' Funds 31 March 2023 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	(23)	-	(23)	(10)	-	(10)
(Depreciation)/Appreciation of investments	-	(5,265)	(5,265)	-	5,856	5,856
	(23)	(5,265)	(5,288)	(10)	5,856	5,856

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5. COST OF RAISING FUNDS

	Members' Funds 31 March 2023 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £
Fundraising and publications	3,282	9,695	12,977	2,805	12,000	14,805
	3,282	9,695	12,977	2,805	12,000	14,805

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Members' Funds 31 March 2023 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £
Post Graduate Symposium	263		263			
Summer Conference	12,789		12,789	-	-	
Publications	-	5,120	5,120	-	5,340	5,340
Winter Conference	-	-	-	-	-	-
Book Prizes	-	2,523	2,523	-	2,493	2,493
Conference Bursary	200		200			
Ukrainian Scholarship	5,000		5,000			
	18,252	7,643	25,895	Nil	7,833	7,833

7. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Members' Funds 31 March 2023 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £
Secretarial expenses	161		161	91	-	91
Bank charges & commissions	200		200	212	-	212
PayPal charges	208		208	154	-	154
Independent examiners fees	250		250	250	-	250
Accountancy & administration fees	1,787		1,787	1,305		1,305
Trustee expenses	-	933	933	-	266	266
Database development costs	824	-	824	302	-	302
	3,430	933	4,363	2,314	266	2,580

The expenses, including attendance at Conferences, of the Editorial team, have been charged to the Publications Account.

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No persons were employed during the year.

9. TRUSTEES

Trustees received no remuneration. Expenses reimbursed amounted to £1,374 (2022 - £266) paid to 3 trustees in relation to the editorial committee and database costs.

10. GOVERNANCE COSTS

Governance Costs are considered to comprise Trustee Expenses of £933 (2022 - £266) and the Independent Examiner's fee of £250 (2021: £250).

11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Members' Funds 31 March 2023 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £
M&G Charifund (Market Value)	-	78,460	78,460	-	81,140	81,140

12. DEBTORS

	Members' Funds 31 March 2023 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £
Summer Conference Prepayment	9,255		9,255	4,335	-	4,335
Publishing royalties		9,252	9,252	-	8,411	8,411
	9,255	9,252	18,507	4,335	8,411	12,746

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13. CASH AT BANK

	Members' Funds 31 March 2023 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £
Cash on deposit	24,196	5,298	29,494	23,775	5,205	28,980
Cash at bank	1,843	245	2,088	12,685	4,416	17,101
Inter fund transfer	18,929	(18,929)	-	17,597	(17,597)	-
	44,968	(13,386)	31,582	54,057	(7,976)	46,081

14. CREDITORS – amounts falling due within one year

	Members' Funds 31 March 2023 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £
Summer/Conference		370	370	38	-	38
Post Graduate Symposium	263		263			
Accounts & Administration	270		270	570	-	570
Independent Examiners' Fees	250			250	-	250
Book Prize	1,000		1,000	1,000		1,000
Consultants Fees	-	-	-	-	1,200	1,200
	1,783	370	2,153	1,858	1,200	3,058

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15. Comparative breakdown for Statement of Financial Activities

	Page	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £
INCOME FROM:				
Donations and legacies (note 1)	12	9,356	-	9,356
Investments (note 2)	12	12	3,233	3,245
Charitable activities (note 3)	12	3,121	13,491	16,612
Total income		12,489	16,724	29,213
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Cost of raising funds (note 5)	13	2,805	12,000	14,805
Charitable activities (note 6)	13	-	7,833	7,833
Other (note 7)	13	2,314	266	2,580
Total expenditure		5,119	20,099	25,218
Net income (expenditure)				
Gains/(losses) on investments (note 4)		(10)	5,856	5,846
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		7,360	2,481	9,841
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		49,174	77,894	127,068
Total funds carried forward	8	56,534	80,375	136,909

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**16. Comparative breakdown for Balance Sheet**

	Page	Members' Funds 31 March 2022	Publications Funds 31 March 2022	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022
FIXED ASSETS:				
Quoted investment at market value (note 11)	14	-	81,140	81,140
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Debtors (note 12)	14	4,335	8,411	12,746
Cash on deposit (note 13)	15	23,775	5,205	28,980
Cash at bank (note 13)	15	30,282	(13,181)	17,101
Total current assets		58,392	435	58,827
LIABILITIES:				
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year (note 14)	15	(1,858)	(1,200)	(3,058)
Total net assets		56,534	80,375	136,909
The funds of the charity:				
Unrestricted funds				
Members' Reserve	16	56,534	-	56,534
Publications Reserve	16	-	80,375	80,375
	8/16	56,534	80,375	136,909

17. STUDIES IN CHURCH HISTORY

The Ecclesiastical History Society produces an annual volume in the series "Studies in Church History" (SCH), which is available to members at a discount, and to the general public. Subscribing Members receive a copy of the year's volume. Of the subscribing membership fee of 2022/23, £20 is attributable to Volume 58, and is included within Publications Income in note 3 on Page 12.

18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Details of trustee expenses are given in note 9. There were no other related party transactions in either year.

19. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The trustees consider that, while the trustees are in the main elected by the members, it is the trustees who are in day-to-day control of the charity and there is no ultimate controlling party.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

The Trustees of The Ecclesiastical History Society ("the Society" or "the Charity") present their report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The financial statements comply with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The Ecclesiastical History Society, registered charity number 1053883, is based and administered in the United Kingdom. The contact address is 18 Warwick Street, Oxford, OX4 1SX.

The names of the Committee Members who served during the year and to the date of this report are:

- Prof Frances Knight (President)
- Prof Alec Ryrie (Past President)
- Prof Katy Cubitt (Vice-President)
- Dr Jacqueline Rose (Secretary)
- Mr Simon Jennings FCA (Hon Treasurer)
- Prof Elizabeth Tingle Conference Secretary)
- Dr Chris Langley (Publicity Secretary)
- Revd Dr Charlotte Methuen (co-editor)
- Prof Andrew Spicer (co-editor)
- Revd Dr Kenneth Jeffrey (2020-2023)
- Dr Géraldine Vaughan (International Relations Secretary)
- Dr Conor O'Brien (until 21 July 2021)
- Dr Nicholas Dixon (until 21 July 2021)
- Dr Ruth Atherton (2019-2022)
- Revd Dr Robert Evans (2019-22)
- Canon Professor Mark Chapman (2020-2023)
- Mr Dan Cruickshank (from 21 July 2021 to 2024)
- Dr Anna French (from 21 July 2021 to 2024)
- Prof Rosamond McKitterick (Past President to July 2021; co-opted until January 2022 for the book prize)

Prof Frances Knight was inducted as President of the Society by Prof Alec Ryrie at the start of the Society's annual summer conference in July 2021, and Prof Katy Cubitt was elected Vice President at the 2021 AGM to succeed Prof Knight as President for 2022-23.

Bankers:

COIF Charity Funds – Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4ET

National Westminster Bank Plc – Tavistock Square Branch, PO Box 83, Tavistock House, Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9XA

Independent Examiner:

Mr Peter J Stevenson, FCA – 8 Harbord Road, Oxford OX2 8LJ

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2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Society is established under a formal written constitution, as revised on 22 July 2009, 2011, 2012, 2016 and again in 2019, 2020, and 2021. The Society is based and administered in the United Kingdom. Management is vested in the Society's Committee which is responsible for the day to day running of the Charity, organising various events and maintaining contact with the members to ensure they are kept up to date with events and issues. The Committee is also responsible for the preparation of the annual accounts.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)**Trustees' Responsibilities Statement (continued)**

The Committee also constitutes the body of the Trustees of the charity and is responsible for the report made on their behalf.

Induction and Training

Trustees receive training informally. All Trustees are kept informed at meetings of their duties and obligations under the law in addition to their proper conduct.

Related Parties

None of the Trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the Charity. Any transaction between the Charity and the related parties must be approved by the Trustees.

Pay policy for staff and consultants

The trustees comprise the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity. The day to day running and operations of the Charity are delegated to appropriate administrative helpers and subcommittees. The Business Manager and an administrative and accounting assistant are engaged as consultants.

All trustees give up their time freely and no trustee received remuneration in the year. The pay of any consultant reflects the level of responsibilities and skill set required. The pay is reviewed annually.

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP FRS 102;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the principles above. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Internal Controls

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has appropriate systems of internal controls. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements follow best practice. They are also responsible for the charity safeguarding its assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The system of internal controls is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

Risk Management

The Trustees have undertaken a risk assessment which comprises:

- an annual review of the risks the charity may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

This continuing process will identify risk areas to which the charity is vulnerable and highlight any necessary safeguards that will need to be put in place. The primary concern in recent years has been management of the major risk relating to the covid-19 pandemic. After the Summer Conference was cancelled in 2020 and moved online in 2021, it returned to an in-person format in July 2022. The Committee continues to monitor the risks associated with the rising costs of event bookings in relation to the target audience's ability to pay for these. A long-term move to holding the Winter Meeting that runs in January each year online rather than in-person will mitigate the higher risks of disruption or cancellation at that time of year due to e.g. adverse weather or further covid variants of concern emerging; this will also enable engagement with different audiences and potential future members of the Society. The Trustees recognise that membership of the Society needs to grow and new members are being encouraged through opportunity to participate in conferences, incentives offered by prizes as well as the possibility of papers being published, and through social media.

3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit and confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to it. They consider the information which follows in this annual report, about the Charity's aims, activities and achievements in the areas of interest that the Society supports demonstrates the benefit to its beneficiaries and through them to the Public that arise from those activities.

The Trustees may use the income and the capital of the charity in promoting the objects.

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Objectives

The main object of the Society, as set out in its Constitution, is to advance public education in ecclesiastical history, mainly through conferences and publications.

Activities and Achievements

Significantly, despite the changes to the conference schedule due to the covid 19 pandemic, the Society ensured there was no lapse in its production of a publication each year by bringing to successful completion volume 58 of *Studies in Church History*, on "The Church in Sickness and in Health".

The Society then returned to its planned theme on "The Churches and Rites of Passage", on which volume 59 of *Studies in Church History* will be published in 2023, during 2021-22, holding its Summer Conference on the topic online in July 2021 and a further Winter Meeting in January 2022. Both had gone well and attracted good numbers of attendees. Five postgraduates were awarded bursaries that covered the cost of the registration fee for the Summer Conference. The plenary lectures from July 2021 were made available on the Society's website to advance wider understanding of ecclesiastical history.

The Society's Postgraduate Colloquium was held in December 2021, in online format, and attracted a number of papers from postgraduates in the UK, Ireland, USA, and Hong Kong. A follow-on event from the collaborative workshop with Rouen in May 2021 was also agreed for May 2022, on the theme of "New Perspectives in Religious History", to further the Society's international connections. In March 2022 the Committee also reflected on possible support it could provide to scholars working in the field of ecclesiastical history who were affected by the invasion of Ukraine, and agreed to provide £5000 as a partner in the scheme led by the Royal Historical Society to assist in funding short-term fellowships at higher education institutions in the UK, European Union or elsewhere in continental Europe to provide a place of academic refuge for scholars from Ukraine. This would be specifically for a fellowship in ecclesiastical history, in line with the Society's objects.

During the year the Society also awarded and paid prizes. The Kennedy Prize for the best communication given by a postgraduate student at the previous year's conferences (£500) was paid to Jemima Jarman, for her paper 'Ministering to Body and Soul: Medical Missions and the Jewish Community in Nineteenth-Century London'. The President's Prize for the best communication given by an early career academic at the previous year's conferences (£1,000) was awarded to Robert W. Daniel, for his paper 'Godly Preaching, In Sickness and ill-health, in Seventeenth-Century England'. The recipients of both of these are decided by that year's President and the editorial team. The Charity also awarded a Book Prize, for the best first monograph published in the field of the history of Christianity during the 2020 calendar year. This prize, amounting to £1000, was awarded to Andrew Kraebel, for *Biblical commentary and translation in later medieval England. Experiments in interpretation*, Cambridge Studies in Medieval Literature (Cambridge University Press). The recipient of this prize was determined by a specially convened sub-committee.

