



VIVACITY

CHARITY NUMBER: 1066646

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended 31st March 2023

Report of the Trustees

The Trustees, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2023. 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

Report of the Trustees**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

Our principal activity during 2022/2023 has been to continue to grow and maintain the Vine Church UK in Swindon, to continue to assist our projects in London and Bristol, Manchester and Eastbourne respectively. We have also launched a new project in Dublin, Republic of Ireland. We have endeavoured to continue offering pastoral support and social care in the community, using our leased and now renovated premises in Stratton Green to facilitate this. We held further events in the community such as our 'Plant a Tree' event in April 2022 as well as our regular annual activities such as Encounter Weekends, Impact Days and House of Miracles events.

In 2022/2023 the VLC (Vine Learning Centre) has continued to grow and expand. 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, this has continued to be extremely effective, and the testimonies of parents continue to be very positive, with many participating families inviting their friends to participate too.

Our work in the Portuguese speaking community in Swindon, led by Pr Matheus Alarcom Thome has continued to grow in many respects, with the weekly worship service attendance stabilising at approximately 50 people. In this last year we have run various courses such as our Leadership Training Course and Marriage Course as well as hosting various outreach events for this community, such as our Encounter Weekend and Impact Day strategies, to name a couple.

Our trainee pastor Ariel was ordained as a pastor at our annual Church Retreat in September 2022, seeing him continue to invest in the current generation of teenagers and young adults in Swindon.

We have continued to produce videos and media resources to announce news, promote events and increase our digital reach. To assist with this, we have continued to live stream all our worship services on Facebook and YouTube.

In 2022 We held 5 Encounter Weekends during the year, notably 2 weekends just for children from 2 age groups, a weekend just for teenagers, as well as 2 for adults. Each one of these events was fully attended and the lives of the participants were greatly impacted. We also held a Children's Encounter Day, attended by a significant number of children from the local area. We held our Church Retreat in September 2022 which saw families from each of our church plants around the UK come together at the Pioneer Centre in Cleobury Mortimer. This was a great success for us.

Report of the Trustees**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 5 main hubs.

The Church in Swindon has held its Sunday Services in our Stratton Green building. The life groups have met all over Swindon town, and surrounding villages. The church plants in London, Bristol, Eastbourne and Manchester have also held services in their localities alongside weekly life group meetings in homes.

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.

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, Manchester and Eastbourne on an ongoing basis. We are also looking to begin a church planting work in Ireland

Administration

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

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

SJPR Accountants Ltd

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

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Richard Awre
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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 2023.

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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Statement of Financial Activities

	31.03.2023	31.03.2022
Income and endowments		
Offerings & Donations	£170,802.42	£157,396.06
Product Sales & Courses	£1,590.00	£560.00
Gift Aid Reclaim	£22,665.62	£35,260.83
Other Income	£2,086.40	£401.45
Vine Learning Centre Fees	£46,810.59	£25,348.59
Job Retention Scheme		£15,891.94
Grants		£386.51
Event fees	£23,876.26	£10,762.32
Youth Fundraising	£5.00	
Interest Income	£79.29	£1.09
	£267,915.58	£246,008.79
Expenditure		
General Employment Costs	£90,998.31	£85,162.91
Professional Fees	£11,397.64	£16,953.59
Rent Expense	£23,942.26	£23,250.01
Motor Running & Repairs	£8,588.29	£7,498.00
Travel Expense	£19,425.14	£9,540.19
Insurance	£5,606.08	£4,260.42
Meals and Hospitality	£207.37	£1,412.83
Media Equipment	£5,880.32	£2,999.38
Vine Kids	£2,506.10	£2,494.27
Conference and Event Expenses	£24,361.47	£16,963.19
Donations/Charitable Contributions	£6,871.33	£9,757.63
Printing and Reproduction	£4,850.02	£2,019.77
Subscriptions	£693.65	£1,548.17
Training/Education	£3,739.65	£3,184.64
Utilities, Office Supplies & Maintenance	£16,835.77	£21,332.15
Advertising/Promotional	£805.07	£2,262.81
Exchange Gain or Loss	£1.14	-£0.24
Site Renovation & Maintenance	£4,342.42	£13,385.46
Vine Learning Centre Expenses	£25,888.82	£25,725.23
Vine Learning Employment Costs	£20,116.00	
Depreciation	£2,411.52	£2,437.73
	£279,468.37	£252,188.14
Net income/expenditure	-£11,552.79	-£6,179.35
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	£34,853.59	£41,032.94
Total funds carried forward	£23,300.80	£34,853.59

Statement of Financial Position

	31.03.2023	31.03.2022
Fixed Assets		
Furniture and Fixtures (cost)	£6,612.00	£6,612.00
Additions		
Disposals		
Depreciation	-£5,289.60	-£3,967.20
Vehicles (cost)	£6,995.00	£3,600.00
Additions		£6,995.00
Disposals		-£3,600.00
Depreciation	-£2,033.45	-£944.33
Net Value	£6,283.95	£8,695.47
Current assets		
HSBC Current Account	£1,600.64	£4,733.24
HSBC Savings Account	£17,898.08	£19,515.36
Natwest Current Account	£4,311.77	£7,219.65
Petty Cash	£551.15	£0.00
Debtors	£545.50	£0.00
Total Current Assets	£24,907.14	£31,468.25
Current Liabilities		
Tax and National Insurance	£1,561.04	£2,320.23
Wages and Salaries	£6,148.77	£2,800.00
Pension provisions	£180.48	£189.90
Total Current Liabilities	£7,890.29	£2,583.16
Net assets (total assets less current liabilities)	£23,300.80	£34,853.59
The funds of the charity	£23,300.80	£34,853.59

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: