

Keston College
operating as Keston Institute

Financial Statements
for the year ended
31st March 2020

Wenn Townsend
Chartered Accountants
Oxford

**Keston College
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Reference and Administrative Details

President:	The Revd Canon Dr Michael Bourdeaux
Chair :	Mrs Xenia Dennen
Council members (trustees):	The Revd Canon Dr Michael Bourdeaux <i>ex officio</i> (<i>resigned 20th January 2020</i>) Professor John Briggs (<i>resigned 24th September 2019</i>) Mr Robert Brinkley CMG Mr Christopher Campbell (<i>appointed 9th November 2019</i>) The Revd Dr Keith Clements Mrs Xenia Dennen Mrs Elizabeth Robson Eliot (<i>appointed 4th May 2020</i>) Mr David Gowan CMG Professor Kathy Hillman, <i>ex officio</i> (Keston Center) Dr Zoe Knox Ms Helena Kojevnikov Mr Roland Smith CMG Mr Giles Udy
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Registered Company Number:	991413
Registered Charity Number:	314103
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**Report of the Council of Management
for the year ended 31st March 2020**

The Council present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit

Keston Institute's Memorandum and Articles of Association define the objects of Keston Institute as follows:

A. To promote the advancement of education in religion, the history of religion, including religious beliefs, and practices in furtherance of the above objects and ancillary thereto.

B. To promote and encourage the study of and research into religion, religious beliefs and religious practices in Communist States, or States which have been Communist or present or former Totalitarian States (whether in Europe, Asia or elsewhere) and the relationship between organised religion and the State in such States and the relationship between different religions and between religion, the ideologies of Marxism, humanism and other ideologies and the relation between religion, national cultures and national life in such states; the result of such research to be disseminated.

C. To establish at any University within the United Kingdom a centre for the Study of Religion and Communism in the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and any other state which the Council of Management shall, at its absolute discretion, think fit.

D. To endow Chairs, Lectureships or Fellowships at any University within the United Kingdom or elsewhere for the purposes of the said study and research.

E. To print or publish (or assist in the making of grants or otherwise) the product of such study and research, or relevant source material to such study and research, and to assist in the printing or publication or dissemination (whether through films, recordings or any other medium of communication) of works (including books, periodicals or leaflets) that the Institute may think desirable for the promotion of its objects.

F. To provide scholarships, grants or bursaries to students (whether graduate students or not) or research workers engaged in the said study and research whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.

Keston Institute, founded in 1969 by the Revd Canon Dr Michael Bourdeaux and Sir John Lawrence, with the help of the distinguished academics Professor Leonard Schapiro and Professor Peter Reddaway, under the title of Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism, has specialised in the study of all religions and all forms of religious expression in Communist and formerly Communist countries. Its field of expertise has focused particularly on the former Soviet Union as well as on Eastern and Central Europe. In order to distribute well-researched information, Keston has published books and journals. It has always had an academic emphasis which complements its wider public education role.

Keston Institute has continued to encourage research in its field by offering grants and short-term scholarships to students from all over the world. It has been particularly keen to support students from Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union who have been unable in their own countries to find archival material from the Communist period that is preserved by Keston Institute in its archive.

The creation and development of an archive to support the study of religion in Communist and formerly Communist countries has always been a core aim of Keston Institute, whose reputation for reliability is based on careful research and verification of information through primary sources. The archive was composed originally of *samizdat* and research materials collected by the founder, the Revd Canon Dr Michael Bourdeaux. Over the years it has grown extensively, until today it comprises a large and unique collection of primary source material for those studying the 20th century religious history of the former Soviet Union and the countries of Eastern and Central Europe.

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Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit (continued)

In addition, Keston has built up a library of over 8,000 books and 200 periodicals which complement the archive. This library and archive continue to grow year by year. With the agreement of the Charity Commission and Keston's members, and following the signing of a contract between Keston Institute and Baylor University in June 2007, the archive and library were transferred to the newly created Keston Center for Religion, Politics and Society at Baylor University, Texas, USA, in August 2007.

