

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

England & Wales · Charity number 1140722

Details

Other names BRIDGEND PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTRE

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [07353864](#)

Registered 2011-03-08

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH SET OUT IN THE SCHEDULE TO THESE ARTICLES IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE :2.1.1 THE PROVISION FOR AND ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT OF MISSIONARIES AND CHRISTIAN WORKERS IN GREAT BRITAIN AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD;2.1.2 PUBLISHING, PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE BIBLE AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE;2.1.3 ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIBRARY OF RECORDED MATERIAL ON CHRISTIAN SUBJECTS AND THE CIRCULATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE SAME;2.1.4 THE ORGANISATION OF CHRISTIAN MEETINGS, WORSHIP AND OUTREACHES.2.1.5 RELIEF OF PEOPLE IN POVERTY OR SPECIAL NEED.2.1.6 FURTHERANCE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BY THE PROVISION OF ESTABLISHMENTS AND FACILITIES FOR THE SAME.

Activities: Vine Christian Centre operates as a local Church in Bridgend, South Wales. The core Church activities include weekly Sunday worship services, house groups, regular age appropriated meetings (Parent & Toddlers, Sunday School, Youth Group etc), and also special conferences and seasonal events. The Charity also operates a Christian bookshop and facilitates a help centre.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bridgend

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£276,541	£189,096	-	-
2024-03-31	£276,541	£189,096	-	-
2023-03-31	£254,620	£218,449	-	-
2022-03-31	£238,066	£201,630	-	-
2021-03-31	£233,985	£193,231	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALEX ASHTON	Chair	
Helen Elizabeth Pettey		2022-08-09
Lance Robert Hill		2017-03-31

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Accounts

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
FOR
VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

Graham Paul Limited
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VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, its articles of association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The company is governed by its articles of association as adopted on 21 July 2010, as amended by special resolution registered at Companies House on 2 November 2011 as amended by special resolution(s) dated 12 July 2015

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustee board regularly reviews the skill set makeup of the board to ensure that the needs of the charity are adequately catered for.

Trustees are recruited from within the membership of the Vine Christian Centre and must be regular in their attendance and a financial partner with the charity. The Chair would propose to the full trustee body a particular individual and they would be discussed and agreed upon. The Chair would seek to bring the trustee body to a unanimous position, however, if this was not possible, the trustees would vote on the proposed candidate.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07353864 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1140722

Registered office

The Vine Christian Centre
Australian Centre
Bridgend, CF31 1LY

Trustees

Mr A M Ashton
Mrs A K Hinchey
Mr L R Hill
Mrs H E Pettey

The Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the board of trustees is A M Ashton.

Independent Examiner

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Introduction

On behalf of the Church Trustees, I am delighted to introduce our Annual Report for the year April 2023 to March 2024. The first part of the report comprises a legal review and the second part is an overview of Church activity in the year.

As I reflect on the last year the church has started to move forward, has started to see growth and we have seen a new senior leadership team established. There has been growth in Sparklers, Kingdom Kids and Breakthrough Youth. We organised a very fruitful festival into Wildmill and we continue to place an emphasis on mission throughout the church. We have seen many new people come and there is an excitement about what God is going to do amongst us.

As we look ahead, I believe that God has given us a door for effective work that has opened to us. Let us move forward together to see His Kingdom come and His will being done. We have a God who is faithful to the things that He has promised us.



Every blessing

Pastor Alex Ashton
Chair, Trustees

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

We are pleased to present the report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Objects of the Vine Christian Centre

The objects of the Vine Christian Centre are the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith set out in the schedule to these Articles in particular but not exclusively by the:

- 2.1.1 The provision for and assistance and support of missionaries and Christian workers in Great Britain and throughout the World.
- 2.1.2. Publishing, printing and distribution of the Bible and Christian literature.
- 2.1.3. Establishment of a library of recorded material on Christian subjects and the circulation and distribution of the same.
- 2.1.4. The organisation of Christian meetings, worship, and outreaches.
- 2.1.5. Relief of people in poverty or special need.
- 2.1.6. Furtherance of Christian education by the provision of establishments and facilities for the same.

In setting the objectives and planning the activities the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit and believe that they satisfy those requirements.

Governance and internal control

The Trustees oversee the legal and financial running of the Vine Christian Centre. The spiritual work and life of the Church is overseen by the Pastors, aided by Elders. The Trustees work closely with the Pastors and the staff who run the church office on a day-to-day basis.

The Trustees meet at least three times a year and have regular additional contact through other meetings as necessary. All Trustees attended all meetings in line with the following schedule:

Meeting Date	Pastor A Ashton	Mr L Hill	Mrs H Pettey	Mrs A Hinchey
04.07.23	Y	Y	Y	Y
12.09.23	Y	Y	Y	Y
06.12.23	Y	Y	Y	Y
18.12.23	Y	Y	Y	Y
05.03.24	Y	Y	Y	Y

Risk

The Trustees take risk seriously and all major insurable risks are subject to normal Churches' and Employers' insurance. All contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into, to ensure that they could not significantly impact upon the ability to fulfil the objectives.

Appropriate professional reviews of the building structure, condition, and compliance with relevant legislation, have been undertaken in the recent past, and the Trustees are compiling a robust schedule that will focus on the continued viability of the fabric of the building, both to serve those that attend and to mitigate loss or damage to the structure.

Staff

The Trustees are clear that the staff are one of the organisation's greatest assets. In ensuring that staff are appropriately remunerated the Vine Christian Centre has chosen to sign up to the Joseph Rowntree Real Living Wage and so no member of staff is paid less than this.



The buildings



As highlighted by several professional reports as referred to above, the Trustees are aware that the building remains in need of substantial investment. A schedule is in development that will guide the phased work to maintain and improvement the buildings over the coming years. Appropriate priority will be given to those improvements that mitigate risk to people or property. It is the intention of the Trustees to use much of the operational surplus to invest in the fabric

of the building, and the Trustees do not have current plans to raise capital using a legal charge over the property.

Financial News

Income generation

The Vine Christian Centre is dependent on the generosity of the congregation for the majority of its income. Many individuals practice tithing and as a consequence income from offerings tend to be constant and steady throughout the year. During the financial year tithes and offerings increased by around 8.5 %. Expenditure reduced by 13% which was primarily due to a 26% reduction in wage costs.

Reserves

The Trustees have maintained a policy on reserves so that in the event of some adverse or unforeseen circumstances, there would always be sufficient reserves available to meet core objectives and contracts. The level of reserves is not set as a specific formula, the Trustees estimate the level of reserves to cover such events to be around £30,000.

Grant making policy

The Trustee's policy is to tithe (i.e., give away) at least 10% of its income to external organisations and individuals who are working toward the same aims and charitable objectives as the Vine Christian Centre.

Review of the Year 2023 - 2024

The Vision of the Church

The vision of the church is to build a House of Love so that there is a visible demonstration of the Agape love of God revealed through God's church to the community of Bridgend and the nation of Wales.

The Bible is central to the church's teaching and beliefs.

In accordance with Romans 1:18 *"The righteous shall live by faith"* and John 13:34 *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another"* there is a strong emphasis on walking by faith through love.

We are building a "HOUSE of LOVE" in three directions: -

- We love **UPWARD** toward the Father and seek to fulfil the greatest commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind.
- We love **WITHIN** towards our church family here in the Vine by seeking to fulfil Jesus' commandment to the church "as I have loved you, you also are to love one another".
- We love **OUTWARDLY** towards our community and therefore seek to fulfil the commandment to "love our neighbour as our self."

The review of 2023/24 which follows highlights the activities of the Church in the 12-month period in each of the areas above

Building a “HOUSE of LOVE” - UPWARDS

We love **UPWARD** toward the Father and seek to fulfil the greatest commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind.

As we look to love the Father the two main areas of church activity are prayer and worship.

Prayer

Coming together to pray is an important aspect of the life of the church family. When the church comes together to pray, God speaks, mountains move, and prison doors open. We see this demonstrated in Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit fell on the church, Acts 4 when the building they were in was shaken, Acts 12 when Peter was rescued from prison by Angels and Acts 13 when Paul and Barnabas were set apart for their missionary work.

Prayer Week

Prayer week is a time of focused prayer in January. A prayer diary was produced for everyone, and we met as a church family 8 times across the week.

This year the church focused on the words of Jesus *“Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”* **Matthew 6v10**. There was a separate prayer focus for each day;

Sunday	Prepare your heart
Monday	Spiritual Unity
Tuesday	Go into all the world
Wednesday	God amongst His people
Thursday	Your Kingdom come
Friday	Vine to a vineyard.
Saturday	Fresh revelation



Prophetic words

At the beginning of October Alex remarked that the Lord was saying as we have two pregnant women in the worship team getting ready to give birth the Lord was going to birth something new in the church. Then on the 15th October both babies were born on the same day.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

During prayer week we invited a number of prophetic voices to speak into the church. The following words were received:

- I the Lord am taking you in a very specific direction and as you obey the voice of the Lord your God and take that even **left turn**, as He leads you down the path it is almost as if you are going downhill and turning to the left, the Lord himself is taking you down a different way and He is doing it so that you may have a very specific encounter with Him. **Richard Steadman**
- The Lord will do a new thing among us and we will experience the sound of heaven. Those who have forsaken the house will return. I will move by my Spirit and you will minister in a new Authority. **David Glave**
- We are in a season of preparation for change that is coming. A next wave of something is going to hit that will affect normal life in some way and it won't be easy. We have a year or two to get ready. **Isaiah 54v1-3** The Lord wants to change us from a Vine to a vineyard. Strengthen the stakes. God will add more tent pegs. Everyone has a part to play. Prophetic sign of a tent peg - **David Chadwick**
- Isaiah 54v1-3. Sing O barren women your barrenness is no more
We are here for a purpose so now enlarge yourself, extend the tent. Prophetic sign of Tent pegs – enlarge your tent - **Geoff Waggot**

The Prayer Chain

The prayer chain was set up to respond to crisis and emergencies that require prayer. This confidential service is activated by a phone call to the office. The requests are then given to the team leader who in turn passes them, and any updates on via phone, text, or e-mail down the chain.

The chain enables a team to quickly and collectively pray for any needs that arise, both within the church and outside. Examples of requests received this year are personal healings, breakthroughs in personal or family circumstances, and healings for others including relations, friends, and colleagues.

The hour of Prayer

“The Hour of Prayer” is an in person gathering to pray and worship together. This meeting is the middle of every month and provides a focused hour of corporate prayer. It provides an opportunity for the church family to gather together to pray for the church, the community and the nation

Worship

The Worship Team is led by Kelly Poole and it continues to make a major contribution throughout the church. The worship team serve the church and is involved in the regular meetings including Sunday gatherings, hour of prayer and encounter worship evenings as well as any special events.



Events The Worship Team plays a significant role in the *'life of the church'* and all members of the team use their skills with passion and enthusiasm to serve the vision of the church. Throughout the year the

Worship Team have been involved in a varied number of events. The team is committed to excellence, and everyone gives so willingly of their time to ensure events run smoothly and to a high standard. The Sound Team continues to play an integral part of the Team and the commitment and effort shown throughout the year has been exemplary.

New sound and lighting system

In February a new digital sound system was installed replacing the old analogue system which was deemed to have come to the end of its natural life. Along side the new sound system a new lighting system was installed. The installation has provided a significant upgrade to the church's technological, musical and lighting facilities.

Building a “HOUSE of LOVE” - WITHIN

We love **WITHIN** towards our church family here in the Vine by seeking to fulfil Jesus’ commandment to the church “*as I have loved you, you also are to love one another*”. We have sought to invest in, and love, our church family in several ways during the year some of which are mentioned below.

Pastoral Care

Throughout the year the church has sought to ensure people were pastorally supported. Pastoral support and prayer are provided by the pastors of the church and others as requested.

Sunday services

The Sunday 10.30am service is the focus of our gathered church family. It is a time to worship God and receive instruction, encouragement, and correction from God’s Word.

A full programme for years 2 to 18 is run during the Sunday service with approximately 30 volunteers helping in all the age groups

In House speakers

- Alex Ashton
- Peter Williams
- David Chadwick
- Tim Grist
- Ben Pottinger

Guest speakers

- Pastor Femi Ogunbanwo - North Wales
- Pastor John Bullock - Gateway Church Newcastle
- Pastor Peter Davies – Crewe
- Pastor Ian Andersen – Neath



Events directed at the Church family.

- Launch of Freedom in Christ - September 2023
- Christmas Choir – December 2023
- Prayer Week – January 2024.
- Easter Celebrations
- What on Earth am I hear for – teaching course with Rick Warren Feb 2023

Events directed ‘Outwards’ – details later in this report.

- The Wildmill Festival – August 2023.
- A Wildmill Christmas – seasonal outreach into the Wildmill estate – December 2023.
- Christmas outreach events utilising a cross section of the church – December 2023.

Youth Ministry

The Church believes strongly in investing in, encouraging and equipping future generations to do great things for God. Therefore, a range of ministries continued to work with our young people throughout the year.

Breakthrough Youth 11-18 years

Breakthrough Fridays

Friday Night Youth - This meeting is aimed at Years 7-13 and met weekly from 7.00 to 9.00pm.

Breakthrough Sundays

Sunday Morning Youth - This meeting is aimed at Years 7-13 and takes place during the service after the offering when traditionally all minors go to their respective teaching groups.

Service Sunday

Members of Breakthrough Youth are able to sign up to a variety of ministry areas, where they serve on the last Sunday of each month. This is known as ‘Service Sunday.’

Ministry areas include: Kingdom Kids, Sparklers, Teas and Coffees, Ushering, Welcome Team, Worship Team, Sound Team, and the Words team.

The idea is to give the opportunity for our young people to serve in a variety of ways, discover what they are good at, have a better idea about the church as a whole and build relationships with church members they might not normally encounter.

Dramarama Days

These drama days encourage young people to cultivate their dramatic gifting. They are usually run in half term and provide an opportunity for training, teaching, fellowship and fun. They also work towards building stronger relationships within our youth group.

Youth Band

In August Youth Band was relaunched with the aim of cultivating our next generation of musicians. Claire and Kelly led the sessions and they culminated in the Youth leading the worship during the family service at Christmas.



Kingdom Kids 5-11 years

This group is for children in Reception to Year 6 (typically 4 – 11 year olds) and is led by Helen Pettey and her team

In October 2023, the team ran a Narnia Party as an alternative Halloween event. The event provided a safe, scare-free, and fun-filled environment for children – churched or unchurched – to come to and to also hear a relevant bible lesson.

The Kingdom Kids children and team were able to put together a fun Christmas presentation for the Church, which was enjoyed by all.



Sparklers

This group is for children aged between 2-5 years old.

Sparklers continued

Jane Ashton has overall lead for crèche and called it 'Sparklers' – the aim being that each child can shine for Jesus from a young age.

Currently one year olds to children starting Reception are accepted. A team of volunteers have stepped up and four leaders including Jane teach each month with two supporting staff. The team have been very accommodating and supportive particularly through Covid spikes. Sparklers has grown in numbers over the year which is very encouraging.

Small Groups

Small discipleship groups ran in the church until the summer holidays looking at the book of ACTS using the IVP study book by Phyllis Le Peau. They met fortnightly and provide discussion, fellowship, and pastoral support for people within the church.

Freedom in Christ

In September the church launched the freedom in Christ course and everyone was encouraged to attend. This was run throughout the Autumn and approximately 50 persons attended. The course was well received and many people were spiritually impacted by what they learnt. It is intended to run the course every other year and encourage every person to attend it at least once.

Tuesday Church

In January Tuesday church was launched. The focus was on the vision of the church and in particular The seven foundations of the house of love that are listed below.

1. **Worship** - We live to worship and honour God and seek to encounter His presence in our gatherings.
2. **Family** - We desire to create a safe, loving and welcoming community for people of all ages and backgrounds to belong.
3. **Mission** - We are intentional about sharing the good news of Jesus locally, nationally and internationally.
4. **Faith** - We believe the Bible is the Word of God and we teach people to live by faith.
5. **Discipleship** - We equip believers to become followers of Jesus, and seek to build up the body of Christ to do His work.
6. **Gifts of the Spirit** - We believe that all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are available to us today and we expect to see people healed and made whole by the power of God.
7. **Resourcing** - We believe in the goodness and abundance of Father God. We are blessed so that we can be a blessing and seek to resource others to extend the Kingdom of God.

New life

During the year 2 adults and 2 children became part of the membership of the church.

We also held one baptism service during the year. There were 6 baptised in January 2024.

Building a “HOUSE of LOVE” – OUTWARDS

We love **OUTWARDLY** towards our community and therefore seek to fulfil the commandment to “love our neighbour as our self.” The church seeks to be missional in its outlook and activities, endeavouring to reach the world with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Church members are encouraged and challenged to reach people in their own sphere of relationships with the love and message of Jesus. This is seen to be the responsibility of everyone within the church not just a select few.

In addition to this the Church reaches out to people and communities locally, nationally, and internationally as the Lord provides us opportunities. At the heart of our community outreach are the commandments of Jesus to love our neighbour and to go into the world and preach the Gospel. We do this through sharing both the message of the gospel as well as practical help and support that is rooted in the good news of Jesus.

Sharing the message of the gospel

The Wildmill Festival

Wildmill is a local housing estate known for being an area of deprivation (Ranked 118 out of 1,909 local areas in Wales and is currently in the 10% most deprived areas in Wales – *Welsh index of Multiple deprivation (WIMD) 2019*). It is approximately 15 minutes’ walk from the church building. In August 2023 the Church organised its second three-day festival in Wildmill to both increase its presence within the estate and to bless the people of the community. This year we partnered with Litchard Mission.

The following events were run either out of the Wildmill Community Life Centre or the Vine Christian Centre:

- Monday - Craft Day
- Tuesday - Fun day
- Wednesday - Musical Theatre

In addition the church was able to bless 25 families with food hampers. These individuals were either nominated by key community individuals or were people met by team members.

All the various events were well attended and the church’s reputation within the community has continued to positively increase.

Christmas outreach events

During December we held four separate outreaches; A Carol service, a Christmas family service, a candle light communion service on the 24th and a Christmas in Wildmill event.

Activities across the Christmas season included:

- A Sunday morning family service where selection boxes were given out to every child in attendance. This was mirrored in the evening to ensure everyone could attend at least one service.
- A Carol service on the Sunday before Christmas
- A Christmas event in the Wildmill Community Life Centre where selection boxes were given to every child. The event was very well attended, and the numbers of selection boxes needed was under estimated. More selection boxes needed to be bought during the event to ensure there were enough to go around.
- A Christmas Eve communion service by candlelight.
- A supermarket voucher programme was organised through the church hands of compassion ministry to help families in greatest need within the church family.



Providing Practical Care and Support

Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre

The Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre [www.bridgendpcc.org] continued to support women in crisis.

Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre continued

The virtual office telephone system offers a full service as all calls to the number are transferred to a mobile so that the person can be spoken to at any time by mutual appointment – a service which clients have really appreciated. The Centre also operates out of Hartshorn House in Maesteg.

The Centre counsellors provide support for women and their families in dealing with an unexpected pregnancy, abortion, post abortion, miscarriage and still birth. All counsellors are fully trained and specialise in pregnancy crisis issues, aiming to provide accurate information with short or long-term support and counselling that is client led.

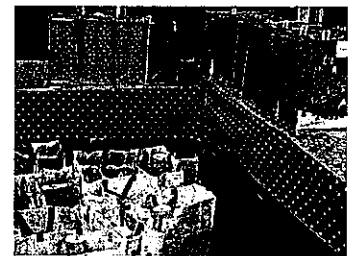


Hands of Compassion

The Church demonstrates practical love to people through the Hands of Compassion fund with the giving of benevolent gifts and food hampers in times of crisis. During the Christmas season the Church partnered with Llamau [www.llamau.org.uk] by providing hampers for their hostels and their residents within the Bridgend County.



Donations of food and money are made by church members and are supplemented by Pound for the Kingdom collections. This has enabled the church to support those in need with hampers and supermarket vouchers.



Supporting Other Ministries

Tithe of the Tithe and Pound for the Kingdom

The Church believes in tithing and practices what it preaches through the Tithe of the Tithe. This means that 10% of church income is given to organisations and ministries in furtherance of causes which complement and supplement the Church's vision and activities.

Tithe of the Tithe and Pound for the Kingdom continued

The money is also added to by monthly collections from the congregation called Pound for the Kingdom.

During the year 2023/ 24 the following ministries were all supported:

- Love Wales Evangelism. [www.lovwales.org.uk]
- Christians Against Poverty. [www.capuk.org]
- Street Lights. (supporting women out of prostitution). [www.streetlight.co.uk]
- Message Wales. [www.message.org.uk]
- SAT-7 Christian TV. [www.sat7.org]
- Housing Justice Cymru. [www.housingjustice.org.uk]
- Elam Ministries. [www.elam.com]

In addition to the above ministries the church has well established relationships with several ministries that have been supported over the years, including during 2023/24.

These include:

The Christian Institute

The Christian Institute [www.christian.org.uk] is a British registered charity and Christian pressure group run by Colin Hart. They promote a conservative Christian viewpoint, founded on a belief in Biblical inerrancy. The Christian Institute exists for *'the furtherance and promotion of the Christian religion in the United Kingdom'* and *'the advancement of education'*.



Liz Hughes



Liz is a Ministry team leader in World Horizons UK [www.worldhorizons.co.uk] and a member of the Vine Christian Centre. She leads a team of Base Support workers who support workers trained and sent out from the UK. This involves helping prepare colleagues before they leave for another nation, supporting them via e-mail and Skype® while they are there, and debriefing them when they come back as well as coordinating all the practical arrangements. They are the first point of contact in an emergency and liaise with the sending churches.

She is also a Pastoral Field Visitor for Southeast Asia and visit the teams there regularly. She is the prayer coordinator for the UK team and helps at Signpost and English Corner in Swansea which are outreaches to international students, workers, and refugees in the city.



Rob Burns



Rob leads Missional Links Wales [www.missionallinkswales.org.uk] whose purpose is to:

- encourage USA churches and Welsh churches to collaborate in mission across each Welsh county and across the nation in long term relationships.
- inspire Welsh churches to work together as a 'hub of transformation' to bring lasting spiritual transformation to their county.
- provide ongoing support, missional training and consultancy to Welsh and USA churches.



With evangelical Christianity at just 2% of the population of 3 million (*Source: Evangelical Alliance (Wales)*), Wales is a mission field in extreme need of strategic help and support from outside of its borders. Missional Links Wales seeks to support and initiate this process.

Open Doors

The church is a partner church with Open Doors, [www.opendoorsuk.org] an international ministry serving persecuted Christians and churches worldwide.

Open Doors support persecuted Christians with Bibles, Christian materials, training, livelihood skills, and advocacy - and in a whole host of other ways - so that they know they are not forgotten and can stand strong to serve their communities so that they can give life. They seek to mobilise the church in the UK & Ireland, not only to serve Christians living under religious persecution, but also to learn from them what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. In over 50 countries.



OpenDoors
Serving persecuted Christians worldwide

The church supports Open Doors financially, through prayer, participation in the International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church and Christmas card letter writing initiative to prisoners.



Sat7

Sat7 Television [www.sat7.org] supports the Christians of the Middle East and North Africa in their Christian witness and lives. The station beams the Good News of the Kingdom of God straight into people's homes, into the centre of family life. It delivers Christian media for the Middle East and North Africa.

Through the power of satellite television, a message of hope and love is shared directly into the lives of millions of people, every day. Their channels bypass strict government censorship and side-step the challenge of illiteracy. Viewers are drawn to the high-quality programming and a hope-filled view of the world.

Phil James – Trans world radio

Phil James has had a relationship with our church going back over 20 years during our time as a national book distributor. Phil is a missionary with Trans World Radio. Phil serves on their US Media Services as a Senior Account Executive.

Trans World Radio is the world's most far-reaching Christian radio network. Speaking fluently in more than 300 languages, TWR exists to reach the world for Jesus Christ. It's global media outreach engages millions in 190 countries with biblical truth, leading people from doubt to decision to discipleship.



Conclusion

As I reflect on the year there has been a steadily building spiritual momentum that has seen the church recover in size, strength and vitality. It has been especially encouraging to see the growth in all the children ministries and in particularly the growth of Breakthrough Youth.

The Church has been challenged by the prophetic words from prayer week in January. We were challenged to allow God to change us and to meet with us. When Geoff and David both spoke out of Isaiah 54v1-3 and both provided tent pegs as a prophetic sign it felt like God was speaking loudly to us.

The focusing of our mission towards the Wildmill estate continues to build relationships between our church and the local community. The church will continue to focus its evangelistic endeavours towards Wildmill in the years ahead.

There is still a need for the Holy Spirit to move through our church in a fresh way, to refresh, revive and encourage God's people. As we look ahead, I believe we need a greater focus on prayer as the things we are looking to see are not by might, nor by power but by the Spirit of God.

