



Annual Report 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

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:

John Spearman
Rachel Gale
Tim Baker

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 on our recurring costs and we have every intention to keep it that way.

Payments to Trustees in the period:

For the year ending 31 March 2025, trustee T Baker was paid a gross salary (commencing on 1 June 2024) of £9,000 in respect of his position as Senior Pastor of Yeovil Vineyard Church as permitted by the charitable trust deed.

Yeovil Vineyard Church
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Receipts and Payments Accounts

Section A Receipts and payments

	2024/25			2023/24		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted & Designated Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted & Designated Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Gifts						
Gift Aid Giving	58,185	8,013		48,107	3,050	
Non Gift Aid Giving	8,006	4,060		10,001	19,452	
Gift Aid tax claim	13,334	750	92,348	9,781	0	90,390
Other Receipts						
Conference Contributions						
Course Contributions						
Other Receipts	910			695		
CD Sales						
Interest	80		990	29		724
Total Receipts	80,515	12,823	93,338	68,612	22,502	91,114
Payments						
Pay						
Salaries & Wages	28,385			25,563		
Payroll Services	566		28,951	490		26,052
Non Pay						
Rent	15,833			16,287		
Rates & Utilities	1,745			2,156		
Printing, Postage & Stationary	836			943		
Phone & Internet	878			728		
Computer equipment, software, licenses & subscriptions	2,856			2,989		
Equipment Hire						
Office Equipment & Furniture				4		
Maintenance	126			625	102	
Insurance	0			1,199		
Professional & Legal						
CCPAS & DBS checks	221			14		
Sound & Music Equipment				78		
Resources	49			32		
Catering	2,197	1,590		1,295	1,940	
Hospitality						
Conferences & Training costs	1,886	737		1,190		
Advertising						
Travel Expenses	489	0		263	300	
Giving	5,605	196		5,597	440	
Sundry Expenses	20			38		
Bank Charges & Interest	61		35,324	72		36,293
Purchase of Assets			0			0
Total Payments	61,751	2,523	64,274	59,563	2,782	62,346
Net of Receipts/(Payments)	18,764	10,300	29,063	9,049	19,720	28,769
Transfers between funds	(1,591)	1,591	0	(6,261)	6,261	0
Cash and monetary assets balance last year end	9,485	26,768	36,253	6,696	788	7,484
Cash and monetary assets balance this year end	26,658	38,658	65,316	9,485	26,768	36,253

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

B1 Cash funds	68,178	42,423
B2 Other monetary assets - rental prepayments		
B3 Investment assets		
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		
Plant & Equipment	5,885	9,564
B5 Liabilities - gifts made	(2,862)	(6,170)
Net Assets	71,201	45,817

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

Signature



Print Name

TIM BAKER

Date

27 January 2026



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
YEovil VINEYARD CHURCH

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31.3.25

**Charity no
(if any)**

Set out on pages

(number to include 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 of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

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

Signed:

Michael Hugh Jenkins

Date:

17.1.26

Name:

MICHAEL HUGH JENKINS

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

Address:

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YEovil

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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 brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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

a. Giving

Yeovil Vineyard Church has a target of giving 10% of our income towards supporting other charities and organisations. This year we have given towards the following organisations:

Vineyard Churches UK	Supporting Vineyard churches in the UK & Ireland.
Piemonte Vineyard	Support for Church Planting in Italy.
Yeovil CAP Centre	Working in Yeovil for relief of poverty with debt advice and life skills.
Medair	A Christian humanitarian organisation that responds to conflict, disease and disasters.
Practicing the Way	A not-for-profit organisation providing free resources and teaching to help make lifelong apprentices of Jesus.

Make Together	'Make with a message initiative' works with churches and in schools sharing a message about the good news of Jesus that links in with a wood craft activity.
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b. Achievements

We continue to meet on Sundays at the Abbey Community Centre, a valuable and affordable resource within the local community. During 2024/25, as attendance at our Sunday gatherings increased, we explored ways to expand our meeting space—particularly to better accommodate our Young Vineyard groups (ages 0–16). In response, we launched our 'Space' fundraising campaign in 2025 to purchase an air marquee for use during the summer months. This will allow us to create an additional age group and contribute towards longer-term venue opportunities. By 31 March 2025, £1,588 had been received (before Gift Aid), enabling us to add an extra room within the marquee during spring and summer 2025. This will make a significant difference to the teams supporting our children and young people as they grow in loving God and loving others.

