

Trinity Vineyard Church

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2021

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TRINITY VINEYARD CHURCH
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	PO Box 71128 London SE18 9NF
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated June 2001 amended July 2012
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1088718
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Paul Bickley [Pastor] Duncan Ho Rebecca Morris Ron Yee
BANKERS	Co-operative Bank
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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Pastors' Retrospective, 2021

Our vision for Trinity Vineyard Church is that it should function like a heart – drawing people towards the life-changing love of God and then sending them to share that love with their families, friends, neighbours and colleagues.

The year began, and to some extent ended, with Covid-19 very much in the forefront of our minds. Our first in person gathering of the year was 16 May, and then only on alternate Sundays until September. The year ended with us having to change our Christmas celebration plans because of Covid infections.

The cycle of tightening and loosening lockdowns, and the week-to-week uncertainty made for a complex scenario of leaders, trustees and members. But, “we can do all things through him who gives us strength” (Philippians 4:13). In 2021 God, in his grace, led us to into unexpected opportunities. We were, for instance, invited by a local primary school to host a prayer space for pupils. Over 50 children visited that prayer space in the autumn term of 2021, and it continued to grow as we moved into 2022.

In 2021 our community did gather, worship, learn and serve in many ways, which we hope are partially reflected in this report.

We are thankful to and for our trustees, the TVC leadership team, and those fellow disciples of Jesus who have been part of this community now and in the past – for everything they invest in terms of time, talent and treasure. We are, most of all, grateful to God for his continued provision and continuing invitation to be part of what he is doing in this part of South East London.

Paul and Becca Bickley
September 2022

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees are pleased to submit the Report and Accounts for the year.

Aims and Purposes

As a member of Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland (VCUKI), Trinity Vineyard Church exists to extend God's kingdom, everywhere and in every way.

The charitable objects of Trinity Vineyard Church are:

- a) The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the VCUKI Statement of Faith, Values, Priorities, Practices and Leadership Standards;
- b) The relief of the poor and needy, the sick and elderly in Greenwich and Lewisham and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit;
- c) The furtherance of religious or secular public education;
- d) Such other charitable objects and for the benefit of such other charitable bodies and institutions as the Trustees in their absolute discretion see fit.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

In the pursuit of its aims and purposes, Trinity Vineyard's life focuses around three things – seeking transformation in Christ, building authentic community, and declaring and demonstrating the kingdom. We cover each in turn below.

Seeking transformation in Christ

From January to May we continued to host online Sunday gatherings on YouTube, before connecting over coffee on Zoom afterwards. We looked to continue to provide for our children and young people through two Kids Church sessions streamed before the main church service. We also sent out activity packs to children connected with the church.

In May we started meeting fortnightly at the Tramshed theatre space in Woolwich (although still with some restrictions), and then every week from September. A key goal for us was to rebuild solid volunteer teams for the different parts of Sunday gathering – worship, Vineyard Kids, hosting, and preaching. A number of our emerging leaders engaged with the Vineyard Hub training programme.

Building authentic community

Midweek gatherings – learning communities, prayer meetings, and communion – continued throughout the year, primarily online. Socials were also adapted for online – 34 people joined us for a movie watch party.

During the summer we again shifted back to in person events, with a well-attended BBQ, a board-game afternoon, and our annual progressive dinner, amongst other things.

Declaring and demonstrating the kingdom

A big part of our community engagement in 2021 was around refugee and migrant support. Becca Bickley was regularly meeting with/supporting two Syrian families and sat on the Borough of Sanctuary steering group.

The Trinity Vineyard Church English Club continued every Wednesday during term time. Initially, this was online – through WhatsApp and Zoom. Engagement in this online version was surprisingly large, with 64 separate participants – some of these joining from overseas. Around 15 of these were weekly regulars. English Club started meeting at the school in September – over the term, there were 26 different participants and nine children. We're grateful to the 7 different volunteers, and other guest facilitators, who helped deliver these sessions.

We continued in membership of Greenwich Citizens, the borough alliance of Citizens UK (with Paul serving as co-chair). Our key campaigns were welcoming borough/Borough of Sanctuary, and prospective affordable housing/community land trust in the Royal Borough of Greenwich. The alliance began working towards the May 2022 elections with a major delegates assembly in October 2022.

The church was invited by Foxfield Primary school to help develop a prayer space. This developed into a prayer space drop in on Wednesday lunch times, attended by over 50 children with volunteers from TVC. Becca Bickley also started a weekly staff prayer session.

We also supported the development of a CAP centre in Greenwich. Becca sat on the steering group looking at setting up a CAP centre in Greenwich and helped recruit the trustee board. We agreed to become a partner church for CAP, and began to support the project financially.

Trinity Vineyard Church organised a Christmas collection, donating 38 food bags to those with no recourse to public funds, eight through local authority team (including £5 food vouchers) and 30 through the Lewisham Refugee and Migrant Network [LRMN] (including £11 food vouchers).

