

## CHURCH REPORT for 2024

*'O Church of God, with book unsealed, how its page beacons and brightens. Living stones we, each in his place, may we be worthy such a grace, while Truth the wide earth enlightens.'* Hymn 176

It is vital that we keep firmly in thought that we are an important part of a global movement that continues to play a key role in holding the light of Truth aloft amid the media's daily flood of aggressive materialism.

We continue to be profoundly grateful for the dedication of our beloved members in keeping Christian Science active in the Woking community.

Our lecture given by Monique Hertgen CSB was much appreciated occasion, and our sincere thanks go to our lecture team for organising this event and the opportunity to welcome the local community into our church.

We were saddened by the loss of 3 long standing members, Leslie Bland, Ellen Burchett and Mindi McLean. However, their passing provided opportunities to celebrate their lives and bring a focus on how Christian Science had enriched them and blessed those who their lives had touched in so many ways. The celebration that we held in our church for Mindi was a truly inspiring occasion. Contributions shared by friends and family from around the world provided a wonderful testimony of how Christian Science had enriched Mindi and all those with whom she came into contact. Ellen, Leslie and Mindi served our church faithfully over many years in all the roles in which they were asked to serve.

It was a great joy and privilege to welcome Anita Morgan into membership during the last year.

Our gratitude also must go to Judy and Valerie who took on the role of joint-librarians.

The financial support we received from the Westminster Fund and Trust Brit has enable us to rejuvenate our Reading Room. Details of this will be provided in the Reading Room report.

Woking Community Hospital continues to use our carpark, and we have been very grateful for the revenue this had provided. Further thanks should go to Brenin for his management of the carpark.

To conclude this year's report, I would like to express my gratitude to my fellow board members and all the support they have given during that last 3 years. Also, the dedication of our clerk, Judy Lozeron, who kept us all on the straight and narrow!

Andy Mitchell  
Chairman of the Board

***First Church of Christ, Scientist, Woking***  
***Statement of Receipts & Payments and Balance Sheet***  
***for the Year to 31st December 2024***

<b><i>Unrestricted Fund</i></b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Receipts</b>				
Collections and Donations	£1,476.18		£1,627.83	
Gift Aid	£11,767.19		£10,973.45	
Car Park Rental	£15,744.00		£9,375.00	
Church Hire	£0.00		£100.00	
Interest and grants	£11,925.57		£8,530.03	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£40,912.94</b>		<b>£30,606.31</b>	
Reading Room a/c - increase/decrease	£923.08		-£260.32	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>£41,836.02</b>		<b>£30,345.99</b>
<b>Payment: Church Expenses</b>				
Music	£3,979.30		£3,303.10	
Payment for Services	£2,782.00		£2,100.00	
Electricity and Water	£6,965.78		£6,723.07	
House, Garden, Insurance	£6,464.55		£6,314.55	
Telephone and Advertising	£1,673.79		£1,224.55	
Lectures, Reading Room, Web maintenance	£17,501.22		£13,264.22	
Donations*, Building Work	£300.00		£1,546.52	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£39,666.64</b>		<b>£34,476.01</b>	
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>£39,666.64</b>		<b>£34,476.01</b>
<b>Net Receipts for the Year</b>		<b>£2,169.38</b>		<b>-£4,130.02</b>
Bank Balances brought forward		£28,915.14		£33,045.16
<b>Bank balances Carried forward</b>		<b>£31,084.52</b>		<b>£28,915.14</b>
 <b><i>Monetary Assets</i></b>				
Bank Balance Current	£29,633.60		£18,387.30	
Transfers from C/A	-£10,000.00		£0.00	
Transfers to C/A	£0.00	£19,633.60	£10,000.00	£28,387.30
Interest earning Account	£0.00		£10,000.00	
Transfers from D/A	£0.00		-£10,000.00	
Transfers to D/A	£10,000.00	£10,000.00	£0.00	£0.00
Bank Balance Reading Room		£1,450.92		£527.84
<b>Closing Reserves</b>		<b>£31,084.52</b>		<b>£28,915.14</b>
Liability to The Christian Science Publishing Society		<b>\$99.71</b>		<b>\$691.04</b>

