CHRISTIANS IN SCIENCE

England & Wales · Charity number 1121422

Details

Other names	CHRISTIANS IN SCIENCE LIMITED
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	05959444
Registered	2007-10-31
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION BY THE STUDY OF THE INTERACTIONS BETWEEN SCIENCE AND RELIGION

Activities: Organising national and regional conferences; publication of a learned journal and a regular newsletter; provision of web-based and printed resources; provision of speakers for events in the general area of science and religion; responding to queries and questions from the media and from the wider public: collaboration with other charities working in related areas

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE NATIONAL
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£72,519	£95,269	-	-
2023-12-31	£95,562	£89,373	-	-
2022-12-31	£66,003	£99,069	-	-
2021-12-31	£66,390	£103,953	-	-
2020-12-31	£58,913	£65,823	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Professor William Clegg	Chair	2019-11-02
Angela Joy Brice Lynas		2021-10-23
Colin James Livingstone Taylor		2024-12-19
Dr Neville Richard Cobbe		2023-07-01
Dr Rhoda Joy Hawkins		2024-12-19
Dr Simon Erik Kolstoe		2024-12-19
Prof. Hugh Richard Rollinson		2024-12-19
Rt Revd Dr Richard Ian Cheetham		2024-12-19
Stephanie Jayne Bevan		2023-07-01

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Accounts

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TRUSTEES'/DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

DIRECTORS / TRUSTEES	Mrs. Stephanie J. Bevan	
	Prof. Berry Billingsley	(stood down 09/05/25)
	Rt. Revd. Dr. Richard I. Cheetham	(appointed 09/05/25)
	Dr. Neville Cobbe	
	Prof. William Clegg (Chair)	
	Dr. Rhoda J. Hawkins	(appointed 09/05/25)
	Dr. Simon E. Kolstoe	(appointed 09/05/25)
	Mr. Jocelyn H. Moule	
	Rev. Angela J. B. Lynas	
	Prof. Hugh R. Rollinson	(appointed 09/05/24)
	Mr. Colin J. L. Taylor (Secretary)	(co-opted 5/24) (appointed 19/12/24)
CHAIRMAN OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES	Prof. William Clegg	
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	Memorandum and Articles of Association adopted by written special resolution passed on 31 December 2013.	
REGISTERED AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE	Christians in Science 78 Ashton Road Hyde Cheshire SK14 4RN	
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER	05959444	
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1121422	
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Ian Shipley FCCA For and on behalf of Prentis & Co LLP Chartered Accountants 115C Milton Road Cambridge CB4 1XE	
BANKERS - MAIN	Bank of Scotland plc 33 Old Broad Street London BX2 1LB	
BANKERS - SUBSIDIARY	PayPal (for receiving funds only) The Charity Bank (deposit account) Scottish Widows (deposit account) NatWest Southampton	

CHRISTIANS IN SCIENCE

This is the eighteenth annual report and accounts by the Trustees of Christians in Science (who are also the Directors of the Company), for the year ended 31 December 2024, the accounting reference date. Christians in Science was registered as a charity by the Charity Commission on 31 October 2007, and these Accounts will be presented to the Charity Commission as part of our annual report to them. These accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and 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 (FRS102) (issued October 2019 and effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

Christians in Science (generally abbreviated to 'CiS' in the report that follows) was incorporated as Christians in Science Limited on 9 October 2006, Company Number 05959444. It is a private Company limited by guarantee not having a share capital, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, subsequently revised and updated in December 2013. By special resolution dated 31 December 2013 the name of the Company was changed to Christians in Science, and this was approved by Companies House on 9 January 2014. The new constitution was approved by the Charity Commission on 18 December 2013 and approved by written special resolution passed on 31 December 2013.

CiS organises as an explicitly Christian society, full membership of which is open only to those who affirm the Declaration of Faith and agree with its Aims. However, others are welcome to join as associate members.

Appointment of Trustees

Founding Directors were appointed by the Committee of Christians in Science (the predecessor organisation) prior to incorporation and application for charity status, and thereafter the Directors appoint new Directors. Since granting of charity status our normal practice has been to refer to them as 'the Trustees'. The present Trustees are all full members of CiS.

The Trustees are provided with the training that is considered appropriate to their needs and requirements in their role as trustees of the charity.

The Board of Trustees is required to meet at minimum of 2 times per year and met 3 times in 2024. The Trustees give their services voluntarily.

OBJECTIVES

CiS is an international network of those concerned with the relationship between science and Christian faith; membership is open to scientists, teachers, students and all those with an interest in this dialogue. CiS is primarily a professional group, aimed at those working in science, although we are happy to welcome into membership anyone with an interest in science and faith, subject to the qualifications required by the constitution (see above).

The charitable objectives of CiS are: 'to advance the Christian religion by the study of the interactions between science and religion'.

The specific Aims of CiS are:

- To develop and promote biblical Christian views on the nature and scope of science and its interaction with the Christian faith, bringing a biblical Christian perspective on scientific issues into the public arena.
- To encourage Christians who are engaged in scientific work to maintain an active faith, apply it to their professional lives and share it within the scientific community.
- To support churches by helping congregations appreciate the harmony of science and faith and assist them with outreach activities.
- To help Christian science students to integrate their religious beliefs with their studies and to support them as they graduate and progress in their careers.
- To stimulate responsible Christian attitudes and action towards care for the environment.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

In order to fulfil our aims we arrange the following for our members:

Literature, Media and Resources: The journal Science and Christian Belief is provided online for all members. A newsletter (PréCiS) is mailed several times during the year and includes articles and information about forthcoming events, conferences, and publications. Our website and YouTube channel provide access to many growing, additional resources. A monthly news update is emailed to all members with online access. Leaflets addressing key questions of science and faith are produced for free distribution in both print and online form, especially to students and churches. Video resources from our conferences, central online events and sometimes our local group activities are also made available on our YouTube channel.

Conferences and Events: We hold hybrid conferences at various times during the year. These can typically include day-long conferences, often held one in Spring and the other in Autumn. These conferences, formerly the Northern and Southern Conferences respectively, have been renamed to avoid fostering any sense of a north-south divide and to encourage participants from all regions. In addition, the former annual Student Conference has been renamed as the 'Connect Conference' to embrace early career scientists as well as students. Additionally, online and hybrid evening events are increasingly being offered throughout the year. Our most recent conference in Autumn 2024 celebrated the 80th anniversary of CiS.

Local Groups and Networking: Much of the work and influence of CiS occurs through local groups. We encourage the formation of local groups for mutual support and fellowship, and for furthering the aims of CiS. The local groups organise a range of meetings, lectures and other events. CiS also coordinates a UK-wide network of science-Christianity focused public engagement organisations and individuals – the CAKE network – that meets regularly online and provides practical support and fellowship for those involved.

Competitions and Prizes: We continue to run our annual Student Essay competition and Oliver Barclay Lectureship competition to engage student and early-career scientists.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE IN 2024

Overview

The activities of CiS have largely followed the pattern of former years, being based around key events such as conferences, annual competitions and Local Group activity. The age structure of Local Group leadership continues to be a problem as more elderly leaders retire or need support from younger colleagues. Organising replacements has at times proved difficult. Across 2024 the Trustees have formulated and implemented a programme of change, renewal and vision at all levels of CiS that we hope will begin to bear significant fruit from 2025 and will lead to more activity and sustainability in our operations. This ranges over what we do, who we seek to impact and how we structure and seek to grow CiS as an organisation and as a voice in the science-faith conversation.

Fund-raising efforts continue as there is an annual shortfall in monies coming in and the amounts spent to cover normal running costs. Finances and fund-raising will be a focus in 2025 as we seek to diversify our funding base and grow both membership and gifting to CiS. Cost savings have been implemented where possible.

Modest engagement with students and early career scientists with CiS has been achieved by the Student Essay Competition and the Oliver Barclay Lectureship (awarded to an emerging communicator on Science and Faith). Entries into both have been reduced this year in comparison to recent years and thought needs to be put into how to best market and grow these to better engage with target audiences.

As mentioned above, a fortnightly online meeting, CAKE, continues to grow and be active. At these meetings information and fellowship is shared between the various organisations active in the Science and Religion field in the UK. This is proving helpful and worthwhile for all concerned and the groups involved have begun to plan joint events together.

Membership

At the close of 2024 the fee-paying membership of CiS was 489 (2023: 512), of which 67 (2023: 66) were Associate Members. This figure includes 8 (2023: 14) Early Career Members and 7 (2023: 2) Student Members. In addition, there were 3 (2023: 11) free (first membership year) student members, and 51 (2023: 53) complimentary long-term members. There were 34 (2023: 25) Friends.

Membership Fees in 2024 totalled £21,614.60 (2023: £22,658.85) and Donations £31,310.29 (2023: £37,743.82), excluding donations made through CAF/Stewardship and Gift Aid claimed on eligible donations.

Conferences, Lectures and Events

The 2024 Connect Conference was held on one day in June at Aylesbury on the theme of 'Being a Believing Scientist.'

Speakers were:
- Dr Nathan James
- Dr Mari van Emmerik
- Sigourney Bonner
- Dr Cecilia Brassett

The 2024 Autumn Conference of CiS was held on an evening and the following day in October in Birmingham on the theme 'Celebrating 80 years of Christians in Science.'

Main Speakers were:
- Rev Prof David Wilkinson
- Nick Spencer
- Hannah Waite
- David Hutchins
- James Ungureanu
- Nathan Bossoh

We also had 12 Short Papers submitted and presented by 12 different individuals in two parallel sessions.

Both conferences were delivered in hybrid mode with most participants present in person and a smaller number joining online. Recordings of both events are available on our YouTube channel.

Publications and Social Media

The CiS journal, Science and Christian Belief, is published twice a year and is available to all CiS members in digital format online through the journal's website.

The CiS newsletter PréCiS, published four times a year, is posted to all UK-based members. A PDF version of the PréCiS is freely available to all on the CiS website.

A monthly news Update is circulated by email to all members who have online access and is also freely available to all on the CiS website.

Individual CiS members continued to publish books and contribute articles to magazines and journals in 2024 and speak on Science-Faith issues in churches, at conferences, schools, festivals and in the media, both in the UK and abroad.

We continue to maintain a presence on social media via various digital platforms (Facebook, X, Instagram etc.) and became more active on LinkedIn this year.

Society Officers

Mary Browett, our full-time Executive Officer, continued to manage much of the routine administrative work of CiS with great efficiency and skill, and being the first point of contact for many of those approaching CiS for further information, assistance etc.

Dr Gavin Merrifield has continued the role of General Secretary, works very hard for CiS and carries out this role faithfully. During 2024 he contributed an increased number of hours in his part-time role, and received a correspondingly higher payment.

Roger Tucker has continued the voluntary role of Membership Secretary. Roger has worked very hard in this role to improve the CiS membership database and ensure the smooth mailings both printed and via email. He has also developed a new online forum as a platform for communication and discussion among CiS members; this was launched at the end of 2024.

Stephen Walley continues in the role of CiS Treasurer and receives remuneration for this role. Stephen covers most of the finances for CiS.

We are also grateful to the members of the CiS Operations Committee and our fellow CiS Trustees for their advice, guidance and support.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the membership was held online in 2024 to enable more to attend. AGM papers were sent out to CiS members in advance and those that attended were happy to accept the reports with no queries arising.

Public Benefit

The CiS Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the Trustees continue to consider how planned activities will contribute to the Aims and Objectives they have set.

The activities that are undertaken provide public benefit in the following ways:

1. By helping Christian believers to integrate their faith with the science they learn from the media and other sources of information.
2. By promoting the understanding of science among Christian communities.

3. By exploring the ethical implications of new scientific discoveries.
4. By helping science students integrate their religious beliefs with the science they learn in their courses.
5. By giving church leaders opportunities to learn more of the importance of science in today's world.
6. By providing support and encouragement for scientists who are Christians.

These contributions are made by means of:

- Conferences.
- Lectures (in person, online, and hybrid as appropriate).
- Discussion groups.
- The quarterly newsletter, journal, open access website and digital platforms.
- Free and reduced membership rates for students and others with difficult circumstances.
- Publication and free distribution of a series of leaflets aimed at students, and another series for church members and the public.
- Most conference talks available on the CiS YouTube channel, together with some of the presentations to local groups (all recordings are accessible to all and are provided free).
- CiS members speaking and writing on Science / Faith issues in the media.
- Collaboration with other organisations involved in the science-faith interface.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The CiS Trustees have spent much of 2024 reorganising and reinvigorating our policies and procedures. This has ranged from overhauling paperwork and the operating structure of CiS to putting in place a renewed vision and staffing to implement that vision. We expect to see the fruits of this through 2025 and beyond as new ideas and programmes begin to filter into operations. We are hopeful that these will have positive impacts on our core mission of providing a supportive fellowship for Christians operating within science-connected areas of work and significantly contributing to public and Church-based discussions around science and Christian belief.

We continue to maintain healthy and useful links with other Science and Christianity organisations in the UK (ECLAS, God and the Big Bang, Believing Science, etc.). Various collaborative projects with these and other organisations are now underway and will be visible in 2025/6. We have begun discussions especially to explore a potential merger/partnership with God and the Big Bang, which would bring them in as a new 'schools outreach' wing to the activity of CiS.

