

Christian Science Society, Bedford

England & Wales · Charity number 1064225

Details

Other names FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, BEDFORD

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1997-09-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE UNDERSTANDING AND DEMONSTRATION OF THE TRUTH AS SET FORTH IN THE BIBLE AND INTERPRETING IN SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH THE KEY TO THE SCRIPTURE BY MARY BAKER EDDY , THE DISCOVER AND FOUNDER OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Activities: First Church of Christ, Scientist, Bedford is organised to promote the understanding and demonstration of the truth as set forth in the Bible and interpreted in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BEDFORDSHIRE
- Bedford
- Central Bedfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£13,554	£12,831	-	-
2023-12-31	£18,253	£20,207	-	-
2022-12-31	£47,560	£50,638	-	-
2021-12-31	£40,920	£52,169	-	-
2020-12-31	£47,347	£35,933	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
GEORGE ALBERT CHAPLIN		2024-04-08
Gillian Ann Smith		2019-02-19
Jane Audrey Searle		2021-01-31
Margaret Chaplin		2021-01-31
Nichola Joy Engledow		2024-04-08

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

1 JANUARY 2022 – 31 DECEMBER 2022

To the Charity Commission.

Aim and Purpose

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Bedford, is a branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. As noted in our branch church Constitution and By-Laws our purpose is to promote the understanding and demonstration of truth as set forth in The Bible and interpreted in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science.

Activities

The activities listed below are free of charge and open to the general public:

Church services

Testimony Meetings

Sunday School

Reading Room

Saturday Morning Reading Group

Public lectures on Christian Science.

All our services are focused on healing and include Scriptural readings, prayer and hymns. We plan our activities bearing in mind the guidance on Public Benefit given by the Charity Commission under the heading "Advancement of Religion". These activities are also in line with guidance given in the *Manual of The Mother Church*, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Fundraising

Our activities are funded through church collections and individual donations. We do not employ professional fundraising organisations to raise funds for us.

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How our activities achieve our purpose

Our **Sunday morning services** and **Weekly Testimony meetings** are designed to provide a reflective experience for the congregation which is conducive to healing. Readings from The Bible and *Science and Health* are chosen with the aim of deepening the appreciation of man's relationship to God through greater understanding of The Bible. There is time allotted at the Testimony Meetings for those attending to speak of the benefits of this greater understanding of God gained through their own experience. Every week several people will share how they have been helped through their study of The Bible and *Science and Health*.

At the end of January 2022 we were delighted to reopen our church doors and hold our services and meetings in our newly refurbished church. The new AV system has meant we could continue to welcome attendees online and we are very grateful to be able to continue this outreach.

Our newly refurbished and colourful **Sunday School**, which is open to youngsters up to the age of 20 for Bible study and discussion, reopened at the same time.

Our **Reading Room** on the church premises is open to the general public for an average of 4 hours per week. This space offers visitors a quiet space in which to read, pray, study The Bible and the writings of Mary Baker Eddy. The Reading Room also operates a book shop and lending library and has a computer and lap top for online research. Healings and experiences are shared in the weekly publication the *Christian Science Sentinel*, the monthly magazine *The Christian Science Journal* and in various languages in *The Herald of Christian Science*. These magazines are published in the United States and are normally offered for sale in our Reading Room. Any profit generated by sales is returned to the church and goes towards the upkeep of the building and to support the range of services to the public.

Our showcase had continued to be updated and refreshed throughout 2022 by our team of Reading Room Assistants. Scriptural texts, passages from the writings of Mary Baker Eddy and from Christian Science literature are displayed. Themed items are chosen with the intent to uplift, heal and comfort those in need. Particular attention is given to local, national and world events which need prayerful support. With our team onsite, this

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community service was made easier, and the ability to welcome visitors, answer questions and provide a quiet space for study, prayer and reflection has been welcomed by all. Gift subscriptions to some of our periodicals were accepted by the Library at HMP Woodhill and The University of Bedford Faith Department.

The Saturday Morning Reading Group is an educational activity organised by the Reading Room. It has met regularly for many years and comfortably lends itself to in-person and remote attendance, attracting participants from further afield. Attendees are currently reading *Science and Health* aloud – sharing ideas, inspiration and seeking healing insights from this textbook of Christian Science.

Lecture

On Sunday 11 September 2022 the church held a lecture open to the public entitled Finding Trust in a Changing World. It was a joy to welcome members, friends and visitors to hear the message that God's loving, divine presence can bring reliable stability and support to each and every one of us. The church also financially supported a public lecture given by Christian Science Society Leamington Spa during the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

The church has a **Care Committee** which is tasked with maintaining contact with those individuals who are temporarily unable to attend church services.

Our **website** has been enormously helpful in providing information about our activities and also a link to sites operated by the international Christian Science movement. The aim is to highlight the potential for healing as a result of deepening one's understanding of God. www.christian-science-bedford.org.uk.