<b><i>Asset and Donations statement</i></b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Reading Room Stock</b>	<b>1,180.95</b>	2,015.46
<b>Value of Buildings</b>	<b>1,249,136.00</b>	1,115,300.00
<b>Contents</b>	<b>71,280.00</b>	63,642.00
<b>Organ</b>	<b>98,648.00</b>	88,078.00
<b>Sound and Computer Systems</b>	<b>11,413.00</b>	10,190.00
<b><i>Other Details</i></b>		
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The Mother Church	<b>133.00</b>	132.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>133.00</b>	382.00
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>£1,661.57</b>	1,488.66
<b>Lecture</b>	<b>£1,693.06</b>	2,020.90
<b>Legacy</b>		

#### **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, on the basis of 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 1st Church of Christ, Scientist, Woking together with the information, documents and explanations provided. I hereby certify that the above 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 31 December 2024 and of its financial position as of 31 December 2024.

Signed:

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Roger Newth - Independent Examiner

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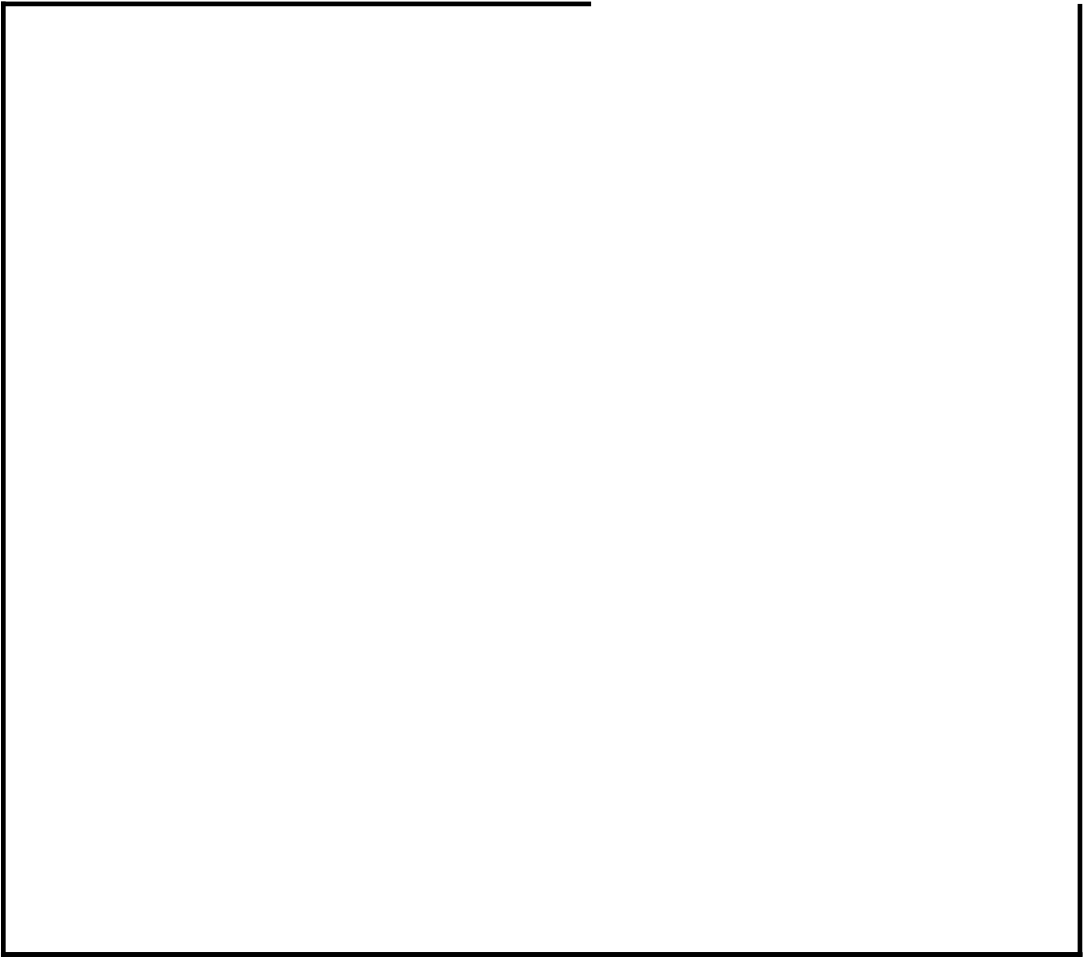
