



Annual Report 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022

1. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisers

Yeovil Vineyard Church is a charity registered under its own name and does not use any other name. The Charity registration number for Yeovil Vineyard Church is 1130411.

The address of the principal office for Yeovil Vineyard Church is:

Unit 5, Bartec 4
Watercombe Lane
Yeovil, Somerset
BA20 2SU

The names of all those who were the charity's trustees or custodian trustees on the date the report was approved:

Hendrik Hattingh
John Spearman
Rachel Gale

2. Structure, governance and management

The governing document of Yeovil Vineyard Church is the Charitable Trust Deed which is dated 30 January 2009.

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees are at the sole discretion of the trustees of Yeovil Vineyard Church.

3. Financial Review:

Our aim is to keep a Contingency fund of 15% of our annual income. We do not have a formal policy on the reserves that is to be enforced but aim to keep the funds of the church in a good state.

Other financial controls are in place requiring the trustees to make decisions about spending any reserves and big amounts that may be required. A limit is set at £2,000 so that any amount larger than this would require the trustees' approval. We also have a budget approval process whereby the trustees review and agree the proposed budget spend for each year.

It is our aim never to be in deficit and we have every intention to keep it that way. All our excess income at the end of each year will be allocated to our church growth fund. The church growth fund is the money we are setting aside in order to put down a deposit on a building and other building/venue related costs.

Yeovil Vineyard Church
Receipts and Payments Accounts
1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022

Section A Receipts and payments						
	2021/22			2020/21		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
Receipts	£	£	£	£	£	£
Gifts						
Gift Aid Giving	31,833	0		32,190	1,000	
Non Gift Aid Giving	18,596	7,063		17,027	2,560	
Gift Aid tax claim	8,049	250	65,791	12,168	25	64,970
Other Receipts						
Conference Contributions						
Course Contributions						
Other Receipts	20					
CD Sales						
Interest			20			0
Total Receipts	58,498	7,313	65,811	61,385	3,585	64,970
Payments						
Pay						
Salaries & Wages	25,766			10,560		
Payroll Services	477		26,242	454		11,014
Non Pay						
Rent	25,304			24,254		
Rates & Utilities	2,502			3,193		
Printing, Postage & Stationary	1,006			723		
Phone & Internet	510			480		
Computer equipment, software, licenses & sul	2,528			3,857		
Equipment Hire						
Office Equipment & Furniture	353					
Maintenance	6,638	5,832		73		
Insurance	1,203			1,194		
Professional & Legal						
CCPAS & DBS checks	163			141		
Sound & Music Equipment	90			215		
Resources	38			89		
CD Purchases						
Catering	111	6,229			2,927	
Hospitality						
Conferences & Training costs	1,125			40		
Advertising						
Travel Expenses	349					
Giving	3,090	3,415		3,450		
Sundry Expenses	45					
Bank Charges & Interest	97		60,626	69		40,705
Purchase of Assets	13,432		13,432	990		990
Total Payments	84,825	15,476	100,300	49,782	2,927	52,709
Net of Receipts/(Payments)	(26,326)	(8,163)	(34,489)	11,603	658	12,261
Transfers between funds	(1,727)	1,727	0	(141)	141	0
Cash and monetary assets balance last year end	37,327	7,174	44,501	25,864	6,375	32,240
Cash and monetary assets balance this year end	9,274	739	10,012	37,327	7,174	44,501

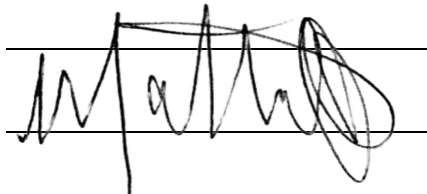
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds	10,512	45,351
B2 Other monetary assets - rental prepayments		
B3 Investment assets		
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		
Plant & Equipment	15,905	3,709
B5 Liabilities - gifts made	(500)	(850)
Net Assets	25,917	48,210

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees
Signature

Print Name

Date

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hendrik Hattingh', is written over two horizontal lines.

Hendrik Hattingh

09/01/2023



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report
on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

YEOVIL VINEYARD CHURCH

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31.3.22

**Charity no
(if any)**

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

11 JAN. 23

Name:

MICHAEL HUGH JENKINS

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

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YEovil
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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4. Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

Yeovil Vineyard Church and its trustees are not acting as custodian trustees and do not hold any assets in this capacity.

5. Public benefit statement

Yeovil Vineyard Church is governed by its Charitable Trust Deed that clearly outlines its objects as a charity and the duties/authority of trustees of the charity. We are dedicated to adhering to the laws, rules and regulation that govern us as a charity and as a church.

We believe that everything we do is in the best interest of the public and community we serve, and we seek to take due regard to any guidance the Commission publishes, as well as other organisations that serve charitable trusts and churches in general.

1. Objectives and activities

The Objects of the Church are for the benefit of the public:

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in the Schedule hereto attached in such ways and in such parts of Yeovil, Somerset, the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;

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 Yeovil, Somerset, the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

The Trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the Church in promoting the Objects.

