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

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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
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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

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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 Britian 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.

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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.



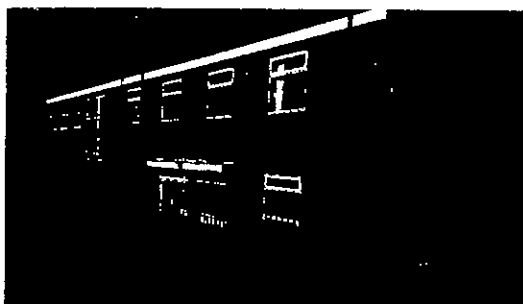
During the year the senior ministers, Alex and Jane Ashton took a two-month sabbatical between January and March 2023 to ensure that they were refreshed for the season ahead.

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 previous 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 appointed 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 starting 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

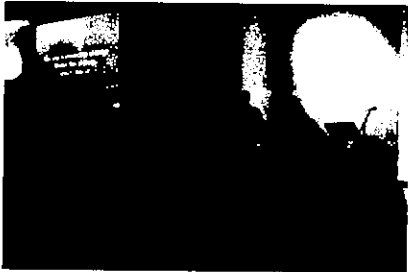
Coming together to pray is an important aspect of the life of the church family. When the church comes together to pray, God speaks, mountains move, and prison doors open. We see this demonstrated in Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit fell on the church, Acts 4 when the building they were in was shaken, Acts 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:

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| 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

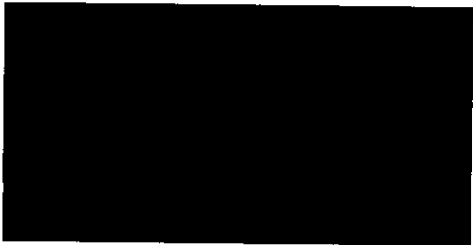
We love **WITHIN** towards our church family here in the Vine by seeking to fulfil Jesus' commandment to the church *"as I have loved you, you also are to love one another"*. We have sought to invest in, and love, our church family in several ways during the year some of which are mentioned below.

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.

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 – church 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.

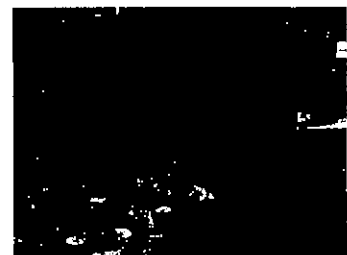
The virtual office telephone system offers a full service as all calls to the number are transferred to a mobile so that the person can be spoken to at any time by mutual appointment – a service which clients have really appreciated. The Centre also operates out of Hartshorn House in Maesteg.

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 Blythwood Care shoebox appeal. [www.blythwood.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



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.

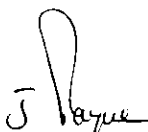
Independent examiner's statement

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
CF31 1BE

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		<u>82</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>75</u>
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		<u>1,317</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,317</u>	<u>1,194</u>
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		<u>650,306</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>650,306</u>	<u>613,870</u>
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:


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-imbursement 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.

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

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>

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

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

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>

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

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>

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

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

8. SUPPORT COSTS

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

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

	2023	2022
	General Church Fund	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.

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

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>

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

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).

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

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

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>

VINE CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BRIDGEND

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

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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	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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