

JOINT CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOM UK

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

REPORT and ACCOUNTS

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Structure, Governance and Management

The Joint Christian Science Reading Room UK, whose contact address is 52-54 Kings Rd, Reading, Berkshire RG1 3AA, is a registered charity number 1143776 and is governed by its Constitution adopted in February 2013 and last amended in June 2018.

The Trustees act as the Management Committee, which consists of up to ten persons elected annually by the members of the organisation from among their number.

During the year to 31 December 2020 the Trustees were:

John Lardge (Chairman)	Joanna Bowley
Gay Bryant-Flatt	Edwin de Leon
Susan de Leon	Peter Mills
Susan Thomas	

Objectives and Activities

As stated in the Constitution, the purpose of the Joint Christian Science Reading Room UK is the public promotion of the practical healing method known as Christian Science, in accordance with the Manual of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. It carries this out under the Manual provisions of Article XXI concerning the operation of Reading Rooms. Under this provision it is listed in The Christian Science Journal as a Joint Christian Science Reading Room.

The main activity is the sale and distribution of 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures' by Mary Baker Eddy and other publications from the Christian Science Publishing Society. This is carried out through the Online Reading Room website. Books, Christian Science magazines and other products ordered online are mailed to customers in the UK and abroad by the specialist stock-holding agency firm, My Warehouse. All the stock holding and sales management is handled by that firm.

The Online Christian Science Reading Room remained open during the lockdown periods in 2020 when other Reading Rooms had to close.

The Trustees employ a salaried Librarian to manage other functions of the charity. This includes operating the website and acting as an information centre for queries about Christian Science, its publications and activities, particularly in the UK.

The Trustees use various freelance persons and firms for website maintenance, development and management. General management functions are carried out voluntarily by Trustees and members.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT continued

Objectives and Activities *continued*

In 2020 the Trustees continued to organise the live-streaming of lectures when requested by various Christian Science churches and with the approval of the lecturers concerned, who are all members of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship. Further top quality equipment was acquired in the year to extend the availability and reliability of live- streaming and to develop video-making for Christian Science events.

Advice and support was also provided to many churches wishing to live stream their services during the time that services and meetings in buildings were not possible.

The Trustees also continued to offer expert assistance in creating and upgrading websites of individual Christian Science Churches in the UK.

They also continued to offer the installation of remotely- managed display screens for windows of Christian Science Reading Rooms . These high quality screens show revolving posters and notices of Christian Science information and activities.

Public benefit

As information and activities of the Charity are clearly displayed on its website, and are available to the public, the Trustees are satisfied that they have fully complied with the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Financial Review

The financial affairs of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 are shown in the attached Accounts, which have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.

All donations and contributions to the funds are considered to be "unrestricted" and are recorded as such in the Accounts.

The Trustees, having full consideration of the requirement for charities to hold Reserve Funds, consider that the level of funds at the end of the financial year are appropriate to meet current and future planned activities.


for and on behalf of the Trustees

3 July 2021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT to the Trustees

I report on the Accounts of the Charity, registered number 1143776, for the year ended 31 December 2020.

As the Executive Committee, acting as Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. You consider that the full audit requirement of Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. I concur with that view and have carried out an Independent Examination only.

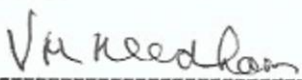
It is my responsibility to examine the Accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act; to follow the procedures specified by the Charity Commission in the general directions laid down in Section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

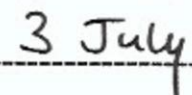
My examination was carried out in accordance with those Sections and included a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity, together with a comparison of the Accounts presented by those records. No opinion is required or expressed as to whether the Accounts present a "true and fair view".