We held our regular prayer stall at Plumstead Make Merry, offering prayer and engaging with Plumstead residents. We also ran Alpha and marriage preparation courses, often attended by those who have found the course online.

Staffing

Weekly paid staff hours in 2021 were 45 (Becca Bickley 26.25/Paul Bickley 18.75).

Members of the church give a large number of volunteer hours.

Financial Review

Our main source of funds continues to come through voluntary donations from members of the church with occasional small gifts from other individuals. Members typically make monthly contributions to both unrestricted and specific reserved funds. All income is used for church related activities at both a local and national level.

Our main costs have been incurred through staffing, hire or Sunday venue, and outreach projects, in line with the objects of the organisation. To help keep costs down, staffing is currently arranged on a part-time basis.

Reserves Policy

To allow for fluctuating financial income, the charity has a policy to keep in reserve an amount of no less than £30,000, which is equivalent to three months of all expenditure plus a further three months staff costs, to allow the church to adapt to any changes in the income or expenditure of the church.

Risk Statement

The Trustees have reviewed the risks to which the charity is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to identify, monitor and review these risks on a regular basis. Other major risks are managed through accounting services, adequate insurance (including PLI), and the support of and training from the safeguarding consultancy Thirtyone:eight.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year that record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

P Bickley -- Trustee (Chair)

Date: 21 October 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
TRINITY VINEYARD CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Trinity Vineyard Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021 on pages 7 to 9 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Jaimée Young

Stewardship
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Date: 24 October 2022

TRINITY VINEYARD CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<i>Income receipts</i>						
Donations		54,410	-	391	54,801	47,781
Gift aid receipts		4,586	-	-	4,586	9,195
Investment income		53	-	-	53	132
Other		0	-	-	0	-
		<u>59,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>391</u>	<u>59,440</u>	<u>57,108</u>
<i>Capital and similar receipts</i>						
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	2,800
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,800</u>
<i>Total receipts</i>		<u>59,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>391</u>	<u>59,440</u>	<u>59,908</u>
<i>Payments</i>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	57,468	-	-	57,468	58,815
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	5,461	-	-	5,461	1,605
		<u>62,929</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,929</u>	<u>60,420</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(3,880)	-	391	(3,489)	(512)
Transfers between funds	5	1,228	-	(1,228)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(2,652)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(837)</u>	<u>(3,489)</u>	<u>(512)</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		43,588	-	1,627	45,215	45,727
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>40,936</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>790</u>	<u>41,726</u>	<u>45,215</u>

The notes on page 9 form part of these accounts.

TRINITY VINEYARD CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	14,490	-	790	15,280	18,822
Notice deposits	26,446	-	-	26,446	26,393
	<u>40,936</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>790</u>	<u>41,726</u>	<u>45,215</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	7,105	-	-	7,105	2,157
	<u>7,105</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,105</u>	<u>2,157</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year:					
Pension due	177	-	-	177	-
Fee for Independent Examination	870	-	-	870	870
Accrued expenses	2,793	-	-	2,793	2,505
	<u>3,840</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,840</u>	<u>3,375</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use				Value 2021	Value 2020
				£	£
Equipment				17,944	17,538
				<u>17,944</u>	<u>17,538</u>

The trustees have used insurance values as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by Paul Bickley date 21 October 2022

The notes on page 9 form part of these accounts.

TRINITY VINEYARD CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

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. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs	44,121	-	-	44,121	42,750
Rental costs	3,492	-	-	3,492	5,360
Conferences and training	428	-	-	428	216
Church meetings and outreach	2,737	-	-	2,737	2,854
Equipment, IT and other resources	2,108	-	-	2,108	3,100
Administration and other support costs	2,525	-	-	2,525	2,221
Other costs	1,186	-	-	1,186	1,563
Governance	870	-	-	870	750
	<u>57,468</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,468</u>	<u>58,815</u>

3 Grants and gifts paid to others

Organisations:					
Vineyard Church UK	3,878	-	-	3,878	355
Organisations < £1,000	-	-	-	-	900
Individuals	1,583	-	-	1,583	350
	<u>5,461</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,461</u>	<u>1,605</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

Paul Bickley served as a church leader and was paid £17,850 [2020: £17,500] for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee.
Rebecca Bickley, spouse of Paul Bickley, a trustee, was paid £24,990 [2020: £24,500] in her capacity as finance officer and senior pastor.
The above payments were permitted by the charity's governing document.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	43,588	59,049	(62,929)	1,228	40,936
Restricted funds					
Shop front fund	1,627	-	-	(1,228)	399
Refugee crisis	-	391	-	-	391
	<u>1,627</u>	<u>391</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,228)</u>	<u>790</u>
Total funds	<u>45,215</u>	<u>59,440</u>	<u>(62,929)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,726</u>

The Shop front fund was set up to enable the purchase or rent of a building in the community. The transfer to general funds this year was with permission from the donors to enable more general use of these funds.