

# THE CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP FOR PSYCHICAL AND SPIRITUAL STUDIES

England & Wales · Charity number 233778

## Details

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| Other names | C F P S S, THE CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP                      |
| Status      | Registered  |
| Legal form  | Other   |
| Registered  | 1964-07-28  |
| Register    | <a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a> |

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ENCOURAGE THE STUDY AND INVESTIGATION WITHIN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OF PARANORMAL AND RELEVANT PHENOMENA AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.

**Activities:** The Churches' Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies exists to promote the study and the integration of psychical and spiritual experience within a Christian context. Founded in 1953, it continues to serve churches and individuals with many and varied backgrounds, experiences and needs.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NATIONAL
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £47,262 | £56,572     | -      | -         |
| 2024-03-31 | £43,252 | £51,965     | -      | -         |
| 2023-03-31 | £26,372 | £45,208     | -      | -         |
| 2022-03-31 | £26,197 | £49,508     | -      | -         |
| 2021-03-31 | £60,681 | £36,744     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                         | Role  | Appointed  |
|------------------------------|-------|------------|
| <b>VICTORIA JANE JEFFS</b>   | Chair |            |
| Andrew John Constantine Cort |       | 2022-09-09 |
| Cherry Ann Simpkin           |       | 2014-11-03 |
| Eileen Mary Hughes           |       | 2025-02-12 |
| IAN FORDYCE                  |       | 2022-09-09 |
| Judith Eleanor Harvey        |       | 2024-10-11 |
| Mark Fox                     |       | 2023-10-27 |
| Paul Geoffrey Fisher         |       | 2023-10-27 |
| REVD NEIL SETON BROADBENT    |       |            |
| Rev ANDREW JOHN FISHER       |       | 2021-09-03 |
| Rev MARGARET MARY GILLEY     |       | 2023-10-27 |
| Rev Rose Maria Drew          |       | 2025-02-12 |

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# Accounts

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**The Churches Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies (CFPSS)**  
**Registered charity number 233778**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025**

**Trustees:**

Dr Santha Bhattacharji (President) until 5 September 2025  
Rev Cannon Rose Maria Drew from 12 February 2025 (President from 5 September 2025)  
Mrs Vicky Jeffs, (Chair)  
Ms Cherry Simpkin, (Hon Treasurer)  
Rev Neil Broadbent  
Mr Ian Fordyce  
Mr Andrew Cort  
Rev Andrew Fisher  
Dr Mark Fox  
Mr Paul Fisher  
Rev Dr Margaret Gilley  
Mrs Judith Harvey from 11 October 2024  
Mrs Eileen Hughes from 12 February 2025

**Independent Examiner:** Bowers Fleming & Co Ltd, 90 Risegate Road, Spalding,  
Lincolnshire, PE11 4EY

**Solicitors:** Porter Dodson, Telford House, The Park, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 1DY.

**General Secretary**

Mrs Joanne Arnold

**Office Address**

Office 8, The Creative Suite, Mill 3, Pleasley Vale Business Park, Mansfield, NG19 8RL

**1. Structure, Governance & Management**

The governing document of the trust is a Constitution amended by resolution on 1 April 1963, 8 September 2017 and 11 October 2024. Under the Constitution the charity is governed by a Council consisting of the President, a Vice President, a Chair, 2 Vice Chairs, an Honorary Treasurer, up to 3 representatives of local and special interest groups and up to 6 others.

Members of the Council are elected by the members of the charity at an AGM, the President to serve for 5 years and all others to serve for 3 years. All Council members are eligible for re-election.

The Council has the power to co-opt up to 3 trustees to serve until the next AGM, when they will be eligible for election by the members. It may co-opt trustees in the event of casual vacancies to serve for the remainder of the term of the person replaced.

The Council may also appoint a paid General Secretary and any other staff as they see fit. Remuneration and duties of all staff shall be determined by the Council. At present, the charity's only member of staff is the General Secretary. The Editor of the charity's magazine *The Christian Parapsychologist* receives an honorarium.

The CFPSS does not hold any funds as a custodian trustee on behalf of others.

## **2. Objectives of the Charity**

The objects of the Charity are to encourage the study in a Christian context of spiritual, paranormal, psychological and other scientific phenomena and to try to assess their validity and their relevance to the Christian faith.

## **3. Public Benefit**

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Council has given due consideration to general guidance published by the charity commission relating to public benefit.

Membership of the CFPSS is open to all those who belong to a recognised Christian denomination or are themselves in sympathy with the Christian faith. Within that framework, we welcome all adults regardless of personal circumstances. The minimum annual donation for membership is determined by General Meeting from time to time but the Council has the power to reduce such sum in cases of hardship or other reasons as the Council sees fit. The Council may also grant bursaries as appropriate to enable members with limited resources to attend CFPSS events.

The CFPSS provides a forum for discussion on subjects such as the healing and deliverance ministry, religious experience, paranormal phenomena, mysticism and prayer, particularly in terms of their relevance to the Christian faith. In doing this, it seeks to foster a general understanding of these subjects and to contribute to academic research.

The CFPSS offers a safe meeting place where members and enquirers may share and explore their experiences in these areas, in an open atmosphere of love and acceptance. Many people value the help they have received when they have experienced spontaneous gifts of the Spirit, the pain of bereavement or simply a call to deeper spiritual understanding, especially when they have found little encouragement or support from elsewhere.

The CFPSS takes seriously its duty of care towards Trustees, Staff, Members and the general public. It discourages any form of abuse for whatever reason. The Trustees regard their safeguarding responsibilities in respect of vulnerable adults particularly important since the nature of the charity's

objectives may lead those in mental and spiritual distress to seek its help. The Charity is not involved with children.

#### **4. Achievements and Activities**

The Charity's use of online platforms has grown over the year.

There are two WhatsApp groups, an open discussion group and a monthly prayer group specialising in praying for the dead.

There are 305 people in the Facebook group, an increase of 40 from our last AGM. The number of people following the Facebook page has grown by a huge 125 to a total of 503.

There 413 subscribers to the YouTube channel, an increase of 77 on the previous year.

The emailed newsletter audience has increased slightly to 248.

Our postal intercessory prayer group continues to flourish and is greatly appreciated by those who have requested prayer. A list of those requiring intercessions is sent out to the group by post and email.

A residential retreat was held at Ampleforth Abbey from 1- 3 July 2024.

The Annual Conference was held at Loxton in Somerset in from 11 to 13 October 2024.

The Charity continued a nationwide tour to promote the work of the CFPSS holding a number of meetings throughout the UK. These were well attended and brought new members.

The CFPSS published two editions each of its two magazines *The Christian Parapsychologist* and *The Fellowship Review*. Articles from past magazines are freely available on the CFPSS website and are well read.

The CFPSS library continued to be well used. The library holds over 1500 books and booklets and 500 audio recordings and is free to use (subject to paying postal costs). The library is available to members through the website or by contacting the general secretary.

The Publications Committee continues to work producing new publications, in particular, a book on *Talking About Spiritual Experience*, was published in September 2024.

CFPSS Groups continue to meet regularly, either in person or on Zoom. The increasing use of Zoom has enabled those who find it hard to travel to attend meetings.

A new Committee was set up to review and make recommendations on the charity's policies on an ongoing basis.

## **5. Safeguarding**

The Council policy on safeguarding is reviewed annually. Eileen Hughes continues to act as the Safeguarding Officer. The Council has established that all trustees do not need to be DBS checked.

## **6. Data Protection**

The Council's data protection policy is in line with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

In order to keep email and paper data private and safe the CFPSS uses two documents,

- a. The CFPSS privacy notice informs members or public what information is held and for what purpose, how long it is kept and deleted. Their rights are also explained. This Notice is displayed on the CFPSS website.
- b. The CFPSS Consent Form which has to be filled in to authorise consent for personal information to be held. This can be done by email or paper. This form must be returned to the General Secretary. If it is not, any information held is deleted.

Mrs Eileen Hughes is the Trustee responsible for GDPR. Mrs Joanne Arnold, the General Secretary, is the main data user.

The CFPSS is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office for Data Protection.

The CFPSS has never had a data breach but knows how to report one, should it happen.

## **7. Financial Review**

### ***Going concern***

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt a going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

### ***Overall results***

During the year ended 31 March 2025 the Charity made an operating loss of £(9,310) compared to loss of £(8,714) in 2023/24. With investment losses of

£1562, there was an overall loss of £10872, compared to a gain of £1,242 in 2023/24.

As at 31 March 2025 investments were valued at £175,999 (2023/24: £207,561).

Total net assets at 31 March 2025 were £235,719 (2023/24: £246,591).

#### ***Trustee expenses***

Trustee expenses during the year amounted to £235 for 1 Trustee (2023/24: £944 for 6 trustees). No trustees received any remuneration for work as a Trustee.

#### ***Reserves***

Trustees aim to maintain reserves at a sufficient level to ensure our financial resilience and sustainability, including protecting the charity against identified risks. The Trustees aim to strike an appropriate balance between ensuring a sustainable financial position and using our available funds to fulfil our charitable mission. The Trustees aim to retain sufficient unrestricted funds to cover a year's running costs.

The charity has no long-term liabilities.

#### ***Investment Policy***

The Charity's main sources of income are donations and legacies from members. It also receives returns on investments and interest on cash deposits and some income from the sale of books and copies of the *Christian Parapsychologist* to non-members.

The Charity's policy is to mitigate the risks presented by stock market volatility and the economic uncertainty by spreading its investments over a number of different types of funds and to move investments between funds from time to time to maximise returns. The funds are managed by the CCLA.

#### ***Risk Management***

The Trustees have continued to assess the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are working to ensure that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to them. Our risk assessment policy is reviewed twice-yearly.

During the year, the Charity set up a Risk Register, which will be reviewed annually.