Finally, the Society has launched a new scheme offering endorsement for approved projects in the field of ecclesiastical history. Projects must be proposed by members in good standing, be within the scope of the Society's academic remit, and demonstrably have the support of another organisation external to the proposer (e.g. church/diocese/archive/think tank/charity/funding council, but not their own University). The scheme, which allows use of the EHS name and logo, but not financial input, is intended to build public awareness of ecclesiastical history and advance scholarship in the subject.

During the year, members' subscriptions and donations (exclusive of subscribing payments for the year's volume of SCH) amounted to £9,356 were received. The Committee would like to express its gratitude to those who continue to subscribe to the Society and to welcome new members.

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Other receipts have predominantly come from conference fees and from subscriptions to, and sales of, Studies in Church History. Income has been generated from investments in the M&G Charifund. The value of this investments has been affected badly by market volatility since 2019 but has recovered slowly.

The decision was taken in the previous year to engage an administrator to maintain accounting ledgers, assist with administration and maintain the data base of members. Dr Maria Harff took on this role and has made great improvements to the data base of members, which has been completely re-written, on a platform controlled by the Society, in a manner that is fully compliant with GDPR requirements and the Society's data retention policy. It is believed that most flaws have now been eradicated. Administrative costs, being consultancy fees paid amounted to £1,305. The total costs of the data base upgrade amounted to £2,052.

The Trustees wish to record their deepest thanks to Tim Grass, who has been the Society's Business Manager for many years. He will retire at the end of the summer and the Trustees have appointed Alice Soulieux Evans to replace him. Both have been working together for a handover period, the cost of which is reflected in increased consultancy fees this year, and for some of next.

The trustees also record their gratitude to Angela Platt, who has been a very effective website and publicity manager, and welcome Emily Betz, who has agreed to replace her.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW**Incoming Resources**

Incoming resources totalled £29,213 for the year to 31 March 2022 (2021 - £26,626). The increase in incoming resources in comparison with the previous years is attributable to fees for attendance at the virtual conference arranged in 2021. The Charity's income was derived principally from membership subscriptions (£9,356), subscriptions to, and direct sales of Studies in Church History (£5,080), and royalties from sales by CUP (£8,411).

Charitable activities

Total expenditure amounted to £25,218 (2021 - £24,822). Charitable activities comprised the running of conferences, the publication costs of Studies in Church History and the award of prizes. The cost of such activities amounted to £7,833 (2021 - £11,485); the reduction in total members' funds is attributable to the Summer Conference which incurred no additional costs in 2021 but cancellation fees in the previous year.

Result of the year

After publication costs and other fund-raising expenses of £5,340 (2021 - £5,040) and other costs, including governance costs, of £2,580 (2021 - £3,502), the Charity realised a net surplus of £3,995 (2021 - £1,804). After taking account of investment appreciation, net of foreign exchange losses, of £5,846 (2021 - £13,469), the funds of the Charity increased by £9,841 (2021- £15,273).

Financial position

The Trustees consider that the financial position of the Charity as at the year-end is satisfactory, with reserves of £136,909 and cash balances of £46,081 (2021 - £36,423).

Reserves Policy

There are no outstanding commitments or cash demands which are not adequately covered by our existing resources. The single recurrent commitment is to Cambridge University Press for publication of Studies in Church History. This commitment can be securely met for the foreseeable future. Consequently, the Committee feels it would be inappropriate at this stage to adopt a specific reserves policy, beyond ensuring that sufficient funds are retained to cover the likely cost of 2 years' publications (approximately £11,000). The Committee is confident that the Society remains a going concern for at least twelve months from the date of this report, and that it is appropriate to prepare accounts on that basis.

Investment Policy

£50,000 was invested in the M&G Charifund on 1 April 2014. The market value at 1 April 2019 rose (with accumulated dividends) to £67,816 but, partly as a result of the falls in financial markets as a result of COVID 19, it had fallen in value to £55,531 as at 31 March 2020. It has now recovered and with further accumulated dividends received during the year of £3,344, the value stood at £81,140.

4. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Trustees do not propose to deviate from the current objectives and activities of the charity as detailed above.

**Approved by the Trustees on
and signed on their behalf by**

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[Name]

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[Date]

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

I report on the financial statements of The Ecclesiastical History Society for the year ended 31 March 2022, as set out on pages 8 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner and basis of report

The Trustees of The Ecclesiastical History Society are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for maintaining proper accounting records. They are also responsible for making available to me the charity's accounting records and all other records and information, including minutes of meetings, relevant to my examination. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"), and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair view", and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent reporting examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to
- Keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - Prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply to the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Peter J Stevenson FCA, 8 Harbord Road, Oxford OX2 8LJ

Peter J. Stevenson
3rd November 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Page	Members' Funds	Publications Funds	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021
		£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies (note 1)	12	9,356		9,356	9,740
Investments (note 2)	12	12	3,233	3,245	3,032
Charitable activities (note 3)	12	3,121	13,491	16,612	13,854
Total income		12,489	16,724	29,213	26,626
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Cost of raising funds (note 5)	13	2,805	12,000	14,805	(9,835)
Charitable activities (note 6)	13	-	7,833	7,833	(11,485)
Other (note 7)	13	2,314	266	2,580	(3,502)
Total expenditure		5,119	20,099	25,218	(24,822)
Net income (expenditure)		7,370	(3,375)	3,995	1,804
Net gains/(losses) on investments (note 4)	12	(10)	5,856	5,846	13,469
Net movements in funds		7,360	2,481	9,841	15,273
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		49,174	77,894	127,068	111,795
Total funds carried forward	9	£56,534	£80,375	£136,909	£127,068

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 10-17 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Page	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £
FIXED ASSETS:					
Quoted investment at market value (note 11)	14	-	81,140	81,140	72,051
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Debtors (note 12)	14	4,335	8,411	12,746	20,414
Cash on deposit (note 13)	15	23,775	5,205	28,980	28,968
Cash at bank (note 13)	15	30,282	(13,181)	17,101	7,455
Total current assets		58,392	435	58,827	56,837
TOTAL ASSETS		£58,392	£81,575	£139,967	£128,888
LIABILITIES:					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year (note 14)	15	(1,858)	(1,200)	(3,058)	(1,820)
Total net assets		£56,534	£80,375	£136,909	£127,068
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds					
Members' Reserve	8	56,534		56,534	49,174
Publications Reserve	8		80,375	80,375	77,894
		£56,534	£80,375	£136,909	£127,068

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and were signed of its behalf by:

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[Date]

The notes on pages 10-17 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Legal status of the trust**

The Ecclesiastical History Society ("the Society" or "the Charity") is a registered charity (charity number 1053883).