The activities of the **Bedford Council of Faiths** continue to be supported by our church and individual memberships. During the year links continued to be forged with other faith groups. In September, alongside members of these faith groups, individuals from the church represented Bedford Council of Faiths at a Thanksgiving Service for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

The Refurbishment Project continued to be funded through donations from members and from grants received from The Christian Science Trust in Great Britain, an organisation which exists to assist Christian Science churches to flourish by supporting projects of the above mentioned type. We are so

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grateful that the new, fresh look has resulted in renewed energy in focussing on our support for our community and each other.

Conclusion

We are a lay church with officers elected annually and serving on a strict rotational basis. The Trustees appreciate the work of all our church family who contribute so much to the smooth running of the church and its activities.

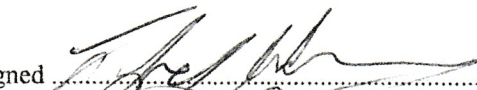
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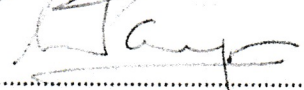
The Trustees are deeply grateful for progress made in all our activities this year.

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BALANCE SHEET AND ASSETS AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

2021		2022
24,322	Permanent Land & Buildings at cost	24,322
21,145	Fixtures & Fittings at Cost	21,145
3,588	Organ at Cost	3,588
49,056	Total of Fixed Assets	49,056
	Replace Insurance cover at 31 Dec 2022	
	Building 647,646	
	Contents 39,713	
	657,359	
38,149	General Fund	15,449
0	Reserve Fund	20,014
38,149	Church Funds	35,463
1,558	<u>Reading Room Funds</u>	1,180
39,707	Total Funds	36,643
	88,763 Funds and Fixed Assets	85,699
	2,479 Closing Stock: Reading Room	2,569
91,242	Total Assets	88,268
	CASH AND BANK BALANCES	
	<u>Church</u>	
38,149	Barclays Current Account	15,449
0	Barclays Savings Account	20,014
0	Cash in Hand	0
38,149		35,463
	<u>Reading Room</u>	
1,520	Barclays Current account	1,157
38	Cash in Hand	23
1,558		1,180
39,707	Total Funds	36,643

Signed  Date: 19/10/2023

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 Treasurer

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BEDFORD
INCOME FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

GENERAL FUND (PAGE 1 OF 2)

2021	Collections	2022
	Church and Sunday school collections	
1,265.00	Small Donation Scheme (GASDS)	2,864
9,510.00	Gift Aid (G) donations (collection envelopes or direct to bank	7,610
<u>2,911.00</u>	Income Tax Gift Aid Refund (Note 1)	<u>-</u>
13,686	Total Gift Aid from SDS collections, GA donations	10,474
110.00	The Aid Fund	30
145.00	Hawthorne Trust (Charton Manor)	90
200.00	Mountlans Trust (Lime Tree House)	-
225.00	CS Prins Chaplains' Committee	65
<u>259.00</u>	CS Mother Church Boston USA	<u>-</u>
	939 Donations & Collections at Business Meetings for above specified Charities	185
	Other Income	
	Non-Gift Aid donations	500.00
10.00	Refund from E-On overcharge on Electricity bill	
	Parking	150.00
<u>23,556.00</u>	CS Grants	<u>13,240</u>
23,566	Total other income	13,890
		<u>24,549</u>
	Transfer to Reserve -Barclays Savings Account	20,000.00
	Interest Received	<u>14.00</u>
	Total Transfer to Reserve Fund	20,014
<u>38,191</u>	Total Income	<u>44,563</u>

Notes:

(1) Gift Aid tax refund for 2021-2022 Tax Year has not been claimed yet

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EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2021	GENERAL FUND (page 2 of 2)	2022
	72 Advertising (Web site)	86
	108 Audit, Legal & Professional	358
	- Care Disbursements	
	1,361 Cleaner (net)	1488
	510 Committee on Publication pro rate (Note 3)	480
	539 Donations from collections (Note 4)	1085
	400 Donations from church	500
	600 Donation to Joint CS Reading Room	600
	420 Electricity	817
	665 Gardener	2465
	127 PAYE Tax (Note 5)	0
	1,238 Insurance	1230
	180 JCSRR Internet New Website	120
	144 Internet Zoom annual charge	144
	272 Internet Service Provider- Zen	398
	- Donation for Lecture elsewhere	500
	Lecture Fees	1,330
	Publicity charges	464
	Refreshments and Train Fare	114
		12179
	Maintenance & Repairs	
	Safety & Security (Chubb Security)	86
	Monitoring Crack	850
16	Halogen Tubes and Globes	54
	Window Cleaning	85
16	Total Maintenance & Repairs	1,075
14	14 Postage Printing & Stationery	75
	Reading Room Costs (Church)	
474	Quarterlies etc	721
431	Journal Card	500
163	Gift Subscriptions for periodicals	337
1,068	Total General Fund Transfers to Reading Room	1,558
	Refurbishment	
41,415	As per Attached schedule	10,401
41,415	Total Refurbishment costs in year	10,401
353	Sundries - As per attached schedule	490
343	Telephone	282
127	823 Water	174
	Capital Expenditure Chairs and Projector	1,014
		1,960
	Transfer to Barclays Savings Account	20,000
49,972		47,248
- 11,781	Excess (Deficit) of income over expenditure	- 2,699
34,431	Opening Balance Brought Forward	22,650
22,650	Closing Balance carried forward	19,951

