

# **First Church of Christ, Scientist, Walton and Weybridge**

## **70 Oatlands Drive, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 9JA**

*A branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, USA*

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025**

#### **Definitions**

The trustees of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Walton and Weybridge (“the church”) are referred to in the church’s by-laws as “charity trustees”, “board members”, and collectively as “the executive board”.

#### **Statement of the Trustees’ Responsibilities**

The trustees arrange for the preparation of financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church, and of its income and expenditure for that period. The trustees are therefore responsible for the keeping of proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and reading rooms. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and two reading rooms and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. A brief annual written report is also prepared.

#### **Status of the Church and Reading Room**

The church is a charitable trust which was registered until 25 February 2003 under the Places of Worship Registration Act 1855, and incorporated a reading room separately registered as a charity under Charity number 271683. On 25 February 2003 the reading room registration was widened, so that both the church and the reading room became registered under the original registration number 271683. In 2022 the church acquired a second reading room in Egham High Street by merging with Christian Science Society, Egham.

#### **Constitution and Object**

The church is a branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. The church is constituted under the terms of Trust Deeds dated 8 December 1946 and 22 October 1983 (“the Trust Deeds”).

The principal object of the church as set out in its *Constitution and Rules* is “to promote the understanding of Christian Science, as set forth in the Bible and in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy (the discoverer and founder of Christian Science), thus bringing healing to this community”.

#### **Policies, Activities and Developments during the year**

To achieve its object, the church has held services, which are fully open to the public, throughout the year. Sunday services have been held weekly at 10.30am. A testimony meeting has been held each Wednesday evening at 7.15pm which provides the congregation with the opportunity to share healings and experiences that have resulted from their study and practice of Christian Science. The church holds a Sunday school as required at 10.30am on Sunday mornings for those under twenty years of age, which students can also access remotely by the internet. All these services were also available by Zoom; details of joining were on the church website. The church sponsored a Christian Science lecture, held at HMP Coldingly in March 2025.

The Egham High Street reading room operates in a similar way to the one at 60 Baker Street. It was open to the public during the year for a period every Tuesday to Thursday and Saturday.

The reading room at 60 Baker Street, Weybridge was open to the public during the year for a period every weekday except Wednesdays, and open on the first Saturday in each month. Both reading rooms closed on public holidays. The reading rooms stock the Bible, the Christian Science textbook and other authorised Christian Science literature, including the periodicals. The reading rooms operate as sales outlets for those wishing to purchase the products stocked, and spaces are set aside for quiet study and prayer. Computer networks with broadband internet connection are available for visitors to use, providing access to The Mother Church websites, as well as to other Christian Science branch churches around the world. A Reading Circle continues to be held via the internet on Tuesday evenings to read Mary Baker Eddy's writings and the Bible. Egham Reading Room holds an in person and online meeting each Wednesday to listen to a CSPA podcast and read from the Bible. Members of the public are welcome to take part in both these activities.

The church has a website which includes details of both reading rooms and activities for the benefit of public information.

In September 2020 a lease was signed with a local day nursery permitting it to operate a pre-school nursery on weekdays in the former Sunday school. The nursery continued to operate throughout the year providing a valuable benefit to the community and income to the church.

### **Accounting Policies**

The church prepares its unrestricted funds accounts on a receipts and payments basis, using current cost accounting principles, and has them independently examined by its Independent Examiner.

The restricted funds of the church are represented by the church property and buildings as laid down in the Trust Deeds. The insurance valuation of these funds is reported in the financial statements and reviewed annually.

### **Reserves Policy**

Regular giving, is in the weekly church collections and by regular donations. Projects are only undertaken following a vote of the church membership at business meetings, which are held each quarter. 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.

### **Review of Financial Activities**

#### ***Unrestricted Funds***

Other than referred to above, the income of the church and reading rooms during the year consisted primarily of donations, made regularly and through collections at services and receipts from the sales activities of the reading rooms. Other income came from rent received from the use made of the church's property.

Total receipts for the year from all sources amounted to £58,318. Expenditure was £100,765 and a deficit for the year of £42,447 was therefore recorded.

#### ***Restricted Funds***

There were no movements in these funds during the year, other than insurance valuation changes.