Within its own field, Keston is widely recognised as a leading repository of knowledge and expertise, and has always striven to ensure that its material is as freely available as possible to the interested public, both in the United Kingdom and worldwide. Through the agreement with Baylor University, the material in Keston's unique archive is being made accessible to internet users throughout the world. At the same time, by providing scholarships and grants for research using the archive, Keston is seeking to ensure that the many stories which it contains are brought to life and communicated to the public.

The funding of Keston Institute's work has been affected over the years by international developments and more recently by global economic problems, even though the Institute's members continue to support its work most generously. But the value of the work is undiminished. Keston's trustees believe that it is important to remember the religious history of the former Soviet Union and that of Central and Eastern Europe, with its heroic examples of how to resist tyrannical systems of control. This history provides vital clues about what is most important in human society. For this reason Keston Institute believes that its archive will provide the basis of much future research. To make sure that the documentary evidence in the archive about religious faith during the Communist era is preserved for future generations, the Trustees work closely with the Keston Center for Religion, Politics and Society at Baylor University to ensure that the collection is well managed and made available to researchers worldwide.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing Keston's aims and objectives, and in planning future activities.

Achievements and Performance

The Chairman's duties continued to be carried out by the Vice-Chairman, Roland Smith, during 2019 until July when Xenia Dennen completed her year as Master of the Mercers' Company and was able to resume a full role in the activities of Keston Institute.

The year 2019 was a particularly important one for Keston as it marked the Institute's 50th anniversary. To celebrate this important point in Keston's history Canon Michael Bourdeaux, Keston's founder and President, unveiled a plaque on the building in Keston, Kent, originally a primary school, and then taken over by the Institute, which was Keston's original headquarters and from which the Institute took its name. The initiative to arrange for a plaque to be placed on the building came from one of Keston's members, Michael Elmer, who also undertook much of the organisation of the event. The unveiling ceremony was attended by representatives of the embassies of the Baltic States, by many Keston members, and former members of the Institute's staff, and by the Deputy Mayor of Bromley, Councillor Kira Gabbert, who had been born in Odessa and made a fine speech which showed a very good understanding of the importance of Keston Institute's work.

At the Annual General Meeting on 9th November 2019, held at the Royal Foundation of St Katharine in London's East End, Keston continued to celebrate its 50th anniversary. The Chairman remarked that this date was a fitting one on which to celebrate such an anniversary since exactly 30 years earlier the Berlin Wall had fallen that day, marking the end of the communist era. The former Archbishop of Canterbury the Rt Rev and Rt Hon Lord Williams of Oystermouth, one of the Institute's patrons, gave a remarkable address about the importance of religious liberty and the role played by Keston Institute both past and present. He praised the work of Canon Michael Bourdeaux and "the consistency, the insight, and the professionalism of Keston over this half-century, in bringing to light something about the very nature of religious liberty, and so bringing to light something about the very nature of functioning, just, and legitimate human society."

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Achievements and Performance (continued)

An important collection of essays about documents and other artefacts in the Keston archive, housed in the Keston Center for Religion, Politics and Society at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, entitled [*Voices of the Voiceless: Religion, Communism, and the Keston Archive*](#), was published in 2019 and presented to Keston members at the 2019 Annual General Meeting. This collection has been edited by Dr Zoe Knox, one of Keston's trustees, and by Professor Julie deGraffenried who is a member of the History Department at Baylor University. It vividly demonstrates the extraordinary variety and richness of material contained in the Keston archive.