I want to end by thanking all those who have served, given, prayed, and encouraged Jane and myself. We appreciate and love you and look forward to all God is going to do in the years ahead.

Every Blessing

Alex

Pastor Alex Ashton

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Vine Christian Centre, Bridgend for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

Small company provisions

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption with regards this report which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This trustees report was approved by the board on 2nd December 2024 and signed on its behalf by


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A M Ashton
Trustee / Director / Chair

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Vine Christian Centre, Bridgend ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

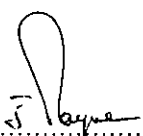
Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.


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J E Payne ACA

Graham Paul Limited
Court House
Court Road
Bridgend
CF31 1BE

Date: 3/12/2024

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		253,871	9,056	262,927	241,902
Other trading activities	2	3,030	-	3,030	3,684
Investment income	3	10,426	-	10,426	8,952
Other income		<u>158</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>82</u>
Total		<u>267,485</u>	<u>9,056</u>	<u>276,541</u>	<u>254,620</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	3,863	-	3,863	4,112
Charitable activities					
General Church Fund	5	174,024	9,952	183,976	212,933
Gates of Praise		-	-	-	87
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre		<u>1,257</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,257</u>	<u>1,317</u>
Total		<u>179,144</u>	<u>9,952</u>	<u>189,096</u>	<u>218,449</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	16	88,341 <u>(3,480)</u>	(896) <u>3,480</u>	87,445 <u>-</u>	36,171 <u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		84,861	2,584	87,445	36,171
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>686,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>686,477</u>	<u>650,306</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>771,338</u>	<u>2,584</u>	<u>773,922</u>	<u>686,477</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

During the course of this years accounts, some restricted income and expenditure relating to the previous year was identified that was not disclosed in last years accounts. As the amounts involved were not material to the accounts, the comparatives have not been amended to show them separately. This has had no impact on the overall fund position as there were no restricted funds brought forward at the start of the previous year or carried forward at the end of it.

The notes form part of these financial statements

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	606,653	-	606,653	569,304
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	12	288	-	288	-
Debtors	13	22,887	-	22,887	19,366
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>149,550</u>	<u>2,584</u>	<u>152,134</u>	<u>103,095</u>
		172,725	2,584	175,309	122,461
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(8,040)	-	(8,040)	(5,288)
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>164,685</u>	<u>2,584</u>	<u>167,269</u>	<u>117,173</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>771,338</u>	<u>2,584</u>	<u>773,922</u>	<u>686,477</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u><u>771,338</u></u>	<u><u>2,584</u></u>	<u><u>773,922</u></u>	<u><u>686,477</u></u>
FUNDS					
	16				
Unrestricted funds:					
General Church Fund				771,338	686,477
Restricted funds:					
New Building Fund				480	-
Open Doors				<u>2,104</u>	-
				<u>2,584</u>	-
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u><u>773,922</u></u>	<u><u>686,477</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2024

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

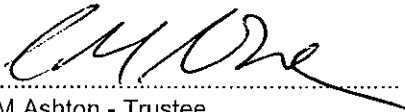
- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on

2nd December 2024

and were signed on its behalf by:



A M Ashton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies are recognised at the point of receipt with any associated gift aid recognised in the period the claim relates to.

Income from trading activities consists of income received in exchange for the supply of goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Investment income includes interest and rental income. Interest is recognised on receipt and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP.

Expenditure

Raising funds expenditure comprises costs incurred by the charity in relation to its income from trading activities and rental income.

Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its charitable aims, objectives and activities and those related to the provision of services for its beneficiaries.

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Support costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include governance costs consisting of accountancy, legal and professional fees. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes the original purchase price, plus any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for intended use.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on cost

Land is not depreciated.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of less than one year. It also includes some donated gold and silver coins, which as they are held as short term accessible charity funds and are readily realisable into cash, have been treated as current assets. They are carried at valuation with any change during the year going through the SOFA as gains or losses on revaluation.

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The key areas of judgement and estimates used in the preparation of the accounts are:

- allocation of income and expenditure to relevant funds
- the estimated useful life of fixed assets
- recoverability of debts

Going concern and material uncertainties

The trustees confirm that they see of no reason why the Charity should not be viewed as a Going Concern entity and consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charities' ability to continue as a going concern nor are there any material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Books and courses literature	1,263	468
Conferencing and events income	<u>1,767</u>	<u>3,216</u>
	<u>3,030</u>	<u>3,684</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Rents received	8,400	8,400
Bank interest received	<u>2,026</u>	<u>552</u>
	<u>10,426</u>	<u>8,952</u>

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Purchases	2,325	1,034
Bad debts	1,050	2,450
Bank and credit card charges	<u>488</u>	<u>628</u>
	<u>3,863</u>	<u>4,112</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
General Church Fund	139,743	32,199	12,034	183,976
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	<u>1,257</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,257</u>
	<u>141,000</u>	<u>32,199</u>	<u>12,034</u>	<u>185,233</u>

Comparatives for charitable activities costs

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Totals £
General Church Fund	171,824	36,939	4,170	212,933
Gates of Praise	-	87	-	87
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	<u>1,317</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,317</u>
	<u>173,141</u>	<u>37,026</u>	<u>4,170</u>	<u>214,337</u>

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
General Church Fund	32,199	36,939
Gates of Praise	<u>-</u>	<u>87</u>
	<u>32,199</u>	<u>37,026</u>

The total grants paid to individuals during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Missions	20,241	29,132
Hands of compassion	10,126	4,401
Ministry gifts	1,300	1,200
Other giving	<u>532</u>	<u>2,293</u>
	<u>32,199</u>	<u>37,026</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs
	£
General Church Fund	<u>12,034</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	General Church Fund	Total activities
	£	£
Accountancy fees	3,360	2,940
Bookkeeping	2,561	-
Legal and professional fees	413	1,230
Consultancy	<u>5,700</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>12,034</u>	<u>4,170</u>

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	18,215	14,116
Independent Examination fee	800	660
Independent Examiner - accounts	2,200	1,980
Independent Examiner - other services	<u>360</u>	<u>300</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	47,898	46,017
Trustees' social security	1,117	2,456
Trustees' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	<u>2,070</u>	<u>1,989</u>
	<u>51,085</u>	<u>50,462</u>

Trustees remuneration above relates to A M Ashton. This remuneration is paid to Mr Ashton for his role wholly as Chief Executive & Church Pastor and not for his role as a trustee of the charity.

Trustees' expenses

During the year the charity made payments to 1 (2023: 1) trustee totalling £517 (2023: £764) in respect of the reimbursement of expenses incurred wholly and exclusively for the purposes of charity activities.

Trustee expenses during the year related to travel and subsistence claims of £497 (2023: £461) and reimbursed costs of £20 (2023: £303).

The above expenses paid to Mr Ashton relate wholly to his role as Chief Executive & Church Pastor and not for his role as a trustee of the charity.

10. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	72,304	96,181
Social security costs	1,318	4,223
Other pension costs	<u>3,033</u>	<u>4,095</u>
	<u>76,655</u>	<u>104,499</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Vine Christian Centre	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2023: none).

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	689,772	26,771	716,543
Additions	-	55,564	55,564
At 31 March 2024	<u>689,772</u>	<u>82,335</u>	<u>772,107</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	127,254	19,985	147,239
Charge for year	12,876	5,339	18,215
At 31 March 2024	<u>140,130</u>	<u>25,324</u>	<u>165,454</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	<u>549,642</u>	<u>57,011</u>	<u>606,653</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>562,518</u>	<u>6,786</u>	<u>569,304</u>

12. STOCKS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Closing stock (course books)	<u>288</u>	<u>-</u>

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade debtors	300	530
Sundry debtors and prepayments	<u>22,587</u>	<u>18,836</u>
	<u>22,887</u>	<u>19,366</u>

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade creditors	341	-
Social security and other taxes	239	-
Sundry creditors and accruals	<u>7,460</u>	<u>5,288</u>
	<u>8,040</u>	<u>5,288</u>

15. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Within one year	3,080	3,080
Between one and five years	<u>2,303</u>	<u>5,382</u>
	<u>5,383</u>	<u>8,462</u>

Lease payments recognised as an expense during the year were £3,080 (2023: £2,218).

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23	Net movement	Transfers	At 31.3.24
	£	in funds	between	£
		£	funds	
			£	
Unrestricted funds				
General Church Fund	686,477	88,637	(3,776)	771,338
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	-	(296)	296	-
	<u>686,477</u>	<u>88,341</u>	<u>(3,480)</u>	<u>771,338</u>
Restricted funds				
New Building Fund	-	480	-	480
Compassion UK	-	(58)	58	-
Hands Of Compassion	-	(2,215)	2,215	-
Open Doors	-	2,104	-	2,104
Pound For The Kingdom	-	(1,207)	1,207	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>(896)</u>	<u>3,480</u>	<u>2,584</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>686,477</u>	<u>87,445</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>773,922</u>

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Church Fund	266,464	(177,827)	88,637
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	<u>1,021</u>	<u>(1,317)</u>	<u>(296)</u>
	267,485	(179,144)	88,341
Restricted funds			
New Building Fund	480	-	480
Compassion UK	278	(336)	(58)
Hands Of Compassion	2,848	(5,063)	(2,215)
Open Doors	2,104	-	2,104
Pound For The Kingdom	<u>3,346</u>	<u>(4,553)</u>	<u>(1,207)</u>
	<u>9,056</u>	<u>(9,952)</u>	<u>(896)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>276,541</u>	<u>(189,096)</u>	<u>87,445</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Church Fund	600,306	36,183	49,988	686,477
Gates of Praise	-	316	(316)	-
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	-	(328)	328	-
Church Building Repair Fund	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>650,306</u>	<u>36,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>686,477</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>650,306</u>	<u>36,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>686,477</u>

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Church Fund	253,108	(216,925)	36,183
Gates of Praise	468	(152)	316
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	<u>1,044</u>	<u>(1,372)</u>	<u>(328)</u>
	<u>254,620</u>	<u>(218,449)</u>	<u>36,171</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>254,620</u>	<u>(218,449)</u>	<u>36,171</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Church Fund	600,306	124,820	46,212	771,338
Gates of Praise	-	316	(316)	-
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	-	(624)	624	-
Church Building Repair Fund	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	650,306	124,512	(3,480)	771,338
Restricted funds				
New Building Fund	-	480	-	480
Compassion UK	-	(58)	58	-
Hands Of Compassion	-	(2,215)	2,215	-
Open Doors	-	2,104	-	2,104
Pound For The Kingdom	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,207)</u>	<u>1,207</u>	<u>-</u>
	-	(896)	3,480	2,584
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>650,306</u>	<u>123,616</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>773,922</u>

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Church Fund	519,572	(394,752)	124,820
Gates of Praise	468	(152)	316
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	<u>2,065</u>	<u>(2,689)</u>	<u>(624)</u>
	522,105	(397,593)	124,512
Restricted funds			
New Building Fund	480	-	480
Compassion UK	278	(336)	(58)
Hands Of Compassion	2,848	(5,063)	(2,215)
Open Doors	2,104	-	2,104
Pound For The Kingdom	<u>3,346</u>	<u>(4,553)</u>	<u>(1,207)</u>
	<u>9,056</u>	<u>(9,952)</u>	<u>(896)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>531,161</u>	<u>(407,545)</u>	<u>123,616</u>

The purposes of the funds listed above are as follows:

Unrestricted:

General Church Fund - This fund comprises of income and expenditure related to the general activities and related running costs of the charity.

Gates of Praise - This fund comprises shop income and expenditure which ceased in the previous year. Any surplus or deficit is transferred to the general church fund at the period end.

Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre - This fund provides support and counselling for women and their families in unexpected pregnancy, post abortion, miscarriage and following baby loss. Any surplus or deficit is transferred to the general church fund at the period end

Church Building Repair Fund - This fund was designated for the purposes of significant repairs and improvements work required to be carried out on the church building. The works works related to this fund were carried out and completed during the previous year.

Restricted:

New Building Fund - This fund comprises of income and expenditure related to the planned future extension of the current church building.

Compassion UK - This fund provides support relating to the sponsorship of a child in the third word. Any deficit on this fund at the period end is covered by general church funds transfer.

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Hands Of Compassion - This fund provides help and support to people in financial need. Any deficit on this fund at the period end is covered by general church funds transfer.

Open Doors - This fund provides support to the persecuted church.

Pound For The Kingdom - This fund collects income for and redistributes to other organisations. Any deficit on this fund at the period end is covered by general church funds transfer.

17. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution pension plan for its employees. The amount recognised as an expense in the period was £3,033 (2023: £4,095).

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year, the charity received donations totalling £43,056 from 4 trustees (2023: £43,450 from 4 trustees).

Please refer to note 9 for trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses.

19. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £1) to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while he or she is a member, or within twelve months after he or she ceases to be a member

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and offerings	208,747	206,608
Gift aid	<u>54,180</u>	<u>35,294</u>
	262,927	241,902
Other trading activities		
Books and courses literature	1,263	468
Conferencing and events income	<u>1,767</u>	<u>3,216</u>
	3,030	3,684
Investment income		
Rents received	8,400	8,400
Bank interest received	<u>2,026</u>	<u>552</u>
	10,426	8,952
Other income		
Sundry income	<u>158</u>	<u>82</u>
Total incoming resources	276,541	254,620
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Books and courses costs	2,613	34
Stock movement (course books)	(288)	1,000
Bad debts	1,050	2,450
Bank and credit card charges	<u>488</u>	<u>628</u>
	3,863	4,112
Charitable activities		
Trustees' salaries	47,898	46,017
Trustees' social security	1,117	2,456
Trustees' pension contributions	2,070	1,989
Wages	24,406	50,164
Social security	201	1,767
Pensions	963	2,106
Rates and water	1,616	870
Carried forward	78,271	105,369

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VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	78,271	105,369
Insurance	6,388	6,033
Light and heat	7,601	6,919
Telephone	3,167	3,456
Postage and stationery	2,529	3,875
Advertising	80	260
Travelling expenses	1,717	1,059
Refreshments and meals	2,785	2,002
Accommodation	497	149
Subscriptions	120	120
Music, PA & lighting	816	955
Licensing	1,519	1,294
Resource and training costs	1,117	1,318
Events	3,435	3,944
Catering costs	2,479	2,445
Equipment hire	410	934
Venue hire and rental	426	2,583
Repairs and renewals	9,428	16,311
Freehold property	12,876	11,786
Fixtures and fittings	5,339	2,329
Grants to individuals	<u>32,199</u>	<u>37,026</u>
	173,199	210,167
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	3,360	2,940
Bookkeeping	2,561	-
Legal and professional fees	413	1,230
Consultancy	<u>5,700</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>12,034</u>	<u>4,170</u>
Total resources expended	<u>189,096</u>	<u>218,449</u>
Net income	<u>87,445</u>	<u>36,171</u>

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VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

England & Wales - Charity number 1140722

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07353864 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1140722

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
FOR
VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

Graham Paul Limited
Court House
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Bridgend
CF31 1BE

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, its articles of association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The company is governed by its articles of association as adopted on 21 July 2010, as amended by special resolution registered at Companies House on 2 November 2011 as amended by special resolution(s) dated 12 July 2015

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustee board regularly reviews the skill set makeup of the board to ensure that the needs of the charity are adequately catered for.

Trustees are recruited from within the membership of the Vine Christian Centre and must be regular in their attendance and a financial partner with the charity. The Chair would propose to the full trustee body a particular individual and they would be discussed and agreed upon. The Chair would seek to bring the trustee body to a unanimous position, however, if this was not possible, the trustees would vote on the proposed candidate.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07353864 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1140722

Registered office

The Vine Christian Centre
Australian Centre
Bridgend, CF31 1LY

Trustees

Mr A M Ashton
Mrs A K Hinchey
Mr L R Hill
Mrs H E Pettey

The Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the board of trustees is A M Ashton.

Independent Examiner

Graham Paul Limited
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Introduction

On behalf of the Church Trustees, I am delighted to introduce our Annual Report for the year April 2023 to March 2024. The first part of the report comprises a legal review and the second part is an overview of Church activity in the year.

As I reflect on the last year the church has started to move forward, has started to see growth and we have seen a new senior leadership team established. There has been growth in Sparklers, Kingdom Kids and Breakthrough Youth. We organised a very fruitful festival into Wildmill and we continue to place an emphasis on mission throughout the church. We have seen many new people come and there is an excitement about what God is going to do amongst us.

As we look ahead, I believe that God has given us a door for effective work that has opened to us. Let us move forward together to see His Kingdom come and His will being done. We have a God who is faithful to the things that He has promised us.



Every blessing

Pastor Alex Ashton
Chair, Trustees

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

We are pleased to present the report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Objects of the Vine Christian Centre

The objects of the Vine Christian Centre are the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith set out in the schedule to these Articles in particular but not exclusively by the:

- 2.1.1 The provision for and assistance and support of missionaries and Christian workers in Great Britain and throughout the World.
- 2.1.2. Publishing, printing and distribution of the Bible and Christian literature.
- 2.1.3. Establishment of a library of recorded material on Christian subjects and the circulation and distribution of the same.
- 2.1.4. The organisation of Christian meetings, worship, and outreaches.
- 2.1.5. Relief of people in poverty or special need.
- 2.1.6. Furtherance of Christian education by the provision of establishments and facilities for the same.

In setting the objectives and planning the activities the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit and believe that they satisfy those requirements.

Governance and internal control

The Trustees oversee the legal and financial running of the Vine Christian Centre. The spiritual work and life of the Church is overseen by the Pastors, aided by Elders. The Trustees work closely with the Pastors and the staff who run the church office on a day-to-day basis.

The Trustees meet at least three times a year and have regular additional contact through other meetings as necessary. All Trustees attended all meetings in line with the following schedule:

Meeting Date	Pastor A Ashton	Mr L Hill	Mrs H Pettey	Mrs A Hinchey
04.07.23	Y	Y	Y	Y
12.09.23	Y	Y	Y	Y
06.12.23	Y	Y	Y	Y
18.12.23	Y	Y	Y	Y
05.03.24	Y	Y	Y	Y

Risk

The Trustees take risk seriously and all major insurable risks are subject to normal Churches' and Employers' insurance. All contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into, to ensure that they could not significantly impact upon the ability to fulfil the objectives.

Appropriate professional reviews of the building structure, condition, and compliance with relevant legislation, have been undertaken in the recent past, and the Trustees are compiling a robust schedule that will focus on the continued viability of the fabric of the building, both to serve those that attend and to mitigate loss or damage to the structure.

Staff

The Trustees are clear that the staff are one of the organisation's greatest assets. In ensuring that staff are appropriately remunerated the Vine Christian Centre has chosen to sign up to the Joseph Rowntree Real Living Wage and so no member of staff is paid less than this.



The buildings



As highlighted by several professional reports as referred to above, the Trustees are aware that the building remains in need of substantial investment. A schedule is in development that will guide the phased work to maintain and improvement the buildings over the coming years. Appropriate priority will be given to those improvements that mitigate risk to people or property. It is the intention of the Trustees to use much of the operational surplus to invest in the fabric

of the building, and the Trustees do not have current plans to raise capital using a legal charge over the property.

Financial News

Income generation

The Vine Christian Centre is dependent on the generosity of the congregation for the majority of its income. Many individuals practice tithing and as a consequence income from offerings tend to be constant and steady throughout the year. During the financial year tithes and offerings increased by around 8.5 %. Expenditure reduced by 13% which was primarily due to a 26% reduction in wage costs.

Reserves

The Trustees have maintained a policy on reserves so that in the event of some adverse or unforeseen circumstances, there would always be sufficient reserves available to meet core objectives and contracts. The level of reserves is not set as a specific formula, the Trustees estimate the level of reserves to cover such events to be around £30,000.

Grant making policy

The Trustee's policy is to tithe (i.e., give away) at least 10% of its income to external organisations and individuals who are working toward the same aims and charitable objectives as the Vine Christian Centre.

Review of the Year 2023 - 2024

The Vision of the Church

The vision of the church is to build a House of Love so that there is a visible demonstration of the Agape love of God revealed through God's church to the community of Bridgend and the nation of Wales.

The Bible is central to the church's teaching and beliefs.

In accordance with Romans 1:18 *"The righteous shall live by faith"* and John 13:34 *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another"* there is a strong emphasis on walking by faith through love.

We are building a "HOUSE of LOVE" in three directions: -

- We love **UPWARD** toward the Father and seek to fulfil the greatest commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind.
- We love **WITHIN** towards our church family here in the Vine by seeking to fulfil Jesus' commandment to the church "as I have loved you, you also are to love one another".
- We love **OUTWARDLY** towards our community and therefore seek to fulfil the commandment to "love our neighbour as our self."

The review of 2023/24 which follows highlights the activities of the Church in the 12-month period in each of the areas above

Building a “HOUSE of LOVE” - UPWARDS

We love **UPWARD** toward the Father and seek to fulfil the greatest commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind.

As we look to love the Father the two main areas of church activity are prayer and worship.

Prayer

Coming together to pray is an important aspect of the life of the church family. When the church comes together to pray, God speaks, mountains move, and prison doors open. We see this demonstrated in Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit fell on the church, Acts 4 when the building they were in was shaken, Acts 12 when Peter was rescued from prison by Angels and Acts 13 when Paul and Barnabas were set apart for their missionary work.

Prayer Week

Prayer week is a time of focused prayer in January. A prayer diary was produced for everyone, and we met as a church family 8 times across the week.

This year the church focused on the words of Jesus *“Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”* **Matthew 6v10**. There was a separate prayer focus for each day;

Sunday	Prepare your heart
Monday	Spiritual Unity
Tuesday	Go into all the world
Wednesday	God amongst His people
Thursday	Your Kingdom come
Friday	Vine to a vineyard.
Saturday	Fresh revelation



Prophetic words

At the beginning of October Alex remarked that the Lord was saying as we have two pregnant women in the worship team getting ready to give birth the Lord was going to birth something new in the church. Then on the 15th October both babies were born on the same day.

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

During prayer week we invited a number of prophetic voices to speak into the church. The following words were received:

- I the Lord am taking you in a very specific direction and as you obey the voice of the Lord your God and take that even **left turn**, as He leads you down the path it is almost as if you are going downhill and turning to the left, the Lord himself is taking you down a different way and He is doing it so that you may have a very specific encounter with Him. **Richard Steadman**
- The Lord will do a new thing among us and we will experience the sound of heaven. Those who have forsaken the house will return. I will move by my Spirit and you will minister in a new Authority. **David Glave**
- We are in a season of preparation for change that is coming. A next wave of something is going to hit that will affect normal life in some way and it won't be easy. We have a year or two to get ready. **Isaiah 54v1-3** The Lord wants to change us from a Vine to a vineyard. Strengthen the stakes. God will add more tent pegs. Everyone has a part to play. Prophetic sign of a tent peg - **David Chadwick**
- Isaiah 54v1-3. Sing O barren women your barrenness is no more
We are here for a purpose so now enlarge yourself, extend the tent. Prophetic sign of Tent pegs – enlarge your tent - **Geoff Waggot**

The Prayer Chain

The prayer chain was set up to respond to crisis and emergencies that require prayer. This confidential service is activated by a phone call to the office. The requests are then given to the team leader who in turn passes them, and any updates on via phone, text, or e-mail down the chain.

The chain enables a team to quickly and collectively pray for any needs that arise, both within the church and outside. Examples of requests received this year are personal healings, breakthroughs in personal or family circumstances, and healings for others including relations, friends, and colleagues.

The hour of Prayer

“The Hour of Prayer” is an in person gathering to pray and worship together. This meeting is the middle of every month and provides a focused hour of corporate prayer. It provides an opportunity for the church family to gather together to pray for the church, the community and the nation

Worship

The Worship Team is led by Kelly Poole and it continues to make a major contribution throughout the church. The worship team serve the church and is involved in the regular meetings including Sunday gatherings, hour of prayer and encounter worship evenings as well as any special events.



Events The Worship Team plays a significant role in the *'life of the church'* and all members of the team use their skills with passion and enthusiasm to serve the vision of the church. Throughout the year the

Worship Team have been involved in a varied number of events. The team is committed to excellence, and everyone gives so willingly of their time to ensure events run smoothly and to a high standard. The Sound Team continues to play an integral part of the Team and the commitment and effort shown throughout the year has been exemplary.

New sound and lighting system

In February a new digital sound system was installed replacing the old analogue system which was deemed to have come to the end of its natural life. Along side the new sound system a new lighting system was installed. The installation has provided a significant upgrade to the church's technological, musical and lighting facilities.

Building a “HOUSE of LOVE” - WITHIN

We love **WITHIN** towards our church family here in the Vine by seeking to fulfil Jesus’ commandment to the church “*as I have loved you, you also are to love one another*”. We have sought to invest in, and love, our church family in several ways during the year some of which are mentioned below.

