

Vineyard 61 Church

England & Wales · Charity number 1162655

Details

Other names	BALHAM VINEYARD CHURCH, VINEYARD 61 CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2015-07-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO ATTACHED IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE WORLD THROUGH: THE ORGANISATION AND PROVISION OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP; THE PROVISION OF SUCH FACILITIES AND SERVICES AS ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE CHURCH, TO ENABLE IT TO FULFIL ITS MISSION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH, VISITORS TO THE CHURCH AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY; THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR CHRISTIAN TRAINING AND SERVICE;THE SUPPORT AND PROVISION OF CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH;THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO THE WIDER CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN ITS MINISTRIES.

Activities: WE ARE A CHRISTIAN CHURCH WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME. WE HOST SUNDAYSERVICES, COMMUNITY, AND MIDWEEK SOCIAL, SPORTS AND INTEREST GROUPS. We are a multisite church based in SW London with sites in Balham, Battersea, and Wandsworth. We run various projects including 'Warm Spaces', Toddler groups, homeless outreach, healing, evangelism, and various youth work initiatives.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£728,249	£727,288	£1,374,251	13
2024-03-31	£1,982,658	£711,780	£1,394,890	13
2023-03-31	£552,550	£635,897	£124,012	13
2022-03-31	£484,622	£474,499	-	-
2021-03-31	£504,445	£466,394	£197,236	11

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
TIM BOWER	Chair	2021-12-01
Akshay John		2021-09-27
Hamish Dudgeon		2021-02-22
JO STONE		2015-04-05
Lauren Melachrino		2024-01-28
STEVE BATEMAN		2015-04-05
William Pike		2024-06-17

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Stewardship 
Active generosity

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VINEYARD 61 CHURCH
CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Trustees	Tim Bower (chair) Steve Bateman Hamish Dudgeon Akshay John Lauren Melachrino William Pike (appointed 17 June 2024) Joanna Stone
Key Staff	Steve and Vivien Bateman (lead pastors)
Governing Document	Constitution dated 12 March 2015
Charity Registration Number	1162655
Principal Address	West Side Church Melody Road London SW18 2QQ
Independent Examiner	Nick Spear ACCA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	The Co-Operative Bank CAF Bank

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VINEYARD 61 CHURCH REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Background and Introduction

Vineyard 61 Church (formerly known as Balham Vineyard Church) was started in the summer of 2015. Steve and Viv Bateman, the church's Lead Pastors, were commissioned and planted from South West London Vineyard together with a group of 10 adults and children. In the summer of 2018, the church changed its operating name to Vineyard 61 Church (V61) to reflect its aim and mission as a multisite church in London. In January 2019 they launched their second site in Battersea. In March 2022 a third site was launched in Wandsworth as we adopted West Side Church, Wandsworth, the legal adoption was completed in January 2024.

Objectives and Activities

The main object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith for the public benefit in accordance with the Statement of Faith in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world through:

1. The organisation and provision of Christian worship;
2. The provision of such facilities and services as are appropriate for the Church, to enable it to fulfil its mission to the members of the Church, visitors to the Church and the local community and the wider community;
3. The provision of facilities for Christian training and service;
4. The support and provision of Christian evangelism and outreach;
5. The provision of assistance to the wider Christian church in its ministries.

These objectives are set to reflect our faith and community aims.

Our Purpose

God is in the transformation business and we get to join in!

Our Vision

We are people carrying the mandate of Isaiah 61, where the Spirit of God is upon us to bring transformation. We want to see multiple thriving sites across London with Worship, Formation and Mission at their core.

Our Core Values

Authenticity, Expectancy, Honour, Generosity and Fun

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The above charitable objectives and values fall under 3 broad primary objectives, listed below. The following details the strategy the church has used to meet these primary 3 objectives:

Objective 1. Upward - Help people find and follow Jesus, be empowered by the Holy Spirit, connect and worship God together and advance the Kingdom of God.

V61 welcomes those of all or no faiths from every background who wish to visit for a service, and/or join a group, activity or community project, and we continue to see people join us who have had little or no previous interaction with church.

At present V61 mainly rents premises for its charitable activities. This gives us the opportunity to partner with local churches and community spaces utilising their premises at times when otherwise they may remain empty. The rent charged goes towards supporting their educational and charitable objectives and we hope is a blessing to them as, in their own way, they seek to be a blessing to the local community.

V61 has continued its partnership agreement with the United Reformed Church (URC), in Balham which enables us to use the URC church building for our Sunday gatherings, Compassion Ministries, Mercy Street collection, worship nights, our School of Kingdom Ministry and other leaders' gatherings.

During the course of 24/25, a number of different types of Sunday services across all three sites were held including Family Services, guest speakers invited, a varied preaching diet covered, and church calendar events observed. Not only did we see new people coming towards the church as a result of our 3 services across our 3 sites, but we have continued to see new leaders emerge, as they have taken on new responsibilities in leading services, preaching, worship, and serving.

We have continued to hold our All Together church gatherings where we have all 3 sites together.

V61's lease with Wandsworth Borough Council also continued for a building on Larch Close which the church named 'ReStore'. V61 uses this space for community activities, small groups, and worship and prayer meetings, and encourages members of the community to use it as a House of Prayer.

Our vision has always been to launch smaller communities across this part of London.

Balham site summary:

Our Balham site continues to facilitate some of the central gatherings, events and 'compassion' ministries. Our relationship with the URC grows and we invested some financial resources and volunteer time in maintaining the church on behalf of the ageing URC community. Our journey with the Wandsworth site and the buildings we have taken on there continues to strengthen our belief that facilities facilitate the expansion of the Kingdom of God through local churches, and we are continuing to pray that the Balham site would have a building of its own. We appointed a new site pastor during the year to work alongside the existing core team and will look to bring stability to this site.

Battersea site summary:

Our Site Pastors' leadership, pastoral care and development of each site has been key in us achieving our vision. Chris McCullough's health over the 23/24 financial year and into 24/25 continues to be a factor for the site and In the summer 24 our site pastor Chris McCullough and his family moved out of London to be nearer their family in Bath. During the rest of this financial year Steve and Viv took on interim duties and developed a core team of leaders to help strengthen the site and consolidate our multisite strategy so that we can look to strengthen the site with personnel, vision and shared leadership. Out of all the sites, this has been the most fragile during 24/25;

with cost of living, rent prices and multiple key leaders and others moving out of London, we are praying that this strategic decision to consolidate and build momentum again helps the site's long-term sustainability.

West Side site summary:

In March 2022 we formally adopted West Side church as our third site and commissioned Kelsey Thornton as their new site pastor. This has been a varied and complex journey. West Side has a rich history and legacy of community mission, many members of the church were born, baptised and married at West Side, and have been part of the church for decades. They have much to offer us in being a community in the city over a long haul. We are delighted that a number of V61 members have joined this new site and are excited for the ongoing mission in this part of Wandsworth. During 24/25 we saw our Messy Sundays develop and grow, and hundreds of families attend these termly events. We continue to honour the 120+ years of local mission in Wandsworth, and seek to build, grow and connect our community to Christ. This has been the most stable site as the long-term consistent leadership has been there. We are excited for 25/26 and the health in the site is bearing fruit in terms of growth and development.

V61

Across the three sites during the 2024/25 reporting year we:

- Continued opening our House of Prayer (HoP) for individuals and groups to meet and pray. We offered themed prayer nights, ran prayer courses and worship nights. Hundreds of different individuals have come into the HoP since launch, with thousands of hours of prayer spent there.
- Saw 0-18 year olds engaging with Sundays and being part of our kids church and youth groups. Had 26 people serving on the kids team and 16 people serving on the youth team. Continued Messy Sundays to welcome local and V61 families to West Side church and hosted 3 events with over 350 attendees (kids and adults).
- Hosted various leaders gatherings
- Continued partnerships with local charities who use the West Side building
- Baptised over 13 people at West Side hall's baptistry
- Had over 31 different people preaching and teaching across our sites
- Organised picnics, lunches and newcomers' lunches after services
- Hosted Christmas and Easter services, which were full
- Had over 220 people give financially to the church

V61 Worship original Christmas Song

'Great is the One' song captures different perspectives within the Christmas story beholding and worshipping the coming King, singing "Great is the One before us now..." and how we today join in this same chorus of worship.

The vision for these home-grown creative music/video projects is that it would be a key for us and others to unlock our worship and song deep down within us. Our homegrown worship songs serve our vision to release more worship and creativity within the individuals in our community and our church. Our hope is that our original songs would inspire honesty with God, a deepening of relationship with Him and a stirring of creativity and expression of worship within you!

We have heard stories like: "I worshipped with our songs on my commute today and was really moved" and "I saw the EP content on your YouTube page and thought I'd check out the church" and "I have been really inspired to pick up my own songwriting again". These stories are definitely fruit of the project, but we believe the main fruit of the project is the longevity it has created within our team.

We look forward to continuing in our creativity and special projects. Our summer songwriting small group continues to run each year and we look forward to releasing more songs into our community and wider Vineyard family.

Objective 2. Build up the faith of Christian believers so that they are equipped, discipled and formed into being like Christ.

The church welcomes families with children and young people, and we run programmes for both groups. During the morning service, children and young people meet in their own age groups through Kids Church (for children aged between 2 and 10) and V61 Youth programmes (aged 11 upwards). We provide safe and creative environments for children and young people to encounter Jesus for themselves, to learn about the Bible, to pray for one another and to develop good friendships. All volunteers go through a Disclosure and Barring Service DBS check when they join the team and we ensure that there is at least one DBS checked volunteer for all sessions if new volunteers are still awaiting DBS clearance. Our teams also receive safeguarding training.

We encourage people to get involved in the life of the church by joining one of our many serving teams, giving to the mission, vision and activities of the church, attending on Sundays, and joining one of our many small groups that meet midweek, usually in someone's home over a meal. Bursaries are made available to individuals or groups of people who cannot afford to pay full fees for courses and activities.

Volunteers

Volunteers are an important resource in both our faith and community work. We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is and extend the Kingdom of God into the local area.

We encourage all members of our church to be involved in voluntary activities and to share their skills with others.

- 205 people serving on one of our many teams
- Compassion: Approx. 35 volunteers are involved in our various compassion, community and outreach ministries
- Midweek Life Groups: Approx. 50 volunteers lead, host and oversee our small groups.
- Worship: Saw 33 people and multiple different band leaders leading worship across our 3 sites

Small Groups & Courses

During the 2024/25 reporting year:

- We hosted 23 Small Groups (mid week groups, courses and prayer groups)
- 15 people attended our School of Kingdom Ministry Course
- We ran 3 Compassion groups (Hub, Mercy Street, Healing on the Streets)
- We ran 4 Social/Sports Groups

Other Courses and activities that ran throughout the year include:

- Sozo prayer ministry ● pastoral care work providing practical support, prayer and encouragement to those in need ● worship training ● worship nights ● newcomers lunches and drinks ● socials ● Vineyard Leaders Gathering ● Vineyard National Worship and Song Writing Summit ● Leadership Training evenings ● Emotionally

Focused course • Sacred Space group • Prophetic evenings and groups • Freedom from Freemasonry deliverance event •

Objective 3. Show compassion for the community, especially the poor and vulnerable, through pastoral care, missionary and outreach work.

We are delighted with the impact of the various projects we were able to do during this financial year.

1. Our HUB project is our community space in Balham. The Hub is a place to gather, to connect, and to belong. Everyone's welcome to come and see what it's all about!

We're open from 11am-2pm every Monday and we do activities like bingo, arts and crafts, puzzles and games. There's also good coffee, computers available if people need to job search, and plenty of time and space to chat and make friends. The dream for the Hub is that there would be no division between 'volunteers' and 'users'. We want it to be a gathering place where people come and connect into community, whether you're retired, a new mum, you live alone, you're zoomed out from work, or you'd just like a friend to eat your lunch with. Everyone's welcome. We love the Hub and are excited for how God is using it to build community in Balham.

2. Since 2020 we have had an **emergency compassion fund** (ECF) for people in and around our community to apply for. We raised restricted income from members of our community in order to give away to people who were suffering financially during the Covid19 crisis and beyond as we are in a Cost of Living crisis. V61 offers ECF to individuals for the following life needs: Rent/Mortgage, utilities, transportation, food, clothing, medical supplies, essential household items and other emergency provisions. Assistance is limited and may include referrals to other national and local community assistance programs who may be better able to provide support for an individual request.

During this financial year we were able to positively respond to 18 ECF requests from people, with several individuals submitting multiple applications due to ongoing financial difficulties and provided £4,610 of financial assistance.

3. Our **Mercy Street** project reaches out to people experiencing homelessness. Our volunteers go out on streets and we practise "direct action". This means we do what we can materially and spiritually at that point in time to alleviate their suffering. We currently serve people in Clapham Junction, Battersea, and Balham, and want to do more in these areas over time. Around 15-20 volunteers have taken part in our regular Mercy Street outings. We have had direct contact with over 110+ people. This is a figure derived from what is captured in our Contact Reports. The actual figure will be higher, estimated at about 200 people. In 2024/25, we gave out about dozens of sleeping bags, many tents, hundreds of pairs of socks and sets of thermal underwear, multiple jackets and 50+ hats. Again, this is a conservative estimate. In addition, we have given out a large amount of food and drink, wet wipes, gloves, scarves and so much more.
4. We continued our partnership with the **Bike Project**. The church stores donated second-hand bikes and the Bike Project repairs and donates them to refugees and asylum seekers in London to help lower their transport costs. Since the beginning of our partnership V61 has collected over 650 bikes for the Bike Project.
5. We continued our monthly **Healing on the Streets** (HOTS) ministry. This was launched in 2011 as an evangelistic ministry, but a simple and beautiful way to reach out to the lost and hurting on the streets. Most people in London will never have an opportunity to encounter Jesus. HOTS enables members of

V61 to connect with their community, powerfully expressing God's love on the high street, whatever the weather.

We simply invite people to sit on chairs so we can pray for them. We create a thin place on the streets where heaven and earth meet, and people can encounter Jesus. Over the year we had over 30 people volunteer to be on team and prayed for over 150 people during the year. We saw many healings, people inviting Jesus to be their Lord, Saviour and friend as well as a number of people joining the church.