#### ***Total Assets***

Current assets of the church as at the year-end were £355,950 comprising cash and bank account balances and the market value of investments. Stock at the reading rooms amounted to £12,809 and the insurance valuation of property and other assets at the year-end was £5,042,946

### **Future Activities**

The church intends to continue and expand where possible its present activities and to spread further the knowledge and understanding of Christian Science amongst its members and visitors, and in the local community. When planning the church's activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit including the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular the church seeks to further its object by encouraging the public to



attend its services, testimony meetings and lectures, and to use its reading rooms. To reduce maintenance costs, the members voted to move the Weybridge Reading Room, from Baker Street into the church building in the coming year.

### **Church Officers**

Appointment of church members to be trustees and other officers of the church is undertaken annually in December by election in accordance with the church's *Constitution and Rules*. Those members who have served as trustees and in other principal capacities during the year are shown below.

#### **Trustees (members of the Executive Board)**

Janet Bland (from 16.1.23)  
Judy Macpherson (from 16.1.23)  
Robert Longman (from 16.1.23)  
Peter Ramsbottom (from 16.1.23)

#### **President**

Hilary Longman (from 21.1.25)

#### **Clerk**

Linda Cox (until 25.6.25)  
Anthea Butler (from 25.6.25)

#### **Treasurer**

Merlin Alty

#### **First Reader**

Anthea Butler

#### **Second Reader**

Merlin Alty

### **Bankers**

Lloyds Bank plc, 83 High Street, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey KT12 1DU

### **Independent Examiner**

Mark Adams 6 Wendover Place, Staines, Middlesex, TW18 3DG

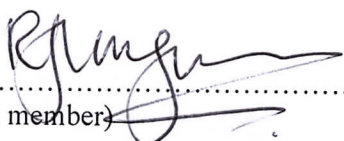
### **Solicitors**

Coole Bevis, 14 Carfax, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 1DZ

### **Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by

Robert Longman (Chairman)

.....  
(Board member) 

.....18/12/2025.....  
(Date)

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees**

**Of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Walton and Weybridge, Charity number 271683**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

### **Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner**

The charity's 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:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
2. follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners in section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act, and
3. state whether particular matters have come to my attention

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those accounts. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with S.130 of the 2011 Act; or
  - b) to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met, or
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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31 December 2025

# First Church of Christ, Scientist, Walton and Weybridge

## ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 OCTOBER 2025

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Unrestricted Funds	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Collections & donations	13,998	16,216
Donation from closed church	-	25,000
Interest	2,180	3,014
Income tax repayment (gift aid)	2,870	3,035
Weybridge reading room sales	1,400	1,105
Egham reading room sales	1,650	2,145
Rent from 60A Baker Street (gross)	9,900	9,590
Rent from Happy Days nursery	18,000	18,000
Investment portfolio income	5,929	5,868
Other income (Note 2)	2,390	1,160
<i>Total Income</i>	<u>58,318</u>	<u>85,132</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Payment for services, W & W (Note 9)	6,319	5,791
Payment for services, Egham	11,223	11,169
Music fees	10,020	9,390
Church operating expenses (Note 3)	20,360	18,304
Church renewals, maintenance and repairs	19,795	5,328
Donations paid (Note 4)	2,134	2,456
Committee on Publication	400	345
Advertising and fairs	446	474
Lecture expenses	1,667	358
Reading room purchases Weybridge	4,426	3,631
Reading room purchases Egham	4,237	2,633
Weybridge reading room operating costs (Note 6)	7,036	8,114
Egham reading room operating costs (Note 8)	10,316	9,223
Accountancy and professional fees	2,386	2,645
<i>Total Expenditure</i>	<u>100,765</u>	<u>79,861</u>
Surplus/(deficit) in year	(42,447)	5,272
<b>Cash flow statement</b>		
Cash balances - at start of year	142,128	136,856
Surplus/(deficit) in year	<u>(42,447)</u>	<u>5,272</u>
Cash balances - at end of year	<u>99,681</u>	<u>142,128</u>

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### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 OCTOBER 2025