In 2019 the memoir of Keston's founder, Canon Michael Bourdeaux, was published with the title *One Word of Truth. The Cold War Memoir of Michael Bourdeaux and Keston College*. The remarkable story of Keston's birth and heyday in the 1970s and 1980s is told showing how, hard as the authorities and even church leaders within the communist bloc tried to hide the persecution of religious believers, and claimed that there was religious freedom, the reporting of Keston proved in the long-run to be accurate. This memoir records the most telling words of the distinguished Romanian Orthodox theologian Fr Dumitru Stăniloae who was imprisoned for many years by the Romanian communist regime: in 1991 at the Ecumenical Institute, Bossey, he said to Michael Bourdeaux, "Michael, you were right all along – and you are still right now." In January 2020 Canon Bourdeaux announced his retirement from Keston's Council of Management in view of his advancing years and state of health. The members of the Council expressed their profound thanks for all he had done over the years for the Institute. The Chairman invited him to continue as Keston's President and Canon Bourdeaux indicated that he would be happy to have this honorary role.

Keston Institute's major research project, which began over twenty years ago, is the production of an Encyclopaedia in seven volumes (in Russian) about all aspects of religious life in the Russian Federation, entitled *Religious Life in Russia Today: A Systematic Description*. The first edition of this Encyclopaedia was completed by the end of 2008. Work on an updated second edition began soon afterwards. The first volume of the second edition was published at the beginning of 2014, the second volume in early 2016, and the third in the spring of 2018, with a book launch (attended by the Chairman) on 24 May 2018 in Moscow. All volumes are made available on Keston's website as soon as possible after publication. Work on the remaining volumes continues.

During 2019-20, work has concentrated almost entirely on the volume dealing with St Petersburg, to which there have been a number of field trips by the members of the Encyclopaedia team. The Chairman, who has been heavily involved in work on the Encyclopaedia, having completed her year as Master of the Mercers' Company was able to resume her involvement in the autumn of 2019 when she took part in a field trip to St Petersburg and another to Ryazan. It became clear during the field trips to St Petersburg that the religious life of that area is not only rich but also very multi-faceted. As well as the Christian churches (primarily Russian Orthodox, but also Old Believers, Catholics, Protestants, and the Armenian Gregorian church), Judaism and Islam are represented in the city, and it is also the historic centre of Buddhism. Unfortunately, owing to the Covid-19 pandemic a final field trip to St Petersburg in March 2020 had to be cancelled as well as field trips to other parts of Russia which would have supplied information for the next volume of the Encyclopaedia. In the meantime, the text for the volume on St Petersburg is being prepared in time for publication in 2021.

In the light of a feasibility study on the best way to present the Encyclopaedia to an English readership, Keston's Council of Management decided some time ago to fund an English edition once a suitable editor and translator, or team of translators, became available. This will not be a simple question of translation – the information will be presented in rather less detail than in the Russian edition, but on the other hand, a good deal of additional explanation will be required to give English readers the necessary geographical and religious background. No further progress was made on this project during 2019-20.

The *Keston Newsletter* continued to be sent out to Keston members during the year. Because of the Chairman's other commitments, Dr Elisabeth Robson-Elliott, former head of the BBC Russian Service, took over as editor on a temporary basis until the autumn of 2019 when the Chairman was free to resume this role. The publication is useful not only as a means of communication with the membership, but also for publicity about Keston to a wider readership. All issues are available on Keston's website.

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The Keston Institute's budget includes a significant amount for bursaries for work in the archive held at the Keston Center at Baylor University, or, occasionally, for scholars to carry out work elsewhere in the world on the general subject of religion under communism. At a Council of Management meeting in January 2020, the trustees awarded a grant to Dr Zoe Knox to enable her to visit the Keston archive and work on material about antireligious propaganda in general, and material targeting Jehovah's Witnesses and Reform Baptists during the communist period, with a view to her publishing an article in the journal *Slavic Review*. Unfortunately, this period of research had to be delayed because of the Covid-19 epidemic. Before the lockdown brought about by the pandemic a considerable amount of research continued in the archive by scholars funded by other institutions.