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2021	RESERVE FUND	2022
	INCOME	
-	Barclays Savings Account	20,000
-	Interest on Savings Account	14
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-	Total income	20,014
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	EXPENDITURE	
-	Transfer to General Fund	-
-		-
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-	Total expenditure	-
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	Excess (deficit) of income over expenditure	
	Opening balance brought forward	
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
READING ROOM ACCOUNT

2021			2022	
£	£	INCOME	£	£
		Income from sales:		
		Audio materials	25.00	
82.30		Books	274.10	
1,412.00		Periodicals including Quarterlies	1,128.00	
-		Goods & miscellaneous	6.00	
	1,494.30	Total sales		1,433.10
		Donations	10.00	
		Overpayment to UKORR reimbursed	10.40	
		Postage from sales reimbursed	-	
	-	Total non-sale receipts		20.40
		Items paid for from Church funds:		
-		Readers supplies, chalks	4.50	
233.51		Gift subscriptions to periodicals	247.41	
430.69		Journal card	499.63	
165.29		JSH Online for Reading Room (12 months)	273.39	
389.68		Quarterlies	360.12	
		Books for Sunday School	165.60	
		Shipping for SS Books	7.00	
11.70		Textbook Donations to HMP Woodhill Chapel	-	
3.85		Postage of textbook	-	
	1,234.72	Total paid from Church funds		1,557.65
	2,729.02	Total income		3,011.15
		EXPENDITURE		
		CS Publishing Society		
430.69		Journal card	499.63	
91.65		JSH Online for Reading Room (12 mths)	272.67	
1,511.74		Periodicals including Quarterlies	1,794.06	
162.89		Gift subs to HMP Woodhill and Univ Beds	247.41	
	2,196.76	Total CS Publishing Society		2,813.77
		Non-CSPS expenditure		
-		Purchases, UKORR(including shipping£25)	375.60	
		Sundries: detailed per attached page	199.60	
	-	Total non-CSPS		575.20
	2,196.76	Total Expenditure		3,388.97
532.26		Excess (deficit) of expenditure over income	-	377.82
1,025.85		Opening balance brought forward		1,558.11
1,558.11		Closing balance carried forward		1,180.29

Notes:

Value of the stock (at cost) on 31 December 2022 £2569.19

Bank balance on 1 January 2022 **£1520.06**

Bank Balance on **31 December 2022 £1156.74**

Cash on hand on **31 December 2022 £23.55**

Therefore total funds at 1.1.2023 £1156.74 +£23.55 = £1180.29

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BEDFORD
SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

GROSS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

2021			2022	
Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure
38,191	49,972	General Fund	24,549	47,249
		Reserve Fund	20,000	
2,729	2,197	Reading Room	3,011	3,389
<u>40,920</u>	<u>52,169</u>		<u>47,560</u>	<u>50,638</u>
	11,249	Excess (deficit) of Expenditure over Income	-	3,078

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE NET OF TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

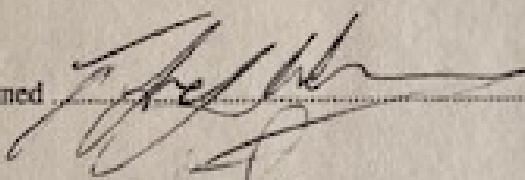
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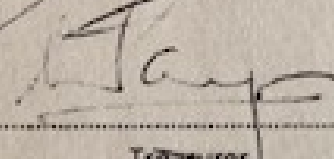
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50,956	Total Funds B/f 1 January	39,707
- 11,249	Excess (Deficit) of Income over Expenditure	- 3,078
<u>39,707</u>		<u>36,629</u>

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premises have been closed but individual donations have continued to be made.

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Continuing to respect Government guidelines, our church remained closed to the public however both services and testimony meetings have continued using Zoom enabling our congregation and members of other churches to worship together, if remotely. Gratitude has been regularly expressed for the opportunity to meet online at these Services / Meetings which have continued uninterrupted throughout the year.