Pastoral Care

Throughout the year the church has sought to ensure people were pastorally supported. Pastoral support and prayer are provided by the pastors of the church and others as requested.

Sunday services

The Sunday 10.30am service is the focus of our gathered church family. It is a time to worship God and receive instruction, encouragement, and correction from God’s Word.

A full programme for years 2 to 18 is run during the Sunday service with approximately 30 volunteers helping in all the age groups

In House speakers

- Alex Ashton
- Peter Williams
- David Chadwick
- Tim Grist
- Ben Pottinger

Guest speakers

- Pastor Femi Ogunbanwo - North Wales
- Pastor John Bullock - Gateway Church Newcastle
- Pastor Peter Davies – Crewe
- Pastor Ian Andersen – Neath



Events directed at the Church family.

- Launch of Freedom in Christ - September 2023
- Christmas Choir – December 2023
- Prayer Week – January 2024.
- Easter Celebrations
- What on Earth am I hear for – teaching course with Rick Warren Feb 2023

Events directed ‘Outwards’ – details later in this report.

- The Wildmill Festival – August 2023.
- A Wildmill Christmas – seasonal outreach into the Wildmill estate – December 2023.
- Christmas outreach events utilising a cross section of the church – December 2023.

Youth Ministry

The Church believes strongly in investing in, encouraging and equipping future generations to do great things for God. Therefore, a range of ministries continued to work with our young people throughout the year.

Breakthrough Youth 11-18 years

Breakthrough Fridays

Friday Night Youth - This meeting is aimed at Years 7-13 and met weekly from 7.00 to 9.00pm.

Breakthrough Sundays

Sunday Morning Youth - This meeting is aimed at Years 7-13 and takes place during the service after the offering when traditionally all minors go to their respective teaching groups.

Service Sunday

Members of Breakthrough Youth are able to sign up to a variety of ministry areas, where they serve on the last Sunday of each month. This is known as ‘Service Sunday.’

Ministry areas include: Kingdom Kids, Sparklers, Teas and Coffees, Ushering, Welcome Team, Worship Team, Sound Team, and the Words team.

The idea is to give the opportunity for our young people to serve in a variety of ways, discover what they are good at, have a better idea about the church as a whole and build relationships with church members they might not normally encounter.

Dramarama Days

These drama days encourage young people to cultivate their dramatic gifting. They are usually run in half term and provide an opportunity for training, teaching, fellowship and fun. They also work towards building stronger relationships within our youth group.

Youth Band

In August Youth Band was relaunched with the aim of cultivating our next generation of musicians. Claire and Kelly led the sessions and they culminated in the Youth leading the worship during the family service at Christmas.



Kingdom Kids 5-11 years

This group is for children in Reception to Year 6 (typically 4 – 11 year olds) and is led by Helen Pettey and her team

In October 2023, the team ran a Narnia Party as an alternative Halloween event. The event provided a safe, scare-free, and fun-filled environment for children – churched or unchurched – to come to and to also hear a relevant bible lesson.

The Kingdom Kids children and team were able to put together a fun Christmas presentation for the Church, which was enjoyed by all.



Sparklers

This group is for children aged between 2-5 years old.

Sparklers continued

Jane Ashton has overall lead for crèche and called it 'Sparklers' – the aim being that each child can shine for Jesus from a young age.

Currently one year olds to children starting Reception are accepted. A team of volunteers have stepped up and four leaders including Jane teach each month with two supporting staff. The team have been very accommodating and supportive particularly through Covid spikes. Sparklers has grown in numbers over the year which is very encouraging.

Small Groups

Small discipleship groups ran in the church until the summer holidays looking at the book of ACTS using the IVP study book by Phyllis Le Peau. They met fortnightly and provide discussion, fellowship, and pastoral support for people within the church.

Freedom in Christ

In September the church launched the freedom in Christ course and everyone was encouraged to attend. This was run throughout the Autumn and approximately 50 persons attended. The course was well received and many people were spiritually impacted by what they learnt. It is intended to run the course every other year and encourage every person to attend it at least once.

Tuesday Church

In January Tuesday church was launched. The focus was on the vision of the church and in particular The seven foundations of the house of love that are listed below.

1. **Worship** - We live to worship and honour God and seek to encounter His presence in our gatherings.
2. **Family** - We desire to create a safe, loving and welcoming community for people of all ages and backgrounds to belong.
3. **Mission** - We are intentional about sharing the good news of Jesus locally, nationally and internationally.
4. **Faith** - We believe the Bible is the Word of God and we teach people to live by faith.
5. **Discipleship** - We equip believers to become followers of Jesus, and seek to build up the body of Christ to do His work.
6. **Gifts of the Spirit** - We believe that all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are available to us today and we expect to see people healed and made whole by the power of God.
7. **Resourcing** - We believe in the goodness and abundance of Father God. We are blessed so that we can be a blessing and seek to resource others to extend the Kingdom of God.

New life

During the year 2 adults and 2 children became part of the membership of the church.

We also held one baptism service during the year. There were 6 baptised in January 2024.

Building a “HOUSE of LOVE” – OUTWARDS

We love **OUTWARDLY** towards our community and therefore seek to fulfil the commandment to “love our neighbour as our self.” The church seeks to be missional in its outlook and activities, endeavouring to reach the world with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Church members are encouraged and challenged to reach people in their own sphere of relationships with the love and message of Jesus. This is seen to be the responsibility of everyone within the church not just a select few.

In addition to this the Church reaches out to people and communities locally, nationally, and internationally as the Lord provides us opportunities. At the heart of our community outreach are the commandments of Jesus to love our neighbour and to go into the world and preach the Gospel. We do this through sharing both the message of the gospel as well as practical help and support that is rooted in the good news of Jesus.

Sharing the message of the gospel

The Wildmill Festival

Wildmill is a local housing estate known for being an area of deprivation (Ranked 118 out of 1,909 local areas in Wales and is currently in the 10% most deprived areas in Wales – *Welsh index of Multiple deprivation (WIMD) 2019*). It is approximately 15 minutes’ walk from the church building. In August 2023 the Church organised its second three-day festival in Wildmill to both increase its presence within the estate and to bless the people of the community. This year we partnered with Litchard Mission.

The following events were run either out of the Wildmill Community Life Centre or the Vine Christian Centre:

- Monday - Craft Day
- Tuesday - Fun day
- Wednesday - Musical Theatre

In addition the church was able to bless 25 families with food hampers. These individuals were either nominated by key community individuals or were people met by team members.

All the various events were well attended and the church’s reputation within the community has continued to positively increase.

Christmas outreach events

During December we held four separate outreaches; A Carol service, a Christmas family service, a candle light communion service on the 24th and a Christmas in Wildmill event.

Activities across the Christmas season included:

- A Sunday morning family service where selection boxes were given out to every child in attendance. This was mirrored in the evening to ensure everyone could attend at least one service.
- A Carol service on the Sunday before Christmas
- A Christmas event in the Wildmill Community Life Centre where selection boxes were given to every child. The event was very well attended, and the numbers of selection boxes needed was under estimated. More selection boxes needed to be bought during the event to ensure there were enough to go around.
- A Christmas Eve communion service by candlelight.
- A supermarket voucher programme was organised through the church hands of compassion ministry to help families in greatest need within the church family.



Providing Practical Care and Support

Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre

The Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre [www.bridgendpcc.org] continued to support women in crisis.

Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre continued

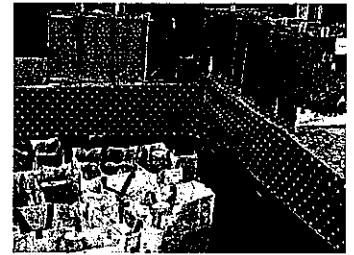
The virtual office telephone system offers a full service as all calls to the number are transferred to a mobile so that the person can be spoken to at any time by mutual appointment – a service which clients have really appreciated. The Centre also operates out of Hartshorn House in Maesteg.

The Centre counsellors provide support for women and their families in dealing with an unexpected pregnancy, abortion, post abortion, miscarriage and still birth. All counsellors are fully trained and specialise in pregnancy crisis issues, aiming to provide accurate information with short or long-term support and counselling that is client led.



Hands of Compassion

The Church demonstrates practical love to people through the Hands of Compassion fund with the giving of benevolent gifts and food hampers in times of crisis. During the Christmas season the Church partnered with Llamau [www.llamau.org.uk] by providing hampers for their hostels and their residents within the Bridgend County.



Donations of food and money are made by church members and are supplemented by Pound for the Kingdom collections. This has enabled the church to support those in need with hampers and supermarket vouchers.

Supporting Other Ministries

Tithe of the Tithe and Pound for the Kingdom

The Church believes in tithing and practices what it preaches through the Tithe of the Tithe. This means that 10% of church income is given to organisations and ministries in furtherance of causes which complement and supplement the Church's vision and activities.

Tithe of the Tithe and Pound for the Kingdom continued

The money is also added to by monthly collections from the congregation called Pound for the Kingdom.

During the year 2023/ 24 the following ministries were all supported:

- Love Wales Evangelism. [www.lovwales.org.uk]
- Christians Against Poverty. [www.capuk.org]
- Street Lights. (supporting women out of prostitution). [www.streetlight.co.uk]
- Message Wales. [www.message.org.uk]
- SAT-7 Christian TV. [www.sat7.org]
- Housing Justice Cymru. [www.housingjustice.org.uk]
- Elam Ministries. [www.elam.com]

In addition to the above ministries the church has well established relationships with several ministries that have been supported over the years, including during 2023/24.

These include:

The Christian Institute

The Christian Institute [www.christian.org.uk] is a British registered charity and Christian pressure group run by Colin Hart. They promote a conservative Christian viewpoint, founded on a belief in Biblical inerrancy. The Christian Institute exists for *'the furtherance and promotion of the Christian religion in the United Kingdom'* and *'the advancement of education'*.



Liz Hughes



Liz is a Ministry team leader in World Horizons UK [www.worldhorizons.co.uk] and a member of the Vine Christian Centre. She leads a team of Base Support workers who support workers trained and sent out from the UK. This involves helping prepare colleagues before they leave for another nation, supporting them via e-mail and Skype® while they are there, and debriefing them when they come back as well as coordinating all the practical arrangements. They are the first point of contact in an emergency and liaise with the sending churches.

She is also a Pastoral Field Visitor for Southeast Asia and visit the teams there regularly. She is the prayer coordinator for the UK team and helps at Signpost and English Corner in Swansea which are outreaches to international students, workers, and refugees in the city.



Rob Burns



Rob leads Missional Links Wales [www.missionallinkswales.org.uk] whose purpose is to:

- encourage USA churches and Welsh churches to collaborate in mission across each Welsh county and across the nation in long term relationships.
- inspire Welsh churches to work together as a 'hub of transformation' to bring lasting spiritual transformation to their county.
- provide ongoing support, missional training and consultancy to Welsh and USA churches.



With evangelical Christianity at just 2% of the population of 3 million (*Source: Evangelical Alliance (Wales)*), Wales is a mission field in extreme need of strategic help and support from outside of its borders. Missional Links Wales seeks to support and initiate this process.

Open Doors

The church is a partner church with Open Doors, [www.opendoorsuk.org] an international ministry serving persecuted Christians and churches worldwide.

Open Doors support persecuted Christians with Bibles, Christian materials, training, livelihood skills, and advocacy - and in a whole host of other ways - so that they know they are not forgotten and can stand strong to serve their communities so that they can give life. They seek to mobilise the church in the UK & Ireland, not only to serve Christians living under religious persecution, but also to learn from them what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. In over 50 countries.



OpenDoors
Serving persecuted Christians worldwide

The church supports Open Doors financially, through prayer, participation in the International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church and Christmas card letter writing initiative to prisoners.



Sat7

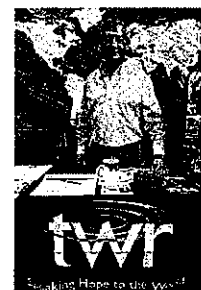
Sat7 Television [www.sat7.org] supports the Christians of the Middle East and North Africa in their Christian witness and lives. The station beams the Good News of the Kingdom of God straight into people's homes, into the centre of family life. It delivers Christian media for the Middle East and North Africa.

Through the power of satellite television, a message of hope and love is shared directly into the lives of millions of people, every day. Their channels bypass strict government censorship and side-step the challenge of illiteracy. Viewers are drawn to the high-quality programming and a hope-filled view of the world.

Phil James – Trans world radio

Phil James has had a relationship with our church going back over 20 years during our time as a national book distributor. Phil is a missionary with Trans World Radio. Phil serves on their US Media Services as a Senior Account Executive.

Trans World Radio is the world's most far-reaching Christian radio network. Speaking fluently in more than 300 languages, TWR exists to reach the world for Jesus Christ. It's global media outreach engages millions in 190 countries with biblical truth, leading people from doubt to decision to discipleship.



Conclusion

As I reflect on the year there has been a steadily building spiritual momentum that has seen the church recover in size, strength and vitality. It has been especially encouraging to see the growth in all the children ministries and in particularly the growth of Breakthrough Youth.

The Church has been challenged by the prophetic words from prayer week in January. We were challenged to allow God to change us and to meet with us. When Geoff and David both spoke out of Isaiah 54v1-3 and both provided tent pegs as a prophetic sign it felt like God was speaking loudly to us.

The focusing of our mission towards the Wildmill estate continues to build relationships between our church and the local community. The church will continue to focus its evangelistic endeavours towards Wildmill in the years ahead.

There is still a need for the Holy Spirit to move through our church in a fresh way, to refresh, revive and encourage God's people. As we look ahead, I believe we need a greater focus on prayer as the things we are looking to see are not by might, nor by power but by the Spirit of God.

I want to end by thanking all those who have served, given, prayed, and encouraged Jane and myself. We appreciate and love you and look forward to all God is going to do in the years ahead.

Every Blessing

Alex

Pastor Alex Ashton

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Vine Christian Centre, Bridgend for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

Small company provisions

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption with regards this report which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This trustees report was approved by the board on 2nd December 2024 and signed on its behalf by


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A M Ashton
Trustee / Director / Chair

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Vine Christian Centre, Bridgend ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

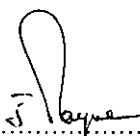
Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



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J E Payne ACA

Graham Paul Limited
Court House
Court Road
Bridgend
CF31 1BE

Date: 3/12/2024

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		253,871	9,056	262,927	241,902
Other trading activities	2	3,030	-	3,030	3,684
Investment income	3	10,426	-	10,426	8,952
Other income		<u>158</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>82</u>
Total		<u>267,485</u>	<u>9,056</u>	<u>276,541</u>	<u>254,620</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	3,863	-	3,863	4,112
Charitable activities					
General Church Fund	5	174,024	9,952	183,976	212,933
Gates of Praise		-	-	-	87
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre		<u>1,257</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,257</u>	<u>1,317</u>
Total		<u>179,144</u>	<u>9,952</u>	<u>189,096</u>	<u>218,449</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	16	88,341 <u>(3,480)</u>	(896) <u>3,480</u>	87,445 <u>-</u>	36,171 <u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		84,861	2,584	87,445	36,171
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>686,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>686,477</u>	<u>650,306</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>771,338</u>	<u>2,584</u>	<u>773,922</u>	<u>686,477</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

During the course of this years accounts, some restricted income and expenditure relating to the previous year was identified that was not disclosed in last years accounts. As the amounts involved were not material to the accounts, the comparatives have not been amended to show them separately. This has had no impact on the overall fund position as there were no restricted funds brought forward at the start of the previous year or carried forward at the end of it.

The notes form part of these financial statements

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	606,653	-	606,653	569,304
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	12	288	-	288	-
Debtors	13	22,887	-	22,887	19,366
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>149,550</u>	<u>2,584</u>	<u>152,134</u>	<u>103,095</u>
		172,725	2,584	175,309	122,461
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(8,040)	-	(8,040)	(5,288)
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>164,685</u>	<u>2,584</u>	<u>167,269</u>	<u>117,173</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>771,338</u>	<u>2,584</u>	<u>773,922</u>	<u>686,477</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u><u>771,338</u></u>	<u><u>2,584</u></u>	<u><u>773,922</u></u>	<u><u>686,477</u></u>
FUNDS					
	16				
Unrestricted funds:					
General Church Fund				771,338	686,477
Restricted funds:					
New Building Fund				480	-
Open Doors				<u>2,104</u>	-
				<u>2,584</u>	-
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u><u>773,922</u></u>	<u><u>686,477</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2024

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

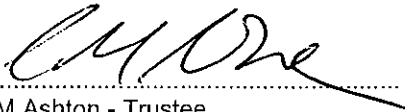
- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on

2nd December 2024

and were signed on its behalf by:



A M Ashton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies are recognised at the point of receipt with any associated gift aid recognised in the period the claim relates to.

Income from trading activities consists of income received in exchange for the supply of goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Investment income includes interest and rental income. Interest is recognised on receipt and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP.

Expenditure

Raising funds expenditure comprises costs incurred by the charity in relation to its income from trading activities and rental income.

Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its charitable aims, objectives and activities and those related to the provision of services for its beneficiaries.

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Support costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include governance costs consisting of accountancy, legal and professional fees. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes the original purchase price, plus any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for intended use.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on cost

Land is not depreciated.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of less than one year. It also includes some donated gold and silver coins, which as they are held as short term accessible charity funds and are readily realisable into cash, have been treated as current assets. They are carried at valuation with any change during the year going through the SOFA as gains or losses on revaluation.

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The key areas of judgement and estimates used in the preparation of the accounts are:

- allocation of income and expenditure to relevant funds
- the estimated useful life of fixed assets
- recoverability of debts

Going concern and material uncertainties

The trustees confirm that they see of no reason why the Charity should not be viewed as a Going Concern entity and consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charities' ability to continue as a going concern nor are there any material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Books and courses literature	1,263	468
Conferencing and events income	<u>1,767</u>	<u>3,216</u>
	<u>3,030</u>	<u>3,684</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Rents received	8,400	8,400
Bank interest received	<u>2,026</u>	<u>552</u>
	<u>10,426</u>	<u>8,952</u>

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Purchases	2,325	1,034
Bad debts	1,050	2,450
Bank and credit card charges	<u>488</u>	<u>628</u>
	<u>3,863</u>	<u>4,112</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
General Church Fund	139,743	32,199	12,034	183,976
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	<u>1,257</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,257</u>
	<u>141,000</u>	<u>32,199</u>	<u>12,034</u>	<u>185,233</u>

Comparatives for charitable activities costs

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Totals £
General Church Fund	171,824	36,939	4,170	212,933
Gates of Praise	-	87	-	87
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	<u>1,317</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,317</u>
	<u>173,141</u>	<u>37,026</u>	<u>4,170</u>	<u>214,337</u>

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
General Church Fund	32,199	36,939
Gates of Praise	<u>-</u>	<u>87</u>
	<u>32,199</u>	<u>37,026</u>

The total grants paid to individuals during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Missions	20,241	29,132
Hands of compassion	10,126	4,401
Ministry gifts	1,300	1,200
Other giving	<u>532</u>	<u>2,293</u>
	<u>32,199</u>	<u>37,026</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs
	£
General Church Fund	<u>12,034</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	General Church Fund	Total activities
	£	£
Accountancy fees	3,360	2,940
Bookkeeping	2,561	-
Legal and professional fees	413	1,230
Consultancy	<u>5,700</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>12,034</u>	<u>4,170</u>

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	18,215	14,116
Independent Examination fee	800	660
Independent Examiner - accounts	2,200	1,980
Independent Examiner - other services	<u>360</u>	<u>300</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	47,898	46,017
Trustees' social security	1,117	2,456
Trustees' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	<u>2,070</u>	<u>1,989</u>
	<u>51,085</u>	<u>50,462</u>

Trustees remuneration above relates to A M Ashton. This remuneration is paid to Mr Ashton for his role wholly as Chief Executive & Church Pastor and not for his role as a trustee of the charity.

Trustees' expenses

During the year the charity made payments to 1 (2023: 1) trustee totalling £517 (2023: £764) in respect of the reimbursement of expenses incurred wholly and exclusively for the purposes of charity activities.

Trustee expenses during the year related to travel and subsistence claims of £497 (2023: £461) and reimbursed costs of £20 (2023: £303).

The above expenses paid to Mr Ashton relate wholly to his role as Chief Executive & Church Pastor and not for his role as a trustee of the charity.

10. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	72,304	96,181
Social security costs	1,318	4,223
Other pension costs	<u>3,033</u>	<u>4,095</u>
	<u>76,655</u>	<u>104,499</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Vine Christian Centre	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2023: none).

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	689,772	26,771	716,543
Additions	-	55,564	55,564
	<u>689,772</u>	<u>82,335</u>	<u>772,107</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>689,772</u>	<u>82,335</u>	<u>772,107</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	127,254	19,985	147,239
Charge for year	12,876	5,339	18,215
	<u>140,130</u>	<u>25,324</u>	<u>165,454</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>140,130</u>	<u>25,324</u>	<u>165,454</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	<u>549,642</u>	<u>57,011</u>	<u>606,653</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>562,518</u>	<u>6,786</u>	<u>569,304</u>

12. STOCKS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Closing stock (course books)	<u>288</u>	<u>-</u>

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade debtors	300	530
Sundry debtors and prepayments	<u>22,587</u>	<u>18,836</u>
	<u>22,887</u>	<u>19,366</u>

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade creditors	341	-
Social security and other taxes	239	-
Sundry creditors and accruals	<u>7,460</u>	<u>5,288</u>
	<u>8,040</u>	<u>5,288</u>

15. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Within one year	3,080	3,080
Between one and five years	<u>2,303</u>	<u>5,382</u>
	<u>5,383</u>	<u>8,462</u>

Lease payments recognised as an expense during the year were £3,080 (2023: £2,218).

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General Church Fund	686,477	88,637	(3,776)	771,338
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	-	(296)	296	-
	686,477	88,341	(3,480)	771,338
Restricted funds				
New Building Fund	-	480	-	480
Compassion UK	-	(58)	58	-
Hands Of Compassion	-	(2,215)	2,215	-
Open Doors	-	2,104	-	2,104
Pound For The Kingdom	-	(1,207)	1,207	-
	-	(896)	3,480	2,584
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>686,477</u>	<u>87,445</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>773,922</u>

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Church Fund	266,464	(177,827)	88,637
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	<u>1,021</u>	<u>(1,317)</u>	<u>(296)</u>
	267,485	(179,144)	88,341
Restricted funds			
New Building Fund	480	-	480
Compassion UK	278	(336)	(58)
Hands Of Compassion	2,848	(5,063)	(2,215)
Open Doors	2,104	-	2,104
Pound For The Kingdom	<u>3,346</u>	<u>(4,553)</u>	<u>(1,207)</u>
	<u>9,056</u>	<u>(9,952)</u>	<u>(896)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>276,541</u>	<u>(189,096)</u>	<u>87,445</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Church Fund	600,306	36,183	49,988	686,477
Gates of Praise	-	316	(316)	-
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	-	(328)	328	-
Church Building Repair Fund	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>650,306</u>	<u>36,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>686,477</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>650,306</u>	<u>36,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>686,477</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Church Fund	253,108	(216,925)	36,183
Gates of Praise	468	(152)	316
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	<u>1,044</u>	<u>(1,372)</u>	<u>(328)</u>
	<u>254,620</u>	<u>(218,449)</u>	<u>36,171</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>254,620</u>	<u>(218,449)</u>	<u>36,171</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Church Fund	600,306	124,820	46,212	771,338
Gates of Praise	-	316	(316)	-
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	-	(624)	624	-
Church Building Repair Fund	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	650,306	124,512	(3,480)	771,338
Restricted funds				
New Building Fund	-	480	-	480
Compassion UK	-	(58)	58	-
Hands Of Compassion	-	(2,215)	2,215	-
Open Doors	-	2,104	-	2,104
Pound For The Kingdom	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,207)</u>	<u>1,207</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>(896)</u>	<u>3,480</u>	<u>2,584</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>650,306</u>	<u>123,616</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>773,922</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Church Fund	519,572	(394,752)	124,820
Gates of Praise	468	(152)	316
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	<u>2,065</u>	<u>(2,689)</u>	<u>(624)</u>
	522,105	(397,593)	124,512
Restricted funds			
New Building Fund	480	-	480
Compassion UK	278	(336)	(58)
Hands Of Compassion	2,848	(5,063)	(2,215)
Open Doors	2,104	-	2,104
Pound For The Kingdom	<u>3,346</u>	<u>(4,553)</u>	<u>(1,207)</u>
	<u>9,056</u>	<u>(9,952)</u>	<u>(896)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>531,161</u>	<u>(407,545)</u>	<u>123,616</u>

The purposes of the funds listed above are as follows:

Unrestricted:

General Church Fund - This fund comprises of income and expenditure related to the general activities and related running costs of the charity.

Gates of Praise - This fund comprises shop income and expenditure which ceased in the previous year. Any surplus or deficit is transferred to the general church fund at the period end.

Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre - This fund provides support and counselling for women and their families in unexpected pregnancy, post abortion, miscarriage and following baby loss. Any surplus or deficit is transferred to the general church fund at the period end

Church Building Repair Fund - This fund was designated for the purposes of significant repairs and improvements work required to be carried out on the church building. The works works related to this fund were carried out and completed during the previous year.

Restricted:

New Building Fund - This fund comprises of income and expenditure related to the planned future extension of the current church building.

Compassion UK - This fund provides support relating to the sponsorship of a child in the third word. Any deficit on this fund at the period end is covered by general church funds transfer.

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Hands Of Compassion - This fund provides help and support to people in financial need. Any deficit on this fund at the period end is covered by general church funds transfer.

Open Doors - This fund provides support to the persecuted church.

Pound For The Kingdom - This fund collects income for and redistributes to other organisations. Any deficit on this fund at the period end is covered by general church funds transfer.

17. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution pension plan for its employees. The amount recognised as an expense in the period was £3,033 (2023: £4,095).

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year, the charity received donations totalling £43,056 from 4 trustees (2023: £43,450 from 4 trustees).

Please refer to note 9 for trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses.

19. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £1) to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while he or she is a member, or within twelve months after he or she ceases to be a member

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and offerings	208,747	206,608
Gift aid	<u>54,180</u>	<u>35,294</u>
	262,927	241,902
Other trading activities		
Books and courses literature	1,263	468
Conferencing and events income	<u>1,767</u>	<u>3,216</u>
	3,030	3,684
Investment income		
Rents received	8,400	8,400
Bank interest received	<u>2,026</u>	<u>552</u>
	10,426	8,952
Other income		
Sundry income	<u>158</u>	<u>82</u>
Total incoming resources	276,541	254,620
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Books and courses costs	2,613	34
Stock movement (course books)	(288)	1,000
Bad debts	1,050	2,450
Bank and credit card charges	<u>488</u>	<u>628</u>
	3,863	4,112
Charitable activities		
Trustees' salaries	47,898	46,017
Trustees' social security	1,117	2,456
Trustees' pension contributions	2,070	1,989
Wages	24,406	50,164
Social security	201	1,767
Pensions	963	2,106
Rates and water	1,616	870
Carried forward	78,271	105,369

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VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	78,271	105,369
Insurance	6,388	6,033
Light and heat	7,601	6,919
Telephone	3,167	3,456
Postage and stationery	2,529	3,875
Advertising	80	260
Travelling expenses	1,717	1,059
Refreshments and meals	2,785	2,002
Accommodation	497	149
Subscriptions	120	120
Music, PA & lighting	816	955
Licensing	1,519	1,294
Resource and training costs	1,117	1,318
Events	3,435	3,944
Catering costs	2,479	2,445
Equipment hire	410	934
Venue hire and rental	426	2,583
Repairs and renewals	9,428	16,311
Freehold property	12,876	11,786
Fixtures and fittings	5,339	2,329
Grants to individuals	<u>32,199</u>	<u>37,026</u>
	173,199	210,167
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	3,360	2,940
Bookkeeping	2,561	-
Legal and professional fees	413	1,230
Consultancy	<u>5,700</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>12,034</u>	<u>4,170</u>
Total resources expended	<u>189,096</u>	<u>218,449</u>
Net income	<u>87,445</u>	<u>36,171</u>

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VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

England & Wales - Charity number 1140722

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07353864 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1140722

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
FOR
VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND**

Graham Paul Limited
Court House
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Bridgend
CF31 1BE

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

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VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its articles of association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The company is governed by its articles of association as adopted on 21st July 2010.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are recruited from within the membership of the Vine Christian Centre and must be regular in their attendance and a financial partner with the charity. The Chair would propose to the full trustee body a particular individual and they would be discussed and agreed upon. The Chair would seek to bring the trustee body to a unanimous position however if this was not possible the trustees could vote on the proposal.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07353864 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1140722

Registered office

The Vine Christian Centre
Australian Centre
Bridgend
CF31 1LY

Trustees

A M Ashton
Mrs A K Hinchey
L R Hill
Mrs H E Pettey (appointed 9.8.22)

The Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the board of trustees is A M Ashton.

Independent Examiner

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Introduction

On behalf of the Church Trustees, I am delighted to introduce our Annual Report for the year April 2022 to March 2023. The first part of the report comprises a legal review and the second part is an overview of Church activity in the year.

The last year has seen us go through and come out of Government restrictions as the nation has come through the Covid-19 pandemic on its journey toward normality. We entered the year with many restrictions still in place and we leave it with most restrictions now lifted. This has been reflected in the life of the church. As restrictions were lifted and normality started to emerge, we saw more people return to in-person services and activities.

Going into the year our four strategic priorities were:

- 1) **Regathering the church family.**
- 2) **Raise up new leaders.**
- 3) **Build team.**
- 4) **Seek a move of the Holy Spirit.**

These priorities addressed some of the challenges the church faced through the year as we navigated out of the pandemic and are reflected in much of the activity that went on. There is still much work to be done however as we emerge from the pandemic and step into our future.

The last year has been an exceptionally challenging one for us all on many different levels however I believe our church is well placed to impact our community with the Gospel. As I look ahead, I believe that God has given us a great door for effective work that has opened to us. Let us move forward together to see His Kingdom come and His will being done. We have a God who is faithful to the things that He has promised us.



Every blessing

Pastor Alex Ashton
Chair, Trustees

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

We are pleased to present the report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Objects of the Vine Christian Centre

The objects of the Vine Christian Centre are the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith set out in the schedule to these Articles in particular but not exclusively by the:

- 2.1.1 The provision for and assistance and support of missionaries and Christian workers in Great Britain and throughout the World.
- 2.1.2. Publishing, printing and distribution of the Bible and Christian literature.
- 2.1.3. Establishment of a library of recorded material on Christian subjects and the circulation and distribution of the same.
- 2.1.4. The organisation of Christian meetings, worship, and outreaches.
- 2.1.5. Relief of people in poverty or special need.
- 2.1.6. Furtherance of Christian education by the provision of establishments and facilities for the same.

In setting the objectives and planning the activities the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit and believe that they satisfy those requirements.

Governance and internal control

The Trustees oversee the legal and financial running of the Vine Christian Centre. The spiritual work and life of the Church is overseen by the Pastors, aided by Elders. The Trustees work closely with the Pastors and the staff who run the church office on a day-to-day basis.

The Trustees meet at least three times a year and have regular additional contact through other meetings as necessary. All Trustees attended all meetings in line with the following schedule:

Meeting Date	Pastor A Ashton	Mr L Hill	Mrs H Pettey	Mrs A Hinchey
			Appointed August 2022	
09 August 2022	Y	Y	Y	Y
13 December 2022	Y	Y	Y	Y
17 January 2023	Y	Y	Y	Y

Risk

The Trustees take risk seriously and all major insurable risks are subject to normal Churches' and Employers' insurance. All contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into, to ensure that they could not significantly impact upon the ability to fulfil the objectives.

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Appropriate professional reviews of the building structure, condition, and compliance with relevant legislation, have been undertaken in the recent past, and the Trustees are compiling a robust schedule that will focus on the continued viability of the fabric of the building, both to serve those that attend and to mitigate loss or damage to the structure.

Staff

The Trustees are clear that the staff are one of the greatest assets. In ensuring that staff are appropriately remunerated the Vine Christian Centre has chosen to sign up to the Joseph Rowntree Real Living Wage and so no member of staff is paid less than this.



During the year the senior ministers, Alex and Jane Ashton took a two-month sabbatical between January and March 2023 to ensure that they were refreshed for the season ahead.

During the sabbatical they visited New Zealand, attended a retreat in Lee Abbey and visited other churches. They benefited from this time, and therefore by extension the church has benefited. They were able to rest, reflect, enjoy times of refreshing recovery and revisioning.

During this time two of the elders – Pastor Peter Williams and Pastor David Chadwick stepped up to lead the church. The Trustees are confident that this indicates a strength in depth of ministry that can successfully lead the church forward. This further reinforces the Trustee's view that the risk to the ministry of the loss of key workers is significantly diminished.

The Trustees want to record their thanks to Andrew Lee who has served the ministry in a full time paid capacity as the Office Manager in charge of Operations. He secured alternative employment with another company in April 2023, and we are now examining our options to support the ministry with the provision of an Operations Manager.

The buildings



As highlighted by several professional reports as referred to above, the Trustees are aware that the building remains in need of substantial investment. A schedule is in development that will guide the phased work to maintain and improve the buildings over the coming years. Appropriate priority will be given to those improvements that mitigate risk to people or property. It is the intention of the Trustees to use much of the operational surplus to invest in the fabric of the building, and the Trustees do not have current plans to raise capital using a legal charge over the property.

A key element of protecting the building is to ensure that it is water and weatherproof. To that end a very substantial project was completed within the year to completely replace the flat roof and associated roof lantern structures. The work was completed successfully and is covered by the appropriate industry standard guarantees. The Trustees are confident that this work will protect the structure of the building for many years to come. This now allows the Trustees opportunity to focus on the internal structures, in the knowledge that any improvement works will not be hampered by water ingress.

Financial News

Income generation

The Vine Christian Centre is dependent on the generosity of the congregation for the majority of its income. Many individuals practice tithing and as a consequence income from offerings tend to be constant and steady throughout the year. During the financial year tithes and offerings increased by around 3 %. Expenditure was flat year on year

Reserves

The Trustees have maintained a policy on reserves so that in the event of some adverse or unforeseen circumstances, there would always be sufficient reserves available to meet core objectives and contracts. The level of reserves is not set as a specific formula, the Trustees estimate the level of reserves to cover such events to be around £30,000. The Charity is not subject to many ongoing contracts, as most salaried staff have moved on to other employment, and there is not a legal charge over the property.

The unrestricted funds at the year-end were more than £30,000.

Grant making policy

The Trustee's policy is to tithe (i.e., give away) at least 10% of its income to external organisations and individuals who are working toward the same aims and charitable objectives as the Vine Christian Centre. Approximately 50% of these grants are to Christian organisations working within Wales.

Review of the Year 2022 - 23

Strategic priorities

Our four strategic priorities through the year were achieved as follows:

1) Regathering the church family.

As the Covid-19 restrictions eased towards the start of the year, we built on the already strong relationships we have with the congregation and members of the Church. Focusing on the biblical model of promoting the gathering together of the Church, we were able to reach out to those who had not been able to meet due to Covid-19 and saw a return to weekly attendance similar to that prior to the restrictions.

We continue to focus on outreach so as to bring more into the church that have not previously had contact with us. Details of these activities are listed separately in the section describing building a HOUSE OF LOVE – Outwardly.

2) Raise up new leaders.

Throughout 2022-2023 the trustees worked to identify the skills and experience profiles required to build a robust senior team that could lead the spiritual life of the Church. That process was completed successfully, and as we move into 2023-2024, we are appointing Pastor Peter Williams and Pastor David Chadwick to the role of elders within the Church.

Both have been in Christian ministry for many years. Both have extensive experience in senior Church leadership positions and have agreed to work closely with the senior minister Pastor Alex Ashton in consolidating and moving the spiritual life of the Church forward. We will also be appointing a less experienced member to the team in order to establish sustainability into the future and provide a mentoring opportunity to the next generation.

3) Build team.

Part of the effect of the Covid-19 restrictions was that department and team leaders had started to feel disconnected from one another during the restrictions. To ensure coherent and effective leadership of the various departments and ministries within the Church it was deemed essential that team leadership cohesion was re-established.

As the restrictions lifted, we were able to meet once again to build a solid team structure and as the year under report is concluded, we are very pleased to note that strong relationships are being re-established within the department and team leadership structure.

Teambuilding is an ongoing process, and we continue to strive to ensure the relationships within the wider team remain strong.

4) **Seek a move of the Holy Spirit.**

Our continual and focus in all that we do is to submit to and seek the leading of the Holy Spirit. We experience supernatural manifestations of the Holy Spirit in each meeting, and we continue to examine our own lives and give room for the Holy Spirit to move in our meetings.

We recognise that to fully experience a move of the Holy Spirit, we have to foster and encourage a life of holiness and we ensure that is espoused at every meeting.

Whilst seeking a move of the Holy Spirit one of our strategic priorities for the year, as a Trustee Board we acknowledge that this is in fact a lifelong priority, and we continue to encourage the spiritual leadership to help the Church focus on this area as we continue to see the Church grow spiritually, numerically and in influence.

The Vision of the Church

The vision of the church is to build a House of Love so that there is a visible demonstration of the Agape love of God revealed through God's church to the community of Bridgend and the nation of Wales.

The Bible is central to the church's teaching and beliefs.

In accordance with Romans 1:18 *"The righteous shall live by faith"* and John 13:34 *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another"* there is a strong emphasis on walking by faith through love.

We are building a "HOUSE of LOVE" in three directions: -

- We love **UPWARD** toward the Father and seek to fulfil the greatest commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind.
- We love **WITHIN** towards our church family here in the Vine by seeking to fulfil Jesus' commandment to the church "as I have loved you, you also are to love one another".
- We love **OUTWARDLY** towards our community and therefore seek to fulfil the commandment to "love our neighbour as our self."

The review of 2022/23 which follows highlights the activities of the Church in the 12-month period in each of the areas above.

Building a "HOUSE of LOVE" - UPWARDS

We love **UPWARD** toward the Father and seek to fulfil the greatest commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind.

As we look to love the Father the two main areas of church activity are prayer and worship.

Prayer

Coming together to pray is an important aspect of the life of the church family. When the church comes together to pray, God speaks, mountains move, and prison doors open. We see this demonstrated in Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit fell on the church, Acts 4 when the building they were in was shaken, Acts 12 when Peter was rescued from prison by Angels and Acts 13 when Paul and Barnabas were set apart for their missionary work.

Prayer Week

With the end of the pandemic restrictions, Prayer week was able to return to January. A prayer diary was produced for everyone, and we met as a church family 8 times across the week.

This year the church focused on the promise of James 5v16 "*The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much*" and prayed in the following areas:

Monday	Prepare your heart.
Tuesday	Enlarge the foundations of the house.
Wednesday	Go on mission.
Thursday	God amongst his people.
Friday	Vine to a vineyard.
Saturday	Purposeful marriages.
Sunday	Fresh revelation.



The Prayer Chain

The prayer chain was set up to respond to crisis and emergencies that require prayer. This confidential service is activated by a phone call to the office. The requests are then given to the team leader who in turn passes them, and any updates on via phone, text, or e-mail down the chain.

The chain enables a team to quickly and collectively pray for any needs that arise, both within the church and outside. Examples of requests received this year are personal healings, breakthroughs in personal or family circumstances, and healings for others including relations, friends, and colleagues.

The hour of Prayer

“The Hour of Prayer” is an in person gathering to pray and worship together. This meeting is the middle of every month and provides a focused hour of corporate prayer. It provides an opportunity for the church family to gather together to pray for the church, the community and the nation.

Worship

The Worship Team continues to be led by Kelly Poole and they make a major contribution within the life of the church. The worship team serve the church and are involved in the regular meetings including Sunday gatherings, hour of prayer and encounter worship evenings as well as any special events.



Events

The Worship Team plays a significant role in the *‘life of the church’* and all members of the team use their skills with passion and enthusiasm to serve the vision of the church. Throughout the year the Worship Team have been involved in a varied number of events. The team is committed to excellence, and everyone gives so willingly of their time to ensure events run smoothly and to a high standard.

The worship team were fully committed to the monthly encounter evenings, a time when we can worship God.

Sound Team

The Sound Team continues to play an integral part of the Worship Team and the commitment and effort shown throughout the year has been exemplary.

Training

Throughout the year most of the training undertaken has been provided in-house. This has focused on the development of new worship leaders and expanding the sound team.

Building a “HOUSE of LOVE” - WITHIN

We love **WITHIN** towards our church family here in the Vine by seeking to fulfil Jesus’ commandment to the church *“as I have loved you, you also are to love one another”*. We have sought to invest in, and love, our church family in several ways during the year some of which are mentioned below.

Pastoral Care

Throughout the year the church has sought to ensure people were pastorally supported. Pastoral support and prayer are provided by the pastors of the church and others as requested.

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

In-person services

The Sunday 10.30am service is the focus of our in-person services. It has continued to develop into a time when the church family can come together and should love and compassion for each other. It is a time to worship God and receive instruction, encouragement, and correction from God's Word.



With the lifting of Covid restrictions we saw the attendance gradually return to normal pre-pandemic numbers.

In House speakers

Peter Williams
David Chadwick
Tim Grist
Ben Pottinger

Guest speakers

April	Evangelist Slavko Hadzic at our passion for life outreach
July	Pastor Femi Ogunbanwo - Water Springs Church Penygroes North Wales
August	Pastor John Bullock - Gateway Church Newcastle
February	Pastor Robbie Howells – Warehouse Church Newport
March	Pastor Andrew Yeoman – Oaklands Church Ystragynlais

Events directed at the Church family.

- Passion for life with Slavko Hadzic – April 2022.
- Relaunch of gathered men's ministry - April 2022.
- Celebration of Queen's Diamond jubilee – April 2022.
- In the River Ladies Event – September 2022.
- Launch of life groups - September 2022.
- Baptism service with 5 Baptisms - September 2022.
- MacMillan Cancer morning – October 2022.
- Prayer Week – January 2023.
- Baptism service – 4 Baptisms – January 2022.

Events directed 'Outwards' – details later in this report.

- The Wildmill Festival – August 2022.
- A Wildmill Christmas – seasonal outreach into the Wildmill estate – December 2022.
- Christmas outreach events utilising a cross section of the church – December 2022.

Youth Ministry

The Church believes strongly in investing in, encouraging and equipping future generations to do great things for God. Therefore, a range of ministries continued to work with our young people throughout the year.

Breakthrough Youth 11-18 years

Breakthrough Fridays

Friday Night Youth - This meeting is aimed at Years 7-13 and met weekly from 7.00 to 9.00pm. For the majority of the evenings, the programme was theme based, using a variety of both biblical and contemporary topics. It is also magazine based in terms of structure using a variety of 'chunked' activities involving testimonies, role models' stories, games, music, worship, bible study, teaching, multi-media and break out times giving the youth more of a voice. The young people themselves have also contributed to the games/quizzes, shared testimonies, and prayers.

Breakthrough Sundays

Sunday Morning Youth - This meeting is aimed at Years 7-13 and takes place during the service after the offering when traditionally all minors go to their respective teaching groups.

Service Sunday

This initiative was started in January 2022. Members of Breakthrough Youth are able to sign up to a variety of ministry areas, where they serve on the last Sunday of each month. This is known as 'Service Sunday.'

Ministry areas include: Kingdom Kids, Sparklers, Teas and Coffees, Ushering, Welcome Team, Worship Team, Sound Team, and the Words team.

The idea is to give the opportunity for our young people to serve in a variety of ways, discover what they are good at, have a better idea about the church as a whole and build relationships with church members they might not normally encounter.

Pastoral Support

This is afforded to our youth as and when necessary, in agreement and liaison with parents/carers.

Dramarama Days

These began in 2020. Two took place in 2022-23. They were opened to other churches and on both days young people from Brackla Tabernacle joined. It is encouraging to report that numbers have grown significantly as we have come out of lockdown and resumed face to face meetings.

Kingdom Kids

This group is for children in Reception to Year 6 (typically 4 – 11 year olds) and is led by Helen Pettey and her team

In October 2022, the team ran a Light Party as an alternative Halloween event. The event provided a safe, scare-free, and fun-filled environment for children – churched or unchurched – to come to and to also hear a relevant bible lesson.

The Kingdom Kids children and team were able to put together a fun Christmas presentation for the Church, which was enjoyed by all.

It's been encouraging to gradually see more children returning to Kingdom Kids and looking forward we expect the continued growth of the work and ministry of Kingdom Kids, as well as developing the team in the year to come.



Sparklers

This group is for children aged between 2-5 years old.

Jane Ashton has overall lead for crèche and rebranded it 'Sparklers' – the aim being that each child can shine for Jesus from a young age.

Currently one year olds to children starting Reception are accepted. A team of volunteers have stepped up and four leaders including Jane teach each month with two supporting staff. The team have been very accommodating and supportive particularly through Covid spikes.

Sparklers has grown in numbers over the year which is very encouraging.

Small Groups

In September Life Groups were started looking at the books of ACTS using the IVP study book by Phyllis Le Peau. For the first time a group was run during the day and became very popular particularly with older members. They met fortnightly and provide discussion, fellowship, and pastoral support for people within the church.

New life

The Trustees are very pleased to note that Alex and Jane restarted the "First Base" group for those who were new to the church. This was in direct response to individuals new to the family of the church joining us. During the year 6 adults and 3 children became part of the membership of the church.

We also held two baptism services during the year. There were 5 baptised in September 2022, and 4 in January 2023.

Building a "HOUSE of LOVE" – OUTWARDS

We love **OUTWARDLY** towards our community and therefore seek to fulfil the commandment to "love our neighbour as our self." The church seeks to be missional in its outlook and activities, endeavouring to reach the world with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Church members are encouraged and challenged to reach people in their own sphere of relationships with the love and message of Jesus. This is seen to be the responsibility of everyone within the church not just a select few.

In addition to this the Church reaches out to people and communities locally, nationally, and internationally as the Lord provides us opportunities. At the heart of our community outreach are the commandments of Jesus to love our neighbour and to go into the world and preach the Gospel. We do this through sharing both the message of the gospel as well as practical help and support that is rooted in the good news of Jesus.

Sharing the message of the gospel

The Wildmill Festival

Wildmill is a local housing estate known for being an area of deprivation (Ranked 118 out of 1,909 local areas in Wales and is currently in the 10% most deprived areas in Wales – *Welsh index of Multiple deprivation (WIMD) 2019*). It is approximately 15 minutes' walk from the church building. In August 2022 the Church organised a three-day festival in Wildmill to both increase its presence within the estate and to bless the people of the community. We worked in partnership with Gatehouse Church Newcastle and a team of 15 people led by pastors John and Debbie Bullock came to help us.

The following events were run either out of the Wildmill Community Life Centre or the Vine Christian Centre:

Thursday	-	Craft Day
Friday	-	Fun day
Friday	-	Musical outreach
Saturday	-	Little Red (Musical Theatre)

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In addition and running alongside the events the church was able to bless 25 families with food hampers. These individuals were either nominated by key community individuals or were people met by team members.

All the various events were well attended and the church's reputation within the community has positively increased. Furthermore, attendance from the estate to church services has also increased as we have seen both salvations and baptisms coming out of our outreach there.

Toddler Group



The toddler group runs during term time every Friday morning and supports and builds relationships with parents and their children. It provides an opportunity for first contact with the church and provides a gateway for people to meet the church and explore faith.

We have had more preschool children than ever, and the need is for more individuals to help plan and teach in this setting now. Our Facebook page is active and regularly visited.

Christmas outreach events

During December we held three separate outreaches; A Carol service on Sunday the 18th, a candle light communion service on the 24th and a Christmas in Wildmill event on the 16th.

Activities across the Christmas season included:

- A Sunday morning family service where selection boxes were given out to every child in attendance. This was mirrored in the evening to ensure everyone could attend at least one service.
- A Carol service on the Sunday before Christmas
- A Christmas event in the Wildmill Community Life Centre where selection boxes were given to every child. The event was very well attended, and the numbers of selection boxes needed was under estimated. More selection boxes needed to be bought during the event to ensure there were enough to go around.
- A Christmas Eve communion service by candlelight.
- A supermarket voucher programme was organised through the church hands of compassion ministry to help families in greatest need within the church family.

Providing Practical Care and Support

Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre

The Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre [www.bridgendpcc.org] continued to support women in crisis.

The virtual office telephone system offers a full service as all calls to the number are transferred to a mobile so that the person can be spoken to at any time by mutual appointment – a service which clients have really appreciated. The Centre also operates out of Hartshorn House in Maesteg.

The Centre counsellors provide support for women and their families in dealing with an unexpected pregnancy, abortion, post abortion, miscarriage and still birth. All counsellors are fully trained and specialise in pregnancy crisis issues, aiming to provide accurate information with short or long-term support and counselling that is client led.



Hands of Compassion

The Church demonstrates practical love to people through the Hands of Compassion fund with the giving of benevolent gifts and food hampers in times of crisis. During the Christmas season the Church partnered with Llamau [www.llamau.org.uk] by providing hampers for their hostels and their residents within the Bridgend County. Monetary gifts were also given to The Wallich [www.thewallich.com].



Donations of food and money are made by church members and are supplemented by Pound for the Kingdom collections. This has enabled the church to support those in need with hampers and supermarket vouchers.

Shoebox Appeal

The church is the South Wales centre of operations for the Blythswood Care shoebox appeal. [www.blythswood.org] Over 3500 shoe boxes were stored at the church before being collected for distribution to countries in eastern Europe.