In June 2019 the Director of the Keston Center at Baylor University, Professor Kathy Hillman, attended a Council of Management meeting held at Canon Michael Bourdeaux's home in Iffley, Oxford. Later in the year Professor Hillman reported to Keston UK that in October 2019 the Keston Center had celebrated Keston's 50th anniversary and streamed live from Iffley the speech of Canon Bourdeaux about this important milestone in Keston's history. At this gathering in the Keston Center, members of the Baylor teaching staff and students, as well as supporters and some special guests had been present. Power-point presentations by a number of experts were made on a variety of subjects: on, for example, the trial transcript (conserved in the Keston archive) of the Russian Baptist Aida Skripnikova, imprisoned during the communist period; on the first feminist samizdat publication; on Pope John Paul's visit to Poland in 1983; on the Czech Catholic priest and signatory of Charter 77 Fr Josef Kordík; and on the correspondence between Margaret Thatcher and Canon Bourdeaux. In addition, Professor Hillman reported that the Keston Center had held an exhibition about Keston's work with items from the Keston archive.

In March 2020 the Chairman had planned to visit the Keston Center but owing to the Covid-19 pandemic this had to be cancelled. This meant that she was not able to attend the yearly meeting of the Keston Center's Advisory Board which was cancelled, or participate in the Keston Spring Lecture entitled "The Once and Future Russia: Religion, Politics and Society" which also could not take place because of the lockdown.

Financial Review

The recent recovery of Keston's investment assets ceased during the year with markets significantly hit by the impact of COVID-19, ultimately showing a loss on revaluation at the 31st March 2020 of £141,068 (2019: gain of £18,293). The aggregate value of Keston's investments at 31st March 2020 was £834,217 (2019: £975,285).

Keston Institute's principal funding sources have been donations from its members and income from its investments. These have been used to promote the aims of the charity by funding publications which contribute to research on religion in Communist and formerly Communist countries, and by supporting work in the Keston archive at Baylor University. Work in Russia on a second edition of the Encyclopaedia, entitled *Religious Life in Russia Today*, received financial support from Keston during the year.

Reserves Policy

The unrestricted reserves at 31st March 2020 total £894,414 (2019: £1,045,575), but only £60,197 of this is deemed to be freely available (2019: £70,290), as the balance is represented by investments. Investments with a value of £834,217 are held as at 31st March 2020 in order to generate sufficient income for carrying out the future objects of the charity. When necessary the Council are prepared to draw on reserves in order to carry out the objects of the Charity.

The Council is satisfied with the level of free reserves held, which is more than sufficient to cover around twelve months budgeted expenditure by the Charity. As part of this assessment of free reserves, the trustees have reviewed and considered the potential impact of COVID-19. Because of COVID-19, the archive at Baylor University, Texas, was closed for a period to both researchers in person and the public although staff continued to deal with virtual researchers and handle reference and requests for information. Much of the work on the Encyclopaedia - *Religious Life in Russia Today: A Systematic Description* - has had to be postponed and it is also not possible to hold meetings of the charity's members. However, the charity's Council continues to meet virtually on a regular basis, the newsletter continues to be produced, and other day-to-day operations continue.

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Plans for Future Periods

The founding of the Keston Center for Religion, Politics and Society at Baylor University continues to open up new possibilities for Keston, and to enable its mission to continue. Conservation work on the archive will continue, and more digitised material from the collection will be made available to a world audience on the Keston Center's website set up as part of Baylor University. The library in the Keston Center will continue to add new books to its holdings. As part of Keston Institute's 2007 legal agreement with Baylor University, the Keston archive was established as a "living" archive: the Keston Center will therefore continue to welcome donations of further documents and historical materials relevant to Keston's period and area of study.

The Council will continue to offer scholarships and grants to encourage research in Keston's field. The website will continue to be improved and updated, and will be used for future publishing. Work on the Encyclopaedia will continue during 2020, 2021 and 2022 if restrictions imposed during the Covid-19 pandemic are lifted, and will focus on Pskov, Rostov-on-Don, Vladivostok, Omsk, Orenburg, Oryol, Penza, Perm and Samara with field trips organised to all these cities. The volume on St Petersburg will be published in 2021. Plans will continue to be developed for an English edition of the Encyclopaedia, reorganised in such a way as to appeal to an English-speaking readership. The *Keston Newsletter* will continue to be produced for Keston members and for others interested in the work of the Institute.