At our 80th Anniversary Conference and at a subsequent 'Vision Evening' event in the Autumn of 2024 we presented a new vision for CiS to our members. This received positive and enthusiastic feedback and will be implemented in 2025. As part of this the Operations Committee of CiS will be reconstituted and take on a firmer, more proactive, role in CiS activities. Our ambition is to step well beyond what has become our typical range of activities into more in-person events, online activity and strategic resource provision and to do this in ways that will encourage our membership to grow and to be more engaged. At the end of 2024 we also increased significantly the number of Trustees within the limits specified in our governing Articles.

FINANCE REVIEW AND RESERVES POLICY

Total income for the year was £72,519. Income came in as follows: £58,474 came in via our Bank of Scotland checking account (this includes £5,140 in Gift Aid), £11,755 came in via PayPal, and interest payments amounted to £1,119 from CAF and £1,171 from Charity Bank. Voluntary income amounted to £64,754 (there was no income from CiS Southampton in 2024).

Expenditure on charitable activities in 2024 amounted to £95,269 (2023 - £89,373).

The net effect was an overall deficit for the year of £22,750 (there was a credit in 2023 of £6,189).

A minor fraud was committed against CiS via DVLA amounting to £49.92 in 2024 (and a further £16.62 on January 2, 2025). The Bank of Scotland subsequently refunded these moneys in full (£66.54), on January 21, 2025. Investigation of the fraud in conjunction with DVLA is ongoing.

Reserves policy

The CiS Directors, after careful discussion, consider that £80,000 constitutes a sufficient reserve to meet our commitments at present staffing levels. This will be regularly reviewed as commitments change. At the end of 2024 the charity's overall funds stood at £129,688 (2023: £152,438)

RISK

The CiS Directors continue to monitor the major risks to which the charity is exposed. They are of the opinion that appropriate decisions have been taken to minimise these risks as far as is possible.

STATEMENT OF THE COMPANY DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the Company's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the period-end. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Adopt the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue on that basis.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the CiS Board of Directors on 24th June 2025 and signed as authorised on their behalf by:

Professor Bill Clegg
Chair of the Board of Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity's trustees of the company (and also the directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act')

Having been satisfied that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under s. 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission under s.145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' STATEMENT

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

(1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by s.386 of the 2006 Act;
(2) the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
(3) The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of s.396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

or:

(4) The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement Recommended Practice for the accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)).

Ian W Shipley FCCA

for and on behalf of
Prentis & Co LLP
Chartered Accountants &
Independent Examiners
115C Milton Road
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11th September 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024
(including Income & Expenditure Account)

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Total £
INCOME							
Donations (including Gift Aid)	1	64,754	-	64,754	87,219	2,000	89,219
Charitable activities		5,475	-	5,475	4,894	-	4,894
Investment		2,290	-	2,290	1,449	-	1,449
TOTAL INCOME		72,519	-	72,519	93,562	2,000	95,562
EXPENDITURE							
Charitable activities	2	95,269	-	95,269	80,103	9,270	89,373
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		95,269	-	95,269	80,103	9,270	89,373
NET EXPENDITURE AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		(22,750)	-	(22,750)	13,459	(7,270)	6,189
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		-	-	-	(3,982)	3,982	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR AFTER TRANSFERS		(22,750)	-	(22,750)	9,477	(3,288)	6,189
RECONCILATION OF FUNDS							
Total Funds brought forward		152,438	-	152,438	142,961	3,288	146,249
Total Funds carried forward		129,688	-	129,688	152,438	-	152,438

Notes:

1. In 2023, there were donations (including Gift Aid) which contributed towards the Development Officer's salary.
2. Restricted expenditure was on the Development Officer's salary (which was partially paid for in 2023 by donations given in 2022 and 2023 for that purpose) and expenses incurred during work amongst postgraduate students.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES/DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock (including Southampton CIS)		500	1,275
Debtors (Gift Aid)		4,953	5,670
Cash at bank (including £1,058 held by Southampton CiS)		126,112	147,030
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		131,565	153,975
LIABILITIES CREDITORS – amounts falling due within one year		(1,877)	(1,537)
NET CURRENT ASSETS & NET ASSETS		129,688	152,438
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY Unrestricted (including £1,058 held by Southampton CiS)		129,688	152,438
		129,688	152,438

For the year ending 31 December 2024, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
- The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the Board of Directors of Christians in Science on 24th June 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Professor Bill Clegg
Chair of the Board of Trustees

The notes on pages 13 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these financial statements. 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 to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)(issued October 2019 and effective 1st January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Incoming Resources

Grants, where conditions have been met to establish entitlement, are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. Grants where conditions establishing entitlement have not yet been met are deferred. Other voluntary income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis where receipt is assured with reasonable certainty and is receivable at the balance sheet date.

Interest Receivable

Interest receivable is included within the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis.

Resources Expended

Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting income and the costs of any activities which are primarily for fundraising purposes.

Governance costs include expenditure on general administration, and expenditure on management and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs have been allocated on the basis of usage of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is included with the category of expenses to which it relates.

Stock

Stock consists of books, leaflets and journals. These are valued at historic cost, except for older stocks of leaflets and periodicals which were marked at lesser or nil value.

Taxation

Christians in Science is a registered charity and as such is exempt from income tax and corporation tax on its charitable activities under the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

Pension Contributions

Christians in Science provides pensions for employees through The People's Partnership master trust. Full time employees are auto enrolled and the charity provides a sum equivalent to 10% of gross basic salary. Employees who opt out have their contributions paid into another pension fund of their choice. Part time employees, whose earnings are below the threshold for compulsory auto enrolment, may choose to be enrolled voluntarily with The People's Pension, in which case the charity will contribute the statutory minimum (currently 2% of salary). Contributions by the charity are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become due. As it is a defined contribution scheme, the charity has no obligation or commitment other than the payment of the annual contribution.

Cash Flow Statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 SORP for small charities not to prepare a cash flow statement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. INCOME

a. Donations

	2024 £	2023 £
Donations from individuals (excluding Gift Aid but including legacies)	54,060	74,884
Donations from churches	500	500
Non-member journal subscriptions (incl. Victoria Inst.)	2,551	3,371
Gift Aid	4,423	10,378
Gift from Templeton Foundation (unrestricted)	3,220	0
Amazon	0	86
	64,754	89,219

b. Income from charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Conference fees	5,418	4,738
Literature sales	57	156
	5,475	4,894

2. RESOURCES EXPENDED

a. Charitable activities

	2024 Direct £	2024 Support £	2024 Total £	2023 Direct £	2023 Support £	2023 Total £
Conferences, lectures and other events	10,651	39,556	50,207	8,112	37,761	45,873
Journal	1,546	5,896	7,442	1,709	11,361	13,070
Newsletters	2,695	13,323	16,018	2,085	13,894	15,979
Website	1,908	7,271	9,179	750	4,986	5,736
Student work	2,087	7,953	10,040	949	6,309	7,258
Other (e.g. donations, DVLA fraud (1))	156	992	1,148	33	219	252
Governance (2)	-	1,235	1,235	-	1,205	1,205
	19,043	76,226	95,269	13,638	75,735	89,373

Notes:

1. *The fraud committed against us in 2024 through the DVLA amounted to £49.92 in 2024. This money was refunded to us by Bank of Scotland in January 2025.*
2. *Governance costs include independent examination fee of £1,235 (2023: £1,205).*

2. RESOURCES EXPENDED (continued)

b. Support costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Development Officer, Executive Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, employment and related costs	68,862	69,842
Administrative costs and insurance	7,364	5,893
	76,226	75,735

Support costs are apportioned according to time spent by the Development Officer, Executive Officer, Secretary and Treasurer.

3. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs were as follows:		
Wages and salaries (gross)	63,502	64,123
Social security costs (employer NI)	-	-
Pension costs	5,360	5,719
	68,862	69,842

No employee earned more than £60,000 per annum.

Due to the size of the Charity all its staff together with the directors are considered key management and the remuneration of key management that are not directors is shown above.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

2024	2023
3	4

The directors wish to acknowledge with thanks that a great deal of unpaid work was done by various people, without which the charity could not have functioned successfully.

4. DIECTORS' EXPENSES AND DONATIONS

The directors receive no remuneration or expenses for acting as trustees but can claim for reimbursement of expenses incurred while acting for the company/charity. The total reimbursement of expenses in 2024 was £0 (2023 - £950).

Directors made donations totalling £5,339 in 2024 (from 3 directors) (2023 - £3,643 from 5 directors).

5. CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	1,877	1,537
	1,877	1,537

Accruals includes £552 (2023 - £397) of outstanding pension contributions.

6. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Restricted funds consisted of a donation towards the cost of employing a Development Officer and a donation for student work from 'Transforming the Mind'.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Balance brought forward	0	3,288
2023 donation (including Gift Aid towards Development Officer's salary	0	2,000
Transfer from unrestricted funds	0	3,982
Resources expended	0	(9,270)
Balance carried forward	0	0

CHRISTIANS IN SCIENCE

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Incorporated in England and Wales

Registered Company No 05959444

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

DIRECTORS / TRUSTEES	Prof. Berry Billingsley Prof. Bill Clegg (Acting Chair of Board of Trustees) Prof. Paul Ewart (chair of CiS Committee) (Resigned 31.12.23) Mr Jos Moule Prof. Euan Nisbet (Resigned 24.07.23) Rev Angela Lynas Mrs Stephanie Bevan (Appointed 01.07.23) Dr Neville Cobbe (Appointed 01.07.23) C J Livingstone Taylor (Appointed 11.04.24)
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN	Prof. Paul Ewart
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	Memorandum and Articles of Association adopted by written special resolution passed on 31 December 2013.
REGISTERED AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE	Veale Wasbrough Vizards Narrow Quay House Narrow Quay Bristol BS1 4QA
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER	05959444
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1121422
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Ian Shipley FCCA For and on behalf of Prentis & Co LLP Chartered Accountants and Independent Examiners 115C Milton Road Cambridge CB4 1XE
BANKERS - MAIN	Bank of Scotland plc 33 Old Broad Street London BX2 1LB
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CHRISTIANS IN SCIENCE

This is the seventeenth annual report and accounts by the trustees of Christians in Science (who are also the directors of the company), for the year ended 31 December 2023, which is the accounting reference date. Christians in Science was registered as a charity by the Charity Commission on 31 October 2007, and these Accounts will be presented to the Charity Commission as part of our annual report to them. These accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and 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 (FRS102) (issued October 2019 and effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution
Christians in Science (CiS) was incorporated as Christians in Science Limited on 9 October 2006, company number 05959444. It is a private limited company limited by guarantee not having a share capital, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association which were revised and updated in December 2013. By special resolution dated 31 December 2013 the name of the Company was changed to Christians in Science. The new constitution was approved by the Charity Commission on 18 December 2013 and approved by written special resolution passed on 31 December 2013.

The company organises as an explicitly Christian society, full membership of which is open only to those who affirm the declaration of faith and agree with the aims of Christians in Science. However, others are welcome to join as Associate Members.

Appointment of Trustees
Founding directors were appointed by the committee of Christians in Science (the predecessor organisation) prior to incorporation and application for charity status, and thereafter the directors appoint new directors. Since granting of charity status our normal practice has been to refer to them as the trustees. The present trustees are all full members of CiS.

The trustees are provided with the training that is considered appropriate to their needs and requirements in their role as trustees of the charity.

The Board of Trustees meets twice a year and the trustees give their services voluntarily.

OBJECTIVES
CiS is an international network of those concerned with the relationship between science and Christian faith; membership is open to scientists, teachers, students and all those with an interest in this dialogue. CiS is primarily a professional group, aimed at those working in science, although we are happy to welcome into membership anyone with an interest in science and faith, subject to the qualifications required by the constitution (see above).

The charitable objectives of CiS are: **"to advance the Christian religion by the study of the interactions between science and religion"**.

The specific aims of CiS are:

- To develop and promote biblical Christian views on the nature and scope of science and its interaction with the Christian faith, bringing a biblical Christian perspective on scientific issues into the public arena.
- To encourage Christians who are engaged in scientific work to maintain an active faith, apply it to their professional lives and share it within the scientific community.
- To support churches by helping congregations appreciate the harmony of science and faith and assist them with outreach activities.
- To help Christian science students to integrate their religious beliefs with their studies and to support them as they graduate and progress in their careers.
- To stimulate responsible Christian attitudes and action towards care for the environment

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

In order to fulfil our aims we arrange the following for our members:

Literature, Media and Resources: The journal *Science and Christian Belief* is provided online for all members. A newsletter (*PréCiS*) is mailed several times during the year and includes articles and information about forthcoming events, conferences, and publications. Our website provides access to a large number of growing, additional resources. A monthly news update is emailed to all members with online access. Leaflets addressing key questions of science and faith are produced for free distribution, especially to students and churches. Video resources from our conferences, central online events and sometimes our local group activities are also made available on our YouTube channel.

Conferences and Events: Two day-long conferences are held, one in Spring and the other in Autumn. These conferences, formerly the Northern and Southern Conferences respectively, have been renamed to avoid fostering any sense of a north-south divide and to encourage participants from all regions. In addition, the former annual Student Conference has been renamed as the Connect Conference to embrace early career scientists as well as students. Online and hybrid evening events are increasingly being offered.

Local Groups and Networking: Much of the work and influence of CiS occurs through local groups. We encourage the formation of local groups for mutual support and fellowship, and for furthering the aims of CiS. The local groups organise a range of meetings, lectures and other events. The Spring Conference in 2022 brought together representatives of other organizations engaged in science-Christianity public engagement activities in the UK. Following this conference CiS established an active online networking group, CAKE, for these organizations to stimulate further cooperation and collaboration.