6. We continued West Side Church's legacy of community outreach and the various initiatives include:

6.1. Activities Under V61 Leadership

- 6.1.1. **Friday night Youth Club** - A group for Years 7-11 (12-16 year olds) which runs on Fridays during term time (7.30pm - 8.30pm) with young people from any background or faith welcome. We provide food and soft drinks, games, music and a safe social place. Each week we tackle different topics and issues using the Bible as a foundation. This is a relaxed and friendly time together to catch up on the week. Supported by 6 volunteers, we have seen over 16 different young people attend these nights.
- 6.1.2. **Baby and Toddler Group** - A Tuesday morning group that runs during school term time and is open for parents and guardians to come along with their baby or toddler! We have plenty of toys and enjoyable activities for little ones to get involved with plus tea and coffee for the adults. This is a great place to meet others and allow little ones to play! We regularly see 50 parents, carers and children joining us on a Tuesday for this group.
- 6.1.3. **Knitters and Stitchers** - Beginners, experts and everyone in between are welcome to join West Side Knitters and Stitchers on a Tuesday evening from 7:30-9pm. There is plenty of wool, needles and patterns provided so no need to bring anything with you. There is always plenty of tea or coffee and an opportunity to chat and share whilst you create!
- 6.1.4. **Prison Ministry** - Volunteers support various ministries in Brixton prison including Prison Alpha, Prison Fellowship, and Sycamore Tree. This is a legacy ministry of West Side Church and we are delighted to continue growing and establishing this as a key compassion ministry of V61.

6.2. Legacy Hall Hire

We continue to honor and support the building's legacy as a hub for community activities by making it available for various groups and initiatives, including:

- 6.2.1. **Women's Stretching Group**: A weekly reflective, slow morning of stretching and devotion led by members of our West Side site. Each class consists of gentle stretching and a devotional prayer.
- 6.2.2. **Wandsworth Society**: A local organisation that utilises the space for meetings focused on safeguarding and enhancing the character, quality, and integrity of Wandsworth's built environment, open spaces, and riverbanks.
- 6.2.3. **Response Together to Knife Crime**: A community of individuals impacted by knife crime - whether through personal loss, working with young people, or a desire to address its societal effects - meeting monthly to remember victims, support one another, and seek positive solutions.
- 6.2.4. **West Side Football Club**: Founded in 1996, West Side FC uses the space to hold meetings and end-of-season award celebrations, alongside its long-standing commitment to community outreach, football excellence, and Christian mission.

- 6.2.5. **Christian Nursery:** The ground floor of the building is leased to a Christian nursery, Noah's Ark, which serves families in the local area by providing faith-based early education.

Reporting Public Benefit

When planning our activities for the year, the Trustees and leadership of the church have applied the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. V61 has identified the following broad objectives to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our local community:

1. Help people find and follow Jesus, be empowered by the Holy Spirit, connect and worship God together and advance the Kingdom of God;
2. Build up the faith of Christian believers so that they are equipped and released to go and join God in His transformation business in South London and beyond
3. Show compassion for the community, especially the poor and vulnerable, through pastoral care, missionary and outreach work.

Each year the Trustees review V61's objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect the church's aims. The detailed information in the 'Objectives and Activities' section of the report explains what activities the church undertakes and how these activities further the charity's purposes for the public benefit. In particular, the annual report also addresses the two key principles by which we will assess public benefit:

1. There must be an identifiable benefit or benefits – the Trustees explain the value, to those who worship at the church and to the wider community, of the charity's work
2. Benefit must be to the public, or a section of the public – the Trustees explain how the church is made available to Christians and non-Christians who are interested in the faith, that Christianity is communicated to non-Christians through its work, and that any member of the wider community of V61 can benefit from the charity's compassion activities.

Structure, governance and management

Vineyard 61 Church (which was previously registered with the Charity Commission as Balham Vineyard Church) is governed by its Constitution dated 12 March 2015 and was created as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("the CIO") registered with the Charity Commission in July 2015 under number 1162655.

The church is also affiliated to Vineyard Churches UK and Ireland, a wider network of some +120 churches across the country. Each year, V61 grants a proportion of its income to the work of Vineyard Churches UK and Ireland in the establishing of new churches and missions work abroad. The church is also a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Organisational structure

The charity Trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The Trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits for serving as trustees. The Trustees meet together as a body quarterly and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to running the church and the activities provided by the charity. The day-to-day management of the church and activities are

undertaken by the Lead Pastors. Apart from the first charity Trustees, every Trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the church Trustees.

Statement of Responsibilities

The Trustees 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).

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on an ongoing basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity 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 charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Internal Controls

As part of their continuing responsibility the Trustees have endeavoured to ensure that reasonable internal control procedures are in place as appropriate for the development of the church. They include:

- Annual budgets are approved by the Trustees and reviewed on a regular basis
- Management information reports issued on a quarterly basis, including income and expenses and monitoring of reserves
- Periodic review of risk register and associated action log
- Regular Lead Pastor and staff reviews

Risk Management and Compliance

Throughout the year the staff team continued to maintain a centralised register of the risks the charity faces, which identifies the major risks by area of activity, the nature of those risks, the likelihood of the risks happening and the measures taken to mitigate and manage the major risks to the charity. The full risk register and action log was reviewed periodically by the Trustees.

The risks listed in the risk register include those which focus on governance, leadership, financial, operational and external risks. The Trustees are satisfied that systems are in place, or arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified. In addition to the ongoing risks that are on the register from year to year such

as those relating to ensuring adequate insurance cover, safeguarding of children and young people and the impact of a decline in donations, specific risks managed during the year included:

- Ongoing lease agreements with the URC and York Gardens (our Balham and Battersea sites)
- Potential loss of the use of the URC building and York Gardens, leading to a lack of venue for church gatherings, groups and the HUB.
- Expanding the staff team to support both the Lead Pastors and the expansion of the church
- Continued GDPR compliance
- Ensuring our various safeguarding, DBS checks and recruitment processes for volunteers and paid staff match good practice and standards
- Risk on financial operation - risk of expenses continuing to exceed regular income with Trustees and Leadership to address shortfall with action plan in 25/25 financial year.

On-going monitoring was carried out during the year with regard to the compliance requirements of the church in the key areas of the risk register.

Administrative Operations

Staffing

Steve and Viv Bateman lead V61, with a focus on setting the vision and direction of the overall ministry of the church, leading the vision and culture of our Gathered Environments, as well as the day-to-day running of the church and overseeing the development of the ministry of the church by working alongside and through volunteers. They are also responsible for overseeing the development of the ministry of the church by working alongside and through the leadership staff, administrative staff and lay leaders. They both work full-time for V61. Steve also acted as a Trustee for the board of Trustees.

Steve and Viv continued their role as Vineyard Area Leaders within the London region, overseen by Andy and Bethan Chapman, senior leaders of Riverside Vineyard, Feltham. They oversee a number of new and existing church plants, providing support and integration with the Vineyard alliance of churches in UK&I. Viv and Steve have access to spiritual direction, coaching and counselling to help support their role as Lead Pastors.

Steve's and Viv's employment benefits have been set by reference to other churches of similar size, both inside and outside the Vineyard movement.

Steve and Viv continued to be supported by a team of full-time and part-time pastoral and administrative staff members whose roles were to oversee, develop, and provide support to existing and developing areas of ministry. During this financial year we hired 2 full-time staff roles. At the end of the financial year V61 employed 13 staff with a FTE of 12.2.

Office Space

We continue to base the church office in our West Side site (and have done so since July 2022). This has worked out as very good stewardship, saving the charity money in rent and expenses.

Trustees

The charity's Trustees are listed below. Currently the Trustee board includes five people who attend V61 and two who do not. New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees by majority vote. When appointed, all Trustees are receive an induction and provided with resources and given training to help them with their role.

The following Trustees have held office during the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, and have served since the dates listed below.

- Timothy Bower – (Chairperson from 01 Dec 2021) – 05 April 2015
- Steve Bateman (Lead Pastor) – 05 April 2015
- Joanna Stone – 05 April 2015
- Hamish Dudgeon - 22 February 2021
- Akshay John - 27 September 2021
- Lauren Melachrino - 28 January 2025
- William Pike - 17 June 2024

Lead Pastor Viv Bateman is not a Trustee but as Lead Pastor attends and contributes to meetings as did Lucy Gibson (Executive Pastor), who left her role after the end of the reporting period.

The Trustees met formally to discuss business on 4 occasions throughout the 2024/25 financial year:

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| • 17 June 2024 | • 20 January 2025 |
| • 23 September 2024 | • 26 March 2025 |

Advisers

During the year Stewardship Services (UKET) Limited were reappointed as the charity's accountants and one of their employees acts as the charity's Independent Examiner.

Financial Review

The Charity relies on the generous donations of its members as its principal source of income. We believe in the Biblical principle of giving and generosity. We appreciate that members and volunteers give time and resources to support the church and the community. This generosity helps create environments to gather together to worship, provide the church with the finances to run various projects and ministries, and to bring life to Balham, Battersea, Wandsworth and the surrounding neighbourhoods.

1. Results for the year

There were some notable financial transactions this year:

- The charity was granted a lease by the Church Growth Trust for the use of the West Side church building for a nominal rent. The trustees estimate that the annual value of this donation to the charity is £60,000. As required by the Charities SORP, this donation and a matching expense have been included in accounts.

After excluding the income received in 2023-2024 from the merger with West Side Church Trust and West Side Accommodation Trust, overall income increased by £55,600 (or 8%), to £728,000 (2023/24: £673,000). This was

largely due to an increase in our revenue from 101 Allfarthing Lane rental and Noah's Ark School hire. Overall, expenditure increased by £15,500 (or 2%), to £727,000 (23/24: £712,000). As a result, this year we have reported an operational surplus of circa. £1,000 (2023/24: a deficit of £5,700).

After net losses on investment property of £21,600, the charity's net assets have decreased by £21,000 to £1,374,000. Net assets comprised the charity's investment property with an estimated market value of £1,178,000, cash and other net assets of £196,000.

2. Investment policy and objectives

This year our primary focus was to maintain or improve our operational reserves and to pursue our long-term strategy, which is to try to launch new sites. Therefore we decided that we did not need to have a long-term investment policy yet but we are keeping this under review.

3. Operational Reserves

The Trustees aim to hold free reserves (defined as being unrestricted net current assets) of between three to five months of operating expenditure, which equates to reserves that fall in the range £150,000 to £250,000. This policy for holding reserves has been set so as to help ensure that the charity could continue to operate should income or expenditure vary unexpectedly whilst at the same time helping to ensure that the charity does not hold more reserves than it really needs. At the year-end the charity's free reserves amounted to £168,000 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy. Going forward, the Trustees are working towards trying to ensure that annual income covers annual expenditure.

4. Grants & Gifts

As disclosed in note 5 'Charitable expenditure' to the financial statements, the church has made a number of grants and gifts, including gifts to Vineyard Churches UK&I, which promotes the planting of new churches and provides support to churches in the Vineyard movement in the UK.

During 2024/25 the charity gave away £61,268 of its usual income in the form of grants and gifts. Gifts and grants were made to support organisations and other churches with aims consistent with our own and out of the Emergency Compassion Fund to help those facing hardship. The charity aims to give away at least 10% of its income every year. The accounts contain more information about the grants and gifts we gave this year.

Our plans for the year ahead

God has given us a vision to launch multiple sites across South London and beyond. For the coming year ahead we want to meet our three objectives as described above.

1. God has called us to help people find and follow Jesus, be empowered by the Holy Spirit, connect and worship God together and advance the Kingdom of God. We will host more worship nights and we will increase our invitational culture in the church so that members can easily invite their friends, and more people can be welcomed into our gathered environments. A focus for the year, as it will be every year, will be to increase the number of new people we see meeting Jesus through our activities, projects and Sunday gatherings. We endeavour to see many people baptised and hear many stories of lives transformed by Jesus.

2. God has called us to build up the faith of Christian believers so that they are equipped, disciplined and formed into being like Christ. We want to strengthen the stakes of our internal systems, intentionally invest in our staff culture and further consolidate our processes. We want to employ external coaching and development for our Lead Pastors and bring in some healthy organisational models. Developing our discipleship pathway continues to be a priority this next financial year, which will include an appointment for a Discipleship Pastor.

3. God has called us to show compassion for the community, especially the poor and vulnerable, through pastoral care, missionary and outreach work. We really want to make a difference in our community, and we know that being able to get the message out to people that we are a church where everyone is welcome is a really important part of that.

We want to increase the profile of our missional mandate to preach good news to our community by training and equipping people to share the gospel, and to pray for their friends and families. We will also further increase the profile of Compassion by doing a sermon series, hosting a Compassion-focused Sunday service, and by launching several new ministries to serve the increased profile of mission. These include; making Messy Sunday a ministry of V61; launching an Alpha course; and developing a Food pantry 'Storehouse'.

We will invest further in our outreach work to children and young people. David Alabi has been a key appointment for us as we strengthen our work with young people and the church's impact outside of the building. We will also develop our partnership with Providence House youth club and our links to prison ministry.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

TLBower

[TLBower \(Jan 6, 2026 11:38:44 GMT\)](#)

Jan 6, 2026

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Tim Bower

Chair of Trustees

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Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

VINEYARD 61 CHURCH

('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 on pages 15 to 31 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 19 to 21.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation 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

Since the Charity'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 because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Nick Spear

Nick Spear (Jan 9, 2026 16:23:16 GMT)

Nick Spear ACCA
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
London
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Date: Jan 9, 2026

VINEYARD 61 CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and legacies						
From regular activities	3a	549,425	87,910	-	637,335	633,261
From West Side Church Trust and West Side Accommodation Trust	3b					1,309,996
Charitable activities	4	42,368	-	-	42,368	32,497
Investments	5	48,546	-	-	48,546	6,904
Total income and endowments		640,339	87,910	-	728,249	1,982,658
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Charitable activities	6	633,929	75,148	-	709,077	706,004
Raising funds	7	18,211	-	-	18,211	5,776
Total expenditure		652,140	75,148	-	727,288	711,779
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	-	-	(21,600)	(21,600)	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(11,801)	12,762	(21,600)	(20,639)	1,270,878
Transfers between funds	16	1,260	(1,260)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(10,541)	11,502	(21,600)	(20,639)	1,270,878
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		173,965	20,925	1,200,000	1,394,891	124,012
Total funds carried forward	16	163,424	32,427	1,178,400	1,374,251	1,394,891

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The notes on page 19-30 form part of these accounts.

