

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
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Rev Andrew Fisher
Dr Mark Fox
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Rev Dr Margaret Gilley
Mrs Judith Harvey from 11 October 2024
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General Secretary

Mrs Joanne Arnold

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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 50th 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

Independend 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.

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

	2025 £	2024 £
Income	46,593	43,253
Cost of operating activities	14,652	17,389
Gross income	<u>31,941</u>	<u>25,864</u>
Interest received	669	-
Expenses		
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>
Loss	<u>(9,310)</u>	<u>(8,714)</u>
Realised and unrealised (loss)/gain on investments	(1,562)	9,956
	<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 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
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
Current assets			
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>
		62,151	43,455
Current liabilities			
Amounts due within one year		<u>3,703</u>	<u>5,188</u>
Net current assets		58,448	38,267
Net assets		<u>235,719</u>	<u>246,591</u>
Funds			
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

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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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income		
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 Psychologist	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>
Cost of sales		
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>
Other business income		
Interest receivable	<u>669</u>	<u>-</u>
Wages, salaries and other staff costs		
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>
Car, van and travel expenses		
Travel and subsistence	<u>670</u>	<u>1,111</u>
Rent, rates, power and insurance costs		
Rent	3,304	-
Rates	88	-
Light and heat	1,589	4,257
	<u>4,981</u>	<u>4,257</u>
Repairs and renewals of property and equipment		
Repairs and maintenance	<u>337</u>	<u>35</u>

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Telephone, fax, stationery and other office costs

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>

Advertising and business entertainment costs

Advertising and PR	<u>97</u>	<u>-</u>
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Bank, credit card and other finance charges

Bank charges	<u>15</u>	<u>-</u>
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Accountancy, legal and other professional fees

Accountants fees	720	1,296
Other legal and professional	432	-
	<u>1,152</u>	<u>1,296</u>

Depreciation and loss/(profit) on sale

Depreciation	<u>318</u>	<u>191</u>
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Other business expenses

Subscriptions	35	-
Other expenses	99	405
	<u>134</u>	<u>405</u>

Realised and unrealised (loss)/gain on investments

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>

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3 Plant, machinery and motor vehicles

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

4 Investments

	2025 £	2024 £
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>

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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 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 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

	2,025	2,024
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>
Total	<u>5,667</u>	<u>5,667</u>