Competitions and Prizes: We continue to run our annual Student Essay competition and Oliver Barclay Lectureship competition to engage student and early-career scientists.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Overview

The activities of CiS have followed the pattern of former years, being based around key events such as conferences, annual competitions and Local Group activity. The age structure of Local Group leadership continues to be a problem as more elderly leaders retire or need support from younger colleagues. Organising replacements has at times proved difficult, and some groups are not functioning at the moment.

Fund-raising efforts continue as there is an annual short fall in monies coming in and the amounts spent to cover the normal running costs. Cost savings have been implemented were possible and a reduction in staff.

Engagement with students and early career scientists with CiS has been achieved by the Student Essay Competition and the Oliver Barclay Lectureship awarded to an emerging communicator on Science and Faith.

As mentioned above, a fortnightly online meeting, CAKE, has been established at which information sharing between the various organisations active in the Science and Religion field in the UK is facilitated. This is proving helpful and worthwhile for all concerned.

Membership

Last year's figures are in brackets. The current fee-paying membership is 512 (565), of which 66 (77) are Associate Members. This figure includes 14 (19) Early Career Members and 2 (6) Student Members. In addition, there are 11 (19) free (first membership year) student members, and 53 (53) complimentary long-term members. There are 25 (64) Friends – note that last year this also included ex-members who wish to stay in touch.

Membership Fees totalled £23,118 (£24,966) and Donations £37,769 (£20,935), excluding donations made through CAF/Stewardship and Gift Aid claimed on eligible donations.

Conferences, Lectures and Events

The 2023 Connect Conference was held in March at Sheffield on the theme of "Science, Faith and Ethics"
Speakers were:-

- Prof John Bryant
- Cara Parrett
- Dr Nathan Bossoh
- Dr Zachary Ardern
- Dave Hutchings

The 2023 Spring Conference was held in June in Edinburgh on the theme of "Big Questions in Science and the Church: Part 1"
Speakers were:-

- Dr Bethany Sollereder
- Dr Zachary Ardern
- Dr Joanna Leidenhag
- Prof Wilson Poon

The 2023 Autumn Conference was held in October in London on the theme "Big Questions in Science and the Church: Part 2"
Speakers were:-

- Prof. Keith R. Fox
- Dr Sharon Dirckx
- Rev Dr Lucas Mix
- Prof Chris Wild

Publications and Social Media

The journal, Science and Christian Belief, is published twice a year and is available to all CiS members in digital format online.

The CiS newsletter PréCiS, published four times a year, is posted to all UK based members. A PDF version of the PréCiS is freely available to all on the CiS website.

A monthly news Update is circulated by email to all members who have online access and is also freely available to all on the CiS website.

Individual CiS members continued to publish books and contribute articles to magazines and journals in 2023 and spoke on Science-Faith issues in churches, at conferences, schools, festivals and in the media, both in the UK and abroad.

We continue to maintain a presence on social media via various digital platforms – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc.

Local Groups

The total of groups is 13 at the end of 2023. These are located in Bristol, Dundee, Edinburgh, Ireland, Manchester, Norwich, Oxford, Sheffield, South West, Southampton, St Andrews, Tyneside and Northumberland and Worcester.

These are all informally affiliated to CiS and are in large part self-supporting, except for the Southampton group which is formally affiliated, and its finances have been included in this report.

Development and Student Work

Up till August 2023 when Jack Alderson finished his contract as CiS Development Officer, he had continued to encourage students by sending monthly updates to student members to promote events and opportunities to be involved in. These activities include the following.

- The maintenance of a CiS YouTube Channel with recordings of this year's talks and conferences. We have used this as a platform to support Local Group events and recordings.
- Promote the Oliver Barclay lecture. This is given to a "rising star" in Science / Faith Communication who is under the age of 35.

The Development Officer continued to develop collaborative relationships with other Science and Religion groups in the UK and with UCCF, including God and the Big Bang, European Leadership Forum and regular Festival events around the UK.

Society Officers

Jack Alderson was our Development Officer until August 2023 when his contract finished.

Mary Browett, our full time Executive Officer, continued to manage much of the routine administrative work of CiS with great efficiency and skill, acting as the first point of contact by many of those approaching CiS for further information, assistance etc.

Dr Gavin Merrifield has continued the role of General Secretary. Gavin has worked very hard to learn the many aspects of and fulfil this role. The Gen. Sec. acts also as temporary Secretary to the Trustees, and receives modest remuneration as does our Treasurer, Stephen Walley.

Roger Tucker has continued the role of Membership Secretary. Roger has worked very hard in this role to improve the CiS membership database and ensure the smooth mailings both printed and via email.

We are grateful also to our other members of the Committee and Trustees for their advice, guidance and support.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the membership was held at the Autumn Conference joint with online participation. AGM papers sent to CiS members and all members were happy to accept the reports with no questions raised.
The minutes are available on application to the Secretary at the registered address.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The activities that are undertaken provide public benefit in the following ways:

1. By helping believers to integrate their faith with the science they learn from the media and other sources of information.
2. By promoting the understanding of science among Christian communities.
3. By exploring the ethical implications of new scientific discoveries.
4. By helping science students integrate their religious beliefs with the science they learn in their courses.
5. By giving church leaders opportunities to learn more of the importance of science in today's world.
6. By providing support and encouragement for scientists who are Christians.

These contributions are made by means of:

- Conferences.
- Lectures (in person, online, and hybrid as appropriate).
- Discussion groups.
- The quarterly newsletter, journal, open access website and digital platforms.
- Free and reduced membership rates for students and others with difficult circumstances.
- Publication and free distribution of a series of leaflets aimed at students, and another series for church members and the general public.
- Most conference talks available on the CiS YouTube channel, together with some of the presentations to local groups (all recordings are accessible to all and are provided free).
- CiS members speaking and writing on Science / Faith issues in the media.
- Collaboration with other organisations involved in the science-faith interface.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The rejection by the John Templeton Foundation and subsequently by the Benefact Trust of our applications for funding has accentuated the worsening financial situation of CiS and, if not ameliorated by a successful bid to an alternative funding source or by significant reorganisation and enhancement of CiS membership, leadership and activities, will require a curtailment of activity and reduction of salaried staff numbers.
Cost-saving measures, such as moving the publication of Science and Christian Belief journal to online only, have been made and may need to be supplemented by further increase in membership subscription to make up for recent inflation-induced increases in costs.
Stronger and more collaborative links have been forged with the other main Science and Religion organisations in the UK (ECLAS, God and the Big Bang, The Faith Experiment, UCCF etc.). It is the intention to focus the work with UCCF on attracting recent graduates and early career scientists to join CiS and thus both expand the membership base and secure the next generation of active CiS members.
A 'Vision Day' for Trustees and some Committee members in the summer of 2023 considered a range of possible approaches to restructuring and streamlining the organisation and leadership of CiS with the aim of developing more engagement of members through the formation of teams focusing on tasks such as finance, conference planning, recruitment, local groups, subject groups, online resources, etc. and relieving officers who currently bear most of the burden of these tasks. This thorough review is being carried forward by a 'task and finish group' charged with making specific recommendations during 2024, the 80th anniversary of the organisation (originally formed as a constituent part of InterVarsity Fellowship, the forerunner of UCCF, and called the Research Scientists' Christian Fellowship). This will also involve reconstituting the Committee of CiS to be made up mainly of team leaders rather than representatives of particular constituent groups of CiS. Together with the 80th anniversary celebrations, it is hoped that this will draw more members into active participation, will raise our profile, and will promote new and more effective activities both nationally and regionally, attracting new members.

FINANCE REVIEW AND RESERVES POLICY

Total income for the year was £95,562. Income came in as follows: £89,442 came in via our Bank of Scotland checking account (this includes £13,623 in Gift Aid and £11,727 in a legacy), £7,722 came in via PayPal (mostly for membership fees), and interest payments amounted to £618 from CAF and £831 from Charity Bank. Voluntary income (excluding Gift Aid) amounted to £73,086. A restricted donation of £2,000 was given for support of the Development Officer (this sum includes £400 in Gift Aid).

Expenditure on charitable activities amounted to £89,373 (2022 - £99,069).

The net effect was an overall credit for the year of £6,189 (there was a deficit in 2022 of £33,066).

Reserves policy. The trustees, after careful discussion, consider that £80,000 constitutes a sufficient reserve to meet our commitments at present staffing levels. This will be regularly reviewed as commitments change. At the end of 2023 the charity's overall funds stood at £152,438 (2022 £146,249).

RISK

The directors continue to monitor the major risks to which the charity is exposed. They are of the opinion that appropriate decisions have been taken to minimise these risks as far as is possible.

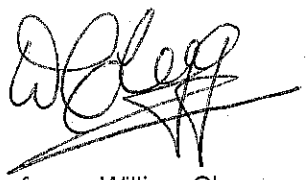
STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the Company's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the period-end. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- adopt the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue on that basis.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 29 July 2024 and signed as authorised on their behalf by:



Professor William Clegg
Acting Chair of the Board of Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 9 to 14.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity's trustees of the company (and also the directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act')

Having been satisfied that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under s. 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission under s.145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' STATEMENT

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

(1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by s.386 of the 2006 Act;
(2) the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
(3) The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of s.396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination;

or:

(4) The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement Recommended Practice for the accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102))

Ian W Shipley FCCA

for and on behalf of
Prentis & Co LLP
Chartered Accountants &
Independent Examiners
115C Milton Road
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1st August 2024

CHRISTIANS IN SCIENCE **COMPANY NUMBER: 05959444**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(including Income & Expenditure Account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestr-icted £	2023 Restr-icted £	2023 Total £	2022 Unrestr-icted £	2022 Restr-icted £	2022 Total £
INCOME							
Donations (including Gift Aid)	1a	87,219	2,000	89,219	60,169	-	60,169
Charitable activities	1b	4,894	-	4,894	5,345	-	5,345
Investment		1,449	-	1,449	489	-	489
TOTAL INCOME		**93,562**	**2,000**	**95,562**	**66,003**	**-**	**66,003**
EXPENDITURE							
Charitable activities	2	80,103	9,270	89,373	88,907	10,162	99,069
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**80,103**	**9,270**	**89,373**	**88,907**	**10,162**	**99,069**
NET EXPENDITURE AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		13,459	(7,270)	6,189	(22,904)	(10,162)	(33,066)
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		(3,982)	3,982	-	(13,450)	13,450	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR AFTER TRANSFERS		9,477	(3,288)	6,189	(36,354)	3,288	(33,066)
RECONCILATION OF FUNDS							
Total Funds brought forward		142,961	3,288	146,249	179,315	-	179,315
Total Funds carried forward		**152,438**	**0**	**152,438**	**142,961**	**3,288**	**146,249**

1. Donations (including Gift Aid) as a contribution towards the Development Officer's salary.
2: Restricted expenditure was on the Development Officer's salary (which was partially paid for in 2023 by donations given in 2022 and 2023 for that purpose) and expenses incurred during work amongst postgraduate students.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock (including Southampton CiS)		1,275	2,177
Debtors (Gift Aid)		5,670	8,915
Cash at bank (including £1,058 held by Southampton CiS)		147,030	137,249
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**153,975**	**148,341**
LIABILITIES			
CREDITORS – amounts falling due within one year	5	(1,537)	(2,092)
NET CURRENT ASSETS & NET ASSETS		**152,438**	**146,249**
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted (including £1,058 held by Southampton CiS)		152,438	142,961
Restricted (for work among students and young researchers)	6	0	3,288
		152,438	**146,249**

For the year ending 31 December 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts
- these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the Board of Directors of Christians in Science on 29 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Professor William Clegg
Chair of the Board of Trustees

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these financial statements. 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 to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)(issued October 2019 and effective 1st January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Incoming Resources
Grants, where conditions have been met to establish entitlement, are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. Grants where conditions establishing entitlement have not yet been met are deferred. Other voluntary income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis where receipt is assured with reasonable certainty and is receivable at the balance sheet date.

Interest Receivable

Interest receivable is included within the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis.

Resources Expended

Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting income and the costs of any activities which are primarily for fundraising purposes.

Governance costs include expenditure on general administration, and expenditure on management and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs have been allocated on the basis of usage of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is included with the category of expenses to which it relates.

Stock
Stock consists of books, leaflets and journals. These are valued at historic cost, except for older stocks of leaflets and periodicals which were marked at lesser or nil value.

Taxation
Christians in Science is a registered charity and as such is exempt from income tax and corporation tax on its charitable activities under the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

Pension Contributions
Christians in Science provides pensions for employees through The People's Partnership master trust. Full time employees are auto enrolled and the charity provides a sum equivalent to 10% of gross basic salary. Employees who opt out have their contributions paid into another pension fund of their choice. Part time employees, whose earnings are below the threshold for compulsory auto enrolment, may choose to be enrolled voluntarily with The People's Pension, in which case the charity will contribute the statutory minimum (currently 2% of salary). Contributions by the charity are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become due. As it is a defined contribution scheme, the charity has no obligation or commitment other than the payment of the annual contribution.

Cash Flow Statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 SORP for small charities not to prepare a cash flow statement.