Supporting Other Ministries

Tithe of the Tithe and Pound for the Kingdom

The Church believes in tithing and practices what it preaches through the Tithe of the Tithe. This means that 10% of church income is given to organisations and ministries in furtherance of causes which complement and supplement the Church's vision and activities.

The money is also added to by monthly collections from the congregation called Pound for the Kingdom.

During the year 2022/ 23 the following ministries were all supported:

- Love Wales Evangelism. [www.lovwales.org.uk]
- Christians Against Poverty. [www.capuk.org]
- Street Light. (supporting women out of prostitution). [www.streetlight.co.uk]
- Message Wales. [www.message.org.uk]
- SAT-7 Christian TV. [www.sat7.org]
- Housing Justice Cymru. [www.housingjustice.org.uk]
- Turkey Earthquake Appeal in partnership with World Horizons.

[www.worldhorizons.co.uk]

In addition to the above ministries the church has well established relationships with several ministries that have been supported over the years, including during 2022/23.

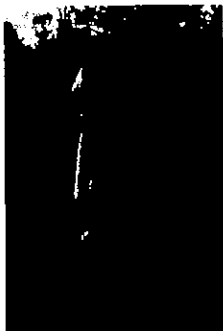
These include:

The Christian Institute

The Christian Institute [www.christian.org.uk] is a British registered charity and Christian pressure group run by Colin Hart. They promote a conservative Christian viewpoint, founded on a belief in Biblical inerrancy. The Christian Institute exists for *'the furtherance and promotion of the Christian religion in the United Kingdom'* and *'the advancement of education'*.



Liz Hughes



Liz is a Ministry team leader in World Horizons UK [www.worldhorizons.co.uk] and a member of the Vine Christian Centre. She leads a team of Base Support workers who support workers trained and sent out from the UK. This involves helping prepare colleagues before they leave for another nation, supporting them via e-mail and Skype® while they are there, and debriefing them when they come back as well as coordinating all the practical arrangements. They are the first point of contact in an emergency and liaise with the sending churches.



She is also a Pastoral Field Visitor for Southeast Asia and visit the teams there regularly. She is the prayer coordinator for the UK team and helps at Signpost and English Corner in Swansea which are outreaches to international students, workers, and refugees in the city.

Rob Burns



Rob leads Missional Links Wales [www.missionallinkswales.org.uk] whose purpose is to:

- encourage USA churches and Welsh churches to collaborate in mission across each Welsh county and across the nation in long term relationships.
- inspire Welsh churches to work together as a 'hub of transformation' to bring lasting spiritual transformation to their county.
- provide ongoing support, missional training and consultancy to Welsh and

USA churches.



With evangelical Christianity at just 2% of the population of 3 million (*Source: Evangelical Alliance (Wales)*), Wales is a mission field in extreme need of strategic help and support from outside of its borders. Missional Links Wales seeks to support and initiate this process.

Open Doors

The church is a partner church with Open Doors, [www.opendoorsuk.org] an international ministry serving persecuted Christians and churches worldwide.



OpenDoors
Serving persecuted Christians worldwide

Open Doors support persecuted Christians with Bibles, Christian materials, training, livelihood skills, and advocacy - and in a whole host of other ways - so that they know they are not forgotten and can stand strong to serve their communities so that they can give life. They seek to mobilise the church in the UK & Ireland, not only to serve Christians living under religious persecution, but also to learn from them what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. In over 50 countries.

The church supports Open Doors financially, through prayer, participation in the International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church and Christmas card letter writing initiative to prisoners.



Sat7

Sat7 Television [www.sat7.org] supports the Christians of the Middle East and North Africa in their Christian witness and lives. The station beams the Good News of the Kingdom of God straight into people's homes, into the centre of family life. It delivers Christian media for the Middle East and North Africa.

Through the power of satellite television, a message of hope and love is shared directly into the lives of millions of people, every day. Their channels bypass strict government censorship and side-step the challenge of illiteracy. Viewers are drawn to the high-quality programming and a hope-filled view of the world. The channels are welcomed into the very heart of the family home, again and again.

Conclusion

As I reflect on the year it has been very much a rebuilding year post pandemic. The church has started to regather and has recovered to pre-pandemic numbers.

The Church has been challenged by the prophetic word "from a Vine to Vineyard" which has encouraged us to think bigger, look out beyond Bridgend and consider how we can have a greater impact and influence across the nation.

The refocusing of our mission towards the Wildmill estate has been very encouraging and has already started to see fruit for the Kingdom. The church will continue to focus its evangelistic endeavours towards Wildmill in the year ahead.

There is still a need for the Holy Spirit to move through our church in a fresh way, to refresh, revive and encourage God's people. As we look ahead, I believe we need a greater focus on prayer as the things we are looking to see are not by might, nor by power but by the Spirit of God.

I want to end by thanking all those who have served, given, prayed, and encouraged Jane and myself. We appreciate and love you and look forward to all God is going to do in the years ahead.

Every Blessing

Alex

Pastor Alex Ashton

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Vine Christian Centre, Bridgend for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

Small company provisions

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption with regards this report which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This trustees report was approved by the board on 5th Dec 2023 and signed on its behalf by


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A M Ashton
Trustee / Director / Chair

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Vine Christian Centre, Bridgend ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

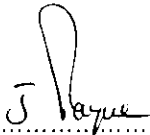
Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



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J E Payne ACA

Graham Paul Limited
Court House
Court Road
Bridgend
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Date: 5/12/23

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		241,902	-	241,902	227,306
Charitable activities					
General Church Fund	4	-	-	-	959
Other trading activities	2	3,684	-	3,684	1,053
Investment income	3	8,952	-	8,952	8,673
Other income		82	-	82	75
Total		<u>254,620</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>254,620</u>	<u>238,066</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	4,112	-	4,112	2,141
Charitable activities					
General Church Fund	6	212,933	-	212,933	198,188
Gates of Praise		87	-	87	107
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre		1,317	-	1,317	1,194
Total		<u>218,449</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>218,449</u>	<u>201,630</u>
NET INCOME		36,171	-	36,171	36,436
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		650,306	-	650,306	613,870
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>686,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>686,477</u>	<u>650,306</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

All funds for the previous year were unrestricted.

The notes form part of these financial statements

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	569,304	-	569,304	418,583
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	13	-	-	-	1,000
Debtors	14	19,366	-	19,366	10,126
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>103,095</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,095</u>	<u>228,482</u>
		122,461	-	122,461	239,608
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(5,288)	-	(5,288)	(7,885)
		<u>117,173</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>117,173</u>	<u>231,723</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>117,173</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>117,173</u>	<u>231,723</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>686,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>686,477</u>	<u>650,306</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>686,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>686,477</u>	<u>650,306</u>
FUNDS	17				
Unrestricted funds:					
General Church Fund				686,477	600,306
Church Building Repair Fund				<u>-</u>	<u>50,000</u>
				<u>686,477</u>	<u>650,306</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>686,477</u>	<u>650,306</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2023

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 5th Dec 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:


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A M Ashton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies are recognised at the point of receipt.

Income from trading activities consists of income received in exchange for the supply of goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Government grants that relate to revenue are recognised as income over the period in which the related costs are incurred. Grants related to expenses and Covid-19 support are recognised as income as the grant becomes receivable. Such grants occur as a re-imbursment for expenses already incurred and as a result of local authority and government covid-19 support measures. The charity receives government grants in relation to the UK Government Covid-19 job retention scheme.

Investment income includes interest and rental income. Interest is recognised on receipt and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP.

Expenditure

Raising funds expenditure comprises costs incurred by the charity in relation to its income from trading activities and rental income.

Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its charitable aims, objectives and activities and those related to the provision of services for its beneficiaries.

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Support costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include governance costs consisting of accountancy, legal and professional fees. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes the original purchase price, plus any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for intended use.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on cost

Land is not depreciated.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of less than one year.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Going concern and material uncertainties

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charities' ability to continue as a going concern nor are there any material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Books, cd's and literature	468	153
Conferencing and events income	<u>3,216</u>	<u>900</u>
	<u>3,684</u>	<u>1,053</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Rents received	8,400	8,400
Bank interest received	<u>552</u>	<u>273</u>
	<u>8,952</u>	<u>8,673</u>

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4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023 Total activities £	2022 Total activities £
Grants	<u>-</u>	<u>959</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Covid-19 Job Retention Scheme	<u>-</u>	<u>959</u>

5. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Purchases	1,034	46
Bad debts	2,450	1,750
Bank and credit card charges	<u>628</u>	<u>345</u>
	<u>4,112</u>	<u>2,141</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 7) £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
General Church Fund	171,824	36,939	4,170	212,933
Gates of Praise	-	87	-	87
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	<u>1,317</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,317</u>
	<u>173,141</u>	<u>37,026</u>	<u>4,170</u>	<u>214,337</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS - continued

Comparatives for charitable activities costs

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Totals £
General Church Fund	161,799	31,064	5,325	198,188
Gates of Praise	107	-	-	107
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	1,194	-	-	1,194
	<u>163,100</u>	<u>31,064</u>	<u>5,325</u>	<u>199,489</u>

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2023 £	2022 £
General Church Fund	36,939	31,064
Gates of Praise	87	-
	<u>37,026</u>	<u>31,064</u>

The total grants paid to individuals during the year was as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Missions	29,132	23,769
Hands of compassion	4,401	3,801
Ministry gifts	1,200	2,500
Other giving	2,293	994
	<u>37,026</u>	<u>31,064</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs
	£
General Church Fund	<u>4,170</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023 General Church Fund £	2022 Total activities £
Accountancy fees	2,940	2,726
Legal and professional fees	<u>1,230</u>	<u>2,599</u>
	<u>4,170</u>	<u>5,325</u>

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation - owned assets	14,116	11,753
Independent Examination fee	660	618
Independent Examiner - accounts	1,980	1,854
Independent Examiner - other services	<u>300</u>	<u>254</u>

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	2023 £	2022 £
Trustees' salaries	46,017	44,677
Trustees' social security	2,456	2,773
Trustees' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	<u>1,989</u>	<u>1,922</u>
	<u>50,462</u>	<u>49,372</u>

Trustees remuneration above relates to A M Ashton. This remuneration is paid to Mr Ashton for his role wholly as Chief Executive & Church Pastor and not for his role as a trustee of the charity.

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS - continued**Trustees' expenses**

During the year the charity made payments to 1 (2022: 1) trustee totalling £764 (2022: £616) in respect of the reimbursement of expenses incurred wholly and exclusively for the purposes of charity activities.

Trustee expenses during the year related to travel and subsistence claims of £461 (2021 - £616) and reimbursed costs of £303 (2022 - £nil).

The above expenses paid to Mr Ashton relate wholly to his role as Chief Executive & Church Pastor and not for his role as a trustee of the charity.

11. STAFF COSTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	96,181	106,365
Social security costs	4,223	5,106
Other pension costs	<u>4,095</u>	<u>4,312</u>
	<u>104,499</u>	<u>115,783</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Vine Christian Centre	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2022 - none).

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2022	526,143	25,563	551,706
Additions	<u>163,629</u>	<u>1,208</u>	<u>164,837</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>689,772</u>	<u>26,771</u>	<u>716,543</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2022	115,468	17,655	133,123
Charge for year	<u>11,786</u>	<u>2,330</u>	<u>14,116</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>127,254</u>	<u>19,985</u>	<u>147,239</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	<u>562,518</u>	<u>6,786</u>	<u>569,304</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>410,675</u>	<u>7,908</u>	<u>418,583</u>

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13. STOCKS		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Shop stock	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>
14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	530	-
Sundry debtors	<u>18,836</u>	<u>10,126</u>
	<u>19,366</u>	<u>10,126</u>
15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	574
Social security and other taxes	-	2,791
Sundry creditors and accruals	<u>5,288</u>	<u>4,520</u>
	<u>5,288</u>	<u>7,885</u>
16. LEASING AGREEMENTS		
Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Within one year	3,080	1,391
Between one and five years	<u>5,382</u>	<u>3,829</u>
	<u>8,462</u>	<u>5,220</u>

Lease payments recognised as an expense during the year were £2,218 (2022: £1,201).

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Church Fund	600,306	36,183	49,988	686,477
Gates of Praise	-	316	(316)	-
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	-	(328)	328	-
Church Building Repair Fund	50,000	-	(50,000)	-
	<u>650,306</u>	<u>36,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>686,477</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>650,306</u>	<u>36,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>686,477</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Church Fund	253,108	(216,925)	36,183
Gates of Praise	468	(152)	316
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	1,044	(1,372)	(328)
	<u>254,620</u>	<u>(218,449)</u>	<u>36,171</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>254,620</u>	<u>(218,449)</u>	<u>36,171</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Church Fund	563,870	36,447	(11)	600,306
Gates of Praise	-	(2)	2	-
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	-	(9)	9	-
Hayes Yard Fund	50,000	-	(50,000)	-
Church Building Repair Fund	-	-	50,000	50,000
	<u>613,870</u>	<u>36,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>650,306</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>613,870</u>	<u>36,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>650,306</u>

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Church Fund	236,713	(200,266)	36,447
Gates of Praise	153	(155)	(2)
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	<u>1,200</u>	<u>(1,209)</u>	<u>(9)</u>
	<u>238,066</u>	<u>(201,630)</u>	<u>36,436</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>238,066</u>	<u>(201,630)</u>	<u>36,436</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Church Fund	563,870	72,630	49,977	686,477
Gates of Praise	-	314	(314)	-
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	-	(337)	337	-
Hayes Yard Fund	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>613,870</u>	<u>72,607</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>686,477</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>613,870</u>	<u>72,607</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>686,477</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Church Fund	489,821	(417,191)	72,630
Gates of Praise	621	(307)	314
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	<u>2,244</u>	<u>(2,581)</u>	<u>(337)</u>
	<u>492,686</u>	<u>(420,079)</u>	<u>72,607</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>492,686</u>	<u>(420,079)</u>	<u>72,607</u>

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The purposes of the funds listed above are as follows:

General Church Fund - This unrestricted fund comprises of income and expenditure related to the general activities and related running costs of the charity.

Gates of Praise - This fund comprises of the trading of books, CDs and literature. These funds are unrestricted and any surplus or deficit is transferred to the general church fund at the period end.

Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre - This is an unrestricted fund which provides support and counselling for women and their families in unexpected pregnancy, post abortion, miscarriage and following baby loss. Any surplus or deficit is transferred to the general church fund at the period end

Hayes Yard Fund - This fund was designated for the purposes of demolishing the building and extending the car park at the Vine Christian Centre. During the previous year, it was agreed that the money relating to this fund was to be transferred to the Church Building Repair Fund.

Church Building Repair Fund - This fund is designated for the purposes of significant repairs and improvements work required to be carried out on the church building. The works works related to this fund were carried out and completed during the current year.

18. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution pension plan for its employees. The amount recognised as an expense in the period was £4,095 (2022: £4,312).

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year, the charity received donations totalling £43,450 from 4 trustees (2022: £31,145 from 4 trustees).

Please refer to note 10 for trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses.

20. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £1) to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while he or she is a member, or within twelve months after he or she ceases to be a member

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and offerings	206,608	193,887
Gift aid	<u>35,294</u>	<u>33,419</u>
	241,902	227,306
Other trading activities		
Books, cd's and literature	468	153
Conferencing and events income	<u>3,216</u>	<u>900</u>
	3,684	1,053
Investment income		
Rents received	8,400	8,400
Bank interest received	<u>552</u>	<u>273</u>
	8,952	8,673
Charitable activities		
Grants	-	959
Other income		
Sundry income	<u>82</u>	<u>75</u>
Total incoming resources	254,620	238,066
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Purchases	34	46
Shop stock movement	1,000	-
Bad debts	2,450	1,750
Bank and credit card charges	<u>628</u>	<u>345</u>
	4,112	2,141
Charitable activities		
Trustees' salaries	46,017	44,677
Trustees' social security	2,456	2,773
Trustees' pension contributions	1,989	1,922
Wages	50,164	61,688
Carried forward	100,626	111,060

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VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	100,626	111,060
Social security	1,767	2,333
Pensions	2,106	2,390
Rates and water	870	364
Insurance	6,033	5,331
Light and heat	6,919	4,654
Telephone	3,456	3,217
Postage and stationery	3,875	2,351
Advertising	260	440
Travelling expenses	1,059	858
Refreshments and meals	2,002	950
Accommodation	149	142
Subscriptions	120	140
Music, PA & lighting	955	1,668
Licensing	1,294	1,128
Resource and training costs	1,318	711
Events	3,944	561
Catering costs	2,445	1,461
Equipment hire	934	658
Venue hire and rental	2,583	1,030
Repairs and renewals	16,311	9,899
Freehold property	11,786	9,603
Fixtures and fittings	2,329	2,151
Grants to individuals	<u>37,026</u>	<u>31,064</u>
	210,167	194,164
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	2,940	2,726
Legal and professional fees	<u>1,230</u>	<u>2,599</u>
	<u>4,170</u>	<u>5,325</u>
Total resources expended	<u>218,449</u>	<u>201,630</u>
Net income	<u>36,171</u>	<u>36,436</u>

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VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

England & Wales - Charity number 1140722

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07353864 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1140722

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
FOR
VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND**

Graham Paul Limited
Court House
Court Road
Bridgend
CF31 1BE

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

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VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its articles of association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The company is governed by its articles of association as adopted on 21st July 2010.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are recruited from within the membership of the Vine Christian Centre and must be regular in their attendance and a financial partner with the charity. The Chair would propose to the full trustee body a particular individual and they would be discussed and agreed upon. The Chair would seek to bring the trustee body to a unanimous position however if this was not possible the trustees could vote on the proposal.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07353864 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1140722

Registered office

The Vine Christian Centre
Australian Centre
Bridgend
CF31 1LY

Trustees

A M Ashton
Mrs S Lee (resigned 15.10.21)
Mrs A K Hinchey
L R Hill
Mrs H E Pettey (appointed 9.8.22)

The Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the board of trustees is A M Ashton.

Independent Examiner

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Introduction

On behalf of the Church Trustees I am delighted to introduce our Annual Report for the year April 2021 to March 2022.

The last year has seen us go through and come out of Government restrictions as the nation has come through the Covid19 pandemic on its journey toward normality. We entered the year with many restrictions still in place and we leave it with most restrictions lifted. This has been reflected in the life of the church. As restrictions were lifted and normality started to emerge we saw more people return to in person services and activities.

Going into the year our four strategic priorities were;

- 1) **Regathering the church family** – The Church had been restricted through the various lockdowns and bringing everyone back together and recovering the sense of family and community is a challenge all churches now face. Nationwide the numbers gathering together to worship had significantly reduced and relationships had been affected. Here at the Vine I thank God that we have not seen a large reduction in numbers or a significant reduction in our income.
- 2) **Raise up new leaders** – A number of key leaders had either left us or taken a step back and it was important for us to raise up new leaders throughout the church. The most significant change in leadership occurred in September when Peter Williams became an elder.
- 3) **Build team** – The pandemic had affected the cohesion of our team of key volunteers and it was felt that we needed to bring everyone together across departments. With this in mind we created the “Team Meeting” where all our heads of departments came together along with other individuals. As well as creating a “Vine team” it also created space for us to discuss together the future shape of the church.
- 4) **Seek a move of the Holy Spirit** – the Bible says unless the Lord builds the house they labour in Vain (Psalm 127v1). For all that we desire to see happen and to enable us to reach the world with the Gospel we need the Holy Spirit to work amongst us.

These priorities addressed some of the challenges the church faced through the year as we navigated out of the pandemic and are reflected in much of the activity that went on. There is still much work to be done however as we emerge from the pandemic and step into our future.

The last year has been an exceptionally challenging one for us all on many different levels however I believe our church is well placed to impact our community with the Gospel. As I look ahead I believe that God has given us a great door for effective work that has opened to us. Let us move forward together in order to see His Kingdom come and His will being done. We have a God who is faithful to the things that He has promised us.



Every blessing

Pastor Alex Ashton
Chair, Trustees

Trustees Report

We are pleased to present the report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Objects of the Vine Christian Centre

The objects of the Vine Christian Centre are the advancement of the Christian faith and those items listed within the Articles of Association, within the United Kingdom and throughout the world.

In setting the objectives and planning the activities the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit.

Governance and internal control

The Trustees oversee the legal and financial running of the Vine Christian Centre. The spiritual work and life of the Church is overseen by the Pastors, aided by Elders. The Trustees work closely with the Pastors and the staff who run the church office on a day to day basis.

The Trustees meet at least three times a year and have regular additional contact through other meetings as necessary. Attendance at meetings has been healthy throughout the year as shown in the following record:

Meeting Date	Pastor Ashton A	Mr L Hill	Mrs S Lee	Mrs Hinchey A
			Resigned October 2021	
15 October 2021	Y	Y	N/A	Y
3 December 2021	Y	Y	N/A	Y
14 January 2022	Y	Y	N/A	Y
11 March 2022	Y	Y	N/A	Y
29 March 2022	Y	Y	N/A	Y

Sharon Lee stepped down as a trustee in October 2021

Risk

The Trustees take risk seriously and all major insurable risks are subject to normal Churches' and Employers' insurance. All contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into to assess that they could not significantly impact upon the ability to fulfil the objectives.

Staff

In March 2022 Jenny Ireland retired from the church after 11 years of service. We want to thank her for all that she contributed to the life of the church and wish her the very best in retirement.

The Trustees are clear that the staff are one of the greatest assets. In ensuring that staff are appropriately remunerated the Vine Christian Centre has chosen to sign up to the Joseph Rowntree Real Living Wage and so no member of staff is paid less than this.



In September 2022 Pastor Peter Williams (who joined the church) and Pastor Andrew Yeoman (who leads Oaklands Church Ystradgynlais) were invited to become part of an interim Eldership to ensure there was a plurality of Eldership.

The Buildings



The main church building remains in need of substantial investment and it is the intention of the Trustees to use much of the operational surplus to invest in the fabric of the building.

Although General maintenance has continued there has been no substantial works contracted throughout last year.

It was decided to engage “Thorpe Engineering Consultancy” to survey the building to ascertain the outstanding building works over the next 20 years. The report highlighted that there needs to be an investment of approximately £750,000 over the next 20 years in the building and that the first focus should be on making the building water proof.

Income generation

The Vine Christian Centre is dependent on the generosity of the congregation for the majority of its income. Many individuals practice tithing and as a consequence income from offerings tend to be constant and steady throughout the year. During the financial year tithes and offerings fell by around 3 %.

Reserves

The Trustees have maintained a policy on reserves so that in the event of some adverse or unforeseen circumstances, there would always be sufficient reserves available to meet core objectives. The level of reserves are not set as a specific formula, the Trustees estimate the level of reserves to cover such events to be around £30,000. The unrestricted funds at the year-end were in excess of this.

Grant making policy

The Trustee’s policy is to tithe (i.e. give away) at least 10% of its income to external organisations and individuals who are working toward the same aims and charitable objectives as the Vine Christian Centre. Approximately 50% of these grants are to Christian organisations working within Wales.

External examiner

The Trustees have appointed Graham Paul and Co to act as the Vine Christian Centre’s external examiner.

The Vision of the Church

The vision of the church is to build a house of love so that there is a visible demonstration of the Agape love of God revealed through God's church to the community of Bridgend and the nation of Wales.

The Bible is central to the church's teaching and beliefs.

In accordance with Romans 1:18 *"The righteous shall live by faith"* and John 13:34 *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another"* there is a strong emphasis on walking by faith through love.

We are building a "HOUSE of LOVE" in three directions:-

- We love **UPWARD** toward the Father and seek to fulfil the greatest commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind.
- We love **WITHIN** towards our church family here in the Vine by seeking to fulfil Jesus' commandment to the church "as I have loved you, you also are to love one another".
- We love **OUTWARDLY** towards our community and therefore seek to fulfil the commandment to "love our neighbour as our self."

The review of 2021/22 which follows highlights the activities of the Church in the 12 month period in each of the areas above.

Building a “HOUSE of LOVE” - UPWARDS

We love **UPWARD** toward the Father and seek to fulfil the greatest commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind.

As we look to love the Father the two main areas of church activity are prayer and worship.

Prayer

Coming together to pray is an important aspect of the life of the church family. When the church comes together to pray, God speaks, mountains move and prison doors open. We see this demonstrated in Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit fell on the church, Acts 4 when the building they were in was shaken, Acts 12 when Peter was rescued from prison by Angels and Acts 13 when Paul and Barnabas were set apart for their missionary work.



Prayer Week

Prayer week was delayed to February so that we were able to meet in person. A prayer diary was produced for everyone and we meet as a church family 8 times across the week

This year the church focused on the promise of Hebrews 10v23 “He who promised is faithful” and prayed in the following areas;

Monday	The Church family
Tuesday	The nation – Wales
Wednesday	Thanksgiving
Thursday	Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
Friday	Release of the prophetic
Saturday	Mission and community impact
Sunday	Church Partners



On the Friday evening we gathered together to worship and invited prophetic voices to speak into the life of the church.

