

JOINT CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOM

UK

REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR

ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2021

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Joint Christian Science Reading Room, whose contact address is 52-54 King's Road, 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 2021 the Trustees were:

John Lardge	(Chairman)	Joanna Bowley Laycock
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 2021 when other Reading Rooms had to close.

The Trustees employ a salaried Librarian, Administrator, Technical Assistant and a Digital Services Manager to manage key 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.

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

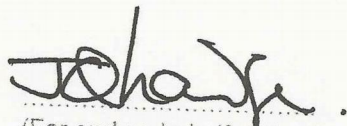
As information and activities of the Charity are clearly displayed on its website, and are available to the public, the Trustees are satisfied that they have fully complied with the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial affairs of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 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)

6 Sept. 2022

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Members of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Reading

I report on the Accounts of the Charity, registered number 1143776 for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The Charity Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act),
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under 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 General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention, which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the Members have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or

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

Sarah R Hammond FFA
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20 June.....2022

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Closing Balances on Accounts

	2021	2021	2020	2020
	£		£	
A Brewis				
A Scott			-700	
TOTAL EVENTS			-300	
		0		-1,000
De Leon AV - Inv 136	-2,151		-1,330	
Richmond	-68		500	
Cheltenham	-534		500	
Hoylake	-61		500	
MPS December	-85		-657	
Hoylake			-500	
TOTAL LIVESTREAMING		-2,899		-987
MyWarehouse	-193		-296	
TOTAL MYWAREHOUSE FEES		-193		-296
ORR	150		44	
ORR	31		33	
ORR	20		79	
TOTAL ONLINE SALES		200		156
OB	1,014		3,029	
Sites in Mind			-418	
OB	1,298		1,333	
OB GOLD	159,958		160,826	
OB PP	0		200	
ORR	97		39	
		162,368		165,009
Pensions	-82		-50	
RR Screens		-82		-50
Shipley			5,375	
Leamington Spa			3,831	
		0		9,206
	<u>159,394</u>		<u>172,039</u>	

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

represented by:

CAF Gold Account	157,458	160,826
CAF Current Accounts		
Joint CS Reading Room	715	6,684
On-Line Reading Room	1,220	4,329
PayPal Account	1	200
	<u>159,394</u>	<u>172,039</u>

Stock at cost	25,968	27,006
(insured value 2021 £42,000; 2020 £40,000)		
Display, Filming and Technical Equipment		
at insured value	57,750	95,000
Sales and Fees receivable		74
	<u>83,718</u>	<u>122,080</u>

[Signature] Trustee

J. W. Bondylojack Trustee

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
<u>Online Reading Room Activity</u>		
Income:		
Online & Sundry other sales	12,449	9,640
Donations for Google Adwords	315	380
Donations from churches	30,958	107,752
Donations from disbanding or reorganising churches		
	<u>43,721</u>	<u>117,772</u>
Expenditure:		
Stock Purchases	6,722	10,079
Google AdWords	15	523
Employee salaries & employer costs	29,886	12,952
Social Media Fees	924	2,045
MyWarehouse Charges	3,427	3,441
Website & general running costs	2,284	8,737
Journal card & Other advertising	317	457
	<u>43,555</u>	<u>38,233</u>
SURPLUS / (Deficit)	<u>167</u>	<u>79,538</u>
<u>Livestreaming & Video Production of Events</u>		
Income:		
Donations from churches for streaming costs	19,229	8,443
Expenditure:		
Livestreaming expenditure	19,581	24,090
(DEFICIT)	<u>-352</u>	<u>-15,647</u>
<u>Website Design and Management for Churches</u>		
Income:		
Fees for website creation and management	1,750	1,164
Expenditure:		
Development costs	864	698
(DEFICIT)	<u>886</u>	<u>466</u>

Reading Room remotely managed display screens

Income:

Installation fees from churches (incl Mgt fees)	16,116	28,847
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Expenditure:

Equipment, installation & development costs	30,357	30,267
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(DEFICIT)	<u>-14,241</u>	<u>-1,420</u>
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Equipment acquisitions

Equipment purchased in Year	8,735	11,542
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General Income & Expenditure

Income:

General donations	18,774	0
Grants from Trust Brit	0	29,754
Interest	16	79
GiftAid refunds	696	0
	<u>19,486</u>	<u>29,833</u>

Expenditure:

Events	3,493	1,000
Meetings	3,147	2,570
Insurance	966	1,016
Professional Fees	760	735
Miscellaneous	277	0
Mailing, office expenses	990	953
Bank Charges	222	120
	<u>9,855</u>	<u>6,393</u>

SURPLUS / DEFICIT	9,631	23,440
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	100,302	186,059
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE	112,947	111,223
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TOTAL SURPLUS / DEFICIT	-12,645	74,836
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	2021 £	2020 £
RECEIPTS		
Income		
Church Websites	1,750	1,164
Donations - General	18,774	0
Donations - Google AdWords	315	380
Donations Livestreaming	19,229	8,443
Donations - ORR	30,958	107,752
Donations - TrustBrit	0	29,754
GiftAids Refund	696	0
Interest	16	79
On-line Sales	12,449	9,640
RR Screens	16,116	28,847
	<u>100,302</u>	<u>186,059</u>
 Expenditure		
On-Line CSRR		
Advertising	317	457
Church Websites	864	698
Google AdWords	15	523
Librarians, admin & Tech	29,886	12,952
Livestreaming	19,581	24,090
MyWarehouse fees	3,427	3,441
ORR Website	104	6,293
Professional Fees	360	0
RR Screens	30,357	30,267
Running Costs	1,180	1,392
Shopify Fees	980	1,052
Social Media	924	2,045
	<u>87,994</u>	<u>83,210</u>
 Stock & Equipment		
Equipment	8,735	11,542
Stock	6,722	10,079
	<u>15,458</u>	<u>21,620</u>
 Running Costs		
Bank Charges	222	120
Events	3,493	1,000
Insurance	966	1,016
Meetings	3,147	2,570
Miscellaneous	277	0
Professional Fees	400	735
Stationary / Postage / Other	990	953
	<u>9,495</u>	<u>6,393</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>112,947</u>	<u>111,223</u>
 SURPLUS / DEFICIT IN YEAR	<u><u>-12,645</u></u>	<u><u>74,836</u></u>