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The Churches Purchasing Scheme Limited  
Report and Accounts  
31 December 2000



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## Officers and Professional Advisers

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Directors	G. V. Doswell F. J. Holland
Company Secretary	R. W. Clayton
Auditors	Deloitte & Touche, Stonecutter Court, 1 Stonecutter Street, London, EC4A 4TR
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc
Solicitors	Speechly Bircham
Registered Office	Beaufort House, Brunswick Road, Gloucester, GL1 1JZ
Company Registration Number	1811698

# Directors' Report

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The directors present their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000.

## Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is the production of a catalogue which enables churches, charities and educational organisations to obtain goods and services at discounted prices.

## Results and review

The results for the year are shown on page 6 and the position at the year end is shown on the balance sheet on page 7.

## Dividend

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year ended 31 December 2000.

## Future prospects

The directors consider that the company is well placed to perform satisfactorily in the future.

## Directors

The directors of the company at the date of this report are stated on page 2.

## Directors' interests

The interests of the directors, all of which are beneficial, in the 2.8% First Cumulative Preference shares of £1 each of Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc, a subsidiary of the company's parent company, are as follows:

	Interest at 31.12.2000	Interest at 1.1.2000
G. V. Doswell	500	500
F. J. Holland	-	-

No director had an interest in any other shares or debentures of the group. There has been no change in these interests since the end of the financial year to the date of this report. No contract of any significance subsisted during or at the end of the financial year in which a director was or is materially interested.

## Statement of directors' responsibilities

United Kingdom company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently, and make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates. The directors are also required to state whether applicable United Kingdom accounting standards have been followed and whether the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at all times, the financial position of the company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for the company's systems of internal controls, for safeguarding the assets of the company and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

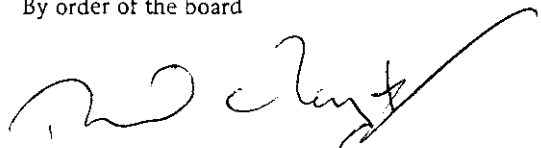
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### Auditors

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Deloitte & Touche be re-appointed as auditors of the company will be put to the annual general meeting.

By order of the board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.W. Clayton', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

R.W. Clayton  
*Secretary*  
6 April 2001

# Auditors' Report

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To the members of The Churches Purchasing Scheme Limited.

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 9 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 8.

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, which are required to be prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

## Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom auditing standards 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 directors in the preparation of the financial statements and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the company, 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 at 31 December 2000 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

*Deloitte & Touche*

*26 April 2001*

Deloitte & Touche  
*Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors*

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London  
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## Financial Statements

### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 December 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
<b>Continuing operations</b>			
Turnover		1,172,103	2,199,241
Cost of sales		1,035,635	2,004,131
Gross profit		136,468	195,110
Administrative expenses		108,359	124,378
Operating profit		28,109	70,732
Other interest receivable		6,226	3,795
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		34,335	74,527
Taxation	5	-	3,037
Retained profit for the financial year		34,335	71,490

The company had no recognised gains or losses during the current financial year and the preceding financial year other than those included in the profit and loss account.

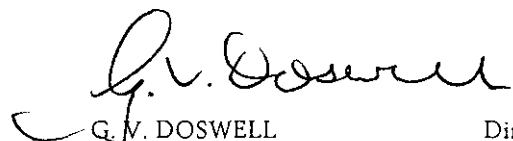
# Financial Statements

## BALANCE SHEET

at 31 December 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Trade debtors		143,610	98,914
Amounts owed by group undertakings		10,312	67,669
Cash at bank		94,113	76,927
		<u>248,035</u>	<u>243,510</u>
<b>Creditors : amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Trade creditors		38,632	60,059
Amounts owed to group undertakings		-	2,834
Other creditors including taxation		23,213	28,762
		<u>61,845</u>	<u>91,655</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>186,190</u>	<u>151,855</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	6	140,000	140,000
Profit and loss account	7	46,190	11,855
<b>Total equity shareholders' funds</b>	8	<u>186,190</u>	<u>151,855</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 9 were approved by the board of directors on 6 April 2001 and signed on their behalf by

  
G. V. DOSWELL Director



## Notes to the Accounts

### 1 Accounting policies

#### a) Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards.

b) The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ecclesiastical Insurance Group plc, and has taken advantage of the provisions of FRS 1 (revised). Accordingly there is no cash flow statement in these financial statements.

#### c) Pensions

Pension costs are charged so as to spread the long term cost over the expected service lives of employees.

#### d) Turnover

Turnover is wholly generated in the UK in respect of the company's principal activity.

### 2 Staff costs

The average number of administrative employees during the year was 4 (3). Staff costs during the year amounted to :

	2000 £	1999 £
Wages and salaries	51,413	55,760
Social security costs	3,072	3,538
Pension costs	7,508	8,576
	<u>61,993</u>	<u>67,874</u>

Pension liabilities are dealt with by payment to the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc Staff Retirement Benefit Fund in accordance with group policy. The group operates a defined benefit scheme the details of which are disclosed in the accounts of Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc.

### 3 Directors' emoluments

No emoluments were paid by the company to any director during the year (Nil). The directors, who were employed by the company's fellow subsidiary, Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc, received emoluments from that company.

Two executive directors were members of the group's defined benefit pension scheme during the year (2).

### 4 Auditors' remuneration

The remuneration of the auditors for audit work amounted to £1,175 (£1,175).

### 5 Taxation

The charge to tax in the profit and loss account of £nil (£3,037) is in respect of corporation tax at 20% (20.25%) and has been reduced by the availability of prior year trading losses.

### 6 Share capital

	2000 £	1999 £
Authorised, allotted, issued and fully paid 140,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each.	<u>140,000</u>	<u>140,000</u>

## Notes to the Accounts

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**7 Profit and loss account**

	2000 £	1999 £
Retained profit/(loss) brought forward	11,855	(59,635)
Profit for the financial year	34,335	71,490
Retained profit carried forward	<u>46,190</u>	<u>11,855</u>

**8 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds**

	2000 £	1999 £
Profit for the financial year	34,335	71,490
Opening shareholders' funds	151,855	80,365
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>186,190</u>	<u>151,855</u>

**9 Capital commitments**

At 31 December 2000 there were no outstanding contracts for capital expenditure (Nil).

**10 Parent company**

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ecclesiastical Insurance Group plc. Its ultimate parent company and controlling party is Allchurches Trust Limited. Both companies are incorporated and operate in Great Britain.

Copies of the group accounts for both companies are available from the registered office of the company as shown on page 2.

**11 Related party transactions**

In accordance with the exemption available under Financial Reporting Standard 8 'Related Party Disclosures', no disclosure is given of transactions with group companies.