

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 8688328**

**REPORTS AND**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

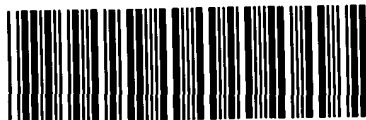
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

**FOR**

**VINEYARD 53**

**(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

**WEDNESDAY**



**\*ADZ665F6\***

**A07**

**26/03/2025**

**#283**

**COMPANIES HOUSE**

	Page
Report of the Trustees	3 – 9
Summary of Financial Activities	11
Balance Sheet	12
Notes to the Financial Statements	13 – 20
Independent Examiners Report	21

## **VINEYARD 53**

### **ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

#### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30 June 2024**

The trustees, who are the directors, present their annual trustees' report and financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and 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) issued in October 2019.

#### **Objectives & Activities**

Vineyard 53 was started in 2013 by a handful of people in the Chester area. From meeting in people's homes and then rented venues, we now meet weekly on Sundays, rent an office space and host numerous events and gatherings through the region.

We aim to be a light across our region, serving and blessing those who live here. As we have grown in size we have been able to set up numerous projects that reach out to many different groups of people. We have had the privilege of seeing lives transformed as we share the compassion and love of God with those we meet.

The broad aims of VINEYARD 53 ("the Church") continue to be the following;

- Furthering the gospel of Jesus Christ and advancing the Kingdom of God.
- Showing compassion for the vulnerable.
- Building up the faith of Christian believers.
- To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

In support of these objects the Church receives gifts and donations by its attendees and supporters and many of these are given by way of Gift Aid and so are further enhanced by a tax reclaim.

In the execution, the objects of the Church are expressed in specific and practical ways described below and as such, the application of its resources are similarly displayed in the financial statements.

**Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30 June 2024**

The aim of VINEYARD 53 is to extend the Kingdom of God by drawing people into a relationship with Jesus through its activities. We seek to do this by our Sunday Celebrations, mid-week groups, training events, projects, gathering events and seasonal programmes. We seek to bring adults, young people, and children into a greater spiritual, intellectual and moral awareness and to advance the practical application of Christianity. We seek to express the love and mercy of God to both those inside the church and in the community outside. We do this in particular through our compassion projects. In the last year this has included taking a leading role in Street Angels Chester (a project supporting the night time economy in Chester), and Move In, Move On (an initiative providing people moving out of refuge accommodation into new housing with basic household items). These projects aim to support those in need or who are vulnerable in the region and beyond.

Much of this work is done by large volunteer workforces, who have themselves experienced God's help and want to offer practical help to others in need. We seek to help people with better life skills, in relationships, marriage, money, work habits, community life, and education.

**Achievements and Performance**

In planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance "Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)".

**Objectives for the Year**

- To grow the church in terms of numbers and maturity;
- To recruit, train and develop the voluntary workforce;
- To alleviate hardship and poverty;
- To train new leaders;
- To build and consolidate the financial base of the charity;
- To expand our work in the region and abroad by way of relief of poverty.

***Furthering the gospel of Jesus Christ and advancing the Kingdom of God.***

Over the year to June 2024 at VINEYARD 53 we have seen several hundred people attend services during this period. Approximately 250 people have made VINEYARD 53 their own church, with several of the new members having had no previous experience of any church. We continue to use a hybrid meeting model – with in-person services live streamed to YouTube.

**Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30 June 2024**

***Showing compassion for the vulnerable.***

The church has worked in the local community to be a blessing in practical and relational ways. We currently have 17 small groups and through these groups and as a wider community we look to generously give in ways that do not directly benefit the church. Around 15% of our total income is set-aside for this purpose.

Compassion work continues to go from strength to strength, building on the foundations built as we emerged out of lockdown. Move In, Move On, an initiative helping families being moved into new housing get off to a good start with basic household items, continued, supporting more than 100 individuals over the year. We also spearheaded Street Angels Chester, a project supporting the night time economy in Chester and helping to relieve pressures on police and ambulance services. After receiving a grant for a pilot in the summer of 2023, we ran a pilot with other churches in Chester and, upon completion of an impact report on the pilot, launched the project properly at the beginning of 2024.

***Building up the faith of Christian believers.***

VINEYARD 53 uses its small group network that meet in the city and the surrounding area to study the bible and bless their local communities. This includes a regular mid-week youth gathering. This is in addition to Sunday services where the bible is looked at.

