

Abingdon Vineyard Church

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2025

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ABINGDON VINEYARD CHURCH
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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GOVERNING DOCUMENT CIO Constitution dated 11th December 2023

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1123914

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Abingdon Vineyard Church

Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Charity registration number: 1123914

Objects and Activities

Abingdon Vineyard Church converted to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 5th September 2024.

The following objectives of Abingdon Vineyard Church are set out in the Constitution dated 11th December 2023.

1. To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs in such ways and in such parts of Abingdon, The United Kingdom or the World as the trustees from time to time may think fit.
2. To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of Abingdon, the United Kingdom or the World as the trustees from time to time may think fit.
3. The trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the charity in promoting the objects.

Abingdon Vineyard Church carries out these objectives primarily through church activities (Sunday gatherings, small groups, pastoral support and training) and community activities such as (storehouse, foodbank, baby & toddler group and family & youth outreach).

The public facing meetings and community outreach groups and events are held at the local community centre and anyone can attend regardless of background or situation.

Abingdon Vineyard Church is affiliated to Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland and was established in South Abingdon in 2006, having been planted out of Oxford Vineyard Church.

Public Benefit

The planning and delivery of the activities of the charity are with full regard to the Charity Commission guidance of Public Benefit and the church and community activities are available to anyone regardless of background and beliefs and require no commitment to the church.

Abingdon Vineyard is active particularly in the community of South Abingdon and invests much of the church's resources in supporting and improving lives in that community. The church is located in the Caldecott Ward of South Abingdon which, according to the English Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD), is among the 20% most deprived areas in the country and is in the 10% most deprived areas for education, skills, and training.

A proportion of Abingdon Vineyard Church's funds go to the national Vineyard Churches UK&I movement to help bring benefit to a wider range of people.

Achievements and performance in the financial year 2024-2025

1. Advancing the Christian Faith

Sunday Mornings

Abingdon Vineyard Church meets weekly on Sunday mornings for a time of worship, teaching, sharing and prayer. On the first three Sundays in the month, 'Kingdom Builders', which provides separate teaching and activities for children and young people under 18, runs alongside the main gathering. On the 4th and 5th Sundays in the month there is an all-age gathering with the children joining the adults for a more interactive style of meeting.

A prayer meeting which is open to all is held before each gathering.

Refreshments are provided before and during the gatherings to help facilitate a social element, giving people the opportunity meet one another and grow in friendships.

Small Groups

These groups are a core part of church life and are a place where those attending can grow spiritually, be encouraged and develop strong friendships through exploring the bible together, sharing, praying for each other and growing in the use of spiritual and natural gifts. The pastoral support of the church takes place mainly within the context of the Small Group.

Small Groups are held in-person, on Zoom and as a hybrid of in-person & Zoom to enable maximum engagement. Also, they take place both in private homes and at Preston Road Community Centre.

Alpha Course

Abingdon Vineyard Church is committed to running Alpha courses. This provides an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in an evidential and relaxed manner. It includes 12 weekly short films, provided by Alpha UK, and discussion times where people are free to express their own thoughts. It also includes a day focusing on the Holy Spirit. During these sessions those attending are free to make up their own minds and to explore as little or as much of the Christian faith as they choose.

Women's Events

Abingdon Vineyard Church organises monthly Women's Breakfasts and occasional Women's Days to enable friendships to develop and as open events to which people can invite their friends.

Youth

The Youth meet bi-weekly for games and teaching. In August 2024, eight young people and three leaders from Abingdon Vineyard Church attended the Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland 'Dreaming the Impossible' (DTI) youth festival at Stafford showground.

Leadership Training and Support

Abingdon Vineyard Church seeks to support the growth and development of leaders.

In the financial year 2024-25, leaders received training through attendance at the 2-day Vineyard Leaders Gathering (VLG) in April 2024. This is run by Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland and brings leaders and potential leaders together for fellowship, worship and teaching through talks & seminars. The VLG brings knowledge, refreshing and fellowship and helps connect leaders with the activities and experiences of the wider Vineyard Church family.

During this financial year Abingdon Vineyard Church continued monthly leaders training using the Vineyard Churches UK&I Leadership Essentials course. This consists of shorts films and discussion times, with the attendees also having their own log-in to the course to enable learning in their own time.

The Senior Pastors were supported through Area and National Vineyard Churches Senior Pastors meetings and 'Church in Abingdon' staff meetings. This enabled them to share and learn from a wider group.

Church in Abingdon

Abingdon Vineyard Church is a member of the 'Church in Abingdon' collective, building relationship with other churches and supporting joint outreach initiatives.

2. Relieving Sickness and Financial Hardship

Community

From the beginning, the vision of Abingdon Vineyard has been to be a 'church without walls', demonstrating Christian principles through actions and activities in the local community and beyond. Abingdon Vineyard Church reaches out to the unchurched people of Abingdon, demonstrating the love of Jesus. It is committed to teaching and living out faith in support of people in all stages of life, regardless of background, beliefs or situation. Through this the Christian faith is demonstrated in a practical and relevant way, meeting people where they are and providing light and life into their situations. All the church's meetings and events are free to everyone to make them accessible to all.

In the financial year 2024-25, Abingdon Vineyard Church served the community through the following activities:

Baby and Toddler Group - This meets on Friday mornings during school term time at Preston Road Community Centre. All children under 5 with their parents/carers are welcome to come for a time of play, singing and refreshments.

Family Events - At various times during the year Abingdon Vineyard Church provides Sunday morning events for people of all ages, which are delivered with a free café and craft activities for children.

Storehouse - Through the 'Storehouse' ministry Abingdon Vineyard continues to provide basic household items to families and individuals in need who are establishing homes under various

personal circumstances. Introductions are through local support agencies or referral and the ministry is well received by the agencies and recipients alike.

Foodbank - Abingdon Vineyard Church co-ordinates the South Centre of the Abingdon Foodbank. This aids those struggling to feed themselves by giving out food packages via referrals from various local agencies. The Abingdon Foodbank is part of The Trussell Trust and Abingdon Vineyard works in partnership with Christ Church (Abingdon) who co-ordinates the North Centre.

Also, during the financial year 2024-25, one of the senior pastors of Abingdon Vineyard Church was on the steering group for the Caldecott Community Profile and also connected with other agencies working in the area through the South Abingdon Partners meetings.

Relief of hardship

In fulfilment of the charity's objectives concerning relief of hardship, Abingdon Vineyard Church's ministry to the needy is both inward and outward facing. Abingdon Vineyard seeks to directly support the needy within the church (inward facing) through small groups and with pastoral care and practical support according to need. Where specialist support is needed, introductions to outside agencies are arranged through the contacts the church has developed. The church continues to support the needy in the community (outward facing) with the co-ordination of the South Centre of the Abingdon Foodbank and storehouse. It also runs Christians Against Poverty (CAP) budgeting courses when the need is recognised.

Financial Review

During the year the charity converted from a charitable company to a CIO, therefore the accounts are now being prepared on a receipts and payments basis, rather than the accruals basis that has been used in previous years. This has included the restatement of the 2024 accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

Annual donations have increased by £3,498, to £28,257, while the timing of gift aid receipts means that the overall income has fallen by £2,609 to £33,692.

Payments for church activities has reduced by £2,730 to £28,809, giving the church a surplus of £4,883 for the year.

Also included in the accounts are stock purchases of £35,083 for the Abingdon Foodbank South Centre, and receipts of £42,322 from Christ Church Abingdon for the reimbursement of stock purchases. The reimbursements in the year are higher than the payments due to funds being owed to the charity at the end of 2024.

Overall, there was a surplus for the year of £12,122 (2024: £8,207 deficit). The charity's cash of hand increased by the same amount, to £151,995.

Principal source of funds

The majority of Abingdon Vineyard Church funds come from regular donations and people are free to donate or not according to their personal situation. Abingdon Vineyard Church does not hold collections. Regular donations are uplifted through the Gift Aid scheme and Abingdon Vineyard is recognised as a Charity for the purposes of Tax. The majority of the expenditure in operating the South Centre of the Abingdon Foodbank is covered by the Abingdon Foodbank (Trussell Trust) funds which are held by Christ Church (Abingdon).