VINEYARD 61 CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	10	4,458	-	-	4,458	5,694
Mixed motive investments	11	-	-	1,178,400	1,178,400	1,200,000
		<u>4,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,178,400</u>	<u>1,182,858</u>	<u>1,205,694</u>
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	12	25,924	-	-	25,924	38,340
Cash at bank and in hand	13	184,319	33,768	-	218,088	191,297
		210,244	33,768	-	244,012	229,638
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	14	(51,277)	(1,341)	-	(52,618)	(40,441)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>158,966</u>	<u>32,427</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>191,394</u>	<u>189,197</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>163,424</u>	<u>32,427</u>	<u>1,178,400</u>	<u>1,374,251</u>	<u>1,394,891</u>
FUND BALANCES						
Unrestricted Funds	16					
General funds		163,424	-	-	163,424	173,965
Designated funds		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>163,424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>163,424</u>	<u>173,965</u>
Restricted Funds		-	32,427	-	32,427	20,925
Endowment Funds		-	-	1,178,400	1,178,400	1,200,000
		<u>163,424</u>	<u>32,427</u>	<u>1,178,400</u>	<u>1,374,251</u>	<u>1,394,891</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

TLBower

TLBower (Jan 6, 2026 11:38:44 GMT)

Jan 6, 2026

TIM BOWER (CHAIR)

Charity number: 1162655

The notes on page 19-30 form part of these accounts.

VINEYARD 61 CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</i>	a	<u>(20,496)</u>	<u>58,360</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		48,546	6,904
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(1,260)	-
Improvements to mixed motive investment property		-	(34,158)
<i>Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities</i>		<u>47,286</u>	<u>(27,254)</u>
<i>Change in cash and equivalents in the reporting period</i>		26,790	31,106
Cash and equivalents at the beginning of the year	b	<u>191,297</u>	<u>160,192</u>
<i>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</i>	b	<u>218,088</u>	<u>191,297</u>

Analysis of changes in net debt:

	At start of year £	Cash-flows £	At end of year £
Cash	191,297	26,790	218,088
Total net funds / (debt)	<u>191,297</u>	<u>26,790</u>	<u>218,088</u>

VINEYARD 61 CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Note a: Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £	2024 £
<i>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)</i>	(20,639)	1,270,878
Adjustments for:		
Donated property and equipment	-	(1,169,842)
Depreciation charges and provisions for impairment	2,496	2,828
(Gains)/losses on investments	21,600	-
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(48,546)	(6,904)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	12,416	(27,649)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	12,177	(10,952)
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</i>	<u>(20,496)</u>	<u>58,360</u>

Note b: Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	125,978	104,801
Notice deposits (with a term of three months or less)	87,540	84,310
Payment processing accounts (such as PayPal and Stripe)	4,569	2,186
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>218,088</u>	<u>191,297</u>

VINEYARD 61 CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and principal address can be found on the Charity Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain assets, which are measured at fair value through the Statement of Financial Activities.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the '2008 Regulations') requires charities to prepare their accounts in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005' but this accounting standard has since been withdrawn and has been replaced by the Charities SORP mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The charity has prepared these financial statements in accordance with the new Charities SORP; this departure from the 2008 Regulations is believed to be necessary for these financial statements to give a 'true and fair view'.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) Donated fixed assets, facilities, services and goods. Goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries are recognised as income when receivable at fair value (being an estimate of the amount it would cost to purchase those items). Fixed assets, facilities, services and goods donated for the charity's own use are recognised as income when receivable at their value to the charity.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

When donated goods, services and facilities are distributed or consumed, an expense in respect of those items is included in the Statement of Financial Activities. At the year end any goods that have not been distributed or consumed are recognised as stock; donated fixed assets are capitalised.

- iii) Legacies. Income from legacies is recognised when a distribution is received from the estate or, if earlier, when the charity has been notified that a distribution will be made and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from church retreats and other events and courses and from letting facilities for community benefit.

VINEYARD 61 CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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2 Accounting Policies (continued)

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from letting the charity's mixed motive investment property and bank interest.

The charity has taken the view that it has only one charitable activity, namely the advancement of the Christian faith, and all income from donations, legacies and charitable activities is in respect of this one activity.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Expenditure on raising funds comprises expenditure on letting and maintaining the charity's mixed motive investment property.

The Charities SORP requires charities with income over £500,000 to allocate costs to the various activities undertaken by the charity. The nature of the work of the church is considered to be so integrated that the core charitable activity costs are considered to be for the one activity.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects. Endowment funds are donations that are retained as capital in accordance with the donor's wishes. The nature of the restriction determines whether the endowments represent permanent endowments or expendable endowments.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Equipment	straight-line over either 4 years or 5 years
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The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Mixed motive investments

Mixed motive investments are investments that are held both to generate a financial return and to contribute to the furtherance of the charity's objects. Mixed motive investments comprise a residential property that is let to members of the church community so that they have a place to live in the Wandsworth area. This investment property is valued at every balance sheet date at fair value (i.e. at market value) by the trustees after considering market values for similar properties in the area.

Gains and losses arising on the revaluation of mixed motive investments are included in the Statement of Financial Activities under the heading 'Net gains / (losses) on investments'.

VINEYARD 61 CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2 Accounting Policies (continued)

g) Leased assets

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the charity are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term (unless another systematic basis is more representative of use).

h) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

i) Taxation

The charity has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

j) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Except for loans, creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive). The charity recognises liabilities for the principal of those loans that remains outstanding at the year end (i.e. the liabilities exclude any interest chargeable on the loans in future years).

k) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

3 Donations and legacies

	2025 £	2024 £
a) <u>From regular activities</u>		
Donations of cash and similar	462,354	455,015
Income tax recoverable	99,989	100,584
Grants		
From Wandsworth Council	12,892	13,054
From others	2,100	4,608
Donated facilities	60,000	60,000
	<u>637,335</u>	<u>633,261</u>
a) <u>Donations received from West Side Church Trust and from the West Side Accommodation Trust</u>		
Property donated by West Side Accommodation Trust	-	1,165,842
Cash donated by West Side Church Trust	-	140,154
Equipment donated by West Side Church Trust	-	4,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,309,996</u>

During the year to 31 March 2024, West Side Church Trust (charity number 1113871) and West Side Accommodation Trust (charity number 1025642) donated their assets, along with their activities, to the charity when they closed. The property donated to the charity is a residential property and its fair value was estimated by the trustees.

During the year, the charity was given the use of the West Side church building for a nominal annual rent. The value of this donated facility to the charity has been estimated by the trustees at £60,000.

VINEYARD 61 CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

4 Income from charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Church activities including retreats, conferences and the School of Kingdom Ministry	7,922	18,144
Property letting for community benefit (mainly from a Christian nursery)	33,662	14,352
Other income	784	
	<u>42,368</u>	<u>32,497</u>

5 Investment income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Letting income from the charity's investment property	45,243	6,396
Bank interest	3,303	508
	<u>48,546</u>	<u>6,904</u>

6 Charitable expenditure

	2025	2024
	£	£
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities		
Employment costs	433,171	435,374
Secondment fees and fees for other services	823	2,989
Training expenses (including School of Kingdom Ministry)	11,006	7,662
Sunday service expenses (excluding venue hire but including on-line streaming costs)	16,805	16,428
Youth and children's ministry expenses	5,627	3,308
Other ministry expenses	9,960	6,523
Church event expenses	127	10,507
Venue hire	39,873	36,515
Repairs and maintenance	18,130	11,282
Community outreach	2,718	1,103
Donated facility (West Side church building)	60,000	60,000
	<u>598,239</u>	<u>591,693</u>
Grants payable (note 7c)	61,268	55,452
	<u>659,507</u>	<u>647,145</u>

VINEYARD 61 CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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6 Charitable expenditure (continued)

b Costs incurred on support & administration

Governance costs

Independent examiner's fee for preparing and examining the accounts

4,536 4,320

Legal and professional fees in respect of West Side Church

540 11,872

5,076 16,192

Bookkeeping

10,200 10,450

Subsistence & travel

2,783 2,425

IT & office costs

3,322 3,685

Office rent and utilities

13,474 11,095

Insurance

3,213 994

License fees and subscriptions

8,081 7,940

Legal and professional fees

925 3,251

Depreciation of tangible fixed assets

2,496 2,828

49,569 58,859

Total expenditure

709,077 706,004

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts was £4,536 (2024: £4,320); in addition the charity paid £1,311 (2024: £1,207) to Stewardship for payroll bureau services.

c Grants payable

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2025 £
Grants for UK and overseas mission	56,658	-	56,658
Grants to support adults and children in crisis	-	4,610	4,610
	<u>56,658</u>	<u>4,610</u>	<u>61,268</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2024 £
Grants for UK and overseas mission	46,909	-	46,909
Grants to support adults and children in crisis	157	8,386	8,543
	<u>47,066</u>	<u>8,386</u>	<u>55,452</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2025 £	2024 £
Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland		
for their general purposes	30,000	29,019
for Dreaming the Impossible youth project	8,824	2,000
for their Ukraine campaign	-	157
	<u>38,824</u>	<u>31,176</u>
Westside Football Club (which is a Christian community club)	8,725	4,365
Echoes International	5,050	5,400
Mitcham Lane Baptist Church	-	2,200
OMF UK	3,650	3,300
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	409	625
	<u>56,658</u>	<u>47,066</u>

The charity didn't pay any grants to The Bike Project this year (2024: £nil) but during the year, to support their work, the charity did collect and pass on to them 96 bikes (2024: 91).

VINEYARD 61 CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

7 Cost of raising funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Expenses in respect of letting a mixed motive investment property	18,211	5,776
	<u>18,211</u>	<u>5,776</u>

8 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	378,238	383,106
Social security	32,343	32,682
Pension costs	19,999	19,586
	<u>430,580</u>	<u>435,374</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 12 (2024: 13). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff named on the Charity Information page. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

	Wages & salaries	Other employment benefits	Employer pension contributions	2025 £
Trustees:				
Steve Bateman	40,652	-	6,164	46,816
Key management connected to trustees:				
Vivien Bateman	40,652	-	6,164	46,816
				<u>93,631</u>

The following amounts were payable in the previous year:

	Wages & salaries	Other employment benefits	Employer pension contributions	2024 £
Trustees:				
Steve Bateman	39,328	-	6,124	45,452
Key management connected to trustees:				
Vivien Bateman	39,328	-	6,124	45,452
				<u>90,904</u>

Steve and Vivien Bateman served as church leaders and received the above payments for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustees; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

VINEYARD 61 CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

9 Acting as agent

On occasion the charity receives money on behalf of other charities, which it banks and then pays out to these charities. This income is received as agent for these other charities and the income, and the related payments, are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities; any money that has not been distributed by the year end is recognised as a creditor.

During the year the charity acted as agent for Westside Football Club, which is a Christian Community Club and, in that capacity:

- a) received £nil (2024: £5,000) and paid £nil (2024: £5,000)
- b) at the year end the charity owed £nil (2024: £nil) to Westside Football Club.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total 2025 £
Cost		
At 1 April 2024	29,432	29,432
Additions	1,260	1,260
Disposals	(375)	(375)
At 31 March 2025	<u>30,317</u>	<u>30,317</u>
Accumulated depreciation		
At 1 April 2024	23,738	23,738
Charge for the year	2,496	2,496
Eliminated on disposal	(375)	(375)
At 31 March 2025	<u>25,859</u>	<u>25,859</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2025	<u>4,458</u>	<u>4,458</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>5,694</u>	<u>5,694</u>

11 Mixed motive investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Fair value brought forward	1,200,000	-
Residential property donated to charity in year	-	1,165,842
Improvements to residential property in year	-	34,158
Change in value of investments	(21,600)	-
Cost or fair value carried forward	<u>1,178,400</u>	<u>1,200,000</u>

Mixed motive investments comprise a residential property donated to the charity in January 2024 by West Side Church Accommodation Trust (charity number 1025642). It is held as an endowment and information about the endowment is disclosed in note 16 'Funds'. The fair value of the property was recognised on acquisition at 31 March 2024 as estimated by the trustees after considering market values for similar nearby properties. In accordance with note 2(f), the trustees have reassessed the fair value of the property at the balance sheet date and estimated an decrease in value of the property of £21,600.

VINEYARD 61 CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

12 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Tax recoverable	9,526	11,504
Other debtors	762	3,904
Prepayments and accrued income	15,636	22,932
Total debtors	25,924	38,340

13 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash at bank with immediate access	125,978	104,801
Notice deposits (with a term of three months or less)	87,540	84,310
Payment processing accounts (such as PayPal, Stripe and Soldo)	4,569	2,186
	218,088	191,297

14 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	583	-
Other creditors	11,095	7,047
Accruals	4,536	4,320
Deferred income	6,405	-
Grant obligations	30,000	29,074
	52,618	40,441

Grant obligations comprise constructive obligations for the following grants:
a) £30,000 (2024: £29,074) payable to Vineyard Churches UK and Ireland.

15 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £19,999 (2024: £19,586) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. At the balance sheet date, pension contributions totalling £2,339 (2024: £2,512) were owed.