1. INCOME

a. Donations

	2023 £	2022 £
Donations from individuals (excluding Gift Aid but including legacies)	74,884	47,486
Donations from churches	500	500
Non-member journal subscriptions	3,371	3,174
Gift Aid	10,378	8,915
Amazon	86	94
	89,219	**60,169**

b. Income from charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Conference fees	4,738	5,252
Literature sales	156	93
	4,894	**5,345**

2. RESOURCES EXPENDED

a. Charitable activities

	2023 Direct £	2023 Support £	2023 Total £	2022 Direct £	2022 Support £	2022 Total £
Conferences, lectures and other events	8,112	37,761	45,873	7,756	30,283	38,039
Journal	1,709	11,361	13,070	6,662	26,254	32,916
Newsletters	2,085	13,894	15,979	1,574	6,134	7,708
Website	750	4,986	5,736	1,286	5,020	6,306
Student work	949	6,309	7,258	0	0	0
Other	33	219	252	2,582	10,445	13,027
Governance (see below)	-	1,205	1,205	-	1,073	1,073
	13,638	**75,735**	**89,373**	**19,860**	**79,209**	**99,069**

Governance costs include independent examination fee of £1,205 (2022 – £1,073).

2. RESOURCES EXPENDED (continued)

b. Support costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Development Officer, Executive Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, employment and related costs	69,842	68,500
Administrative costs and insurance	5,893	10,709
	75,735	79,209

Support costs are apportioned according to time spent by the Development Officer, Executive Officer, Secretary and Treasurer.

3. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs were as follows:		
Wages and salaries (gross)	64,123	62,424
Social security costs (employer NI)	-	790
Pension costs	5,719	5,286
	69,842	68,500

No employee earned more than £60,000 per annum.
Due to the size of the Charity all its staff together with the directors are considered key management and the remuneration of key management that are not directors is shown above.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

2023	2022
4	4

The directors wish to acknowledge with thanks that a great deal of unpaid work was done by various people, without which the charity could not have functioned successfully.

4. DIRECTORS' EXPENSES AND DONATIONS

The directors receive no remuneration or expenses for acting as trustees, but can claim for reimbursement of expenses incurred while acting for the company/charity. The total reimbursement of expenses was £950 (2022 - £0).

5. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	1,537	2,092
	1,537	2,092

Accruals includes £397 (2022 - £464) of outstanding pension contributions and £0 of outstanding PAYE and National Insurance contributions (2022 - £602)

6. RESTRICTED FUNDS CONSISTED OF A DONATION TOWARDS THE COST OF EMPLOYING A DEVELOPMENT OFFICER AND A DONATION FOR STUDENT WORK FROM 'TRANSFORMING THE MIND'

	2023 £	2022 £
Balance brought forward	3,288	-
2023 donation (including Gift Aid towards Development Officer's salary	2,000	-
Transfer from unrestricted funds	3,982	13,450
Resources expended	(9,270)	(10,162)
Balance carried forward	0	3,288

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- To stimulate responsible Christian attitudes and action towards care for the environment

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

In order to fulfil our aims we arrange the following for our members:

Literature and resources: The journal *Science and Christian Belief* is provided for all members (paper (up to October 2022), online or both). A newsletter (*PréCiS*) is sent several times during the year and includes articles and information about forthcoming events, conferences, and publications. Our website, also accessible via an App, provides access to a large number of growing, additional resources. A monthly news update is sent to all members with online access, with an additional monthly newsletter sent to our student members. Leaflets addressing key questions of science and faith are produced for free distribution, especially to students and churches. Video resources from our conferences and sometimes our local group activities are also made available on our YouTube channel.

Conferences: Two day-long conferences are held, one in Spring and the other in Autumn. These conferences, formerly the Northern and Southern Conferences respectively, have been renamed to avoid fostering any sense of a north-south divide and to encourage participants from all regions. In addition, the former annual Student Conference has been renamed as the Connect Conference to embrace early career scientists as well as students.

Local groups, student groups and networking: Much of the work and influence of CiS occurs through local groups. We encourage the formation of local groups for mutual support and fellowship, and for furthering the aims of CiS. The local groups organise a range of meetings, lectures and other events. In 2022 CiS established an active online networking group for those organizations engaged in science-Christianity public engagement activities in the UK.

Competitions and Prizes: We continue to run our annual Student Essay competition and Oliver Barclay Lectureship competition to engage student and early-career scientists.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Overview

The activities of CiS have followed the pattern of former years, being based around Local Group activity and key events such as conferences and annual competitions. The after-effects of the Covid pandemic continued to have an impact on activity at the local group level with many groups having difficulty in restarting and several groups becoming dormant owing to retirement of the lead person in the area. The age structure of Local Group leadership continues to be a problem as more elderly leaders retire or need support from younger colleagues. A fund-raising effort was made by appeal to members for additional donations and this yielded only a modest increase in giving that fell short of the sum needed to off-set the year-on-year deficit. A bid for funding to the John Templeton Foundation was unsuccessful. Grant funding from UK-based charitable Trusts will be sought to maintain the staffing level required to support the activities of the Development Officer and Executive Officer. Engagement with students has been pursued by the new Development Officer, Jack Alderson, whilst developing collaborative links with the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship, UCCF. Engagement with students and early career scientists with CiS has been achieved by the Student Essay Competition and the Oliver Barclay Lectureship awarded to an emerging communicator on Science and Faith.
Following a successful conference bringing together several of the main organizations active in the Science and Religion field in the UK a regular online meeting, as noted above, has been established at which information sharing between the various organisations is facilitated. This is proving helpful and worthwhile for all concerned.

Membership

Last year's figures are in brackets. The current fee-paying membership is 565 (620), of which 77 (89) are Associate Members. This figure includes 19 (13) Early Career Members and 6 (16) Student Members. In addition, there are 19 (27) free (first membership year) student members, and 53 (50) complimentary long-term members. There are 64 (66) Friends, but currently this is also including ex-members who wish to stay in touch.

Membership Fees totalled £24,966 (£25,589) and Donations £20,935 (£29,605), excluding donations made through CAF/Stewardship.

We ran an appeal in Nov 2022 for members to increase their regular donations which resulted in an expected annual increase of £6,904 for 2023.

Conferences, Lectures and Events

The 2022 Spring Conference was held at St John's College, Durham on the theme of "Science, Faith and Public Engagement".

Speakers were:-

- Bob White
- God and the Big Bang
- UCCF Science Network
- The Faraday Institute
- Equipping Christian Leadership in an Age of Science

The 2022 Autumn Conference was to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Donald M MacKay on the theme "The Clockwork Image – Humanity, Artificial Intelligence and God"

Speakers were:-

- Malcolm Jeeves CBE: Donald MacKay's earliest links with RSCF/CIS : 1940's to 1960's – Some personal reflections.
- Dr Stuart Judge: Human Science and Human Dignity reconsidered.
- Prof George Coghill: Donald MacKay's Logical Indeterminism – God, Freedom and Artificial Intelligence
- Oliver Barclay lecture 2022 winner – Dr Zachary Ardern: Why does evolution work?
- Prof Paul Ewart: Faith in Science – Does science succeed, and faith fail?

Sadly the 2022 Connect conference was cancelled.

Publications and Social Media

The journal, Science and Christian Belief, is published twice a year and is available to all CiS members in digital format online. This was the last year for a printed paper copy. It continues to be available online.
The CiS newsletter PréCiS, published four times a year, is posted to all UK based members and to those members who opted to pay the postage supplement mentioned for the journal. A PDF version of the PreCiS is freely available to all on the CiS website.
A monthly news Update is circulated by email to all members who have online access, and a student version is sent to all student members (including free student members) via MailChimp.
Individual CiS members continued to publish books and contribute articles to magazines and journals in 2022 and spoke on Science-Faith issues in churches, at conferences, schools, festivals and in the media, both in the UK and abroad. In 2022 the online radio station TWR-UK produced a 13-part series about CiS and science/faith, interviewing over a dozen of our members as part of this.

We continue to maintain a presence on social media via various digital platforms – Facebook, twitter, Instagram etc.

Local Groups

The total of groups is 19 at the end of 2022. These are located in Bristol, Dundee, Edinburgh, Harrow, Huddersfield, Ipswich, Ireland, Manchester, Norwich, Oxford, Reading, Sheffield, South West, Southampton, St Andrews, Surrey, Tyneside and Northumberland, West Midlands, Worcester and York.

These are all informally affiliated to CiS and are in large part self-supporting, except for the Southampton group which is formally affiliated, and its finances have been included in this report.

We continue to meet regularly with our Local Group leaders online to provide prayer and technical support for running events remotely.

Development and Student Work

The Development Officer has continued to encourage students by sending monthly updates to student members to promote events and opportunities to be involved in. These activities include the following.

- The maintenance of a CiS YouTube Channel with recordings of this year's talks and conferences. We have used this as a platform to support Local Group events and recordings.
- Oliver Barclay lecture. This is given to a "rising star" in Science / Faith Communication who is under the age of 35. In 2022, this was awarded to Dr Zachary Arden who presented his lecture on "Why does evolution work?" at the Autumn Conference as described above.

The Development Officer continued to develop collaborative relationships with other Science and Religion groups in the UK and with UCCF, including God and the Big Bang, European Leadership Forum and regular Festival events around the UK.

Society Officers

Stephanie Bevan, our part time (3 days per week) Development Officer, continued to work in her role for the first few months of 2022.

Jack Alderson took over as our Development Officer in July 2022 also part time, but now 2 days per week.

Mary Browett, our full time Executive Officer, continued to manage much of the routine administrative work of CiS with great efficiency and skill, acting as the first point of contact by many of those approaching CiS for further information, assistance etc.

Dr Gavin Merrifield took over the role of General Secretary at the end of 2021. Gavin has worked very hard to learn the many aspects of and fulfil this role. The Gen. Sec. acts also as Secretary to the Trustees, and receives modest remuneration as does our Treasurer, Stephen Walley.

We are extremely grateful for the hard work and diligence of our committee member Roger Tucker as he stepped in to cover the role of Membership Secretary owing to David Scott's ill-health.

We are grateful also to our other members of the Committee and Trustees for their advice, guidance and support.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the membership was held at the Autumn Conference joint with online participation. AGM papers sent to CiS members and all members were happy to accept the reports with no questions raised.
The minutes are available on application to the Secretary at the registered address.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The activities that are undertaken provide public benefit in the following ways:

1. By helping believers to integrate their faith with the science they learn from the media and other sources of information.
2. By promoting the understanding of science among Christian communities.
3. By exploring the ethical implications of new scientific discoveries.
4. By helping science students integrate their religious beliefs with the science they learn in their courses.
5. By giving church leaders opportunities to learn more of the importance of science in today's world.
6. By providing support and encouragement for scientists who are Christians.

These contributions are made by means of:

- Conferences.
- Lectures.
- Discussion groups.
- Through the newsletter, journal, open access website and digital platforms.
- There are free and reduced membership rates for students and others with difficult circumstances.
- Publication and free distribution of a series of leaflets aimed at students, and another series for church members and the general public.
- Most conference talks are made available on the CiS YouTube channel, as are some of the presentations to local groups. All these are accessible to all and are provided free.
- CiS members speaking and writing on Science / Faith issues in the media.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The rejection by the John Templeton Foundation of our application for funding has accentuated the worsening financial situation of CiS and, if not ameliorated by a successful bid to an alternative funding source will require a curtailment of activity and reduction of salaried staff numbers. A bid for funding to the Benefact Trust (formerly The All Churches Trust) is being submitted to provide partial support of salaried staff engaged on a programme to support and expand local group activities to engage more directly with local churches and to revitalize those groups that have been weakened by the effects of the Covid pandemic.

A Strategy Sub-Committee has been reconvened to plan for sustainable funding and/or restructuring to ensure the work of CiS can continue in the absence of grant funding. Experience of the recent efforts to recruit more members and Friends together with the effort to seek support from local churches through the Affiliation scheme will be borne in mind as they indicate the limits of what can be achieved through activity of ordinary CiS members.

Cost-saving measures such as moving the publication of Science and Christian Belief journal to online only, have been made and may need to be supplemented by further increase in membership subscription to make up for recent inflation-induced increases in costs.

Stronger and more collaborative links have been forged with the other main Science and Religion organizations in the UK, ECLAS, God and the Big Bang, The Faith Experiment, UCCF etc. It is the intention to focus the work with UCCF on attracting recent graduates and early career scientists to join CiS and thus both expand the membership base and secure the next generation of active CiS members.

FINANCE REVIEW AND RESERVES POLICY

Total income for the year was £66,003. Unrestricted income came in as follows: £60,166 came in via our Bank of Scotland checking account (this includes £2,440 Gift Aid on a donation made in 2021 to cover the salary of the Development Officer, £8,983 came in via PayPal, and interest payments amounted to £94 from CAF and £395 from Charity Bank. Voluntary income was £60,169 (there was no income from CiS Southampton in 2022). Note that £15,919 was transferred to our Bank of Scotland account from Stewardship when our account with them was closed on February 8.

Expenditure on charitable activities amounted to £99,069 (2021 - £103,953), of which £10,162 was from a donation given to cover the Development Officer's salary (2021 £0).

The net effect was an overall deficit for the year of £33,066 (the 2021 deficit was £37,563).

Reserves policy. The trustees, after careful discussion, consider that £80,000 constitutes a sufficient reserve to meet our commitments at present staffing levels. This will be regularly reviewed as commitments change. At the end of 2022 the charity's overall funds stood at £146,249 (of which £3,288 remained from two legacies, £1,000 was a gift for work among students (Gift Aid of £250 was claimed on this donation in 2023), and £2,038 was the remainder of a gift-aidable donation given in 2021 to cover the Development Officer's salary for 2022-2023). Note Gift Aid of £2,440 on this donation was received from HMRC on January 7, 2022.

RISK

The directors continue to monitor the major risks to which the charity is exposed. They are of the opinion that appropriate decisions have been taken to minimise these risks as far as is possible.

STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the Company's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the period-end. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- adopt the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue on that basis.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 23 August 2023 and signed as authorised on their behalf by:

Professor Bill Clegg
Chair of the Board of Trustees

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 10 to 14.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity's trustees of the company (and also the directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act')

Having been satisfied that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under s. 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission under s.145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' STATEMENT

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

(1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by s.386 of the 2006 Act;
(2) the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
(3) The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of s.396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination;

or:

(4) The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement Recommended Practice for the accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102))

Ian W Shipley FCCA

for and on behalf of
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Chartered Accountants &
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24th August 2023

CHRISTIANS IN SCIENCE

COMPANY NUMBER: 05959444

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including Income & Expenditure Account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 Unrestr-icted £	2022 Restr-icted £	2022 Total £	2021 Unrestr-icted £	2021 Restr-icted £	2021 Total £
INCOME							
Donations	1a	60,169	-	60,169	59,054	-	59,054
Charitable activities	1b	5,345	-	5,345	6,963	-	6,963
Investment		489	-	489	373	-	373
TOTAL INCOME		**66,003**	**-**	**66,003**	**66,390**	**-**	**66,390**
EXPENDITURE							
Charitable activities	2	88,907	10,162	99,069	103,953	-	103,953
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**88,907**	**10,162**	**99,069**	**103,953**	**-**	**103,953**
NET EXPENDITURE AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		(22,904)	(10,162)	(33,066)	(37,563)	-	(37,563)
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		(13,450)	13,450	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR AFTER TRANSFERS		(36,354)	3,288	(33,066)	(37,563)	-	(37,563)
RECONCILATION OF FUNDS							
Total Funds brought forward		179,315	-	179,315	216,878	-	216,878
Total Funds carried forward		**142,961**	**3,288**	**146,249**	**179,315**	-	**179,315**

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		2,177	2,419
Debtors (Gift Aid)		8,915	2,440
Cash at bank		137,249	175,910
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**148,341**	**180,769**
LIABILITIES			
CREDITORS – amounts falling due within one year	5	(2,092)	(1,454)
NET CURRENT ASSETS & NET ASSETS		**146,249**	**179,315**
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted		142,961	179,315
Restricted	6	3,288	-
		146,249	**179,315**

For the year ending 31 December 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts
- these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the Board of Directors of Christians in Science on 23 August 2023 and signed on their behalf by

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The notes on pages 11 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these financial statements. 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 to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)(issued October 2019 and effective 1st January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Incoming Resources
Grants, where conditions have been met to establish entitlement, are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. Grants where conditions establishing entitlement have not yet been met are deferred. Other voluntary income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis where receipt is assured with reasonable certainty and is receivable at the balance sheet date.

Interest Receivable

Interest receivable is included within the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis.

Resources Expended

Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting income and the costs of any activities which are primarily for fundraising purposes.

Governance costs include expenditure on general administration, and expenditure on management and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs have been allocated on the basis of usage of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is included with the category of expenses to which it relates.

Stock
Stock consists of books, leaflets and journals. These are valued at historic cost, except for older stocks of leaflets and periodicals which were marked at lesser or nil value.

Taxation
Christians in Science is a registered charity and as such is exempt from income tax and corporation tax on its charitable activities under the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

Pension Contributions
Christians in Science provides pensions for employees through The People's Pension master trust. Full time employees are auto enrolled and the charity provides a sum equivalent to 10% of gross basic salary. Employees who opt out have their contributions paid into another pension fund of their choice. Part time employees, whose earnings are below the threshold for compulsory auto enrolment, may choose to be enrolled voluntarily with the People's Pension, in which case the charity will contribute the statutory minimum (currently 2% of salary). Contributions by the charity are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become due. As it is a defined contribution scheme, the charity has no obligation or commitment other than the payment of the annual contribution.

Cash Flow Statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 SORP for small charities not to prepare a cash flow statement.

1. INCOME

a. Donations

	2022 £	2021 £
Unrestricted		
Donations from individuals (excluding Gift Aid but including legacies)	47,486	54,844
Donations from churches	500	500
Subscriptions (including institutional)	3,174	3,233
Gift Aid (2021 and 2022)	8,915	374
Amazon Smile	94	113
	60,169	**59,054**

b. Income from charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Conference fees	5,252	3,658
Literature sales	93	3,305
	5,345	**6,963**

2. RESOURCES EXPENDED

a. Charitable activities

	2022 Direct £	2022 Support £	2022 Total £	2021 Direct £	2021 Support £	2021 Total £
Conferences, lectures and other events	7,756	30,283	38,039	4,129	7,656	11,785
Journal	6,662	26,254	32,916	7,511	29,100	36,611
Newsletters	1,574	6,134	7,708	2,083	9,299	11,382
Website	1,286	5,020	6,306	4,335	18,897	23,232
Student work	0	0	0	1,910	8,527	10,437
Other	2,582	10,445	13,027	3,639	5,879	9,518
Governance (see below)	-	1,073	1,073	-	988	988
	19,860	**79,209**	**99,069**	**23,607**	**80,346**	**103,953**

Governance costs include independent examination fee of £1,073 (2021 - £988).

2. RESOURCES EXPENDED (continued)

b. Support costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Development Officer, Executive Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, employment and related costs	68,500	76,259
Administrative costs and insurance	10,709	4,087
	79,209	80,346

Support costs are apportioned according to time spent by the Development Officer, Executive Officer, Secretary and Treasurer.

3. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs were as follows:		
Wages and salaries (gross)	62,424	70,345
Social security costs (employer NI)	790	756
Pension costs	5,286	5,158
	68,500	76,259

No employee earned more than £60,000 per annum.
Due to the size of the Charity all its staff together with the directors are considered key management and the remuneration of key management that are not directors is shown above.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

2022	2021
4	4

The directors wish to acknowledge with thanks that a great deal of unpaid work was done by various people, without which the charity could not have functioned successfully.

4. DIRECTORS' EXPENSES AND DONATIONS

The directors receive no remuneration or expenses for acting as trustees, but can claim for reimbursement of expenses incurred while acting for the company/charity. The total reimbursement of expenses was £0 (2021 - £0).

Directors made donations totalling £2,500 in 2022 (from 5 directors) (2021 - £13,130 from 5 directors).

5. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals	2,092	1,454
	2,092	1,454

Accruals includes £464 (2021 - £501) of outstanding pension contributions and £602 of outstanding PAYE and National Insurance contributions (2021 - £0)

6. RESTRICTED FUNDS (DONATION TO COVER EMPLOYMENT OF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER) AND A DONATION FOR STUDENT WORK

	2022 £	2021 £
Balance brought forward	-	-
Transfer from unrestricted funds	13,450	-
Resources expended	(10,162)	-
Balance carried forward	3,288	-

This sum is the £2,038 residue of a gift to cover the Development Officer's salary and a gift of £1,250 (including gift aid) for student work.

CHRISTIANS IN SCIENCE

England & Wales - Charity number 1121422

Accounts

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2021

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

DIRECTORS / TRUSTEES	Prof. Berry Billingsley Prof. Bill Clegg Prof. Paul Ewart (chair of CiS Committee) Prof. Andrew Halestrap Mr Jos Moule Prof. Euan Nisbet Prof. John Wood, CBE (Chair of Board of Trustees) Ms Angela Lynas
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN	Prof. Paul Ewart
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	Memorandum and Articles of Association adopted by written special resolution passed on 31 December 2013.
REGISTERED AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE	Veale Wasbrough Vizards Narrow Quay House Narrow Quay Bristol BS1 4QA
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BANKERS - MAIN	Bank of Scotland plc 33 Old Broad Street London BX2 1LB
BANKERS - SUBSIDIARY	PayPal (for receiving funds only) The Charity Bank (deposit account) CAF Bank (deposit account) Stewardship (deposit account)

CHRISTIANS IN SCIENCE

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GENERAL ACTIVITIES

In order to fulfil our aims we arrange the following for our members:

Literature and resources: The journal *Science and Christian Belief* is provided for all members (paper, online or both). A newsletter (*PréCiS*) is sent several times during the year and includes articles and information about forthcoming events, conferences, and publications. Our website, also accessible via an App, provides access to a large number of additional resources. A monthly news update is sent to all members with online access, with an additional monthly newsletter sent to our student members. Leaflets addressing key questions of science and faith are produced for free distribution, especially to students and churches.

Conferences: Two day-long conferences are held, one in Spring and the other in Autumn. These conferences, formerly the Northern and Southern Conferences respectively, have been renamed to avoid fostering any sense of a north-south divide and to encourage participants from all regions. In addition, the former annual Student Conference has been renamed as the Connect Conference to embrace early career scientists as well as students.

Local groups and student groups: Much of the work and influence of CiS occurs through local groups. We encourage the formation of local groups for mutual support and fellowship, and for furthering the aims of CiS. The local groups organise a range of meetings, lectures and other events.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Overview
Following the end of the grant from the Templeton Religion Trust on 30th June 2020 attention was focussed on developing a sustainable income base that would enable the work to be less dependent upon grant funding. A call to existing members to invite new members was made in September 2020 and during the final quarter of 2020 approaches were made to the main protestant denominations in the UK seeking their support for local congregations to become Affiliated to CiS and thereby to support us financially. Members were encouraged to ask their own local church to consider supporting CiS by becoming an affiliated church and the new membership category of Friend of CiS was introduced. These fundraising efforts and other activities were severely affected by the restrictions imposed in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The number of new members, 42, was encouraging but this is largely off-set by the 37 members who did not renew their membership within 6 months of the due date. Only two local churches were welcomed as Affiliated Churches.

Membership
The current fee-paying membership is 620 – a fall from 761 last year, and includes 89 Associate Members. There are 13 Early Career Members, compared to 28 last year and a total of 43 Student Members of which 27 have free membership. The number of Friends is now 66, a significant increase from 5 in the previous year.

There are an additional 89 free student subscriptions and 300 people receive our regular email communications by MailChimp. Complimentary copies of the journal are sent to 50 individuals and institutions.

Conferences, Lectures and Events

The **Connect conference** was held online on 26/27th February 2021 on the theme of "*Coping with Controversy*" and was attended by 32 people. The speakers were,

Prof Gareth Jones (Keynote) – **Coping with Controversy**
Prof Adrian Thatcher – **Theology, Sexuality and Controversy**
Dr Cherryl Hunt – **Abortion: Controversy? What controversy?**
Revd. Dr. Joanna Collicutt – **Mental Health: I'm not supposed to feel like this – am I?**

Dr Anna Pearson, winner of the 2020 Oliver Barclay Lecturer Award contributed to the Q&A Panel with the other speakers.

The Spring Conference was held online on 7/8th May on the theme of *"Online Digital Theology and the Church"* with 50 online attendees and the following speakers,

Brains, Minds and Artificial Intelligence – Prof Steve Furber
Too much information? – Andrew Graystone –
What would Jesus post? – David Robertson
Digital Church in a post-COVID world – Peter Phillips
Post-digital afterlife and the Spiritual Realm – Maggi Savin-Baden

Oliver Barclay Lecture:
Quantum Mechanics, Faith and Unresolved Questions – Dr Anna Pearson

The Autumn Conference provided the first trial of running a hybrid meeting i.e. an in-person conference that was simultaneously live-streamed to an online audience. The Conference was held at Emmanuel Church, South Croydon and was attended 30 in person and by 70 online. The conference theme of "The Climate Crisis: a Christian Response" was addressed in the following talks,

Climate Change; Methane, the warming breath – Prof Euan Nisbet
Climate Justice – Dr Ruth Valerio
Climate Action – Hannah Malcolm
Climate Hacking – Prof Meric Srokosz
Oliver Barclay Lecture. Viruses: connecting climate and human identity – Dr Mirjam Schilling

CiS exhibited at the Exhibition associated with the COP26 meeting in Glasgow in November 2021 and invited The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion and the John Ray initiative to share the exhibit space.

Technical support was provided, by the Development Officer to the CiS Ireland group to assist live-streaming of the Walton Lecture by Professor Stephen Williams. The lecture was recorded and has been viewed 174 times on the CiS YouTube channel. The Development Officer also spoke at the Sidmouth Science Festival which, although a secular event, welcomed the participation of CiS.

Publications and Social Media
The journal, *Science and Christian Belief*, is published twice a year and is available to all CiS members in digital format online. There is an option to pay a small supplement for postage and receive printed copies.

The CiS newsletter *PréCiS*, published four times a year, is posted to all UK based members and to those members who opted to pay the postage supplement mentioned for the journal. A PDF version of the *PreCiS* is freely available to all on the CiS website.

A monthly news Update is circulated by email to all members who have online access, and a student version is sent to all *student* members (including free student members) via MailChimp.

A new booklet *'Being a Christian in Psychology'* written by Dr Joanna Collicutt and student author, Laura Pellegrini, was published this year.

Individual CiS members continued to publish books and contribute articles to magazines and journals in 2021 and spoke on Science-Faith issues in churches, at conferences, schools, festivals and in the media, both in the UK and abroad.

We continue to maintain a presence on social media via various digital platforms with the following statistics,

Youtube: 534 subscribers
Instagram: 659 followers
Facebook: 2,941 followers
Twitter: 2,594 followers

The list of CiS speakers was updated and a subgroup identified as willing to be contacted for quick responses to requests from the media.

Local Groups and Educators Groups

A number of local groups became inactive during 2021. This was due to varied reasons – ill health, increased time demands and Covid 19 restrictions.