Training took many forms this period; including training on marriage, money, time management, helping those in need, reaching your community, a number of biblical and theological topics, leading a group and pastoral care. The teaching takes place in one-to-one situations as well as small groups and the Church gathered.

In addition to that a number of people from Vineyard 53 have been on training courses:

- The Cause to Live For (training for young adults on life direction);
- Vineyard National Leaders Conference (for leadership and ministry training).
- Vineyard Leadership College (a paid, year-long course equipping Church leaders)
- Vineyard Leaders Essentials (free training for lay leaders)
- WTC (Theological degrees)

In the summer, our youth went to Dreaming the Impossible, a Christian youth festival. Here they received teaching and encouragement relevant to their life stage.

**Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30 June 2024**

*To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.*

As the church has grown, we have sought to offer specific activities for men, women, youth, children and students to develop links both within the church, and with the wider community. We have also worked alongside various charities and institutions within the city of Chester and its surrounding areas.

**Financial Review**

The financial statements as presented show a net deficit for the period in the General fund of £6,562. The deficit is covered from available reserves and represents a closing of the deficit of previous years where extra staffing and venue costs were taken on. Performance against the charitable aims and objectives of the organisation are noted in the section titled "Achievements and Performance".

***Reserves Policy***

The Directors and Trustees have examined the Church's requirements for free reserves in the light of the predominant risks to the Church. The main risk is identified as a reduction in the Church membership giving rise to a reduction in income. The Directors and Trustees have reviewed the reserves policy and consider it is appropriate to retain free reserves up to the equivalent to the Church's staff salaries and venue costs for 3 months as well as an amount sufficient to cover capital costs if equipment were damaged. This total is less than the amount held in reserves at 30 June 2024.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

VINEYARD 53 is a company limited by guarantee as well as a registered charity, in which the company directors also form the board of Trustees. The liability of each Trustee in the event of a winding up is limited to £1. The day to day running of the Church is delegated to J Simmons and A Simmons.

***Trustees***

The Trustees who have served during the period are as follows: -

J Simmons

J Henderson

**Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30 June 2024**

S Maxey

S J Dunlop

G Mulholland

C Hollingsworth (resigned as director 17/7/24)

***Appointment of Trustees***

New Trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates, who are expected to be generally (but not exclusively) selected from within the membership of VINEYARD 53, are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and understanding of the aims of the church. New Trustees have the opportunity of reviewing appropriate documents including the accounts as part of their induction process.

***Risk Management***

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- (a) an annual Budget considered by the Trustees;
- (b) regular consideration by the Trustees of financial reports;
- (c) delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- (d) identification and management of risks.

The Trustees aim to review on a regular basis the main risks that the Church faces. They believe that maintaining the free reserves at the levels noted on the statement of financial activities, combined with appropriate reviews of the controls over key financial systems, provides sufficient resources in the event of unexpected adverse conditions. The Trustees are also of the opinion that adequate systems are in place to mitigate any significant matters arising from operational and business risks.

***Summary***

The Trustees consider that they have complied with the Charities Act 2011 and that the church and its membership are meeting the charitable objectives that were determined when the church was formed. As it grows, it is expected that the church's community will have further opportunities to increase its activity and influence.

## **VINEYARD 53**

### **ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

#### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30 June 2024**

##### **Reference and Administrative Details**

CHARITY NAME	VINEYARD 53
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:	1153966
COMPANY NUMBER:	08688328
DIRECTORS & TRUSTEES:	J Simmons J Henderson S Maxey S J Dunlop G Mulholland C Hollingsworth (resigned as director 17/7/24)
	REGISTERED OFFICE: 26 MILL LANE UPTON CHESTER CH2 1BT
BANK:	CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) Head Office 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent, ME19 4TA
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	Joshua Rugen ACCA 36 Totland grove Chester CH2 2EY

##### **Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

The trustees (who are also directors of VINEYARD 53 for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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



## **VINEYARD 53**

### **ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

#### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30 June 2024**

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 VINEYARD 53 will continue in operation.

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

- the church is operating efficiently and effectively;
- proper records are maintained and are reliable; and
- the church complies with relevant laws and regulations.