The words received can be summarised by the following;

- 1) A Vine to a Vineyard with Oil and Wine to share
- 2) Fresh Revelation
- 3) Purposeful Marriages
- 4) God amongst His people
- 5) Prepare your heart
- 6) Chains to be broken
- 7) Enlarge the foundation of the House
- 8) New Identity – Faith Church to apostolic work
- 9) Go on mission

The Prayer Chain

Brenda Hampton was appointed head of the prayer chain and has overseen its effective operation through the year. This confidential service is activated by a phone call to the office. The requests are then given to the team leader who in turn passes them and any updates on via phone, text or e-mail down the chain.

The chain enables a team to quickly and collectively pray for any needs that arise, both within the church and outside. Examples of requests received this year are personal healings, breakthroughs in personal or family circumstances, and healings for others including relations, friends and colleagues.

The hour of Prayer

In January we launched “The Hour of Prayer” as an in person gathering to pray and worship together. This monthly meeting allows the church family to come together to pray for the church, the community and the nation.

Worship



The Worship Team continues to be led by Kelly Poole and they make a major contribution within the life of the church. From April to 2021 to September 2021 the Worship Team continued to provide weekly recorded worship for the VCC Online Church Services in addition to worship for the Live Services held on a Sunday morning. In early September the decision was made to re-turn the church to the original seating plan after the Covid-19 restrictions eased. However, there were still some restrictions imposed regarding social distancing between the band members on the stage. Despite all the challenges faced as a result of the pandemic the Worship Team has adapted well and commitment from the team under difficult circumstances has been exceptional. The Core Team continue to work together extremely well and meet regularly to share vision and review current practices. Throughout the year the Worship Team has endeavoured to support and implement, the 4 Key Church Priorities – ***Building Team, Regathering the church family, Raising up new Leaders and a Move of the Holy Spirit.***

In November 2021, The Worship Team were saddened by the loss of our beautiful Josephine Morgan. The Worship Team would like to honour and thank Jo for her service to the Worship Team over many years. Jo served faithfully and prayerfully, and she always had an encouraging word for others. Her love, warmth and hospitality to all was sincere and evident in everything she did. We take comfort that she is singing again!



Band Communication

- From April 2021-August 2021 the Band started to meet monthly in the church with the primary purpose of continuing to build team and family. ***(Church Priority – Rebuilding Team & Family).***
- From September 2021 this increased to twice a month and from February 2022 the Band have met every Wednesday evening from 7pm-9pm to participate in a wide number of activities. For example, Band Practice / Learning New Songs / Sharing Testimonies / Pudding & Praise Evenings / Worshipping Together / Praying for One another and Training.
- From March 2022 Alex started attending Band Practice again, once a month, to share wisdom and vision and provide encouragement to the team.

Events

The Worship Team plays a significant role in the *'life of the church'* and all members of the team use their skills with passion and enthusiasm to serve the vision of the church. Throughout the year the Worship Team have been involved in a varied number of events. The team is committed to excellence and everyone gives so willingly of their time to ensure events run smoothly and to a high standard.

Overview of Events below:

- Aroma Ladies Event – April 2021.
- Encounter Meetings started back – June 2021.
- The Church Turned Around – September 2021.
- Ladies Evening – 30th September 2021.
- Introduction of Hour of Prayer – October 2021
- Josephine Morgan's Funeral – November 2021
- Joint Event with Swansea Valley Bible Church – Kelly Poole and Tim Grist joined the SVC Worship Team – October 2021
- Ladies Breakfast – December 2021 (Featured Mary Did You Know – New Arrangement)
- Christmas 2021 – A number of outreach events utilising a cross section of the church.
- Prayer Week – February 2022.
- Ladies Breakfast with Marilyn Harry – March 2022. The event was well attended and involved some of the female vocalists performing to backing tracks.

Skills

The Core Leadership Team believes strongly in developing an individual's gifts and providing opportunities for these gifts to grow and flourish. This is a principle the Worship Team is committed to and despite the restrictions the progress made is encouraging.

- Vocal Development – The More I Seek You performed to a Backing Track (Online Service)
- Ladies Events – Further development of Vocalists

Throughout the year the team has sought new opportunities to develop new leaders (***Church Priority – Raising up New Leaders***)

- September 2021 – Hayley Grist was invited to join the Core Leadership Team.
- Hour of Prayer – An opportunity to develop new Worship Leaders.

Sound Team

The Sound Team continues to play an integral part of the Worship Team and the commitment and effort shown throughout the year has been exemplary.

Training

Throughout the year the majority of training undertaken has been provided in-house.

Worship Support

The church believes that we are blessed to be a blessing, and this is something that extends to the Worship Team who have supported Peter and Lynne Yeoman throughout the year providing worship to a congregation in Maesteg.

Building a “HOUSE of LOVE” - WITHIN

We love **WITHIN** towards our church family here in the Vine by seeking to fulfil Jesus’ commandment to the church “as I have loved you, you also are to love one another”. We have sought to invest in, and love, our church family in a number of ways during the year some of which are mentioned below.

Pastoral Care

Throughout the various lockdowns during the year the church has sought to ensure people were pastorally supported. The church has kept functioning throughout lockdown and there has been pastoral support available for anyone both on line and in person. Furthermore Alex and Jane have regularly been in touch with the church family and encouraged them to regather at the in person services. This year Pastor Peter Williams joined the team and has helped immensely with some of the pastoral issues that have arisen.

Online services

The online service continued throughout the year however the emphasis moved away from providing a full online service to just providing the message and linking it to previously recorded worship times. As the church opened up it was felt it was more important to encourage people to regather than to stay home and watch on line.

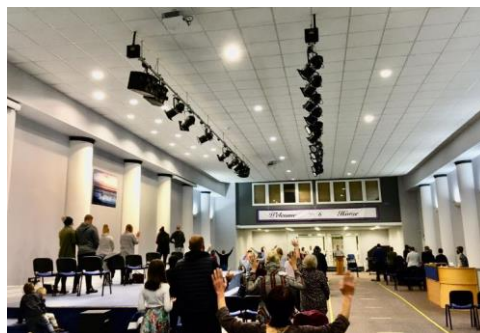
In-person services

The Sunday 10.30am service became the main meeting point and focus of the church gatherings. The various government restrictions were obeyed which involved a staged opening towards normality. In September the church was turned to its original facing although registration and 2 meter distancing stayed in place. At the end of January the 2 meter distancing restriction was lifted and soon after we stopped the need to register for services.



Finally in March the requirement to wear a facemask was lifted and Sunday services returned to their pre-pandemic form.

Although the shape of the various meetings changed as restrictions were lifted the focus of Worshipping the Lord and preaching the word remained the same. Attendance increased across the year as individuals became more and more comfortable with gathering inside.



Youth Ministry

The Church believes strongly in investing in, encouraging and equipping future generations to do great things for God. Therefore where possible within the constraints of the pandemic, a range of ministries have continued to work with our young people over the year.

Breakthrough Youth 11-18 years

Breakthrough Fridays

Friday Night Youth - This meeting is aimed at Years 7-13.

During the year, it met every other Friday night from 7.00 to 9.00pm. Due to its fortnightly schedule, the group also met during the holiday periods.

For the majority of the evenings, the programme was theme based, using a variety of both biblical and contemporary topics. Examples of these and thematic content include Heroes of Faith, Prayer-Talking to God and The Purpose Driven Life. It is also magazine based in terms of structure using a variety of 'chunked' activities involving testimonies, role models' stories, games, music, worship, bible study, teaching, multi-media and break out times giving the youth more of a voice. The young people themselves have also contributed to the games/quizzes, shared testimonies and prayers.

Breakthrough Sundays

Sunday Morning Youth - This meeting is aimed at Years 7-13 and takes place during the service after the offering when traditionally all minors go to their respective teaching groups. The curriculum follows The Black Letters of Jesus teaching resource and whoever is leading, puts 'their own spin' on this. In the majority of sessions there is a male and female youth leader, one leading the session, the other playing a supporting role.

Service Sunday

This initiative was started in January 2022. Members of Breakthrough Youth are able to sign up to a variety of ministry areas, where they serve on the last Sunday of each month. This is known as 'Service Sunday.' Ministry areas include: Kingdom Kids, Sparklers, Teas and Coffees, Ushering, Welcome Team, Worship Team-Sound Team, and the Words team.

The idea is to give the opportunity for our young people to serve in a variety of ways, discover what they are good at, have a better idea about the church as a whole and build relationships with church members they might not normally encounter.

Pastoral Support

This is afforded to our youth as and when necessary, in agreement and liaison with parents/carers.

Joint Church Youth Events and Connections

Claire Ashton, the Senior Youth Leader has built some connections with Brackla Tabernacle and Litchard Mission with the view to arranging some joint events in 2022-23.

Annual Camp

Although we were unable to go to a camp this year planning took place in the spring of 2022 in order to organise a residential youth camp for summer 2022. Limitless Festival 2022 was chosen and Breakthrough Youth Ministry would go with Brackla Tabernacle.

Dramarama Days

These began in 2020. Two took place in 2020-21. They were opened up to other churches and on both days young people from Brackla Tabernacle joined. As a final note it is encouraging to report that numbers have grown significantly as we have come out of lockdown and resumed face to face meetings.

Kingdom Kids

This group is for children in Reception to Year 6 (typically 4 – 11 year olds) and is led by Helen Pettey and her team

In June 2021, Kingdom Kids re-opened during the Sunday service for the first time since Covid-19 and it was a pleasure to welcome back the Children. Although continuing restrictions made it a challenging environment for running the sessions, the team was able to work creatively to create a fun learning environment and were glad as restrictions began to ease during the course of the year.

In October 2021, the team ran a UV Light Party as an alternative Halloween event. The event provided a safe, scare-free and fun-filled environment for Children – churched or unchurched – to come to and to also hear a relevant bible lesson.

For the first time in two years, the Kingdom Kids children and team were able to put together a fun Christmas presentation for the Church, which was enjoyed by all.

It's been encouraging to gradually see more children returning to Kingdom Kids and looking forward we expect the continued growth of the work and ministry of Kingdom Kids, as well as developing the team in the year to come.

Sparklers

This group is for children aged between 2-5 years old. During the Pandemic there were no crèche facilities and Hilary Sykes was not in a position herself to restart crèche in 2021 when restrictions were lifted. Hilary has since stepped down from all responsibilities with the under-fives and the church publicly honoured her for all her tireless work.

Jane Ashton took overall lead for crèche and rebranded it 'Sparklers' – the aim being that each child can shine for Jesus from a young age. A logo has been created and further rebranding will continue as possible.

Currently one year olds to children starting Reception are accepted. A team of volunteers have stepped up and four leaders including Jane teach each month with two supporting staff. The team have been very accommodating and supportive particularly through Covid spikes.

We have purchased some new play equipment and revamped others. During lockdown a lot of categorising and minimising of materials took place. Jane is writing a two year programme of teaching, songs and craft so moving forward another lead person would have this rolling programme in place. Claire Davies has been a big support with craft ideas.

Sparklers has grown in numbers over the year which is very encouraging.

During lockdown the baby crèche room has been plastered and decorated, with the intention of providing a live feed so parents can watch/listen to the preaching whilst caring for a young baby.

Women's Ministry

Due to Covid restrictions Aroma 2021 conference was postponed and replaced with a Women's Zoom event so that fellowship and sharing of the Word and some worship continued. This was well attended.

Aroma eventually went ahead on April 23/24th 2021 for two nights in person, albeit socially distanced and without the usual fellowship and prayer ministry. Many women registered from the church and effort was made to make it joyful and fun as well as expressing Jesus. The worship was very powerful and a balloon prayer tunnel was constructed as people left with people standing beside it praying as women walked through. The teaching was pre-recorded and we were again privileged to have messages from Pastor Reeba Samuel (Christ Harvest Church, Keighley) and Pastor Vicky Lloyd (Victory Church Manchester). It was a welcome reprieve for women at "The Vine".

Two Women's breakfast were arranged following this. Pastor Helen Yeoman (Oaklands Church, Ystradgynlais) shared a great message with prayer ministry on 4th December 2021 . Other churches joined us which was encouraging.

In March 2022 Marilyn Harry (Love Wales) preached at a breakfast, our first evangelistic event post-covid, which was full and several women made a commitment to Jesus and others received prayer.

All these events have promoted unity, community and a sense of family which has been attacked during the Pandemic. Most importantly the presence of God has been experienced and women have been built up in their faith.

Local conferences have also been advertised in church and a number of women have enjoyed going to some encouraging meetings in Bridgend, Newport and Bristol.

Men's Ministry

The purpose of men's ministry within the Vine is to;

- Deepen relationship with Jesus
- Cultivate Christ Centred relationships between men
- Work together towards common mission and vision
- Create a safe environment men can talk, encourage and support each other
- Reach other men

For a second consecutive year men's ministry was affected by the pandemic restrictions. However this year men's zoom meetings had an international flavour with Trevor Sampson from South Africa and Mark Fenn from Louisiana USA spoke to our men.

From August to the end of the year the focus turned toward relationship building with the following social events organised;

- August 2021 - Men's Beach BBQ with Peter Williams as our guest speaker
- September 2021 - Men's snooker evening
- November 2021 - Men's breakfast with Andrew Yeoman as our guest speaker

In January and February the focus switch to prayer. Weekly prayer meetings were held in support of pastor Alex and the church.

Small Groups

The House Groups continued on line until the summer as zoom groups. They met fortnightly throughout this period, usually reflecting on the messages preached on the Sundays before the meeting. They closed for the summer holidays and although it was hoped they could restart in homes from September it was decided not to do so because of the uncertainty created by the pandemic. As an alternative to bring the family together monthly "Table Talk" meetings were launched in October to provide a place for fellowship, fun and interaction.

In addition to this Alex and Jane started a mentor group that started in the June to run for 10 months. This was an opportunity for monthly meetings with the young adults in the church with the intention of encouraging and imparting some of their wisdom and experience to the next generation. Initially it met in their garden however was moved to the church once we moved into autumn.

Building a “HOUSE of LOVE” – OUTWARDS

We love **OUTWARDLY** towards our community and therefore seek to fulfil the commandment to “love our neighbour as our self.” The church seeks to be missional in its outlook and activities, endeavouring to reach the world with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Church members are encouraged and challenged to reach people in their own sphere of relationships with the love and message of Jesus. This is seen to be the responsibility of everyone within the church not just a select few.

In addition to this the Church reaches out to people and communities locally, nationally and internationally. At the heart of our community outreach are the commandments of Jesus to love our neighbour and to go into the world and preach the Gospel. We do this through sharing both the message of the gospel as well as practical help and support that is rooted in the good news of Jesus.

Sharing the message of the gospel

Over the last year the church’s ability to engage in mission has been curtailed by the pandemic as face to face events and activity have been restricted. Our annual mission was cancelled, healing on the streets has been suspended and schools work ceased as schools have been unable to host outside bodies. We have however taken the gospel on line and been able to use both Facebook and YouTube platforms to share the gospel and testify to the reality of Jesus in our lives.

Toddler Group



Until May 2021 weekly filming of a Preschool session was continued due to ongoing social distancing and Covid restrictions. This was posted on The Vine Toddler Facebook page each Friday. Credit to Hilary Sykes in the assisting of planning and Naomi Ashton for editing so that parents/carers could access a story, songs and a craft suitable for a pre-school child.

With the easing of restrictions, the team assembled to have Toddler sessions outside in Newbridge fields on Friday mornings with social distanced meet ups and refreshments, play and songs. This proved successful and we actively recruited families from the park some of whom have continued to come to the group all year. Families were needing this as children (and carers) were nervous and not used to interaction.

Hilary Sykes stepped down from Toddlers for family reasons after many years of leading and co leading this group. Jane Ashton felt strongly to restart indoors as soon as we were able and the rest of the team were very supportive of this.

October 8th 2021 was our first in person and indoors session post pandemic. Numbers were restricted and registration each week was required. Jane visited and liaised with several other Toddler groups in the town to try to take appropriate measures whilst making sessions fun. A welcome return to some normality for parents/carers and children and there have been opportunities to support families adjusting. Claire Davies was a massive help in restarting with many creative craft ideas.

With a brief break due to the Omicron variant and further guidelines, Toddlers has run throughout the year with no evidence of Covid spread amongst the team and has provided a safe place. It's been challenging but rewarding!

We have had more preschool children than ever and the need is for more individuals to help plan and teach in this setting now. Our Facebook page is active and regularly visited. Families came to our theatre performances and have begun to engage with the church.

Christmas outreach events

December again saw a reduced programme of events due to the pandemic restrictions. We held two separate carol services on Sunday the 20th December and a candle light communion service on the 24th December.

Activities across the Christmas season included;

- A Sunday morning family service where selection boxes were given out to every child in attendance. This was mirrored in the evening to ensure everyone could attend at least one service.
- A Christmas outreach event entitled "Let Light Shine" including contributions from pupils of Porthcawl Comprehensive school
- A Christmas Eve communion service by candle light.
- A Christmas themed Table Talk evening for the church family and their friends
- A supermarket voucher programme was organised through the church hands of compassion ministry as an alternative to the hampers usually given out at this time.

Providing Practical Care and Support

Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre

The Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre continued to support women in need during the pandemic with continued counselling on the telephone as requested.

The virtual office telephone system was a particular help to offer a full service as all calls to the number are transferred to a mobile so that the person can be spoken to at any time by mutual appointment – a service which clients have really appreciated. The Centre usually operates out of Hartshorn House in Maesteg.



The Centre counsellors provide support for women and their families in dealing with an unexpected pregnancy, abortion, post abortion, miscarriage and still birth. All counsellors are fully trained and specialise in pregnancy crisis issues, aiming to provide accurate information with short or long-term support and counselling that is client led.

Hands of Compassion

The Church also demonstrates practical love to people through the Hands of Compassion fund with the giving of benevolent gifts and food hampers in times of crisis. During the Christmas season the Church partnered with Llamau by providing hampers for their hostels and their residents within the Bridgend County. Monetary gifts were also given to The Wallich.



Donations of food and money are made by church members, and are supplemented by Pound for the Kingdom collections. This has enabled the church to support those in need with hampers and supermarket vouchers.

Supporting Other Ministries

Tithe of the Tithe and Pound for the Kingdom

The Church believes in tithing and practices what it preaches by the Tithe of the Tithe. This means that 10% of church income is given to organisations and ministries in furtherance of causes which complement and supplement the Church's vision and activities.

The money is also added to by monthly collections from the congregation called Pound for the Kingdom.

During the year 2021/22 the following ministries were all supported:

- Love Wales Evangelism
- Christians Against Poverty
- Edith's Hope Uganda
- Steet Lights (supporting women out of prostitution)
- Message Wales
- SAT-7 Christian TV
- Housing Justice Cymru
- The Christian Institute (Legal Defence fund)
- Tear Fund (India project)
- Ukraine Appeal (KCM Europe)

In addition to the above ministries the church has well established relationships with a number of ministries that have been supported over the years, including during 2021/22.

These include:

The Christian Institute

The Christian Institute is a British registered charity and Christian pressure group run by Colin Hart. They promote a conservative Christian viewpoint, founded on a belief in Biblical inerrancy. The Christian Institute exists for 'the furtherance and promotion of the Christian religion in the United Kingdom' and 'the advancement of education'.



Liz Hughes



Liz is a Ministry team leader in World Horizons UK and a member of the Vine Christian Centre. She leads a team of Base Support workers who support workers trained and sent out from the UK. This involves helping prepare colleagues before they leave for another nation, supporting them via e mail and skype while they are there, and debriefing them when they come back as well as coordinating all the practical arrangements. They are the first point of contact in an emergency and liaise with the sending churches.



She is also a Pastoral Field Visitor for South East Asia and visit the teams there regularly. She is the prayer coordinator for the UK team and helps out at Signpost and English Corner in Swansea which are outreaches to international students, workers and refugees in the city.

Rob Burns



Rob leads Missional Links Wales whose purpose is to:

- encourage USA churches and Welsh churches to collaborate in mission across each Welsh county and across the nation in long term relationships
- inspire Welsh churches to work together as a 'hub of transformation' to bring lasting spiritual transformation to their county
- provide ongoing support, missional training and consultancy to Welsh and USA churches

With evangelical Christianity at just 2% of the population of 3 million, Wales is a mission field in extreme need of strategic help and support from outside of its borders. Missional Links Wales seeks to support and initiate this process.



Open Doors

The church is a partner church with Open Doors, an international ministry serving persecuted Christians and churches worldwide.



OpenDoors
Serving persecuted Christians worldwide

Open Doors support persecuted Christians with Bibles, Christian materials, training, livelihood skills, and advocacy - and in a whole host of other ways - so that they know they are not forgotten and can stand strong to serve their communities so that they can give life. They seek to mobilise the church in the UK & Ireland, not only to serve Christians living under religious persecution, but also to learn from them what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. In over 50 countries.

The church supports Open Doors financially, through prayer, participation in the International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church and Christmas card letter writing initiative to prisoners.

Waleswide

Waleswide was established in 2005 and is a collaboration of evangelical churches and organisations for the planting and strengthening of churches across Wales.

They work with leaders to see churches established especially where there is no evangelical church presence, and where churches need to be strengthened in their effectiveness.



Sat7

Sat7 Television supports the Christians of the Middle East and North Africa in their Christian witness and lives. The station beams the Good News of the Kingdom of God straight into people's homes, into the centre of family life. It delivers Christian media for the Middle East and North Africa.

Through the power of satellite television, a message of hope and love is shared directly into the lives of millions of people, every day. Their channels bypass strict government censorship and side-step the challenge of illiteracy. Viewers are drawn to the high-quality programming and a hope-filled view of the world. The channels are welcomed into the very heart of the family home, again and again.

Conclusion

As I reflect on the year I am amazed how much we achieved, how we were able to adapt and how the church family pulled together. Although the year has been overshadowed by the pandemic and the consequential government restrictions we have come through and are well placed to grow and to reach out to the lost. The pandemic blunted our ability to reach out, however it had not changed the call to go nor our enthusiasm as a church to reach the lost. This summer we are already planning our first mission in 3 years focusing on the community of Wildmill.

The Church has been challenged by the prophetic word "from a Vine to Vineyard" which has encouraged us to think bigger, look out beyond Bridgend and consider how we can have a greater impact and influence across the nation.

There is a desperate need for the Holy Spirit to move through our church in a fresh way, to refresh, revive and encourage God's people. As we look ahead I believe we need a greater focus on prayer as the things we are looking to see are not by might, nor by power but by the Spirit of God. It is an honour to be on the journey with you all,

Every Blessing

Pastor Alex Ashton

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Vine Christian Centre, Bridgend for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

Small company provisions

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption with regards this report which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This trustees report was approved by the board on 13 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by

A M Ashton
Trustee / Director / Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Vine Christian Centre, Bridgend ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

J E Payne ACA
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Date: 13 December 2022

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		227,306	-	227,306	221,290
Charitable activities					
General fund		959	-	959	7,420
Other trading activities	2	1,053	-	1,053	136
Investment income	3	8,673	-	8,673	5,048
Other income		<u>75</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>91</u>
Total		<u>238,066</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>238,066</u>	<u>233,985</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	2,141	-	2,141	2,477
Charitable activities					
General fund	6	198,188	-	198,188	189,509
Gates of praise		107	-	107	230
Bridgend pregnancy crisis centre		<u>1,194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,194</u>	<u>1,015</u>
Total		<u>201,630</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201,630</u>	<u>193,231</u>
NET INCOME		36,436	-	36,436	40,754
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		613,870	-	613,870	573,116
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>650,306</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>650,306</u>	<u>613,870</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	418,583	-	418,583	429,031
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	13	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Debtors	14	10,126	-	10,126	7,921
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>228,482</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>228,482</u>	<u>184,422</u>
		239,608	-	239,608	193,343
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(7,885)	-	(7,885)	(8,504)
		<u>231,723</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>231,723</u>	<u>184,839</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>231,723</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>231,723</u>	<u>184,839</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>650,306</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>650,306</u>	<u>613,870</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>650,306</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>650,306</u>	<u>613,870</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	17			<u>650,306</u>	<u>613,870</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>650,306</u>	<u>613,870</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2022

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 13 December 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

A M Ashton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies are recognised at the point of receipt.

Income from trading activities consists of income received in exchange for the supply of goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Government grants that relate to revenue are recognised as income over the period in which the related costs are incurred. Grants related to expenses and Covid-19 support are recognised as income as the grant becomes receivable. Such grants occur as a re-imbusement for expenses already incurred and as a result of local authority and government covid-19 support measures. The charity receives government grants in relation to the UK Government Covid-19 job retention scheme.

Investment income includes interest and rental income. Interest is recognised on receipt and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP.