The contact address is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements.

Basis of Preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2016) – (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The presentational currency of these financial statements is Pounds Sterling.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value with the following significant accounting policies applied.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The forecast income and reserves are sufficient to cover all of the budgeted expenditure to be able to continue as a going concern.

Income & Expense recognition

Voluntary donations (including membership subscriptions- see below) and income from interest bearing deposit accounts are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, any conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. Publication royalties are recognised when the relevant account has been produced by the Cambridge University Press, sales when volumes have been sold and conference fees and expenses when there is a contractual commitment.

Income from membership, comprises an annual subscription and (if members so choose) payment for the annual publication. Annual subscriptions are considered donations and are recognised on receipt. The payment for the publications is shown as sales, but the cost of the volume sent to subscribing members is recognised on payment to the publishers.

Life membership subscriptions are included as income in full in the year of receipt. The payment of a lifetime subscription does not bestow a benefit beyond that enjoyed by members who choose to pay their subscription annually and the Charity is not bound to repay any portion of their membership if it ceases to operate.

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trustees to the expenditure ((save for the cost of publication of the annual SCH volume – which is recognised on receipt of the invoice from CUP). Expenditure is categorised under the following headings:

- The cost of raising funds – consists of advertising, marketing and direct mail materials, including publicity costs not associated with educational material, designed wholly or mainly to further the charity's purposes.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**Expenditure recognition (continued)**

Charitable activities comprise grants and donations made during the period, and prizes awarded (which are recognised when the offer is conveyed to the recipient), and the costs of publication of SCH which are recognised when invoiced.

Status of funds

All funds are unrestricted and the Trustees have complete discretion for their use in pursuance of the Charity's objectives.

Foreign currency

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date. Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are converted at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. All transaction differences are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise.

Taxation and irrecoverable VAT

The Charity is not subject to tax on its income, provided that all surplus funds are used for charitable purposes. Accordingly, no provision is made for taxation.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

Gift Aid

As membership subscriptions carry a right to acquire copies of Studies in Church History at a price substantially below the retail price charged by the publisher, HMRC will not permit subscriptions to be gift aided. Other donations may be.

Basic financial instruments

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Investments in equity instruments are measured initially at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Investments are restated at market value each year at the Balance Sheet date, with changes recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees have considered how best to apply the Charity's accounting policies and make estimates in the preparation of the financial statements, where relevant. The Trustees have not made any significant estimates in these financial statements.

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1. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £
Subscriptions & General donations	9,356	-	9,356	9,740	-	9,740
	9,356	-	9,356	9,740	-	9,740

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £
Interest	12	-	12	28	6	34
Dividends	-	3,233	3,233	-	2,998	2,998
	12	3,233	3,245	28	3,004	3,032

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £
Sales of Publications	-	5,080	5,080	-	5,517	5,517
Publication royalties	-	8,411	8,411	-	8,307	8,307
Summer Conference	2,701	-	2,701	-	-	-
Winter Conference	420	-	420	30	-	30
	3,121	13,491	16,612	30	13,824	13,854

4. OTHER GAINS/LOSSES

	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	(10)		(10)	(53)	-	(53)
(Depreciation)/Appreci ation of investments		5,856	5,856	-	13,522	13,522
	(10)	5,856	5,846	(53)	13,522	13,469

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5. COST OF RAISING FUNDS

	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £
Fundraising and publications	2,805	12,000	14,805	2,635	7,200	9,835
	2,805	12,000	14,805	2,635	7,200	9,835

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £
Summer Conference	-	-	-	3,560	-	3,560
Publications	-	5,340	5,340	-	5,040	5,040
Winter Conference	-	-	-	385	-	385
Book Prizes	-	2,493	2,493	-	2,500	2,500
	Nil	7,833	7,833	3,945	7,540	11,485

7. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £
Secretarial expenses	91	-	91	-	-	-
Bank charges & commissions	212	-	212	209	-	209
PayPal charges	154	-	154	121	-	121
Independent examiners fees	250	-	250	250	-	250
Accountancy & administration fees	1,305	-	1,305	1,783	-	1,783
Trustee expenses	-	266	266	-	239	239
Database development costs	302	-	302	900	-	900
	2,314	266	2,580	3,263	239	3,502

The expenses, including attendance at Conferences, of the Editorial team, have been charged to the Publications Account.

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8. EMPLOYEES

No persons were employed during the year.

9. TRUSTEES

Trustees received no remuneration. Expenses reimbursed amounted to £266 (2021: £239) paid to 1 trustee in relation to the editorial committee.

10. GOVERNANCE COSTS

Governance Costs are considered to comprise Trustee Expenses of £266 (2021: £239) and the Independent Examiner's fee of £250 (2021: £250).

