

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST,
BOURNEMOUTH
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2020**



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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Dr G S Smart	
	Mrs R M Jackson	
	Mr V C Reed	(Resigned 12 November 2020)
	Mr R J Mahony	(Resigned 12 November 2020)
	Mr P B Jackson	(Appointed 12 November 2020)
	Mrs R W Beesley	(Appointed 12 November 2020)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The object of the charity is to promulgate the teachings of Christian Science by providing for the public Church Services, a Sunday School, free lectures and a Reading room. The activities of the church are guided by the Manual of The Mother Church, but the branch church retains its independence and democratic self-government. Its Charity Trustees are the Executive Board which acts according to the instructions of the church membership in quarterly or special meetings and in accord with the Church By-Laws. The Executive Board is elected annually in accordance with the Church By-Laws.

All general expenses of the charity are usually met by collections at Sunday Services, by Gift Aid donations, legacies and interest from investments.

The trustees believe that the charity meets the public benefit requirements and have complied with the duty in section 4 of the 2011 Act.

Achievements and performance

The main focus of our work for the community is spiritual – giving inspiration and support through our services and meetings, and providing a haven of rest in our Reading Room where people can come to learn more about God's love and guidance in their lives.

This year we continued to hold our services and meetings in our Reading Room until Government restrictions prevented this at the end of March, and we had to close the Reading Room. Then we set up facilities to hold our services via telephone, Skype or Zoom, and continued to operate virtually with all officers and participants on-line. We were so grateful that we could continue to reach our congregants in this way, because our twice weekly services and meetings are a valuable spiritual support to our members and our community. This year, by holding services on-line, we have reached congregants all over the UK and even in several other countries, and despite lock-downs this church and its congregation have not missed a service.

When restrictions were eased after the first lock-down we were able to move back into the Reading Room and use it as a "broadcasting studio", while still observing strict social distancing. We have also continued our mission of Christian education for children and have been holding Sunday School on line after our church services. We are so thankful to our members who willingly give of their time to teach the Sunday School lessons.

Whenever it has been possible this year we have opened our Reading Room to the public. Visitors are invited to come in for a chat and to read, buy, or borrow inspirational literature. At all times we have taken care to follow government guidelines.

Early in the year we held our annual Christian Science lecture, a public event with an invited speaker that aims to bless and benefit our community. This year, because of the exceptional circumstances we held it jointly with another church and on-line, with our speaker at home in Maryland, USA, and a community of listeners in the UK and across the world.

In May the Church-owned flat above the Reading Room premises became vacant and this gave us the opportunity to fully refurbish it with new windows, new plumbing and sanitary ware, new flooring, an electrical overhaul, repairs and decorating. We are planning to re-let the flat early in 2021.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Financial review

The charity made an overall surplus of £9,918 (2019: £8,472).

The unrestricted funds are in surplus by £807,757 (2019: £797,839). The general fund is available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. The majority of the reserves have been invested in income bonds to be used when appropriate replacement premises are located.

The designated freehold property fund represents unrestricted funds utilised at the discretion of the trustees for the purpose of purchasing and improving the freehold property. Freehold property purchases and improvements, together with revaluation gains and losses on this property, are retained as part of this fund.

The trustees has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Bournemouth is an unincorporated organisation founded in 1916 as a branch of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, (The Mother Church), and is registered with the Charity Commission as Charity No. 237556. The charity is governed by the By-Laws of the Church as amended on 19 January 2008 and 10 January 2015.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Dr G S Smart

Mrs R M Jackson

Mr V C Reed

(Resigned 12 November 2020)

Mr R J Mahony

(Resigned 12 November 2020)

Mr P B Jackson

(Appointed 12 November 2020)

Mrs R W Beesley

(Appointed 12 November 2020)

To facilitate the activities of the Church, other officers and sub-committees are appointed annually by the Executive Board from the membership, and include:

Clerk to the Church: Mrs V C Reed

Treasurer: Mr M E Reed

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Dr G S Smart

Trustee

Dated: 21 April 2021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, BOURNEMOUTH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Bournemouth (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable 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 charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.

