

**JOINT CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOM UK**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

**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 amended in September 2014.

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 2017 the Trustees were:

John Lardge (Chairman)	Joanna Bowley
Brian Blandford	Edwin de Leon
Susan de Leon	Peter Mills

From mid 2017, the Trustees employs a salaried Librarian. Stock holding and sales management is handled by a specialist warehouse company.

The Trustees also use the services of various professional firms for website maintenance, development and management. The Charity's general management functions are carried out voluntarily by Trustees and members.

**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. It is listed under this provision 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 established in 2013. Books, Christian Science magazines and other products ordered online are mailed to customers in the UK and abroad by the stock-holding agency firm My Warehouse.

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**Objectives and Activities** *continued*

The Trust website also provides information about Christian Science and its activities, particularly in the UK.

In 2017 the Trustees continued to organise the live-streaming of lectures as 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 this streaming.

The Trustees can now also offer the expertise to create websites for individual Christian Science Churches in the UK.

**Financial Review**

The financial affairs of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2017 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.

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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 2017.

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*----- Valerie M. Needham  
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>		
<b>Opening Bank Balances brought forward 1.1.17</b>		
HSBC Accounts (closed)	--	307
CAF Gold Account	55,411	69,116
CAF Current Accounts (2)	1,413	4,596
PayPal Account	200	200
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	<b>57,024</b>	<b>74,219</b>
<b>Add/Deduct</b>		
Surplus(Deficiency) of income for year	19,071	( 17,195)
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<b>Closing Balances carried forward at 31.12.17</b>	<b>76,095</b>	<b>57,024</b>
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represented by:		
<b>Bank Accounts</b>		
CAF Gold Account	68,807	55,411
CAF Current Accounts		
Joint CS Reading Room	6,443	897
On-Line Reading Room	725	516
PayPal Account	120	200
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	<b>76,095</b>	<b>57,024</b>
	=====	=====
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>		
Stock at insured value	29,214	27,560
Display, Filming, and Technical Equipment at insured value	37,969	22,720
Sales and Fees receivable	3,423	--
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	<b>70,606</b>	<b>50,280</b>
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<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Amounts due to be paid:		
Sundry fees & expenses	150	2,588
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-----Trustee

-----Treasurer

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b><u>Online Reading Room Activity</u></b>		
<b><u>Income:</u></b>		
Online sales	13,237	7,890
Non-online sales	15	--
Donations for Google Adwords	500	3,000
Donations from churches	3,570	6,446
Donations from disbanding churches	<u>39,639</u>	<u>2,609</u>
	<b><u>56,961</u></b>	<b><u>19,945</u></b>
<b><u>Expenditure:</u></b>		
Stock Purchases	13,190	13,743
Librarians' fees and salaries	18,423	15,676
MyWarehouse charges	2,932	2,249
Website costs	5,188	5,518
Journal card	329	327
Google AdWords	<u>642</u>	<u>—</u>
	<b><u>40,705</u></b>	<b><u>37,513</u></b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b><u><u>16,255</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>( 17,568)</u></u></b>
 <b><u>Livestreaming of Lectures</u></b>		
<b><u>Income:</u></b>		
Donations from churches for streaming costs	3,022	5,970
Donations from churches for equipment purchase	<u>15,740</u>	<u>—</u>
	<b><u>18,762</u></b>	<b><u>5,970</u></b>
<b><u>Expenditure:</u></b>		
Cost of camera & livestreaming equipment	13,224	--
Sundry other equipment	801	329
Operators' fees, travel & subsistence	2,157	2,679
Facebook advertising	<u>930</u>	<u>1,227</u>
	<b><u>17,112</u></b>	<b><u>4,235</u></b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b><u><u>1,650</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>1,735</u></u></b>

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	2017	2016
	£	£
<b><u>Website Design and Management for Churches</u></b>		
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Fees for website creation	–	584
Management and Maintenance fees	<u>120</u>	<u>--</u>
	<b><u>120</u></b>	<b><u>584</u></b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Development costs	<u>845</u>	<u>199</u>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b><u>( 725)</u></b>	<b><u>385</u></b>
<b><u>General Income &amp; Expenditure</u></b>		
<b><u>Income:</u></b>		
General donations	5,680	900
Interest	<u>27</u>	<u>111</u>
	<b><u>5,707</u></b>	<b><u>1,011</u></b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Insurance	656	560
Meetings expenses	1,689	1,260
Conference calls	315	305
Professional fees	275	300
Postage, office expenses and sundries	740	265
Bank charges	<u>141</u>	<u>68</u>
	<b><u>3,816</u></b>	<b><u>2,758</u></b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b><u>1,891</u></b>	<b><u>( 1,747)</u></b>
<b>OVERALL NET SURPLUS(DEFICIT)</b>	<b><u>£ 19,071</u></b>	<b><u>£ ( 17,195)</u></b>