

Trinity Vineyard Church

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2022

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TRINITY VINEYARD CHURCH
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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| 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, 2022

Our vision for Trinity Vineyard Church is that it will work 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.

Following our move to Woolwich in early 2020, there is a feeling of gradually moving through the gears: we continue to build on what has already happened, but picking up momentum and doing new things as we sense God's call.

While there was an inevitable focus on forming teams to facilitate worship and formation, we didn't want to 'let up' in our focus on serving our neighbourhoods. Not only did existing projects continue, but we broke new ground by developing a youth drop-in Woolwich town centre. Our aim was to provide a safe space for non-churched young people to come on a Friday afternoon, following a tragic stabbing of a teenage boy directly outside our Sunday venue.

We also focused on building our visibility as a church in Woolwich, giving people the opportunity to explore faith in a way that is meaningful for them. At key points in the year – Mother's Day, Easter, Summer, and Christmas – we held accessible and well attended events for the wider community. We also started 'Workers' Lunch', an opportunity for a simple lunch and some company for those working from home.

We are thankful to and for our trustees, the TVC leadership team, and fellow disciples of Jesus who have been part of this community now and in the past. 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 2023

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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

Our Sunday gathering finally achieved some post-Covid stability – this despite moving out of the temporary Tramshed space, into another temporary venue, before finally locating to the refurbished Tramshed in November.

We sought to create new spaces where people could deepen faith and fellowship. We restarted a mid-week home group meeting. Our aim in the first instance was simply to gather people around a meal – the group was organically dubbed “Gastro Church” and attended by up to 16 people per week. In October, we took a group of 12 people on a day-long retreat at Mallory Abbey in Kent.

We were pleased to baptise four people in August – a high point of the year.

Building authentic community

Other midweek gatherings – learning communities, prayer meetings, prayer walks, and online communion – continued throughout the year. There were numerous socials and welcome events over the year. We also ran a pre-marriage course for couples both inside and outside the church with a course format accessible to those with and without Christian faith (we saw two couples from the church marry).

Declaring and demonstrating the kingdom

We continued in membership of Greenwich Citizens, the borough alliance of Citizens UK (with Paul serving as co-chair). We engaged in work around the local elections, seeing the leader of the Greenwich Council attend an 'accountability assembly' to respond to our concerns and campaigns. Our key campaigns were welcoming borough/Borough of Sanctuary, and prospective affordable housing/community land trust [CLT] in the Royal Borough of Greenwich. There was a particular success for the CLT as we learned that our network, in collaboration with London CLT, had been awarded the opportunity to develop two sites of affordable housing in Greenwich.

Our English Club, hosted by Foxfield School, continued throughout the year. During the sessions the aim is to provide an opportunity to practice English, but also to build friendships, see people grow in confidence and engage more with their wider community. This year we had 60 different participants from 27 different countries. We also received a £5000 grant from the local council in support of the club.

In 2021, the church had been invited by Foxfield Primary school to help develop a prayer space. This continued in 2022, attended by over 50 children with volunteers from TVC. Becca Bickley also continued to lead a weekly prayer session for staff at the school.

Trinity Vineyard Church organised a Christmas collection, donating 35 food bags, each with an addition food voucher, to those with no recourse to public funds. These were distributed through LRNM at the Woolwich migrant hub.

Finally, following incidents of serious youth violence in Woolwich, we began to sense a calling to provide a safe space for young people in the area. We engaged other local charities and leaders through a stakeholder meeting. In November 2022 volunteers went out into the town centre on Fridays between 3 and 5 to engage young people and advertise a Friday afternoon drop-in. During December 2022 we opened the Tramshed foyer space (donated by the Tramshed for free) for the young people to come in, get some food and tell us what they would want a drop-in to provide. Three sessions were attended by 17, 25 and 15 young people. The drop-in launched in January 2023, with support from Greenwich Youth for Christ and Tramshed, and was attended by growing numbers of young people.

Staffing

Paid staff hours in 2022 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.

In 2022 we received a £5000 Community Innovation Grant from Greenwich Council in support of the English Club.