This brought the total of groups to **19** at the end of 2021. These are located in Bristol, Dundee, Edinburgh, Harrow, Huddersfield, Ipswich, Ireland, Manchester, Norwich, Oxford, Reading, Sheffield, South West, Southampton, St Andrews, Surrey, Tyneside and Northumberland, West Midlands, Worcester and York.

These are all informally affiliated to CiS and are in large part self-supporting, except for the Southampton group which is formally affiliated, and its finances have been included in this report.

Local groups, other bodies and individuals may apply for small grants (usually of less than £200) for specific purposes, provided that the purposes are fully within CiS's Charitable Objects. No specific local group grants were applied for this year.

In the wake of Covid, we have begun meeting more regularly with our Local Group leaders online to provide prayer and technical support for running events remotely. These have been well received.

A webinar was held for local group leaders led by Paul Ewart and Ian Benson on "The Gospel in a scientific culture". In addition several online meetings, organized by the Development Officer were held for CiS members who are School Science Teachers.

Development and Student Work

The Development Officer has continued to encourage students by sending monthly updates to student members to promote events and opportunities to be involved in. These activities include the following.

- The maintenance of a CiS YouTube Channel with recordings of past talks and conferences. We have used this as a platform to support Local Group events and recordings, including hosting this year's Walton Lecture for the Ireland section.
- Successful essay competition. Ten entries were received and first, second and third prizes were awarded of £500, £250 rand £100 respectively. The essays are available on the CiS website.
- *Oliver Barclay lecture* This is given to a "rising star" in Science / Faith Communication who is under the age of 35 and was awarded to Dr Mirjam Schilling who presented her lecture on "Viruses: connecting climate and human identity" at the Autumn Conference as described above.

The Development Officer continued to develop collaborative relationships with other Science and Religion groups in the UK and with UCCF, including God and the Big Bang, European Leadership Forum and regular Festival events such as New Wine and Word Alive.

Society Officers

Stephanie Bevan, our part time (3 days per week) Development Officer, continued to work effectively in spite of the restrictions imposed during the Covid pandemic. She pioneered successful live streaming of all our events, both national and local as well as continuing other aspects of the DO role. The result has been a significant increase in our reach as people have joined in world-wide. Mary Browett, our full time Executive Officer, continued to manage much of the routine administrative work of CiS with great efficiency and skill, acting as the first point of contact by many of those approaching CiS for further information, assistance etc. We continued to benefit from the excellent services of our General Secretary, Diana Briggs, and were very sad to see her retire from her role at the end of 2021. We are immensely grateful to Diana for here faithful and effective guidance as General Secretary for many years and for her generous support for the incoming General Secretary, Dr Gavin Merrifield. The Gen. Sec. acts also as Secretary to the Trustees, and receives modest remuneration as does our Treasurer, Stephen Walley. We were also extremely grateful for the hard work and diligence of our Membership Secretary, David Scott, who has had to retire owing to ill-health. A new membership secretary is to be appointed early in 2022. We are grateful also to and other members of the Committee and Trustees for their advice, guidance and support.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the membership was held in-person at the Autumn Conference with online participation. AGM papers sent to CiS members and all members were happy to accept the reports with no questions raised.
The minutes are available on application to the Secretary at the registered address.

Public Benefit
The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The activities that are undertaken provide public benefit in the following ways:
1. By helping believers to integrate their faith with the science they learn from the media and other sources of information.
2. By promoting the understanding of science among (faith) Christian communities.
3. By exploring the ethical implications of new scientific discoveries.
4. By helping science students integrate their religious beliefs with the science they learn in their courses.
5. By giving church leaders opportunities to learn more of the importance of science in today's world.
6. By providing support and encouragement for scientists who are Christians.

These contributions are made by means of:
- Conferences.
- Lectures.
- Discussion groups.
- Through the newsletter, journal, open access website and digital platforms.
- Bursaries are offered for meetings for which there is a registration fee.
- There are free and reduced membership rates for students and others with difficult circumstances.
- Publication and free distribution of a series of leaflets aimed at students, and another series for church members and the general public.
- Most conference talks are made available on the CiS web site, as are some of the presentations to local groups. All these are accessible to all and are provided free.
- CiS members speaking and writing on Science / Faith issues in the media.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

With the termination of the grant from the Templeton Religion Trust (TRT) in 2020 the need for sustainable funding has become a matter of some urgency in order to maintain the work and support our Development Officer and Executive Officer as well as providing modest remuneration of our Treasurer and General Secretary. This is essential if we are to adequately support our expanding work which puts heavy demands on our voluntary staff. The employment of an Executive Officer since July 2015 led to a significant increase in the efficiency with which CiS is administered and we see this position as essential as the work of CiS expands if we are to be effective in fulfilling our aims and charitable objectives. Financial support for all our salaried staff ultimately needs to be met by increased subscriptions and donations from our membership and/or by new grant funding.

The plans to restructure membership categories in order to encourage support from a wider base by creating a new membership category of Friend of CiS were impeded by the Covid pandemic and will require a re-launch. In addition, our efforts to attract support from local churches by inviting them to join CiS as an Affiliated Church will need to be renewed post-pandemic. It is planned to relaunch these initiatives as we emerge from the pandemic restrictions. Given the current difficulties and the time it is likely to take for these initiatives to bear fruit, it was thought necessary to seek grant funding for the next three years whilst the additional funding means are built up to a self-sustaining level. Accordingly, a proposal was made to the John Templeton Foundation in August 2021 as an Online Funding Inquiry, OFI, for funding to support a project to develop hybrid events that would provide core elements of a regular programme for local groups. These events, such as a public lecture given by a prominent speaker, would be hosted by one of the stronger regional groups and live-streamed to local groups nationwide. This project would build on the experience of running such events during the pandemic and use them to re-invigorate those local groups that were declining in activity owing to lack of resources and local leadership. An additional aim of this programme will be to provide local groups with activities that will engage the public and local churches. The engagement of local churches will aid in promoting the Affiliation scheme so that churches will be encouraged to offer financial and prayer support.

We will also actively seek to broaden our appeal and especially our engagement with the next generation by encouraging cooperative involvement with UCCF and especially students graduating into early career positions. Encouragement will be given to our members to utilise their knowledge in new settings such as blog posts, podcasts, webinars etc and in enhancing our publicity and its wider distribution within the Christian community. In seeking to achieve these aims, we will, where appropriate, explore opportunities to co-operate with other like-minded organisations in producing new resources and in collaborative projects. Discussions leading to such future collaboration have been initiated with UCCF (Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship), The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, ECLAS (Equipping Christian Leaders in an Age of Science), God and the Big Bang and the Christian Medical Fellowship.

In addition, we will continue to subsidise attendance at and travel to CiS Conferences by students and early career scientists and provide bursaries for appropriate courses and training events relating to Science and Faith. We will also continue to run our annual essay competition for students and host an annual "Oliver Barclay Lecture" at our conferences, awarded competitively to a promising science/faith communicator under the age of 35. In addition, we will further promote our support network for early career scientists by offering to link them with more experienced "mentors" and provision of bursaries to attend appropriate training / teaching events.

FINANCE REVIEW AND RESERVES POLICY

Total income for the year was £66,390. (2020 - £58,913) Unrestricted income came in as follows: £58,503 came in via our Bank of Scotland checking account (this includes £3,048 Gift Aid for 2020), £7,525 came in via PayPal, and interest payments amounted to £34.50 from CAF, £68.63 from Stewardship, and £258.77 from Charity Bank. Voluntary income was £66,017 (there was no income from CiS Southampton in 2021).

Expenditure on charitable activities amounted to £103,953 (2020 - £106,197), of which £0 was from restricted funds (2020 £40,374).

The net effect was an overall deficit for the year of £37,563 (the 2020 deficit was £47,284, the 2019 deficit was £56,137).

Reserves policy. The trustees, after careful discussion, consider that £80,000 constitutes a sufficient reserve to meet our commitments at present staffing levels. This will be regularly reviewed as commitments change. At the end of 2021 the charity's overall funds stood at £179,315 (of which £11,000 was from two legacies, £1,000 was a gift for work among students, and £9,760 was a gift-aided donation to cover the Development Officer's salary for 2022) which is about 20 months' expenditure at normal levels.

RISK

The directors continue to monitor the major risks to which the charity is exposed. They are of the opinion that appropriate decisions have been taken to minimise these risks as far as is possible.

STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company and charity law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the Company's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the period-end. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and with applicable accounting standards and statement of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Directors on August 8, 2022 and signed as authorised on their behalf by:

J. Wood

Prof J Wood
Chair of the Board of Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity's trustees of the company (and also the directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act')

Having been satisfied that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under s. 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission under s.145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

(1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by s.386 of the 2006 Act;
(2) the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
(3) The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of s.396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination;

or:

(4) The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement Recommended Practice for the accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102))

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.

Ian W Shipley FCCA

for and on behalf of
Prentis & Co LLP
Chartered Accountants &
Independent Examiners
115C Milton Road
Cambridge
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24th August 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(including Income & Expenditure Account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 Unrestr-icted £	2021 Restr-icted £	2021 Total £	2020 Unrestr-icted £	2020 Restr-icted £	2020 Total £
INCOME							
Donations	1a	59,054	-	59,054	53,464	-	53,464
Charitable activities	1b	6,963	-	6,963	4,652	-	4,652
Investment		373	-	373	797	-	797
TOTAL INCOME		**66,390**	**-**	**66,390**	**58,913**	**-**	**58,913**
EXPENDITURE							
Charitable activities	2	103,953	-	103,953	65,823	40,374	106,197
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**103,953**	**-**	**103,953**	**65,823**	**40,374**	**106,197**
NET /(EXPENDITURE) AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		(37,563)	-	(37,563)	(6,910)	(40,374)	(47,284)
RECONCILATION OF FUNDS							
Total Funds brought forward		216,878	-	216,878	223,788	40,374	264,162
Total Funds carried forward		**179,315**	**-**	**179,315**	**216,878**	**-**	**216,878**

The notes on pages 13 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock (including Southampton CiS)		2,419	3,082
Debtors (Gift Aid)		2,440	8,761
Cash at bank		175,910	206,743
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**180,769**	**218,586**
LIABILITIES			
CREDITORS – amounts falling due within one year	5	(1,454)	(1,708)
NET CURRENT ASSETS & NET ASSETS		**179,315**	**216,878**
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted (including Southampton CiS)	6	179,315	216,878
		179,315	**216,878**

The directors consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of Section 477(1) of the Companies Act 2006. Members have not required the company under Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006, to obtain an audit for the year ended 31 December 2021. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 December 2021 and of its deficit for the year ended in accordance with the requirements of the Act relating to the financial statements as far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to the companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, were approved by the Board of Directors of Christians in Science on August 8, 2022 and signed on their behalf by

J. Wood

Prof J Wood
Chair of the Board of Trustees

The notes on pages 13 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these financial statements. 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 to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)(issued October 2019 and effective 1st January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Incoming Resources
Grants, where conditions have been met to establish entitlement, are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. Grants where conditions establishing entitlement have not yet been met are deferred. Other voluntary income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis where receipt is assured with reasonable certainty and is receivable at the balance sheet date.

Interest Receivable

Interest receivable is included within the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis.

Resources Expended

Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting income and the costs of any activities which are primarily for fundraising purposes.

Governance costs include expenditure on general administration, and expenditure on management and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs have been allocated on the basis of usage of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is included with the category of expenses to which it relates.

Stock
Stock consists of books, leaflets and journals. These are valued at historic cost, except for older stocks of leaflets and periodicals which were marked at lesser or nil value.

Taxation
Christians in Science is a registered charity and as such is exempt from income tax and corporation tax on its charitable activities under the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

Pension Contributions
Christians in Science provides pensions for employees through The People's Pension master trust. Full time employees are auto enrolled and the charity provides a sum equivalent to 10% of gross basic salary. Employees who opt out have their contributions paid into another pension fund of their choice. Part time employees, whose earnings are below the threshold for compulsory auto enrolment, may choose to be enrolled voluntarily with the People's Pension, in which case the charity will contribute the statutory minimum (currently 2% of salary). Contributions by the charity are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become due. As it is a defined contribution scheme, the charity has no obligation or commitment other than the payment of the annual contribution.

Cash Flow Statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 SORP for small charities not to prepare a cash flow statement.

1. INCOME

a. Donations

	2021 £	2020 £
Unrestricted		
Donations from individuals (excluding Gift Aid but including legacies)	54,844	38,339
Donations from churches	500	-
Subscriptions (including institutional)	3,223	14,939
Gift Aid	374	-
Amazon Smile	113	186
	59,054	53,464

b. Income from charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Conference fees	3,658	4,652
Literature sales	3,305	-
	6,963	4,652

2. RESOURCES EXPENDED

a. Charitable activities

	2021 Direct £	2021 Support £	2021 Total £	2020 Direct £	2020 Support £	2020 Total £
Conferences, lectures and other events	4,129	7,656	11,785	3,910	14,285	18,195
Journal	7,511	29,100	36,611	10,756	27,198	37,954
Newsletters	2,083	9,299	11,382	4,422	16,156	20,578
Website	4,335	18,897	23,232	2,491	9,101	11,592
Student work	1,910	8,527	10,437	2,433	8,889	11,322
Other	3,639	5,879	9,518	1,214	4,435	5,649
Governance (See below)	-	988	988	-	907	907
	23,607	80,346	103,953	25,226	80,971	106,197

Governance costs include independent examination fee of £988 (2020 - £907).