11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £
M&G Charifund (Market Value)	-	81,140	81,140	-	72,051	72,051

12. DEBTORS

	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £
Summer Conference Prepayment	4,335	-	4,335	12,107	-	12,107
Publishing royalties	-	8,411	8,411	-	8,307	8,307
	4,335	8,411	12,746	12,107	8,307	20,414

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13. CASH AT BANK

	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £
Cash on deposit	23,775	5,205	28,980	23,763	5,203	28,966
Cash at bank	12,685	4,416	17,101	6,239	1,218	7,457
Inter fund transfer	17,597	(17,597)	-	8,885	(8,885)	-
	54,057	(7,976)	46,081	38,887	(2,464)	36,423

14. CREDITORS – amounts falling due within one year

	Members' Funds 31 March 2022 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2022 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £
Summer/Conference	38	-	38			
Accounts & Administration Independent	570		570	570		570
Examiners' Fees	250		250	250		250
Book Prize	1,000		1,000	1,000		
Editors' Fees		1,200	1,200			
	1,858	1,200	3,058	1,820		1,000
						1,820

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15. Comparative breakdown for Statement of Financial Activities

	Page	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £
INCOME FROM:				
Donations and legacies (note 1)	12	9,740	-	9,740
Investments (note 2)	12	28	3,004	3,032
Charitable activities (note 3)	12	30	13,824	13,854
Total income		9,798	16,828	26,626
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Cost of raising funds (note 5)	13	(2,635)	(7,200)	(9,835)
Charitable activities (note 6)	13	(3,945)	(7,540)	(11,485)
Other (note 7)	13	(3,263)	(239)	(3,502)
Total expenditure		(9,843)	(14,979)	(24,822)
Net income (expenditure)		(45)	1,849	1,804
Gains/(losses) on investments (note 4)		(53)	13,522	13,469
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(98)	15,371	15,273
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		49,272	62,523	111,795
Total funds carried forward	8	49,173	77,894	127,068

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16. Comparative breakdown for Balance Sheet

	Page	Members' Funds 31 March 2021	Publications Funds 31 March 2021	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021
FIXED ASSETS:				
Quoted investment at market value (note 11)	14	-	72,051	72,051
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Debtors (note 12)	14	12,107	8,307	20,414
Cash on deposit (note 13)	15	28,968	-	28,968
Cash at bank (note 13)	15	9,919	(2,464)	7,455
Total current assets		<u>50,994</u>	<u>5,843</u>	<u>56,837</u>
LIABILITIES:				
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year (note 14)	15	<u>(1,820)</u>		<u>(1,820)</u>
Total net assets		<u>49,174</u>	<u>77,894</u>	<u>127,068</u>
The funds of the charity:				
Unrestricted funds				
Members' Reserve	16	49,174		49,174
Publications Reserve	16		77,894	77,894
	8/16	<u>49,174</u>	<u>77,894</u>	<u>127,068</u>

17. STUDIES IN CHURCH HISTORY

The Ecclesiastical History Society produces an annual volume in the series "Studies in Church History" (SCH), which is available to members at a discount, and to the general public. Subscribing Members receive a copy of the year's volume. Of the subscribing membership fee of 2021/22, £20 is attributable to Volume 58, and is included within Publications Income in note 3 on Page 12.

18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Details of trustee expenses are given in note 9. There were no other related party transactions in either year.

19. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The trustees consider that, while the trustees are in the main elected by the members, it is the trustees who are in day to day control of the charity and there is no ultimate controlling party.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1053883

Accounts

Registered Charity No. 1053883

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The Trustees of The Ecclesiastical History Society ("the Society" or "the Charity") present their report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements comply with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The Ecclesiastical History Society, registered charity number 1053883, is based and administered in the United Kingdom. The contact address is 18 Warwick Street, Oxford, OX4 1SX.

The names of the Committee Members who served during the year and to the date of this report are:

- Prof Alec Ryrie (President from July 2019)
- Rosamond McKitterick (Past President)
- Prof Frances Knight (Vice-President)
- Dr Gareth Atkins (Hon. Secretary) (retired 14 July 2020)
- Dr Jacqueline Rose (appointed Secretary 14 July 2020)
- Mr Simon Jennings FCA (Hon Treasurer)
- Prof Elizabeth Tingle Conference Secretary)
- Dr Chris Langley (Publicity Secretary)
- Revd Dr Charlotte Methuen (co-editor)
- Prof Andrew Spicer (co-editor)
- Revd Dr Kenneth Jeffrey (2020-2023)
- Dr Jan Vandeburie (International Relations Secretary (until August 2020)
- Dr Géraldine Vaughan (2017-2020; International Relations Secretary from September 2020)
- Dr Conor O'Brien (2018-2021)
- Dr Nicholas Dixon (2018-2021)
- Dr Sam Brewitt-Taylor (*in loco* Prof Tingle: July 2019-2020)
- Dr Ruth Atherton (2019-2022)
- Revd Dr Robert Evans (2019-22)
- Canon Professor Mark Chapman (2020-2023)

Prof Alec Ryrie was inducted as President of the Society by Prof Rosamond McKitterick at the start of the Society's annual summer conference in Durham in 2019. It was agreed that Prof Frances Knight would succeed him as President for 2020-21. However, in the light of the COVID 19 epidemic, a resolution to extend the periods of tenure for each was passed at the Annual General Meeting held on 14 July 2020.

Bankers:

COIF Charity Funds – Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4ET

National Westminster Bank Plc – Tavistock Square Branch, PO Box 83, Tavistock House, Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9XA

Independent Examiner:

Mr Peter J Stevenson, FCA – 8 Harbord Road, Oxford OX2 8LJ

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2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Society is established under a formal written constitution, as revised on 22 July 2009, 2011, 2012, 2016 and again in 2019. The Society is based and administered in the United Kingdom. Management is vested in the Society's Committee which is responsible for the day to day running of the Charity, organising various events and maintaining contact with the members to ensure they are kept up to date with events and issues. The Committee is also responsible for the preparation of the annual accounts.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)**Trustees' Responsibilities Statement (continued)**

The Committee also constitutes the body of the Trustees of the charity and is responsible for the report made on their behalf.

Induction and Training

Trustees receive training informally. All Trustees are kept informed at meetings of their duties and obligations under the law in addition to their proper conduct.

Related Parties

None of the Trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the Charity. Any transaction between the Charity and the related parties must be approved by the Trustees.

Pay policy for staff and consultants

The trustees comprise the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity. The day to day running and operations of the Charity are delegated to appropriate administrative helpers and subcommittees. The Business Manager and an administrative and accounting assistant are engaged as consultants.