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16 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2025 £	Incoming resources 2025 £	Outgoing resources 2025 £	Transfers in the year 2025 £	Gains and losses 2025 £	Closing balance 2025 £
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	173,965	640,339	(652,140)	1,260	-	163,424
Total Unrestricted Funds	173,965	640,339	(652,140)	1,260	-	163,424
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Emergency Relief & Mercy Street fund	6,529	12,918	(4,632)	-	-	14,815
Messy Church fund	2,244	-	(1,823)	-	-	421
Donated facilities	-	60,000	(60,000)	-	-	-
Hub fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
London Borough of Wandsworth	12,152	12,892	(8,692)	(1,260)	-	15,092
Facilities Grant fund	-	2,100	-	-	-	2,100
	20,925	87,910	(75,148)	(1,260)	-	32,427
<i>Endowment Funds</i>						
<u>Permanent</u>						
West Side Accommodation fund	1,200,000	-	-	-	(21,600)	1,178,400
	1,200,000	-	-	-	(21,600)	1,178,400
Aggregate of funds	1,394,891	728,249	(727,288)	-	(21,600)	1,374,251

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted	Endowment	2025
	General funds £	Designated funds £	funds £	funds £	£
Tangible fixed assets	4,458	-	-	-	4,458
Mixed motive investments	-	-	-	1,178,400	1,178,400
Debtors	25,924	-	-	-	25,924
Cash at bank and in hand	184,319	-	33,768	-	218,088
Creditors falling due within one year	(51,277)	-	(1,341)	-	(52,618)
	163,424	-	32,427	1,178,400	1,374,251

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16 Funds (continued)

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2024 £	Incoming resources 2024 £	Outgoing resources 2024 £	Transfers in the year 2024 £	Gains and losses 2024 £	Closing balance 2024 £
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	109,629	737,740	(639,247)	(34,158)	-	173,965
Total Unrestricted Funds	109,629	737,740	(639,247)	(34,158)	-	173,965
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Emergency Relief & Mercy Street fund	14,225	900	(8,596)	-	-	6,529
Compassion fund	-	513	(513)	-	-	-
Ukraine fund	157	-	(157)	-	-	-
Messy Church fund	-	3,108	(864)	-	-	2,244
Donated facilities	-	60,000	(60,000)	-	-	-
Hub fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
London Borough of Wandsworth	-	13,054	(902)	-	-	12,152
Other donors	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-	-
	14,383	79,075	(72,533)	-	-	20,925
<i>Endowment Funds</i>						
<u>Permanent</u>						
West Side Accommodation fund	-	1,165,842	-	34,158	-	1,200,000
	-	1,165,842	-	34,158	-	1,200,000
Aggregate of funds	124,012	1,982,658	(711,779)	-	-	1,394,891

Analysis of net assets by fund

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>				
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	5,694	-	-	0	5,694
Mixed motive investments	-	-	-	1,200,000	1,200,000
Debtors	25,286	-	13,054	-	38,340
Cash at bank and in hand	183,426	-	7,871	-	191,297
Creditors falling due within one year	(40,441)	-	-	-	(40,441)
	173,965	-	20,925	1,200,000	1,394,891

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16 Funds (continued)

Restricted funds

The **Emergency Relief and Mercy Street** fund was created from donations received to help provide immediate assistance to those in serious need.

The **Compassion** fund was created by donations received to help support the charity's various compassion projects.

The **Ukraine** funds was created in response to a specific appeal for donations to facilitate grant making to an organisation engaged in outreach projects in Ukraine.

The **Messy Church** fund was created by grants and donations received to help create Sunday services especially for children and their families.

The **Donated facilities** fund is in respect of the charity's use of the West Side church building for a nominal annual rent. The building has, primarily, been provided for use as place of Christian worship and outreach.

The **Hub** fund was created by grants and donations received to help create a community space and seeks to help those affected by the current cost of living crisis. Those who are elderly, lonely, isolated or unemployed are especially welcome. The Hub provides a safe, warm space, a free lunch and is a great place to socialise and make new friends.

The **Facilities Grant** fund was created by a grant received from the Benefact Trust that will be spent during the 2025-2026 financial year.

Endowment funds

The **West Side Accommodation** endowment fund is a permanent endowment fund created by the donation of a residential property by West Side Church Accommodation Trust. The endowment fund was established to help support church activities and, in particular, to provide accommodation to the Christian community.

17 Operating lease commitments

The charity has an operating lease for the West Side church building. The minimum amount payable (until the next break clause and ignoring the potential effect of future rent reviews) in respect of this lease is as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Payments falling due:		
Within one year	1,397	1,397
Between one and five years	3,917	5,314
	<u>5,314</u>	<u>6,711</u>

During the year the charity was charged £1,397 (2024: £114) for its operating lease. The value of discount provided to the charity is recognised as a donation in kind in note 3.

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18 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £55,542 (2024: £43,918) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).
- b) paid no expenses (2024: £nil) for / to trustees whilst carrying out duties associated with being trustees; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee are not included in this disclosure.

Except as disclosed in note 8 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

VINEYARD 61 CHURCH
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted funds					Unrestricted funds				
		General 2025 £	Designated 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Endowment 2025 £	Total 2025 £	General 2024 £	Designated 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Endowment 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Note										
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:											
Donations and legacies											
From regular activities	3a	549,425		87,910	-	637,335	554,186	-	79,075	-	633,261
From West Side Church Trust and West Side Accommodation Trust	3b	-	-	-	-	-	144,154	-	-	1,165,842	1,309,996
Charitable activities	4	42,368	-	-	-	42,368	32,497	-	-	-	32,497
Investments	6	48,546	-	-	-	48,546	6,904	-	-	-	6,904
Total income and endowments		640,339	-	87,910	-	728,249	737,740	-	79,075	1,165,842	1,982,658
EXPENDITURE ON:											
Charitable activities:	8	633,929	-	75,148	-	709,077	633,471	-	72,533	-	706,004
Raising funds	9	18,211	-	-	-	18,211	5,776	-	-	-	5,776
Total Expenditure		652,140	-	75,148	-	727,288	639,247	-	72,533	-	711,779
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	-	-	-	(21,600)	(21,600)	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(11,801)	-	12,762	(21,600)	(20,639)	98,494	-	6,543	1,165,842	1,270,878
Transfers between funds	16	1,260	-	(1,260)	-	-	(34,158)	-	-	34,158	-
Net movement in funds		(10,541)	-	11,502	(21,600)	(20,639)	64,336	-	6,543	1,200,000	1,270,878
Reconciliation of funds:											
Total funds brought forward		173,965	-	20,925	1,200,000	1,394,891	109,629	-	14,383	-	124,012
Total funds carried forward		163,424	-	32,427	1,178,400	1,374,251	173,965	-	20,925	1,200,000	1,394,891

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**VINEYARD 61 CHURCH
(FORMALLY BALHAM VINEYARD CHURCH)**

**CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Trustees	Tim Bower (chair) Steve Bateman Hamish Dudgeon Akshay John Gillian Lazonby (resigned 29 January 2024) Lauren Melachrino (appointed 28 January 2024) William Pike (appointed 17 June 2024) Joanna Stone
Key Staff	Steve and Vivien Bateman (lead pastors)
Governing Document	Constitution dated 12 March 2015
Charity Registration Number	1162655
Principal Address	West Side Church Melody Road London SW18 2QQ
Independent Examiner	Ajay Rajani FCIE Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	The Co-Operative Bank CAF Bank

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VINEYARD 61 CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Background and Introduction

Vineyard 61 Church (formally known as Balham Vineyard Church) was started in the summer of 2015. Steve and Viv Bateman, the church's Lead Pastors, were commissioned and planted from South West London Vineyard together with a group of 10 adults and children. In the summer of 2018, the church changed its operating name to Vineyard 61 Church (V61) to reflect its aim and mission as a multisite church in London. In January 2019 they launched their second site in Battersea. In March 2022 a third site was launched in Wandsworth as we adopted West Side Church, the legal adoption was completed in January 2024.

Objectives and Activities

The main object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith for the public benefit in accordance with the Statement of Faith in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world through:

1. The organisation and provision of Christian worship;
2. The provision of such facilities and services as are appropriate for the Church, to enable it to fulfil its mission to the members of the Church, visitors to the Church and the local community and the wider community;
3. The provision of facilities for Christian training and service;
4. The support and provision of Christian evangelism and outreach;
5. The provision of assistance to the wider Christian church in its ministries.

These objectives are set to reflect our faith and community aims.

Our Purpose

God is in the transformation business and we get to join in!

Our Vision

We are people carrying the mandate of Isaiah 61, where the Spirit of God is upon us to bring transformation. We want to see multiple thriving sites across London with Worship, Formation and Mission at their core.

Our Core Values

Authenticity, Expectancy, Honour, Generosity and Fun

The above charitable objectives and values fall under 3 broad primary objectives, listed below. The following details the strategy the church has used to meet these primary 3 objectives:

GOD IS IN THE TRANSFORMATION BUSINESS AND WE GET TO JOIN IN

Objective 1. Upward - Help people find and follow Jesus, be empowered by the Holy Spirit, connect and worship God together and advance the Kingdom of God.

V61 welcomes those of all or no faiths from every background who wish to visit for a service, and/or join a group, activity or community project, and we continue to see people join us who have had little or no previous interaction with church.

At present V61 mainly rents premises for its charitable activities. This gives us the opportunity to partner with local churches and community spaces utilising their premises at times when otherwise they may remain empty. The rent charged goes towards supporting their educational and charitable objectives and we hope is a blessing to them as, in their own way, they seek to be a blessing to the local community.

V61 has continued its partnership agreement with the United Reformed Church (URC), in Balham which enables us to use the URC church building for our Sunday gatherings, Compassion Ministries, Mercy Street collection, worship nights, our School of Kingdom Ministry and other leaders' gatherings.

During the course of 23/24, a number of different types of Sunday services across all three sites were held including Family Services, guest speakers invited, a varied preaching diet covered, and church calendar events observed. Not only did we see new people coming towards the church as a result of our 3 services across our 3 sites, but we have continued to see new leaders emerge, as they have taken on new responsibilities in leading services, preaching, worship, and serving.

We have continued to hold our All Together church gatherings where we have all 3 sites together.

V61's lease with Wandsworth Borough Council also continued for a building on Larch Close which the church named 'ReStore'. V61 uses this space for community activities, small groups, and worship and prayer meetings, and encourages members of the community to use it as a House of Prayer.

Our vision has always been to launch smaller communities across this part of London.

Balham site summary:

In January 2023 we were given more rooms to help facilitate the growth in our Sunday Kid's church and the 'Warner Room' hosts our creche, other needed storage and is a space for mid week classes, band practices and courses. Steve and Viv continued to lead the site during the 'interregnum' period while we look for a new site pastor long term. Our Balham site continues to facilitate some of the central gatherings, events and 'compassion' ministries. Our relationship with the URC grows and we invested some financial resources and volunteer time in maintaining the church on behalf of the ageing URC community. Our journey with West Side and the buildings we have taken on there continues to strengthen our belief that facilities facilitate the expansion of the Kingdom of God through local churches, and we are continuing to pray that the Balham site would have a building of its own.

Battersea site summary:

Our Site Pastors' leadership, pastoral care and development of each site has been key in us achieving our vision. Chris McCullough's health over the 22/23 financial year and into 23/24 continues to be a factor for the site and in 24/25 he and his family will be moving out of London to be nearer their family. During 24/25 we are consolidating our multisite strategy so that we can look to strengthen the site with personnel, vision and shared leadership. Out of all the sites, this has been the most fragile during 23/24; with cost of living, rent prices and multiple key leaders and others moving out of London, we are praying that this strategic decision to consolidate and build momentum again helps the site's long term sustainability.

West Side site summary:

In March 2022 we formally adopted West Side church as our third site and commissioned Kelsey Thornton as their new site pastor. This has been a varied and complex journey. West Side has a rich history and legacy of community mission, many members of the church were born, baptised and married at West Side, and have been part of the church for decades. They have much to offer us in being a community in the city over a long haul. We are delighted that a number of V61 members have joined this new site and are excited for the ongoing mission in this part of Wandsworth. During 23/24 we saw our Messy Sundays develop and grow, and hundreds of families attend these termly events. We continue to honour the 120+ years of local mission in Wandsworth, and seek to build, grow and connect our community to Christ.

V61

Across the three sites during the 2023/24 reporting year we:

- Continued opening our House of Prayer (HoP) for individuals and groups to meet and pray. We offered themed prayer nights, ran prayer courses and worship nights. Hundreds of different individuals have come into the HoP since launch, with thousands of hours of prayer spent there.
- Saw 91 0-18 year olds engaging with Sundays and being part of our kids church and youth groups. Had 24 people serving on the kids team and 16 people serving on the youth team. Launched Messy Sundays to welcome local and V61 families to West Side church and hosted 4 events with over 601 attendees (kids and adults).
- Hosted various leaders gatherings
- Continued partnerships with local charities who use the West Side building
- Baptised over 12 people at West Side hall's baptistry
- Had over 34 different people preaching and teaching across our sites
- Organised picnics, lunches and newcomers' lunches after services
- Hosted Christmas and Easter services, which were full
- Had 211 people give financially to the church

'All I Seek' EP

Our 'All I Seek' EP that we recorded and released over the summer and autumn of 2023 was focused on capturing some of our homegrown worship songs with the vision to release more worship and creativity within the individuals in our community and our church.

We have heard stories like: "I worshipped with our songs on my commute today and was really moved" and "I saw the EP content on your YouTube page and thought I'd check out the church" and "I have been really inspired to pick up my own songwriting again". These stories are definitely fruit of the project, but we believe the main fruit of the project is the longevity it has created within our team. Of the 17 church members who were on band and crew, 16 are still part of the church.

The overall hits on the main 4 audio platforms are around 8000 streams (5000 on Spotify, 1000 Apple, 1000 Amazon and 1000 YouTube Music). The videos of the EP on YouTube have generated an additional 2750 streams.

We look forward to continuing in our creativity and special projects. Our summer songwriting small group continues to run each year and we look forward to releasing a Christmas single at the end of 2024.

Objective 2. Build up the faith of Christian believers so that they are equipped, disciplined and formed into being like Christ.

The church welcomes families with children and young people, and we run programmes for both groups. During the morning service, children and young people meet in their own age groups through Kids Church (for children aged between 2 and 10) and V61 Youth programmes (aged 11 upwards). We provide safe and creative environments for children and young people to encounter Jesus for themselves, to learn about the Bible, to pray for one another and to develop good friendships. All volunteers go through a Disclosure and Barring Service DBS check when they join the team and we ensure that there is at least one DBS checked volunteer for all sessions if new volunteers are still awaiting DBS clearance. Our teams also receive safeguarding training.

We encourage people to get involved in the life of the church by joining one of our many serving teams, giving to the mission, vision and activities of the church, attending on Sundays, and joining one of our many small groups that meet midweek, usually in someone's home over a meal. Bursaries are made available to individuals or groups of people who cannot afford to pay full fees for courses and activities.