Expenditure

Raising funds expenditure comprises costs incurred by the charity in relation to its income from trading activities and rental income.

Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its charitable aims, objectives and activities and those related to the provision of services for its beneficiaries.

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Support costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include governance costs consisting of accountancy, legal and professional fees. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes the original purchase price, plus any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for intended use.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on cost

Land is not depreciated.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of less than one year.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Going concern and material uncertainties

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charities' ability to continue as a going concern nor are there any material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Books, cd's and literature	153	109
Conferencing and events income	<u>900</u>	<u>27</u>
	<u>1,053</u>	<u>136</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Rents received	8,400	4,905
Bank interest received	<u>273</u>	<u>143</u>
	<u>8,673</u>	<u>5,048</u>

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4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2022 General fund £	2021 Total activities £
Grants	<u>959</u>	<u>7,420</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Covid-19 Job Retention Scheme	<u>959</u>	<u>7,420</u>

5. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Purchases	46	31
Bad debts	1,750	2,050
Bank and credit card charges	<u>345</u>	<u>396</u>
	<u>2,141</u>	<u>2,477</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 7) £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
General fund	161,799	31,064	5,325	198,188
Gates of praise	107	-	-	107
Bridgend pregnancy crisis centre	<u>1,194</u>	-	-	<u>1,194</u>
	<u>163,100</u>	<u>31,064</u>	<u>5,325</u>	<u>199,489</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS - continued

Comparatives for charitable activities costs

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Totals £
General fund	153,881	32,472	3,156	189,509
Gates of praise	230	-	-	230
Bridgend pregnancy crisis centre	<u>1,015</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,015</u>
	<u>155,126</u>	<u>32,472</u>	<u>3,156</u>	<u>190,754</u>

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2022 £	2021 £
General fund	<u>31,064</u>	<u>32,472</u>

The total grants paid to individuals during the year was as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Missions	24,763	24,036
Hands of compassion	3,801	5,986
GAP year project	-	100
Ministry gifts	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,350</u>
	<u>31,064</u>	<u>32,472</u>

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
General fund	<u>5,325</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**8. SUPPORT COSTS - continued**

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2022 General fund £	2021 Total activities £
Accountancy fees	2,726	2,592
Legal and professional fees	<u>2,599</u>	<u>564</u>
	<u>5,325</u>	<u>3,156</u>

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation - owned assets	11,753	11,473
Independent Examination fee	2,472	2,346
Independent Examiner other services	<u>254</u>	<u>246</u>

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	2022 £	2021 £
Trustees' salaries	44,677	43,801
Trustees' social security	2,773	2,620
Trustees' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	<u>1,922</u>	<u>1,503</u>
	<u>49,372</u>	<u>47,924</u>

Trustees remuneration above relates to A M Ashton. This remuneration is paid to Mr Ashton for his role wholly as Chief Executive & Church Pastor and not for his role as a trustee of the charity.

Trustees' expenses

During the year the charity made payments to 1 (2021: 1) trustee totalling £616 (2021: £270) in respect of the reimbursement of expenses incurred wholly and exclusively for the purposes of charity activities.

Trustee expenses reimbursed in the current and prior year related to travel and subsistence costs.

The above expenses paid to Mr Ashton relate wholly to his role as Chief Executive & Church Pastor and not to his role as a trustee of the charity.

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11. STAFF COSTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	106,365	105,616
Social security costs	5,106	4,736
Other pension costs	<u>4,312</u>	<u>3,418</u>
	<u>115,783</u>	<u>113,770</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Vine Christian Centre	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2021	526,143	24,258	550,401
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>1,305</u>	<u>1,305</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>526,143</u>	<u>25,563</u>	<u>551,706</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2021	105,865	15,505	121,370
Charge for year	<u>9,603</u>	<u>2,150</u>	<u>11,753</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>115,468</u>	<u>17,655</u>	<u>133,123</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2022	<u>410,675</u>	<u>7,908</u>	<u>418,583</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>420,278</u>	<u>8,753</u>	<u>429,031</u>

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13. STOCKS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Shop stock	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Sundry debtors	10,126	7,912
VAT	-	9
	<u>10,126</u>	<u>7,921</u>

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	574	1,635
Social security and other taxes	2,791	2,147
Sundry creditors and accruals	<u>4,520</u>	<u>4,722</u>
	<u>7,885</u>	<u>8,504</u>

16. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Within one year	1,391	445
Between one and five years	<u>3,829</u>	-
	<u>5,220</u>	<u>445</u>

Lease payments recognised as an expense during the year were £1,201 (2021: £1,532).

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	563,870	36,447	(11)	600,306
Gates of Praise	-	(2)	2	-
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	-	(9)	9	-
Hayes Yard Fund	50,000	-	(50,000)	-
Church Building Repair Fund	-	-	50,000	50,000
	<u>613,870</u>	<u>36,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>650,306</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>613,870</u>	<u>36,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>650,306</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	236,713	(200,266)	36,447
Gates of Praise	153	(155)	(2)
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	1,200	(1,209)	(9)
	<u>238,066</u>	<u>(201,630)</u>	<u>36,436</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>238,066</u>	<u>(201,630)</u>	<u>36,436</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	573,116	41,074	(50,320)	563,870
Gates of Praise	-	(418)	418	-
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	-	98	(98)	-
Hayes Yard Fund	-	-	50,000	50,000
	<u>573,116</u>	<u>40,754</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>613,870</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>573,116</u>	<u>40,754</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>613,870</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	232,810	(191,736)	41,074
Gates of Praise	62	(480)	(418)
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	<u>1,113</u>	<u>(1,015)</u>	<u>98</u>
	<u>233,985</u>	<u>(193,231)</u>	<u>40,754</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>233,985</u>	<u>(193,231)</u>	<u>40,754</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	573,116	77,521	(50,331)	600,306
Gates of Praise	-	(420)	420	-
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	-	89	(89)	-
Church Building Repair Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
	<u>573,116</u>	<u>77,190</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>650,306</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>573,116</u>	<u>77,190</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>650,306</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	469,523	(392,002)	77,521
Gates of Praise	215	(635)	(420)
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	<u>2,313</u>	<u>(2,224)</u>	<u>89</u>
	<u>472,051</u>	<u>(394,861)</u>	<u>77,190</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>472,051</u>	<u>(394,861)</u>	<u>77,190</u>

The purposes of the funds listed above are as follows:

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Gates of Praise - This fund comprises of the trading of books, CDs and literature. These funds are unrestricted and any surplus or deficit is transferred to the general fund at the period end.

Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre - This is an unrestricted fund which provides support and counselling for women and their families in unexpected pregnancy, post abortion, miscarriage and following baby loss. Any surplus or deficit is transferred to the general fund at the period end

Hayes Yard Fund - This fund is designated for the purposes of demolishing the building and extending the car park at the Vine Christian Centre. During the current year, it was agreed that the money relating to this fund was to be transferred to the Church Building Repair Fund.

Church Building Repair Fund - This fund is designated for the purposes of significant repairs and improvements work required to be carried out on the church building.

18. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution pension plan for its employees. The amount recognised as an expense in the period was £4,312 (2021: £3,418).

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year, the charity received donations totalling £31,145 from 4 trustees (2021: £30,539 from 4 trustees).

Please refer to note 10 for trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses.

20. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £1) to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while he or she is a member, or within twelve months after he or she ceases to be a member

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and offerings	193,887	192,616
Gift aid	<u>33,419</u>	<u>28,674</u>
	227,306	221,290
Other trading activities		
Books, cd's and literature	153	109
Conferencing and events income	<u>900</u>	<u>27</u>
	1,053	136
Investment income		
Rents received	8,400	4,905
Bank interest received	<u>273</u>	<u>143</u>
	8,673	5,048
Charitable activities		
Grants	959	7,420
Other income		
Sundry income	<u>75</u>	<u>91</u>
Total incoming resources	238,066	233,985
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Purchases	46	31
Bad debts	1,750	2,050
Bank and credit card charges	<u>345</u>	<u>396</u>
	2,141	2,477
Charitable activities		
Trustees' salaries	44,677	43,801
Trustees' social security	2,773	2,620
Trustees' pension contributions	1,922	1,503
Wages	61,688	61,815
Social security	2,333	2,116
Carried forward	113,393	111,855

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VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	113,393	111,855
Pensions	2,390	1,915
Rates and water	364	479
Insurance	5,331	5,620
Light and heat	4,654	4,451
Telephone	3,217	2,856
Postage and stationery	2,351	1,753
Advertising	440	270
Travelling expenses	858	288
Vehicle hire	-	84
Refreshments and meals	950	55
Accommodation	142	-
Subscriptions	140	243
Music, PA & lighting	1,668	1,920
Licensing	1,128	1,199
Resource and training costs	711	607
Events	561	-
Catering costs	1,461	62
Equipment hire	658	768
Venue hire and rental	1,030	875
Repairs and renewals	9,899	8,353
Freehold property	9,603	9,603
Fixtures and fittings	2,151	1,870
Grants to individuals	<u>31,064</u>	<u>32,472</u>
	194,164	187,598
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	2,726	2,592
Legal and professional fees	<u>2,599</u>	<u>564</u>
	<u>5,325</u>	<u>3,156</u>
Total resources expended	<u>201,630</u>	<u>193,231</u>
Net income	<u><u>36,436</u></u>	<u><u>40,754</u></u>

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VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

England & Wales - Charity number 1140722

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07353864 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1140722

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
FOR
VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND**

Graham Paul Limited
Court House
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Bridgend
CF31 1BE

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

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VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its articles of association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The company is governed by its articles of association as adopted on 21st July 2010.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07353864 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1140722

Registered office

The Vine Christian Centre
Australian Centre
Bridgend
CF31 1LY

Trustees

A M Ashton
Mrs S Lee
Mrs A K Hinchey
L R Hill

Independent Examiner

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Introduction

On behalf of the Church Trustees I am delighted to introduce our Annual Report for the year April 2020 to March 2021. The first part of the report comprises of the legal bits that the Vine Christian Centre has to publish and the second part is an overview of Church activity in the year.

The last year has been an extraordinary year for the church. We have lived through unprecedented times, with the global pandemic disrupting all of our lives in a way that has not happened since the Second World War. In the history of the Vine, 2020 will probably go down as our most challenging year ever. However, I am extremely proud of the way everyone has responded to the challenges we have faced and how the church has continued to prosper throughout everything that we have faced over the last 12 months.

The pandemic and the subsequent social distance measures that were introduced by the Government have really made us have to consider how we function and minister to people. Fortunately the church isn't a building but the people of God, and whilst we have had to make many adjustments we have found that God is a very present help in a time of need.

For much of the year the church activities and meetings have been curtailed by Welsh Government restrictions but the church itself has still been able to worship and grow together. This has been achieved through the digitalization of much of our activity as we have moved on line and through the use of modern technology as we turned to Zoom and other similar platforms. Both our staff and key volunteers responded to the challenges we faced and have done an amazing job in putting services on line.

As we look into the future, the word of God to our church in January was to "Expect Better" in 2021 and we have slowly started to see both church gatherings and society in general open up alongside the roll out of the vaccination programme.

Through it all we have continued to endeavour to love God, love one another and love the world. At the end of March God spoke very clearly to me out of the Chronicles of Narnia – Aslan is on the move. Aslan is symbolic of the Lion of the tribe of Judah and being on the move symbolises a change of season. Just as we read that winter passed when Aslan moved I believe we are entering a new season in the life of the church.

Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away, for behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree ripens its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away. " **Song of Solomon 2v10-13**

The last year has been an exceptionally challenging one for us on many levels however I believe our church is emerging stronger. As I look ahead I believe the winter has passed and there is a new sound in the atmosphere. Let us move forward together in order to see His Kingdom come and His will being done. I believe our future is still as bright as the promises of God and that our best years are ahead of us. We have a God who has not forgotten us and who is working mightily in our nation.



Every blessing
Pastor Alex Ashton
Chair, Trustees

We are pleased to present the report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Objects of the Vine Christian Centre

The objects of the Vine Christian Centre are the advancement of the Christian faith and those items listed within the Articles of Association, within the United Kingdom and throughout the world.

In setting the objectives and planning of activities the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit.

Governance and internal control

The Trustees oversee the legal and financial running of the Vine Christian Centre. The spiritual work and life of the Church is overseen by the Pastors, aided by Elders. The Trustees work closely with the Pastors and the staff who run the church office on a day to day basis.

The Trustees meet at least three times a year and have regular additional contact through other meetings as necessary. Attendance at meetings has been healthy throughout the year as shown in the following record:

Meeting Date	Pastor A Ashton	Mr L Hill	Mrs S Lee	Mrs A Hinchey
24 July 2020	Y	Y	Y	Y
27 August 2020	Y	Y	Y	Y
04 December 2020	Y	Y	Y	Y
06 January 2021	Y	Y	Y	Y
31 March 2021	Y	Y	y	Y

Risk

The Trustees take risk seriously and all major insurable risks are subject to normal Churches' and Employers' insurance. All contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into to assess that they could not significantly impact upon the ability to fulfil the objectives.

Staff

In September 2020 Hannah Pottinger left the office team to start a new position as a youth worker in Brackla Tabernacle.

The Trustees are clear that the staff are one of the greatest assets. In ensuring that staff are appropriately remunerated the Vine Christian Centre has chosen to sign up to the Joseph Rowntree Real Living Wage and so no member of staff is paid less than this.

In February 2021 Gwynedd Jones stepped down as an elder of the Church. As a consequence Pastor Alex will be reviewing the leadership structure in the year ahead.



The Buildings



The main church building remains in need of substantial investment and it is the intention of the Trustees to use much of the operational surplus to invest in the fabric of the building.

Although General maintenance has continued there has been no substantial works contracted throughout last year.

Financial News

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Vine Christian Centre, and of the surplus or deficit for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees have:-

- selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records for the Vine Christian Centre which disclose the financial position with reasonable accuracy at any time, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Law.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Vine Christian Centre and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Income generation

The Vine Christian Centre is dependent on the generosity of the congregation for the majority of its income. Many individuals practice tithing and as a consequence income from offerings tend to be constant and steady throughout the year. During the financial year tithes and offerings fell by around 3 %.

Reserves

The Trustees have maintained a policy on reserves so that in the event of some adverse or unforeseen circumstances, there would always be sufficient reserves available to meet core objectives. The level of reserves are not set as a specific formula, the Trustees estimate the level of reserves to cover such events to be around £30,000. The unrestricted funds at the year-end were in excess of this.

Grant making policy

The Trustee's policy is to tithe (i.e. give away) at least 10% of its income to external organisations and individuals who are working toward the same aims and charitable objectives as the Vine Christian Centre. Approximately 50% of these grants are to Christian organisations working within Wales.

External examiner

The Trustees have appointed Graham Paul Limited to act as the Vine Christian Centre's external examiner.

The Vision of the Church

The vision of the church is to build a house of love so that there is a visible demonstration of the Agape love of God revealed through God's church to the community of Bridgend and the nation of Wales.

The Bible is central to the church's teaching and beliefs.

In accordance with Romans 1:18 "The righteous shall live by faith" and John 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" there is a strong emphasis on walking by faith through love.

We are building a "HOUSE of LOVE" in three directions:-

- We love **UPWARD** toward the Father and seek to fulfil the greatest commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind.
- We love **WITHIN** towards our church family here in the Vine by seeking to fulfil Jesus' commandment to the church "as I have loved you, you also are to love one another".
- We love **OUTWARDLY** towards our community and therefore seek to fulfil the commandment to "love our neighbour as our self."

The review of 2020/21 which follows highlights the activities of the Church in the 12 month period in each of the areas above.

Building a "HOUSE of LOVE" - UPWARDS

We love **UPWARD** toward the Father and seek to fulfil the greatest commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind.

As we look to love the Father the two main areas of church activity are prayer and worship.

Prayer

Coming together to pray is an important aspect of the life of the church family. When the church comes together to pray, God speaks, mountains move and prison doors open. We see this demonstrated in Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit fell on the church, Acts 4 when the building they were in was shaken, Acts 12 when Peter was rescued from prison by Angels and Acts 13 when Paul and Barnabas were set apart for their missionary work.

Prayer Week

At the beginning of each church year we direct our hearts upward towards our heavenly Father with a week of prayer and fasting. Due to the pandemic the prayer week moved to Zoom and the church had virtual prayer meetings throughout the week.



This year the church focused our faith on expecting better in 2021 and prayed in the following areas;

Monday	The Church
Tuesday	The Nation – Wales
Wednesday	The Persecuted Church
Thursday	The Move of the Holy Spirit
Friday	Mission
Saturday	Beyond the Pandemic
Sunday	Community Impact



The Prayer Chain

The prayer chain continued to operate effectively throughout the year. This confidential service is activated by a phone call to the office. The requests are then given to the team leader who in turn passes them and any updates on via phone, text or e-mail down the chain.

The chain enables a team to quickly and collectively pray for any needs that arise, both within the church and outside. Examples of requests received this year are personal healings, breakthroughs in personal or family circumstances, and healings for others including relations, friends and colleagues.

Prayer meetings – weekly

In person collective prayer was suspended as a result of Welsh Government restrictions. As these restrictions are reduced the situation will be reviewed at some point next year.

Worship

The Worship Team led by Kelly Poole has adapted extremely well to the restrictions imposed by Covid 19 and since 12th April 2020 has been producing weekly recorded worship for the VCC online church services. Initially, the worship was provided by Kelly, Tim and Hayley Grist on an alternative weekly basis. The worship was recorded from home, however, as restrictions have eased a recording space has been set up in the Coffee Shop at the Vine enabling a slightly bigger team to be involved whilst still maintaining social distancing guidelines. The location has helped to create a professional feel to the services and helped to create a sense of cohesion with the preaching.



Since the re-opening of church services on September 13th, Kelly has taken a lead in providing worship for the live services and Tim has been responsible for providing worship for the online church services supported by Hayley who has taken an increased vocal role. This arrangement has worked extremely well and has helped to reduce the workload amongst the Worship Team.

At present the Worship Team is leading the church weekly in worship for both live and online services. Through this very challenging time high standards have been maintained and the service of the Worship Team has been excellent, has helped to encourage the church family and feedback has been very positive.



Band Communication

"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head running down on the beard on the beard of Aaron..." Psalm 133

The Core Worship Leadership Team meet regularly to update on progress and to discuss developments. During the first lock down a number of strategies were implemented by the Leadership Team to ensure regular communication within the team and to maintain connection between the band members. Since July 2020, the Worship Team have generally been meeting fortnightly via Zoom. At these meetings there is a focus on teaching, prayer and building relationships. During these sessions members of the Worship Leadership Team are often asked to lead or contribute. However, opportunities have been given to the wider team to lead on certain topics/areas.

Events

The Worship Team played a significant role in the Christmas services this year and a major achievement was the involvement of every member of the team in some capacity. A considerable amount of planning and organising took place to ensure smooth running and the commitment and time given by the whole team was excellent. Rehearsals and recordings started in early November and a new feature this year was the 'Advent Song' which appeared in both the online and live services. The Christmas services also provided opportunities for some members of the Youth Band and new vocalists to participate. A special thank you to Tim Grist, Michael James and Jenny Ireland for their involvement with the recording and editing of the material.



The Easter services at the Vine were also very successful however due to Covid restrictions a smaller team were used. The whole church was invited to participate in an online collective worship dance by submitting clips of themselves dancing to a previously choreographed routine. Many thanks to Eleeth Smith for choreographing and editing the material.

The Worship Team also provided worship for the Aroma Women's Conference. For this event the Band learnt some new songs which were well received by the congregation.

The Worship Leadership Team believes strongly in developing an individual's gifts and providing opportunities for these gifts to grow and flourish. This is a principle the Worship Team is committed to and despite the restrictions the progress made is encouraging.

- Since the reopening of live services on September 13th Nicola Payne has been playing the cello in some of the services.
- Phoebe Ashton and Coel Dyckhoff, both members of the Youth Band, have been integrated into the Adult Band and have been involved in providing worship on a Sunday morning at the live services.
- Kymberley Anthony was welcomed back to the team after taking some time out to attend Bible College.
- The team was also pleased to have Ben and Brianni Pottinger join them. Ben was part of the worship team for many years before moving to Cardiff.

Sound Team

- Before the church re-opened for services in September a new 'band set-up' was implemented to accommodate social distancing and which is currently still in operation.
- James Clewlow has taken a key role as a Sound Technician for the live services on a Sunday morning under guidance from Michael James.
- Michael James has worked closely with Andrew Lee to sort through recently purchased equipment. Michael has also taken a leading role in setting up a new in ear monitor system and resetting the existing set up to ensure maximum productivity.
- Since December the Worship Team has been using ProPresenter as the main tool to present media presentations. Jon and Lucy Clewlow have taken a lead with this new initiative and the team is very grateful for their contributions.
- Since March the Sound Team has increased in number and are pleased to announce that Ben and Brianni Pottinger and Eleeth Smith have been added to the team.
- James Clewlow is involved once a month in assisting Kelly Poole with recording worship for the online service.

Training

- The team participated in a Song Writing Workshop involving a Guest Speaker – Miss Rebecca Hurn. It is the intention to form a song writing group who will meet regularly to write new material. This is currently being explored.
- Jenny Ireland has taken on the role of editing the worship for the online services.
- Some members of the team visited the Warehouse Church in Newport to look at Live Streaming options.
- Kelly Poole attended a Premier Digital On-line Training Course.
- Hayley Grist was responsible for organising and leading one of the Advent Songs for a Christmas online service.
- Kelly Poole received training on how to use the "Garage Band" recording program.
- Tim Grist is using Logic, a more sophisticated package to record and edit the Online Worship.
- New members of the Sound Team have received training on how to setup cables etc.

Equipment

- The PA system and kit is still under review with a view to purchasing a new system upgrade.
- Good progress continues to be made with the organisation and storage of technical equipment.
- Kelly Poole has been in discussion with Stage Lighting regarding a new lighting board etc.

Worship Support

The church believes that we are blessed to be a blessing and this is something that extends to the gifts and ministries based in the church. During the year some of our online special songs performed by Tim and Hayley Grist were used to accompany digital events held by Housing Justice. This is an area the Worship Team would also like to develop further next year.

Building a "HOUSE of LOVE" - **WITHIN**

We love **WITHIN** towards our church family here in the Vine by seeking to fulfil Jesus' commandment to the church "as I have loved you, you also are to love one another". We have sought to invest in, and love, our church family in a number of ways during the year some of which are mentioned below.

Pastoral Care

Throughout the various lockdowns during the year the church has sought to ensure people were pastorally supported. The challenge for all churches has been how do you pastor a congregation if people are not allowed to meet up together. The church has kept functioning throughout lockdown and there has been pastoral support available for anyone both on line and in person. Furthermore Alex and Jane have regularly been in touch with the church family by phone, text or email. They have prioritised those people who live alone or have been living through difficult home circumstances, however they have been available for everyone.

Online services

On Easter Sunday 12th April the church launched its online service and looking back at that broadcast with Kelly leading worship on guitar at home and Alex speaking the church has come a long way. In addition to the Sunday service we started the midweek message and various people from within the church family shared something to encourage people to keep following Jesus.

We want to thank all our key volunteers who have had to develop new skills to have made all this happen, these include; Andrew, Hannah, Kelly, Tim, Naomi, Jane, Helen, Eleeth, Kym, Jenny, Gwynedd, our musicians and anyone else who made a contribution to the online services.



In-person services

In August the restrictions on in-person services was lifted. However any service would have to comply with social distancing and Welsh Government guidelines. Whilst praying about the next step the Lord spoke to Alex out of Acts chapter 3 "*Times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord*". As a consequence in-person services were reopened on the 13th September initially for people who lived alone and then in October for the whole church. The Church has remained open ever since and it has been wonderful not only to see many of our church family return but also new people visit us.



Missional Discipleship Course

This was unable to continue due to restrictions. As the course works best in person it was decided not to move it to Zoom but to resume at some point in the near future.

Youth Ministry

The Church believes strongly in investing in, encouraging and equipping future generations to do great things for God. Therefore where possible within the constraints of the pandemic, a range of ministries have continued to work with our young people over the year.

16-25 years old-Relentless

This group is for Sixth Form and Young Adults. (16-25 years old.) The group is led by Naomi Ashton and they have been meeting online every two weeks throughout the academic year.

The aim is to build a community of young people, exploring faith (not all are from a church background), supporting each other in prayer and discussion with a particular focus on Bible reading and understanding the scriptures more. A support network is being built so that the young people can encourage each other in their faith. For those that are not from a church background, there has been greater interest and understanding of the Christian faith and the Bible and a desire to stay connected to church life even if they don't attend on Sundays.

The programme consists of social time to start with, often including a quiz or game. There is then a time of group discussion which this year has been based on a bible study on the book of Mark from the Gospel Coalition. It has been important for the young people to go through a Gospel and learn more about who Jesus is. The questions open up discussions and also draw on themes across the bible that point to Jesus. The study usually ends with a reflective question and prayer. Social evenings feature at the end of each term and these have involved games nights and an online escape room.