	2025	2024
<b>Monetary assets</b>	£	£
Lloyds Bank current account	14,109	18,657
Lloyds Bank 32 days notice account	85,062	122,961
Cash float - Reading room	80	80
Cash float - Egham	430	430
	<u>99,681</u>	<u>142,128</u>
Waverton Charity Growth & Income Fund	258,461	226,832
<b>Total monetary assets</b>	<u><u>358,141</u></u>	<u><u>368,960</u></u>
<b>Current liability</b>	0	0
<b>Non-monetary assets</b>		
Weybridge reading room stock	3,292	3,560
Egham reading room stock	9,517	9,954
	<u><u>12,809</u></u>	<u><u>13,514</u></u>
<b>For information only:</b>		
Values of buildings and property for insurance purposes		
Church building	2,995,754	2,905,678
Church fixed and moveable contents	129,568	129,568
Weybridge reading room building	274,436	266,184
Weybridge reading room fixed and moveable contents	45,606	45,606
Egham building	1,370,682	1,333,893
Egham fixed and moveable contents	226,900	226,900
Total value for insurance purposes	<u><u>5,042,946</u></u>	<u><u>4,907,829</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 18/12/25 and signed on their behalf by:

Name: 

Position: CHAIRMAN

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### ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 OCTOBER 2025

The notes on pages 3, 4 and 5 form part of these accounts

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

##### 1 Accounting policies

- (a) These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis
- (b) Reading room stock is valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>2 Other income</b>		
Egham Peace (fast food stall)	1,200	
Egham Elliott (private hire of room)	30	
Refund of direct debit charge	0	10
Rent for register office use of car park	1,160	1,150
	<u>2,390</u>	<u>1,150</u>
<b>3 Church operating expenses</b>		
Cleaning	3,697	3,737
Heat, light and water	7,530	8,875
Insurance (includes Baker Street reading room)	3,684	3,639
Telephone & internet	802	722
Printing, postage and stationery	41	31
Garden and grounds	4,510	1,020
Sundries	96	280
<b>Total church operating expenses</b>	<u>20,360</u>	<u>18,304</u>
<b>4 Donations paid</b>		
Whitehaven Trust	300	300
Lime Tree House	300	500
CS Nurses Fund	300	300
Focus	300	350
JCSRRUK	300	350
Periodicals for prisons	227	351
Easter Camp	300	200
The Mother Church	107	105
<b>Total donations paid</b>	<u>2,134</u>	<u>2,456</u>



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### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

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	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>5 Weybridge reading room trading summary</b>		
<b>Receipts</b>		
Sales to public	1,400	1,105
Literature for use by the church or reading room at cost	1,523	1,523
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>2,923</u>	<u>2,628</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Purchases and subscriptions	4,426	3,631
<b>Excess/(deficit) of receipts over payments</b>	(1,503)	(1,003)
<b>Increase/(decrease) in stock over period</b>	<u>(268)</u>	<u>629</u>
<b>Trading surplus/(deficit)</b>	<u>(1,771)</u>	<u>(374)</u>
<b>6 Weybridge reading room operating costs</b>		
Cleaning	330	385
Heat, light, water	2,899	2,430
Telephone & internet	436	231
Printing, postage and stationery	69	231
Relocation costs	2,021	
Renewals, maintenance and repairs	1,185	4,837
Sundries	96	
<b>Total</b>	<u>7,036</u>	<u>8,114</u>
<b>7 Egham reading room trading summary</b>		
<b>Receipts</b>		
Sales to public	1,650	2,145
Literature for use by the reading room	590	590
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>2,240</u>	<u>2,735</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Purchases and subscriptions	4,237	2,633
<b>Excess/(deficit) of receipts over payments</b>	(1,997)	101
<b>Increase/(decrease) in stock over period</b>	<u>(437)</u>	<u>894</u>
<b>Trading surplus/(deficit)</b>	<u>(2,434)</u>	<u>995</u>



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	2025	2024
<b>8 Egham reading room operating costs</b>	£	
Cleaning	1,746	1,204
Window cleaning	140	
Heat, light, water	2,225	2,362
Printing, postage & stationery	60	12
Telephone & internet	1,021	926
Renewals, maintenance and repairs	1,061	865
Insurance	2,794	2,780
Car parking	960	960
Garden	309	
Sundries		112
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,316</b>	<b>9,223</b>

### 9 Officers' payment for services

As recorded in the minutes of the members' meeting held on 13 October 2024, the readers, clerk, treasurer and Weybridge librarian were entitled to receive total remuneration of £6600 during the year, of which £5725 was waived.

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