All trustees give up their time freely and no trustee received remuneration in the year. The pay of any consultant reflects the level of responsibilities and skill set required. The pay is reviewed annually.

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP FRS 102;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the principles above. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Internal Controls

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has appropriate systems of internal controls. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements follow best practice. They are also responsible for the charity safeguarding its assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The system of internal controls is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

Risk Management

The Trustees have undertaken a risk assessment which comprises:

- an annual review of the risks the charity may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

This continuing process will identify risk areas to which the charity is vulnerable and highlight any necessary safeguards that will need to be put in place. The COVID 19 epidemic was identified as a major risk which was likely to require cancellation of the Summer Conference (as has proved to be necessary) and the deposits paid to Nottingham University were at risk as a consequence. However, negotiations with Nottingham have led to a reasonably satisfactory outcome. At first it was agreed that deposits paid should be offset against the costs for the Conference in 2021, which it was agreed should be held at Nottingham. However, when it became clear that both the Winter and Summer Conferences could only take place online, cancellation fees of 20% were agreed and the balance of the monies paid to Nottingham on account has been refunded in June 2021. The cost of cancellations, reflected in these accounts, amounted to £4,941. The present situation has highlighted the risks associated with event organisation, and appropriate steps will be considered in future to limit these. No other major risks were identified at the date of these accounts. The Trustees recognise that membership of the Society needs to grow and new members are being encouraged through opportunity to participate in conferences, through incentives offered by prizes as well as the possibility of papers being published, and through social media.

3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit and confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to it. They consider the information which follows in this annual report, about the Charity's aims, activities and achievements in the areas of interest that the Society supports demonstrates the benefit to its beneficiaries and through them to the Public that arise from those activities.

The Trustees may use the income and the capital of the charity in promoting the objects.

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Objectives

The main object of the Society, as set out in its Constitution, is to advance public education in ecclesiastical history, mainly through conferences and publications.

Activities and Achievements

In light of the covid-19 pandemic, and the uncertainty surrounding the nature and duration of restrictions relating to this, the Society deferred its summer conference, due to take place in July 2020, for a year. This took place online in July 2021. Registrations were at a similar level to those in previous years.

The Society took as its theme for the intervening year "The Church in Sickness and in Health"; on which volume 58 of *Studies in Church History* will be published. An online Winter Meeting was held on this theme on 16 January 2021, with 80 delegates registering to attend.

The Society's Postgraduate Colloquium, held collaboratively with Rouen, was deferred from the original date in May 2020 to an online event in May 2021, and attracted students from the UK, Ireland, and France.

During the year the Society also awarded and paid prizes. The Kennedy Prize for the best communication given by a postgraduate student at the previous year's conferences (£500) was paid to Elise Watson (St Andrews) for "The Jesuitesses in the Bookshop: Catholic Laywomen's Participation in the Amsterdam Book Trade, 1650-1750". The President's Prize for the best communication given by an early career academic at the previous year's conferences (£1,000) was awarded to Clive Norris (Oxford Brookes), for 'A blessed and glorious work of God, ... attended with some irregularity': managing Methodist revivals, c.1740-1800'. The recipients of both of these are decided by that year's President and the editorial team. The Charity also awarded a Book Prize, for the best first monograph published in the field of the history of Christianity during the 2019 calendar year. This prize, amounting to £1000, was awarded to Sean Griffin, for *The Liturgical Past in Byzantium and Early Rus* (Cambridge University Press). The recipient of this prize was determined by a specially convened sub-committee.

During the year, members' subscriptions and donations (exclusive of subscribing payments for the year's volume of SCH) amounted to £9,740 (2020 - £9,543) were received. The Committee would like to express its gratitude to those who continue to subscribe to the Society and welcome new members.

Other receipts have predominantly come from conference fees (although not in the period covered by these accounts) and from subscriptions to, and sales of, *Studies in Church History*. Income has been generated from investments in the M&G Charifund. The value of this investments was badly hit during 2019 and has recovered slowly. Though still not to the value in March 2019. A decision has been taken to move this investment to Sarasin, and steps are underway to implement this, having regard to the optimum time for making the change.

The decision was taken in the previous year to engage an administrator to maintain accounting ledgers, assist with administration and maintain the data base of members. Dr Maria Harff took on this role and has made great improvements to the data base of members, which has been completely re-written, on a platform controlled by the Society, in a manner that is fully compliant with GDPR requirements and the Society's data retention policy. It is believed that most flaws have now been eradicated. Administrative costs, being consultancy fees paid amounted to £1,783. The total costs of the data base upgrade amounted to £1,750.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Incoming Resources

Incoming resources totalled £26,626 for the year to 31 March 2021 (2020 - £48,367). The fall in incoming resources is attributable to the lack of conference bookings. The Charity's income was derived principally from membership subscriptions (£9,740), subscriptions to, and direct sales of Studies in Church History (£5,517), royalties from sales by CUP (£8,307).

Charitable activities

Total expenditure amounted to £24,822 (2020 - £45,458). Charitable activities comprised the running of conferences, the publication costs of Studies in Church History and the award of prizes. The cost of such activities amounted to £11,485 (2020 - £28,567); the reduction is attributable to the cancellation of the Summer Conference.

Result of the year

After publication costs and other fund-raising expenses of £9,835 (2020 - £8,734) and other costs, including governance costs, of £3,502 (2020 - £8,157), the Charity realised a net surplus of £1,804 (2020 - £2,909). After taking account of investment appreciation, net of foreign exchange losses, of £15,273, the funds of the Charity increased by £15,371.

Financial position

The Trustees consider that the financial position of the Charity as at the year-end is satisfactory, with reserves of £127,068 and cash balances of £36,423.

Reserves Policy

There are no outstanding commitments or cash demands which are not adequately covered by our existing resources. The single recurrent commitment is to Cambridge University Press for publication of Studies in Church History. This commitment can be securely met for the foreseeable future. Consequently, the Committee feels it would be inappropriate at this stage to adopt a specific reserves policy, beyond ensuring that sufficient funds are retained to cover the likely cost of 2 years' publications (approximately £11,000). The Committee is confident that the Society remains a going concern for at least twelve months from the date of this report, and that it is appropriate to prepare accounts on that basis.