2. RESOURCES EXPENDED (continued)

b. Support costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Development Officer, Executive Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, employment and related costs	76,259	76,587
Administrative costs and insurance	4,087	4,384
	80,346	80,971

Support costs are apportioned according to time spent by the Development Officer, Executive Officer, Secretary and Treasurer.

3. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs were as follows:		
Wages and salaries (gross)	70,345	69,077
Social security costs (employer NI)	756	1,170
Pension costs	5,158	6,340
	76,259	76,587

No employee earned more than £60,000 per annum.
Due to the size of the Charity all its staff together with the directors are considered key management and the remuneration of key management that are not directors is shown above.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

2021	2020
4	4

The directors wish to acknowledge with thanks that a great deal of unpaid work was done by various people, without which the charity could not have functioned successfully.

4. DIRECTORS' EXPENSES AND DONATIONS

The directors receive no remuneration or expenses for acting as trustees, but can claim for reimbursement of expenses incurred while acting for the company/charity. The total reimbursement of expenses was £0 (2020 - £40 made to 1 director).

Directors made donations totalling £13,130 in 2021 (from 5 directors) (2020 - £510 from 4 directors).

5. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	1,454	1,708
	1,454	1,708

Accruals includes £501 (2020 - £415) of outstanding pension contributions.

6. RESTRICTED FUND

Templeton Religion Trust Grant

	2021 £	2020 £
Balance brought forward	-	40,374
Incoming resources	-	-
Resources expended	-	(40,374)
Balance carried forward	-	-

The Restricted Fund represents a grant awarded by the Templeton Religion Trust, for a project entitled *Equipping and supporting the next generation of Christians in Science*, originally running for three years from July 2015 to June 2018 but extended on a no cost basis until June 2020. This provided 100% of salary support for the Development Officer, 50% salary support for the Executive Officer, and support for other charitable activities. This fund was all spent by June 2020.

CHRISTIANS IN SCIENCE

England & Wales - Charity number 1121422

Accounts

CHRISTIANS IN SCIENCE

Incorporated in England and Wales

Registered Company No 05959444

Registered Charity No 1121422

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2020

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

DIRECTORS / TRUSTEES	Prof. Berry Billingsley Prof. Bill Clegg Prof. Paul Ewart (chair of CiS Committee) Prof. Andrew Halestrap Mr Jos Moule Prof. Euan Nisbet Prof. John Wood, CBE (Chair of Board of Trustees)
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN	Prof. Paul Ewart
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	Memorandum and Articles of Association adopted by written special resolution passed on 31 December 2013.
REGISTERED AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE	Veale Wasbrough Vizards Narrow Quay House Narrow Quay Bristol BS1 4QA
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER	05959444
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1121422
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Ian Shipley FCCA Prentis & Co LLP Chartered Accountants 115C Milton Road Cambridge CB4 1XE
BANKERS - MAIN	Bank of Scotland plc 33 Old Broad Street London BX2 1LB
BANKERS - SUBSIDIARY	PayPal (for receiving funds only) The Charity Bank (deposit account) CAF Bank (deposit account) Stewardship (deposit account)

CHRISTIANS IN SCIENCE

This is the fourteenth annual report and accounts by the trustees of Christians in Science (who are also the directors of the company), for the year ended 31 December 2020, which is the accounting reference date. Christians in Science was registered as a charity by the Charity Commission on 31 October 2007, and these Accounts will be presented to the Charity Commission as part of our annual report to them. These accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and 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 (FRS102) (issued October 2019 and effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution
Christians in Science (CiS) was incorporated as Christians in Science Limited on 9 October 2006, company number 05959444. It is a private limited company limited by guarantee not having a share capital, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association which were revised and updated in December 2013. By special resolution dated 31 December 2013 the name of the Company was changed to Christians in Science. The new constitution was approved by the Charity Commission on 18 December 2013 and approved by written special resolution passed on 31 December 2013.

The company organises as an explicitly Christian society, full membership of which is open only to those who affirm the declaration of faith and agree with the aims of Christians in Science. However, others are welcome to join as Associate Members.

Appointment of Trustees
Founding directors were appointed by the committee of Christians in Science (the predecessor organisation) prior to incorporation and application for charity status, and thereafter the directors appoint new directors. Since granting of charity status our normal practice has been to refer to them as the trustees. The present trustees are all full members of CiS.

The trustees are provided with the training that is considered appropriate to their needs and requirements in their role as trustees of the charity.

The Board of Trustees meets twice a year and the trustees give their services voluntarily.

OBJECTIVES
CiS is an international network of those concerned with the relationship between science and Christian faith; membership is open to scientists, teachers, students and all those with an interest in this dialogue. CiS is primarily a professional group, aimed at those working in science, although we are happy to welcome into membership anyone with an interest in science and faith, subject to the qualifications required by the constitution (see above).

The charitable objectives of CiS are: **"to advance the Christian religion by the study of the interactions between science and religion"**.

The specific aims of CiS are:

- To develop and promote biblical Christian views on the nature and scope of science and its interaction with the Christian faith, bringing a biblical Christian perspective on scientific issues into the public arena.
- To encourage Christians who are engaged in scientific work to maintain an active faith, apply it to their professional lives and share it within the scientific community.
- To support churches by helping congregations appreciate the harmony of science and faith and assist them with outreach activities.
- To help Christian science students to integrate their religious beliefs with their studies and to support them as they graduate and progress in their careers.
- To stimulate responsible Christian attitudes and action towards care for the environment

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

In order to fulfil our aims we arrange the following for our members:

Literature and resources: The journal *Science and Christian Belief* is provided for all members (paper, online or both). A newsletter (*PréCiS*) is sent several times during the year and includes articles and information about forthcoming events, conferences, and publications. Our website, also accessible via an App, provides access to a large number of additional resources. A monthly news update is sent to all members with online access, with an additional monthly newsletter sent to our student members. Leaflets addressing key questions of science and faith are produced for free distribution, especially to students and churches.

Conferences: An annual day-long Southern conference is normally held each autumn and a Northern conference in the spring. Day or half-day conferences are held for students approximately once a year.

Local groups and student groups: Much of the work and influence of CiS occurs through local groups. We encourage the formation of local groups for mutual support and fellowship, and for furthering the aims of CiS. The local groups organise a range of meetings, lectures and other events.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Overview

This year saw the end of our grant from the Templeton Religion Trust (TRT) entitled *Equipping and supporting the next generation of Christians in Science*. This grant which commenced in July 2015, provided £497,537 initially over three years to develop practical means of engaging more effectively with the emerging generation of Christian scientists. Following negotiation with TRT, the duration of the grant was initially extended on a 'no cost basis' until June 30th 2019 and then further extended to June 30th 2020 with a reduction in the total award to £447,783.30 due to a significant underspend. The activities of this project are described more fully below. As well as funding the full salary of our Development Officer, Emily Sturgess (until September 2018) and then Abigail Patterson until August 2019 and Stephanie Bevan from January 2020, who oversee the grant activities. This grant also covers 50% of the salary of our full-time Executive Officer, Mary Browett. Mary undertakes the majority of the general administration of CiS and assists the General Secretary and Treasurer who both receive modest remuneration that is also partially covered by TRT funds until June 30th 2020. We are actively exploring ways of generating income that will allow us to maintain our work at its current level after the TRT grant ends in June 2020. A drive was initiated in September 2020 to encourage members to invite colleagues to join CiS as members or as a Friend of CiS. During the final quarter of 2020 approaches were made to the main protestant denominations in the UK seeking their support for local congregations to become Affiliated to CiS and thereby to support us financially. Members were encouraged to ask their own local church to consider supporting CiS by becoming an affiliated church. These fundraising efforts and other activities have been adversely affected by the restrictions imposed in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Membership

The current fee-paying membership is 761, of whom 39 are student members and 28 are Early Career Members. There are an additional 89 free student subscriptions and 300 people receive our regular email communications by MailChimp. Complimentary copies of the journal are sent to 50 individuals and institutions and 5 people have joined the new category of CiS Friend.

The student conference was held in March 2020 on the theme of "*Being a Christian in a Science Career*". This was held online and the top viewing figure was 616 people to date.

Three speakers delivered their talks on successive days and Q&A session was held on the fourth day. The speakers were,

- Dr Rhoda Hawkins – *In Practice: Being a working scientist and being a faithful Christian*
- Dave Law – *Transforming the workplace – Christians and Diversity*
- Cara Parrett – *Challenges in Community-Based Conservation*

The 2020 annual conference was held online in August and viewed by many, with the top viewed talk reaching 796 viewings to date.

The theme was "*God and Pandemics*" with 4 speakers as follows,

- Prof Bob White, FRS – *Plagues and Pandemics: perspectives from science and faith*
- Dr Mirjam Schilling – *Viruses as part of God's creation?*
- Dr Simon Kolstoe – *The Ethics of Evidence in a Pandemic*
- Anna Pearson – *Oliver Barclay Lecture*

Publications

The journal, *Science and Christian Belief*, is published twice a year and is available to all CiS members in digital format online. There is an option to pay a small supplement for postage and receive printed copies.

The CiS newsletter *PreCiS*, published four times a year, is posted to all UK based members and to those members who opted to pay the postage supplement mentioned for the journal. A PDF version of the *PreCiS* is freely available to all on the CiS website.

A monthly news Update is circulated by email to all members who have online access, and a student version is sent to all *student* members (including free student members) via MailChimp.

We ordered reprints of our popular *"Being a Christian in..."* and *"Thinking about..."* leaflet series, which are made available for free distribution, especially to students and churches.

Individual CiS members continued to publish books and contribute articles to magazines and journals in 2020 and spoke on Science-Faith issues in churches, at conferences, schools, festivals and in the media, both in the UK and abroad.

A working draft for *'Being a Christian in....Psychology'* is underway and due to be published soon.

Local Groups and Small Grants

A number of local groups became inactive during 2020. This was due to varied reasons – ill health, increased time demands and Covid 19 restrictions.

This brought the total of groups to **21** at the end of 2020. These are located in Bristol, Dundee, Edinburgh, Harrow, Huddersfield, Ipswich, Ireland, Manchester, Norwich, Oxford, Reading, Sheffield, South West, Southampton, St Andrews, Surrey, Surrey Heath, Tyneside and Northumberland, West Midlands, Worcester and York.

These are all informally affiliated to CiS and are in large part self-supporting, except for the Southampton group which is formally affiliated, and its finances have been included in this report.

Local groups, other bodies and individuals may apply for small grants (usually of less than £200) for specific purposes, provided that the purposes are fully within CiS's Charitable Objects. No specific local group grants were applied for this year.

In the wake of Covid, we have begun meeting more regularly with our Local Group leaders online to provide prayer and technical support for running events remotely. These have been well received.

Student Work and Other Grant-funded Activities

The Development Officer has continued to encourage students by sending monthly updates to student members to promote events and opportunities to be involved in. Significant accomplishments funded by our TRT grant over the year include:

- The creation of a CiS YouTube Channel with recordings of past talks and conferences. We have used this as a platform to support Local Group events and recordings, including hosting this year's Walton Lecture for the Ireland section.
- Successful essay competition. Ten entries were received and first, second and third prizes were awarded of £500, £250 rand £100 respectively. The essays are available on the CiS website.
- *Oliver Barclay lecture* This is given to a "rising star" in Science / Faith Communication who is under the age of 35 and was awarded to Anna Pearson who presented her lecture on "Quantum Mechanics, Faith and Unresolved Question" at the Annual Conference which was held as an online event.

- Continued success of the CiS app with a total of 2079 downloads as of January 2021.
- We have 3 new mentoring links for students to be paired with those working in a similar field.
- Writing a number of blog posts for the UCCF Science Leader Network including book reviews and resources from CIS.
- At the beginning of 2020 we were able to exhibit at the New Wine Leaders' Conference and the Joint Public Issues Team Conference. We have increased our presence at online events by 'exhibiting' online at the New Wine 'At Home' event and at the Conference on Faith and Science (COFAS). We also appeared in the Christian Resources Handbook which directed readers to a talk by Paul Ewart about Christians in Science. This year, the Genexis Course ran online with members attending and acting as discussion groups leaders.
- Attending a COP26 roundtable event for faith organisations in the UK. Advertised the role of CiS and networking with other faith groups about our priorities and initiatives in the lead up to COP26.

Society Officers
Stephanie Bevan, became our part time (3 days per week) Development Officer in January 2020. Shortly after her appointment, our work had to move largely online due to the pandemic. Stephanie has been incredibly successful in masterminding the live streaming of all our events, both national and local as well as continuing other aspects of the DO role. The result has been a significant increase in our reach as people have joined in world wide. Mary Browett, our full time Executive Officer, continued to manage much of the routine administrative work of CiS with great efficiency and skill, acting as the first point of contact by many of those approaching CiS for further information, assistance etc. We continue to benefit from the excellent services of our General Secretary, Diana Briggs, who also acts as Secretary to the Trustees, and receives modest remuneration as does our Treasurer, Stephen Walley. We are also extremely grateful for the hard work and diligence of our Membership Secretary, David Scott, and other members of the Committee and Trustees.

Annual General Meeting
The AGM of the membership was conducted via email with all the AGM papers sent to CiS members and all members were happy to accept the reports with no questions raised.
The minutes are available on application to the Secretary at the registered address.

Public Benefit
The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The activities that are undertaken provide public benefit in the following ways:
1. By helping believers to integrate their faith with the science they learn from the media and other sources of information.
2. By promoting the understanding of science among (faith) Christian communities.
3. By exploring the ethical implications of new scientific discoveries.
4. By helping science students integrate their religious beliefs with the science they learn in their courses.
5. By giving church leaders opportunities to learn more of the importance of science in today's world.
6. By providing support and encouragement for scientists who are Christians.