## 8. Future plans

In 2025-26, the Trustees plan to:

- a. publish two editions each of its two magazines *The Christian Parapsychologist* and *The Fellowship Review*;
- b. publish new books and booklets currently being worked on by the Publications Committee;
- c. hold an Annual Conference
- d. hold an online conference to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of *The Christian Parapsychologist* magazine.
- e. hold a residential retreat
- f. support and increase the in-person and online group network and special interest groups
- g. seek ways to get the CFPSS better known, including a tour round the UK.
- h. continue to look for new venues for conferences in order to vary where they are held and thus make them more accessible to members in various parts of the country.
- i. increase its presence on social media platforms
- j. find new ways to raise funds, increase membership and operate cost effectively
- k. further amend the CFPSS Constitution to allow electronic voting and enable overseas members to vote
- l. Change our accounting year end to 31 December.

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and

application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, 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 charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Declaration**

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

Signed on their behalf:



Rev Canon Rose Maria Drew

Date: 16 January 2026

## **The Churches Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies**

### **Independed Examiners Report to the Trustees of The Churches Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 9 to 14.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its 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 satisfied myself 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 in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 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 section 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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which 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 of Recommended Practice for 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 (FRS 102).

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.

*Bowers Fleming + Co Ltd*

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*18/01/2026*

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**The Churches Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies**  
**Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 March 2025**

|  | <b>2025</b>            | <b>2024</b>         |
|--|------------------------|---------------------|
|  | <b>£</b>               | <b>£</b>            |
| <b>Income</b>                                      | 46,593                 | 43,253              |
| Cost of operating activities                       | 14,652                 | 17,389              |
| <b>Gross income</b>                                | <u>31,941</u>          | <u>25,864</u>       |
| <b>Interest received</b>                           | 669                    | -                   |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                    |                        |                     |
| Wages, salaries and other staff costs              | 28,675                 | 21,786              |
| Car, van and travel expenses                       | 670                    | 1,111               |
| Rent, rates, power and insurance costs             | 4,981                  | 4,257               |
| Repairs and renewals of property and equipment     | 337                    | 35                  |
| Telephone, fax, stationery and other office costs  | 5,541                  | 5,497               |
| Advertising and business entertainment costs       | 97                     | -                   |
| Bank, credit card and other finance charges        | 15                     | -                   |
| Accountancy, legal and other professional fees     | 1,152                  | 1,296               |
| Depreciation and loss/(profit) on sale             | 318                    | 191                 |
| Other business expenses                            | 134                    | 405                 |
|  | <u>41,920</u>          | <u>34,578</u>       |
| <b>Loss</b>  | <u>(9,310)</u>         | <u>(8,714)</u>      |
| Realised and unrealised (loss)/gain on investments | <u>(1,562)</u>         | <u>9,956</u>        |
|  | <u><u>(10,872)</u></u> | <u><u>1,242</u></u> |

**The Churches Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025**

|   | Notes | 2025<br>£      | 2024<br>£      |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                     |       |                |                |
| Equipment, machinery and motor vehicles | 3     | 1,272          | 763            |
| Other fixed assets                      | 4     | <u>175,999</u> | <u>207,561</u> |
|   |       | 177,271        | 208,324        |
| <b>Current assets</b>                   |       |                |                |
| Stock and work in progress              |       | 12,367         | 12,944         |
| Bank/building society balances          |       | 45,346         | 29,455         |
| Cash in hand                            |       | 78             | 56             |
| Other current assets and prepayments    |       | <u>4,360</u>   | <u>1,000</u>   |
|   |       | <u>62,151</u>  | <u>43,455</u>  |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>              |       |                |                |
| Amounts due within one year             |       | <u>3,703</u>   | <u>5,188</u>   |
| <b>Net current assets</b>               |       | 58,448         | 38,267         |
| <b>Net assets</b>                       |       | <u>235,719</u> | <u>246,591</u> |
| <b>Funds</b>                            |       |                |                |
| Unrestricted - General and HQ           |       | 230,051        | 240,923        |
| Restricted - Regional Fund              |       | 5,668          | 5,668          |
|   |       | <u>235,719</u> | <u>246,591</u> |

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 16 January 2026 and signed on their behalf by

*R. M. Drew*

President - Rev Canon Rose Maria Drew

*Cherry*

Treasurer - Ms Cherry Simpkin

**The Churches Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**1 Accounting basis**

The accounts have been compiled on a basis that enables profits to be calculated in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and that provides sufficient and relevant information to enable the completion of a tax return.

**2 Profit and loss account analysis**

|   | <b>2025</b>   | <b>2024</b>   |
|---|---------------|---------------|
|   | £             | £             |
| <b>Income</b>   |               |               |
| Income - Conferences and retreats                     | 8,579         | 12,689        |
| Income - Donations and Membership                     | 6,476         | 5,990         |
| Income - Investment income                            | 6,626         | 7,616         |
| Income - Legacies                                     | 22,404        | 15,674        |
| Income - Sale of Christian Psycholgist                | 81            | 72            |
| Income - Profit on books, tapes and cd's              | 1,708         | 1,185         |
| Income - sundry                                       | 719           | 27            |
|   | <u>46,593</u> | <u>43,253</u> |
| <b>Cost of sales</b>                                  |               |               |
| Cost of Sales - Conference expenses                   | 10,917        | 13,136        |
| Cost of sales - Quarterly review and CP               | 3,158         | 3,645         |
| Decrease in stocks                                    | 577           | 608           |
|   | <u>14,652</u> | <u>17,389</u> |
| <b>Other business income</b>                          |               |               |
| Interest receivable                                   | <u>669</u>    | <u>-</u>      |
| <b>Wages, salaries and other staff costs</b>          |               |               |
| Wages and salaries                                    | 24,633        | 20,569        |
| Pensions  | 662           | 617           |
| Employee costs - Honorarium CP                        | 3,380         | 600           |
|   | <u>28,675</u> | <u>21,786</u> |
| <b>Car, van and travel expenses</b>                   |               |               |
| Travel and subsistence                                | <u>670</u>    | <u>1,111</u>  |
| <b>Rent, rates, power and insurance costs</b>         |               |               |
| Rent  | 3,304         | -             |
| Rates   | 88            | -             |
| Light and heat  | 1,589         | 4,257         |
|   | <u>4,981</u>  | <u>4,257</u>  |
| <b>Repairs and renewals of property and equipment</b> |               |               |
| Repairs and maintenance                               | <u>337</u>    | <u>35</u>     |

**The Churches Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

|   |                |              |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| <b>Telephone, fax, stationery and other office costs</b>        |                |              |
| Telephone and internet  | 710            | 474          |
| Postage   | 961            | 1,450        |
| Stationery and printing   | 513            | -            |
| Information and publications                                    | 129            | 49           |
| Software  | 1,420          | 1,778        |
| Other insurance costs   | 1,808          | 1,746        |
|   | <u>5,541</u>   | <u>5,497</u> |
| <b>Advertising and business entertainment costs</b>             |                |              |
| Advertising and PR  | <u>97</u>      | <u>-</u>     |
| <b>Bank, credit card and other finance charges</b>              |                |              |
| Bank charges  | <u>15</u>      | <u>-</u>     |
| <b>Accountancy, legal and other professional fees</b>           |                |              |
| Accountants fees  | 720            | 1,296        |
| Other legal and professional                                    | 432            | -            |
|   | <u>1,152</u>   | <u>1,296</u> |
| <b>Depreciation and loss/(profit) on sale</b>                   |                |              |
| Depreciation  | <u>318</u>     | <u>191</u>   |
| <b>Other business expenses</b>                                  |                |              |
| Subscriptions   | 35             | -            |
| Other expenses  | 99             | 405          |
|   | <u>134</u>     | <u>405</u>   |
| <b>Realised and unrealised (loss)/gain on investments</b>       |                |              |
| Gain/(loss) on revaluation of current asset investments - Liste | (1,589)        | 8,449        |
| Income - Gain/(loss) on disposal of investments                 | 27             | 1,507        |
|   | <u>(1,562)</u> | <u>9,956</u> |

**The Churches Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies**  
**Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**3 Plant, machinery and motor vehicles**

|                       | <b>Office<br/>Equipment<br/>£</b> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>           |                                   |
| At 1 April 2024       | 6,509                             |
| Additions             | 827                               |
| At 31 March 2025      | <u>7,336</u>                      |
| <b>Depreciation</b>   |                                   |
| At 1 April 2024       | 5,746                             |
| Charge for the year   | 318                               |
| At 31 March 2025      | <u>6,064</u>                      |
| <b>Net book value</b> |                                   |
| At 31 March 2025      | <u>1,272</u>                      |
| At 31 March 2024      | <u>763</u>                        |

**4 Investments**

|   | <b>2025<br/>£</b> | <b>2024<br/>£</b> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Market value brought forward at 01 April 2024 | 207,561           | 217,605           |
| Disposals                                     | (30,000)          | (18,493)          |
| Realised and unrealised gains                 | (1,562)           | 8,449             |
| Market value carried forward at 31 March 2025 | <u>175,999</u>    | <u>207,561</u>    |

**5 Debtors**

|                    |              |              |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Conference prepaid | 3,860        | 1,000        |
| Retreat prepaid    | 500          |              |
|                    | <u>4,360</u> | <u>1,000</u> |

**6 Creditors**

|                            |              |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| PAYE control               | 702          | 599          |
| Pension control            | 132          | 120          |
| Membership fees in advance |              | 595          |
| Accruals                   | 2,869        | 1,874        |
| Member loan                |              | 2,000        |
|                            | <u>3,703</u> | <u>5,188</u> |

**The Churches Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**7 Movement in funds**

|                             | Balance b/fwd  | income            | loss on investm   | expenses          | Balance c/fwd  |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Unrestricted                |                |                   |                   |                   |                |
| General & HQ                | 240,924        | 47,261            | 5,478             | 56,572            | 226,135        |
| Designated<br>Regional fund | <u>5,667</u>   | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>5668</u>    |
|                             | <u>246,591</u> | <u>47,261</u>     | <u>5,478</u>      | <u>56,572</u>     | <u>231,803</u> |

| Comparative year 31.03.24   | Balance b/fwd  | income            | profit on investr | expenses          | Balance c/fwd  |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Unrestricted                |                |                   |                   |                   |                |
| General & HQ                | 239,681        | 43,252            | 9,956             | 51,965            | 240,924        |
| Designated<br>Regional fund | <u>5,667</u>   | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>5668</u>    |
|                             | <u>245,348</u> | <u>43,252</u>     | <u>9,956</u>      | <u>51,965</u>     | <u>246,592</u> |

**8 Regional balances**

|               |              |              |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|
|               | <b>2,025</b> | <b>2,024</b> |
| East Anglia   | 179          | 179          |
| South West    | 846          | 846          |
| South East    | 1,783        | 1,783        |
| London        | 1,486        | 1,486        |
| East Midlands | 239          | 239          |
| North West    | <u>1,134</u> | <u>1,134</u> |
| <b>Total</b>  | <u>5,667</u> | <u>5,667</u> |

**THE CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP FOR PSYCHICAL AND SPIRITUAL STUDIES**

England & Wales - Charity number 233778

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# Accounts

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**The Churches Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies (CFPSS)**  
**Registered charity number 233778**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024**

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**Independent Examiner:** Myrus Smith, Norman House, 8 Burnell Road, Sutton, Surrey SM148W

**Solicitors:** Porter Dodson, Telford House, The Park, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 1DY.

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Mrs Joanne Arnold

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The CFPSS takes seriously its duty of care towards Trustees, Staff, Members and the general public. It discourages any form of abuse for whatever reason. The Trustees regard their safeguarding responsibilities in respect of vulnerable adults particularly important since the nature of the charity's objectives may lead those in mental and spiritual distress to seek its help. The Charity is not involved with children.