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Mindful of continuing Government guidelines, our members decided to re-open the Reading Room to the public in October 2021. It was a joyful moment when the recently replaced doors opened for the first time and we were at

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Lecture

We have not been able to offer an in-person lecture for the general public this year. This annual gift to the community providing a platform to explain how Christian Science can help in all aspects of daily life, will be offered as soon as circumstances permit. In the meantime invitations to online Christian Science lectures which have been held all around the world, have been shared with members and friends. A link to this information is included in our website to alert the general public to these opportunities to learn more about how Christian Science can help in all aspects of daily life, maintaining wellbeing by healing physical and mental problems.

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November First Church of Christ Scientist, Bedford, was represented at the Annual Festival of Remembrance. Faith groups were invited to share readings with those assembled, and we felt privileged to read the words of a hymn from the Christian Science hymnal focusing on brotherhood and peace.

Refurbishment project: Great strides were made throughout the year. Our auditorium has a polished floor, new chairs and an up to date audio visual system which has been carefully researched and will improve our offering to those attending services and meetings remotely. It is hoped our new-look Sunday School will soon be ready to welcome all-comers up to the age of 20.

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The Trustees are deeply grateful for progress made in all our activities this year despite the prevailing conditions.

20.10.22

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BEDFORD
SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

GROSS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

2020			2021	
Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure
45,198	29,698	General Fund	38,191	49,972
	3,336	Reserve Fund		
2,149	2,899	Reading Room	2,729	2,197
<u>47,347</u>	<u>35,933</u>		<u>40,920</u>	<u>52,169</u>
	11,414	Excess/(deficit) of Income over Expenditure	-	11,249

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE NET OF TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

2,020			2021	
Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure
41,862	28,975	General Fund	38,191	49,972
	2,899	Reserve Fund		
1,426	2,899	Reading Room	2,729	2,197
<u>43,288</u>	<u>31,874</u>		<u>40,920</u>	<u>52,169</u>
	<u>11,414</u>	Excess/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure	-	<u>11,249</u>

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

2,020		2,021
39,542	Total Funds B/f 1 January	50,956
11,414	Excess/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure	-
<u>50,956</u>		<u>39,707</u>

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INCOME FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

GENERAL FUND (PAGE 1 OF 2)

2020		2021
	Collections	
	Church and Sunday school collections	
2,664.00	Small Donation Scheme (GASDS)	1,265
8,845.00	Gift Aid (G) donations (collection envelopes or direct to bank	9,510
<u>10,707.19</u>	Income Tax Gift Aid Refund (Note 1)	<u>2,911</u>
22,216	Total Gift Aid from SDS collections, GA donations	13,686
20.00	The Aid Fund (Note 2)	110
55.00	Hawthorne Trust (Charton Manor)	145
25.00	Mountlans Trust (Lime Tree House)	200
	CS Prins Chaplains' Committee (2)	225
<u>76.00</u>	CS Mother Church Boston USA	<u>259</u>
176	Donations & Collections at Business Meetings for above specified Charities	939
	Other Income	
254.00	Non-Gift Aid donations	
2,300.00	Refund from E-On overcharge on Electricity bill	10
5,000.00	Westminster Fund Gift	
<u>11,766.00</u>	CS Grants	<u>23,556</u>
19,470	Total other income	23,566
3,336.00	Transfer(s) from Reserve Funds	
	Leeds Building Society (2)	-
	Cambridge & Counties Bank	-
<u>3,336</u>	Total Transfers from Reserve Fund	<u>-</u>
<u>45,198</u>	Total Income	<u>38,191</u>

Notes:

- (1) Gift Aid tax refund has been claimed for 2020-2021 Tax Year
2) Leeds Account closed in March 2020

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EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

2020

GENERAL FUND (page 2 of 2)

2021

		Advertising (Web site)		72
		Audit, Legal & Professional		108
		Care Disbursements		-
		Cleaner (net)		1,361
		Committee on Publication pro rate (Note 3)		510
		Donations from collections (Note 4)		539
		Donations from church		400
		Donation to Joint CS Reading Room		600
		Electricity		420
		Gardener		665
		PAYE Tax (Note 5)		127
		Insurance		1,238
		JCSRR Internet New Website		180
		Internet Zoom annual charge		144
		Internet Service Provider- Zen		272
		Donation for Lecture elsewhere		-
Maintenance & Repairs				
		Safety & Security (Chubb Security)		
		Halogen Tubes and Globes	16	
		Drainage clearance		
189				
15				
<u>864</u>				
		Total Maintenance & Repairs		<u>16</u>
		Organists and Soloists (net)	-	
		Petty Cash (6)	-	
		Postage Printing & Stationery	14	14
Reading Room Costs (Church)				
		Quarterlies etc, new Hymnals	474	
		Journal Card	431	
		Gift Subscriptions for periodicals	163	
		Total General Fund Transfers to Reading Room		<u>1,068</u>
Refurbishment				
		As per Attached schedule	41,415	
		Contractor- Westone		
		Contractor- Equibuild		
2,984				
3,257				
<u>12,820</u>				
		Total Refurbishment costs in year		<u>41,415</u>
		Sundries - CCLC Licence, Flowers and Subscription	353	
		Telephone	343	
		Water	127	823
				<u><u>49,972</u></u>
		Excess (Deficit) of income over expenditure	-	11,781
		Opening Balance Brought Forward		<u>34,431</u>
		Closing Balance carried forward		<u><u>22,650</u></u>
				<u><u>29,048</u></u>
				<u><u>3,557</u></u>
				<u><u>30,874</u></u>
				<u><u>34,431</u></u>

