

# The Christian Science Trust in Great Britain

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The Christian Science Trust in Great Britain (Trust Brit) is a UK charity working to support the promotion and extension of Christian Science in the United Kingdom.

## Who we support

- Christian Science Churches and Societies, Informal Groups and Christian Science College Organizations.
- Although the Trust does not provide financial support to individual Christian Scientists, applications for assistance will be considered from Mother Church appointees to attend international and national conferences and activities which are specific to their position, i.e Committees on Publication and Christian Sciences nurses. Other meetings and activities may be considered on the basis of their compliance.

## What we support

We are open to creative ideas and have given financial support to a wide range of Church Manual-based activities. Please phone us in order to talk through your ideas before making an application – 01483 416309.

Some examples of recent grants include:

- ❖ Christian Science lectures
- ❖ New signage
- ❖ Reading Room upgrades and enhancements
- ❖ Assistance with information technology
- ❖ Church repairs and upgrades
- ❖ Zoom video conferencing
- ❖ Mother Church sponsored youth events
- ❖ Conference attendance

All projects are considered regardless of the size, and all applications are considered individually.

## Funding guidelines

- Donations and all financial contributions from other sources will be taken into account when making a decision on funding. The total funds available to the church, including any investments or reserves, will also be taken into account. A financial need must exist in order to receive financial aid.
- The applicant should normally contribute at least 25% of the total cost of the project to be funded.
- An application form should be completed and submitted by the Clerk.

- Please note that no on-going funding is available for routine operating expenses, e.g. salaries and regular up-keep costs.
- An application for financial aid should normally be in place before any expenses are incurred, and receipts/proof of payments will be required before reimbursement is made.
- A fruitage report should be completed and submitted at the end of each project.

## Funding categories

Funding is not automatic and may not always be to the maximum percentage mentioned.

### Lectures (including live-streaming of all lectures)

**Lectures given by Churches** – a contribution of up to 75% of all lecture costs for second and subsequent lectures held in the same lecture year.

**Lectures given by Societies** – a contribution of up to 75% of all lecture costs.

**Lectures given by Informal Groups** – a contribution of up to 75% of all lecture costs. The application for the lecture must be supported by a Church or Society.

**Lectures given by College Organizations** – a contribution of up to at least 75% of all lecture costs.

### Reading Rooms

Contributions of up to 75% will be considered to support the upgrade/enhancement of Reading Rooms to improve their visibility and outreach potential. For example, daylight window display screens and other display facilities.

Opening hours and availability to the public will be taken into account.

### Media and Technology Development

A contribution of up to 75% may be given to a Christian Science Reading Room, Church, Society, or Informal Group wishing to upgrade their online technologies, for example:

- ❖ Livestreaming church services and lectures
- ❖ Website development. There must be a sustainable plan to maintain and update the website going forward.
- ❖ Video/audio conferencing systems (e.g. Zoom Standard Pro)

Financial assistance does not include on-going subscriptions or maintenance fees.

### Building Assistance

Assistance may be available to branches for structural and other repair work to buildings, including refurbishment and enhancements to buildings and environs, and also for those branches moving to more efficient settings and for seeking compliance with local accessibility and safety regulations. Grants will not normally be given to a Church or Society for modifications to buildings and environs for the sole purpose of generating income.

If your ideas don't quite fit within these guidelines, there may be other funds available within the UK that we can direct you to.

**Please be in touch, we'd love to hear from you!**

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