#### **Statement as to disclosure of information to the Independent Examiner**

The trustees have taken all the necessary steps to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

As far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which VINEYARD 53's Independent Examiner is unaware.

#### **Approval of Accounts**

The accounts were approved on behalf of the Trustees on 25/3/2025.

J Simmons  
Trustee/Director



25/3/2025

26 MILL LANE  
CHESTER  
CH2 1BT

## Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the year to 30 June 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023/24 £	Restricted Funds 2023/24 £	Total Funds 2023/24 £	Total Funds 2022/23 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	239,005	19,697	258,702	221,204
Charitable activities	2	2,224	0	2,224	5,917
Investments	2	3,212	0	3,212	1,463
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>244,441</b>	<b>19,697</b>	<b>264,138</b>	<b>228,584</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	3	251,003	17,789	268,792	270,319
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>-6,562</b>	<b>1,908</b>	<b>-4,654</b>	<b>-41,735</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Transfers between funds		-11,800	11,800	0	0
Net movement in funds		-18,362	13,708	-4,654	-41,735
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>128,059</b>	<b>20,229</b>	<b>148,288</b>	<b>190,023</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>109,697</b>	<b>33,937</b>	<b>143,634</b>	<b>148,288</b>

UP77  
25/3/2025

**VINEYARD 53****ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024****Balance sheet as at 30 June 2024**

	Notes	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	5	2,439	5,806
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stock		266	266
Debtors	7	53,121	43,800
Cash at bank & in hand		98,597	108,969
		<u>151,984</u>	<u>153,035</u>
<b>Creditors: due within a year</b>	8	<u>(10,789)</u>	<u>(10,553)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		141,195	142,482
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<u>143,634</u>	<u>148,288</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Restricted income funds		33,937	20,229
Unrestricted funds		109,697	128,059
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u>143,634</u>	<u>148,288</u>

For the year ending 30 June 2024, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements and associated notes (which form part of these accounts) on pages 12 to 19 were approved by the Trustees on 25/3/25.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 SORP.

J Simmons  
Trustee/Director



25/3/2025

**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024**

**1. Accounting Policies**

**(a) Basis of preparation**

These accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognized at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Due to the level of cash and unrestricted reserves held the trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**(b) Funds accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared to include all funds directly under the responsibility of Vineyard 53. All funds have been analysed into their different types. Unrestricted funds are not subject to any special restrictions and they can be used as the Trustees decide. Restricted funds are where the donor has imposed restrictions on how the fund may be used, but which do not prevent the fund being spent.

During the period, around fifteen percent of the Church's voluntary income was set aside for activities and causes that do not directly benefit Vineyard 53. This is not regarded as a separate fund as such, but merely as an indicator as to how general charitable expenditure is to be disseminated and is considered to be part of the General unrestricted fund.

**(c) Income**

Donations and tithes are credited to the financial statements as received. Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024**

No monetary value has been put on the voluntary help received by Vineyard 53 from its members during the period (for more information refer to the Trustees' Annual Report) or on minimal gifts in kind (e.g. refreshments provided for meetings, used furniture donated for office use, etc.) due to impracticability and limited benefit of doing so.

Income from any trading or other activities is recognised when earned. In the case of recharged events income and expenditure are shown gross.

**(d) Fixed assets**

Fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and the cost is over £1,000. They are recorded at cost of purchase less accumulated depreciation.

**(e) Depreciation**

Depreciation of fixed assets is charged at rates estimated to write off their cost, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives. All assets are depreciated on a straight line basis: both equipment and the vans (purchased used) have depreciation charged at 20% per year. A full month's depreciation is charged in the month of acquisition, and none in the month of disposal.

**(f) Value added tax**

The Church is not registered for VAT.

**(g) Stock**

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

**(h) Debtors and Creditors**

The Church recognises all transactions on an accruals basis, which is to say that all sums due to or from the Church are included in the year which they occurred irrespective of whether they have been paid. If they have not been paid, they are included as a debtor or creditor. Debtors are measured at their recoverable amounts. Creditors are measured at their settlement amount.

