

VINE COMMUNITY CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1158738

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for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

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CHARITY INFORMATION
for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

Charity Name: Vine Community Church

Registered Charity Number: 1158738

Trustees: P Blakey (Chairman from 8th November 2021)
D Pepper (Treasurer)
J Pepper (Secretary)
S Blakey
L Madin
J Smith
A Wood (Chairman to 8th November 2021) - resigned 8th November 2021

Principal Address: Vine Community Church, PO Box 1236, Lincoln, LN5 5NW.

Independent Examiner: Adrian Haigh FCA, Stephenson Nuttall & Co., Chartered Accountants, Ossington Chambers, 6/8 Castle Gate, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 1AX.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

The trustees present their annual report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 using the receipts and payments basis.

Structure, Governance and Management

Vine Community Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with The Charity Commission on 1st October 2014. The activities of Vine Community Church were originally undertaken by an unincorporated charity, The Vine Community Church, registered number 1142056. The activities were transferred over to the Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 1st January 2015.

The charity is administered in accordance with the constitution adopted on 1st October 2014.

As set out in the constitution, trustees are appointed by the trustee board. In selecting individuals for appointment the trustee board must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

The charity's trustees are listed on page 1.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity are as follows:-

- (a) To advance the Christian faith and values for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statement of belief of the Evangelical Alliance.
- (b) To promote increased wellbeing and quality of life, including better integration into the community and crime reduction. To do this by developing recreational activities for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, infirmity, disablement or social or economic circumstances have need of such activities.
- (c) To promote increased wellbeing and quality of life, including better integration into the community and personal support. To do this by developing a supportive social environment in which individuals can engage with the Christian faith and values of the organisation.
- (d) To support the advancement of education and physical wellbeing of individuals and communities in developing countries, by the provision of financial aid and other such services, through other existing charitable organisations as may from time to time be appropriate. To do this with the purpose of helping such people develop sustainable healthy and productive lifestyles.
- (e) To support the advancement of education and training, particularly among the young unemployed and socially disadvantaged of the locality. To provide those seeking employment with work experience and training opportunities for the purpose of helping such people to find employment and better integrating them into the community.
- (f) To support such charitable actions as may from time to time be determined by the trustees.

The trustees seek to achieve the charity's objectives by undertaking the following activities:-

- Organising events, groups, courses and days out.
- Attending conferences and events.
- Arranging sponsored activities to raise funds.

When planning activities to be undertaken by the charity, the trustees give due consideration to the guidance published by the charity commission on public benefit.

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Achievements and Performance

It should be noted that the Covid-19 pandemic and associated restrictions and adaptations have impacted on the operation of the Vine. The church has had to pause some services, adapt others and start new things to serve the community and discharge its objectives. The key thing to note is that while there was disruption and challenges to all areas, the church did not close and did not cease serving.

In respect of objective (a):-

- The Vine Community Church has held regular Sunday services throughout the year. Where Covid-19 restrictions were in place preventing in person services, online access to services was provided. To accommodate those not wishing to or unable to attend an in person service live casts of the service have been provided along with on demand recordings.
- It has run mid-week groups focusing on pastoral care, teaching and wellbeing. Where Covid-19 restrictions were in place these services moved to online only.
- Weekly online corporate prayer sessions have taken place that are open to all believers and have been attended by members of other churches within the villages and the city.
- The church has remained an active member of the Ground Level Network of Churches and The Revive Collective and has attended online conferences and meetings organised by each Network.
- The church is an active member of the Greater Lincoln Active Faith Network which seeks to reach out into the community through various social outreach projects.
- Discrete events have been organised with other churches in the locality to provide a Christian emphasis on Lent, Easter and Christmas both online and in person. These events have been open to all and attended by the wider community. Covid-19 adaptations have reduced the number of opportunities for in person events this year and online alternatives have been arranged. The churches also worked collaboratively to provide a series of reflections for 'Thy Kingdom Come' in the approach to Pentecost.
- The church partnered, alongside other Lincolnshire churches, with the Message Trust to bring a series of Youth Focused Christian music events to Lincoln in 2020, but regrettably this has not been able to take place due to Covid-19 adaptations in schools.

In respect of objective (b):-

- A Saturday afternoon event for younger children ('That Saturday Thing') takes place on the 1st and 3rd Saturday afternoon of a month. It is available to all primary school aged children in the locality and again combines a mix of fun and games with Christian teaching, but where this has not been able to take place due to Covid-19 adaptations recorded online activities have taken place.
- The church continues its work with people who are affected by dementia, but the Covid-19 situation has meant the group has been unable to function. However, individual contacts have been maintained with those who are living with dementia and their carers.

In respect of objective (c):-

- The church continues to run the local library service in Cherry Willingham. This service has operated during much of the reporting period. Following government and local authority guidance a number of adaptations for Covid-19 were implemented.
- The church has continued to organise a monthly book club which is attended by both church and non-church members, but due to Covid-19 adaptations this group has met sporadically during the period.
- Church members continue to provide support to individuals who are elderly or unwell, although this has predominantly been via the telephone during this reporting period.
- The church has continued to administer a community service, Assist, which provides one to one support and help to a large number of vulnerable people, including people who are in debt, people who are lonely and people who are suffering from mental ill-health or other disabilities.
- In response to the continuing Covid-19 situation the church continued to provide support to people in the locality who were affected by the situation. Initially started with the local Anglican Church, the Methodist Church and Parish Council, the volunteer-based support service, registered with the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum, has been maintained under the Assist banner. Due to the existing 'Assist' service the Vine had the necessary skills, policies and processes to take the co-ordination lead in regards volunteer registration and basic vetting, volunteer allocation and reporting. During the reporting period this group has:-
 - Supported the inhabitants of the three local village parishes.
 - Provided a manned phone line for request of support.
 - Arranged NHS prescription and medical collection and delivery.
 - Arranged for food collection and shopping for those shielding with no personal support.
 - Arranged transport for non-Covid medical trips.
 - Provided referrals into local foodbank and hardship funds.

