



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st July 2020
Period end date

Period start date To 30th June 2021

Charity name: **FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, LEAMINGTON SPA**

Charity registration number: **237488**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The object of this society is to maintain, demonstrate and spread the knowledge of the Truth as set forth in the Bible and interpreted in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, and leader of the Christian Science Movement.</p> <p>The worldwide Christian Science Church, is "designed to commemorate the word and works of our Master [Christ Jesus], which should reinstate primitive Christianity and its lost element of healing." (Church Manual, page 17).</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>We are a branch of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston Mass. U.S.A. and as such hold church services on Sundays and Wednesday evenings, as well as supporting a Reading Room where members of the public may purchase religious texts or use our free lending library. The Reading Room also provides a quiet study area for people to come and sit, or ask for help or advice from the librarian.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity.</p> <p>The church intends to continue encouraging the public to attend its services, testimony meetings and lectures, and to use its reading room. Our Church activities are open to everyone and all who wish to share in them are warmly welcomed.</p>

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>In 2020-2021 the First Church of Christ Scientist provided in person and virtual church services & Sunday Schools on Sundays and testimony meetings on Wednesdays.</p> <p>The new Church and Reading Room premises were ready to be opened to the public. Due to the global pandemic and national lockdown from March 2020 the church building has remained closed for services and any other church activities including the opening of the reading room.</p> <p>Services have subsequently been held via Zoom and the trustees note there has been no interruption to any of the church services or the Wednesday meetings. The virtual meetings have enabled people from outside the local area to participate in services.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The trustees note that whilst the financial demands on the church resources have lessened due lockdown, income from collections etc have also decreased. However, the church has received donations from many sources which enabled the church to maintain a healthy financial position going forward. The church is also receiving a rental income from a residential flat over the church premises. The flat was occupied when the building was acquired and will continue to be let on an assured shorthold tenancy.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Regular giving, is in the weekly church collections and by regular donations. Projects are only undertaken following a vote of the church membership. Contracts are not entered into until the necessary funds for the project have been secured. Any surplus income is held to be used at the discretion of members to further the charity's objects.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£91,474
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a No funds materially in deficit
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	ELECTED BY CHURCH MEMBERS

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, LEAMINGTON SPA
Other name the charity uses	Christian Science Society Leamington Spa
Registered charity number	237488
Charity's principal address	56 Regent Street, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 5EG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ruth Margaret Brown	Trustee		
2	Jenny Andreae	Trustee		
3	Jane Ann Brown	Trustee		
4	Giles Marshall Brown	Trustee		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Exemptions from disclosure



Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jane Brown	Ruth Brown
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee

Date 11 March 2024

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Leamington Spa

Statement of Income and Expenditure and Monetary Assets as at 30th June 2021

PERIOD 1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021

		2021	2020	
	£	£	£	£
Cash in Bank - Current Acc 1 July 2020	38426.70		25,252.21	
Transfers from Money Manager a/c			70,000.00	
Transfers to Money Manager a/c		38426.70	0.00	95,252.21
Cash in bank - Money Manager 1 July 2020	313.03		70,298.00	
Transfers to Current a/c			-70,000.00	
Transfer from Current a/c		313.03	0.00	298.00
Cash in Bank -Community Card		-57.12		-530.00
Cash in Triodos	2985.31	2985.31		0
Total cash 1 July 2020		41667.92		95,020.21

Income 2020-2021

Donations	4895.00	10718.98
Grants	69538.25	85730.12
Rent	6840.00	9176.00
Services (Inc Music)	0.00	515.70
Premises	0.00	242.00
Flat	0.00	37.00
Reading Room	74.79	0.00
Interest received	2.74	15.49

81350.78

106435.29

Expenditure 2020/2021

Utilities	603.58	697.64
Outreach	1629.00	324.00
Insurance	582.52	987.86
Services (inc Music)	1120.00	1534.00
Premises (inc Development)	21494.55	149267.16
Reading Room	4023.59	4855.44
Practitioner	0.00	900.00
Donations	1000.00	0.00
Misc	1091.21	1221.48

31544.45

159787.58

Surplus/Deficit	<u>49806.33</u>	<u>-53352.29</u>
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Bank Balances Brought forward	41667.92	95,020.21
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Monetary Assets

Current Acc	83923.34	38426.70
Money Manager	313.03	313.03
Commercial Card **	0	-57.12
Triodos Bank	7237.88	2985.31
	91474.25	41667.92

** Transactions pending but not paid of £427.94



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees:

As trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and you consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state based on the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

I have examined the books and records of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Leamington Spa together with the information, documents and explanations provided. I hereby certify that the above Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account, and the attached Asset & Donations statement present a fair representation of the financial activities of the Church for the year ended 30 June 2021 and of its financial position as of 30 June 2021.

Signed



Roger Newth - Independent Examiner

Date

11/03/2024



Giles Brown - Treasurer

Date

11/03/2024

1st Church of Christ, Scientist, Leamington Spa

Schedule of Donations/Grants received / given 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Assets		
Buildings	449646.00	
Contents	15763.00	
Organ (Not insured)	NIL	
	<u>465409.00</u>	
Donations		
Received	£	£
Morval	540.00	1500.00
Grantham Society	NIL	5000.00
Mother Church	NIL	5730.12
Westminster Fund	NIL	5000.00
Brit Trust	3,488.25	74000.00
Colchester Church	50,000.00	0.00
Tunbridge Wells Gift	16,050.00	0.00
Members and visitors	4,625.00	10718.00
	<u>74703.25</u>	<u>101948.12</u>
Given		
Aid Fund	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

First Church of Christ Scientist, Leamington Spa:

I report to the Charity trustees on my examination of the accounts for the above for the year ended 30 June 2021

Responsibilities and basis of report

As trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the accounts conducted under section 145 of the Act. In conducting my examination, I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement - matters of concern identified and recommendations

I have examined the books and records of 1st Church of Christ Scientist, Leamington Spa, together with the information, documents and explanations provided. I hereby certify that the Balance Sheet & Income & Expenditure Account and the attached Asset & Donations statement present a fair representation of the financial activities of the Church for the year ended 30 June 2021 and of its financial position as of 30 June 2021.

In completing 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 as required by section 130 of the Act: or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

However, there are certain matters that I feel require comment as follows:

In my report for the 2020 accounts, I raised 5 items that required addressing. These have all been attended to/adopted.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed..... (Independent Examiner)

Roger Newth – 11 March 2024.