

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, SHIPLEY

England & Wales · Charity number 1186097

Details

Other names CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH, SHIPLEY

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2019-11-01

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

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITYÆS OBJECTS ARE TO MAINTAIN AND SPREAD THE TRUTH AS SET FORTH IN THE BIBLE AND IN SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES BY MARY BAKER EDDY. THIS IS DONE THROUGH CHURCH ACTIVITIES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PROVIDING REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES AND MEETINGS, MAINTAINING A PUBLIC READING ROOM, OPERATING A SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, AND SPONSORING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURES ALL FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT.

Activities: We hold Church services, teach Sunday School, provide a public Reading Room and hold public lecturesOur church premises are at 41 Bradford Road, Shipley, BD18 3DS, West Yorkshire

Classification

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

Geography

- Bradford City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£68,269	£58,869	-	-
2023-12-31	£20,186	£37,122	-	-
2022-12-31	£44,234	£26,499	-	-
2021-12-31	£14,472	£30,531	-	-
2020-12-31	£18,053	£15,882	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrea Susanne Page	Chair	2020-02-15
David Graham Moore		2018-06-07
Iain James Schofield		2019-08-29
Patricia Mary Skinner		2018-06-07

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Board Report

27/02/2024

It's the time of year again, where I have the pleasure to summarise what the Board has been achieving over the last 6 months.

BANKING

It is my pleasure to tell you that we have finally completed to move from Barclays to CAF. The Barclays bank account has been closed now and all transactions have been moved to CAF. Iain Schofield is our Superadmin and always happy to contact CAF when we face issues. Dave and Jan have got a CAF debit card which can be used for church purchases.

COMPLIANCE

The Board has worked through and completed 12 out of the 13 by the Compliance Committee suggested areas – well done!!

The last area is Safeguarding. Jan and Trish will be taking the lead on this and are looking into completing some training. This will be worked on over the coming months.

(Note: at present, we are still waiting for a confirmation from the Land Registry to say that we have an Official Custodian in place)

DONATIONS

Last year at the Annual Members Meeting it was decided for the first time to reserve a lump sum of £10,000 for donations to Christian Science organisations throughout the year. This worked really well. We supported Whitehaven Nursing facility and CS Healing in Africa.

Donation suggestions for 2024 will be discussed later.

Thank you

Andrea Page
(Chair of the Board)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of First Church of Christ, Scientist Shipley

I report to the trustees on my examination of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Paul Rhodes
23 Woodlands Grove, Bingley, West Yorkshire

27 August 2023

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Offertories	3,420	3,760
Rent received	6,000	7,200
Donations	50,000	1,000
Reading room sales	1,495	1,386
Bank interest	7,354	6,840
	<u>68,269</u>	<u>20,186</u>
 <u>Payments</u>		
Gas & Electricity	4,476	4,716
Water	534	485
Telephone & Internet	728	950
Web Services	3,493	8,128
Accounting Services	1,100	960
Repairs	4,065	1,234
Insurance	1,259	1,175
Reading room purchases	2,213	2,589
Donations & Subscriptions	38,416	10,411
Travel Expenses		1,337
Stationery & Advertising	120	
Lecture		2,155
Legal expenses	245	597
Cleaning	1,773	1,804
Sundry Expenses	447	581
	<u>58,869</u>	<u>37,122</u>
 Net of receipts/payments	9,400	-16,936
 Cash funds brought forward	168,222	185,158
 Cash funds carried forward	<u>177,622</u>	<u>168,222</u>

All funds are unrestricted

Signed by
David Moore Trustee

Date of Approval
3 September 2025

Signed by
Iain Scofield Trustee

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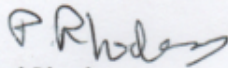
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4 September 2025

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FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST SHIPLEY **Report for the year of 2022**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this wonderful church as Chair of the Board and all business meetings this last year. It was an absolute pleasure!

It was very exciting to be a witness to all the good that is happening at Shipley church.

How every one of you is just so happy and willing to give, what you can and when you can. May this be prayer, serving in various offices, regular attendance of services, helping/visiting the reading room, sharing testimonies, putting into the gratitude box, maintaining the church building, and so on - the list is infinite.

God will bless you for all your contributions, for loving and caring for His church and for demonstrating and living the Science of Christ.

You have all received the minutes from each Board meeting we had so here is just a briefly summary of what the Board has been up to since our last member's meeting 7 months ago.

BANKING:

We have found a new bank (called CAF Bank) which deals exclusively with charities. An application form to open an account with them has been filled in and posted.

They are easy to reach over the phone, physical banking can be done in a HSBC branch and we will receive Debit Cards to be used by nominated members.

This all comes at the cost of £5 per month's account admin fees.

BY-LAWS:

The revision of our Constitution and By-Laws was very harmonious, efficient and successful. The solicitor from LCF Law was able to help us clarify a few points and will be assisting us to move away from holding trustees to Official Custodian (once the new By-Laws are in place).

However, we stop using the solicitor for the By-Law changes to try and avoid overcomplicating them again.

Since then, I have been in email contact with the Charity Commission to get approval for the restricted paragraphs (Objects, Application of Income and Property, Benefits and Payments to Charity Trustees and Connected Persons, Dissolution and Amendment of Constitution or Name).

Unfortunately, without success. It was strongly advised to keep what we have as pushing for these changes would draw negative attention to our church and result in an interrogation by the Charity Commission.

This isn't bad though as we have made some good changes, clearer structure, easier language, deletion of unnecessary and adding in of important parts.

COMPLIANCE:

This was put on hold for now due to other more urgent areas to look at like banking and By-Laws and Iain's recent longer stay in Thailand. However, it will be picked up again soon as there are still some areas, we are not compliant in.

DONATIONS:

The Board would like to ask the member's consent to donate up to £10 000 to Christian Science organisations this year.

Members have also been invited to put forward a Christian Science organisation who they feel would benefit from receiving a donation from the church.

We will be inviting those of you who made suggestions to briefly present these and to vote after we have been through the minutes from our last meeting.

Thank you!

Andrea Page
(Chair of the Board) 28 Feb 2023.

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2022

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Offertories	4,156	4,638
Rent received	7,200	8,400
Donations	30,070	-
Reading room sales	1,302	1,354
Bank interest	1,506	20
	<u>44,234</u>	<u>14,412</u>

<u>Payments</u>		
Gas & Electricity	3,871	2,746
Water	399	509
Telephone & Internet	599	478
Web Services	7,000	6,000
Accounting Services	1,000	848
Repairs	2,739	10,803
Insurance	1,094	948
Reading room purchases	2,655	1,898
Donations & Subscriptions	3,405	3,620
Stationery & Advertising	483	422
Legal expenses	1,244	-
Cleaning	1,547	1,434
Sundry Expenses	463	765
	<u>26,499</u>	<u>30,471</u>

Net of receipts/payments	17,235	(16059)
Cash funds brought forward	167,423	183,482
Cash funds carried forward	<u>184,658</u>	<u>167,423</u>

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Signed by
David Moore Trustee



Date of Approval
27 August 2023

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Iain Schofield Trustee