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In respect of objective (d):-

- The church has continued to support the work of the New Life Homes Trust in Kenya, which looks after abandoned children and runs educational programmes for children in different parts of Kenya.

In respect of objective (e):-

- The church has also offered direct one to one practical support, information and advice to some young people regarding work and future career planning and has offered a small number of young people practical opportunities for developing new skills by providing work experience in the local community library run by the church.
- The church has also provided other opportunities for people of different ages and backgrounds to become involved in volunteering. Some 30+ volunteers have been involved in the running of Assist and 12 volunteers are currently involved in running the library service.

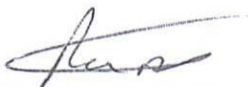
In respect of objective (f):-

- The Vine Community Church has contributed financially to the Ground Level Network of Churches and to the charitable projects supported by it.
- The church has financially contributed to the Open Doors organisation to support their work with the persecuted church overseas.
- The church has financially contributed to the Message Trust to support their work in providing Christian schools outreach and youth events.

Financial Review

The financial performance and position of the charity is adequately reflected in the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021. The charity has effective processes in place to ensure that it administers its finances wisely and the organisation is in a good position to maintain its charitable duties and functions into the year ahead.

Approved by the trustees on 15/1/22 and signed on their behalf by:



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P Blakey - Chair of the board of trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF VINE COMMUNITY CHURCH
for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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


I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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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Date: 18th January 2022

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for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

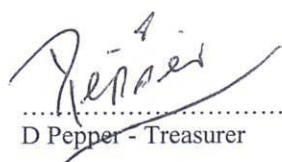
	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Receipts					
Donations		11,410	-	11,410	13,365
Grants	2	-	63,560	63,560	42,372
Letting Income		-	68	68	109
		11,410	63,628	75,038	55,846
Payments	3	12,199	43,651	55,850	65,403
Excess of Receipts over Payments		(789)	19,977	19,188	(9,557)
Transfers between Funds		(326)	326	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		(1,115)	20,303	19,188	(9,557)
Bank Balance Brought Forward		24,848	19,776	44,624	54,181
Bank Balance Carried Forward		23,733	40,079	63,812	44,624

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Cash at Bank		23,733	40,079	63,812	44,624
Other Monetary Assets – Gift Aid Claims	4	1,519	-	1,519	2,216

Other than the items shown above, the charity had no other assets or liabilities as at 31st March 2021.

Approved by the trustees on ¹⁵~~22~~ - 01 - 22 and signed on their behalf by:


D Pepper - Treasurer

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1. Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 using the receipts and payments basis.

2. Grant Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Lincolnshire County Council	-	5,667	5,667	2,569
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	57,893	57,893	39,803
	-	63,560	63,560	42,372

3. Payments

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Salaries	1,513	36,495	38,008	39,992
Specialist Workers	-	-	-	3,447
Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	402	951	1,353	1,510
Events & Activities	1,777	443	2,220	3,904
Gifts & Donations	4,363	-	4,363	3,740
Accommodation	-	2,191	2,191	2,955
Telephone	504	840	1,344	913
Printing, Postage & Stationery	368	927	1,295	1,526
Publicity	-	-	-	194
Training	280	513	793	888
Travel & Subsistence	38	558	596	3,228
Accountancy	1,704	-	1,704	1,452
IT Costs	817	473	1,290	810
Insurance	404	-	404	401
Sundries	29	260	289	443
	12,199	43,651	55,850	65,403

Included within salaries for the year ended 31st March 2021 is an amount of £4,680 (2020 - £4,680) relating to a stipend paid to a trustee in respect of their work as the senior pastor of Vine Community Church. Also included within salaries for the year ended 31st March 2021 is an amount of £19,688 (2020 - £18,970) paid to a trustee in relation to their work as the Assist Project coordinator.

4. Gift Aid Claims

At 31st March 2021 the charity had gift aid claims of £1,519 (2020 - £2,216) recoverable from HM Revenue & Customs.

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5. Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1/4/20 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer (to)/from Unrestricted Funds £	Balance at 31/3/21 £
Assist Reaching Communities Fund	19,776	40,593	(20,290)	-	40,079
Library Fund	-	5,235	(5,726)	491	-
The Covid-19 Community Fund Scheme	-	500	(427)	(73)	-
The Pause Fund	-	17,300	(17,208)	(92)	-
	<u>19,776</u>	<u>63,628</u>	<u>(43,651)</u>	<u>326</u>	<u>40,079</u>

6. Purpose of Funds

The Assist Reaching Communities Fund is an expansion of existing projects already delivered by the charity providing support for older people, individuals and carers affected by mental health issues, people who are lonely or marginalised due to disability or illness and people who have suffered loss and bereavement. The funding is mainly provided by The National Lottery Community Fund and provides for a free home visiting service providing practical and emotional support.

The Library Fund provides funding to run a library service and for the provision of the building as a community accessible service.

The Covid-19 Community Fund Scheme provides funding with the aim of supporting communities through the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Pause Fund provides funding to run a telephone befriending service to support clients through the Covid-19 pandemic. The funding is provided by The National Lottery Community Fund.