

Charity Registration No. 1143776 (England and Wales)

JOINT CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOM UK

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Joint Christian Science Reading Room UK (JCSRRUK), whose contact address is: c/o First Church of Christ, Scientist, Poole, 2A Church Road, Ashley Cross, BH14 0NN 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 a minimum of three persons with a maximum of up to ten persons, elected annually by the members of the organisation (Christian Science churches and societies) from among their congregation.

During the year to 31 December 2025 the Trustees serving were:

John Houston (Chairman)
Gay Bryant Flatt
Hilary Evans

Susan Thomas
Timothy Twinn
Edwin de Leon (resigned January 2025)

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

As stated in the constitution, the purpose of the Joint Christian Science Reading Room UK (JCSRRUK) 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. An entry for JCSRRUK can be found in the Christian Science Journal under Christian Science Church services and Reading Rooms UK - Jointly Maintained Reading Room: [www. Spirituality4.me](http://www.Spirituality4.me).

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 managed through the Online Reading Room website (spirituality4.me) where books, and other products can be ordered online. All the stock holding, and sales management is handled by My Warehouse.

The Online Christian Science Reading Room is 'open' when other Christian Science Reading Rooms are closed. Its function is to support Christian Science organisations and other customers with sales and services. The Trustees employ a salaried Administrator, Librarian, Technical Assistant, and a Digital Services coordinator to assist with the management of these key functions of the Charity. This includes operating the website and acting as an information center for queries about Christian Science, its publications, along with activities, particularly in the UK.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES *continued*

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. The Trustees have continued to organise the live-streaming of Christian Science lectures and other events, including concerts, 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 quality equipment was acquired in the year to extend the availability and reliability of the live-streaming service and to develop video-making for Christian Science events.

Advice and support were also provided to any churches wishing to live stream their services during the time that public services and meetings in buildings were not possible.

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

They also continue to offer the installation of remotely managed display screens for windows of Christian Science Reading Rooms. These high quality screens show revolving posters and notices providing information relating to Christian Science 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 2025 are shown in the Accounts below, which have been prepared on an accruals 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 Reserves Funds, consider that the level of funds at the end of the financial year are appropriate to meet current and future planned activities.

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(For and on Behalf of the Trustees)

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Date

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ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

To the members of the Joint Christian Science Reading Room UK

I report on the Accounts of the Charity, registered number 1143776 for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The Charity Trustees consider that an audit is not required for the 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 Act),
- to follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under 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 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 records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedure undertaken does not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention, which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the Members have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with accounting requirements of the Act; or

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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Geraldine Coates Accounting
Robson House
Chapel Street
Honiton
EX14 1EU

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Date

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank Accounts		
CAF Current Account	25,528	5,959
CAF ORR	13,402	8,917
CAF Gold	376,630	145,268
Stripe	-	(4,483)
	415,560	155,660
	=====	=====
Other Assets		
Stock at Cost	25,606	25,606
Display, Filming & Technical Equipment	25,419	77,440
Debtors	525	-
	51,550	103,046
	=====	=====
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	391	-
	391	-
	=====	=====
TOTAL ASSETS	466,719	258,706
RESERVES		
Reserves Account	258,706	250,565
Total (Deficit) for the Year	203,469	8,141
Adjustment to Reserves	4,544	-
	466,719	258,706

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

..... Trustee

..... Date

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITY:		
<u>ONLINE READING ROOM ACTIVITY</u>		
Income:		
Online & Sundry Sales	<u>7,618</u>	<u>7,358</u>
Expenditure:		
Stock Purchases	13,294	5,331
Social Media Fees	340	-
My Warehouse Charges	<u>3,195</u>	<u>2,556</u>
	16,829	7,887
Surplus/(Deficit)	(9,211)	(529)
<u>EVENT LIVESTREAMING & VIDEO PRODUCTION</u>		
Income:		
Grants/Fees - Trust Brit and Westminster Fund	<u>36,843</u>	<u>24,245</u>
Expenditure:		
Contractor Fees	23,744	-
Promotion Costs	1,150	741
Subscriptions	<u>4,474</u>	<u>5,231</u>
	29,368	5,972
Surplus/(Deficit)	7,475	18,273
<u>WEBSITE DESIGN, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT</u>		
Income:		
Fees for Website Creation and Management	<u>4,756</u>	<u>5,184</u>
Expenditure:		
Maintenance and Development Costs	<u>3,384</u>	<u>2,553</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,372	2,631
<u>REMOTELY MANAGED DISPLAY SCREENS – READING ROOMS</u>		
Income:		
Installation and Management Fees	<u>23,283</u>	<u>7,300</u>
Expenditure:		
Equipment, Installation & Development Costs	<u>16,073</u>	<u>3,700</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	7,210	3,600

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES *continued*

	2025	2024
	£	£
<u>GENERAL OVERHEADS</u>		
Income:		
General Donations	20,247	19,236
Grants from Westminster Fund	40,411	39,825
Interest	<u>6,408</u>	<u>2,482</u>
	67,066	61,543
Expenditure:		
Events	1,180	1,073
Meetings	273	1,200
Insurance	1,299	-
Advertising	-	973
Professional Fees	2,831	2,050
Salaries & Employer Costs	53,175	77,072
Equipment purchases	20,060	14,910
Obsolete equipment	52,021	-
Subscriptions	1,279	6,504
Miscellaneous	-	252
Office Expenses	1,282	349
Bank Charges	<u>278</u>	<u>255</u>
	133,679	104,638
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(66,613)	(43,095)

SUMMARISED AS:

TOTAL INCOME	139,566	105,630
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	199,334	124,749
TOTAL (DEFICIT)	(59,768)	(19,119)
Add: Other Income Received		
Legacy Donations	263,237	27,260
TOTAL SURPLUS	203,469	8,141

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES *continued*

	2025	2024
SUMMARISED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE		
	£	£
Income from Activities:		
Sales – Online Reading Room	7,618	7,358
Grants and Fees – Livestreaming	36,843	24,245
Design and Management - Church Websites	4,756	5,184
Reading Room Display Screens	<u>23,283</u>	<u>7,300</u>
	72,500	44,087
Other Income:		
General Donations	20,247	19,236
Legacy Donations	263,237	27,260
Grants from Westminster Fund	40,411	39,825
Bank Interest	<u>6,408</u>	<u>2,482</u>
	330,303	88,803
TOTAL INCOME	402,803	132,890
Expenditure on Activities:		
Expenditure – Online Reading Room	16,829	7,887
Expenditure - Livestreaming	29,368	5,972
Expenditure – Website Design and Management	3,384	2,553
Expenditure – Managed Reading Room Displays	<u>16,073</u>	<u>3,700</u>
	65,654	20,112
Expenditure on Overhead Costs:	<u>133,679</u>	<u>104,637</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	199,334	124,749
TOTAL SURPLUS	203,469	8,141