Harrisons Chartered Accountants

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Dated: 21 April 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £
<u>Income from:</u>			
Donations and legacies	3	21,601	7,799
Charitable activities	4	3,786	4,072
Investment income	5	12,057	18,010
Total income		<u>37,444</u>	<u>29,881</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Charitable activities	6	<u>27,526</u>	<u>21,409</u>
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		9,918	8,472
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		<u>797,839</u>	<u>789,367</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2020		<u><u>807,757</u></u>	<u><u>797,839</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		9,757		10,220
Current assets					
Stocks	10	1,554		1,949	
Debtors	11	772		935	
Investments	12	782,479		776,336	
Cash at bank and in hand		15,543		11,409	
		800,348		790,629	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(2,348)		(3,010)	
Net current assets			798,000		787,619
Total assets less current liabilities			807,757		797,839
Funds of the charity					
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Total unrestricted funds	14	807,757		797,839	
			807,757		797,839
			807,757		797,839

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 21 April 2021

Dr G S Smart
Trustee

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, BOURNEMOUTH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 4 Carbery Row, Southbourne Road, Bournemouth, BH6 3QR.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold buildings	2% per annum
Equipment	3 years straight line

Freehold land is not depreciated.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell.

1.9 Financial instruments

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £
Donations and collections	8,988	5,543
Legacies receivable	10,000	-
Covenants	1,524	912
Gift aid income	1,089	1,344
	<u>21,601</u>	<u>7,799</u>

4 Charitable activities

	Reading room 2020 £	Reading room 2019 £
Sales within charitable activities	<u>3,786</u>	<u>4,072</u>

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £
Rent receivable	3,057	8,732
Interest receivable	9,000	9,278
	<u>12,057</u>	<u>18,010</u>

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6 Charitable activities

	Church activities 2020 £	Reading room 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Church activities 2019 £	Reading room 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Charitable activities	1,430	4,829	6,259	2,636	4,229	6,865
Share of support costs (see note 7)	7,202	12,505	19,707	8,305	4,395	12,700
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	1,560	-	1,560	1,844	-	1,844
	<u>10,192</u>	<u>17,334</u>	<u>27,526</u>	<u>12,785</u>	<u>8,624</u>	<u>21,409</u>

7 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2020 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2019 £
Support costs	19,707	-	19,707	12,700	-	12,700
Governance costs	-	1,560	1,560	-	1,844	1,844
	<u>19,707</u>	<u>1,560</u>	<u>21,267</u>	<u>12,700</u>	<u>1,844</u>	<u>14,544</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>19,707</u>	<u>1,560</u>	<u>21,267</u>	<u>12,700</u>	<u>1,844</u>	<u>14,544</u>

Governance costs includes independent examination fees of £1,560 (2019- £1,344).

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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9 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold buildings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2020	25,376	375	25,751
At 31 December 2020	25,376	375	25,751
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2020	15,281	250	15,531
Depreciation charged in the year	338	125	463
At 31 December 2020	15,619	375	15,994
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2020	9,757	-	9,757
At 31 December 2019	10,095	125	10,220

10 Stocks

	2020 £	2019 £
Stock	1,554	1,949

11 Debtors

	2020	2019
Other debtors	721	935
Prepayments and accrued income	51	-
	772	935

12 Current asset investments

	2020 £	2019 £
Short term deposits	782,479	776,336

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Accruals and deferred income	2,348	3,010

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14 Unrestricted funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£
Designated Fund - Youth Fund	350	-	(250)	100
Designated Fund - Freehold Property Fund	587,654	-	(338)	587,316
General Fund	209,835	37,444	(26,938)	220,341
	<u>797,839</u>	<u>37,444</u>	<u>(27,526)</u>	<u>807,757</u>

	Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 January 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2019
	£	£	£	£
Designated Fund - Youth Fund	100	500	(250)	350
Designated Fund - Freehold Property Fund	587,992	-	(338)	587,654
General Fund	201,275	29,381	(20,821)	209,835
	<u>789,367</u>	<u>29,881</u>	<u>(21,409)</u>	<u>797,839</u>

The designated freehold property fund represents unrestricted funds utilised at the discretion of the trustees for the purpose of purchasing and improving the freehold property.

The designated youth fund represents unrestricted funds utilised at the discretion of the trustees for the purpose of funding activities for the youth members of the church.

15 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2019 - none).