

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY, HALIFAX .

ANNUAL REPORT, year ending January 31st, 2025.

Charity Number: 1059157. Address, Christian Science Society, Well Head Lane, Halifax, West Yorkshire. HX1 2BL. Telephone : 01422 354208.

Trustees, Mr J. Flack, Chair of the Board; Mrs A. Kite, Mr R. Sladdin,

1) Christian Science Society, Halifax is a branch of The Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, based in Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America. The church was founded by our leader, Mary Baker Eddy, at the end of the 19th century. The Christian Science Movement reaches out to the world, to heal sickness and sin, and to bless all mankind.

2) The purpose of Christian Science Society, Halifax is to provide church services for the Calderdale community, and beyond. Services are held each Sunday at 10.45am, and on the first Wednesday of the month we hold a Testimony Meeting, at 7.30pm. Here members of the congregation can share their experiences as to how their practice of Christian Science has helped and supported them in their daily lives. In early December we hold an annual Thanksgiving Service. All of our services are open to everyone.

3) Our Society houses a reading room, and a library containing official Christian Science literature, which can be borrowed or purchased. These facilities are open before and after our services. We also maintain a display window with quotes from The Bible and the Christian Science text book, Science & Health, with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy. Other items such as posters, hymns, magazines and books are also displayed. Members of the public frequently stop to read literature on display.

The Society is a resource for the community, not only because of the church services we offer. The society has a small car park used by local office workers; we maintain a food bank collection which is delivered regularly to a town centre food distribution centre. In addition a local tenants association hold their annual general meeting on our premises.

4) The Society is managed by the trustees, listed above, and our treasurer is Mrs R.M. Sladdin. Members of the Board/Trustees meet every 4/5 weeks. If anything arises requiring immediate attention an interim meeting is held. Everyone involved with Halifax Society is a 'lay person' there are no paid clergy. Our accounts for the year end are prepared by Peter Crowther & Co, Chartered Accountants, 9, Riverside Court, Halifax, HX3 9LP.

Our total income for the financial year, ending January 31st, 2025 was £57206.03, this is unusually high because we had received donations of £30,000 from Keighley Christian Science Society, and £20,000 from Wakefield Christian Science Society, which had both sadly closed. Our usual sources of income are from church

collections, sales of literature and car park payments. Expenditure for the period was £9513.07.

5) Christian Science Society, Halifax has in place a number of policies which are appropriately reviewed and updated. A recent review of health and safety brought to light a few matters requiring attention which have been acted upon, eg repainting the white edges on the front steps. We do not, at present, have a Sunday School, but the care of visiting children is referred to in our appropriate policy document, along with the care of vulnerable adults. A clear, but simple notice in our foyer outlines our guidance for the care of children and vulnerable individuals.

6) Our current financial situation is sound, however whilst this is positive, our congregation is few in numbers, though loyal. Recently a former member of the church has returned to us, which is encouraging. This year our annual general meeting was held on July 23rd 2025 and the future of our Society was discussed. The trustees shared with those attending that there was a possibility that closure of the Society may have to be considered, and a review date of June 2026 was set. Various ideas were shared as to what steps we could take to help us maintain our place of worship. We are supported by the Mother Church in Boston, USA, which can provide help and guidance. Ongoing prayer is of vital importance to us.

The founder of our church, Mary Baker Eddy writes on page 494 of her textbook, Science & Health, with Key to the Scriptures, 'Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need'.

Prepared by Roy Sladdin, (Clerk)

Christian Science Society, Well Head Lane,
Halifax, HX1 2BL

Date: 21/09/2025

Signature of the Trustees,

Mr J. Flack,

Mrs A. Kite.

Mr R. Sladdin.




Christian Science Society Halifax

Accounts

For the year ended 31st January 2025

Christian Science Society Halifax
Charity No: 1059157
Receipts and Payments Account
For the year ended 31st January 2025

Receipts

Collections	2598.90
Sale of literature	962.33
Car park fees	1420.00
Donations	55.00
Room hire	45.00
Bank interest received	2024.80
Keighley funds transferred	30000.00
Wakefield funds transferred	20000.00
Per capita taxes	100.00

Payments

Cleaner	1280.00
Gas and electricity	2754.57
Water	283.00
Fire protection service	341.17
Telephone	190.26
Literature purchased	1702.46
Insurance	802.42
Postage and stationery	52.30
Repairs	867.89
Gardening	450.00
Accountant's fees	192.00
Boiler service	130.44
Advertising	331.56
Per capita taxes	135.00

9513.07

Surplus for the year

47692.96

57206.03

57206.03

Balance at 1st February 2024 42059.87
Add surplus for the year 47692.96

Virgin Bank
Cash in hand

89752.72
0.11

89752.83

89752.83

Accountants' Report

I have prepared the receipts and payments account from the accounting records of The Christian Science Society Halifax for the year ended 31st January 2025 and certify that it is in accordance therewith.

Peter Crowther Chartered Accountant
9 Riverside Court, Halifax, HX3 9LP
27th March 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Christian Science Society – Halifax

On accounts for the year ended

31st January 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1059157

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st January 2025 DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

Date:

27th March 2025

Name:

Peter Crowther

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales.

(if any):

--

Address:

9 Riverside Court

Halifax

HX3 9LP

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

--