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BEDFORD
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

READING ROOM ACCOUNT

2020		INCOME	2021	
£	£		£	£
		Income from sales:		
43.00		Audio materials	0.00	
40.30		Books	77.30	
1331.60		Periodicals including Quarterlies	1412.00	
0.00		Goods & miscellaneous	0.00	
	1414.90	Total sales		1494.30
11.00		Donations	0.00	
		Postage from sales reimbursed	0.00	
	11.00	Total non-sale receipts		0.00
		Items paid for from Church funds:		
0.00		CDs of solos for Readers	0.00	
276.42		Gift subscriptions to periodicals	233.51	
446.23		Journal card	430.69	
0.00		JSH Online for Reading Room (4 months 2020; 3, 2021)	165.29	
0.00		Quarterlies	389.68	
		Textbook donation to HMP Woodhill Chapel	11.70	
		postage of textbook	3.85	
	<u>722.65</u>	Total paid from Church funds		<u>1234.72</u>
	<u>2148.55</u>	Total income		<u>2729.02</u>
		EXPENDITURE		
		CS Publishing Society		
0.00		Audio materials	0.00	
0.00		Books	0.00	
446.23		Journal card	430.69	
73.02		JSH Online for Reading Room (3months 2021, Jan 22)	91.65	
2022.79		Periodicals including Quarterlies	1511.74	
347.25		Gift subs to HMP Woodhill and Univ Beds	162.68	
	2889.29	Total CS Publishing Society		2196.76
		Non-CSPS expenditure		
9.50		Purchases, other Reading Rooms	0.00	
0.00		Display materials	0.00	
0.00		Sundries	0.00	
	<u>9.50</u>	Total non-CSPS		<u>0.00</u>
	<u>2898.79</u>	Total expenditure		<u>2196.76</u>
	<u>(750.24)</u>	Excess (deficit) of income over expenditure		532.26
	<u>1776.09</u>	Opening balance brought forward		<u>1025.85</u>
	<u>1025.85</u>	Closing balance carried forward		<u>1558.11</u>

Three other things I'll need to provide for another page in the accounts:

- 1 Value of the stock (at cost) on 31 December 2021 **£2,478.53**
 - 2 Bank balance on 31 December 2021 **£1,520.06**
 - 3 Cash in hand on 31 December 2021 **£38.05**
- Therefore total funds at 1.1.2022 **£1,520.06+ £38.05= £1,558.11**

February 22, 2022 — final results


FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BEDFORD


BALANCE SHEET AND ASSETS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

2020		2021
24,322	Permanent Land & Buildings at cost	24,322
21,145	Fixtures & Fittings at Cost	21,145
3,588	Organ at Cost	3,588
49,056	Total of Fixed Assets	49,056
	Replace Insurance cover at 31 Dec 2021	
	Building 546,589	
	Contents 35,490	
	582,079	
49,930	General Fund	38,149
0	Reserve Fund	0
<u>49,930</u>	Church Funds	<u>38,149</u>
1,026	Reading Room Funds	<u>1,558</u>
<u>50,956</u>	Total Funds	<u>39,707</u>
100,012	Funds and Fixed Assets	88,763
2,531	Closing Stock: Reading Room	2,479
<u>102,543</u>	Total Assets	<u>91,242</u>

CASH AND BANK BALANCES

	<u>Church</u>	
49,930	Barclays Current Account	38,149
0	Leeds Building Society Charity Line	0
0	Cash in Hand	0
49,930		38,149
	<u>Reading Room</u>	
1,018	Barlcays Current account	1,520
8	Cash in Hand	38
1,026		1,558
<u>50,956</u>	Total Funds	<u>39,707</u>

Signed  Date: 15/04/2022

Signed  Date: 13/04/2022

Treasurer


FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BEDFORD

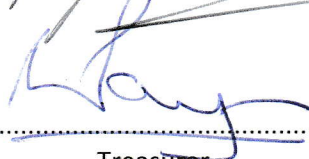
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Christian Science Society, Bedford

England & Wales - Charity number 1064225

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

1 JANUARY 2020 – 31 DECEMBER 2020

To the Charity Commission.

Aim and Purpose

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Bedford, is a branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. As noted in our branch church Constitution and By-Laws our purpose is to promote the understanding and demonstration of truth as set forth in *The Bible* and interpreted in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science.

Activities

The activities listed below are free of charge and open to the general public:

Church services

Testimony meetings

Sunday School

Reading Room

Saturday Morning Reading Group

Public lectures on Christian Science.

All our services are focused on healing and include Scriptural readings, prayer and hymns. We plan our activities bearing in mind the guidance on Public Benefit given by the Charity Commission under the heading "Advancement of Religion". These activities are also in line with guidance given in the *Manual of The Mother Church*, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Fundraising

Our activities are funded through church collections and individual donations. We do not employ professional fundraising organisations to raise funds for us. Since March 2020 collections have not taken place because the Church

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premises have been closed but individual donations have continued to be made.

How our activities achieve our purpose

Our **Sunday morning services** and **Weekly Testimony meetings** are designed to provide a reflective experience for the congregation which is conducive to healing. Readings from *The Bible* and *Science and Health* are chosen with the aim of deepening the appreciation of man's relationship to God through greater understanding of *The Bible*. There is time allotted at the Testimony meetings for those attending to speak of the benefits of this greater understanding of God gained through their own experience. Every week several people will share how they have been helped through their study of *The Bible* and *Science and Health*.

Since March 2020, respecting Government guidelines, our Church home has been closed to the public however both services and testimony meetings have continued using Zoom enabling our congregation and members of other churches to worship together, if remotely. Gratitude has been regularly expressed for the opportunity to meet online at these Services / Meetings which have continued uninterrupted throughout the year.

Our **Sunday School**, which is usually open to youngsters up to the age of 20 for Bible study and discussion has also been closed.

Our **Reading Room** on the Church premises is normally open to the general public for an average of 4 hours per week. This space offers visitors a quiet space in which to read, pray, study *The Bible* and the writings of Mary Baker Eddy. The Reading Room also operates a book shop and lending library and has a computer and lap top for online research. Healings and experiences are shared in the weekly publication *The Christian Science Sentinel*, the monthly *Christian Science Journal* and in various languages in *The Herald of Christian Science*. These magazines are published in the United States and are normally offered for sale in our Reading Room. Any profit generated by sales is returned to the Church and goes towards the upkeep of the building and to support the range of services to the public.

Despite being closed to the public since March 2020, the Reading Room continues to maintain an illuminated showcase close to the pavement at the front of the Church, which attracts much attention from passers-by. The

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display has been updated regularly throughout the year by members of the Team, mindful of Government guidelines. Scriptural texts, passages from the writings of Mary Baker Eddy and from Christian Science literature are displayed. Themed items are chosen with the intent to uplift, heal and comfort those in need. Particular attention is given to local, national and world events which need prayerful support.

The Saturday Morning Reading Group is an educational activity organised by the Reading Room. It has met regularly for many years and this year has comfortably lent itself to remote attendance, attracting participants from further afield, including Scotland, Italy and on one occasion the United States. Attendees are currently reading *Science and Health* aloud – sharing ideas, inspiration and seeking healing insights from this textbook of Christian Science.

Lecture

We have not been able to offer an in-person lecture for the general public this year. This annual gift to the community providing a platform to explain how Christian Science can help in all aspects of daily life, will be offered as soon as circumstances permit. In the meantime invitations to online Christian Science lectures which have been held all around the world, have been shared with members and friends. A link to this information is included in our website to alert the general public to these opportunities to learn more about how Christian Science can help in all aspects of daily life, maintaining wellbeing by healing physical and mental problems.

The Church has a **Care Committee** which is tasked with maintaining contact with those individuals who are temporarily unable to attend Church services.

Our **website** has been enormously helpful in providing information about our activities and also a link to sites operated by the international Christian Science movement. The aim is to highlight the potential for healing as a result of deepening one's understanding of God. www.christian-science-bedford.org.uk.

The activities of the **Bedford Council of Faiths** continue to be supported by Church and individual memberships. During this year links have been forged with other faith groups through attendance at meetings organised by Bedford Borough Council to update faith communities on the often swiftly changing Government guidelines with regard to holding services / meetings. The role of

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faith groups in protecting their members and informing their communities has been recognised by BCoF and the local Council.

Our **refurbishment project** at the Church begun in 2019 has continued throughout 2020. Workers employed at the Church premises have adhered to Government guidelines and progress has been slow but steady. The project continues and is funded through donations from members and from grants received from The Christian Science Trust in Great Britain, an organisation which exists to assist Christian Science churches to flourish by supporting projects of the above mentioned type.

Conclusion

We are a lay church with officers elected annually and serving on a strict rotational basis. The Trustees appreciate the work of all our Church family who contribute so much to the smooth running of the Church and its activities.