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 £30,900 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: 05 October 2023

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 2022 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

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Date: 06 October 2023

TRINITY VINEYARD CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

| | Notes | <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> | | Restricted Funds | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|-------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | | General Funds | Designated Funds | | | |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <i>Income receipts</i> | | | | | | |
| Donations and grants | | 65,872 | - | 5,000 | 70,872 | 54,801 |
| Gift aid receipts | | 16,003 | - | - | 16,003 | 4,586 |
| Investment income | | 18 | - | - | 18 | 53 |
| <i>Total receipts</i> | | <u>81,893</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>5,000</u> | <u>86,893</u> | <u>59,440</u> |
| <i>Payments</i> | | | | | | |
| Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly | 2 | 71,892 | - | - | 71,892 | 57,468 |
| Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others | 3 | 6,789 | - | - | 6,789 | 5,461 |
| <i>Total payments</i> | | <u>78,681</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>78,681</u> | <u>62,929</u> |
| Net of receipts / (payments) before | | 3,212 | - | 5,000 | 8,212 | (3,489) |
| Transfers between funds | 5 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net movement in funds | | <u>3,212</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>5,000</u> | <u>8,212</u> | <u>(3,489)</u> |
| Cash funds as at last year end | | 40,936 | - | 790 | 41,726 | 45,215 |
| Cash funds at this year end | A | <u>44,148</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>5,790</u> | <u>49,938</u> | <u>41,726</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 2022

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds | | Restricted funds | 2022 | 2021 |
|--|-------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | General funds | Designated funds | | | |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| A Cash funds | | | | | | |
| Cash at bank with immediate access | | 44,148 | - | 5,790 | 49,938 | 15,280 |
| Notice deposits | | - | - | - | - | 26,446 |
| | | <u>44,148</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>5,790</u> | <u>49,938</u> | <u>41,726</u> |
| B Other monetary assets | | | | | | |
| Gift aid due to charity | | 3,947 | - | - | 3,947 | 7,105 |
| | | <u>3,947</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>3,947</u> | <u>7,105</u> |
| C Liabilities | | | | | | |
| Falling due within one year | | | | | | |
| Pension due | | 364 | - | - | 364 | 177 |
| Fee for Independent Examination | | 900 | - | - | 900 | 870 |
| Accrued expenses | | 2,313 | - | - | 2,313 | 2,793 |
| | | <u>3,577</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>3,577</u> | <u>3,840</u> |
| D Assets retained for charity's own use | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Value 2022 £ | Value 2021 £ |
| Equipment | | | | | 19,394 | 17,944 |
| | | | | | <u>19,394</u> | <u>17,944</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: 05 October 2023

The notes on page 9 form part of these accounts.

TRINITY VINEYARD CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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 2022 | Total 2021 |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | General funds | Designated funds | | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly | | | | | |
| Employment costs | 49,430 | - | - | 49,430 | 44,121 |
| Rental costs | 8,242 | - | - | 8,242 | 3,492 |
| Conferences and training | 1,418 | - | - | 1,418 | 428 |
| Church meetings and outreach | 4,866 | - | - | 4,866 | 2,737 |
| Equipment, IT and other resources | 2,685 | - | - | 2,685 | 2,108 |
| Administration and other support costs | 2,718 | - | - | 2,718 | 2,525 |
| Other costs | 1,663 | - | - | 1,663 | 1,186 |
| Governance | 870 | - | - | 870 | 870 |
| | <u>71,892</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>71,892</u> | <u>57,468</u> |

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| Grants for: | | | | | |
| Vineyard Church UK | 5,178 | - | - | 5,178 | 3,878 |
| Debt Centre Greenwich | 1,355 | - | - | 1,355 | - |
| Grants to individuals | 256 | - | - | 256 | 1,583 |
| | <u>6,789</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>6,789</u> | <u>5,461</u> |

4 Transactions with related parties

Paul Bickley served as a church leader and was paid £18,207 [2021: £17,850] for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee.
Rebecca Bickley, spouse of Paul Bickley, a trustee, was paid £29,884 [2021: £24,990] 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 | 40,936 | 81,893 | (78,681) | - | 44,148 |
| Restricted funds | | | | | |
| Community Innovation Grant | - | 5,000 | - | - | 5,000 |
| Shop front fund | 399 | - | - | - | 399 |
| Refugee crisis | 391 | - | - | - | 391 |
| | <u>790</u> | <u>5,000</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>5,790</u> |
| Total funds | <u>41,726</u> | <u>86,893</u> | <u>(78,681)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>49,938</u> |

The Community Innovation Grant is to be used for the English Club.

The Shop front fund was set up to enable the purchase or rent of a building in the community.

The Refugee funds are for the charity's work with refugees and asylum seekers; paying for the English Club, supporting local appeals for items of furniture or household items, and enabling those from other countries to feel welcome and supported in our communities.