Close contact with the Keston Center at Baylor University will be maintained. There will be virtual Keston Council of Management meetings in June and September 2020, and possibly further such meetings in 2021 depending on the situation as regards the Covid-19 pandemic, in which Professor Hillman, the Center's Director, will participate. She is an *ex officio* member of the Council. Keston's Chairman, Xenia Dennen, plans to visit the Keston Center and attend an Advisory Board meeting in 2021 if the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions allow travel to the US.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is a company limited by guarantee of its members as well as a registered charity.

The Trustees, who constitute the Council of Management, are elected by the membership. In seeking suitable candidates for election, every effort is made to ensure that the Council will have a range of appropriate expertise. This includes not only general administrative and managerial experience, in particular in the not-for-profit sector, but also knowledge of the former Soviet Union and of other Communist and/or former Communist countries, and especially of the treatment of religious believers and communities. New Trustees are provided with documentation about Keston, and are helped by the existing Trustees to familiarise themselves with the charity's work. They are also encouraged to play as full a part as possible in this work. The Council of Management meets usually four times a year and is responsible for policy decisions.

Data Protection

Keston is fully committed to observing the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). In order to operate, Keston needs to collect, store and use certain forms of information about its members and a few other individuals. This data is carefully protected, and is not passed on to other organisations. A regular review of data is carried out every two years to establish if Keston still has good reason to retain the information held at the time of the review. If there is no reason to hold information, it is safely destroyed. There are legal guidelines on the period for which Gift Aid declarations need to be retained.

Organisational Risk Management

The trustees have identified the major risks to which Charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Risk assessments are reviewed every year by the Trustees.

The Council has considered and defined its exposure to risk in its financial resources. The Institute's investments are held for the most part in unit trusts specifically tailored for the charitable sector, with an underlying asset base consisting of UK property and equities.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of Keston College operating as Keston Institute for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

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

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report has been prepared having taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in the Companies Act 2006.

The accounts were approved at a meeting of the Trustees on 22nd September 2020 and signed by:

Chairman, Mrs Xenia Dennen

Vice Chairman, Mr Roland Smith

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Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Keston College operating as Keston Institute

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Keston College (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st March 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st March 2020, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Keston College operating as Keston Institute

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 6, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Graham Cole BA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Wenn Townsend
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
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Oxford OX1 3LE

22nd September 2020

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**Statement of Financial Activities
(including Income and Expenditure Account)
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		Unrestricted funds	
	Note	Total 2020	Total 2019
Income from:			
Donations		23,015	22,083
Legacies		-	84,370
Investments	3	42,282	40,111
Publicatons		2,259	-
Total income		67,556	146,564
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities:			
Encyclopaedia costs		25,221	26,463
Research, freelance, archive and conference costs		8,017	19,486
Publication costs		4,234	4,286
Bursaries, grants and scholarships		-	4,248
Support costs : administration and governance		21,537	21,575
50 th Anniversary costs		18,640	-
Total expenditure		77,649	76,058
Net (expenditure)/income before (losses)/gains on investments		(10,093)	70,506
Net (losses)/gains on investment assets	5	(141,068)	18,293
Net (expenditure)/income		(151,161)	88,799
Balance at 1st April 2019		1,045,575	956,776
Balance at 31st March 2020		<u>£ 894,414</u>	<u>£ 1,045,575</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

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**Balance Sheet
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	Note	2020	2019
Fixed assets			
Investments	5	834,217	975,285
Current assets			
Debtors	6	9,151	9,937
Cash at bank and in hand		58,963	68,850
		<u>68,114</u>	<u>78,787</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(7,917)</u>	<u>(8,497)</u>
Net current assets		60,197	70,290
Net assets		<u>£ 894,414</u>	<u>£1,045,575</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds		894,414	1,045,575
Total		<u>£ 894,414</u>	<u>£1,045,575</u>