Acting as an independent examiner, I can confirm that no matter has come to my attention:

a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that the requirements of the 2011 Act to keep records (Section 130) and to prepare annual Accounts based thereon, have not been met;

or b) which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


-----Valerie M. Needham
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2020 £	2019 £
MONETARY ASSETS		
Value of funds brought forward at 1.1.20	97,625	53,382
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Surplus of income for year	74,836	44,243
Value of funds carried forward at 31.12.20	172,461	97,625
represented by:		
Bank Accounts		
CAF Gold Account	160,826	95,867
CAF Current Accounts		
Joint CS Reading Room	7,106	707
On-Line Reading Room	4,329	851
PayPal Account	200	200
	172,461	97,625
OTHER ASSETS		
Stock at cost	27,006	22,788
(insured value 2020 £40,000 ;2019 £42,000)		
Display,Filming, and Technical Equipment at insured value	95,000	36,750
Sales and Fees receivable	74	2,235
	122,080	61,773

There are no liabilities at 31.12.19 or 31.12.20

 Trustee

 Treasurer
3 July 2021

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

	2020	2019
	£	£
<u>Online Reading Room Activity</u>		
<u>Income:</u>		
Online & sundry other sales	9,640	9,684
Donations for Google Adwords	380	854
Donations from churches	15,752	38,610
Donations from disbanding or reorganising churches	<u>92,000</u>	<u>40,779</u>
	<u>117,772</u>	<u>89,927</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Stock Purchases	10,078	7,054
Google AdWords	523	1,938
Librarian's salary & employer costs	12,952	13,532
Freelance fees for Social Media	2,045	12,231
MyWarehouse charges	3,441	3,327
Website & general tuning costs	8,737	2,755
Journal card & other advertising	<u>457</u>	<u>695</u>
	<u>38,233</u>	<u>41,532</u>
Surplus	<u>79,539</u>	<u>48,395</u>
 <u>Livestreaming & Video Production of Events</u>		
<u>Income:</u>		
Donations from churches for streaming costs	<u>8,443</u>	<u>3,940</u>
<u>Expenditure:</u>		
Operators' fees & expenses	18,916	4,278
Subscription statistical information service	1,852	722
Design costs	1,285	--
Facebook advertising	<u>2,037</u>	<u>1,937</u>
	<u>24,090</u>	<u>6,937</u>
(Deficit)	<u>(15,647)</u>	<u>(2,997)</u>

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	2020 £	2019 £
<u>Website Design and Management for Churches</u>		
<u>Income</u>		
Fees for website creation, management & maintenance	1,164	220
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Development costs	<u>698</u>	<u>729</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	<u><u>466</u></u>	<u><u>(509)</u></u>

Reading Room remotely managed display screens

<u>Income</u>		
Installation fees from churches	28,587	9,849
Management fees	<u>260</u>	<u>220</u>
	28,847	10,069
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Equipment & installations costs, and development costs	<u>30,267</u>	<u>12,502</u>
(Deficit)	<u><u>(1,420)</u></u>	<u><u>(2,433)</u></u>

Equipment acquisitions

Equipment purchased & detailed in 2019	—	<u>12,731</u>
Equipment purchased 2020:-		
Zoom camera	1,754	
Laptop & laser tablet	4,025	
Touch screen & monitors	3,756	
Webcams, hard drive, router etc	<u>1,334</u>	
	10,869	
Sundry other equipment	<u>673</u>	
Total cost of acquisitions	<u><u>11,542</u></u>	

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General Income & Expenditure

Income: General donations	—	6,035
Grants from TrustBrit	29,754	14,466
Interest	<u>79</u>	<u>66</u>
	<u>29,833</u>	<u>20,567</u>

Expenditure

Events

Thanksgiving Service	1,000	
Birmingham Conference (March 2019)	—	4,338
Committee meetings, conference calls incl. AGM	2,569	2,386
Insurance	1,016	731
Professional fees	735	660
Mailing, office expenses & sundries	953	901
Bank charges	<u>120</u>	<u>147</u>
	<u>6,393</u>	<u>9,163</u>

Surplus	<u>23,440</u>	<u>11,404</u>
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OVERALL NET SURPLUS	<u>£ 74,836</u>	<u>£ 41,129</u>
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