

JOINT CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOM UK

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

REPORT and ACCOUNTS

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Structure, Governance and Management

The Joint Christian Science Reading Room UK, whose contact address is 52-54 Kings Rd, Reading, Berkshire RG1 3AA, is a registered charity number 1143776 and is governed by its Constitution adopted in February 2013 and last amended in June 2018.

The Trustees act as the Management Committee, which consists of up to ten persons elected annually by the members of the organisation from among their number. During the year to 31 December 2019 the Trustees were:

John Lardge (Chairman)	Joanna Bowley
Gay Bryant-Flatt	Edwin de Leon
Susan de Leon	Peter Mills

Objectives and Activities

As stated in the Constitution, the purpose of the Joint Christian Science Reading Room UK is the public promotion of the practical healing method known as Christian Science, in accordance with the Manual of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. It carries this out under the Manual provisions of Article XXI concerning the operation of Reading Rooms. Under this provision it is listed in The Christian Science Journal as a Joint Christian Science Reading Room.

The main activity is the sale and distribution of 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures' by Mary Baker Eddy and other publications from the Christian Science Publishing Society. This is carried out through the Online Reading Room website . Books, Christian Science magazines and other products ordered online are mailed to customers in the UK and abroad by the specialist stock-holding agency firm, MyWarehouse. All the stock holding and sales management is handled by that firm.

The Trustees employ a salaried Librarian to manage other functions of the charity. This includes operating the website and acting as an information centre for queries about Christian Science, its publications and activities, particularly in the UK.

The Trustees use various freelance persons and firms for website maintenance, development and management. General management functions are carried out voluntarily by Trustees and members.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT continued

Objectives and Activities *continued*

In 2019 the Trustees continued to organise the live-streaming of lectures when requested by various Christian Science churches and with the approval of the lecturers concerned, who are all members of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship. Further top quality equipment was acquired in the year to extend the availability and reliability of live-streaming and to develop video-making for Christian Science events.

The Trustees also continued to offer expert assistance in creating and upgrading websites of individual Christian Science Churches in the UK.

A new activity was developed and offered during the year of remotely-managed screens for windows of Christian Science Reading Rooms. These high quality screens show revolving posters of Christian Science information and activities.

Public benefit

As information and activities of the Charity are clearly displayed on its website, and are available to the public, the Trustees are satisfied that they have fully complied with the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Financial Review

The financial affairs of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2019 are shown in the attached Accounts, which have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.

All donations and contributions to the funds are considered to be “unrestricted” and are recorded as such in the Accounts.

The Trustees, having full consideration of the requirement for charities to hold Reserve Funds, consider that the level of funds at the end of the financial year are appropriate to meet current and future planned activities.

for and on behalf of the Trustees

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT to the Trustees

I report on the Accounts of the Charity, registered number 1143776, for the year ended 31 December 2019.

As the Executive Committee, acting as Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. You consider that the full audit requirement of Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. I concur with that view and have carried out an Independent Examination only.

It is my responsibility to examine the Accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act; to follow the procedures specified by the Charity Commission in the general directions laid down in Section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with those Sections and included a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity, together with a comparison of the Accounts presented by those records. No opinion is required or expressed as to whether the Accounts present a "true and fair view".

Acting as an independent examiner, I can confirm that no matter has come to my attention:

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that the requirements of the 2011 Act to keep records (Section 130) and to prepare annual Accounts based thereon, have not been met;
- or b) which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

-----Valerie M. Needham
15 Lower Polsham Rd, Paignton, Devon TQ3 2AU

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2019	2018
	£	£
MONETARY ASSETS		
Value of funds brought forward at 1.1.19	53,382	76,095
Add/Deduct		
Surplus (Deficiency) of income for year	41,129	(19,599)
Add payments in 2018 for 2019 activities	3,114	(3,114)
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Value of funds carried forward at 31.12.19	97,625	53,382
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represented by:		
Bank Accounts		
CAF Gold Account	95,867	52,692
CAF Current Accounts		
Joint CS Reading Room	707	(169)
On-Line Reading Room	851	809
PayPal Account	200	50
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	97,625	53,382
	=====	=====
OTHER ASSETS		
Stock at insured value	42,000	40,000
Display, Filming and Technical Equipment at insured value	36,750	75,000
Sales and Fees receivable	2,235	422
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	80,985	115,422
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There are no liabilities at 31.12.18 or 31.12.19

-----Trustee

-----Treasurer

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

	2019	2018
	£	£
<u>Online Reading Room Activity</u>		
<u>Income:</u>		
Online & sundry other sales	9,684	16,165
Donations for Google Adwords	854	755
Donations from churches	38,610	8,291
Donations from disbanding churches	40,779	—
	<u>89,927</u>	<u>25,211</u>
<u>Expenditure:</u>		
Stock Purchases	7,054	6,100
Google AdWords	1,938	1,794
Librarian' salary & employer costs	13,532	15,308
Freelance fees for Social Media	12,231	8,258
MyWarehouse charges	3,327	4,020
Website costs	2,755	2,147
Journal card & other advertising	695	326
	<u>41,532</u>	<u>37,953</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>48,395</u>	<u>(12,742)</u>
 <u>Livestreaming & Video Production of Events</u>		
<u>Income:</u>		
Donations from churches for streaming costs	<u>3,940</u>	<u>5,423</u>
<u>Expenditure:</u>		
Equipment purchased & detailed in 2018	—	4,878
Equipment purchased 2019:-		
Hitachi computer	4,519	
Tyrell video editing equipment	6,280	
Microphones	766	
Streaming & sundry other equipment	<u>1,166</u>	-----
	12,731	4,878
Operators' fees & expenses	4,278	2,486
Subscription statistical information service	722	687
Facebook advertising	<u>1,937</u>	<u>296</u>
	<u>19,668</u>	<u>8,347</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(15,728)</u>	<u>(2,924)</u>

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	2019 £	2018 £
<u>Website Design and Management for Churches</u>		
<u>Income</u>		
Fees for website creation, management & maintenance	220	862
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Development costs	<u>729</u>	<u>196</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(509)</u>	<u>666</u>
<u>Reading Room remotely managed display screens</u>		
<u>Income (new activity)</u>		
Installation fees from churches	9,849	
Management fees	<u>220</u>	
	10,069	
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Equipment & installations costs, development costs	<u>12,502</u>	
(Deficit)	<u>(2,433)</u>	---
<u>General Income & Expenditure</u>		
<u>Income:</u>		
General donations	6,035	1,460
Donation from TrustBrit	14,466	--
Interest	<u>66</u>	<u>45</u>
	<u>20,567</u>	<u>1,505</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
York meeting (Feb 2018)	-	2,432
Birmingham Conference (March 2019)	4,338	--
AGM expenses	1,499	1,042
Committee meetings & conference calls	887	412
Insurance	731	698
Professional fees	660	910
Mailing, office expenses & sundries	901	433
Bank charges	<u>147</u>	<u>177</u>
	<u>9,163</u>	<u>6,104</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>11,404</u>	<u>(4,599)</u>
OVERALL NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>£ 41,129</u>	<u>£ (19,599)</u>