Volunteers

Volunteers are an important resource in both our faith and community work. We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is and extend the Kingdom of God into the local area.

In June 2023 we hosted a Dream Team party to honour and thank all our amazing team members who so selflessly serve V61. We hired the Skylark Cafe in Wandsworth and had a great time celebrating each person and showing our appreciation for their commitment to V61. We also took this opportunity to again share the vision for serving here at V61. Around 80 people from across our various teams attended.

We encourage all members of our church to be involved in voluntary activities and to share their skills with others.

- Had 205 people serving on one of our many teams
- Compassion: Approx. 50 volunteers are involved in our various compassion, community and outreach ministries
- Midweek Life Groups: Approximately 50 volunteers lead, host and oversee our small groups.
- Worship: Saw 33 people and multiple different band leaders leading worship across our 3 sites

Small Groups & Courses

During the 2023/24 reporting year:

- We hosted 16 Life Groups
- 12 people attended our School of Kingdom Ministry Course
- We ran 3 Compassion groups (Hub, Mercy Street, Healing on the Streets)
- We ran 3 Social/Sports Groups

Other Courses and activities that ran throughout the year include:

- Sozo prayer ministry
- pastoral care work providing practical support, prayer and encouragement to those in need
- worship training
- worship nights
- newcomers lunches and drinks
- socials
- Vineyard Leaders Gathering
- Vineyard National Worship and Song Writing Summit
- Leadership Training evenings
- Emotionally Focused course
- Sacred Space group
- Prophetic evenings and groups
- Freedom from Freemasonry deliverance event
- Journaling Workshop

In March 2023 a group of 65 of us went on a weekend retreat to Otford Manor in Kent. The vision for this event was to connect with God and connect with each other, by retreating from our busy lives in London. It was a brilliant weekend and we would love to run it again in 2025, with a view to holding an all-church weekend away in 2026, when we can find a big enough venue.

Objective 3. Show compassion for the community, especially the poor and vulnerable, through pastoral care, missionary and outreach work.

We are delighted with the impact of the various projects we were able to do during this financial year.

1. Our HUB project is our community space in Balham. The Hub is a place to gather, to connect, and to belong. Everyone's welcome to come and see what it's all about!

We're open from 11am-2pm every Monday and we do activities like bingo, arts and crafts, puzzles and games. There's also good coffee, computers available if you need to job search, and plenty of time and space to chat and make friends. The dream for the Hub is that there would be no division between 'volunteers' and 'users'. We want it to be a gathering place where people come and connect into community, whether you're retired, a new mum, you live alone, you're zoomed out from work, or you'd just like a friend to eat your lunch with. Everyone's welcome. We love the Hub and are excited for how God is using it to build community in Balham.

2. Since 2020 we have had an **emergency compassion fund** (ECF) for people in and around our community to apply for. We raised restricted income from members of our community in order to give away to people who were suffering financially during the Covid19 crisis and beyond as we are in a Cost of Living crisis. V61 offers ECF to individuals for the following life needs: Rent/Mortgage, utilities, transportation, food, clothing, medical supplies, essential household items and other emergency provisions. Assistance is limited and may include referrals to other national and local community assistance programs who may be better able to provide support for an individual request.

During this financial year we were able to positively respond to 65 ECF requests from people and provided £8,386 of financial assistance.

3. Our **Mercy Street** project reaches out to people experiencing homelessness. Our volunteers go out on streets and we practise "direct action". This means we do what we can materially and spiritually at that point in time to alleviate their suffering. We currently serve people in Clapham Junction, Battersea, and Balham, and want to do more in these areas over time. Around 15-20 volunteers have taken part in our regular Mercy Street outings. We have had direct contact with over 110+ people. This is a figure derived from what is captured in our Contact Reports. The actual figure will be higher, estimated at about 200 people. In 2023/24, we gave out about dozens of sleeping bags, many tents, hundreds of pairs of socks and sets of thermal underwear, multiple jackets and 50+ hats. Again, this is a conservative estimate. In addition, we have given out a large amount of food and drink, wet wipes, gloves, scarves and so much more.
4. We continued our partnership with the **Bike Project**. The church stores donated second-hand bikes and the Bike Project repairs and donates them to refugees and asylum seekers in London to help lower their transport costs. Since the beginning of our partnership V61 has collected over 600 bikes for the Bike Project.
5. We continued our monthly **Healing on the Streets** (HOTS) ministry. This was launched in 2011 as an evangelistic ministry, but a simple and beautiful way to reach out to the lost and hurting on the streets.

Most people in London will never have an opportunity to encounter Jesus. HOTS enables members of V61 to connect with their community, powerfully expressing God's love on the high street, whatever the weather.

We simply invite people to sit on chairs so we can pray for them. We create a thin place on the streets where heaven and earth meet, and people can encounter Jesus. Over the year we had over 30 people volunteer to be on team and prayed for over 160 people during the year. We saw many healings, people inviting Jesus to be their Lord, Saviour and friend as well as a number of people joining the church.

6. We continued West Side Church's legacy of community outreach and the various initiatives include:

6.1. Activities Under V61 Leadership

- 6.1.1. **Friday night Youth Club** - A group for Years 7-11 (12-16 year olds) which runs on Fridays during term time (7.30pm - 8.30pm) with young people from any background or faith welcome. We provide food and soft drinks, games, music and a safe social place. Each week we tackle different topics and issues using the Bible as a foundation. This is a relaxed and friendly time together to catch up on the week. Supported by 6 volunteers, we have seen over 16 different young people attend these nights.
- 6.1.2. **Baby and Toddler Group** - A Tuesday morning group that runs during school term time and is open for parents and guardians to come along with their baby or toddler! We have plenty of toys and enjoyable activities for little ones to get involved with plus tea and coffee for the adults. This is a great place to meet others and allow little ones to play! We regularly see 50 parents, carers and children joining us on a Tuesday for this group.
- 6.1.3. **Knitters and Stitchers** - Beginners, experts and everyone in between are welcome to join West Side Knitters and Stitchers on a Tuesday evening from 7:30-9pm. There is plenty of wool, needles and patterns provided so no need to bring anything with you. There is always plenty of tea or coffee and an opportunity to chat and share whilst you create!
- 6.1.4. **Prison Ministry** - Volunteers support various ministries in Brixton prison including Prison Alpha, Prison Fellowship, and Sycamore Tree. This is a legacy ministry of West Side Church and we are delighted to continue growing and establishing this as a key compassion ministry of V61.

6.2. Legacy Hall Hire

We continue to honour and support the building's legacy as a hub for community activities by making it available for various groups and initiatives, including:

- 6.2.1. **Women's Stretching Group**: A weekly reflective, slow morning of stretching and devotion led by members of our West Side site. Each class consists of gentle stretching and a devotional prayer.
- 6.2.2. **Wandsworth Society**: A local organisation that utilises the space for meetings focused on safeguarding and enhancing the character, quality, and integrity of Wandsworth's built environment, open spaces, and riverbanks.
- 6.2.3. **Response to Knife Crime**: A community of individuals impacted by knife crime - whether through personal loss, working with young people, or a desire to address its societal effects - meeting monthly to remember victims, support one another, and seek positive solutions.
- 6.2.4. **West Side Football Club**: Founded in 1996, West Side FC uses the space to hold meetings and end-of-season award celebrations, alongside its long-standing commitment to community outreach, football excellence, and Christian mission.

- 6.2.5. **Christian Nursery:** The ground floor of the building is leased to a Christian nursery, Noah's Ark, which serves families in the local area by providing faith-based early education.

Reporting Public Benefit

When planning our activities for the year, the Trustees and leadership of the church have applied the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. V61 has identified the following broad objectives to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our local community:

1. Help people find and follow Jesus, be empowered by the Holy Spirit, connect and worship God together and advance the Kingdom of God;
2. Build up the faith of Christian believers so that they are equipped and released to go and join God in His transformation business in South London and beyond
3. Show compassion for the community, especially the poor and vulnerable, through pastoral care, missionary and outreach work.

Each year the Trustees review V61's objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect the church's aims. The detailed information in the 'Objectives and Activities' section of the report explains what activities the church undertakes and how these activities further the charity's purposes for the public benefit. In particular, the annual report also addresses the two key principles by which we will assess public benefit:

1. There must be an identifiable benefit or benefits – the Trustees explain the value, to those who worship at the church and to the wider community, of the charity's work
2. Benefit must be to the public, or a section of the public – the Trustees explain how the church is made available to Christians and non-Christians who are interested in the faith, that Christianity is communicated to non-Christians through its work, and that any member of the wider community of V61 can benefit from the charity's compassion activities.

Structure, governance and management

Vineyard 61 Church (which was previously registered with the Charity Commission as Balham Vineyard Church) is governed by its Constitution dated 12 March 2015 and was created as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("the CIO") registered with the Charity Commission in July 2015 under number 1162655.

The church is also affiliated to Vineyard Churches UK and Ireland, a wider network of some +120 churches across the country. Each year, V61 grants a proportion of its income to the work of Vineyard Churches UK and Ireland in the establishing of new churches and missions work abroad. The church is also a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Organisational structure

The charity Trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The Trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits for serving as trustees. The Trustees meet together as a body quarterly and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to running the church and the activities provided by the charity. The day-to-day management of the church and activities are undertaken by the Lead Pastors. Apart from the first charity Trustees, every Trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the church Trustees.

Statement of Responsibilities

The Trustees 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).

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements ongoing basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity 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 charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Internal Controls

As part of their continuing responsibility the Trustees have endeavoured to ensure that reasonable internal control procedures are in place as appropriate for the development of the church. They include:

- Annual budgets are approved by the Trustees and reviewed on a regular basis
- Management information reports issued on a quarterly basis, including income and expenses and monitoring of reserves
- Periodic review of risk register and associated action log
- Regular Senior Pastor and staff reviews

Risk Management and Compliance

Throughout the year the staff team continued to maintain a centralised register of the risks the charity faces, which identifies the major risks by area of activity, the nature of those risks, the likelihood of the risks happening and the measures taken to mitigate and manage the major risks to the charity. The full risk register and action log was reviewed periodically by the Trustees.

The risks listed in the risk register include those which focus on governance, leadership, financial, operational and external risks. The Trustees are satisfied that systems are in place, or arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified. In addition to the ongoing risks that are on the register from year to year such as those relating to ensuring adequate insurance cover, safeguarding of children and young people and the impact of a decline in donations, specific risks managed during the year included:

- Ongoing lease agreements with the URC and York Gardens (our Balham and Battersea sites)
- Potential loss of the use of the URC building and York Gardens, leading to a lack of venue for church gatherings, groups and the HUB.
- Expanding the staff team to support both the Lead Pastors and the expansion of the church
- Continued GDPR compliance

- Ensuring our various safeguarding, DBS checks and recruitment processes for volunteers and paid staff match good practice and standards
- Risk on financial operation - risk of expenses continuing to exceed regular income with Trustees and Leadership to address shortfall with action plan in 24/25 financial year.

On-going monitoring was carried out during the year with regard to the compliance requirements of the church in the key areas of the risk register.

Administrative Operations

Staffing

Steve and Viv Bateman lead V61, with a focus on setting the vision and direction of the overall ministry of the church, leading the vision and culture of our Gathered Environments, as well as the day-to-day running of the church and overseeing the development of the ministry of the church by working alongside and through volunteers. They are also responsible for overseeing the development of the ministry of the church by working alongside and through the leadership staff, administrative staff and lay leaders. They both work full-time for V61. Steve also acted as a Trustee for the board of Trustees.

Steve and Viv continued their role as Vineyard Area Leaders within the London region, overseen by Andy and Bethan Chapman, senior leaders of Riverside Vineyard, Feltham. They oversee a number of new and existing church plants, providing support and integration with the Vineyard alliance of churches in UK&I. Viv and Steve have access to spiritual direction, coaching and counselling to help support their role as Lead Pastors.

Steve's and Viv's employment benefits have been set by reference to other churches of similar size, both inside and outside the Vineyard movement.

Steve and Viv continued to be supported by a team of full-time and part-time pastoral and administrative staff members whose roles were to oversee, develop, and provide support to existing and developing areas of ministry. During this financial year we hired 2 full-time staff roles. At the end of the financial year V61 employed 12 staff with a FTE of 12.0.

Office Space

We continue to base the church office in our West Side site (and have done so since July 2022). This has worked out as very good stewardship, saving the charity money in rent and expenses.

Trustees

The charity's Trustees are listed below. Currently the Trustee board includes five people who attend V61 and two who do not. New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees by majority vote. When appointed, all Trustees receive an induction and are provided with resources and given training to help them with their role.

The following Trustees have held office during the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, and have served since the dates listed below.

- Timothy Bower – (Chairperson from 01 Dec 2021) – 05 April 2024
- Steve Bateman (Lead Pastor) – 05 April 2021
- Joanna Stone – 05 April 2021
- Gillian Lazonby– 01 April 2018 resigned on 29 January 2024
- Hamish Dudgeon - 22 February 2021
- Akshay John - 27 September 2021
- Lauren Melachrino - 28 January 2024

William Pike (who was a trustee of West Side Church) joined the Trustee board after the year end on 17 June 2024.

Lead Pastor Viv Bateman is not a Trustee but as Lead Pastor attends and contributes to meetings as does Lucy Gibson (Executive Pastor).

The Trustees met formally to discuss business on 5 occasions throughout the 2023/24 financial year:

- 24 April 2023
- 13 November 2023
- 26 March 2024
- 09 October 2023
- 29 January 2024

Advisers

During the year Stewardship Services (UKET) Limited were reappointed as the charity's accountants and one of their employees acts as the charity's Independent Examiner.

Financial Review

The Charity relies on the generous donations of its members as its principal source of income. We believe in the Biblical principle of giving and generosity. We appreciate that members and volunteers give time and resources to support the church and the community. This generosity helps create environments to gather together to worship, provide the church with the finances to run various projects and ministries, and to bring life to Balham, Battersea, Wandsworth and the surrounding neighbourhoods.