#### 4. Achievements and Activities

The Charity's use of online platforms has grown over the year.

There are two WhatsApp groups, a twice-monthly discussion group and the a monthly prayer group specialising in paying for the dead

There are 265 people in the Facebook group, an increase of 78 from our last AGM. The number of people following the Facebook page has grown by a huge 103 to a total of 378.

There 336 subscribers to the YouTube channel, an increase of 49% on the previous year.

The emailed newsletter audience has increased from 235 to 280.

Our postal intercessory prayer group continues to flourish and is greatly appreciated by those who have requested prayer. A list of those requiring intercessions is sent out to the group by post and email.

The Annual Conference, celebrating the Charity's 70th anniversary, was held at in Birmingham from 27 to 29 September 2023.

The Charity continued a a nationwide tour to promote the work of the CFPSS, as part of our 70th anniversary celebrations, holding a number of meetings throughout the UK. These were well attended and brought a new members.

The CFPSS published two editions each of its two magazines *The Christian Parapsychologist* and *The Fellowship Review*. Articles from past magazines are freely available on the CFPSS website and are well read.

The CFPSS library continued to be well used. The library holds over 1500 books and booklets and 500 audio recordings and is free to use (subject to paying postal costs). The library is available to members through the website or by contacting the general secretary.

The Publications Committee have been working on a number of publications, in particular:

- a re-issue of the book *Four Studies in Mysticism* by Frances Banks;
- a book on *Praying for the Dead* by Meg Gilley, published in September 2023;
- a book on *Talking About Spiritual Experience*, published in September 2024;
- a booklet on the phenomenon of past-life memories and how Christians can try to make sense of this experience;
- study guides on the CFPSS' various areas of interest;
- anthologies of specific topics using past contributions to the *Christian Parapsychologist*;
- an undated re-issue of *An Introduction to Psychic Awareness* by the Rev. Neil Broadbent.

The CFPSS Regional Groups continue to meet regularly, either in person or on Zoom. The increasing use of Zoom has enabled those who find it hard to travel to attend meetings.

## **5. Safeguarding**

The Council policy on safeguarding is reviewed annually. The Charity appointed Emma Hughes as its new Safeguarding Officer but is still seeking to replace the Rev. Jennifer Lane as Safeguarding Trustee. The Council has established that all trustees do not need to be DBS checked.

## **6. Data Protection**

The Council's data protection policy is in line with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

In order to keep email and paper data private and safe the CFPSS uses two documents,

- a. The CFPSS privacy notice informs members or public what information is held and for what purpose, how long it is kept and deleted. Their rights are also explained. This Notice is displayed on the CFPSS website.
- b. The CFPSS Consent Form which has to be filled in to authorise consent for personal information to be held. This can be done by email or paper. This form must be returned to the General Secretary. If it is not, any information held is deleted.

Mrs Helen Beck acted as Trustee Responsible for GDPR during the year. However, as her tenure as trustee ended in October 2023, the Fellowship is working to find a replacement.

Mrs Joanne Arnold, the General Secretary, is the main data user.

The CFPSS is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office for Data Protection.

The CFPSS has never had a data breach but knows how to report one should it happen.

## **7. Financial Review**

### ***Going concern***

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

### ***Overall results***

During the year ended 31 March 2024 the Charity made an operating loss of £(8,714) compared to loss of £(18,836) in 2022/23. With investment gains of £9,95, there was an overall gain of £1,242, compared to a loss of £(37,789) in 2022/23.

As at 31 March 2024, investments were valued at £207,561 (2022/23: £217,605).

Total net assets at 31 March 2024 were £246,591 (2022/23: £245,349).

### **Trustee expenses**

Trustees expenses during the year amounted to £944 for 6 Trustees (2022/23: £44 for 1 trustees). No trustees received any remuneration for work as a Trustee.

### **Reserves**

Trustees aim to maintain reserves at a sufficient level to ensure our financial resilience and sustainability, including protecting the charity against identified risks. The Trustees aim to strike the appropriate balance between ensuring a sustainable financial position and using our available funds to fulfil our charitable mission. The Trustees aim to retain sufficient unrestricted funds to cover a year's running costs.

The charity has no long-term liabilities.

### **Investment Policy**

The charity's main sources of income are donations and legacies from members. It also receives returns on investments and interest on cash deposits and some income from the sale of books and copies of the *Christian Parapsychologist* to non-members.

The charity's policy is to mitigate the risks presented by stock market volatility and the economic uncertainty by spreading its investments over a number of different types of funds and to move investments between funds from time to time to maximise returns. The funds are managed by the CCLA.

### **Risk Management**

The Trustees have continued to assess the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are working to ensure that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to them. Our risk assessment policy is reviewed twice-yearly.

During the year the Charity set up a Risk Register, which will be reviewed annually.

## **8. Future plans**

In 2024-25, the Trustees plan to:

- a. publish two editions each of its two magazines *The Christian Parapsychologist* and *The Fellowship Review*;
- b. publish new books and booklets currently being worked on by the Publications Committee;
- c. hold a Annual Conference to celebrate CFPSS' 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary

- d. run events for members online
- e. continue with online discussion groups
- f. hold a residential retreat
- g. support and increase the regional group network and special interest groups
- h. seek ways to get the CFPSS better known, including continuing the anniversary tour round the UK and promote its work at external events., such as Greenbelt and the Festival of Healing
- i. continue to look for new venues for conferences in order to vary where they are held and thus make them more accessible to members in various parts of the country.
- j. increase its presence on social media platforms
- k. find new ways to raise funds, increase membership and operate cost effectively
- l. appoint Trustees for data protection and safeguarding
- m. review the CFPSS Constitution to ensure it is fit for purpose, in particular in relation to the group structure and the role of representatives and the use of electronic communication methods, including seeking legal advice as appropriate
- n. establish a group to look at Policies to ensure we are complying with Charity Commission requirements and the Law.

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, 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 charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Declaration**

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

Signed on their behalf:



Dr Santha Bhattacharji  
President  
Date: 25 February 2025

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2024

|  | 2024          |                  | 2023         |                 |
|--|---------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|
|  | £             | £                | £            | £               |
| <b>Income</b>  |               |                  |              |                 |
| Donations & Membership                               | 5,990.01      |                  | 7,182        |                 |
| Legacies   | 15,673.54     |                  | 0            |                 |
| Investment Income                                    | 7,616.04      |                  | 8,017        |                 |
| Profit on Books, Tapes & CD                          | 1,184.96      |                  | 977          |                 |
| Conferences  | 12,688.96     |                  | 6,502        |                 |
| Sale of Christian Parapsychologist                   | 71.61         |                  | 365          |                 |
| Other Income   | <u>26.50</u>  |                  | <u>3,329</u> |                 |
|  |               | 43,251.62        |              | 26,372          |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                                   |               |                  |              |                 |
| Cost of Quartely Review & Christian Parapsychologist | 3,644.85      |                  | 3,522        |                 |
| Pension contributions                                | 617.04        |                  | 617          |                 |
| Salaries, Wages & NIC                                | 20,569.08     |                  | 20,569       |                 |
| Books  | 48.60         |                  | 20           |                 |
| Council Retreat & Working Parties                    | 0.00          |                  | 0            |                 |
| Conference expenses                                  | 13,136.01     |                  | 7,587        |                 |
| Travelling & Car Expenses                            | 1,110.79      |                  | 160          |                 |
| Profit on disposal of Motor Vehicle                  | 0.00          |                  | 0            |                 |
| Rent, Rates, Light & Heat                            | 4,257.06      |                  | 4,341        |                 |
| Postage & Stationery                                 | 1,449.87      |                  | 1,825        |                 |
| Telephone  | 473.76        |                  | 478          |                 |
| Insurance  | 1,745.81      |                  | 1,666        |                 |
| Accountancy  | 1,296.00      |                  | 1,284        |                 |
| Legal & Professional                                 | 0.00          |                  | 0            |                 |
| IT support   | 1,777.98      |                  | 995          |                 |
| Sundries   | 404.33        |                  | 35           |                 |
| Staff Recruitment                                    | 0.00          |                  | 0            |                 |
| Office Move Costs                                    | 0.00          |                  | 0            |                 |
| Equipment  | 35.00         |                  | 30           |                 |
| Depreciation of Equipment                            | 191.00        |                  | 239          |                 |
| Movement in stock of books                           | 608.00        |                  | 640          |                 |
| Net cost of Regions & Branches                       | 0.00          |                  | 0            |                 |
| Bank Charges   | 0.00          |                  | 0            |                 |
| Honorarium CP  | <u>600.00</u> |                  | <u>1,200</u> |                 |
|  |               | <u>51,965.18</u> |              | <u>45,208</u>   |
|  |               | (8,713.56)       |              | (18,836)        |
| Realised and unrealised (loss)/ gain on investments  |               | 9,956.00         |              | (18,953)        |
|  |               | <u>1,242.44</u>  |              | <u>(37,789)</u> |