Investment Policy

£50,000 was invested in the M&G Charifund on 1 April 2014. The market value at 1 April 2019 rose (with accumulated dividends) to £67,816 but, partly as a result of the falls in financial markets as a result of COVID 19, it had fallen in value to £55,531 as at 31 March 2020. It has now recovered and with further accumulated dividends received during the year of £3,032, the value stood at £72,051. The Committee has decided that these funds should be realised and the value invested instead with Sarasin & Partners in their ethically invested charity fund.

4. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Trustees do not propose to deviate from the current objectives and activities of the charity as detailed above.

**Approved by the Trustees on
and signed on their behalf by**

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[Name]

29 January 2022
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[Date]

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

I report on the financial statements of The Ecclesiastical History Society for the year ended 31 March 2021, as set out on pages 7 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner and basis of report

The Trustees of The Ecclesiastical History Society are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for maintaining proper accounting records. They are also responsible for making available to me the charity's accounting records and all other records and information, including minutes of meetings, relevant to my examination. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"), and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair view", and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent reporting examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to
- Keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - Prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply to the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Peter J Stevenson FCA, 8 Harbord Road, Oxford OX2 8LJ

Peter J. Stevenson, F.C.A.
7th January 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Page	Members' Funds	Publications Funds	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2020
		£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies (note 1)	11	9,740		9,740	9,543
Investments (note 2)	11	28	3,004	3,032	3,937
Charitable activities (note 3)	11	30	13,824	13,854	34,887
Total income		9,798	16,828	26,626	48,367
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Cost of raising funds (note 5)	12	(2,635)	(7,200)	(9,835)	(8,734)
Charitable activities (note 6)	12	(3,945)	(7,540)	(11,485)	(28,567)
Other (note 7)	12	(3,263)	(239)	(3,502)	(8,157)
Total expenditure		(9,843)	(14,979)	(24,822)	(45,458)
Net income (expenditure)		(45)	1,849	1,804	2,909
Net gains/(losses) on investments (note 4)	11	(53)	13,522	13,469	(16,007)
Net movements in funds		(98)	15,371	15,273	(13,098)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		49,272	62,523	111,795	124,893
Total funds carried forward	8	49,174	77,894	127,068	111,795

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.


The notes on pages 9-15 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Page	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2020 £
FIXED ASSETS:					
Quoted investment at market value (note 11)	13	-	72,051	72,051	55,531
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Debtors (note 12)	13	12,107	8,307	20,414	26,435
Cash on deposit (note 13)	14	28,968		28,968	28,933
Cash at bank (note 13)	14	9,919	(2,464)	7,455	2,416
Total current assets		50,994	5,843	56,837	57,784
TOTAL ASSETS		50,994	77,894	128,888	113,315
LIABILITIES:					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year (note 14)	14	(1,820)	-	(1,820)	(1,520)
Total net assets		49,174	77,894	127,068	111,795
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds					
Members' Reserve	7	49,174			49,272
Publications Reserve	7		77,894		62,523
		49,174	77,894	127,068	111,795

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and were signed of its behalf by:

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 29/1/2022
 [Date]

The notes on pages 9-16 form part of these financial statements

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Legal status of the trust**

The Ecclesiastical History Society (“the Society” or “the Charity”) is a registered charity (charity number 1053883).

The contact address is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements.

Basis of Preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2016) – (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The presentational currency of these financial statements is Pounds Sterling.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value with the following significant accounting policies applied.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The forecast income and reserves are sufficient to cover all of the budgeted expenditure to be able to continue as a going concern.

Income & Expense recognition

Voluntary donations (including membership subscriptions- see below) and income from interest bearing deposit accounts are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, any conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. Publication royalties are recognised when the relevant account has been produced by the Cambridge University Press, sales when volumes have been sold and conference fees and expenses when there is a contractual commitment.

Income from membership, comprises an annual subscription and (if members so choose) payment for the annual publication. Annual subscriptions are considered donations and are recognised on receipt. The payment for the publications is shown as sales, but the cost of the volume sent to subscribing members is recognised on payment to the publishers.

Life membership subscriptions are included as income in full in the year of receipt. The payment of a lifetime subscription does not bestow a benefit beyond that enjoyed by members who choose to pay their subscription annually and the Charity is not bound to repay any portion of their membership if it ceases to operate.

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trustees to the expenditure ((save for the cost of publication of the annual SCH volume – which is recognised on receipt of the invoice from CUP). Expenditure is categorised under the following headings:

- The cost of raising funds – consists of advertising, marketing and direct mail materials, including publicity costs not associated with educational material, designed wholly or mainly to further the charity’s purposes.

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Charitable activities comprise grants and donations made during the period, and prizes awarded (which are recognised when the offer is conveyed to the recipient), and the costs of publication of SCH which are recognised when invoiced.

Status of funds

All funds are unrestricted and the Trustees have complete discretion for their use in pursuance of the Charity's objectives.

Foreign currency

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date. Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are converted at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. All transaction differences are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise.

Taxation and irrecoverable VAT

The Charity is not subject to tax on its income, provided that all surplus funds are used for charitable purposes. Accordingly, no provision is made for taxation.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

Gift Aid

As membership subscriptions carry a right to acquire copies of Studies in Church History at a price substantially below the retail price charged by the publisher, HMRC will not permit subscriptions to be gift aided. Other donations may be.

Basic financial instruments

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Investments in equity instruments are measured initially at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Investments are restated at market value each year at the Balance Sheet date, with changes recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees have considered how best to apply the Charity's accounting policies and make estimates in the preparation of the financial statements, where relevant. The Trustees have not made any significant estimates in these financial statements.

