

**Company No 79323**

**Financial statements for  
the year ended 31 December 2010**

**Church Society Trust**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

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**Directors**

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The Revd S G Bowen  
The Revd Dr M E Burkill  
The Revd J A Cheeseman  
The Revd P T Darlington  
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## Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2010

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The trustees who are also directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2010.

### Objectives

The objectives of Church Society Trust are set out in its Memorandum of Association. They are to assist Church Society, a Registered Charity, in its patronage activities.

Church Society Trust exercises its patronage rights in the parishes of which it is Patron and represents the Society's interests in matters such as the protection of the patronage system, challenging the suspension of livings and the selection of suitable candidates for vacancies where the Trust has influence.

The Trust has no financial assets in its own right. All its expenses are paid from the funds of Church Society. It is managed by a Board of Trustees (known as Directors) who are selected from the Members of the Trust who themselves are appointed by the Directors, subject to the approval of the Council of Church Society. The Directors are confirmed in office annually by the Council of Church Society. They meet regularly to conduct their business. In order to assist in filling vacancies, they keep a register of candidates who might be considered. Candidates are expected to support the doctrine and worship of the Church of England as set out in the 39 Articles of Religion and the Book of Common Prayer as adopted in 1662 and to uphold the supreme and exclusive sufficiency and authority of Holy Scripture as containing all things necessary for salvation.

### Review of the activities

The main business of the Trust is to exercise Patronage Rights and to support the ministry in the 113 parishes of which it is the Patron. In just under half of these, the Trust is the sole patron. In the remaining parishes, patronage is exercised jointly, in turns, or by a Board. Therefore, the Trust does not always have a decisive say in appointments. In addition, many benefices are suspended on becoming vacant because of the need to reduce clergy numbers. When the benefice is suspended a Priest-in-Charge is appointed which is legally the responsibility of the Bishop. However, there is an expectation that wherever possible the patrons and parish representatives are fully engaged in the appointment process. In practice this expectation is not always fulfilled although the Trust does all that it can to retain involvement.

In addition to its patronage work, Church Society Trust is responsible for the ministry at the Gloucester Mariners Chapel, Christ Church, Düsseldorf (Germany) and Lightbowne Evangelical Church, an independent church in Greater Manchester.

The Chapel of St. James Ryde now has separate trustees partly appointed by the Council of Church Society. It is expected that Church Society Trust will remain involved in future appointments to St. James and two Directors are presently Trustees.

The Kirchengrundstücksgesellschaft mbH in Düsseldorf (KGG) is a German registered company with limited liability. The Chapel of Christ Church was the vision of William T Mulvany and the company was established by his daughter Miss Anabella Mulvany in 1911 with Church Association Trust the majority shareholder. The KGG owns all the land and buildings of Christ Church. Church Society Trust is now the sole shareholder and appoints Managers to oversee the affairs of the company who are also Trustees of the Christ Church Community eV (voluntary association). The share capital of the KGG was last registered in 1985 as DM50,000 equating to €25,594.59.

Church Society Trust assists in filling vacancies as they arise at the chaplaincy. However, the Trust does not exert influence on day-to-day management, nor supply funds. Neither is there any expectation of financial gain from the shareholding.

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During the year appointments were made to sixteen of the benefices for which the Trust has patronage rights. For nine of these benefices the patrons rights of nomination were suspended and the Bishop had responsibility for appointing a Priest-in-Charge. In most instances Bishops involve parish representatives fully in appointments and often also involve patrons. The Trust attempts to take as active a role as possible in the process and is proactive in doing so. In most of these nine benefices it is likely that there will be pastoral re-organisation in the future illustrating the continued impact of the decline in clergy numbers leading to benefice or parish amalgamations. Of the seven benefices for which the patrons rights were exercised four were under sole patronage of the Trust and three under joint patronage.

Those appointed incumbent during 2010 will be amongst the last to be appointed with freehold of office within the Church of England. The ancient practice of clergy freehold is to be replaced early in 2011 with Common Tenure. Clergy will remain as office holders rather than employees and will continue to have the freehold of benefice property for the duration of their office. However, the new legislation means that the terms of their Office must be spelt out and in particular can be terminated under certain circumstances. The Secretary of the Trust has served as a member of the national implementation panel for the new legislation for three years and the Trust Directors have been kept up to date with the impact of the legislation and in particular how it is likely to affect the process of appointments.

The Directors have been increasingly concerned about their inability to find clear evangelical men to apply for some of the posts coming vacant, in particular in multi-parish rural benefices. Some steps have been taken to encourage men, including ordinands, to consider such posts but so far with little impact.

In July 2010 the General Synod voted to pass legislation to consecrate women as bishops to the Dioceses. If it is approved it could become law in 2012. Church Society has pressed by various means for the legislation to include adequate provision for those who remain opposed to this innovation. To date the General Synod has not made such provision and therefore the work of the Trust and many of the clergy in its parishes could be adversely affected if the legislation is passed. Some of the Trust parishes have previously passed resolutions requiring that their clergy be male and the Trust encourages this. A few have also requested and receive episcopal oversight from Provincial Episcopal Visitors (PEVs). At the end of 2010 two of these PEVs left the Church of England to be accepted into Roman Catholicism. Representations were therefore made to insist that at long last at least one PEV be a conservative evangelical opposed to the ordination of women.

The Directors have sought ways to involve Trust Members more in the work of the Trust although and also to build stronger links with some of the Trust parishes all of which is ongoing.

The Trust is represented at the Patrons Consultative Group (formerly Private Patrons Consultative Group) and the Evangelical Patronage Consultative Council (EPCC).