1. Results for the year

There were some notable financial transactions this year:

- West Side Church Accommodation Trust (registered charity number 1025642) transferred a residential property to the charity and then closed. The value of this donated property was assessed to be £1,166,000 so that, after spending £34,000 on improving the property, it's carrying value in the accounts equates its market value, which the trustees have estimated to be £1,200,000 on 31 March 2024. This property is held by an endowment fund, which has restrictions on how the property can be used. It is a permanent endowment and so, if the property is sold, the capital must be preserved (i.e. the proceeds would need to be reinvested). In accordance with the terms of the endowment, the property is being let to members of the church community and this income is being used to support the charity's other activities.
- West Side Church Trust (registered charity number 1113871) transferred its assets to the charity and then closed. These assets comprised cash of £140,000 and equipment with an estimated value of £4,000.
- The charity was granted a lease by the Church Growth Trust for the use of the West Side church building for a nominal rent. The trustees estimate that the annual value of this donation to the charity is £60,000. As required by the Charities SORP, this donation and a matching expense have been included in accounts.

These transactions have served to increase this year's income by £1,370,000, this year's expenditure by £60,000 and this year's surplus by £1,310,000.

When these transactions are excluded, the charity's regular income has increased by £60,000 to £613,000, the charity's regular expenditure has increased by £16,000 to £652,000, and this year's deficit from these transactions has fallen by £44,000 to £39,000.

Looking at these variances in more detail:

- donation income (including related gift aid) increased by £31,000, we received first time grant income of £17,000 (mainly for the Hub), we received property letting income of £21,000 from the West Side properties and an extra £4,000 from church activities. However, there was no repeat of last year's compensation of £13,000 which we received when we surrendered the lease for the office space we used to rent.
- we spent an extra £20,000 on staff costs, an extra £16,000 on administrative expenses (mainly on legal fees to complete the West Side transactions and on outsourcing our bookkeeping) and an extra £6,000 on property letting expenses. These increases were offset by a reduction of £16,000 in other ministry related expenses and a reduction of £10,000 in grant making.

The overall surplus this year is therefore £1,271,000 and the charity's net assets have increased by this amount to £1,395,000. Net assets comprised the charity's investment property with an estimated market value of £1,200,000, cash of £191,000 and other net assets of £4,000.

2. Investment policy and objectives

This year our primary focus was to maintain or improve our operational reserves and to pursue our long term strategy, which is to try to launch new sites. Therefore we decided that we did not need to have a long term investment policy yet but we are keeping this under review.

3. Operational Reserves

The Trustees aim to hold free reserves (defined as being unrestricted net current assets) of between three to five months of operating expenditure, which equates to reserves that fall in the range £150,000 to £250,000. This policy for holding reserves has been set so as to help ensure that the charity could continue to operate should income or expenditure vary unexpectedly whilst at the same time helping to ensure that the charity does not hold more reserves than it really needs. At the year-end the charity's free reserves amounted to £168,000 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy. This year's free reserves have been bolstered by the cash donated by West Side Church Trust and, had it not been for this donation, the charity's free reserves would have declined. Going forward, the Trustees are working towards trying to ensure that annual income covers annual expenditure.

4. Grants & Gifts

As disclosed in note 5 'Charitable expenditure' to the financial statements, the church has made a number of grants and gifts, including gifts to Vineyard Churches UK&I, which promotes the planting of new churches and provides support to churches in the Vineyard movement in the UK.

During 2023/24 the charity gave away 9% (2022/2023: 12%) of its usual income (which was £613,000) in the form of grants and gifts. Gifts and grants were made to support organisations and other churches with aims consistent with our own and out of the Emergency Compassion Fund to help those facing hardship. The charity aims to give away at least 10% of its income every year. The accounts contain more information about the grants and gifts we gave this year.

Our plans for the year ahead

God has given us a vision to launch multiple sites across South London and beyond. For the coming year ahead we want to meet our three objectives as described above.

1. God has called us to help people find and follow Jesus, be empowered by the Holy Spirit, connect and worship God together and advance the Kingdom of God. We will host more worship nights and we will increase our invitational culture in the church so that members can easily invite their friends, and more people can be welcomed into our gathered environments. A focus for the year, as it will be every year, will be to increase the number of new people we see meeting Jesus through our activities, projects and Sunday gatherings. We endeavour to see many people baptised and hear many stories of lives transformed by Jesus.

2. God has called us to build up the faith of Christian believers so that they are equipped, discipled and formed into being like Christ. We want to strengthen the stakes of our internal systems, intentionally invest in our staff culture and further consolidate our processes. We want to employ external coaching and development for our Lead Pastors and bring in some healthy organisational models. Developing our discipleship pathway continues to be a priority this next financial year, which will include an appointment for a Discipleship Pastor.

3. God has called us to show compassion for the community, especially the poor and vulnerable, through pastoral care, missionary and outreach work. We really want to make a difference in our community, and we know that being able to get the message out to people that we are a church where everyone is welcome is a really important part of that.

We want to increase the profile of our missional mandate to preach good news to our community by training and equipping people to share the gospel, and to pray for their friends and families. We will also further increase the profile of Compassion by doing a sermon series, hosting a Compassion-focused Sunday service, and by launching several new ministries to serve the increased profile of mission. These include; making Messy Sunday a ministry of V61; launching an Alpha course; and developing a Food pantry 'Storehouse'.

We will invest further in our outreach work to children and young people. David Alabi has been a key appointment for us as we strengthen our work with young people and the church's impact outside of the building. We will also develop our partnership with Providence House youth club and our links to prison ministry.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

TLBower

TLBower (Jan 29, 2025 16:25 GMT)

Jan 29, 2025

Tim Bower

Date

Chair of Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
VINEYARD 61 CHURCH
('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 on pages 15 to 27 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 18 and 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation 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

Since the Charity'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 because I am a Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Ajay Rajani
Ajay Rajani (Jan 29, 2025 16:28 GMT)

Ajay Rajani FCIE
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
London
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Date: Jan 29, 2025

VINEYARD 61 CHURCH
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and legacies						
From regular activities	3a	554,186	79,075	-	633,261	524,022
From West Side Church Trust and West Side Accommodation Trust	3b	144,154	-	1,165,842	1,309,996	-
Charitable activities	4	32,497	-	-	32,497	14,135
Investments	5	6,904	-	-	6,904	548
Other income	6	-	-	-	-	13,845
Total income and endowments		737,741	79,075	1,165,842	1,982,658	552,550
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Charitable activities	7	633,471	72,533	-	706,004	635,897
Raising funds	8	5,776	-	-	5,776	-
Total expenditure		639,247	72,533	-	711,780	635,897
Net income/(expenditure)		98,495	6,542	1,165,842	1,270,878	(83,346)
Transfers between funds	17	(34,158)	-	34,158	-	-
Net movement in funds		64,337	6,542	1,200,000	1,270,878	(83,346)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		109,629	14,383	-	124,012	207,358
Total funds carried forward	17	173,965	20,925	1,200,000	1,394,890	124,012

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 18 to 27 form part of these accounts.

**VINEYARD 61 CHURCH
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	11	5,694	-	-	5,694	4,522
Mixed motive investments	12	-	-	1,200,000	1,200,000	-
		<u>5,694</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,200,000</u>	<u>1,205,694</u>	<u>4,522</u>
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	13	25,286	13,054	-	38,340	10,691
Cash at bank and in hand	14	183,426	7,871	-	191,297	160,192
		<u>208,712</u>	<u>20,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>229,638</u>	<u>170,883</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(40,441)	-	-	(40,441)	(51,393)
Net current assets		<u>168,271</u>	<u>20,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>189,197</u>	<u>119,490</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>173,965</u>	<u>20,925</u>	<u>1,200,000</u>	<u>1,394,890</u>	<u>124,012</u>
FUND BALANCES	17					
Unrestricted Funds		173,965	-	-	173,965	109,629
Restricted Funds		-	20,925	-	20,925	14,383
Endowment Funds		-	-	1,200,000	1,200,000	-
		<u>173,965</u>	<u>20,925</u>	<u>1,200,000</u>	<u>1,394,890</u>	<u>124,012</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

TL Bower
TLBower (Jan 29, 2025 16:25 GMT)

Tim Bower - Chair of Trustees

Date: Jan 29, 2025

Charity number: 1162655

The notes on pages 18 to 27 form part of these accounts.

BALHAM VINEYARD CHURCH
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	a	<u>65,264</u>	<u>(87,273)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of equipment		-	(2,115)
Improvements to mixed motive investment property		(34,158)	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>(34,158)</u>	<u>(2,115)</u>
Change in cash and equivalents in the reporting period		31,106	(89,388)
Cash and equivalents at the beginning of the year	b	160,192	249,579
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	b	<u>191,297</u>	<u>160,192</u>

Note a: Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	1,270,878	(83,347)
Adjustments for:		
Donated property and equipment	(1,169,842)	-
Depreciation charges and provisions for impairment	2,828	3,086
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(27,649)	(6,941)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(10,952)	(71)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>65,264</u>	<u>(87,273)</u>

Note b: Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	104,801	134,047
Notice deposits (with a term of three months or less)	84,310	21,759
Payment processing accounts (such as PayPal and Stripe)	2,186	4,386
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>191,297</u>	<u>160,192</u>

An analysis of changes in net debt has not been presented because the charity does not have any borrowings.

**VINEYARD 61 CHURCH
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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and principal address can be found on the Charity Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP")", with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the '2008 Regulations') requires charities to prepare their accounts in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005' but this accounting standard has since been withdrawn and has been replaced by the Charities SORP mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The charity has prepared these financial statements in accordance with the new Charities SORP; this departure from the 2008 Regulations is believed to be necessary for these financial statements to give a 'true and fair view'.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) Donated fixed assets, facilities, services and goods. Goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries are recognised as income when receivable at fair value (being an estimate of the amount it would cost to purchase those items). Fixed assets, facilities, services and goods donated for the charity's own use are recognised as income when receivable at their value to the charity.

When donated goods, services and facilities are distributed or consumed, an expense in respect of those items is included in the Statement of Financial Activities. At the year end any goods that have not been distributed or consumed are recognised as stock; donated fixed assets are capitalised.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from church retreats and other events and courses and from letting facilities for community benefit.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from letting the charity's mixed motive investment property and bank interest.

Other income comprises gains arising from the disposal of tangible fixed assets and compensation received when a property lease was surrendered.

The charity has taken the view that it has only one charitable activity, namely the advancement of the Christian faith, and all income from donations, legacies and charitable activities is in respect of this one activity.

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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2 Accounting Policies continued

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the charity's control.

Expenditure on raising funds comprises expenditure on letting and maintaining the charity's mixed motive investment property.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

The Charities SORP requires charities with income over £500,000 to allocate costs to the various activities undertaken by the charity. The nature of the work of the church is considered to be so integrated that the core charitable activity costs are considered to be for the one activity.

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects. Endowment funds are donations that are retained as capital in accordance with the donor's wishes; the charity's endowment fund is a permanent endowment fund.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective, depreciation is being charged at the following rates:

Equipment	straight-line over either 4 years or 5 years
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The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Mixed motive investments

Mixed motive investments are investments that are held both to generate a financial return and to contribute to the furtherance of the charity's objects. Mixed motive investments comprise a residential property that is let to members of the church community so that they have a place to live in the Wandsworth area. This investment property is valued at every balance sheet date at fair value (i.e. at market value) by the trustees after considering market values for similar properties in the area.

Gains and losses arising on the revaluation of mixed motive investments are included in the Statement of Financial Activities under the heading 'Net gains / (losses) on investments'.

g) Leased assets

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the charity are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term (unless another systematic basis is more representative of use).

h) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

i) Taxation

The charity has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable.

j) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash the charity expects to pay or receive).

k) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

**VINEYARD 61 CHURCH
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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

3 Donations and legacies

	2024 £	2023 £
a) <u>From regular activities</u>		
Donations of cash and similar	455,015	430,215
Gift aid recoverable	100,584	93,807
Other grants receivable		
From Wandsworth Council	13,054	-
From others	4,608	-
Donated facilities	60,000	-
	<u>633,261</u>	<u>524,022</u>
b) <u>Donations received from West Side Church Trust and from the West Side Accommodation Trust</u>		
Property donated by West Side Accommodation Trust	1,165,842	-
Cash donated by West Side Church Trust	140,154	-
Equipment donated by West Side Church Trust	4,000	-
	<u>1,309,996</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,943,257</u>	<u>524,022</u>

During the year West Side Church Trust (charity number 1113871) and West Side Accommodation Trust (charity number 1025642) donated their assets, along with their activities, to the charity when they closed. The property donated to the charity is a residential property and its fair value has been estimated by the trustees.

During the year, the charity was given the use of the West Side church building for a nominal annual rent. The value of this donated facility to the charity has been estimated by the trustees at £60,000.

4 Income from charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Church activities including treats, conferences and the School of Kingdom Ministry	18,144	14,135
Property letting for community benefit (mainly from a Christian nursery)	14,352	-
	<u>32,497</u>	<u>14,135</u>

5 Investment income

	2024 £	2023 £
Letting income from the charity's investment property	6,396	-
Bank interest	508	548
	<u>6,904</u>	<u>548</u>

6 Other income

	2024 £	2023 £
Sale of surplus equipment	-	1,345
Compensation received for surrendering the office lease	-	12,500
	<u>-</u>	<u>13,845</u>

In the previous year the charity agreed to surrender the lease for its rented offices early as office space was available at West Side Church; the charity received compensation of £12,500 from the landlord for the early surrender.