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

|                                     | Notes | 2024             |                   | 2023          |                |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
|                                     |       | £                | £                 | £             | £              |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                 |       |                  |                   |               |                |
| Investments                         | 1     | 207,561.00       |                   | 217,605       |                |
| Tangible Assets                     | 2     | <u>763.00</u>    |                   | <u>954</u>    |                |
|                                     |       |                  | 208,324.00        |               | 218,559        |
| <b>Current Assets</b>               |       |                  |                   |               |                |
| Stock                               |       | 12,944.00        |                   | 13,552        |                |
| Debtors                             | 3     | 1,000.00         |                   | 1,840         |                |
| Cash at bank and in hand            |       | <u>29,510.72</u> |                   | <u>14,565</u> |                |
|                                     |       | 43,454.72        |                   | 29,957        |                |
| <b>Creditors</b>                    |       |                  |                   |               |                |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 4     | <u>5,187.50</u>  |                   | <u>3,167</u>  |                |
| <b>Net Current Assets</b>           |       |                  | 38,267.22         |               | 26,790         |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                   |       |                  | <u>246,591.22</u> |               | <u>245,349</u> |
| <b>Funds</b>                        |       |                  |                   |               |                |
| Unrestricted - General & HQ         | 5     | 240,923.73       |                   | 239,681       |                |
| Designated - Regional Fund          | 5     | 5,667.49         |                   | 5,668         |                |
|                                     |       |                  | <u>246,591.22</u> |               | <u>245,349</u> |

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 25 February 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

*Santha Bhattacharji*

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President - Dr Santha Bhattacharji

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Treasurer - Miss C Simpkin

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

|          |   |                     |                  |                 |
|----------|---|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1</b> | <b>INVESTMENTS</b>                            | <b>2024</b>         | <b>2023</b>      |                 |
|          | Market value brought forward at 1 April 2023  | 217,605             | 256,558          |                 |
|          | Disposals                                     | {18,493}            | (19,812)         |                 |
|          | Realised & Unrealised Gains                   | 8,449               | {19,141}         |                 |
|          | Market value carried forward at 31 March 2024 | <u>207,561</u>      | <u>217,605</u>   |                 |
| <b>2</b> | <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                           | Office<br>Equipment | Motor<br>Vehicle | Total           |
|          | <b>COST</b>                                   |                     |                  |                 |
|          | As at 1 April 2023                            | 6,509.00            | 0.00             | 6,509.00        |
|          | Disposals                                     | 0.00                |                  | 0.00            |
|          | As at 31 March 2024                           | <u>6,509.00</u>     | <u>0.00</u>      | <u>6,509.00</u> |
|          | <b>DEPRECIATION</b>                           |                     |                  |                 |
|          | As at 1 April 2023                            | 5,555.00            | 0.00             | 5,555.00        |
|          | Eliminated on disposal                        | 0.00                |                  | 0.00            |
|          | Charge for the year                           | 191.00              | 0.00             | 191.00          |
|          | As at 31 March 2023                           | <u>5,746.00</u>     | <u>0.00</u>      | <u>5,746.00</u> |
|          | <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>                         |                     |                  |                 |
|          | At 31 March 2024                              | <u>763.00</u>       | <u>0.00</u>      | <u>763.00</u>   |
|          | At 31 March 2023                              | <u>954.00</u>       | <u>0.00</u>      | <u>954.00</u>   |
| <b>3</b> | <b>DEBTORS</b>                                | <b>2024</b>         | <b>2023</b>      |                 |
|          | Retreat deposit prepaid (Launde Abbey)        | 0.00                | 840              |                 |
|          | Conference deposit                            | 1000.00             | 1000             |                 |
|          |   | <u>1000.00</u>      | <u>1840</u>      |                 |
| <b>4</b> | <b>CREDITORS</b>                              | <b>2024</b>         | <b>2023</b>      |                 |
|          | PAYE Control                                  | 599.23              | 638              |                 |
|          | Pension Control                               | 119.98              | 120              |                 |
|          | Membership fees in advance                    | 594.62              | 595              |                 |
|          | Accruals                                      | 1,873.67            | 1814             |                 |
|          | members loan                                  | 2,000.00            | 0                |                 |
|          |   | <u>5,187.50</u>     | <u>3,167</u>     |                 |

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**S**            **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

|                     | Balance b/f<br>at 1 April 2023 | Income           | (Loss) on<br>Investments | Expenses         | Transfer    | Balance c/f<br>at 31 March 2024 |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted</b> |                                |                  |                          |                  |             |                                 |
| General & HQ        | 239,681.29                     | 43,251.62        | 9,956.00                 | 51,965.18        |             | 240,923.73                      |
| <b>Designated</b>   |                                |                  |                          |                  |             |                                 |
| Regional Fund       | 5,667.49                       |                  |                          |                  |             | 5,667.49                        |
|                     | <u>245,348.78</u>              | <u>43,251.62</u> | <u>9,956.00</u>          | <u>51,965.18</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>246,591.22</u>               |

Comparative figures for 31 March 2023

|                     | Balance b/f<br>at 1 April 2021 | Income           | Gain on<br>Investments | Expenses         | Transfer    | Balance c/f<br>at 31 March 2022 |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted</b> |                                |                  |                        |                  |             |                                 |
| General & HQ        | 277,490.30                     | 26,345.62        | (18,953.00)            | 45,201.63        |             | 239,681.29                      |
| <b>Designated</b>   |                                |                  |                        |                  |             |                                 |
| Regional Fund       | 5,647.49                       | 26.10            |                        | 6.10             |             | 5,667.49                        |
|                     | <u>283,137.79</u>              | <u>26,371.72</u> | <u>-18,953.00</u>      | <u>45,207.73</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>245,348.78</u>               |

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| <b>Regional Balances</b> | 2024            | 2023            |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| East Anglia              | 178.77          | 178.77          |
| South West               | 846.31          | 846.31          |
| South East               | 1,783.15        | 1,783.15        |
| London                   | 1,486.29        | 1,486.29        |
| East Midlands            | 238.85          | 238.85          |
| North West               | 1,134.12        | 1,134.12        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <u>5,667.49</u> | <u>5,667.49</u> |

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### INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP FOR PSYCHICAL AND SPIRITUAL STUDIES

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its 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 satisfied myself 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 in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 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 section 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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which 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 of Recommended Practice for 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 (FRS 102).

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.



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K C Fisher FCA  
c/o Kingston Burrowes Audit Ltd  
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Date: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025



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We have increased our use of our YouTube channel this year, putting on talks from past conferences. Currently, we have 24 videos on the channel. We have 171 subscribers to the channel, a number that is growing steadily.

There are currently 235 subscribers to our regular email newsletter – an increase of 65 since last year. Our Facebook page continues to be popular.

Our postal intercessory prayer group continues to flourish and is greatly appreciated by those who have requested prayer. A list of those requiring intercessions is sent out to the group by post and email.

An Annual Conference was held at the Yarnfield Conference Centre at Stone in Staffordshire from 9 to 11 September 2022 on the theme of 'Joy: Psychic and Spiritual'.

As part of our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, we began a nationwide tour to promote the work of the CFPSS. The meetings have been well attended and we have gained new members at each one.

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Mrs Helen Beck acted as Trustee Responsible for GDPR during the year. However, as her tenure as trustee ended in October 2023, the Fellowship is working to find a replacement.

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## **7. Financial Review**

### ***Going concern***

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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During the year ended 31 March 2023 the Charity made an operating loss of £(18,836) compared to loss of £(23,311) in 2021/22. With investment losses of £(18,953), the overall loss was £(37,789) compared to a loss of £(7,065) in 2021/22.

As at 31 March 2023, investments were valued at £217,605 (2021/22: £256,558).

Total net assets at 31 March 2023 were £245,349 (2021/22: £284,296).

### ***Trustee expenses***

Trustees expenses during the year amounted to £44 for 1 Trustee (2021/22: £826 for 5 trustees). No trustees received any remuneration for work as a Trustee.

### ***Reserves***

Trustees aim to maintain reserves at a sufficient level to ensure our financial resilience and sustainability, including protecting the charity against identified risks. The Trustees aim to strike the appropriate balance between ensuring a sustainable financial position and using our available funds to fulfil our charitable mission. The Trustees aim to retain sufficient unrestricted funds to cover a year's running costs.

The charity has no long-term liabilities.

### ***Investment Policy***

The charity's main sources of income are donations and legacies from members. It also receives returns on investments and interest on cash deposits and some income from the sale of books and copies of the *Christian Parapsychologist* to non-members.

The charity's policy is to mitigate the risks presented by stock market volatility and the economic uncertainty by spreading its investments over a number of different types of funds and to move investments between funds from time to time to maximise returns. The funds are managed by the CCLA.

### ***Risk Management***

The Trustees have continued to assess the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are working to ensure that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to them. Our risk assessment policy is reviewed twice-yearly.

Andrew Cort was appointed trustee for risk management and began work on drawing up a risk register.

## **8. Future plans**

In 2023-24, the Trustees plan to:

- a. publish two editions each of its two magazines *The Christian Parapsychologist* and *The Fellowship Review*;
- b. publish new books and booklets currently being worked on by the Publications Committee;
- c. hold a special Annual Conference to celebrate CFPSS' 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary

- d. run events for members online
- e. continue with online discussion groups
- f. hold a residential retreat
- g. support and increase the group network
- h. seek ways to get the CFPSS better known, including continuing the anniversary tour round the UK and promote its work at external events., such as Greenbelt and the Festival of Healing
- i. continue to look for new venues for conferences in order to vary where they are held and thus make them more accessible to members in various parts of the country.
- j. increase its presence on social media platforms
- k. find new ways to raise funds, increase membership and operate cost effectively
- l. complete our risk register
- m. appoint Trustees for data protection and safeguarding
- n. review the CFPSS Constitution to ensure it is fit for purpose, in particular to clarify the roles of the President and Chair, including seeking legal advice as appropriate.