How expenditure supports key activities of the charity

In the financial year 2024-25 Abingdon Vineyard Church did not have any paid staff and so all expenditure was used for promoting and delivering the objects of the charity.

All venues are hired so there are no maintenance costs or other building costs other than hire costs.

Overhead costs are also low as Abingdon Vineyard Church does not have an office or other paid for accommodation; the office function being provided by the Senior Pastors.

Reserves policy

Abingdon Vineyard Church holds reserve funds to cover any lean periods of donation and to support future development of the charity. This includes funds set aside in a designated fund for Church Development to support the charity's aspirations for growth and the provision of greater access to church activities for the community. This is consistent with Abingdon Vineyard Church's objectives of the advancement of the Christian faith, education & training and the relief of those facing hardship. The reserves have been agreed by the trustees as no less than the equivalent of 3 months operational costs plus 2 months purchase of foodbank supplies (approximately £14,000). The charity has complied with this policy throughout the financial year.

Structure, governance, and management:

Governing document

Abingdon Vineyard Church is a charity registered in England and Wales constituted as a limited company under its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The charity registration number is 1123914.

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Risk management

The charity is small with minimal paid employees and almost all the work is carried out by unpaid volunteers including the Senior Pastors. Any significant expenditure above and beyond the routine running costs is reviewed by the trustees prior to the expenditure being incurred. Income and

expenditure are routinely monitored by the Senior Pastor for any risk posed and reported to the trustees. The charity has no property and hires venues as required.

All equipment owned by the charity is stored securely when not in use and is fully protected through specialist church insurance through a specialist insurance broker. The activities of the church are also insured and such activities are routinely reviewed to ensure there is adequate cover.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which 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:

Ray Ball
Ray Ball (Jan 30, 2026 12:51:06 GMT)

RAY BALL

Date: Jan 30, 2026

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Abingdon Vineyard Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 on pages 9 to 12 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.

Hannah Clack
Hannah Clack (Jan 30, 2026 13:22:09 GMT)

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Date: Jan 30, 2026

ABINGDON VINEYARD CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	2025	2024
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<i>Income receipts</i>						
Donations		28,014	-	243	28,257	24,759
Gift aid receipts		5,185	-	-	5,185	11,542
Income from courses and events		250	-	-	250	-
		<u>33,449</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>33,692</u>	<u>36,301</u>
<i>Capital and similar receipts</i>						
Net reimbursement of stock purchased on behalf of Abingdon Foodbank		-	-	42,322	42,322	17,631
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,322</u>	<u>42,322</u>	<u>17,631</u>
<i>Total receipts</i>		<u>33,449</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,565</u>	<u>76,014</u>	<u>53,932</u>
<i>Payments</i>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	24,916	-	193	25,109	26,324
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	3,700	-	-	3,700	5,215
		<u>28,616</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>28,809</u>	<u>31,539</u>
<i>Capital and similar payments</i>						
Net purchase of stock on behalf of Abingdon Foodbank		-	-	35,083	35,083	30,600
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,083</u>	<u>35,083</u>	<u>30,600</u>
<i>Total payments</i>		<u>28,616</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,276</u>	<u>63,892</u>	<u>62,139</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		4,834	-	7,289	12,122	- 8,207
Transfers between funds	5	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>4,834</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,289</u>	<u>12,122</u>	<u>- 8,207</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		22,983	117,588	- 698	139,872	148,078
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>27,817</u>	<u>117,588</u>	<u>6,590</u>	<u>151,995</u>	<u>139,872</u>

The notes on pages 11 - 12 form part of these accounts.

ABINGDON VINEYARD CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds	2025	2024
		General funds	Designated funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds						
Cash at bank with immediate access		27,817	117,588	6,590	151,995	139,526
Petty cash		-	-	-	-	346
		<u>27,817</u>	<u>117,588</u>	<u>6,590</u>	<u>151,995</u>	<u>139,872</u>
B Other monetary assets						
Gift aid due to charity		6,744	-	-	6,744	5,185
Foodbank reimbursement debtor		3,176	-	-	3,176	10,761
		<u>9,920</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,920</u>	<u>15,946</u>
The charity purchases stock on behalf of the local Foodbank which is operated by Christ Church Abingdon. Abingdon Vineyard is then repaid for the spending at a later date.						
C Liabilities						
Falling due within one year						
Fee for Independent Examination		1,020	-	-	1,020	1,080
		<u>1,020</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,020</u>	<u>1,080</u>
Total		<u>1,020</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,020</u>	<u>1,080</u>

D Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

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

Ray Ball
Ray Ball (Jan 30, 2026 12:51:06 GMT)

RAY BALL

Date: Jan 30, 2026

The notes on pages 11 - 12 form part of these accounts.