Christian Science is a non-medical religious healing system whose adherents rely on prayer for healing all conditions, but all those who practise it remain free at any time to choose medical treatment should they so wish.

The Trustees are deeply grateful for progress made in all our activities this year despite the prevailing conditions.

15.10.21

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BEDFORD
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

READING ROOM ACCOUNT

2019	INCOME	2020
£		£
	Income from sales:	
331.40	Audio materials	43.00
170.55	Books	40.30
1746.50	Periodicals including Quarterlies	1331.60
18.00	Goods & miscellaneous	0.00
2266.45	Total sales	1414.90
4.20	Donations	11.00
	Postage from sales reimbursed	0.00
4.20	Total non-sale receipts	11.00
	Items paid for from Church funds:	
14.50	CDs of solos for Readers	0.00
269.03	Gift subscriptions to periodicals	276.42
477.18	Journal card	446.23
291.54	JSH Online for Reading Room (4 months in 2020)	0.00
0.00	New hymnal CDs, church and Sunday School	0.00
415.68	Quarterlies	0.00
0.00	Miscellaneous: shipping, Reader's words hymnal	0.00
200.45	License fee for Cross & Crown	0.00
1668.38	Total paid from Church funds	722.65
3939.03	Total income	2148.55
	EXPENDITURE	
	CS Publishing Society	
0.00	Audio materials	
0.00	Books	
477.18	Journal card	446.23
315.15	JSH Online for Reading Room (3 months in 2020)	73.02
200.45	Miscellaneous (Cross & Crown license)	0.00
1731.12	Periodicals including Quarterlies	2022.79
269.03	Gift subs to HMP Woodhill and Univ Beds	347.25
0.00	Currency adjustment	
2992.93	Total CS Publishing Society	2889.29
	Non-CSPS expenditure	
0.00	Internet	0.00
0.00	Purchases, other Reading Rooms and internet	9.50
0.00	Display materials	0.00
0.00	Sundries: postage, free lit. box, stationery	0.00
326.05	Total non-CSPS	9.50
3318.98	Total expenditure	2898.79
620.05	Excess (deficit) of income over expenditure	(750.24)
1156.04	Opening balance brought forward	1776.09
1776.09	Closing balance carried forward	1025.85

Bi Wood FCA 31/06/2021

Signed:

Margaret

June 28 2021

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BEDFORD

BALANCE SHEET AND ASSETS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

2019		2020
24,322	Permanent Land & Buildings at cost	24,322
21,145	Fixtures & Fittings at Cost	21,145
3,558	Organ at Cost	3,558
49,056	Total of Fixed Assets	49,056
	Replacemnt Insurance cover at 31 December 2019	
	Building 526,072	
	Contents 34,828	
	560,900	
34,431	General Fund	49,930
3,335	Reserve Fund	<u>0</u>
37,766	Church Funds	49,930
<u>1,776</u>	Reading Room Funds	<u>1,026</u>
39,542	Total Funds	50,956
88,598	Funds and Fixed Assets	100,012
2,594	Closing Stock: Reading Room	<u>2,531</u>
91,192	Total Assets	102,543
	CASH AND BANK BALANCES	
	<u>Church</u>	
34,371	Barclays Current Account	49,930
3,335	Leeds Building Society Charity Line Maturity	0
60	Cash in Hand	<u>0</u>
37,766		49,930
	<u>Reading Room</u>	
1,736	Barlcays Current account	1,018
40	Cash in Hand	<u>8</u>
1,776		1,026
39,542	Total Funds	50,956

Signed Bill Wood FCA Date: 31/06/2021

Signed W. Gray Date: 28/06/2021
Treasurer

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BEDFORD
INCOME FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

GENERAL FUND (PAGE 1 OF 2)

2019		2020
	Collections	
0	Church and Sunday school collections	
4,115.00	Small Donation Scheme (GASDS)	2,664.00
7,430.00	Gift Aid (G) donations (collection envelopes or direct to bank	8,845.00
<u>-</u>	Income Tax Refund (Note 1)	<u>10,707.19</u>
11,545	Total Gift Aid from SDS collections, GA donations	22,216
85.00	The Aid Fund (Note 2)	20.00
85.50	Hawthorne Trust (Charton Manor)	55.00
105.00	Mountlans Trust (Lime Tree House)	25.00
<u>92.50</u>	CS Prins Chaplains' Committee (2)	<u>76.00</u>
368	Collections at Business Meetings for above specified charities	176
	Other Income	
1,154.00	Non-Gift Aid donations	254.00
-	Insurance Claim	-
-	Refund from E-on over charge Electricity Bill	149.85
114.00	Refund of over payment of BT Telephone acc	-
228.00	Refund of overpayment to Planning Portal	-
4,250.00	Building Fund	2,300.00
	Westminster Fund Gift	5,000.00
<u>13,050.00</u>	CSGrants	<u>11,766.07</u>
18,796	Total other income	19,470
10,000.00	Transfer(s) from Reserve Funds	
21,597.00	Leeds Building Society (3)	3,336.00
	Cambridge & Counties Bank	<u>-</u>
31,597	Total Transfers from Reserve Fund	3,336
<u>62,306</u>	Total Income	<u>45,198</u>

Notes:

- (1) Gift Aid tax refund has been claimed for Tax Year 2018, 2019 and 2020
- (2) The R76.00 for the Prison Chaplain fund collected in 2020 will be paid over in Feb 2021
- (3) Leeds Account closed in March 2020

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BEDFORD
EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

2019	GENERAL FUND (page 2 of 2)	2020
97	Advertising (Web site)	72
333	Audit, Legal & Professional	283
36	Care Disbursements	27
1,460	Cleaner (net)	1,234
520	Committee on Publication pro rate (Note 3)	860
346	Donations from collections (Note 4)	176
186	Donations from church	1,000
1,224	Electricity	849
322	Gardener	530
303	PAYE Tax (Note 5)	240
1,093	Insurance	1,098
	Internet New Website	560
	Internet Zoom annual charge	144
	Internet 2 Domain Names	28
190	Internet Service Provider	261
-	Donation for Lecture elsewhere	400
	Lecture Costs	
1,375	Lecture Fee	-
-	Lecturers' Expenses	-
149	Publicity	-
	Total Lecture Costs	-
1,523		
	Maintenance & Repairs	
345	Safety & Security (Chubb Security)	189
200	Organ & Piano Tuning and repair	-
	Halogen Tubes and Globes	15
25	Drainage clearance	864
	Total Maintenance & Repairs	1,068
570		
900	Organists and Soloists (net)	168
250	Petty Cash (6)	
55	Postage Printing & Stationery	111
	Reading Room Costs (Church)	
722	Quarterlies etc, new Hymnals	
477	Journal Card	446
269	Gift Subscriptions for periodicals	443
	Total General Fund Transfers to Reading Room	889
1,468		
	Refurbishment	
5,775	Planning: Consult'cy, Plans, Travel,	2,984
260	Contractor- Westone	3,257
13,715	Contractor- Equibuild	12,820
	Total Refurbishment costs in year	19,061
19,750		
95	Sundries - CCLC Licence, Flowers and Subscription	117
461	Telephone	340
250	Water	182
	31,432	29,698
30,874	Excess (Deficit) of income over expenditure	15,499
3,557	Opening Balance Brought Forward	34,431
34,431	Closing Balance carried forward	49,930

- Notes: 3) Second Pro Rate payment of £350 for 2019 Paid Feb 2020 Annual 2020 Pd Oct 2020
4) Collection for the Prinson Chaplain £76 was collected in 2020 but paid in 2021
5) PAYE Payments for Aug to Dec 2020 were paid in Jan 2021
6) Petty Cash Account detail attached

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		RESERVE FUND (4)	
2019			2020
		INCOME	
	6	Interest Leeds Building Society CharityLine Maturity a/c Closed in March 2020	1
	583	Interest Cambridge & Counties Bank*	-
	<u>589</u>	Total income	<u>1</u>
		EXPENDITURE	
	31,597	Transfer to General Fund	3,336
	<u>31,597</u>	Total expenditure	<u>3,365</u>
	-	Excess (deficit) of income over expenditure	-
	31,008	Opening balance brought forward	3,335
	<u>34,343</u>	Closing balance carried forward	<u>-</u>
	<u>3,335</u>		

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BEDFORD
SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

GROSS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

2019			2020	
Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure
62,306	31,432	General Fund	45,198	29,698
589	31,597	Reserve Fund		3,336
3,939	3,319	Reading Room	2,149	2,899
<u>66,834</u>	<u>66,348</u>		<u>47,347</u>	<u>35,933</u>
	486	Excess (deficit) of Income over Expenditure		11,414

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE NET OF TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

2,019			2,020	
Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure
30,709	29,764	General Fund	41,862	28,975
589		Reserve Fund		
2,271	3,319	Reading Room	1,426	2,899
<u>33,569</u>	<u>33,083</u>		<u>43,288</u>	<u>31,874</u>
	<u>486</u>	Excess (Deficit) of Income over Expenditure		<u>11,414</u>

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

2,019			2,020	
39,056		Total Funds B/f 1 January	39,542	
486		Excess (Deficit) of Income over Expenditure	11,414	
<u>39,542</u>			<u>50,956</u>	

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Auditors Report to the Members of

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BEDFORD.

I have carried out the usual tests for the year ended 31 December 2020 and I am satisfied that the books and records show a true representation of the financial state of the Church.

Brian E Woods FCA