Our monthly Café Church service continues to be a very positive addition to our calendar. It provides a relaxed environment to share breakfast, build connections, and gently introduce newcomers to elements of our service and our faith in Jesus.

Engagement with Yeovil Vineyard continues to grow, with average Sunday attendance increasing by over 20% during the year. Our Christmas Gathering, attended by around 100 people, offered many the opportunity to hear and celebrate the good news of Jesus coming to earth to restore our relationship with God.

The Vineyard Centre, our leased multifunctional space, has proved invaluable. It serves as our office and hosts a wide range of gatherings, including worship and prayer nights, prayer meetings, Bible studies, and band rehearsals.

Equipping people to serve and follow Jesus remains a key priority. This year we launched a two-year leadership development programme for current and emerging leaders, known as 'Essentials' training, using national resources from Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland. Over 20 people meet monthly at the Vineyard Centre to learn, discuss, encourage one another, and pray together. This group of leaders have shown a strong desire to grow healthy leadership practices that will further help our community and others to flourish.

Two further monthly initiatives were introduced this year. Games Night provides a fun, all-ages space for connection, where people are invited to bring and enjoy games together. Men's Night was created in response to a desire among men for a place to share life, build friendships, develop accountability, and grow in their faith. This evening offers a supportive environment for conversation, prayer, and encouragement.

Our youth ministry continues to use the Vineyard Centre for its Friday night gathering, 'The Bridge Café', open to young people aged 12–18. During the summer of 2024, our youth leaders and senior team members, Chris and Katie Huggins, relocated to Bournemouth. They had invested generously and tirelessly in the next generation, and their departure—along with that of two long-serving volunteers later in the year—was deeply felt by the young people they had faithfully served. Many expressed their gratitude for their input.

As a result, significant changes were required within the youth work, and Tim and Nicola stepped in to facilitate Friday evenings. Supported by a committed team, including new volunteers, the café has continued to thrive as a welcoming and positive space. Activities this year included karaoke, Ready Steady Cook, a bonfire-themed evening, an escape room, sports hall sessions at Bucklers Mead, and a Christmas party.

Momentum Plus was also launched for those aged 15 and over, providing a monthly setting for deeper conversations around life and faith as a teenager. This has been greatly valued by those attending.

Our teenagers once again attended the Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland national DTI (Dreaming the Impossible) festival. This continues to be a powerful environment where young people encounter God and return home with a stronger sense of identity, calling, and love for Him.

Young people are also increasingly involved in serving the wider church and community, including within the worship team, audio-visual team, and catering. Through this, they are developing their gifts, growing in faith, and learning to serve others.

Core Groups remain central to the life of Yeovil Vineyard. Three groups continue to meet, offering safe and supportive spaces for people to share life together, encourage one another in faith, provide practical support, pray, and study the Bible. Group content focuses on community, growth in gifting, relationship with God and others, and encountering God's presence.

Papa's Pantry continues to be a vital ministry, supported by generous and regular giving. It provides short-term assistance to individuals and families experiencing financial difficulty, which can arise for many reasons. This support has made a meaningful difference, and with the valuable contribution of Dee Grimstone, we have been able to offer wider help where financial hardship is accompanied by other life challenges, including practical support such as cleaning, gardening, and emotional support.

In the autumn, we launched Papa's Parcels, delivering Christmas hampers filled with food and gifts to Preston Primary School and the Yeovil CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Centre, supporting local families in need during the festive season.

The trustee membership remains unchanged, and the search for additional trustees continues.

Following the resignation of the Worship and Operations Pastor in 2023/24, our Senior Pastors were employed in 2024: Nicola Baker on a permanent three-day-per-week contract, and Tim Baker on a one-year fixed-term two-day-per-week contract.

Unrestricted financial giving increased by 14% compared with 2023/24. Unrestricted reserves are now above the target level, placing the church in a stronger position to explore future options around buildings and space.

c. Other News

The leadership team would like to thank all the individuals who have been serving over the last year to develop and facilitate our gatherings as we grow a community to Love God, Love People and Transform the World.