



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 November 2023
To 31 October 2024

Period start date
Period end date

Charity name: First Church of Christ, Scientist Richmond

Charity registration number: 1206582

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purpose of the charity is to promote the understanding and demonstration of the Truth as set forth in the Bible and interpreted in 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures', by Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The charity holds worship services twice a week and provides Sunday School for children and young people up to the age of 20. It also maintains a Reading Room where individuals can pray, study, read the Bible, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy and other authorised materials. The charity also holds an annual public talk on Christian Science. All these activities are advertised and open to the public.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to this guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The charity does not make grants.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All our activities are organised and implemented by volunteers. We are a lay congregation and roles are regularly rotated.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The worldwide Christian Science church was founded ... <i>'To organize a church designed to commemorate the word and works of our Master, which should reinstate primitive Christianity and its lost element of healing'</i> . (Manual of The Mother Church, Mary Baker Eddy) and the charity's achievements are assessed by reference to the healing and spiritual regeneration experienced by all those who have attended its Church services, Sunday School, Reading Room or public talks

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Care is exercised by the charity's Treasurer to ensure that our funds are managed and invested judiciously.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity's financial year ends on 31 October. As at 31 October 2024, the charity's funds, including cash on hand, and investments totalled £80,199.00
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity ensures that a suitable portion of its funds are held on deposit. The exact proportion fluctuates according to operational needs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Variable
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations by the members of the charity and visitors to its services, investment income, legacies and grants from Church-related trusts.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	None
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution and By Laws, last amended 15 th April 2024.
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	It is an unincorporated association.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees (known as 'board members' in the church's By Laws) are elected on an annual basis at the Annual Meeting of Members held in January. No trustee may serve for a continuous term of more than three years

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The organisational structure and governance of the charity are set out in the charity's By-Laws.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The church is a branch of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	First Church of Christ, Scientist Richmond
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1206582
Charity's principal address	35 Sheen Road, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 1AD

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable.

Additional information (optional)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year		Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Peter Sisson	Deputy Board Chairman			
2	Lucy Appelby	Chairman of Board			
3	Helen Smart	Clerk			
4					
5					

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
John Jackson		
Peter Forsyth		
Helen Smart		

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Lucy Appleby

Full name(s) Lucy Appleby

Position (eg Chairman of Board
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

2nd July 2025

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Richmond

Charity number 1206582

**Accounts for the year to
31 October 2024**

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Richmond

**Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 October 2024**

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Charity registration number:	1206582
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Bankers:	<div>Bardclays Bank 8 George Street Richmond TW9 1JU</div> <div>CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill, West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ</div>

Trustees

Ms Lucy Appleby Mr Peter Sisson	Ms Helen Smart (appointed 15.01.2024)
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The trustees are pleased to present the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Date signed as authorised by the Trustees on 13/01/25

Charity number 1206582

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Richmond on the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2024 set out on pages 3 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

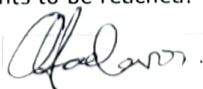
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 19/12/2024

Name:

Andrew Gadoros

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

FCA

Address:

The Quadrant Centre
Limes Road
Weybridge
Surrey, KT13 8DH

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Receipts and Payments Account

	Note	Unrestricted Funds year to 31 October 2024	Unrestricted Funds 2023 Year to 31 October 2023
Receipts			
Collections (Non-Gift Aid)		804	2,793
Collections (Gift Aid) & Standing Orders		17,001	17,127
Reading room receipts		358	484
Gift Aid receipts		14,203	0
Donations		1	50
Miscellaneous		225	2
Interest on deposits		1,399	151
Total Income		33,991	20,607
Payments			
Musicians and readers		0	1,870
Cleaner		2,627	3,022
Gas, electricity and water		3,849	6,299
Telephone		1,076	1,127
Organ maintenance		0	0
Post		0	0
Housekeeping		0	83
CSPS / books		2,205	3,305
Concord / JSH-Online		424	150
Lecture		2,080	2,635
Repairs and maintenance		3,571	13,759
Insurance		3,716	2,291
Advertising		0	0
Examiners fees		420	390
Committee on Publication		468	560
Fees		20,991	1,092
Donations paid		0	400
Miscellaneous		9,733	504
Bank charges		60	35
Total Payments		51,220	37,522
Deficit for the year		(17,229)	(16,915)
Reserves b/fwd		97,428	114,343
Reserves c/fwd		80,199	97,428
Bank balances at 31 October 2024			
Barclays Current Account		23,523	42,090
CAF Cash Account		15	15
CAF Gold Account		56,661	55,323
		80,199	97,428

All activities of the charity are classified as continuing.

Signed as authorised by the Trustees

[Signature]
 Helen M. Hunt

Date *21 January 2025*
 Date *11 March 2025*

Notes on the accounts

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of preparation

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The Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

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Income and expenditure

These accounts are based on amounts actually received and paid by the charity.

Fund accounting

All the available reserves are Unrestricted Funds and are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

2 Legal status of the charity

The Church successfully applied to The Charity Commission to be a Registered Charity and that application has been granted, the Charity Number is 1206582.

The contact for the Church is The Clerk, First Church of Christ, Scientist, 35 Sheen Road, Richmond upon Thames, Surrey, TW9 1AD.

3 Trustee and staff expenses

The trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in the year.

4 Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions to be reported.

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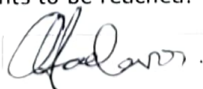
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