



# VIVACITY

CHARITY NUMBER: 1066646

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

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**Report of the Trustees**

The Trustees, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the Charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

**PRINCIPAL AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The principal aims and objectives of Vivacity is the advancement of the Christian Faith through the proclamation and the furtherance of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God by the Church in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs as detailed in the Governing Document of the Charity (register number 1066646, England & Wales).

Day to day management of the trust is vested in the management team led by the senior pastor who reports to them as Director.

The Charity is affiliated with other Vine churches in Brazil, the USA, Europe, Africa and Asia.

The trustees have had due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The current Trustee body is diverse and dynamic and has the knowledge and skills required to ensure due diligence for the organization.

**STRATEGY**

Our strategy over the last year has been to:

1. To continue to take the truth of the Gospel and teachings of the Christian faith and communicate them in the language and style of today's culture.
2. To continue to build large Christ-centered Bible-based churches in the UK, Europe and the wider world.
3. To continue to engage all members of the church to:
  - a. Be actively engaged in the life of the church by being involved in a Small Group.
  - b. Serve in some capacity, adding to the health, life and expression of the Church.
  - c. Reach out into the community to help others in practical, material and spiritual ways.
  - d. Take personal responsibility to encourage people in their day-to-day life to become part of the expression and life of the Church.
  - e. Personal study and prayer
  - f. Contribute financially

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Report of the Trustees**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

Our principal activity during 2020/2021 has been to grow and maintain the Vine Church UK in Swindon and to continue to assist our projects in London and Bristol, during the uncertainty presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. We have endeavoured to continue offering pastoral support and social care in the community, despite significant challenges. In order to give us the infrastructure to provide this care, we invested significant time and finance in renovating our church premises in Stratton Green. This included redecoration, carpeting, the replacement of toilets, installing new stage lighting and projection equipment, fencing, gardening, constructing a playground and installing 2 new portacabin units to hold our courses and children's work.

We also launched the VLC (Vine Learning Centre), a home-schooling cooperative initiative to support Christian families in the community and members of the church in educating their children using the ACE (Accelerated Christian Education) system.

During 2020 we began a new work for the Portuguese speaking community in Swindon, led by Pr Matheus Alarcom Thome who moved to Swindon from Brazil for this purpose. Starting with 7 people, this work has grown significantly and continues to do so.

We also established a new trainee pastor, being discipled by Pr Antonio and assisting with church administration, Ariel is working full-time with the church.

We have continued to concentrate our efforts in improving our social media presence, further increasing the number of videos and media resources to announce news, promote events and also to make available online courses. We have continued to progress in establishing and maintaining a presence online along with professional, quality resources, which continues to be among our ambitions and the continued investment made has enabled us to make further progress in this area. This is something that we really focused on during the pandemic, ensuring that we were able to continue to support the community throughout the lockdowns and times of uncertainty by making the participation in all our meetings possible online.

**THE VINE CHURCH UK****Sunday Services & Cell Groups**

In The Vine Church UK we have approximately 200 members including children, young adults and adults in the 3 main hubs.

The Church in Swindon has held its Sunday Services in our Stratton Green building, since restrictions have allowed such. The Church in Swindon also began holding weekly services on Saturday evening for its Portuguese speaking network. When social distancing measures prevented the holding of public services, we produced our livestream material from our building.

The life groups have met all over Swindon town, and surrounding villages with the addition of those from London and Bristol, meeting online when required due to lockdown restrictions.

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Report of the Trustees**Discipleship**

In addition to our weekly life groups and Sunday celebrations (Services), we also have had regular prayer meetings and weekly discipleship meetings. Currently all leaders meet weekly with their coaches and the coaches with the Pastor on an alternate basis.

**Encounter weekends**

Due to the pandemic and social distancing measures, we were not able to hold our encounter weekends during this year.

**Retreat**

We, once again, held our now annual church retreat offering time away for all the families of the church in Swindon, as well as those from London and Bristol. Here we had times of teaching, worship, prayer and also had the enjoyment of outdoor activities and water-sports and was a one-day event this year due to the social distancing challenges presented by staying away for the weekend together.

**Prayer & Fasting Campaigns**

We held two campaigns this year.

**Training**

We are continuing holding our main training courses twice a year, with two terms that start in September and February. These are 55 hours courses held over 22 evenings on Thursdays:

- The Spiritual Maturity Course
- The Leadership Training Course

In addition, we organize for new believers to go through our Consolidation Course with their mentor from the life group. This is a 12-lesson programme given over the course of their first 3 months in the Church.

