



Trustees' Annual Report 2024–2025
Vineyard Community Church, Daventry

Charity No. 1128805

For the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

“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 Trustees present their Annual Report for Vineyard Community Church, Daventry, covering the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number: 1128805
Charity Name: Vineyard Community Church, Daventry
Also known as: Daventry Vineyard

Principal Address:	Operating Address:
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Independent Examiner:	Bankers:
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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

Trustees serving during the year:	Rob Gee (Chairman) Gareth Chappell Nick Wilmot Svitlana Okoro
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APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

The Chairman is entitled to appoint Trustees in consultation with the existing Trustees.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Responsibility for the day-to-day operation 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 the governing document, the charity's objectives are:

- The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Vineyard Churches UK Statement of Faith, Values and Priorities.
- The relief of poverty and hardship, including support for the poor, needy, sick and elderly within Daventry, surrounding areas, and elsewhere as determined by the Trustees.
- The furtherance of religious and secular public education.

PUBLIC BENEFIT ACTIVITIES

Worship, Teaching and Discipleship

Weekly public worship services and regular midweek teaching and training continued throughout the year, providing opportunities for spiritual growth and community engagement. During this period, services were held at a local school, where positive relationships were built with staff and the wider school community. The church was included in the school's Harvest Festival donations, strengthening partnership and mutual support.

A dedicated prayer and worship gathering was held on the fourth Sunday of each month, encouraging both corporate and individual prayer. These themed sessions offered space for reflection, Scripture meditation and listening prayer, and were well attended. New prayer pathways were introduced to encourage broader participation.

Weekly communion was also introduced, enabling the congregation to pause, remember, and pray for one another in smaller groups.

Online Engagement

An online support group continued to provide regular communication, information sharing and pastoral support, ensuring that individuals remained connected and supported.

Children's and Youth Ministry

Children's and youth activities continued to follow a structured biblical curriculum, supporting young people to grow in faith, friendships and confidence. The move to a new venue provided improved indoor and outdoor facilities, allowing children and young people to learn, play and develop in a safe and welcoming environment.

Food Bank

Daventry Food Bank continued to provide emergency food and toiletries to individuals and families experiencing hardship. Strong partnerships were maintained with local churches, schools, statutory services and frontline care agencies. A dedicated volunteer team demonstrated resilience and commitment throughout the year, adapting to increased demand and operational challenges.

Christmas Compassion Projects

The charity delivered a range of Christmas initiatives, including food hampers, children's gift bags, elderly care packages, selection boxes and Advent calendars. These projects were made possible through the generosity of individuals, churches, schools, community groups and local businesses.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Sunday Worship, Teaching and Midweek Groups

The church met weekly for worship and teaching, with a continued focus on discipleship and the practical application of biblical teaching. While recruiting Life Group leaders remained challenging due to changing commitments following the pandemic, midweek groups were successfully held on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings, with growing attendance. Participants valued the opportunity to build relationships in a relaxed and supportive environment.

A weekly coffee morning was also established, offering a welcoming space for connection, conversation and prayer.

Children's and Youth Work

Children's and youth activities were delivered across four age groups:

- Mini Grapes (0–3 years)
- Little Vines (4–7 years)
- Big Branches (8–11 years)
- Vineyard Youth (12–18 years)

Sessions were well attended and adapted to meet the developmental and spiritual needs of each age group. Leaders worked creatively to ensure that activities were engaging, age-appropriate and supportive.

Food Bank Impact

The rising cost of living continued to place significant pressure on many households. The Food Bank responded to ongoing and increased demand, supporting individuals who struggled to meet basic needs.

Key outcomes for January–December 2024 include:

- Approximately **2,200 volunteer hours** contributed
- **1,424 referrals** supported (a reduction from the previous year)
- Over **50,000 meals** provided
- Direct support impacting **1,673 children and dependants**
- Distribution of food valued at over **£65,220** and toiletries valued at **£22,050**

Due to rising food costs and reduced donations, the Food Bank spent over **£2,700 per month** to replenish essential supplies. Despite these pressures, community support ensured that services were maintained without significant reduction.

The charity again partnered with West Northamptonshire Council and Northamptonshire Community Foundation to distribute food vouchers during the summer of 2024. A cloud-based referral system designed by the Food Bank enabled efficient coordination across West Northamptonshire.

Harvest Festival donations from schools, churches and community groups reached record levels, with volunteers managing daily deliveries over a six-week period.