The General Secretary of Church Society acts as Secretary to the Trust with administrative assistance in the office. However, the Trust Directors and some Trust Members undertake much of the work. The staff have gradually sought to make more information about the work of the Trust, including details of all the parishes, available through the Trust section of the Church Society website.

Details of all the Trust parishes are available on the Church Society website and the information has gradually been supplemented. The database of information is updated most months. All new pastoral schemes are scanned and included on the website and many older schemes have been added as have scans of photographs and some documents from the archives.

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For its own business the Trust refers to the parish for which it holds the advowson although often a benefice is known by a different name. During 2010 the following **appointments** were made:

- AIRMYN (Sheffield) Philip Ball was appointed as incumbent (Joint patronage).
- BEESTON-NEXT-MILEHAM & the DUNHAMS (Norwich) – Michael Thompson appointed as Priest-in-Charge (Joint patronage but suspended).
- THROOP, St. Paul (Winchester) – Rohintan Mody was appointed as Priest-in-Charge (Suspended).
- CHATHAM, St. Philip & St. James (Rochester) Martyn Saunders was appointed as Incumbent (Sole patronage).
- COWDEN with HAMMERWOOD (Chichester) Marion Traske was appointed as House-for-Duty Priest-in-Charge (Suspended).
- CUDHAM (Rochester) (29 November 2007) John Musson was appointed as Priest in Charge, subsequently Incumbent (Joint patronage, suspended, but subsequently lifted.)
- EASTBOURNE, All Souls (Chichester) Mark Redhouse was appointed as Incumbent (Sole patronage).
- HARBORNE St. John (Birmingham) – Nigel di Castiglione was appointed as Incumbent (Sole patronage)
- HEMSWELL (Lincoln) Mark Briscoe was appointed as Priest-in-Charge (Joint patronage but suspended).
- HENHAM (Chelmsford) Gary Townsend appointed as incumbent (Joint patronage).
- REEPHAM (Norwich) Margaret Dean appointed as incumbent (Joint patronage).
- STAPENHILL, Immanuel (Derby) Kath Wood was appointed as Part-time Priest in Charge (Sole patronage but suspended).
- WASHFIELD (Exeter) Steve Goodbody was appointed as Priest in Charge, subsequently Incumbent (Joint patronage, suspended, but subsequently lifted.)
- WATH (Ripon and Leeds) Ruth Hinds appointed as Priest-in-Charge (Joint patronage but suspended.)
- WHINBURGH (Norwich) Louse Alder was appointed Priest-in-Charge on a temporary basis (Suspended)
- WOODHAM WALTER (Chelmsford) Stephanie Stoebel was appointed House for Duty Priest in Charge (Suspended).

Two suspensions were lifted leading to the Priests-in-Charge becoming Incumbent. There were 5 further **vacancies outstanding, or about to become vacant**, at 31 December 2010. The Directors were consulted about vacancies in fourteen other parishes. There were 34 (30%) benefices suspended at the end of the year awaiting possible pastoral re-organisation.

During the year, the Trust Directors considered proposals for suspensions, re-organisation and other **pastoral schemes** in respect of twenty parishes. The following schemes came into effect:

- MAYFIELD (Derby) to create a new benefice with the incumbent living at Alton and for the Mayfield Vicarage to be transferred to the Diocesan Glebe fund.
- MANNINGFORD BRUCE & ABBOTS (Salisbury) to create The Vale of Pewsey Team Ministry.
- PELDON (Chelmsford) to create a new benefice of which Peldon is a small part.
- UPHILL (Bath & Wells) to dissolve the Team Ministry and revert to a single parish and sole patronage.

The Directors hold the right to appoint a Trustee of St. John's School Blackpool Trust and are represented on the Trustees of St. Stephen on the Cliffs, Blackpool.

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### Statement of directors' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Church Society Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### Statement as to disclosure of information to auditors

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make them aware of any audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

### Auditors

Jacob, Cavenagh and Skeet have expressed their willingness to continue in office. A resolution proposing their re-appointment will be put to the forthcoming annual general meeting.

By order of the Directors

D Phillips  
**Company Secretary**  
Company No 79323

17<sup>th</sup> May 2011

# Independent auditors' report to the members on the audited accounts of Church Society Trust

We have audited the financial statements of Church Society Trust for the year ended 31 December 2010 on pages six and seven. The financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 495 and 496 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

## Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

The trustees' (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) responsibilities for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view are set out on page one.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view, are properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006. We also report to you whether, in our opinion the information given in the Report of the Trustees is consistent with those financial statements.

In addition, we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept adequate accounting records, if the company's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made.

We read the Report of the Trustees and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

## Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

## Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2010 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006; and
- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is consistent with the financial statements.

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## Balance sheet As at 31 December 2010

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	2010 £	2009 £
<b>Current assets</b>		
Bank and short term deposits	-	-
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	-	-
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	-	-
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<b>Net assets</b>	-	-
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<b>Funds</b>	-	-
	=====	=====

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The notes on page 7 also form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011 and were signed on its behalf by:

**Director**

**Director**

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## Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2010

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### 1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

#### 1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting.

The company was dormant throughout the year ended 31 December 2010.

### 2 Income and expenditure

The trust received no income and incurred no expenditure during the year.

### 3 Employee information

	2010 £	2009 £
Staff costs	-	-
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There were no employees during the year apart from the Directors.

The Directors did not receive any remuneration in respect of their services to the company for the year ended 31 December 2010 (2009: £nil).

### 4 Commitments and contingent liabilities

#### 4.1 Contingent liabilities

The company had no material contingent liabilities at 31 December 2010 that have not been provided for in these accounts (2009: £nil).