



# VIVACITY

CHARITY NUMBER: 1066646

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

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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 2024. 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 2023/2024 has been to continue to grow and maintain the Vine Church UK in Swindon, to continue to assist our church plants in London, Bristol, Manchester, Eastbourne and Dublin, respectively. Our work in the other locations mentioned, in addition to that of our main church hub in Swindon, has continued to progress, seeing numerical growth and structural development.

In 2023 we also launched 2 new exciting missional projects in Iceland and the Netherlands, respectively, with a family in Iceland looking to receive training and to be guided by us before beginning a life group in the capital city of Reykjavik and another group beginning in Amsterdam, Netherlands with other families who connected with us in the UK before.

In Swindon, we have endeavoured to continue offering pastoral support and social care in the community. An example of such has been the success of our outreach project in the Brain Court retirement housing complex nearby to our premises in Stratton Green. In this, we have provided social care and support to the residents, establishing a weekly service inside the housing common area where residents can come to hear the gospel of Jesus and share in the life of the Church. Through this initiative, we have seen many born again. We have continued weekly street evangelism through our 'SOS – Salvation on the Streets' team, as well holding our regular annual activities such as Encounter Weekends, Impact Days and House of Miracles events, to mention but a few.

In 2023/2024 the VLC (Vine Learning Centre) has made further progress. Existing as 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, several new families joined the VLC and testimonies of how this has positively affected their children have continued to pour in.

The growth of the Portuguese speaking community in Swindon, led by Pr Matheus Alarcom Thome has continued with the weekly worship service attendance rising. As per the previous year, we have, once again, run various courses such as our Spiritual Maturity Course as well as hosting outreach events for this community, such as our Encounter Weekend and Impact Day strategies, to name a couple.

Our youth work has developed somewhat in the last year, with monthly youth services, night time prayer vigils, fun events, evangelistic strategies and a deepening of relationship with the Lord for our teenager, not to mention the training of teenage leaders who are passionate to continue to invest in the current generation of teenagers and young adults in Swindon.

As well as continuing to produce videos and media resources to announce news, promote events and increase our digital reach, we have also launched a new consolidation course material this year. Written by Pr Antonio Fernandes, the Newness course enables members of the church to guide a new believer in the first stages of their journey of faith through 5 weekly one-to-one sessions, working through a handbook together, with sections for the new convert to read during the days between sessions, before sharing questions, and what they have learnt, with the person guiding them. We published the book 'Newness' in 2023.

### Report of the Trustees

Once again, we held 5 Encounter Weekends during the year, for children from 2 age groups, teenagers and adults, both English speaking and another for Portuguese-speakers. As usual, these events were well attended and the lives of the participants were, once again greatly impacted. We also held our Church Retreat in September 2023, where we received Pr Raphael Fernandes from Vine Church Fort Myers, USA who preached during the event. As usual, families from each of our church plants around the UK came together for this special time at the Pioneer Centre in Cleobury Mortimer and this was, once again, a great success for us.

## **THE VINE CHURCH UK**

### **Sunday Services & Cell Groups**

In The Vine Church UK we have approximately 300 members including children, young adults and adults across the network.

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, Manchester and Dublin 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.

Report of the Trustees**Future plans**

Across the Vine UK Network, as well as in the Vine Church Swindon, we look to continue to improve in our offering to the communities where we have influence, along with focusing 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 the UK and Europe on an ongoing basis.

**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:

- Michael Lukyamuzi
- Esther Mebrahtu
- Giordani Travaglia

**Independent examiners**

SJPR Accountants Ltd

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

Giordani Travaglia de Souza

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Esther Mebrahtu

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Michael Lukyamuzi

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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 2024.

**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

	<b>31.03.2024</b>	<b>31.03.2023</b>
<b>Income and endowments</b>		
Offerings & Donations	£199,369.76	£170,802.42
Product Sales & Courses	£695.00	£1,590.00
Gift Aid Reclaim	£25,709.32	£22,665.62
Other Income	£1,455.35	£2,086.40
Vine Learning Centre Fees	£63,774.70	£46,810.59
Event fees	£24,620.16	£23,876.26
Youth Fundraising	£344.32	£5.00
Interest Income	£332.19	£79.29
	<b>£316,300.80</b>	<b>£267,915.58</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
General Employment Costs	£89,869.61	£90,998.31
Professional Fees	£5,811.08	£11,397.64
Rent Expense	£24,606.42	£23,942.26
Motor Running & Repairs	£7,710.77	£8,588.29
Travel Expense	£12,891.77	£19,425.14
Insurance	£4,747.19	£5,606.08
Meals and Hospitality	£1,413.31	£207.37
Media Equipment	£8,061.46	£5,880.32
Vine Kids	£6,446.06	£2,506.10
Conference and Event Expenses	£26,752.50	£24,361.47
Donations/Charitable Contributions	£11,692.51	£6,871.33
Printing and Reproduction	£7,014.57	£4,850.02
Subscriptions	£438.40	£693.65
Training/Education	£3,769.38	£3,739.65
Utilities, Office Supplies & Maintenance	£20,044.74	£16,835.77
Advertising/Promotional	£653.86	£805.07
Exchange Gain or Loss	£0.00	£1.14
Site Renovation & Maintenance	£22,966.22	£4,342.42
Vine Learning Centre Expenses	£30,139.30	£25,888.82
Vine Learning Employment Costs	£28,402.00	£20,116.00
Depreciation	£2,215.48	£2,411.52
	<b>£315,646.63</b>	<b>£279,468.37</b>
<b>Net income/expenditure</b>	<b>£654.17</b>	<b>-£11,552.79</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>		
Total funds brought forward	£23,300.80	£34,853.59
Total funds carried forward	£23,954.97	£23,300.80

Statement of Financial Position

	<u>31.03.2024</u>	<u>31.03.2023</u>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Furniture and Fixtures (cost)	£6,612.00	£6,612.00
Additions		
Disposals		
Depreciation	-£6,612.00	-£5,289.60
Vehicles (cost)	£6,995.00	£6,995.00
Additions		
Disposals		
Depreciation	-£2,926.53	-£2,033.45
<b>Net Value</b>	<u>£4,068.47</u>	<u>£6,283.95</u>
 <b>Current assets</b>		
HSBC Current Account	£7,585.95	£1,600.64
HSBC Savings Account	£13,181.06	£17,898.08
Natwest Current Account	£5,346.31	£4,311.77
Petty Cash	£2.69	£551.15
Debtors	<u>£3,192.50</u>	<u>£545.50</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>£29,308.51</u>	<u>£24,907.14</u>
 <b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Tax and National Insurance	£1,860.07	£1,561.04
Creditors	£62.87	
Wages and Salaries	£7,321.45	£6,148.77
Pension provisions	<u>£177.62</u>	<u>£180.48</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>£9,422.01</u>	<u>£7,890.29</u>
 <b>Net assets (total assets less current liabilities)</b>	<u>£23,954.97</u>	<u>£23,300.80</u>
 <b>The funds of the charity</b>	<u>£23,954.97</u>	<u>£23,300.80</u>



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:

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