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, 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 charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Declaration**

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

Signed on their behalf:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Santha Bhattacharji". The signature is written in a cursive style with a distinct flourish at the end.

Dr Santha Bhattacharji  
President  
Date: 22 January 2024

**THE CHURCHES' FELLOWSHIP FOR PSYCHICAL AND SPIRITUAL STUDIES**

**Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2023**

|   | <b>2023</b> |                   | <b>2022</b> |                |
|---|-------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|
|   | £           | £                 | £           | £              |
| <b>Income</b>   |             |                   |             |                |
| Donations and membership                              | 7,182       |                   | 7,860       |                |
| Legacies  | 0           |                   | 40          |                |
| Investment income                                     | 8,017       |                   | 8,036       |                |
| Books, tapes and CDs etc                              | 977         |                   | 2,044       |                |
| Conferences   | 6,502       |                   | 7,997       |                |
| Sales of Christian Parapsychologist                   | 365         |                   | 143         |                |
| Other income  | 3,329       |                   | 77          |                |
|   |             | 26,372            |             | 26,197         |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                                    |             |                   |             |                |
| Cost of Quarterly Review & Christian Parapsychologist | 3,522       |                   | 4,225       |                |
| Pension contributions                                 | 617         |                   | 654         |                |
| Salaries, Wages & NIC                                 | 20,569      |                   | 20,569      |                |
| Books   | 20          |                   | 143         |                |
| Council Retreat & Working Parties                     | 0           |                   | 6,310       |                |
| Conference expenses                                   | 7,587       |                   | 5,294       |                |
| Travelling Expenses                                   | 159         |                   | 978         |                |
| Rent, Rates, Light & Heat,                            | 4,341       | *                 | 4,118       |                |
| Postage & Stationery                                  | 1,825       |                   | 2,066       |                |
| Telephone   | 478         |                   | 483         |                |
| Insurance   | 1,666       |                   | 1,865       |                |
| Accountancy   | 1,284       |                   | 1,284       |                |
| Legal & Professional                                  | 0           |                   | 0           |                |
| IT support  | 995         |                   | 318         |                |
| Sundries  | 35          |                   | 176         |                |
| Staff Recruitment                                     | 0           |                   | 0           |                |
| Office Move Costs                                     | 0           |                   | 0           |                |
| Equipment   | 30          |                   | 92          |                |
| Depreciation of Equipment                             | 239         |                   | 298         |                |
| Movement in stock of books                            | 640         |                   | 328         |                |
| Net cost of Regions & Branches                        | 0           |                   | 7           |                |
| Bank Charges  | 0           |                   | 0           |                |
| Honorarium CP   | 1,200       |                   | 300         |                |
|   |             | 45,208            |             | 49,507         |
|   |             | <u>(18836.01)</u> |             | <u>(23311)</u> |
| Realised and unrealised gain on investments           | (18953.00)  |                   |             | 16,246         |
| Surplus (deficit) for the year                        | (37789.01)  |                   |             | (7065)         |

**THE CHURCHES' FELLOWSHIP FOR PSYCHICAL AND SPIRITUAL STUDIES**

**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023**

|                                     | Notes | 2023          |                | 2022          |                |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
|                                     |       | £             | £              | £             | £              |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                 |       |               |                |               |                |
| Investments                         | 1     | 217,605       |                | 256,558       |                |
| Tangible assets                     | 2     | <u>954</u>    |                | <u>1,193</u>  |                |
|                                     |       |               | 218,559        |               | 257,751        |
| <b>Currents Assets</b>              |       |               |                |               |                |
| Stock                               |       | 13,552        |                | 14,192        |                |
| Debtors                             | 3     | 1,840         |                | 0             |                |
| Cash at bank and in hand            |       | <u>14,565</u> |                | <u>13,237</u> |                |
|                                     |       | 29,957        |                | 27,429        |                |
| <b>Creditors</b>                    |       |               |                |               |                |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 4     | 3,167         |                | <u>2,042</u>  |                |
| <b>Net current assets</b>           |       |               | 26,790         |               | 25,387         |
| <b>Net assets</b>                   |       |               | 245,349        |               | 283,138        |
| <b>Funds</b>                        |       |               |                |               |                |
| Unrestricted - General & HQ         | 5     |               | 239,681        |               | 277,490        |
| Designated - Regional Fund          | 5     |               | <u>5,667</u>   |               | <u>5,647</u>   |
|                                     |       |               | <u>245,349</u> |               | <u>283,138</u> |

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 22 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

President                      Dr Santha Bhattacharji

*Santha Bhattacharji*

Treasurer - Ms Cherry Simpkin

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**THE CHURCHES' FELLOWSHIP FOR PSYCHICAL AND SPIRITUAL STUDIES**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

|   |  |                             |                  |
|---|--|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | <b>INVESTMENTS</b>                       | <b>2023</b><br>£            | <b>2022</b><br>£ |
|   | Market value brought forward at 1 April  | 256,558                     | 240,312          |
|   | Disposals                                | (19812)                     | 0                |
|   | Realised & Unrealised Gains              | (19141)                     | 16,246           |
|   | Market value carried forward at 31 March | <u>217,605</u>              | <u>256,558</u>   |
| 2 | <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                      | <b>Office<br/>Equipment</b> |                  |
|   | <b>COST</b>                              |                             |                  |
|   | As at 1 April 2022                       | 6,509                       |                  |
|   | Disposals                                | 0                           |                  |
|   | As at 31 March 2023                      | <u>6,509</u>                |                  |
|   | <b>DEPRECIATION</b>                      |                             |                  |
|   | As at 1 April 2022                       | 5,316                       |                  |
|   | Eliminated on disposal                   | 0                           |                  |
|   | Charge for the year                      | 239                         |                  |
|   | At 31 March 2023                         | <u>5,555</u>                |                  |
|   | <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>                    |                             |                  |
|   | At 31 March 2023                         | <u>954</u>                  |                  |
|   | At 31 March 2022                         | <u>1,193</u>                |                  |
| 3 | <b>DEBTORS</b>                           | <b>2023</b><br>£            | <b>2022</b><br>£ |
|   | Retreat deposit (Launde Abbey)           | 840                         | 0                |
|   | Conference deposit                       | 1,000                       | 0                |
|   | Total                                    | <u>1,840</u>                | <u>0</u>         |
| 4 | <b>CREDITORS</b>                         |                             |                  |
|   | PAYE Control                             | 638                         | 728              |
|   | Pension Control                          | 120                         | 120              |
|   | Membership fees in advance               | 595                         | 279              |
|   | Accruals                                 | 1,814                       | 915              |
|   |  | <u>3,167</u>                | <u>2,042</u>     |

THE CHURCHES' FELLOWSHIP FOR PSYCHICAL AND SPIRITUAL STUDIES

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

5 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

|                     | Balance b/f at 1 April 2022 | Income        | (Loss) on investments | Expenditure   | Transfer | Balance b/f at 31 March 2023 |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------|------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted</b> |                             |               |                       |               |          |                              |
| General and HQ      | 277,490                     | 26,346        | (18953.00)            | 45,202        | 0        | 239,681                      |
| <b>Designated</b>   |                             |               |                       |               |          |                              |
| Regional Fund       | 5,647                       | 26            |                       | 6             | 0        | 5,667                        |
|                     | <b>283,138</b>              | <b>26,372</b> | <b>(18953.00)</b>     | <b>45,208</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>245,349</b>               |

Comparative figures for 31 March 2022

|                     | Balance b/f at 1 April 2021 | Income        | Gain on investments | Expenditure   | Transfer | Balance b/f at 31 March 2022 |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|----------|------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted</b> |                             |               |                     |               |          |                              |
| General and HQ      | 284,856                     | 26,190        | 16,246              | 49,502        | (300)    | 277,490                      |
| <b>Designated</b>   |                             |               |                     |               |          |                              |
| Regional Fund       | 5,347                       | 7             |                     | 7             | 300      | 5,647                        |
|                     | <b>290,203</b>              | <b>26,197</b> | <b>16,246</b>       | <b>49,508</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>283,138</b>               |

**THE CHURCHES' FELLOWSHIP FOR PSYCHICAL AND SPIRITUAL STUDIES**

**Regional Balances**

|               | <b>2023</b>         | <b>2022</b>         |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|               | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>            |
| East Anglia   | 179                 | 179                 |
| South West    | 846                 | 846                 |
| South East    | 1,783               | 1,783               |
| London        | 1,486               | 1,466               |
| East Midlands | 239                 | 239                 |
| North West    | 1,134               | 1,134               |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b><u>5,667</u></b> | <b><u>5,647</u></b> |

**The Churches Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP FOR PSYCHICAL AND SPIRITUAL STUDIES**

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its 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').

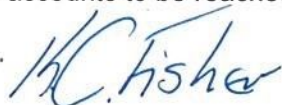
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which 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 of Recommended Practice for 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 (FRS 102).

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.



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K C Fisher FCA  
c/o Myrus Smith  
Chartered Accountants  
Norman House, 8 Burnell Road,  
Sutton, Surrey. SM1 4BW

Date: 23 January 2024

**THE CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP FOR PSYCHICAL AND SPIRITUAL STUDIES**

England & Wales - Charity number 233778

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# Accounts

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**The Churches Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies (CFPSS)**  
**Registered charity number 233778**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022**

**Trustees:**

Dr Santha Bhattacharji (President)  
Rev. Jennifer Lane (Chair)  
Ms Cherry Simpkin, (Hon Treasurer) (re-elected 3 September 2021)  
Rev Neil Broadbent (re-elected 9 September 2022)  
Mrs Barbara Broadbent (until 9 February 2022)  
Mrs Vicky Jeffs, (re-elected 3 September 2021)  
Mr Roger Straughan (until 9 December 2021)  
Mrs Helen Beck  
Mrs Ruth Bird  
Ms Rhoda Martin (until July 2021)  
Rev Alison Earl (until 17 March 2022)  
Mrs Margaret Lee (until 1 August 2021)  
Ms Ellen Davis  
Dr Robert Gilbert  
Mr Ian Fordyce (from 9 September 2022)  
Mr Andrew Cort (from 9 September 2022)  
Rev Andrew Fisher (re-elected 3 September 2021)

**Independent Examiner:** Myrus Smith, Norman House, 8 Burnell Road, Sutton, Surrey SM148W

**Solicitors:** Porter Dodson, Telford House, The Park, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 1DY.

**General Secretary**

Mrs Joanne Arnold

**Office Address**

Office 8, The Creative Suite, Mill 3, Pleasley Vale Business Park, Mansfield, NG19 8RL

**Structure, Governance & Management**

The governing document of the trust is a Constitution amended by resolution on 1 April 1963 and 8 September 2017. Under the Constitution the charity is governed by a Council consisting of the President, a Chair, an Honorary Treasurer, 1 Representative from each Region and up to 6 others. Up to 3 Vice-Presidents and up to 2 Vice-Chairs may also be elected.

Members of the Council are elected by the members of the charity at an AGM, the President to serve for 5 years and all others to serve for 3 years. All Council members are eligible for re-election.

The Council has the power to co-opt up to 3 trustees to serve until the next AGM, when they will be eligible for election by the members. It may co-opt trustees in the event of casual vacancies to serve for the remainder of the term of the person replaced.

The Council may also appoint a paid General Secretary and any other staff as they see fit. Remuneration and duties of all staff shall be determined by the Council. At present, the charity's only member of staff is the General Secretary. The Editor of the charity's magazine *The Christian Parapsychologist* receives an honorarium.

The CFPSS does not hold any funds as a custodian trustee on behalf of others.

### **Objectives of the Charity**

The objects of the Charity are to encourage the study in a Christian context of spiritual, paranormal, psychological and other scientific phenomena and to try to assess their validity and their relevance to the Christian faith.

### **Public Benefit**

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Council has given due consideration to general guidance published by the charity commission relating to public benefit.

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important since the nature of the charity's objectives may lead those in mental and spiritual distress to seek its help. The Charity is not involved with children.

### **Achievements and Activities**

Discussion groups continued using online platforms such as WhatsApp and were well used.

Two online one-day conferences using Zoom were held during the year, one on 24 April 2021 on the meaning of the words 'psychical' and 'spiritual' and one on 5 March 2022 on 'The Dark Night of the Soul'. Both were well attended.

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The new Publications Committee continued to meet. The following books were published in September 2021:

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*The Church of England's Spiritualism Report*, re-set by Matthew Arnold

The Committee also began work on the publication of a book of talks by Rev. Martin Israel to be entitled *The Reality of Prayer and Other Reflections*.

A new CFPSS Regional Group was set up in Oxfordshire. Since the year-end 3 new groups have been set up for Wales, Scotland and East Midlands.

A support network has been set up whereby clergy members of the Fellowship will be available for those seeking help in relation to personal experiences of the paranormal. 9 clergy members have agreed to be part of this project.

A new Membership Leaflet has been produced which sets out the criteria for membership more clearly while still being faithful to the requirements laid out in the CFPSS Constitution.

### ***Financial Controls***

A revised Financial Controls Policy was issued in February 2022.

### ***Safeguarding***

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As at 31 March 2022, investments were valued at £256,558 (2020/21: £240,312).

Total net assets at 31 March 2022 were £283,138 (2020/21: £290,203).

### ***Trustee expenses***

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- increase its presence on social media platforms and promote its work at external events.
- find new ways to raise funds, increase membership and operate cost effectively
- agree a risk management policy, and safeguarding policy for operating online
- review the CFPSS Constitution to ensure it is fit for purpose, in particular to clarify the roles of the President and Chair

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**Declaration**

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

Signed on their behalf:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Santha Bhattacharji". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Dr Santha Bhattacharji  
President  
Date: 31 January 2023

THE CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP FOR PSYCHICAL AND SPIRITUAL STUDIES

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2022

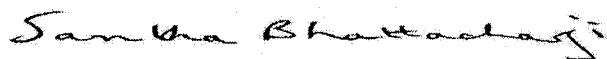
|   | 2022          |                    | 2021       |               |
|---|---------------|--------------------|------------|---------------|
|   | £             | £                  | £          | £             |
| <b>Income</b>   |               |                    |            |               |
| Donations & Membership                                  | 7,860.00      |                    | 7,791      |               |
| Legacies  | 40.28         |                    | 41,464     |               |
| <b>Investment Income</b>                                | 8,035.73      |                    | 8,044      |               |
| Profit on Books, Tapes & CD                             | 2,043.62      |                    | 390        |               |
| <b>Conferences</b>                                      | 7,997.02      |                    | 2,767      |               |
| Sale of Christian Parapsychologist                      | 143.17        |                    | 141        |               |
| Other Income  | <u>77.11</u>  |                    | <u>84</u>  |               |
|   |               | 26,196.93          |            | 60,681        |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                                      |               |                    |            |               |
| Cost of Quartely Review & Christian<br>Parapsychologist | 4,225.39      |                    | 3,465      |               |
| <b>Pension contributions</b>                            | 654.31        |                    | 386        |               |
| Salaries, Wages & NIC                                   | 20,569.08     |                    | 17,553     |               |
| Books   | 142.85        |                    | 0          |               |
| Council Retreat & Working Parties                       | 6,309.58      |                    | 1,914      |               |
| <b>Conference expenses</b>                              | 5,294.33      |                    | 1,528      |               |
| Travelling & Car Expenses                               | 978.48        |                    | 83         |               |
| Profit on disposal of Motor Vehicle                     | 0.00          |                    | 0          |               |
| Rent, Rates, Light & Heat                               | 4,117.63      |                    | 3,830      |               |
| Postage & Stationery                                    | 2,065.53      |                    | 1,969      |               |
| Telephone   | 482.88        |                    | 398        |               |
| Insurance   | 1,865.44      |                    | 1,816      |               |
| Accountancy   | 1,284.00      |                    | 1,217      |               |
| Legal & Professional                                    | 0.00          |                    | 35         |               |
| IT support  | 318.21        |                    | 708        |               |
| Sundries  | 175.50        |                    | 183        |               |
| Staff Recruitment                                       | 0.00          |                    | 0          |               |
| Office Move Costs                                       | 0.00          |                    | 0          |               |
| Equipment   | 92.20         |                    | 0          |               |
| Depreciation of Equipment                               | 298.20        |                    | 375        |               |
| Movement in stock of books                              | 328.00        |                    | 336        |               |
| Net cost of Regions & Branches                          | 6.60          |                    | 48         |               |
| Bank Charges  | 0.00          |                    | 0          |               |
| Honorarium CP   | <u>300.00</u> |                    | <u>900</u> |               |
|   |               | 49,508.21          |            | 36,744        |
|   |               | <u>(23,311.28)</u> |            | <u>23,937</u> |
| Realised and unrealised (loss)/ gain on investments     |               | 16,246.00          |            | 21,579        |
|   |               | <u>(7,065.28)</u>  |            | <u>45,516</u> |

THE CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP FOR PSYCHICAL AND SPIRITUAL STUDIES

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

|                                     | Notes | 2022             |                   | 2021          |                |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
|                                     |       | £                | £                 | £             | £              |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                 |       |                  |                   |               |                |
| Investments                         | 1     | 256,558.00       |                   | 240,312       |                |
| Tangible Assets                     | 2     | <u>1,192.80</u>  |                   | <u>1,491</u>  |                |
|                                     |       |                  | 257,750.80        |               | 241,803        |
| <b>Current Assets</b>               |       |                  |                   |               |                |
| Stock                               |       | 14,192.00        |                   | 14,520        |                |
| Debtors                             | 3     | 0.00             |                   | 0             |                |
| Cash at bank and in hand            |       | <u>13,237.01</u> |                   | <u>37,367</u> |                |
|                                     |       |                  | 27,429.01         |               | 51,887         |
| <b>Creditors</b>                    |       |                  |                   |               |                |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 4     | <u>2,042.02</u>  |                   | <u>3,487</u>  |                |
| <b>Net Current Assets</b>           |       |                  | 25,386.99         |               | 48,400         |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                   |       |                  | <u>283,137.79</u> |               | <u>290,203</u> |
| <b>Funds</b>                        |       |                  |                   |               |                |
| Unrestricted - General & HQ         | 5     |                  | 277,490.30        |               | 284,855        |
| Designated - Regional Fund          | 5     |                  | 5,647.49          |               | 5,348          |
|                                     |       |                  | <u>283,137.79</u> |               | <u>290,203</u> |

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 31 January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



President - Dr Santha Bhattacharji



Treasurer - Miss C Simpkin

**THE CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP FOR PSYCHICAL AND SPIRITUAL STUDIES  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

|          |   |                     |                  |                 |
|----------|---|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1</b> | <b>INVESTMENTS</b>                            | <b>2022</b>         | <b>2021</b>      |                 |
|          | Market value brought forward at 1 April 2021  | 240,312             | 218,733          |                 |
|          | Disposals                                     | 0                   | 0                |                 |
|          | Realised & Unrealised Gains                   | 16,246              | 21,579           |                 |
|          | Market value carried forward at 31 March 2022 | <u>256,558</u>      | <u>240,312</u>   |                 |
| <b>2</b> | <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                           | Office<br>Equipment | Motor<br>Vehicle | Total           |
|          | <b>COST</b>                                   |                     |                  |                 |
|          | As at 1 April 2021                            | 6,509.00            | 0.00             | 6,509.00        |
|          | Disposals                                     | 0.00                |                  | 0.00            |
|          | As at 31 March 2022                           | <u>6,509.00</u>     | <u>0.00</u>      | <u>6,509.00</u> |
|          | <b>DEPRECIATION</b>                           |                     |                  |                 |
|          | As at 1 April 2021                            | 5,018.00            | 0.00             | 5,018.00        |
|          | Eliminated on disposal                        | 0.00                |                  | 0.00            |
|          | Charge for the year                           | 298.00              | 0.00             | 298.00          |
|          | As at 31 March 2022                           | <u>5,316.00</u>     | <u>0.00</u>      | <u>5,316.00</u> |
|          | <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>                         |                     |                  |                 |
|          | At 31 March 2022                              | <u>1,193.00</u>     | <u>0.00</u>      | <u>1,193.00</u> |
|          | At 31 March 2021                              | <u>1,491.00</u>     | <u>0.00</u>      | <u>1,491.00</u> |
| <b>3</b> | <b>DEBTORS</b>                                | <b>2022</b>         | <b>2021</b>      |                 |
|          | Retreat deposit prepaid (Launde Abbey)        | 0.00                | 0                |                 |
|          | Other Debtors                                 | 0                   | 0                |                 |
|          |   | <u>0.00</u>         | <u>0</u>         |                 |
| <b>4</b> | <b>CREDITORS</b>                              | <b>2022</b>         | <b>2021</b>      |                 |
|          | PAYE Control                                  | 727.80              | 348              |                 |
|          | Pension Control                               | 119.98              | 91               |                 |
|          | Membership fees in advance                    | 279.46              | 126              |                 |
|          | Accruals                                      | 914.78              | 2922             |                 |
|          |   | <u>2,042.02</u>     | <u>3,487</u>     |                 |

THE CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP FOR PSYCHICAL AND SPIRITUAL STUDIES  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

5 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

|                     | Balance b/f<br>at 1 April 2021 | Income           | Gain on<br>Investments | Expenses         | Transfer    | Balance c/f<br>at 31 March 2022 |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted</b> |                                |                  |                        |                  |             |                                 |
| General & HQ        | 284,855.61                     | 26,190.30        | 16,246.00              | 49,501.61        | (300.00)    | 277,490.30                      |
| <b>Designated</b>   |                                |                  |                        |                  |             |                                 |
| Regional Fund       | 5,347.46                       | 6.63             |                        | 6.60             | 300.00      | 5,647.49                        |
|                     | <u>290,203.07</u>              | <u>26,196.93</u> | <u>16,246.00</u>       | <u>49,508.21</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>283,137.79</u>               |

Comparative figures for 31 March 2021

|                     | Balance b/f<br>at 1 April 2020 | Income           | Gain on<br>Investments | Expenses         | Transfer    | Balance c/f<br>at 31 March 2021 |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted</b> |                                |                  |                        |                  |             |                                 |
| General & HQ        | 237,995.22                     | 60,676.97        | 21,579.00              | 36,723.29        | 1,327.71    | 284,855.61                      |
| <b>Designated</b>   |                                |                  |                        |                  |             |                                 |
| Regional Fund       | 6,691.91                       | 3.55             |                        | 20.29            | (1,327.71)  | 5,347.46                        |
|                     | <u>244,687.13</u>              | <u>60,680.52</u> | <u>21,579.00</u>       | <u>36,743.58</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>290,203.07</u>               |

**THE CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP FOR PSYCHICAL AND SPIRITUAL STUDIES**

| <b>Regional Balances</b> | 2022            | 2021            |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| East Anglia              | 178.77          | 178.56          |
| South West               | 846.31          | 845.32          |
| South East               | 1,783.15        | 1,781.06        |
| London                   | 1,466.29        | 1,164.57        |
| East Midlands            | 238.85          | 238.57          |
| North West               | 1,134.12        | 1,139.38        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <u>5,647.49</u> | <u>5,347.46</u> |

**The Churches Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP FOR PSYCHICAL AND SPIRITUAL STUDIES**

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st March 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its 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 satisfied myself 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 in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 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 section 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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which 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 of Recommended Practice for 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 (FRS 102).

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.



.....  
K C Fisher FCA  
c/o Myrus Smith  
Chartered Accountants  
Norman House, 8 Burnell Road,  
Sutton, Surrey. SM1 4BW

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

**THE CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP FOR PSYCHICAL AND SPIRITUAL STUDIES**

England & Wales - Charity number 233778

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# Accounts

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**The Churches Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies (CFPSS)**  
**Registered charity number 233778**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021**

**Trustees:**

Dr Santha Bhattacharji (President re-elected 4 December 2020)  
Rev. Jennifer Lane (elected Chair from 4 December 2020)  
Mrs Davina Thomas, (Chair until 4 December 2020)  
Miss Cherry Simpkin, (Hon Treasurer)  
Rev Neil Broadbent  
Mrs Barbara Broadbent (from 4 December 2020)  
Mrs Vicky Jeffs,  
Mr Roger Straughan  
Mrs Helen Beck (from 4 December 2020)  
Mrs Ruth Bird (re-elected 4 December 2020)  
Ms Rhoda Martin (re-elected 4 December 2020; resigned 1 July 2021)  
Rev Alison Earl (re-elected 4 December 2020)  
Mrs Margaret Lee  
Ms Ellen Davis (from 4 December 2020)  
Dr Robert Gilbert (from 4 December 2020)

**Independent Examiner:** Myrus Smith, Norman House, 8 Burnell Road, Sutton, Surrey  
SM148W

**Solicitors:** Porter Dodson, Telford House, The Park, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 1DY.

**General Secretary**

Mrs Joanne Arnold

**Office Address**

Office 8, The Creative Suite, Mill 3, Pleasley Vale Business Park, Mansfield, NG19 8RL

**Structure, Governance & Management**

The governing document of the trust is a Constitution amended by resolution on 1 April 1963 and 8 September 2017. Under the Constitution the charity is governed by a Council consisting of the President, a Chair, an Honorary Treasurer, 1 Representative from each Region and up to 6 others. Up to 3 Vice-Presidents and up to 2 Vice-Chairs may also be elected.

Members of the Council are elected by the members of the charity at an AGM, the President to serve for 5 years and all others to serve for 3 years. All Council members are eligible for re-election.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic and as permitted by the CFPSS Constitution, the Council decided not to hold an in-person Annual General Meeting in 2020 but instead to hold the AGM by post by sending out reports and voting papers to members and enable comments and votes to be sent by post or email. This decision was minuted at the Council Meeting on 24 August 2020.

The next AGM will be held as normal at the Annual Conference in September 2021.

The Council has the power to co-opt up to 3 trustees to serve until the next AGM, when they will be eligible for election by the members. It may co-opt trustees in the event of casual vacancies to serve for the remainder of the term of the person replaced.

The Council may also appoint a paid General Secretary and any other staff as they see fit. Remuneration and duties of all staff shall be determined by the Council. At present, the charity's only member of staff is the General Secretary. The Editor of the charity's magazine *The Christian Parapsychologist* receives an honorarium.

The CFPSS does not hold any funds as a custodian trustee on behalf of others.

### **Objectives of the Charity**

The objects of the Charity are to encourage the study in a Christian context of spiritual, paranormal, psychological and other scientific phenomena and to try to assess their validity and their relevance to the Christian faith.

### **Public Benefit**

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Council have given due consideration to general guidance published by the charity commission relating to public benefit.

Membership of the CFPSS is open to all those who belong to a recognised Christian denomination or are themselves in sympathy with the Christian faith. Within that framework, we welcome all adults regardless of personal circumstances. The minimum annual donation for membership is determined by General Meeting from time to time but the Council have the power to reduce such sum in cases of hardship or other reasons as the Council sees fit. The Council may also grant bursaries as appropriate to enable members with limited resources to attend CFPSS events.

The CFPSS provides a forum for discussion on subjects such as the healing and deliverance ministry, religious experience, paranormal phenomena, mysticism and prayer, particularly in terms of their relevance to the Christian faith. In doing this, it seeks to foster a general understanding of these subjects and to contribute to academic research.

The CFPSS offers a safe meeting place where members and enquirers may share and explore their experiences in these areas, in an open atmosphere of love and acceptance. Many people value the help they have received when they have experienced spontaneous gifts of the Spirit, the pain of bereavement or simply a call to deeper

spiritual understanding, especially when they have found little encouragement or support from elsewhere.

The CFPSS takes seriously its duty of care towards Trustees, Staff, Members and the general public. It discourages any form of abuse for whatever reason. The Trustees regard their safeguarding responsibilities in respect of vulnerable adults particularly important since that the nature of the charity's objectives may lead those in mental and spiritual distress to seek its help. The Charity is not involved with children.

### **Achievements and Activities**

In line with Government Covid19 guidance, the CFPSS held no physical meetings of members during the year. However, discussion groups continued using online platforms and are well used.

An online one-day conference using Zoom was held shortly after the year end.

The CFPSS also held online Eucharists and other services e.g. Compline.

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During the year, the CFPSS continued to work on improving its website and presence on social media. The online store for the sale of CP and other publications continued to be well used and the number of new members joining through the website increased.

The CFPSS library continued to be well-used. The library holds over 1500 books and booklets and 500 audio recordings and is free to use (subject to paying postal costs). The library is available to members through the website or by contacting the general secretary.

The Council has appointed a Publications Committee with a view to restarting the CFPSS' book and booklet publishing activities. A number of new publications are in the pipeline.

During the year, the Council carried out a skills audit of the existing trustees.

### ***Safeguarding***

The Council agreed an updated policy on safeguarding. The policy is reviewed annually. Due to the size of the charity and its limited human resources, the posts of Safeguarding Officer and Trustee are combined. Jenni Lane took on the role 25 November 2020. The Council are investigating whether all trustees should be DBS checked.

### ***Data Protection***

The Council's data protection policy is in line with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

In order to keep email and paper data private and safe the CFPSS uses two documents,

a. The CFPSS privacy notice informs members or public what information is held and for what purpose, how long it is kept and deleted. Their rights are also explained. This Notice is displayed on the CFPSS website.

b. The CFPSS Consent Form which has to be filled in to authorise consent for personal information to be held. This can be done by email or paper. This form must be returned to the General Secretary. If it is not, any information held is deleted.

Mrs Helen Beck is the appointed Trustee Responsible for GDPR and Mrs Joanne Arnold, the General Secretary, is the main data user.

The CFPSS is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office for Data Protection.

The CFPSS has never had a data breach but knows how to report one should it happen.