11-16 years old

Friday Night Youth - This meeting is aimed at Years 7-11. The team are led by Claire Ashton and Jon Clewlow assisted by Jamie Kenworthy. During the year, it met every other Friday night from 7.30 to 9.00pm. Due to its fortnightly schedule, the group also met during the holiday periods.

All meetings bar one, have been online, using the church Zoom account.

Face to Face Meetings - Christmas Youth Service

The only face to face youth meeting took place on December 18th 2020 and was a Christmas get together in the church's auditorium. The meeting followed the same procedures as that of a Sunday morning service. It was well attended and the young people gave positive feedback. The message of Christmas was a focus but this was punctuated by a number of games and engaging activities following the risk assessment guidelines/protocol.

Virtual Meetings - Zoom

For the majority of the evenings, the programme was theme based, often using topics that complement the Youth Blog. Examples of topics and thematic content include Heroes of Faith, Prayer-Talking to God and the purpose driven life. It is also magazine based in terms of structure using a variety of 'chunked' activities involving testimonies, role models' stories, games, music, worship, bible study, teaching, multi-media and break out times giving the youth more of a voice. The young people themselves have also contributed to the games/quizzes, shared testimonies and prayers.

Although the nature of a virtual meeting can make this more difficult, friendships and relationships were encouraged across the peer group and young people were given opportunities to learn as well as contribute, develop their knowledge of Christianity and the world in which they live (both historical and contemporary). The latter helps them to make informed choices as they make decisions about their faith and personal discipleship.

The Youth Blog

This was created at the beginning of the Pandemic in order to help support young people, with no meetings (face to face or virtual) were yet in place. The first blog went out on April 3rd 2020. This was initially released every week. As well as a number of multi-media resources and biblical teaching, an item called TEAM TALK was created in order for the Youth Leaders to have a point of contact with the youth. The Blog now goes out once a month. All of the aforementioned Youth workers above are involved in Team Talk, as well as Lucy Clewlow.



Pastoral Support

With agreement from parents/carers, some of the youth workers have contacted young people by telephone in order to encourage them. Claire Ashton and Naomi Ashton also made a number of doorstep visits to see members of the youth, with parents/carers' consent, in order to see how they were doing and again to encourage, build relationships, as well as give out prizes or gifts from the church.

Theatre Group

These are project based and despite the constraints of the pandemic, a drama project was run for the Christmas services 2020. The youth worked with Claire Ashton in order to successfully stage this.

Youth Band

Currently three members of the youth are involved in the Youth Band and Worship team, headed up by Kelly Poole. This gives them an opportunity to develop their skills, find an expression in their faith and worship as well as finding a role in the church.

Kingdom Kids

This group is for children aged between 5-11 years old and is led by Helen Pettey with support from Andrew Lee, and Kathryn Dyckhoff.



Due to Covid-19 Kingdom kids were unable to meet in person. The team have provided a pre-recorded slot during the online service up to 10 minutes long throughout the pandemic. The teaching has been on various subjects including the Armour of God, not being afraid, various Old Testament stories, and Jesus wanting to be our best friend.

A highlight of the year was a zoom light party on 31st October 2020. This was reported as slightly crazy but good fun and a lovely way to interact with the children.

Presents were given out to the children at Christmas and Easter eggs on Easter Sunday. A couple more team members have been recruited, ready for when restrictions are lifted.

Budding Vine

This group is for children aged between 2-5 years old but did not meet during the year due to Covid restrictions.

An online Christingle service was pre-recorded and presented on 12th December for children of all ages.



Babies

This group is for children aged up to 2 years old but did not meet during the year due to Covid restrictions.

Women's Ministry

Women's ministry and outreach has been significantly restricted in this year due to the constraints of the pandemic.

A number of online meetings via Zoom were organised throughout the year which were well attended and the feedback has been very positive. Advertising these events on Facebook also drew other Christians to join.

Some online meetings with speakers 'in-house' were arranged allowing women from The Vine to share and give testimonies and a have time of worship together. Break out rooms were used at some for prayer and fellowship, particularly when lock -down was at its most strict. A number of outside speakers were invited to preach including Debbie Bullock, Claire Morton and Margaret Glave.

Recognising these meetings were a vital link for our women to touch base and remain connected and be encouraged throughout the lockdowns.

Aroma 2021 went ahead in April, instead of February, when Covid numbers were much lower. Endeavours were made to make the church building welcoming and introduce some fun elements in what is an alien environment to a usual church meeting. No outside advertisement was made as numbers had to be restricted so the focus was on inviting and supporting the women of The Vine.

The ability to have a band and worship was significant and the speakers who sent pre-recorded sermons were inspiring. There was a definite sense of community and God's presence.



Men's Ministry

- The purpose of men's ministry within the Vine is to;
- Deepen relationship with Jesus
- Cultivate Christ Centred relationships between men
- Work together towards common mission and vision
- Create a safe environment men can talk, encourage and support each other
- Reach other men.

During the year Andrew Pettey started leading a Zoom's mens ministry. Andrew has organised monthly meetings where a speaker has been invited in to encourage men in their faith. The following people have spoken;

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| • September 2020 | Byron Hayward (WRU) |
| • October 2020 | Pastor Ian Anderson |
| • November 2020 | Pastor John Bullock |
| • January 2021 | Martyn Lewis (Head of Sports Chaplaincy Wales) |
| • February 2021 | Gerrit Bantjes (Care for the Family) |
| • March 2021 | Rob Burns (Missional Links Wales) |

As restrictions are eased there are plans being developed for in person meetings both at the church building and outside.

House Groups

The House Groups function as small family groups within the church for pastoral care, support and encouragement. They meet fortnightly throughout the year, usually reflecting on the messages preached on the Sundays before the meeting, and have continued throughout lockdown by moving on line. In the year the number of groups increased from 5 to 6 as a new Filipino Family group was launched.

The groups are led by Lance and Michelle Hill, Alex Ashton, Hilary Sykes, Gwynedd and Jill Jones, Lyn Perry and Jane Ashton.

House groups are constantly looking to welcome new members and if people are interested in joining or hosting one then they just need to contact the office.

Faith Academy

Faith Academy is a monthly series of meetings on a Saturday morning for deeper study of the word of God from both Vine leaders and guest speakers. The programme was much reduced this year and moved on line. An average of 17 people attended the following sessions:

May	2020	Faith	Evangelist Bengt Wedemalm
November	2020	Exploring Worship	Pastor Alex Ashton
December	2020	The love of God	Pastor Alan Morton

Building a “HOUSE of LOVE” – OUTWARDS

We love **OUTWARDLY** towards our community and therefore seek to fulfil the commandment to “love our neighbour as our self.” The church seeks to be missional in its outlook and activities, endeavouring to reach the world with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Church members are encouraged and challenged to reach people in their own sphere of relationships with the love and message of Jesus. This is seen to be the responsibility of everyone within the church not just a select few.

In addition to this the Church reaches out to people and communities locally, nationally and internationally. At the heart of our community outreach are the commandments of Jesus to love our neighbour and to go in to the world and preach the Gospel. We do this through sharing both the message of the gospel as well as practical help and support that is rooted in the good news of Jesus.

Sharing the message of the gospel

Over the last year the church's ability to engage in mission has been curtailed by the pandemic as face to face events and activity has been restricted. Our annual mission was cancelled, healing on the streets has been suspended and schools work ceased as schools have been unable to host outside bodies. We have however taken the gospel on line and been able to use both Facebook and YouTube platforms to share the gospel and testify to the reality of Jesus in our lives. It is also worthwhile to note that ALPHA on line was launched this year and provides a gateway to explore the faith.

Toddler Group

In person Toddlers has remained closed through the year due to Covid Restrictions. However the team have continued to reach out to this group.

During 2020 the Toddler group created a Facebook page and its own logo specifically for parents and carers of pre-school children. Each member of the group was contacted with information, the Facebook page and details of online church and how to contact the team. This enabled them to have communication with people during Covid.

Hilary Sykes and Jane Ashton attended a pre-school weekend online conference in September which was very informative and had multiple speakers discussing online advantages and advice. It inspired them to purchase a larger interactive puppet, design and have printed some T-shirts and gather some media equipment and start filming to reach out to this age group in a new way.



In October Toddlers online was launched and has posted every Friday on the Facebook page – filming pre-recorded sessions including a story, songs and a craft suitable to engage in at home. The Facebook page was staffed on Friday mornings so they could interact with parents when it went live. Viewings have been encouraging and it has been worth the time and effort.



In December an online Christingle service was filmed with the Toddler team, Worship team, Helen Pettey and Naomi (Media) aimed at pre-school and primary age using Facebook and You Tube platforms. At least 100 views were registered. 50 craft packs were created that parents could register for and collect safely from the car park so children could make a Christingle, craft activities etc. at home and have information to engage with us as a church.

Toddlers are now planning to meet outside as a group and provide some support as a team to parents and carers. We are aware that these children have often had little or no social interaction with others in a group setting in more than a year.

The group is looking forward to meeting back as soon as possible to continue and rebuild this essential ministry.

Alpha Course

Led by Gwynedd & Jill Jones, the Alpha Course via Zoom was launched during lockdown and had a group of three people, which was an advantage because it made it easy for everyone to get involved in the small group discussions. Everybody completed the course and it was really encouraging to see people make a commitment to follow Jesus as well as growing in their understanding and faith.

On completion of the course the group wanted to keep meeting and so have continued to meet over Zoom. Gwynedd brought a course together to take the group further along on their journey with Jesus. The format is the same as Alpha, video with Gospel/discipleship elements as well as real-life testimonies. This has worked well and the group have been able to go deeper with what it means to follow Jesus. This course is called 'Stepping Stones' as it is aimed at helping new or still growing Christians take small steps forward in their faith.

Christmas outreach events

December saw a much reduced programme of events due to the pandemic restrictions. We held two separate carol services were held on Sunday the 20th December and a candle light communion service on the 24th December. Across the weekend the largest attendances of the year were seen.

Activities across the Christmas season included;

- A Saturday afternoon online Christingle for preschool children and their families.
- A Sunday morning family service where selection boxes were given out to every child in attendance. This was mirrored in the evening to ensure everyone could attend at least one service.
- A Christmas Eve communion service by candle light.
- A supermarket voucher programme was organised through the church hands of compassion ministry as an alternative to the hampers usually given out at this time.

Providing Practical Care and Support

Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre

The Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre continued to support women in need during the pandemic with continued counselling on the telephone as requested.

The virtual office telephone system was a particular help to offer a full service as all calls to the number are transferred to a mobile so that the person can be spoken to at any time by mutual appointment – a service which clients have really appreciated.

The Centre usually operates out of both Bridgend at the Vine, led by Wendy Perkins and Maesteg at Hartshorn House, led by Lynda Thomas.



During the pandemic 4 clients received telephone counselling over 28 sessions.

8 calls were taken for unplanned pregnancy guidance plus numerous other telephone enquiries and a waiting list was formed.

Lynda Thomas from Maesteg was able to see 2 clients at Hartshorn House and also provided telephone assistance to others.

The Centre counsellors provide support for women and their families in dealing with an unexpected pregnancy, abortion, post abortion, miscarriage and still birth. All counsellors are fully trained and specialise in pregnancy crisis issues, aiming to provide accurate information with short or long-term support and counselling that is client led.

Hands of Compassion

The Church also demonstrates practical love to people through the Hands of Compassion fund with the giving of benevolent gifts and food hampers in times of crisis. During the Christmas season the Church partnered with Llamau by providing hampers for their hostels and their residents within the Bridgend County. Monetary gifts were also given to Bridgend Food Bank and The Wallich.



Donations of food and money are made by church members, and are supplemented by Pound for the Kingdom collections. A total of 139 food hampers or supermarket vouchers were distributed through the year.

Healing Hour

No activity due to the pandemic.

Supporting Other Ministries

Tithe of the Tithe and Pound for the Kingdom

The Church believes in tithing and practices what it preaches by the Tithe of the Tithe. This means that 10% of church income is given to organisations and ministries in furtherance of causes which complement and supplement the Church's vision and activities.

The money is also added to by monthly collections from the congregation called Pound for the Kingdom.

During the year 2020/ 21 the following ministries were all supported:

- Tearfund (Yemen Appeal)
- Christians Against Poverty
- Edith's Hope Uganda
- Go Church Lebanon disaster fund
- Message Wales
- SAT-7 Christian TV
- Housing Justice Cymru
- Open Doors (Syria Appeal)
- Ty Cariad (Uganda)
- Hands of Compassion
- Release International

In addition to the above ministries the church has well established relationships with a number of ministries that have been supported over the years, including during 2020/21.

These include:

Bengt Wedemalm



Throughout the year the church supported Bengt and Vivian as he battled sickness and the reduction of ministry opportunities as a result of the pandemic. Sadly in April 2021 Bengt went to be with Jesus

Bengt was born in 1961 and in ministry for over 30 years, he travelled extensively and ministered in over 60 nations. He has been visiting the Church for nearly 20 years and has had imparted much spiritual blessing to us over this time. Invariable he would speak on Faith and his teaching has left a rich deposit in the life of the church.

He will be greatly missed by the church and Pastors Alex and Jane.

Derek Brown



Derek Brown has been an advisor, encourager and significant help to the church over many years. He is based out of "the Well of Life" in Hampshire and his heart is to see an incarnational Church touching the world with the love of Jesus. He has a ministry to encourage and supports leaders in their ministry both in the UK and across the world.

The Christian Institute

The Christian Institute is a British registered charity and Christian pressure group run by Colin Hart. They promote a conservative Christian viewpoint, founded on a belief in Biblical inerrancy. The Christian Institute exists for 'the furtherance and promotion of the Christian religion in the United Kingdom' and 'the advancement of education'.



Liz Hughes



Liz is a Ministry team leader in World Horizons UK and a member of the Vine Christian Centre. She leads a team of Base Support workers who support workers trained and sent out from the UK. This involves helping prepare colleagues before they leave for another nation, supporting them via e mail and skype while they are there, and debriefing them when they come back as well as coordinating all the practical arrangements. They are the first point of contact in an emergency and liaise with the sending churches.



She is also a Pastoral Field Visitor for South East Asia and visit the teams there regularly. She is the prayer coordinator for the UK team and helps out at Signpost and English Corner in Swansea which are outreaches to international students, workers and refugees in the city.

Rob Burns

Rob leads Missional Links Wales whose purpose is to:



- encourage USA churches and Welsh churches to collaborate in mission across each Welsh county and across the nation in long term relationships
- inspire Welsh churches to work together as a 'hub of transformation' to bring lasting spiritual transformation to their county
- provide ongoing support, missional training and consultancy to Welsh and USA churches



With evangelical Christianity at just 2% of the population of 3 million, Wales is a mission field in extreme need of strategic help and support from outside of its borders. Missional Links Wales seeks to support and initiate this process.

Open Doors

The church is a partner church with Open Doors, an international ministry serving persecuted Christians and churches worldwide.

Open Doors support persecuted Christians with Bibles, Christian materials, training, livelihood skills, advocacy - and a whole host of other ways - so that they know they are not forgotten and can stand strong to serve their communities so that they can give life. They seek to mobilise the church in the UK & Ireland, not only to serve Christians living under religious persecution, but also to learn from them what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. In over 50 countries.



Open Doors

Serving persecuted Christians worldwide

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The church supports Open Doors financially, through prayer, participation in the International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church and Christmas card letter writing initiative to prisoners.

Waleswide

Waleswide was established in 2005 and is a collaboration of evangelical churches and organisations for the planting and strengthening of churches across Wales.

They work with leaders to see churches established especially where there is no evangelical church presence, and where churches need to be strengthened in their effectiveness.

Conclusion

As I reflect on the year I am amazed how much we achieved, how we were able to adapt and how the church family pulled together. Although the year has been overshadowed by the pandemic and the consequential government restrictions we were still able to prosper.

The stripping away of the scaffolding and support of the church has provided a wonderful opportunity for us to grow in our faith as we have had time to pray, read the word and lean on Jesus through lockdown. My hope is as a church we come back together stronger in our faith having proved that God is a very present help in a time of trouble.

At the beginning of the pandemic my prayer was that no one from our church family would be lost to Covid-19. Whilst many people within the family contracted the virus and some were very ill I can report that no one was lost and everyone had recovered from this disease. Whilst we can give thanks to God for this let us remember there are many families across our country who have lost loved ones and been profoundly affected by the pandemic. With this in mind let us look for opportunities to demonstrate the love and compassion of God to a hurting world.

Much of life appears to be returning to normal. During the lockdowns I have been able to wait on the Lord and spent much time in prayer and I have been looking to God for the next steps. As life opens up we should take the opportunity to ask the Lord what our next steps should be. I want to give thanks to God for bringing the church through the pandemic and as we look ahead I want to remind you of the word "ASLAN is on the move" and to expect better in the year ahead.

It is an honour to be on the journey with you all,

Approved by order of the board of trustees on03/12/2021..... and signed on its behalf by:



A M Ashton - Trustee



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Vine Christian Centre, Bridgend ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



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VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		221,290	-	221,290	247,808
Charitable activities					
General fund	4	7,420	-	7,420	-
Other trading activities	2	136	-	136	18,117
Investment income	3	5,048	-	5,048	8,609
Other income		91	-	91	-
Total		233,985	-	233,985	274,534
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	2,477	-	2,477	6,126
Charitable activities					
General fund	6	189,509	-	189,509	246,929
Gates of praise		230	-	230	236
Bridgend pregnancy crisis centre		1,015	-	1,015	962
Other		-	-	-	10,000
Total		193,231	-	193,231	264,253
NET INCOME		40,754	-	40,754	10,281
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		573,116	-	573,116	562,835
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>613,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>613,870</u>	<u>573,116</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

**BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	429,031	-	429,031	438,821
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	13	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Debtors	14	7,921	-	7,921	12,343
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>184,422</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>184,422</u>	<u>129,437</u>
		193,343	-	193,343	142,780
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(8,504)	-	(8,504)	(8,485)
		<u>184,839</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>184,839</u>	<u>134,295</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>184,839</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>184,839</u>	<u>134,295</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>613,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>613,870</u>	<u>573,116</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>613,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>613,870</u>	<u>573,116</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	17			<u>613,870</u>	<u>573,116</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>613,870</u>	<u>573,116</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2021

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on03/12/2021..... and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
A M Ashton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies are recognised at the point of receipt.

Income from trading activities consists of income received in exchange for the supply of goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity receives government grants in relation to the UK Government Covid-19 job retention scheme. These grants are recognised in the period in which they become receivable.

Investment income includes interest and rental income. Interest is recognised on receipt and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Support costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include governance costs consisting of accountancy, legal and professional fees. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes the original purchase price, plus any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for intended use.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on cost

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Land is not depreciated.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of less than one year.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Books, cd's and literature	109	2,116
Conferencing income	27	16,001
	<u>136</u>	<u>18,117</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Rents received	4,905	8,400
Deposit account interest	143	209
	<u>5,048</u>	<u>8,609</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2021 General fund	2020 Total activities
	£	£
Grants	<u>7,420</u>	<u>-</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Covid-19 Job Retention Scheme	<u>7,420</u>	<u>-</u>

5. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Purchases	31	1,767
Bad debts	2,050	3,671
Bank and credit card charges	396	688
	<u>2,477</u>	<u>6,126</u>

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6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 7) £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
General fund	153,881	32,472	3,156	189,509
Gates of praise	230	-	-	230
Bridgend pregnancy crisis centre	1,015	-	-	1,015
	<u>155,126</u>	<u>32,472</u>	<u>3,156</u>	<u>190,754</u>

Comparatives for charitable activities costs

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Totals £
General fund	202,351	38,816	5,762	246,929
Gates of praise	210	26	-	236
Bridgend pregnancy crisis centre	962	-	-	962
	<u>203,523</u>	<u>38,842</u>	<u>5,762</u>	<u>248,127</u>

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2021 £	2020 £
General fund	32,472	38,816
Gates of praise	-	26
	<u>32,472</u>	<u>38,842</u>

The total grants paid to individuals during the year was as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Missions	24,036	38,842
Hands of compassion	5,986	-
GAP year project	100	-
Ministry gifts	2,350	-
	<u>32,472</u>	<u>38,842</u>

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8. SUPPORT COSTS

General fund	Governance costs £ <u>3,156</u>
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Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2021 General fund £	2020 Total activities £
Accountancy fees	2,592	2,506
Legal and professional fees	<u>564</u>	<u>3,256</u>
	<u>3,156</u>	<u>5,762</u>

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation - owned assets	11,473	11,246
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	-	10,000
Independent Examination fee	2,346	2,260
Independent Examiner other services	<u>246</u>	<u>246</u>

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	2021 £	2020 £
Trustees' salaries	43,801	42,942
Trustees' social security	2,620	4,736
Trustees' pensions paid	<u>1,503</u>	<u>1,104</u>
	<u>47,924</u>	<u>48,782</u>

Mr A M Ashton receives remuneration in respect of his work as the church pastor and not in respect to his role as a trustee.

Trustees' expenses

During the year the charity made payments to 1 (2020: 2) trustees totalling £270 (2020: £1,390) in respect of the reimbursement of expenses incurred wholly and exclusively for the purposes of charity activities.

Trustee expenses reimbursed in the current and prior year related to travel and subsistence costs.

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11. STAFF COSTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	105,616	122,292
Social security costs	4,736	7,376
Other pension costs	<u>1,915</u>	<u>1,923</u>
	<u>112,267</u>	<u>131,591</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Vine Christian Centre	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2020	526,143	22,575	548,718
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>1,683</u>	<u>1,683</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>526,143</u>	<u>24,258</u>	<u>550,401</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2020	96,262	13,635	109,897
Charge for year	<u>9,603</u>	<u>1,870</u>	<u>11,473</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>105,865</u>	<u>15,505</u>	<u>121,370</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2021	<u>420,278</u>	<u>8,753</u>	<u>429,031</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>429,881</u>	<u>8,940</u>	<u>438,821</u>

13. STOCKS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Finished goods	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

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14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	731
Other debtors	7,912	11,612
VAT	9	-
	<u>7,921</u>	<u>12,343</u>

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,635	1,191
Social security and other taxes	2,147	2,091
VAT	-	3
Accrued expenses	<u>4,722</u>	<u>5,200</u>
	<u>8,504</u>	<u>8,485</u>

16. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Within one year	445	1,472
Between one and five years	-	445
	<u>445</u>	<u>1,917</u>

Lease payments recognised as an expense during the year were £1,532 (2020: 1,825).

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.21
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	573,116	41,074	(50,320)	563,870
Gates of Praise	-	(418)	418	-
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	-	98	(98)	-
Hayes Yard Fund	-	-	50,000	50,000
	<u>573,116</u>	<u>40,754</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>613,870</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>573,116</u>	<u>40,754</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>613,870</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	232,810	(191,736)	41,074
Gates of Praise	62	(480)	(418)
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	1,113	(1,015)	98
	<u>233,985</u>	<u>(193,231)</u>	<u>40,754</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>233,985</u>	<u>(193,231)</u>	<u>40,754</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	562,835	10,427	(146)	573,116
Gates of Praise	-	(352)	352	-
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	-	206	(206)	-
	<u>562,835</u>	<u>10,281</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>573,116</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>562,835</u>	<u>10,281</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>573,116</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	271,431	(261,004)	10,427
Gates of Praise	1,935	(2,287)	(352)
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	1,168	(962)	206
	<u>274,534</u>	<u>(264,253)</u>	<u>10,281</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>274,534</u>	<u>(264,253)</u>	<u>10,281</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	562,835	51,501	(50,466)	563,870
Gates of Praise	-	(770)	770	-
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	-	304	(304)	-
Hayes Yard Fund	-	-	50,000	50,000
	<u>562,835</u>	<u>51,035</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>613,870</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>562,835</u>	<u>51,035</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>613,870</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	504,241	(452,740)	51,501
Gates of Praise	1,997	(2,767)	(770)
Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre	<u>2,281</u>	<u>(1,977)</u>	<u>304</u>
	<u>508,519</u>	<u>(457,484)</u>	<u>51,035</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>508,519</u>	<u>(457,484)</u>	<u>51,035</u>

The purposes of the funds listed above are as follows:

Gates of Praise - This fund comprises of the trading of books, CDs and literature. These funds are unrestricted and any surplus or deficit is transferred to the general fund at the period end.

Bridgend Pregnancy Crisis Centre - This is an unrestricted fund which provides support and counselling for women and their families in unexpected pregnancy, post abortion, miscarriage and following baby loss.

Hayes Yard Fund - This fund is designated for the purposes of demolishing the building and extending the car park at the Vine Christian Centre.

18. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution pension plan for its employees. The amount recognised as an expense in the period was £3,418 (2020: £3,027).

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Please refer to note 8 for trustees' remuneration and benefits.