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7 Charitable expenditure

		2024 £	2023 £
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities			
Employment costs	see note 9	435,374	415,356
Secondment fees and fees for other services		2,989	8,706
Training expenses (including School of Kingdom Ministry)		7,662	17,960
Sunday service expenses (excluding venue hire but including on-line streaming costs)		16,428	19,151
Youth and children's ministry expenses		3,308	4,114
Other ministry expenses		6,523	13,829
Church event expenses		10,507	810
Donated facility (West Side church building)		60,000	-
Venue hire		36,515	30,462
Repairs and maintenance		11,282	13,388
Community outreach		1,103	3,566
		<u>591,693</u>	<u>527,341</u>
Grants payable	see note 7c	55,452	65,749
		<u>647,145</u>	<u>593,090</u>
b Costs incurred on support & administration			
Governance costs			
Independent examiner's fee for preparing and examining the accounts		4,320	3,600
Legal and professional fees in respect of West Side Church		11,872	6,679
		<u>16,192</u>	<u>10,279</u>
Bookkeeping		10,450	3,000
Subsistence & travel		2,425	2,225
IT & office costs		3,685	2,913
Office rent and utilities		11,095	7,701
Property letting expenses		-	-
Insurance		994	1,638
License fees and subscriptions		7,940	6,591
Legal and professional fees		3,251	5,375
Depreciation		2,828	3,086
		<u>58,859</u>	<u>42,807</u>
Total expenditure		<u>706,004</u>	<u>635,897</u>

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts was £4,320 (2023: £3,600); in addition the charity paid £1,207 (2023: £1,098) to Stewardship for payroll bureau and consultancy services.

c Grants payable

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2024 £
Grants for UK and overseas mission	46,909	-	46,909
Grants to support adults and children in crisis	157	8,386	8,543
	<u>47,066</u>	<u>8,386</u>	<u>55,452</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2023 £
Grants for UK and overseas mission	50,539	200	50,739
Grants to support adults and children in crisis	2,176	12,834	15,010
	<u>52,715</u>	<u>13,034</u>	<u>65,749</u>

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7c Grants payable

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2024 £	2023 £
Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland		
for their general purposes	29,019	26,707
for Dreaming the Impossible youth project	2,000	5,532
for their Ukraine campaign	157	-
	<u>31,176</u>	<u>32,239</u>
The A21 Campaign	-	1,500
Westside Football Club (which is a Christian community club)	4,365	6,300
Echoes International	5,400	5,400
Mitcham Lane Baptist Church	2,200	3,300
OMF UK	3,300	3,300
Compassion UK	600	676
Small grants to institutions	25	-
	<u>47,066</u>	<u>52,715</u>

The charity didn't pay any grants to The Bike Project this year but during the year, to support their work, the charity did collect and pass on to them 91 bikes (2023: 105).

8 Expenditure on raising funds

	2024 £	2023 £
Expenses in respect of letting a mixed motive investment property	5,776	-
	<u>5,776</u>	<u>-</u>

9 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Gross wages and salaries	383,106	365,869
Social security	32,682	32,071
Pension costs	19,586	17,416
	<u>435,374</u>	<u>415,356</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 13 (2023: 12). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff named on the Charity Information page. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2024 £
Trustees:			
Steve Bateman	39,328	6,124	45,452
Key management connected to trustees:			
Vivien Bateman	39,328	6,124	45,452
			<u>90,904</u>

The following amounts were payable in the previous year:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2023 £
Trustees:			
Steve Bateman	38,236	6,127	44,363
Key management connected to trustees:			
Vivien Bateman	38,236	6,127	44,363
			<u>88,726</u>

Steve and Vivien Bateman served as church leaders and received the above payments for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustees; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

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10 Acting as agent

On occasion the charity receives money or donations in kind on behalf of other charities or related entities, which it banks and then pays out, or holds and distributes. This income or donations in kind is received as agent for these other entities and the income, and the related payments, are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities; any money that has not been distributed by the year end is recognised as a creditor.

In the previous year the charity acted as agent for Westside Football Club, which is Christian Community Club. As agent, in the previous year the charity received and paid over £5,000 (2024: £nil) to Westside Football Club; no amounts were owed at the previous year end (2024: £nil).

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total 2024 £
Cost		
At 1 April 2023	25,432	25,432
Additions	4,000	4,000
At 31 March 2024	<u>29,432</u>	<u>29,432</u>
Accumulated depreciation		
At 1 April 2023	20,910	20,910
Charge for the year	2,828	2,828
At 31 March 2024	<u>23,738</u>	<u>23,738</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2024	<u>5,694</u>	<u>5,694</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>4,522</u>	<u>4,522</u>

12 Mixed motive investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Fair value brought forward	-	-
Residential property donated to charity in year	1,165,842	-
Improvements to residential property in year	34,158	-
Fair value carried forward	<u>1,200,000</u>	<u>-</u>

Mixed motive investments comprise a residential property donated to the charity in January 2024 by West Side Church Accommodation Trust (charity number 1025642). It is held as an endowment and information about the endowment is disclosed in note 14 'Funds'. The fair value of the property on 31 March 2024 was estimated by the trustees after considering market values for similar nearby properties.

13 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Gift aid recoverable	11,504	10,387
Other debtors	3,904	-
Prepayments and accrued income	22,932	305
	<u>38,340</u>	<u>10,691</u>

14 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	104,801	134,047
Notice deposits (with a term of three months or less)	84,310	21,759
Payment processing accounts (such as PayPal, Stripe and Soldo)	2,186	4,386
	<u>191,297</u>	<u>160,192</u>

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15 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grant obligations	29,074	34,374
Other creditors	7,047	11,619
Accruals	4,320	5,400
	<u>40,441</u>	<u>51,393</u>

Grant obligations comprise constructive obligations for the following grants:

- a) £29,074 (2023: £26,707) payable to Vineyard Churches UK and Ireland.
- b) in the previous year £7,667 (2024: £nil) payable to International Needs UK, which was the balance of a three year commitment made in 2021 to help support their WASH program.

16 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £19,586 (2023: £17,416) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. At the balance sheet date, pension contributions totalling £2,512 (2023: £4,207) were owed.

17 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2024 £	Incoming resources 2024 £	Outgoing resources 2024 £	Transfers in the year 2024 £	Closing balance 2024 £
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Emergency Relief & Mercy Street fund	14,225	900	(8,596)	-	6,529
Compassion fund	-	513	(513)	-	-
Ukraine fund	157	-	(157)	-	-
Messy Church fund	-	3,108	(864)	-	2,244
Donated facilities	-	60,000	(60,000)	-	-
Hub fund					
London Borough of Wandsworth	-	13,054	(902)	-	12,152
Other donors	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
	<u>14,383</u>	<u>79,075</u>	<u>(72,533)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,925</u>
<i>Endowment Funds</i>					
West Side Accommodation fund	-	1,165,842	-	34,158	1,200,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,165,842</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,158</u>	<u>1,200,000</u>
<i>Unrestricted General Funds</i>	109,629	737,741	(639,247)	(34,158)	173,965
	<u>124,012</u>	<u>1,982,658</u>	<u>(711,780)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,394,890</u>

During the year the charity spent £34,158 on improving its endowment property and a transfer for this amount has been made from unrestricted general funds to the charity's endowment fund.

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds	2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	5,694	-	-	5,694
Mixed motive investments	-	-	1,200,000	1,200,000
Debtors	25,286	13,054	-	38,340
Cash at bank and in hand	183,426	7,871	-	191,297
Creditors falling due within one year	(40,441)	-	-	(40,441)
	<u>173,965</u>	<u>20,925</u>	<u>1,200,000</u>	<u>1,394,890</u>

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17 Funds (continued)

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2023 £	Incoming resources 2023 £	Outgoing resources 2023 £	Transfers in the year 2023 £	Closing balance 2023 £
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Sozo	54	-	-	(54)	-
Emergency Relief & Mercy Street	22,862	5,201	(13,837)	-	14,225
Ukraine	126	31	-	-	157
	<u>23,042</u>	<u>5,232</u>	<u>(13,837)</u>	<u>(54)</u>	<u>14,383</u>
<i>Unrestricted General Funds</i>	184,316	547,318	(622,060)	54	109,629
<i>Aggregate of funds</i>	<u>207,358</u>	<u>552,550</u>	<u>(635,897)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>124,012</u>

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	4,522	-	4,522
Debtors	10,691	-	10,691
Cash at bank and in hand	145,809	14,383	160,192
Creditors falling due within one year	(51,393)	-	(51,393)
	<u>109,629</u>	<u>14,383</u>	<u>124,012</u>

Restricted funds

The **Sozo** fund was created from donations received to help fund prayer ministry.

The **Emergency Relief and Mercy Street** fund was created from donations received to help provide immediate assistance to those in serious need.

The **Compassion** fund was created by donations received to help support the charity's various compassion projects.

The **Ukraine** funds was created in response to a specific appeal for donations to facilitate grant making to an organisation engaged in outreach projects in Ukraine.

The **Messy Church** fund was created by grants and donations received to help create Sunday services especially for children and their families.

The **Donated facilities** fund is in respect of the charity's use of the West Side church building for a nominal annual rent. The building has, primarily, been provided for use as place of Christian worship and outreach.

The **Hub** fund was created by grants and donations received to help create a community space and seeks to help those affected by the current cost of living crisis. Those who are elderly, lonely, isolated or unemployed are especially welcome. The Hub provides a safe, warm space, a free lunch and is a great place to socialise and make new friends.

Endowment funds

The **West Side Accommodation** endowment fund is a permanent endowment fund created by the donation of a residential property by West Side Church Accommodation Trust. The endowment fund was established to help support church activities and, in particular, to provide accommodation to the Christian community.

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18 Operating lease commitments

In the previous year charity surrendered its lease for office space because office space was available at West Side Church; there were no significant operating lease commitments on 31 March 2023. During the year the charity contracted for a five year lease for the West Side church building and the rent payable is as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Payments falling due:		
Within one year	1,397	-
Between one and five years	5,314	-
	<u>6,711</u>	<u>-</u>

During the year the charity was charged £114 (2023: £3,750) for its operating leases.

19 Transactions with related parties

During the year, the charity received donations totalling £43,918 (2023: £26,036) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).

Except for the reimbursement of expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity, or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee, no expenses (2023: £nil) were paid to, or for, the trustees.

Except as disclosed in note 7 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
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	Note	Unrestricted General Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted General Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:									
Donations and legacies									
From regular activities	3a	554,186	79,075	-	633,261	518,790	5,232	-	524,022
From West Side Church Trust and West Side Accommodation Trust	3b	144,154	-	1,165,842	1,309,996				
Charitable activities	4	32,497	-	-	32,497	14,135	-	-	14,135
Investments	5	6,904	-	-	6,904	548	-	-	548
Other income	6	-	-	-	-	13,845	-	-	13,845
Total income and endowments		737,741	79,075	1,165,842	1,982,658	547,318	5,232	-	552,550
EXPENDITURE ON:									
Charitable activities:	7	633,471	72,533	-	706,004	622,060	13,837	-	635,897
Raising funds	8	5,776	-	-	5,776	-			-
Total Expenditure		639,247	72,533	-	711,780	622,060	13,837	-	635,897
Net income/(expenditure)		98,494	6,542	1,165,842	1,270,878	(74,741)	(8,605)	-	(83,346)
Transfers between funds	17	(34,158)	-	34,158	-	54	(54)	-	-
Net movement in funds		64,336	6,542	1,200,000	1,270,878	(74,688)	(8,659)	-	(83,346)
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		109,629	14,383	-	124,012	184,316	23,042	-	207,358
Total funds carried forward	17	173,965	20,925	1,200,000	1,394,890	109,629	14,383	-	124,012

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**CHARITY INFORMATION
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Trustees	Tim Bower (chair) Dianne Bateman (resigned 16 May 2022) Steve Bateman Hamish Dudgeon Akshay John Gillian Lazonby Joanna Stone
Key Staff	Steve and Vivien Bateman (lead pastors)
Governing Document	Constitution dated 12 March 2015
Charity Registration Number	1162655
Principal Address	West Side Church Melody Road London SW18 2QQ
Independent Examiner	Ajay Rajani FCIE Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	The Co-Operative Bank CAF Bank

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Background and Introduction

Vineyard 61 Church (formally known as Balham Vineyard Church) was started in the summer of 2015. Steve and Viv Bateman, the church's Lead Pastors, were commissioned and planted from South West London Vineyard together with a group of 10 adults and children. In the summer of 2018, the church changed its operating name to Vineyard 61 Church (V61) to reflect its aim and mission as a multisite church in London. In January 2019 they launched their second site in Battersea. During Covid-19, their mission remained, but their online services and emergency compassion fund and ministries were created. Despite moving all their activities online due to the pandemic and then consolidating and strengthening our ministries after government lockdowns, we have continued to have a healthy compassion ministry and engagement from their members. In March 2022 a third site was launched in Wandsworth as we adopted West Side Church, the legal adoption is due to be completed in January 2024. We have been building and growing the in person community presence, as well as continuing to meet the needs of the community across South London and beyond.

Objectives and Activities

The main object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith for the public benefit in accordance with the Statement of Faith in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world through:

1. The organisation and provision of Christian worship;
2. The provision of such facilities and services as are appropriate for the Church, to enable it to fulfil its mission to the members of the Church, visitors to the Church and the local community and the wider community;
3. The provision of facilities for Christian training and service;
4. The support and provision of Christian evangelism and outreach;
5. The provision of assistance to the wider Christian church in its ministries.

During the pandemic we consolidated our purpose, vision and values and have begun assimilating this across our community, internally and externally. These objectives are set to reflect our faith and community aims.

Our Purpose

God is in the transformation business and we get to join in!

Our Vision

We are people carrying the mandate of Isaiah 61, where the Spirit of God is upon us to bring transformation. We want to see multiple thriving sites across London with Worship, Formation and Mission at their core.

Our Core Values

Authenticity, Expectancy, Honour, Generosity and Fun

The above charitable objectives and values fall under 3 broad primary objectives, listed below. The following details the strategy the church has used to meet these primary 3 objectives:

Objective 1. Upward - Help people find and follow Jesus, be empowered by the Holy Spirit, connect and worship God together and advance the Kingdom of God.

V61 welcomes those of all or no faiths from every background who wish to visit for a service, and/or join a group, activity or community project, and we continue to see people join us who have had little or no previous interaction with church.

During the pandemic and various government lockdowns some members including members of staff and key leaders (approx 125-150) left London permanently. During 22/23 we continued to increase our regular services, groups, ministries and events welcoming newcomers, members and visitors in person.

Our vision has always been to launch smaller communities across this part of London. During the previous financial year we were approached by an independent evangelical church in Wandsworth (West Side Church) exploring adopting their community under our leadership. This was a nine month process of meeting with their core leaders, discussing our values, theology and ministry ethos in order to prepare the church community for adoption and becoming a site of V61. In March 2022 we formally adopted West Side church as our third site and commissioned Kelsey Thornton as their new site pastor. This has been a varied and complex journey. West Side has a rich history and legacy of community mission, and many members of the church were baptised and married at West Side, and have been part of the church for decades. They have much to offer us in being a community in the city over a long haul. We are delighted that a number of V61 members have joined this new site and are excited for the ongoing mission in this part of Wandsworth.