2. Achievements and performance

b. Giving

In terms of our giving Yeovil Vineyard Church has a target of giving 10% of our income towards supporting other charities and organisations. We have given more than 10% of our income towards the following organisations:

Vineyard Churches UK	Supporting other charitable trusts in the UK
Arab World Ministries	Supporting charitable organisations globally
Piemonte Vineyard	Support for Church Planting in Italy
Journey UK	Support for healing courses

b. Gathering

As we began the new financial year, we had to spend a lot of time on tactical decisions about how to meet safely as a church. This involved cleaning and spacing regimes, not passing around offering baskets, not having bulletins, not shaking hands, not serving refreshments, sanitizing vessels, rules for working with kids, rules around what to do when Covid cases occur, and how to communicate if we could not meet together as a church on a particular date.

As we started meeting at Abbey Manor Community Centre, we have saved a lot of money on Sunday Service venue rental, which has helped a lot through the rapid changes Covid inflicted on us. The meetings have been in a covid-secure venue with a maximum of 40 attendees and worship was restricted to video to reduce the chances of spreading infections.

We began to plan for the lease at Market street to End in October 2021. We needed significant resource to renovate 1 Market Street in preparation for the end of the lease, and starting to look for a new venue, as well as addressing staffing levels.

At the same time the impact of Covid on attendance really showed and we noticed that 33% of people chose to attend in-person services, 33% chose to engage online and 33% of the church initially joined in online but eventually stopped connecting altogether.

With the move to the Community centre for Sunday services, the main problem has been the lack of space for children's and youth ministry to have their own spaces. We can accommodate the one, but not the other.

We began looking at ways we can engage with people in a hybrid environment and how to encourage people to become involved in church. We began planning to have a full-time employee to manage the administration of the church and employed Matt Stent as Worship and Operations Pastor in August 2021.

The dilapidations repairs for 1 Market Street, cost us £15k which was a real pain, along with having to engage a surveyor at £1,800 to help us reduce the liabilities for repairs to what was legally required. However, in the end he helped us to get the cost down to £12k which we offset against the £15k we actually ended up saving through reduced spending and savings on venue costs.

The new Vineyard Centre at Bartec was initially an empty shell which we began renting for half the cost of Market street, but we needed to install a mezzanine as it did not have enough space. The building serves as our mid-week meeting venue and is insured for up to 66 people at a time. The lease was agreed in July/August and we began the lease in September 2021.

The mezzanine cost us an additional £14k and works began from March 2022, mainly due to the disruption of the supply chain from Europe at the time.

In August 2021, Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland sent out new Bylaws and Schedules which we adopted. We also have a centralised Stack for documents and resources from VCUKI that senior pastors and trustees now have access to.

In November 2021, Richard and Bex Smith stepped down from being trustees and Rachel Gale replaced them as new trustee.

In September 2021, we began having difficulties paying in cash to CAF Bank as we were using HSBC to do so. The local branch changed and we now had to travel to Weymouth, some 30 miles away to pay weekly cash into the bank. This prompted us to get a Natwest account so that we could deal with the local branch, so we now have two bank accounts set up.

We found that people were less engaged online in 2021 than they were in 2020, perhaps due to online fatigue, but we also found those that were engaging were much more committed. Our most engaging teaching series online, was Discipleship 101. We initially selected Vimeo as our streaming platform, at £77pm, but using it over the year and comparing it against YouTube we could not justify the price so will switch to YouTube for the future.

In conjunction with Vimeo, we chose Life Church's free livestreaming service that enables us to build community around online services, and to pray for people online.

The In-person services have grown from 2020 to 2021, albeit very slowly. This is largely due to the impact of Covid and all the implications it brought. Another large factor has been the impact of lockdowns – people have been shut in for so long that they have found it difficult to emerge into a new pattern again.

The Children's ministry was started up again in September 2021, but we had to incorporate the children with the youth because the children's ministry coordinator stepped down and there was only one room available for kids and youth on a Sunday – we decided to combine them for the time being.

We started singing worship without masks and even little changes and freedoms like that, really had an impact on people's engagement and wellbeing.

Our small groups have been online from the start of Covid in March 2020 and this trend continued throughout the financial year. We did start a small group that would meet in-person and online in a hybrid scenario, but people very soon defaulted back to online for convenience.

c. Outreach

We have continued to keep a scaled down programme and focus more on discipleship activities. The online platform has been a vital lifeline for us, but the main focus has been on supporting struggling families through Papa's Pantry. We have set aside a separate monthly collection for this purpose.

We had people sign up to begin regular giving to Papa's Pantry, which has really helped because we have been helping more people than we can afford to.

d. Equipping

We have continued our training and equipping programme and our internship programme finished in December 2020, and we started up a new 2-year Hub programme in March 2021.

e. Other News

The leadership team would like to thank all the individuals who have been serving very hard over the last year and carrying the lion's share of responsibilities as we sought to navigate through Covid and lockdowns.

May 2022 be a better year for us all!