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Council of Management on 22nd September 2020, and signed on its behalf by:

Chairman, Mrs Xenia Dennen

Vice Chairman, Mr Roland Smith

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form part of the financial statements

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**Notes to the Accounts
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1 Accounting policies

Keston College is a charitable company limited by guarantee in the United Kingdom. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information page of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are detailed in the Trustees' Report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity where it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes and includes dividends and interest. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably, and dividend income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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Funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the SOFA.

Investments

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Impairment

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements, including a revision of expectations for the potential impact of COVID-19 on the charity. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. Net (expenditure)/income for the year

	2020	2019
Net (expenditure)/income for the year is stated after charging:		
Trustee remuneration	£ 7,977	£ 14,360
Auditors' remuneration - audit fee	£ 1,400	£ 1,350
- other	£ 1,780	£ 1,530
	<u>£ 11,157</u>	<u>£ 17,240</u>

Emoluments for the president relate not to his position as trustee but solely to his remuneration for specific services undertaken on behalf of the charity. The legal authority to make payments to Trustees comes from the charity's memorandum and articles.

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3. Investment income

	2020	2019
Bank interest receivable	335	99
Income from fixed asset investments	41,947	40,012
	<u>£ 42,282</u>	<u>£ 40,111</u>

4. Governance costs

	2020	2019
Audit and accountancy	3,180	2,880
Bank charges and office costs	619	535
Meeting expenses	5,764	3,471
Trustee expenses	2,779	1,566
	<u>£ 12,342</u>	<u>£ 8,452</u>

4.1 Trustee and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

Aside from the amount shown in note 2, the trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2019: £Nil).

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £13,167 (2019: £19,350). The Trust considers its key management personnel comprise the Council of Management and the Secretary.

Expenses of administration totalling £2,779. (2019: £1,566) were reimbursed to one trustee during the year.

Expenses of £25,221 (2019: £24,446) were also reimbursed to a trustee (Mrs Xenia Dennen) in respect of travel, accommodation and research costs incurred by the team working on the Charity's Encyclopaedia of Religion in Russia. No fee or salary is paid to Mrs Dennen for this work. In 2020 expenses of £nil (2019: £1,956) were also reimbursed to another trustee (Ms Helen Kojevnikov) for the same purpose.

In 2019 expenses of £1,234 were also reimbursed to one other trustee for visits to Baylor University, including to provide assistance with the Keston archive work there. No fee or salary was paid to the trustee for this visit. There were no similar amounts in 2020.

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5. Investments

Quoted investments

	Cost	Valuation
1st April 2019	685,992	975,285
Unrealised losses in the year	-	(141,068)
31st March 2020	<u>£ 685,992</u>	<u>£ 834,217</u>

The following investments represent the portfolio:

	Cost at 1st April 2019	Cost at 31st March 2020	Market Value at 1st April 2019	Additions/ (disposals)	Revaluation	Market Value at 31st March 2020
M & G Charifund	418,315	418,315	569,191	-	(127,053)	442,138
The Charities Property Fund	222,052	222,052	267,916	-	(6,824)	261,092
Standard Life Managed Fund	45,063	45,063	138,068	-	(7,131)	130,937
Royal Bank of Scotland plc	562	562	110	-	(60)	50
	<u>£ 685,992</u>	<u>£ 685,992</u>	<u>£ 975,285</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£(141,068)</u>	<u>£ 834,217</u>

6. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
Income tax recoverable	1,036	1,500
Prepayments and accrued income	8,115	8,437
	<u>£ 9,151</u>	<u>£ 9,937</u>

7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
Accruals and deferred income	<u>£ 7,917</u>	<u>£ 8,497</u>