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024

## 2. Analysis of Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior Year Funds £
<b>Donations</b>				
Donations	195,096	12,048	207,144	179,845
Gift Aid	40,909	2,649	43,559	35,558
Grants	3,000	5,000	8,000	5,802
	239,005	19,697	258,702	221,204
<b>Other charitable activities</b>				
Event fees	2,215	0	2,215	2,880
Other sundry income	9	0	9	3,037
	2,224	0	2,224	5,917
<b>Investment Income</b>				
Interest	3,212	0	3,212	1,463
<b>Total</b>	<b>244,441</b>	<b>19,697</b>	<b>264,138</b>	<b>228,584</b>

Grants include £1,000 from Marjory Boddy Trust (prior year £0), £2,000 in funding from Vineyard UK to cover regional oversight activities (prior year £1,000) and a grant of £5,000 from the government Safer Streets Fund for Street Angels (prior year £0).

Restricted Funds income is further analysed in note 9.

Event fees comprise £2,215 contributed towards the costs of certain events included in note 3 below under Gathering Events, Training and Conferences, and Children & Families (prior year £2,880).

Interest income is received on Gift Aid received from HMRC and bank account balances. The charity did not have any investments during the year.

## 3. Analysis of Expenditure

Expenditure on Charitable Activities comprises those costs incurred by the Church in the delivery of its activities and services for beneficiaries including costs of an indirect nature necessary to support these activities. As noted in the Trustees' Annual Report the principal objects of the Church are advancement of the Christian Faith, Relief of sickness and financial hardship, the advancement of Christian education, and Provision of facilities in the interests

**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024**

of social welfare. These are practically expressed under the 6 initial headings listed below, supported by the following staff and support costs.

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds £</b>	<b>Prior Year Funds £</b>
Gatherings & Events	7,761	277.61	8,039	8,676
Training & Conferences	2,273	980.63	3,254	7,118
Pastoral Expense	1,556	14.8	1,570	2,456
Sunday Gatherings	16,767	0	16,767	16,827
Giving to Others	22,294	11,570	33,864	33,488
Children & Families	8,558	241.86	8,800	9,573
Staff costs	147,286	3,966	151,252	145,534
Support costs	44,508	737	45,245	46,647
<b>Total</b>	<b>251,003</b>	<b>17,789</b>	<b>268,792</b>	<b>270,319</b>

Support costs include costs associated with the maintenance of the Church's office and meeting space in Chester of £28,286. In the previous year office costs were £27,864.

Other items included in Support costs include van running costs of £2,143 (prior year £3,208), depreciation of £3,367 (prior year £3,424) and Governance costs of £232 (prior year £315).

Expenditure on restricted funds is further analysed in note 9.

Independent examiner's fees were waived and donated on a voluntary basis.

**4. Staff costs**

Wages and salaries amounted to £147,890 (prior year £130,858). This includes payments to workers employed to help with Sunday setup. Vineyard 53 is able to take advantage of the Employment Allowance which, together with statutory maternity pay reclaimed, gave us a credit of £1,779 on social security costs (prior year cost £1,877). Pension contributions of £3,397 were paid in the year (prior year £2,853).

At the end of the year there were 10 employed staff members including Rachel Holloway, who was on maternity leave from January. Of these, 8 work part time (prior year end 9

**VINEYARD 53****ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024****Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024**

employees, 7 part-time). From September 2023 Alison Doo's salary was allocated one day a week for Vineyard 53 and one day for Gwynedd Vineyard.

The average head count for the year was 5.1 (prior year 5.1) and at the end of the year the staff were working a total of 25 days a week (prior year 26). No employees received benefits of more than £60,000.

Tracey Guthrie was granted a Sabbatical during the year and the associated costs of providing her and her husband Graeme, who is a voluntary leader, with ministry and training during this time are included in the Staff Costs total.

**5. Tangible Fixed Assets**

	<b>Equipment £</b>	<b>Van £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Cost at 1 July 2023	9,639	13,163	22,802
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
<b>Cost at 30 June 2024</b>	<b>9,639</b>	<b>13,163</b>	<b>22,802</b>
Depreciation at 1 July 2023	7,561	9,435	16,996
Disposals	0	0	0
Charge for the year	734	2,633	3,367
<b>Depreciation at 30 June 2024</b>	<b>8,295</b>	<b>12,068</b>	<b>20,363</b>
Net book value at 1 July 2023	2,078	3,728	5,806
<b>Net book value at 30 June 2024</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>2,439</b>

**6. Taxation**

As Vineyard 53 has charitable status no provision for corporation tax is required.



## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024

## 7. Debtors

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Income tax recoverable via Gift Aid	42,385	35,613
Prepayments and accrued income	9,495	7,848
Other Debtors	1,241	339
Total	53,121	43,800

## 8. Creditors

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	4,695	8,346
Other creditors	6,094	2,207
Total	10,789	10,553

## 9. Summary of Fund Movements

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
<b>Year to 30 June 2024</b>					
<b>General Funds</b>					
- Unrestricted	52,082	242,314	251,003	-11,800	31,593
- Building Fund	75,977	2,127	0	0	78,104
	<b>128,059</b>	<b>244,441</b>	<b>251,003</b>	<b>-11,800</b>	<b>109,697</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
- Move In, Move On	1,711	5,382	5,767	0	1,326
- Compassion	3,153	0	213	0	2,940
- Gwynedd Vineyard	0	2,000	5,778	11,800	8,022
- Street Angels	0	5,525	5,525	0	0
- Other specific gifts	0	540	492	0	48
- Building Fund	15,364	6,250	13	0	21,601
	<b>20,228</b>	<b>19,697</b>	<b>17,788</b>	<b>11,800</b>	<b>33,937</b>

**VINEYARD 53****ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024****Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024**

	<b>Brought forward £</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>Carried Forward £</b>
<b>Year to 30 June 2023</b>					
<b>General Funds</b>					
- Unrestricted	66,218	216,736	258,244	27,372	52,083
- Building Fund	100,000	977	0	-25,000	75,977
	<b>166,218</b>	<b>217,713</b>	<b>258,244</b>	<b>2,372</b>	<b>128,059</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
- Move In, Move On	2,679	2,409	3,377	0	1,711
- Compassion	3,916	1,010	1,772	0	3,153
- Refugees	0	4,802	4,802	0	0
- Other specific gifts	1,878	2,618	2,124	-2,372	0
- Building Fund	15,332	32	0	0	15,364
	<b>23,805</b>	<b>10,871</b>	<b>12,075</b>	<b>-2,372</b>	<b>20,229</b>

Move In, Move On is an ongoing initiative helping families being moved into new housing by supplying them with basic household items.

The Compassion fund comprises donations given to provide support for members of the Vineyard 53 community who are in need.

Gwynedd Vineyard is a new church plant in Bangor, North Wales. Initially Gwynedd Vineyard will remain a part of the Vineyard 53 charity, with the same charitable objectives. Their finances are separate and will be reported as a restricted fund. The trustees have agreed to transfer £11,800 from general funds to Gwynedd Vineyard representing giving from those involved since the plant was first announced. Gwynedd Vineyard has its own bank account.

Street Angels Chester is a project led by Vineyard 53 which seeks to make Chester safer at night. The project is led by Vineyard 53 but involves a number of other churches in Chester. Teams of volunteers provide assistance to users of the night time economy to help make Chester a safer place at night. Initial funding of £5000 was received from Cheshire Constabulary for a pilot project which ran from December 2023 to March 2024. The project

## **VINEYARD 53**

### **ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

#### **Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024**

was launched fully later in 2024 seeking further grant funding to secure the project long term.

The Building Fund will be used to facilitate the purchase or development of church buildings when the opportunity arises.


All funds other than the General fund are represented by cash in the bank at the end of both the current and prior period.

#### **10. Remuneration and Transactions with Trustees**

None of the trustees or directors received any fees or other benefits for their services as trustees or directors (prior year £0). John Simmons is a trustee and is employed as a pastor by the Church for which he received remuneration of £36,905 and pension contributions of £1,035 (prior year £32,118 and £1,035). His wife, Anna Simmons, is employed part-time as a pastor by the Church and received remuneration of £11,071 and pension contributions of £156 (prior year £10,137 and £156).

Gareth Mulholland is a trustee of Vineyard 53 and also a director of Eden Ecommerce Limited. During the year the Church has made purchases of £748 from Eden (prior year £230).

Trustee expenses of £219 were incurred for trustee meetings (prior year £252).

  
25/3/2025

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Vineyard 53**

I report on the accounts of the Company for the period ended 30 June 2024, set out on pages 10-19.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**VINEYARD 53****ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

**Name:** Joshua Rugen ACCA  
**Address:** 36 Totland Grove, Chester CH2 2EY  
**Date:** 21/3/25