The Food Bank worked with over **450 referral agents**, including professionals from healthcare, education, housing associations, councils and charitable organisations. Corporate volunteers from local businesses also contributed time and skills, reporting positive and meaningful experiences.

Christmas Compassion Ministries

During Christmas 2024, the charity:

- Distributed **109 Christmas food hampers** to families and individuals in need
- Provided **217 children's Christmas gift bags**, ensuring no child was turned away
- Distributed hundreds of selection boxes and Advent calendars
- Delivered **188 Christmas care packages** to residents in three care homes and patients at Danetre Hospital

Support from West Northamptonshire Council enabled the use of temporary premises to coordinate Christmas projects.

Compassion Ministry Coordinator (CMC)

The Compassion Ministry Coordinator continued to play a vital role, managing communications, partnerships and volunteers while building strong relationships with schools, businesses and community organisations. The CMC also secured funding opportunities and represented the charity through school assemblies, public talks and meetings with local leaders.

Overseas Children's Charity Support

The church continued its support of Listening Hearts Street Children's Ministry in Baja, Mexico. Funds raised enabled the provision of Christmas meals for over 200 street children, vehicle insurance to support ministry operations, and assistance with health insurance costs.

SUMMARY

The year has been marked by transition, challenge and growth as the church settled into new premises and navigated varying levels of capacity and engagement. Despite these challenges, the church has remained committed to worship, discipleship and compassionate service.

The Trustees are encouraged by the strong support received from the wider community, particularly for the Food Bank and Christmas compassion initiatives. The charity continues to serve the wider district with integrity, partnership and generosity.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit. They believe the charity continues to meet its stated objectives and anticipate further opportunities to extend its impact across Daventry and the surrounding areas as the church community grows.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025


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	45,581	4,591	50,172	32,403
Activities for generating funds	Funding for Food Bank, sale of referral system/gifts for pastoral support/Listening Hearts	4,190	63,449	67,639	98,526
Total incoming resources		<u>49,771</u>	<u>68,040</u>	<u>117,811</u>	<u>130,929</u>
Resources expended Costs for generating funds	Details	Unrestricted income funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total for this period £	Total for last period £
Charitable activities		7,335	35,620	42,955	43,158
Governance & Running Costs		31,087	35,146	66,233	74,921
Oversees Missions		804		804	531
Total resources expended		<u>39,227</u>	<u>70,766</u>	<u>109,993</u>	<u>118,610</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>		26,595	91,592	118,187	105,489
Total funds carried forward		<u>37,139</u>	<u>88,867</u>	<u>126,006</u>	<u>118,187</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	37,139	88,867	126,006	118,187
Net assets	<u>37,139</u>	<u>88,867</u>	<u>126,006</u>	<u>118,187</u>
Funds of the Charity Unrestricted	37,139		37,139	26,595
Funds of the Charity Restricted		88,867	88,867	91,592
Total funds	<u>37,139</u>	<u>88,867</u>	<u>126,006</u>	<u>118,187</u>

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Signature 	Name Robert Gee	Date 29/01/2025
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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	37,142	23,055
	Gift Aid Receipts	13,030	9,348
	Total	<u>50,172</u>	<u>32,403</u>
Activities for generating funds	Funding for Food Bank, sales of Online Registration system & Listening Hearts Contributions	67,639	98,526
	Total	<u>67,639</u>	<u>98,526</u>

Analysis of resources expended

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Charitable activities	Community Serving Projects, training and leadership development, children and youth work, compassion ministries.	42,916	43,689
	Total	<u>42,916</u>	<u>43,689</u>
Governance and running costs	Salaries	55,180	65,091
	Utilities and Building Maintenance	9,817	7,960
	Travel Expenses	39	44
	Administration & PR	192	941
	Licences & Subscriptions	1,046	885
	Total	<u>66,274</u>	<u>74,921</u>
Oversees Missions & Other gifts	Listening Hearts Children's ministry	804	531
	Visiting ministries	0	0
	Total	<u>804</u>	<u>531</u>

Paid Employees**Staff costs**

	This year £	Last year £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	55,180	65,091
Employer's National Insurance costs	0	0
Pension costs	-	-
Total staff costs	<u>55,180</u>	<u>65,091</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	500
	Total	<u>500</u>

1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025
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 2025

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:

- 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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Date: 29.1.26

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