

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, CROYDON, SURREY

England & Wales · Charity number 238906

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1966-01-03

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO MAINTAIN AND SPREAD 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 CHRITIAN SCIENCE.

Activities: The church's activities are governed by The Church Manual by Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. Sunday morning and services, a Sunday School, Wednesday Testimony Meetings, a Reading Room and an annual lecture on Christian Science are all provided for the public.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Croydon
- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£60,614	£29,232	-	-
2023-10-31	£35,727	£29,272	-	-
2022-10-31	£31,894	£31,259	-	-
2021-10-31	£23,227	£22,756	-	-
2020-10-31	£33,759	£35,620	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Linda Ashton	Chair	2023-01-16
Caroline Goodwin		2024-01-22
Lilia Lunn		2025-01-20
MICHAEL GYANG		2024-01-22
Themby Wilcox		2024-01-22

Linked charities

- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOM (238906-1)
- HELEN LLOYD ENDOWMENT (238906-2)

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Board members:

Mrs L Ashton (Chairperson)
Ms C Goodwin (from January 2024)
Mr M Gyang (from January 2024)
Mr M Paine
Mrs S Wilcox (from January 2024)

Ms D Prestage (to January 2024)
Mrs R Clark (to January 2024)
Mrs E Lawal (to January 2024)

Property Trustees

Mrs D Bell
Ms D Prestage
Miss S Fletcher

President: Mr M Paine (to Jan 2024)
Miss J Rumble (from Jan 2024)

Clerk: Mrs R Clark
Treasurer: Miss S Fletcher

Bankers: National Westminster Bank, 1 High Street, Croydon, CR9 1UY

Principal address: 14 Altyre Road, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 5LA

Approval

The report and accounts were approved by the Board on 17th November 2024 and signed on their behalf.



Linda Ashton
Chairperson



Sara Fletcher
Treasurer

Statement of Assets and Liabilities: value at 31 October 2024

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2024

b) The investments have been restated at current market value.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, CROYDON (CHARITY NUMBER 238906)

I report on the accounts of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Croydon for the year ending 31st Oct 2024, which are set out in the attached financial statements.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- To examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of the Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning such matters.

Independent Examiner's Report

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2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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Date... 6th Dec 2024

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Mrs. R Clark
Mrs E Lawal
Mr M Paine
Ms D Prestage
Mrs A Rutherford (to January 2023)

Property Trustees:

Ms D Prestage
Miss S Fletcher
Mr R Fursman (resigned Oct 2023)
Mrs D Bell (elected at a Special Meeting on Nov 13th 2023 in accordance with Rule 34 of the Church's Constitution and Rules).

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities: value at 31 October 2023

	2023	2022
Monetary Assets		
Bank current account	30173	23763
NS&I Bank account	48642	48597
Cash in hands of committees	20	20
Total	<u>78835</u>	<u>72380</u>
 Other assets (non-endowed): value at 31 October		
M&G Smaller Companies Fund (10,733 income units)	31228	34054
M&G Dividend Fund (103,342 income units)	49924	51981
M&G Str. Corporate Bond Fund (32,284 income units)	19887	19774
Schroder Charity Equity Value Fund (14,709 income units)	90669	57926
Schroder Charity Bond Fund (60,538 income units)	0	31158
Renold plc (625 shares)	171	135
	<u>191879</u>	<u>195028</u>
Schroders closed the Charity Bond Fund on 31 May 2023 and the units held were switched on May 18th 2023 to the SUTL Cazenove Charity Equity Value Fund Z Income		
Change in value 2021/22 to 2022/23 (unrealised profit/loss)	-3149	
 Non-Monetary Assets		
Permanent Endowment:		
Land and buildings at 14 Altyre Road, Croydon (freehold title vested in the Property Trustees)		
Insured value: Building	1587845	1410164
Contents	209716	186083
	<u>1797561</u>	<u>1596247</u>

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2023

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Date... *11th Dec 2023*

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Mrs. R Clark

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Ms D Prestage (Chairman)

Mrs A Rutherford

Property Trustees:

Ms D Prestage

Miss S Fletcher

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President: Miss J Rumble (from Jan 2021)
Mrs L Ashton (from Jan 2022)

Clerk: Mrs R Clark
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Dora Prestage
Chairman



Sara Fletcher
Treasurer

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities: value at 31 October 2022

	2022	2021
Monetary Assets		
Bank current account	23763	23134
NS&I Bank account	48597	48591
Cash in hands of committees	20	20
Total	<u>72380</u>	<u>71745</u>

Other assets (non-endowed): value at 31 October 2019

M&G Smaller Companies Fund (10,733 income units)	34054	50922
M&G Dividend Fund (103,342 income units)	51981	56704
M&G Str. Corporate Bond Fund (32,284 income units)	19774	24662
Schroder Charity Equity Value Fund (14,709 income units)	57926	61942
Schroder Charity Bond Fund (60,538 income units)	31158	40542
Renold plc (625 shares)	135	180
	<u>195028</u>	<u>234952</u>

Change in value 2020/21 to 2021/22 (unrealised profit/loss) -39924

Non-Monetary Assets

Permanent Endowment:

Land and buildings at 14 Altyre Road, Croydon
(freehold title vested in the Property Trustees)

Insured value: Building	1410164	1270415
Contents	<u>186083</u>	<u>169013</u>
	<u>1596247</u>	<u>1439428</u>

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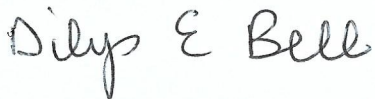
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- c) Repairs includes costs of repairing the church windows and cornerstone. An insurance claim of £1,838 was received after the year end.

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