We have continued the New Members Course this year for the ones who will be baptized or have recently joined the church. After the course, we have a formal presentation of the new members of the church. This year we once again had 2 presentations.

**Future plans**

In our local church in Swindon, we look to continue to improve in our offering to the community along with a focus on the growth of the Church and the training of leaders and helpers. We will also look to review our general processes and staffing structures to ensure we are meeting the growing needs of the charity, while supporting our projects in Bristol and London on an ongoing basis.

**Administration**

Our offices and classrooms for trainings are at 86/90 Swindon Road, Swindon, SN3 4PT.

Report of the Trustees

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Name of Charity:** VIVACITY (t/as The Vine Church)

**Charity registration number:** 1066646

**Principal address:** 86/90 Swindon Road, Swindon, SN3 4PT

**Trustees**

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

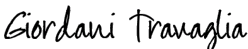
- Richard Awre
- Giordani Travaglia

**Independent examiners**


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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

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Richard Awre

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiners statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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**VIVACITY – THE VINE CHURCH**Year End 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**Statement of Financial Activities**

	<b>31.03.2021</b>	<b>31.03.2020</b>
<b>Income and endowments</b>		
Offerings & Donations	£138,413.10	£106,950.86
Sales		£130.00
Tax recovered		£19,400.95
Other Income	£9,966.05	£13,820.03
VLC Fee	£6,847.00	
Government Charity Support	£31,754.31	
	<b>£186,980.46</b>	<b>£140,301.84</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Cost of sales		£2,931.78
Employment Costs	£58,024.17	£55,173.92
Professional Fees	£1,602.00	£1,748.00
Rent Expense	£16,322.16	£35,320.25
Motor Repairs & Servicing	£791.92	£719.50
Motor Running Expenses	£3,130.66	£3,914.73
Travel Expense	£2,111.25	£5,385.10
Insurance Expense	£4,242.73	£3,692.45
Meals and Hospitality	£751.58	£2,116.29
Media Support	£2,495.16	
Sound Equipment	£2,085.89	£2,322.49
Vine Kids	£5,530.65	£4,523.56
Conference and Event Expenses	£2,876.00	£3,829.07
Donations/Charitable Contributions	£5,282.42	£5,456.29
Printing and Reproduction	£1,135.06	£3,218.67
Subscriptions	£1,443.72	£3,935.48
Training/Education	£1,135.41	£1,369.00
Utilities and office expenses	£4,543.18	£1,630.17
Advertising/Promotional	£1,403.64	£579.77
Exchange Gain or Loss	-£0.05	£0.61
Building Renovation	£55,247.50	
VLC (Learning Centre)	£7,468.09	
Depreciation	£2,006.40	£2,006.40
	<b>£179,629.54</b>	<b>£139,873.53</b>
<b>Net income/expenditure</b>	<b>£7,350.92</b>	<b>£428.31</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>		
Total funds brought forward	£31,150.23	£30,721.92
Total funds carried forward	£41,032.94	£31,150.23

**VIVACITY – THE VINE CHURCH**Year End 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**Statement of Financial Position**

	<b>31.03.2021</b>	<b>31.03.2020</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Furniture and Fixtures (cost)	£6,612.00	£6,612.00
Additions		
Disposals		
Depreciation	£2,644.80	£1,322.40
Vehicles (cost)	£3,600.00	£3,600.00
Additions		
Disposals		
Depreciation	£1,368.00	£684.00
<b>Net Value</b>	<b>£6,199.20</b>	<b>£8,205.60</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
HSBC Current Account	£8,599.52	£303.65
HSBC Savings Account	£261.63	£14,285.28
Natwest Current Account	£28,555.75	£12,311.04
Petty Cash		£89.80
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>£37,416.90</b>	<b>£26,989.77</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Tax and National Insurance	£2,583.16	£1,513.35
Trade Creditors		£2,531.79
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>£2,583.16</b>	<b>£4,045.14</b>
<b>Net assets (total assets less current liabilities)</b>	<b>£41,032.94</b>	<b>£31,150.23</b>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>	<b>£41,032.94</b>	<b>£31,150.23</b>



Notes to the Financial Statements**ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

VIVACITY meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognized at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

**Statement of cash flows**

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in SORP FRS 102 from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charitable company is small.

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

**Resources expended**

Liabilities are recognized as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure:

**Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis: