



Charity No. 1128805

Trustees' Annual Report

for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

"Growing everyday people who are called to extend God's Kingdom, love and life to our communities by following the person and the 'Way' of Jesus Christ"

The trustee's hereby present their annual report for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity No.	1128805
Charity name:	Vineyard Community Church, Daventry
Other names charity is known by:	Daventry Vineyard
Charity's principle Address:	9 Cunningham Close Daventry Northants NN11 4JN
Operating address:	18a Benbow Close Daventry Northants NN11 4JP
Independent Examiner:	Cassandra Helen Bodman Knight 46 Common Street Revenstone Bucks MK46 5AR
Bankers:	Natwest Bank 9 North Street Rugby Warwickshire CV21 2AH

Structure, Governance and Management

Vineyard Community Church is a registered charity duly constituted by a Trust Deed and operating as a church.

Names of Trustees who manage the charity: Rob Gee (Chairman)
Gareth Chappell
Nick Wilmott
Svitlana Okoro

Appointment of Trustees

The Chairman is entitled to appoint trustees in consultation with other trustees.

Organisational Structure

The day to day running of the church is delegated to the pastoral staff led by the Senior Pastors, Rob and Angela Gee.

Objectives and Activities

As set out in our governing document, our core objectives are summarised as follows;

The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Vineyard Churches UK Statement of Faith, Values and Priorities.

The relief of the poor and needy, the sick and elderly within Daventry and surrounding areas and anywhere else that the trustees decide.

The furtherance of religious or secular public education.

The following summarises the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to the aforementioned objectives;

Church services were largely back to normal at the beginning of this financial year and we saw the majority of members return to face to face meetings. However, some people continued to be very anxious about meeting in public, whereas others were happy to restart meeting in the home attending life groups.

During the first few months we noticed that people were again starting to enjoy being in each other's presence and chairs became closer in proximity. We also reinstated our Sunday Café meetings, inviting the general public to meet with us.

Our online support group continued to ensure that people were kept informed of what was happening and support could be given to anyone who needed it and continued to be a source of information and contact.

The Kids and youth work continued following its curriculum with the children being comfortable in each other's presence, learning, playing and supporting one another.

The Daventry Food Bank continued to operate with the whole team of volunteers completely back on site and enjoying serving their community again. The changes to the house with the outdoor lean to meant that the general public were kept outside and this ensured that the volunteers felt safe and comfortable working with each other and not feeling overcrowded.

Once again we ran our Christmas Projects including Christmas Food Hampers, Elderly Care Packages, toys for the children and selection boxes. We continued to experience an overwhelming amount of generosity from our community and really experienced favour with those that were able to support us.

Achievements and Performance

Sunday Worship/Teaching and midweek groups

We have enjoyed meeting each Sunday to worship God together. We have worked hard to deliver the best, clear and diverse Biblical teachings over the year which is concentrating on the processes of discipleship whilst making it as relevant and applicable to our lives as we possibly could.

Whilst it has been a challenge to recruit leaders to facilitate our Life Groups (mid-week support groups) due to the changes in peoples commitments and energy levels since the pandemic, we have still been able to deliver a number of groups across the year. Attendance at the Life Groups has been relatively small, but those who have attended have enjoyed meeting together in a more relaxed setting, doing life alongside each other.

Children's and Youth work

Children's and Youth work falls into 4 age categories and prove popular with both the youngsters and their parents;

Mini Grapes: 0-3yrs

Little Vines: 4-7yrs

Big Branches: 8-11yrs

Vineyard Youth: 12-18yrs

The children's and youth work continued to meet together again following a curriculum encouraging the children to learn about God, themselves and their place in the world and the relationship each of them can have with God.

Food Bank

It has been yet another difficult year for our country coming out of the Covid Pandemic only to go straight into the Cost of Living Crisis. For many in our community, it feels like there has been no space for financial recovery and the Food Bank has been a true life-line for them. We have, again, been called on for a continual-increasing number of cases.

The Food Bank operates with an amazing team of volunteers who are committed to their roles and helping their community. We are grateful to them all for the time that they give to us.

From Jan to Dec 2022 we were able to meet the needs of 1,321 referrals, this is almost a 30% increase on last year. In terms of how many meals this equates to, it is in excess of 47,400 meals. This had a direct impact on the lives of 1,543 children/dependants. In total, we estimate that we gave away more than £41,595 of food & £12,020 of toiletries.

During the summer of 2022 we were commandeered by West Northants Council (WNC) and the Northampton Community Foundation (NCF) to partner with them in giving out food vouchers. These were in addition to the Food Bank parcels. We worked with a number of schools and local agencies during that summer in order to ensure that those of all ages, who were struggling with the cost of

living crisis, could access one of these vouchers. When HSF3 (Household Support Fund 3) was deployed in February 2023, again working with NCF and WNC, we were instrumental in developing their Online Referral Portal so that many more agencies and schools across the county could directly refer people for another food voucher should they require one. This new Online System also meant that it was a more streamlined and targeted process for all involved.

Last year we saw the largest amount of donations from Harvest Festivals that we have ever seen from Schools, Churches and community groups. Over a period of 6 weeks, donations were coming in almost every day and we were wonderfully overwhelmed with bags and boxes of food and toiletries. The volunteers were kept busy with date checking and stocking the shelves.

We now have over 400 referral agents who are regularly referring people for Food Bank support. The agents/partners are made up of support professionals from organisations such as Citizen's Advice Bureau, Time2Talk, Age UK, Bromford Support, NHS, Women's Aid, Social Services, Family Support Workers in schools, in addition to numerous housing associations and District/County Council and local GP surgeries.

Christmas Compassion Ministries

Once again, we ran our Christmas food hampers appeal. We continued to experience tremendous support and generosity from our own church members as well as other local churches, schools, community groups, businesses and individuals from the Daventry community. We worked closely with a number of agencies and five local schools and were able to distribute 107 hampers to families and individuals who needed them the most. We were incredibly grateful to WNC(Daventry) in providing us with the use of an empty office block, from where we ran the Christmas projects. It was so lovely meeting our supporter as they came to drop off their Christmas hampers, toys, selection boxes and additional foods.

We also gave out bags of Christmas toys to over 30 families, along with hundreds of selection boxes!

For the third year running we also ran the Christmas Care Packages for those elderly members of our community who were in care homes or residing in hospital over the Christmas period. We put together a shopping list which people could choose from in order to build a gift bag with the wrapped presents inside. We were delighted to have been able to gather up 121 gift bags which ensured that the residents of the 3 care homes and Danetre Hospital each received a care package.

Compassion Ministry Coordinator (CMC)

The CMC role was carried out with vigour and excitement during this year. With people communicating with the charity in one of seven different ways, whilst it was a challenge to keep on top of the communications, we were more than confident that no messages were missed. During the past year there have been opportunities to build on the relationships with our community, working alongside over 13 schools, many community groups and local businesses. The CMC was also invited to take school assemblies, speak to community groups of all ages and meet with CEO's and Managers of local businesses and agencies, highlighting the important work of the Food Bank and other compassion projects. The CMC was also able to secure the much-needed funding when it had become available.

Oversees Children's Charity work.

Again, this year we continued to support Listening Hearts Street Children's Ministry in Baja, Mexico. We raised enough funds for the charity to be able to provide a Christmas meal for more than 400

street children across 3 locations there in Northern Mexico. We helped with the funding to supply a refrigerator to the Children's Ministry.

Summary

It has been a year of settling back into normal church life and learning to deal with varying levels of commitment along with lower energy levels. This has been challenging but we have continued to outwork our faith, seek God and minister to our community.

We have been in awe of the support that our compassion ministries have received from the larger community and it has been an honour to serve those who have found themselves in the unfortunate position of needing the support of the Food Bank.

Food Bank continues to serve the entire district and also receives overwhelming support from the general public, churches, schools and local businesses with regard to both financial and food items.

The Trustees consider that they have complied with section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 and that the church and its membership are meeting the charitable objectives that were determined when the church was formed. As it grows, it is expected that the church's community will have further opportunities to increase its activity and influence across the town and surrounding area.