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1. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2020 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2020 £
Subscriptions & General donations	9,740	-	9,740	9,543	-	9,543
	9,740	-	9,740	9,543	-	9,543

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2020 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2020 £
Interest	28	6	34	180		180
Dividends	-	2,998	2,998	-	3,757	3,757
	28	3,004	3,032	180	3,757	3,937

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2020 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2020 £
Sales of Publications	-	5,517	5,517	-	4,961	4,961
Publication royalties	-	8,307	8,307	-	9,624	9,624
Summer Conference	-	-	-	18,781	-	18,781
Winter Conference	30		30	1,521	-	1,521
	30	13,824	13,854	20,302	14,585	34,887

4. OTHER GAINS/LOSSES

	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2020 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2020 £
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	(53)	-	(53)	35		35
(Depreciation)/Appreciation of investments	-	13,522	13,522	-	(16,042)	(16,042)
	(53)	13,522	13,469	35	(16,042)	(16,007)

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5. COST OF RAISING FUNDS

	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2020 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2020 £
Fundraising and publications	2,635	7,200	9,835	1,634	7,100	8,734
	2,635	7,200	9,835	1,634	7,100	8,734

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2020 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2020 £
Summer Conference	3,560		3,560	18,648	-	18,648
Publications	-	5,040	5,040		5,080	5,080
Winter Conference	385		385	2,339	-	2,339
Book Prizes	-	2,500	2,500	-	2,500	2,500
	3,945	7,540	11,485	20,987	7,580	28,567

7. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2020 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2020 £
Staff salary & payroll costs	-	-	-	1,049		1,049
Bank charges & commissions	209	-	209	212		212
PayPal charges	121	-	121	333		333
Independent examiners fees	250	-	250	500		500
Accountancy & administration fees	1,783	-	1,783	1,830		1,830
Trustee expenses	-	239	239	1,858	1,525	3,383
Database development costs	900	-	900			
	3,263	239	3,502	6,632	1,525	8,157

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The expenses, including attendance at Conferences, of the Editorial team, have been charged to the Publications Account.

8. EMPLOYEES

No persons were employed during the year.

9. TRUSTEES

Trustees received no remuneration. Expenses reimbursed amounted to £239 (2020: £3,383) paid to 1 trustee in relation to the editorial committee.

10. GOVERNANCE COSTS

Governance Costs are considered to comprise Trustee Expenses of £239 (2020: £3,383) and the Independent Examiner's fee of £250 (2020: £250).

11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2020 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2020 £
M&G Charifund (Market Value)	-	72,051	72,051	-	55,531	55,531

12. DEBTORS

	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2020 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2020 £
Summer Conference Prepayment	12,107	-	12,107	16,752		16,752
Sundry debtors	-	-	-	59		59
Publishing royalties	-	8,307	8,307	-	9,624	9,624
	12,107	8,307	20,414	16,811	9,624	26,435

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13. CASH AT BANK

	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2020 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2020 £
Cash on deposit	23,763	5,203	28,966	23,736	5,197	28,933
Cash at bank	6,239	1,218	7,457	1,444	972	2,416
Inter fund transfer						
	8,885	(8,885)	-	8,801	(8,801)	-
	38,887	(2,464)	36,423	33,981	(2,632)	31,349

14. CREDITORS – amounts falling due within one year

	Members' Funds 31 March 2021 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2021 £	Members' Funds 31 March 2020 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2020 £
Durham University Seminar/Conference Room				700	-	700
Accounts & Administration	570		570	570	-	570
Independent Examiners' Fees	250		250	250	-	250
Sean Griffith – Book Prize	1,000		1,000	-	-	-
	1,820		1,820	1,520	-	1,520

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15. Comparative breakdown for Statement of Financial Activities

	Page	Members' Funds 31 March 2020 £	Publications Funds 31 March 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2020 £
INCOME FROM:				
Donations and legacies (note 1)	11	9,543		9,543
Investments (note 2)	11	180	3,757	3,937
Charitable activities (note 3)	11	20,302	14,585	34,887
Total income		<u>30,025</u>	<u>18,342</u>	<u>48,367</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Cost of raising funds (note 5)	12	(1,634)	(7,100)	(8,734)
Charitable activities (note 6)	12	(20,987)	(7,580)	(28,567)
Other (note 7)	12	(6,632)	(1,525)	(8,157)
Total expenditure		<u>(29,253)</u>	<u>(16,205)</u>	<u>(45,458)</u>
Net income (deficit)		772	2,137	2,909
Gains/(losses) on investments		35	(16,042)	(16,007)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>807</u>	<u>(13,905)</u>	<u>(13,098)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		48,465	76,428	124,893
Total funds carried forward	8/16	<u>49,272</u>	<u>62,523</u>	<u>111,795</u>

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16. Comparative breakdown for Balance Sheet

	Page	Members' Funds 31 March 2020	Publications Funds 31 March 2020	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2020
FIXED ASSETS:				
Quoted investment at market value (note 11)	13	-	55,531	55,531
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Debtors (note 12)	13	16,811	9,624	26,435
Cash on deposit (note 13)	13	28,933	-	28,933
Cash at bank (note 13)	13	5,048	(2,632)	2,416
Total current assets		<u>50,592</u>	<u>6,992</u>	<u>57,784</u>
LIABILITIES:				
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year (note 14)	14	(1,520)		(1,520)
Total net assets		<u>49,272</u>	<u>62,523</u>	<u>111,795</u>
The funds of the charity:				
Unrestricted funds				
Members' Reserve	15	49,272		49,272
Publications Reserve	15		62,523	62,523
	7/15	<u>49,272</u>	<u>62,523</u>	<u>111,795</u>

17. STUDIES IN CHURCH HISTORY

The Ecclesiastical History Society produces an annual volume in the series "Studies in Church History" (SCH), which is available to members at a discount, and to the general public. Subscribing Members receive a copy of the year's volume. Of the subscribing membership fee of 2020/21, £20 is attributable to Volume 56, , and is included within Publications Income in note 3 on Page 11.

18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Details of trustee expenses are given in note 9. There were no other related party transactions in either year.

19. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The trustees consider that, while the trustees are in the main elected by the members, it is the trustees who are in day to day control of the charity and there is no ultimate controlling party.