These contributions are made by means of:
- Conferences.
- Lectures.
- Discussion groups.
- Through the newsletter, journal and open access web-site.
- Bursaries are offered for meetings for which there is a registration fee.
- There are free and reduced membership rates for students and others with difficult circumstances.
- Publication and free distribution of a series of leaflets aimed at students, and another series for church members and the general public.

- Most conference talks are made available on the CiS web site, as are some of the presentations to local groups. All these are accessible to all and are provided free.
- CiS members speaking and writing on Science / Faith issues in the media.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The grant received from the Templeton Religion Trust (TRT) has ensured that we are in a sound financial position. It has enabled us to drive the project forward and employ a full-time Development Officer and Executive Officer as well as providing modest remuneration of our Treasurer and General Secretary. This is essential if we are to adequately support our expanding work which puts heavy demands on our voluntary staff. The employment of an Executive Officer since July 2015 has led to a significant increase in the efficiency with which of CiS is administered and we see this position as essential as the work of CiS expands if we are to be effective in fulfilling our aims and charitable objectives. Although we negotiated a no-cost extension of the TRT project until June 2020, which the current TRT funds have covered, financial support for all our salaried staff ultimately need to be met by increased subscriptions and donations from our membership and/or by new grant funding.

Restructuring of membership categories has been made to encourage support from a wider base by creating a new membership category of Friend of CiS. A particular effort has been made to more teachers of science and religious studies in schools to join in order to assist their delivery of relevant curriculum material. In addition, we are seeking to attract support from local churches by inviting them to join CiS as an Affiliated Church. As noted above, this initiative has been hampered by the Covid-19 pandemic that has led to a severe limitation on churches to meet and to take on extra commitments. It is planned to relaunch these initiatives as we emerge from the pandemic restrictions. Given the current difficulties and the time it is likely to take for these initiatives to bear fruit, it is planned to submit to seek grant funding for the next three years whilst the additional funding means are built up to a self-sustaining level. The proposal will aim to build on the core strengths and unique selling points (USPs) of CiS. In particular, our membership includes many Christian professional scientists who are gifted speakers and writers and they are distributed throughout the country. We also have local groups throughout the country that can host lectures / debates etc with excellent speakers to which members of all churches in the local Christian Community are welcome. We will seek to use these USPs more effectively in serving our members, the local Church and wider Christian and secular world, including encouraging our members to offer themselves to give talks and to provide training and resources to help them do this. We will also actively seek to broaden our appeal and especially our engagement with the next generation. This will include encouraging our members to utilise their knowledge in new settings such as blog posts, podcasts, webinars etc and in enhancing our publicity and its wider distribution within the Christian community. In seeking to achieve these aims, we will, where appropriate, explore opportunities to co-operate with other like-minded organisations in producing new resources and in collaborative projects. Discussions leading to such future collaboration have been initiated with UCCF (Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship), The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, ECLAS (Equipping Christian Leaders in an Age of Science), God and the Big Bang and the Christian Medical Fellowship.

We have taken note of the conclusions of our TRT project evaluation carried out in collaboration Prof Fern Elsdon-Baker and colleagues (Science, Knowledge and Belief in Society Research Group within the department of Theology and Religion at the University of Birmingham). This evaluation included an analysis of an on-line survey of the CiS membership profile as well as pre- and post-event questionnaires at student events.

We have ringed-fenced unspent money from the TRT grant to fund future events with students and early career scientists including hosting lecture events at Universities around the UK to introduce students to the work and resources of CiS which we will continue to develop. We are hoping to collaborate more effectively with other student Christian organisations in these events. In addition, we will continue to subsidise attendance at and travel to CiS Conferences by students and early career scientists and provide bursaries for appropriate courses and training events relating to Science and Faith. We will also continue to run our annual essay competition for students and host an annual "Oliver Barclay Lecture" at our conferences, awarded competitively to a promising science/faith communicator under the age of 35. In addition, we will further promote our support network for early career scientists by offering to link them with more experienced "mentors" and provision of bursaries to attend appropriate training / teaching events.

As noted above, the Covid-19 pandemic in early 2020 has made some impact on the activities of CiS. The Student Conference scheduled for an in-person event in March had to be cancelled at short notice owing to the restrictions of the government-imposed lockdown. Our Development Officer, Steph Bevan, however managed to reorganize the event as an online conference with the scheduled talks being delivered each day by streaming via YouTube. This resulted in a significantly larger number of students being able to have access to the talks and the interactive Question & Answer sessions. The Annual Conference, originally planned for autumn 2020 on the theme of Climate Change has been postponed until 2021 to coincide with the postponed international COP26 Conference in Glasgow. The 2020 Conference was rescheduled for 10 – 14 August 2020 as an online event on the theme of God and Pandemics. The Northern Conference has also been postponed until 2021 as a result of the pandemic restrictions. The meeting of the Trustees and that of the Executive Committee were held online by Zoom on 10 April and 28 May respectively. Future events, such as Workshops, tentatively planned for the autumn of 2020, and those organized by local groups will be held in accordance with restrictions expected to be in force at the time. Future income is not expected to be affected significantly by the pandemic since this is largely from subscriptions and, as noted, the reserves are sufficient to maintain expenditure at current levels for two years.

FINANCE REVIEW AND RESERVES POLICY

Total income for the year was £58,913. (2019 – £57928) Unrestricted income came in as follows: £51,966 came in via our Bank of Scotland checking account (this includes £2,457 Gift Aid for 2019), £5,857 came in via PayPal, £293 came in via CiS Southampton and interest payments amounted to £153 from CAF, £334 from Stewardship, and £310 from Charity Bank. Voluntary income was £53,310 plus £293 CiS Southampton (2019 - £1,145).

Expenditure on charitable activities amounted to £106,197 (2019 - £114,065), of which £40,374 was from restricted funds (2019 £69,005).

The net effect was an overall deficit for the year of £47,284 (2019 – deficit of £56,137).

Reserves policy. The trustees, after careful discussion, consider that £80,000 constitutes a sufficient reserve to meet our commitments at present staffing levels. This will be regularly reviewed as commitments change. At the end of 2020 the charity's overall funds stood at £216,878 (of which £11,000 were legacies, received during 2020) which is about two years' expenditure at normal levels.

RISK

The directors continue to monitor the major risks to which the charity is exposed. They are of the opinion that appropriate decisions have been taken to minimise these risks as far as is possible.

STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the Company's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the period-end. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- adopt the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue on that basis.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 30/8/ 2021 and signed as authorised on their behalf by:

J. Wood

Prof J Wood
Chair of the Board of Trustees

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 12 to 17.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity's trustees of the company (and also the directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act')

Having been satisfied that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under s. 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission under s.145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' STATEMENT

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

(1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by s.386 of the 2006 Act;
(2) the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
(3) The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of s.396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination;

or:

(4) The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement Recommended Practice for the accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102))

Ian W Shipley FCCA

for and on behalf of
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31st August 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including Income & Expenditure Account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 Unrestr-icted £	2020 Restr-icted £	2020 Total £	2019 Unrestr-icted £	2019 Restr-icted £	2019 Total £
INCOME							
Donations	1a	53,464	-	53,464	45,765	-	45,765
Charitable activities	1b	4,652	-	4,652	10,829	-	10,829
Investment		797	-	797	1,334	-	1,334
TOTAL INCOME		**58,913**	**-**	**58,913**	**57,928**	**-**	**57,928**
EXPENDITURE							
Charitable activities	2	65,823	40,374	106,197	45,060	69,005	114,065
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**65,823**	**40,374**	**106,197**	**45,060**	**69,005**	**114,065**
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		(6,910)	(40,374)	(47,284)	12,868	(69,005)	(56,137)
Transfer Between Funds		-	-	-	5,862	(5,862)	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS					18,730	(74,867)	(56,137)
RECONCILATION OF FUNDS							
Total Funds brought forward		223,788	40,374	264,162	205,058	115,241	320,299
Total Funds carried forward		**216,878**	**-**	**216,878**	**223,788**	**40,374**	**264,162**

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020	2019
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock (including Southampton CiS)		3,082	3,422
Debtors (Gift Aid)		8,761	7,801
Cash at bank		206,743	255,207
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**218,586**	**266,430**
LIABILITIES			
CREDITORS – amounts falling due within one year	5	(1,708)	(2,268)
NET CURRENT ASSETS & NET ASSETS		**216,878**	**264,162**
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted (including Southampton CiS)		216,878	223,788
Restricted	7	-	40,374
		216,878	**264,162**

For the year ending 31 December 2020 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts
- these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the Board of Directors of Christians in Science on 30/8/, 2021 and signed on their behalf by

J. Wood

Prof J Wood
Chair of the Board of Trustees

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these financial statements. 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 to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)(issued October 2019 and effective 1st January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Incoming Resources
Grants, where conditions have been met to establish entitlement, are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. Grants where conditions establishing entitlement have not yet been met are deferred. Other voluntary income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis where receipt is assured with reasonable certainty and is receivable at the balance sheet date.

Interest Receivable

Interest receivable is included within the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis.

Resources Expended

Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting income and the costs of any activities which are primarily for fundraising purposes.

Governance costs include expenditure on general administration, and expenditure on management and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs have been allocated on the basis of usage of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is included with the category of expenses to which it relates.

Stock
Stock consists of books, leaflets and journals. These are valued at historic cost, except for older stocks of leaflets and periodicals which were marked at lesser or nil value.

Taxation
Christians in Science is a registered charity and as such is exempt from income tax and corporation tax on its charitable activities under the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

Pension Contributions
Christians in Science provides pensions for employees through The People's Pension master trust. Full time employees are auto enrolled and the charity provides a sum equivalent to 10% of gross basic salary. Employees who opt out have their contributions paid into another pension fund of their choice. Part time employees, whose earnings are below the threshold for compulsory auto enrolment, may choose to be enrolled voluntarily with the People's Pension, in which case the charity will contribute the statutory minimum (currently 2% of salary). Contributions by the charity are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become due. As it is a defined contribution scheme, the charity has no obligation or commitment other than the payment of the annual contribution.

Cash Flow Statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 SORP for small charities not to prepare a cash flow statement.

1. INCOME

a. Donations

	2020 £	2019 £
Unrestricted		
Donations from individuals (excluding Gift Aid but including legacies)	38,339	20,853
Subscriptions	14,939	24,912
Amazon Smile & National Fund	186	-
	53,464	45,765

b. Income from charitable activities

	2020 £	2019 £
Conferences	4,652	1,804
Journal sales	-	2,853
Literature sales	-	3,318
Editorial services S&CB	-	2,854
	4,652	10,829

2. RESOURCES EXPENDED

a. Charitable activities

	2020 Direct £	2020 Support £	2020 Total £	2019 Direct £	2019 Support £	2019 Total £
Conferences, lectures and other events	3,910	14,285	18,195	3,197	8,544	11,741
Journal	10,756	27,198	37,954	9,293	24,836	34,129
Literature	-	-		2,123	5,674	7,797
Newsletters	4,422	16,156	20,578	1,923	5,139	7,062
Local groups	-	-	-	1,467	3,921	5,388
Website	2,491	9,101	11,592	1,692	4,522	6,214
Student work	2,433	8,889	11,322	9,615	25,696	35,311
Other	1,214	4,435	5,649	1,512	4,040	5,552
Governance (see below)	-	907	907	-	871	871
	25,226	80,971	106,197	30,822	83,243	114,065

Governance costs include independent examination fees of £907 (2019 - £871).

2. RESOURCES EXPENDED (continued)

b. Support costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Development Officer, Executive Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, employment and related costs	76,587	78,059
Administrative costs and insurance	4,384	5,184
	80,971	83,243

Support costs are apportioned according to time spent by the Development Officer, Executive Officer, Secretary and Treasurer.

3. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2020 £	2019 £
Staff costs were as follows:		
Wages and salaries (gross)	69,077	68,585
Social security costs (employer NI)	1,170	5,412
Pension costs	6,340	4,062
	76,587	78,059

No employee earned more than £60,000 per annum.
Due to the size of the Charity all its staff together with the directors are considered key management and the remuneration of key management that are not directors is shown above.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

2020	2019
4	4

The directors wish to acknowledge with thanks that a great deal of unpaid work was done by various people, without which the charity could not have functioned successfully.

4. DIRECTORS' EXPENSES AND DONATIONS

The directors receive no remuneration or expenses for acting as trustees, but can claim for reimbursement of expenses incurred while acting for the company/charity. The total reimbursement of expenses was £40 made to 1 director (2019 - £568 made to 2 directors).

Directors made donations totalling £510 in 2020 (from 4 directors) (2019 - £850 from 6 directors).

5. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Accruals	1,708	2,268
	1,708	2,268

Accruals includes £415 (2019 - £217) of outstanding pension contributions.

6. RESTRICTED FUND

Templeton Religion Trust Grant

	2020 £	2019 £
Balance brought forward	40,374	115,241
Incoming resources	-	-
Resources expended	(40,374)	(69,005)
Transfer to unrestricted funds	-	(5,862)
Balance carried forward	-	40,374

The Restricted Fund represents a grant awarded by the Templeton Religion Trust, for a project entitled *Equipping and supporting the next generation of Christians in Science*, originally running for three years from July 2015 to June 2018 but was extended on a no cost basis to June 2020. This provides 100% of salary support for the Development Officer, 50% salary support for the Executive Officer, and support for other charitable activities.