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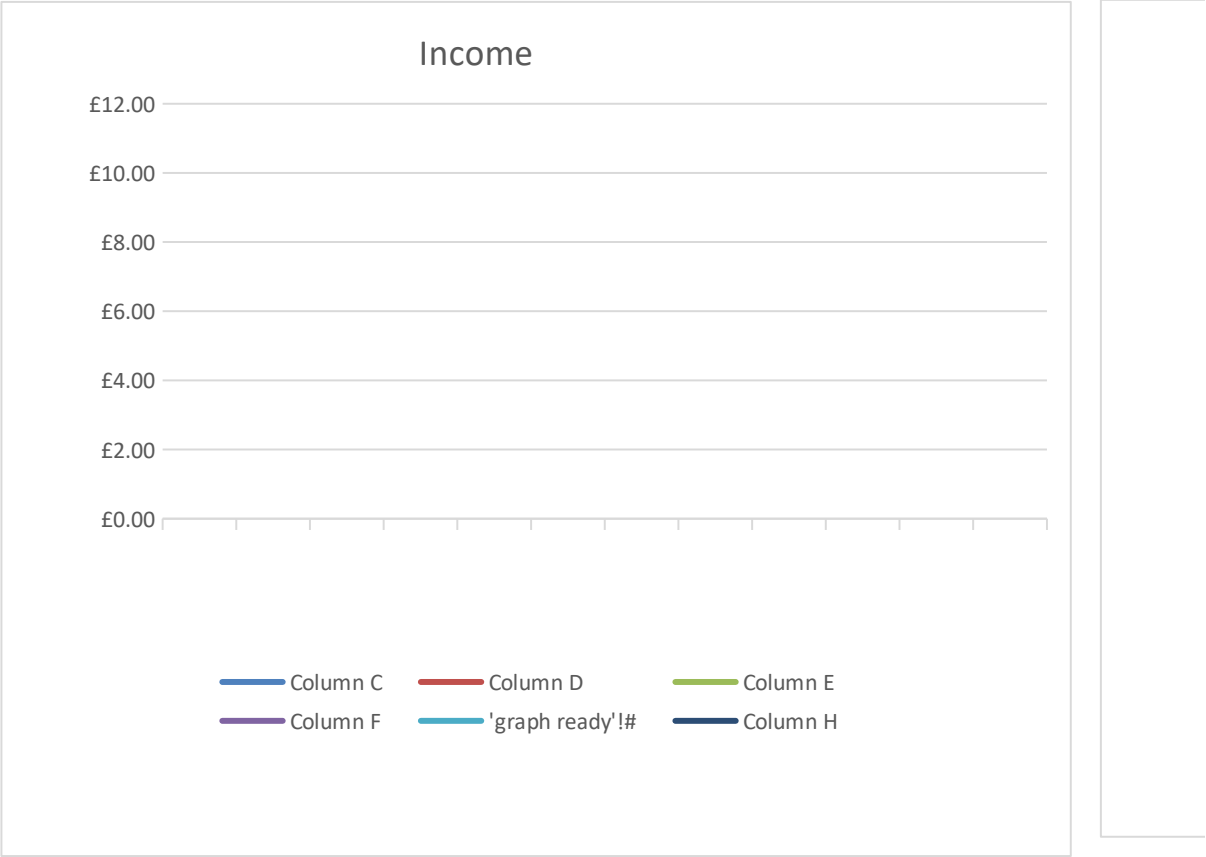
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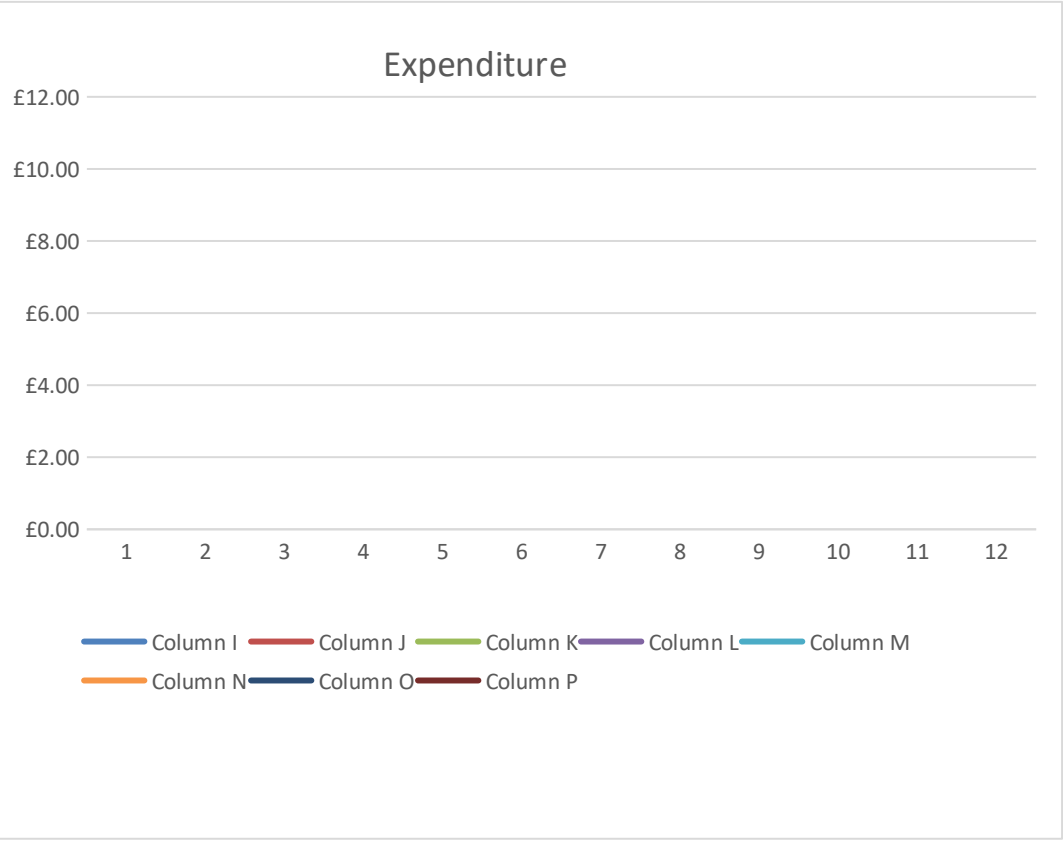
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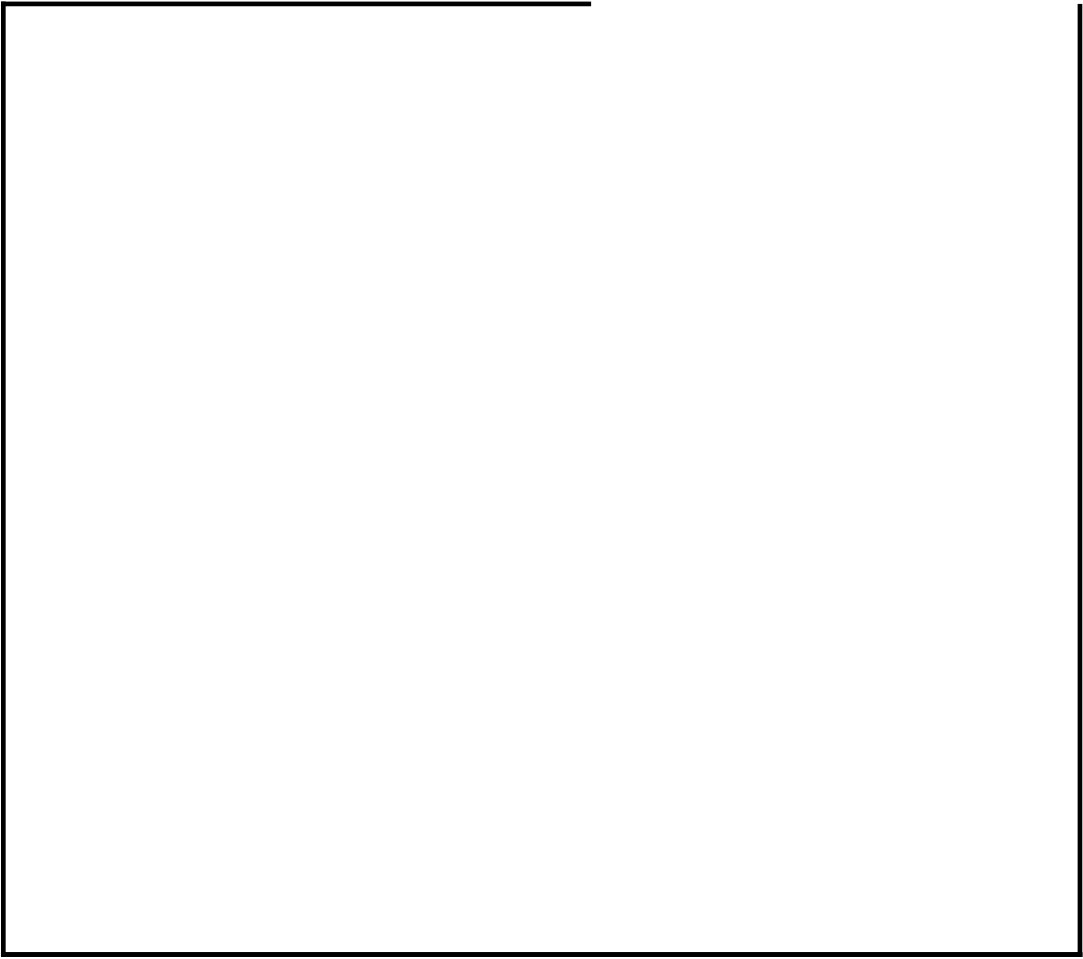
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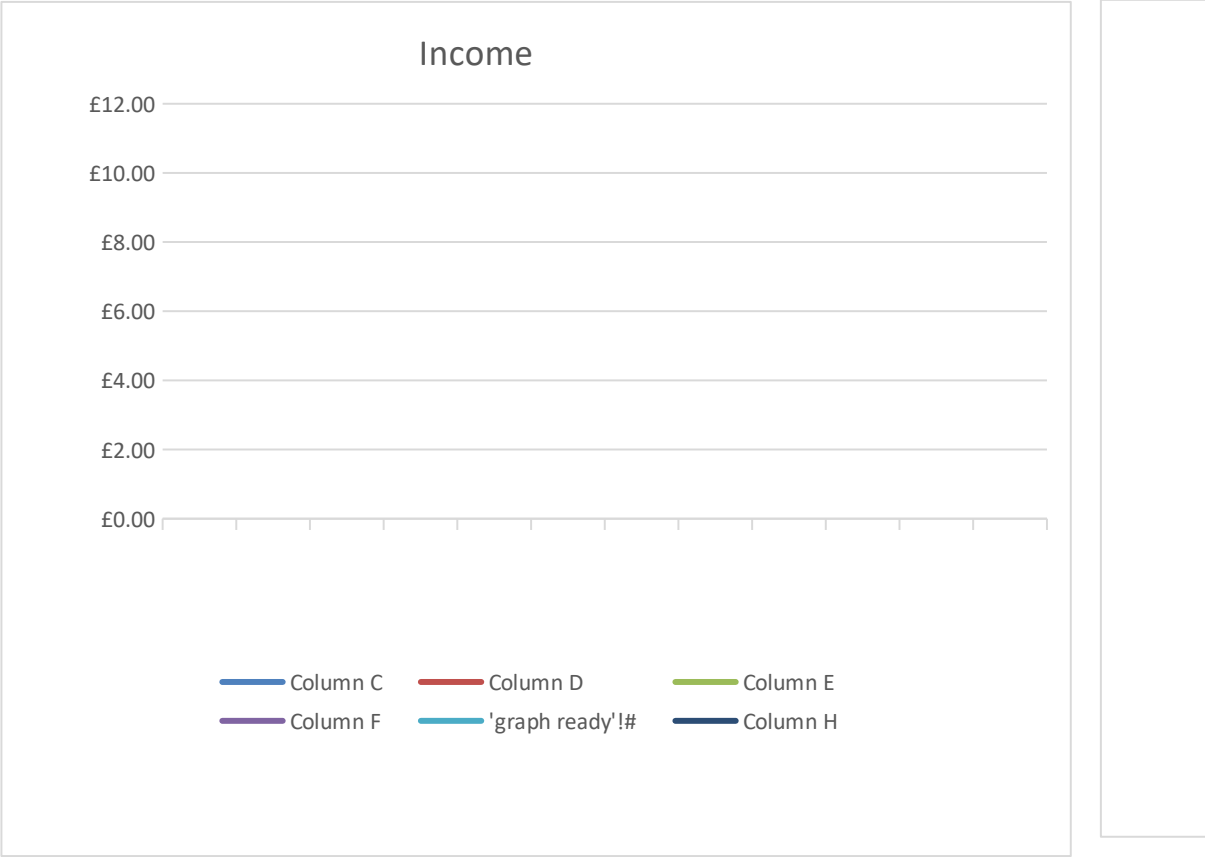
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