

**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024    Period start date    To 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Period end date

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

Charity registration number:    **237488**

## Objectives and Activities

	<i>SORP reference</i>	
<b>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</b>	<i>Para 1.17</i>	<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>
<b>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.</b>	<i>Para 1.17 and 1.19</i>	<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>
<b>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</b>	<i>Para 1.18</i>	<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

	<i>SORP reference</i>	
<b>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.</b>	<i>Para 1.20</i>	<p>In 2024-2025 the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Leamington Spa provided in person and virtual church services and Sunday School on Sundays and testimony meetings on Wednesdays.</p> <p>The Reading Room remained open several days a week throughout the year and continued to be a welcoming place of quiet study, conversation and community presence in central Leamington Spa. Window displays were updated regularly with Bible citations, articles from the Christian Science Sentinel and Christian Science Monitor, and seasonal themes.</p> <p>During the year the Reading Room participated in a number of community events, including the Leamington Spa pumpkin trail in October, the town's Festival of Light parade in November, and welcomed Junior Focus participants to the Sunday service and Sunday School in November. The Society also joined the Warwickshire Retail Crime Initiative shop radio scheme to support local safety.</p> <p>Visitors came from the local area and further afield, with conversations covering scripture, prayer, healing, and the practical application of Christian Science. New attendees became regular visitors at Sunday services during the year, and Reading Room stock was refreshed and expanded through co-operation with neighbouring branches.</p> <p>We have continued to hold in person and virtual meetings to enable those outside the local area to participate in services.</p>

## Financial Review

<b>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</b>	<i>Para 1.21</i>	<p>At the end of the financial year 2024-2025, the charity maintained a stable financial position. Total income for the period amounted to £31,154, with the most significant contributions coming from grants (£17,467), rent (£10,358), and interest received (£1,428). Additional income was generated through donations and sales from the Reading Room.</p> <p>Total expenditure for the year was £27,762, covering key operational costs including Reading Room salary (£12,487), premises costs (£3,045), utilities (£1,954), Reading Room cost of sales</p>
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		<p>(£1,741), and computer hardware and software (£1,563). Other costs included insurance, subscriptions, music for services, outreach, and bank charges.</p> <p>The financial result for the year was a surplus of £3,392, returning the charity to surplus following a small deficit in the previous year.</p> <p>These reserves provide a strong foundation for the charity's ongoing activities and ensure its ability to continue delivering services in the future. The trustees will continue to monitor financial performance to maintain stability and align spending with the charity's objectives.</p>
<b>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</b>	<i>Para 1.22</i>	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.
<b>Amount of reserves held</b>	<i>Para 1.22</i>	£134,042
<b>Reasons for holding zero reserves</b>	<i>Para 1.22</i>	n/a
<b>Details of fund materially in deficit</b>	<i>Para 1.24</i>	n/a No funds materially in deficit
<b>Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern</b>	<i>Para 1.23</i>	n/a

## Structure, Governance and Management

<b>Description of charity's trusts:</b>		
<b>Type of governing document</b>	<i>Para 1.25</i>	CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS
<b>How is the charity constituted?</b>	<i>Para 1.25</i>	UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION
<b>Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or</b>	<i>Para 1.25</i>	ELECTED BY CHURCH MEMBERS

<b>body entitled to appoint one or more trustees</b>		
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## Reference and Administrative details

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

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Jenny Andreae	Chair / Trustee		
2	Yewande Modupe Akinola	Trustee		
3	Ruth Margaret 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
[To be confirmed against trust deed]	

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

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

**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a
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**First Church of Christ, Scientist, Leamington Spa****Statement of Income and Expenditure and Monetary Assets as at 30th June 2025****PERIOD 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025**

	<b>2025</b>		<b>2024</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Balances Brought forward</b>				
Current Account	49325.85		46985.90	
Transfer to Money Maker		49325.85		46985.90
Money Manager	77,386.55		75,929.51	
Transfer from Current Account		77386.55		75929.51
Triodos		2822.12		7606.36
Community Card		1115.24		1504.51
		<u>130649.76</u>		<u>132026.28</u>
<b>Income</b>				
Donations	1360.00		2720.00	
Grants	17467.00		8788.00	
Rent	10357.83		10150.00	
Reading Room (sales)	541.12		407.82	
Interest received	1428.10		1468.35	
		<u>31154.05</u>		<u>23534.17</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Outreach	783.06		1794.00	
Reading Room (Cost of sales)	1741.36		1033.48	
Utilities	1953.76		1814.44	
Music for Services	415.00		585.00	
Premises	3045.15		3688.50	
Computer (Hardware & Software)	1562.88		2528.26	
Internet/ Telephone/Web hosting	442.74		648.39	
Licences & Permits	121.05			
Misc	0.00		282.98	
Advertising & Promotion	240.00			
Consultancy/Accountancy fees/Sub contractor	313.44		852.00	
Legal & Professional fees	512.75			
Charitable Donations	76.77			
Subscriptions	1366.41		1718.30	
Bank/Finance charges	178.15		167.21	
Reading Room (Salary)	12487.01		9014.40	
Insurance	1396.68		783.73	
Travel/Accommodation	1125.94			
		<u>27762.15</u>		<u>24910.69</u>
Surplus/Deficit		<u><u>3391.90</u></u>		<u><u>-1376.52</u></u>
Bank Balances Brought forward		130,649.76		132,026.28
		<u><u>134041.66</u></u>		<u><u>130649.76</u></u>
<b>Monetary Assets</b>				
Current Account	51125.15		49325.85	
Money Manager	78814.43		77386.55	
Triodos	2836.56		2822.12	
Credit card	1265.52		1115.24	
Total Balances carried forward		<u><u>134041.66</u></u>		<u><u>130649.76</u></u>

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**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 2025 and of its financial position as of 30 June 2025.

Signed   
Roger Newth - Independent Examiner

  
Giles Brown - Treasurer

  
Date

12/03/2026  
Date

**First Church of Christ, Scientist, Leamington Spa****Schedule of Donations/Grants received/given 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025**

	2025	2023
Assets	£	£
Buildings	533821	449,646
Contents	18715	15763
	<u>552536</u>	<u>465,409</u>

Received		
Westminster Fund	17467.00	7436.00
Colchester Church	0	20,115.31
Members and visitors	0	24,778.43
Joint CS Reading Room UK	0	3,165.93
	<u>17467.00</u>	<u>55495.67</u>

Given		
Joint CS Reading Room UK	0	250
	<u>0</u>	<u>250</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Leamington Spa

On accounts for the year  
ended

30 June 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

Set out on pages

1 and 2 (Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

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

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

*Roger Newth*

Date:

12/03/26

Name:

Roger Newth

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

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