ABINGDON VINEYARD CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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.

In the previous year, the charity presented accounts prepared on the accruals basis using the Charities SORP. However, now that the charity is a charitable incorporated organisation it has taken advantage of the option to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis and the results reported previously have been restated; further information is given in note 6 below.

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 2025	Total 2024
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Youth and children's work	3,018	-	-	3,018	1,479
Equipment purchases and maintenance	-	-	-	-	1,991
Sunday Gatherings and Meetings	1,978	-	-	1,978	2,196
Outreach & Evangelism	1,086	-	-	1,086	1,897
Venue hire	11,734	-	-	11,734	9,559
Conferences and training	1,119	-	-	1,119	3,521
Miscellaneous expenses	-	-	-	-	389
Governance	2,158	-	-	2,158	1,080
Church Office Costs	3,143	-	-	3,143	3,479
Insurance	378	-	-	378	733
Foodbank	-	-	193	193	-
Storehouse & compassion ministry	301	-	-	301	-
	<u>24,916</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>25,109</u>	<u>26,324</u>
3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others					
Grants for UK and overseas mission:					
Vineyard Church UK & Ireland	1,300	-	-	1,300	1,815
European Christian Mission	2,400	-	-	2,400	2,400
Oxfordshire Play Association	-	-	-	-	1,000
	<u>3,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>5,215</u>

ABINGDON VINEYARD CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

4 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity received donations totalling £16,925 (2024: £15,844) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £		
General funds	22,983	33,449	-	28,616	-	27,817	
Designated funds							
Church Development Fund	117,588	-	-	-	-	117,588	
	117,588	-	-	-	-	117,588	
Restricted funds							
Youth Club	9,716	-	-	-	-	9,716	
Foodbank Centre Stock	-	10,414	42,322	-	35,083	-	3,176
Compassion Ministry	-	243	-	193	-	-	50
	-	698	42,565	-	35,276	-	6,590
Total funds	139,872	76,014	-	63,892	-	151,995	

The Church Development Fund is money set aside for possible future building projects.

The Youth Club fund relates to funds donated specifically for the Youth Club and cannot be spent on any other church activities.

The Foodbank Centre Stock fund represents the reimbursements received from Abingdon Foodbank funds (held by Christ Church Abingdon) for the purchase of stock for the Abingdon Foodbank South Centre

The Compassion Ministry fund relates to monies donated to the church, to be used specifically for the help of the poor and the needy.

6 Reconciliation with previously reported funds

As explained in note 1 'Accounting Policies', in the previous year the charity prepared its accounts using the accruals basis; in the current year the charity has taken advantage of the option to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis. The comparatives presented in these accounts have been re-stated using the receipts and payments basis and a reconciliation with the reserves and results reported previously follows:

Reconciliation of reserves

	2024 £	2023 £
Previously reported reserves, at 31 March	155,536	159,964
Adjustments arising from use of receipts and payments basis:		
Exclusion of previously included fixed assets	(798)	(1,428)
Exclusion of previously included debtors	(15,946)	(11,543)
Exclusion of previously included creditors	1,080	1,085
Re-stated reserves, at 31 March	<u>139,872</u>	<u>148,078</u>

Reconciliation of results

	2024 £
Previously reported results	(4,427)
Adjustments arising from use of receipts and payments basis:	
Previously capitalised expenditure, less depreciation, now expensed	629
Excluded movements in debtors resulting in the recognition of more / (less) income	(4,403)
Excluded movements in creditors resulting in the recognition of less / (more) expenditure	(5)
Re-stated results	<u>(8,206)</u>