Annual Accounts for the Period 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023


Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA)

Incoming resources Generated funds	Details	Unrestricted income funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total for this period £	Total for last period £
Voluntary income	Incl Gift Aid	25,833	65,497	91,330	54,621
Activities for generating funds	Sale of referral system/gifts to members/Listening Hearts	3,195		3,195	180
Total incoming resources		<u>29,028</u>	<u>65,497</u>	<u>94,525</u>	<u>54,801</u>
Resources expended Costs for generating funds	Details	Unrestricted income funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total for this period £	Total for last period £
Charitable activities		6,010	21,910	27,920	8,857
Governance & Running Costs		24,394	32,987	57,381	28,637
Oversees Missions			547	547	706
Gifts			0	0	0
Total resources expended		<u>30,404</u>	<u>55,444</u>	<u>85,848</u>	<u>38,200</u>
<i>Net incoming/(outgoing) before transfers</i>		0	0	0	0
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<i>+Net incoming/(outgoing) after transfers</i>		0	0	0	0
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>		28,935	76,554	105,489	98,009
Total funds carried forward		<u>28,935</u>	<u>76,554</u>	<u>105,489</u>	<u>98,009</u>

Balance sheet

Current assets	Unrestricted income funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total for this period £	Total for last period £
Cash in the bank and in hand	28,935	76,554	105,489	98,009
Net assets	<u>28,935</u>	<u>76,554</u>	<u>105,489</u>	<u>98,009</u>
Funds of the Charity Unrestricted	28,935		28,935	32,054
Funds of the Charity Restricted		76,554	76,554	65,955
Total funds	<u>28,935</u>	<u>76,554</u>	<u>105,489</u>	<u>98,009</u>

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Signature 	Name Robert Gee	Date 29/01/2024
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Notes to accounts

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with:

Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);

And with accounting standards

Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years

Accounting policies

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: the charity becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Incoming resources with related expenditure	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.
Gifts in kind	Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
Governance and running costs	This is a grouping of costs of running the charity. It includes staff salaries, heating, lighting, rent, travel expenses, administration, licenses and subscriptions.
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.
Support Costs	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year-end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
Stocks and work in progress	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

ADDITIONAL POLICIES

Gift aid is accounted on the date it is received from HMRC.

Analysis of incoming resources

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Voluntary income	Voluntary Donations	20,894	19,968
	Gift Aid Receipts	8,548	4,555
	Total	<u>29,442</u>	<u>24,523</u>
Activities for generating funds	Funding for Food Bank, sales of Online Registration system & Listening Hearts Contributions	65,083	30,278
	Total	<u>65,083</u>	<u>30,278</u>

Analysis of resources expended

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Charitable activities	Community Serving Projects	26,363	8,145
	Training and Leadership Development	918	335
	Children's and Youth Work	639	377
	Total	<u>27,920</u>	<u>8,857</u>
Governance and running costs	Salaries	49,786	23,251
	Utilities and Building Maintenance	6,743	4,432
	Travel Expenses	43	0
	Administration & PR	37	78
	Licences & Subscriptions	772	876
	Total	<u>57,381</u>	<u>28,637</u>
Oversees Missions & Other gifts	Listening Hearts Children's ministry	547	706
	Visiting ministries	0	0
	Total	<u>547</u>	<u>706</u>

Paid Employees**Staff costs**

	This year £	Last year £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	49,786	23,251
Employer's National Insurance costs	0	0
Pension costs	-	-
Total staff costs	<u>49,786</u>	<u>23,251</u>

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year

The parts of the charity in which the employees work	This year number	Last year number
Charitable Activities	1	1
Governance	0.5	0.5
Total	1.5	1.5

Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Description	Value £
	Worship Equipment	250
	Total	<u>250</u>

1st April 2023 – 31st March 2023
Accounts presented for
Vineyard Community Church, Daventry

Charity No. 1128805

Examiner's Unqualified Report

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2023

Rob Gee	Chairman
Gareth Chappell	Treasurer
Nick Wilmot	Trustee
Svitlana Okoro-Byk	Trustee

Responsibilities:

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- only*
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Occupation: *Head teacher*

Address: *18 Rush Close, Harwell, NN7 2LD*

Date: *25/1/24*

Cassandra Bodman-Knight