## **Financial Review**

### ***Going concern***

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

### ***Overall results***

During the year ended 31 March 2021 the Charity made an operating surplus of £23,937 (£(18984) in 2019/20). The overall surplus was £45516 (£(22070) in 2019/20).

As at 31 March 2021, investments were valued at £240,312 (2019/20: £218,733).

Total net assets at 31 March 2021 were £290,203 (2019/20: £244,687).

4 legacies totalling over £41,000 were received.

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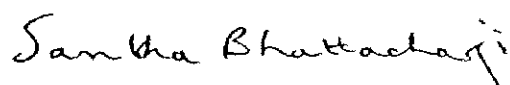
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### **Declaration**

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

Signed on their behalf:



Dr Santha Bhattacharji

President

Date: 27 August 2021

THE CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP FOR PSYCHICAL AND SPIRITUAL STUDIES

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2021

|  | 2021      |                  | 2020   |                 |
|--|-----------|------------------|--------|-----------------|
|  | £         | £                | £      | £               |
| <b>Income</b>  |           |                  |        |                 |
| Donations & Membership                               | 7,790.77  |                  | 7,114  |                 |
| Legacies   | 41,464.30 |                  | 1,000  |                 |
| Investment Income                                    | 8,043.66  |                  | 9,653  |                 |
| Profit on Books, Tapes & CD                          | 390.02    |                  | 490    |                 |
| Conferences  | 2,766.79  |                  | 12,509 |                 |
| Sale of Christian Parapsychologist                   | 140.68    |                  | 166    |                 |
| Other Income   | 84.30     |                  | 279    |                 |
|  |           | <u>60,680.52</u> |        | <u>31,211</u>   |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                                   |           |                  |        |                 |
| Cost of Quartely Review & Christian Parapsychologist | 3,465.08  |                  | 4,433  |                 |
| Pension contributions                                | 385.79    |                  | 468    |                 |
| Salaries, Wages & NIC                                | 17,552.98 |                  | 15,600 |                 |
| Council Retreat & Working Parties                    | 1,914.38  |                  | 3,852  |                 |
| Conference expenses                                  | 1,528.00  |                  | 11,194 |                 |
| Travelling & Car Expenses                            | 82.75     |                  | 2,936  |                 |
| Profit on disposal of Motor Vehicle                  | 0.00      |                  | 0      |                 |
| Rent, Rates, Light & Heat                            | 3,829.91  |                  | 4,083  |                 |
| Postage & Stationery                                 | 1,968.89  |                  | 1,360  |                 |
| Telephone  | 397.63    |                  | 414    |                 |
| Insurance  | 1,816.07  |                  | 1,810  |                 |
| Accountancy  | 1,217.00  |                  | 275    |                 |
| Legal & Professional                                 | 35.00     |                  | 840    |                 |
| IT support   | 708.19    |                  | 762    |                 |
| Sundries   | 183.06    |                  | 194    |                 |
| Staff Recruitment                                    | 0.00      |                  | 0      |                 |
| Office Move Costs                                    | 0.00      |                  | 192    |                 |
| Equipment  | 0.00      |                  | 246    |                 |
| Depreciation of Equipment                            | 374.60    |                  | 466    |                 |
| Movement in stock of books                           | 336.00    |                  | 345    |                 |
| Net cost of Regions & Branches                       | 48.25     |                  | 125    |                 |
| Bank Charges   | 0.00      |                  | 0      |                 |
| Honorarium CP  | 900.00    |                  | 600    |                 |
|  |           | <u>36,743.58</u> |        | <u>50,195</u>   |
|  |           | 23,936.94        |        | (18,984)        |
| Realised and unrealised (loss) / gain on investments |           | 21,579.00        |        | (3,087)         |
|  |           | <u>45,515.94</u> |        | <u>(22,071)</u> |

**THE CHURCHES' FELLOWSHIP FOR PSYCHICAL AND SPIRITUAL STUDIES**

**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021**

|                                     | Notes | 2021              | 2020              |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                     |       | £                 | £                 |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                 |       |                   |                   |
| Investments                         | 1     | 240,312.00        | 218,733.00        |
| Tangible assets                     | 2     | 1,491.00          | 1,865.60          |
|                                     |       | 241,803.00        | 220,598.60        |
| <b>Currents Assets</b>              |       |                   |                   |
| Stock                               |       | 14,520.00         | 14,856.00         |
| Debtors                             | 3     | 0.00              | 1,111.24          |
| Cash at bank and in hand            |       | 37,367.27         | 9,809.82          |
|                                     |       | <u>51,887.27</u>  | <u>25,777.06</u>  |
| <b>Creditors</b>                    |       |                   |                   |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 4     | <u>3,487.20</u>   | <u>1,688.53</u>   |
| <b>Net current assets</b>           |       |                   |                   |
|                                     |       | 48,400.07         | 24,088.53         |
| <b>Net assets</b>                   |       | <u>290,203.07</u> | <u>244,687.13</u> |
| <b>Funds</b>                        |       |                   |                   |
| Unrestricted - General & HQ         | 5     | 284,855.61        | 237,995.22        |
| Designated - Regional Fund          | 5     | 5,347.46          | 6,691.91          |
|                                     |       | <u>290,203.07</u> | <u>244,687.13</u> |

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 August and signed on its behalf by:

*Santha Bhattacharji*

President - Dr Santha Battacharji

*Cherry*

Treasurer - Ms Cherry Simpkin

**THE CHURCHES' FELLOWSHIP FOR PSYCHICAL AND SPIRITUAL STUDIES**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

|   |   |                         |                   |
|---|---|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | <b>INVESTMENTS</b>                            | <b>2021</b><br>£        | <b>2020</b><br>£  |
|   | Market value brought forward at 1 April 2020  | 218,733.00              | 245,820.00        |
|   | Disposals                                     | 0.00                    | (24000)           |
|   | Realised & Unrealised Gains                   | 21,579.00               | (3087)            |
|   | Market value carried forward at 31 March 2021 | <u>240,312.00</u>       | <u>218,733.00</u> |
| 2 | <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                           | <b>Office Equipment</b> |                   |
|   | <b>COST</b>                                   |                         |                   |
|   | As at 1 April 2020                            | 6,509.00                |                   |
|   | Disposals                                     | 0.00                    |                   |
|   | As at 31 March 2021                           | <u>6,509.00</u>         |                   |
|   | <b>DEPRECIATION</b>                           |                         |                   |
|   | As at 1 April 2019                            | 4,643.40                |                   |
|   | Eliminated on disposal                        | 0.00                    |                   |
|   | Charge for the year                           | 35.00                   |                   |
|   |   | <b>4,678.40</b>         |                   |
|   | <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>                         |                         |                   |
|   | At 31 March 2021                              | 1,830.60                |                   |
|   | At 31 March 2020                              | 1,865.60                |                   |
| 3 | <b>DEBTORS</b>                                | <b>2021</b><br>£        | <b>2020</b><br>£  |
|   | Retreat deposit prepaid (Launde Abbey)        | 0.00                    | 684.00            |
|   | Deposit - Yorkshire Electricity               | 0.00                    | 427.24            |
|   |   | <u>0.00</u>             | <u>1,111.24</u>   |
| 4 | <b>CREDITORS</b>                              |                         |                   |
|   | PAYE Control                                  | 348.10                  | 426.16            |
|   | Pension Control                               | 91.00                   | 182.00            |
|   | Membership fees in advance                    | 125.83                  | 103.31            |
|   | Accruals                                      | 2,922.27                | 977.06            |
|   |   | <u>3,487.20</u>         | <u>1,688.53</u>   |

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5 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

|                     | Balance b/f<br>at 1 April<br>2020 | Income           | Gain on<br>investments | Expenditure      | Transfer    | Balance b/f<br>at 31<br>March<br>2021 |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted</b> |                                   |                  |                        |                  |             |                                       |
| General and HQ      | 237,995.22                        | 60,676.97        | 21,579.00              | 36,723.29        | 1,327.71    | 284,855.61                            |
| <b>Designated</b>   |                                   |                  |                        |                  |             |                                       |
| Regional Fund       | 6,691.91                          | 3.55             |                        | 20.29            | (1327.71)   | 5,347.46                              |
|                     | <u>244,687.13</u>                 | <u>60,680.52</u> | <u>21,579.00</u>       | <u>36,743.58</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>290,203.07</u>                     |

Comparative figures for 31 March 2019

|                     | Balance b/f<br>at 1 April<br>2019 | Income           | Gain on<br>investments | Expenditure      |  | Balance b/f<br>at 31<br>March<br>2020 |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted</b> |                                   |                  |                        |                  |  |                                       |
| General and HQ      | 259,949.62                        | 31,201.78        | (3087)                 | 50,069.18        |  | 237,995.22                            |
| <b>Designated</b>   |                                   |                  |                        |                  |  |                                       |
| Regional Fund       | 6,808.24                          | 8.84             |                        | 125.17           |  | 6,691.91                              |
|                     | <u>266,757.86</u>                 | <u>31,210.62</u> | <u>-3,087.00</u>       | <u>50,194.35</u> |  | <u>244,687.13</u>                     |

## **The Churches Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP FOR PSYCHICAL AND SPIRITUAL STUDIES**

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st March 2021 which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its 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 satisfied myself 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 in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 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 section 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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which 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 of Recommended Practice for 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 (FRS 102).

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.



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K C Fisher FCA  
c/o Myrus Smith  
Chartered Accountants  
Norman House, 8 Burnell Road,  
Sutton, Surrey. SM1 4BW

Date: 3 September 2021

**Regional Balance**

|               | <b>2021</b>    | <b>2020</b>     |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
|               | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>        |
| East Anglia   | 178.56         | 178.00          |
| West Midlands | 0.00           | 1,330.89        |
| South West    | 845.32         | 842.12          |
| South East    | 1781.06        | 1,774.56        |
| London        | 1164.57        | 1,177.41        |
| East Midlands | 238.57         | 237.57          |
| North West    | 1139.38        | 1,183.51        |
| Total         | <u>5347.46</u> | <u>6,724.06</u> |