At the same time as commissioning a new site, we introduced new site pastors for Balham (Mike and Julia Day) and Battersea (Chris McCullagh) and their leadership, pastoral care and development of each site has been key in us achieving our vision.

Our Gathered Environments

At present V61 does not own any buildings or premises to hold their services and activities. Not owning our own building gives us the opportunity to partner with local churches and community spaces utilising their premises at times when otherwise it may remain empty. The rent charged goes towards supporting their educational and charitable objectives and we hope is a blessing to them as, in their own way, they seek to be a blessing to the local community. We are in the process of legally and financially adopting West Side Church charity and its assets, which includes a house in Wandsworth and a long term lease of the West Side building with Church Growth Trust.

V61 has continued its partnership agreement with the United Reformed Church (URC) which enables us to use the URC church building on Rowfant Road for our Sunday gatherings (in person and online during the pandemic), evening groups and Compassion Ministries, Mercy Street collection, our School of Kingdom Ministry and other leaders' gatherings.

During the course of 22/23, a number of different types of Sunday services across both sites were held including Family Services, guest speakers invited, a range of subjects covered, and church calendar events observed. Not only did we see new people coming towards the church as a result of our 3 services across our 3 sites, but we have continued to see new leaders emerge, as they have taken on new responsibilities in leading services, preaching, worship, and serving.

We have continued to hold our All Together church gatherings where we have all 3 sites together, commissioned our new 'West Side' site and new site pastors at Balham, Battersea and West Side.. We were fortunate to be able to hire a newly built large secondary school hall in Clapham Junction for these services and our Christmas Carol service.

V61's lease with Wandsworth Borough Council also continued for a building on Larch Close which the church named 'ReStore'. V61 uses this space for community activities, small groups and worship team meetings, and encourages members of the community to use it as a House of Prayer. We reopened this space at the end of 2021 as it was closed from March 2020 due to the pandemic.

Across the three sites during the 2022/23 reporting year:

- Consolidated the House of Prayer by offering themed prayer nights, ran prayer courses and worship nights. Over 150 different individuals have come into the HoP since launch, with at least 5000 hours of prayer spent there.
- 160+ people serving on one of our many teams
- Seen another slight increase in children and young people attending on Sundays
- 40+ people and multiple different band leaders, leading worship across our 3 sites
- Launched our weekly 'Hub' project in Balham
- Continued our weekly Toddler and Baby group
- Continued our weekly stretching group
- Continued our 'knitters and stitchers' group
- Hosted various leaders gatherings
- Developed partnerships with local charities who use the West Side building
- Baptised over 12 people at West Side hall's baptistry
- Had over 25 different people preaching and teaching across our sites
- Organised picnics, lunches and newcomers' lunches after services
- Christmas services were full

Objective 2. Build up the faith of Christian believers so that they are equipped, disciplined and formed into being like Christ.

The church welcomes families with children and young people, and we run programmes for both groups. During the morning service, children and young people meet in their own age groups through Kids Church (for children aged between 2 and 10) and V61 Youth programmes (aged 11 upwards). We provide safe and creative environments for children and young people to encounter Jesus for themselves, to learn about the Bible, to pray for one another and to develop good friendships. All of our team are Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checked and receive regular safeguarding training.

We had c160+ people serving on teams across these three Sunday services. People are also encouraged to join one of our many small groups that meet mid-week, usually in someone's home over a meal, allowing time for fun, chat, worship, learning and praying together and serving their local community together. Bursaries are made available to individuals or groups of people who cannot afford to pay full fees for courses and activities.

Just over half of our members attended one of these small groups during the 2022/23 reporting year:

- 18 Life Groups
- 35+ people attending our School of Kingdom Ministry Course
- 3 Compassion groups (HUB, Mercy Street, Healing on the Streets)
- 3 Social/Sports Groups

Other Courses and activities that ran throughout the year include:

- Sozo prayer ministry • pastoral care work providing practical support, prayer and encouragement to those in need • worship training • worship nights • Vineyard 'HUB' Training • newcomers lunches and drinks • socials
- Vineyard Leaders Gathering • David's Tent worship event • Vineyard National Worship and Song Writing Summit • Leadership Training evenings

Objective 3. Show compassion for the community, especially the poor and vulnerable, through pastoral care, missionary and outreach work.

During 2021/22 period all of our compassion ministries were affected by the various lockdowns and restrictions of public activities. We had to pause, close and adapt our projects and were delighted with the impact of the various projects we were able to do during this financial year.

1. Our HUB project is a dream created during lockdown. It's V61's community space in Balham. For many of us the last few years have been very isolating, and we've all been looking forward to opportunities for connection. That's exactly what the Hub is all about! It's a place to gather, to connect, and to belong. Everyone's welcome to come and see what it's all about!

We're open from 11am-2pm every Monday and we do activities like bingo, arts and crafts, puzzles and games. There's also good coffee, computers available if you need to job search, and plenty of time and space to chat and make friends. The dream for the Hub is that there would be no division between 'volunteers' and 'users'. We want it to be a gathering place where people come and connect into community, whether you're retired, a new mum, you live alone, you're zoomed out from work, or you'd just like a friend to eat your lunch with. Everyone's welcome. We love the Hub and are excited for how God is using it to build community in Balham.

2. At the beginning of the pandemic we created an **emergency compassion fund (ECF)** for people in and around our community to apply for. We raised restricted income from members of our community in order to give away to people who would suffer financially during the Covid19 crisis and beyond as we enter a Cost of Living crisis. We understand that people from all walks and stages of life have needs, and we have developed an emergency compassion policy to provide a clear and consistent response to requests to the ECF from those within our V61 community and from our local community. V61 offers ECF to individuals for the following life needs: Rent/Mortgage, utilities, transportation, food, clothing, medical supplies, essential household items and other emergency provisions. Assistance is limited and may include referrals to other national and local community assistance programs who may be better able to provide support for an individual request.

During this financial year we were able to positively respond to 53 ECF requests from people and provided £12,834 of financial assistance.

3. Our **Mercy Street** project reaches out to people experiencing homelessness. Our volunteers go out on streets and we practise “direct action”. This means we do what we can materially and spiritually at that point in time to alleviate their suffering. We currently serve people in Clapham Junction, Battersea, Balham, and Croydon, and want to do more in these areas over time. Around 15-20 volunteers have taken part in our regular Mercy Street outings. We have had direct contact with over 110+ people. This is a figure derived from what is captured in our Contact Reports. The actual figure will be higher, estimated at about 200 people. In 2022/23, we gave out about 18 sleeping bags, 4 tents, 160 pairs of socks, 64 sets of thermal underwear, 32 jackets and 48 hats. Again, this is a conservative estimate. In addition, we have given out a large amount of food and drink, wet wipes, gloves, scarves and so much more.
4. We continued our initiative called Bike Hub, through which the church takes second-hand bikes and stores them so they can be repaired and fixed up. These are then donated to refugees and asylum seekers in London to help lower their transport costs. During this financial year we have collected over 105 bikes, all of these were collected during our Sunday gatherings from members of the public and ready for collection by ‘The Bike Project’ whom we partner with.
5. We re-launched our Healing on the Streets (HOTS) initiative early in 2023. This evangelistic ministry is a simple, but beautiful way, to reach out to the lost and hurting on the streets. Most people in London will never have an opportunity to encounter Jesus. HOTS enables members of V61 to connect with their community, powerfully expressing God’s love on the high street, whatever the weather.

We simply invite people to sit on chairs so we can pray for them. The HOTS model is simple yet profound, gentle yet powerful, full of God's presence and brimming over with love. We create a thin place on the streets where heaven and earth meet, and people can encounter Jesus. It is marked by a true sense of peace. Amongst the hustle and bustle of busy shoppers, walks the Prince of Peace. The kingdom comes, stillness falls; passers-by begin to slow and stop, as the deepening presence of God draws their hearts. Over time we build relationships, creating stepping stones for people to come to Jesus, and be healed along the way.

6. We continued West Side Church’s legacy of community outreach and the various initiatives include:
 - 6.1. **Friday night Youth Club** - A group for Years 7-11 (12-16 year olds) which runs on Fridays during term time (7.30pm - 8.30pm) with young people from any background or faith welcome. We provide food and soft drinks, games, music and a safe social place. Each week we tackle different topics and issues using the Bible as a foundation. This is a relaxed and friendly time together to catch up on the week. Supported by 8 volunteers, we have seen over 40 different young people attend these nights.
 - 6.2. **Baby and Toddler Group** - A Tuesday morning group that runs during school term time and is open for parents and guardians to come along with their baby or toddler! We have plenty of toys and enjoyable activities for little ones to get involved with plus tea and coffee for the adults. This is a great place to meet others and allow little ones to play!
 - 6.3. **Knitters and Stitchers** - Beginners, experts and everyone in between are welcome to join West Side Knitters and Stitchers on a Tuesday evening from 7:30-9pm. There is plenty of wool, needles and patterns provided so no need to bring anything with you. There is always plenty of tea or coffee and an opportunity to chat and share whilst you create!
 - 6.4. **Women’s Stretching group** - A weekly reflective, slow morning of stretching and devotion led by members of our West Side site. In each class, we take time to slow down from the tasks and routines of life to get present to the Lord and ourselves. Each class consists of gentle stretching and a devotional prayer.

- 6.5. Prison Ministry** - Volunteers support various ministries in Wandsworth and Brixton prison including Prison Alpha and Prison Fellowship.

Our plans for the year ahead

The current cost of living crisis has impacted our income. Our projected income for this year is not being met. However, the Trustees and Leadership have put in place cost savings and continue to regularly meet to discuss the church finances. We have a healthy reserve pot to mitigate a loss of income this financial year and are implementing ways of bringing in income through grants as well as some growth strategies.

During the next financial year through to 31 March 2024 we were keen to press on with implementing the vision we believe the Lord has given to the church.

A focus for the year, as it will be every year, will be to increase the number of new people we see meeting Jesus through our activities, projects and Sunday gatherings.

We will continue to be Jesus' hands and feet to our neighbours and communities. Ultimately we will judge our success in this through attendance and baptism numbers, although we are conscious that individual stories are hugely valuable. It is people meeting Jesus, rather than growth in our particular part of Jesus' church, that is the most important value we hold.

Reporting Public Benefit

When planning our activities for the year, the Trustees and leadership of the church have applied the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. V61 has identified the following broad objectives to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our local community:

1. Help people find and follow Jesus, be empowered by the Holy Spirit, connect and worship God together and advance the Kingdom of God;
2. Build up the faith of Christian believers so that they are equipped and released to go and join God in His transformation business in South London and beyond
3. Show compassion for the community, especially the poor and vulnerable, through pastoral care, missionary and outreach work.

Each year the Trustees review V61's objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect the church's aims. The detailed information in the 'Objectives and Activities' section of the report explains what activities the church undertakes and how these activities further the charity's purposes for the public benefit. In particular, the annual report also addresses the two key principles by which we will assess public benefit:

1. There must be an identifiable benefit or benefits – the Trustees explain the value, to those who worship at the church and to the wider community, of the charity's work
2. Benefit must be to the public, or a section of the public – the Trustees explain how the church is made available to Christians and non-Christians who are interested in the faith, that Christianity is communicated to non-Christians through its work, and that any member of the wider community of V61 can benefit from the charity's compassion activities.

Structure, governance and management

Balham Vineyard Church is governed by its Constitution dated 12 March 2015 and was created as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (“the CIO”) registered with the Charity Commission in July 2015 under number 1162655.

Our operating name change to Vineyard 61 Church has meant various affiliations, governing documents and materials have all needed to change. We continue to be registered with the Charity Commission as ‘Balham Vineyard Church’ with a working name of ‘Vineyard 61 Church’.

The church is also affiliated to Vineyard Churches UK and Ireland, a wider network of some +120 churches across the country. Each year, V61 grants a proportion of its income to the work of Vineyard Churches UK and Ireland in the establishing of new churches and missions work abroad. The church is also a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Organisational structure

The charity Trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The Trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits for serving as trustees. The Trustees meet together as a body quarterly and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to running the church and the activities provided by the charity. The day-to-day management of the church and activities are undertaken by the Lead Pastors. Apart from the first charity Trustees, every Trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the church Trustees.

Statement of Responsibilities

The Trustees 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).

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements ongoing basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity 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 charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Internal Controls

As part of their continuing responsibility the Trustees have endeavoured to ensure that reasonable internal control procedures are in place as appropriate for the development of the church. They include:

- Annual budgets are approved by the Trustees and reviewed on a regular basis
- Management information reports issued on a quarterly basis, including income and expenses and monitoring of reserves
- Periodic review of risk register and associated action log
- Regular Senior Pastor and staff reviews

Risk Management and Compliance

Throughout the year the staff team continued to maintain a centralised register of the risks the charity faces, which identifies the major risks by area of activity, the nature of those risks, the likelihood of the risks happening and the measures taken to mitigate and manage the major risks to the charity. The full risk register and action log was reviewed periodically by the Trustees.

The risks listed in the risk register include those which focus on governance, leadership, financial, operational and external risks. The Trustees are satisfied that systems are in place, or arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified. In addition to the ongoing risks that are on the register from year to year such as those relating to ensuring adequate insurance cover, safeguarding of children and young people and the impact of a decline in donations, specific risks managed during the year included:

- Ongoing lease agreements with the URC and York Gardens (our Balham and Battersea sites)
- Potential loss of the use of the URC building and York Gardens, leading to a lack of venue for church gatherings, groups and the HUB.
- Expanding the staff team to support both the Lead Pastors and the expansion of the church
- Continued GDPR compliance
- Ensuring our various safeguarding, DBS checks and recruitment processes for volunteers and paid staff match good practice and standards
- Risk on financial operation - risk of expenses continuing to exceed income with Trustees and Leadership to address shortfall with action plan in 23/24 financial year

On-going monitoring was carried out during the year with regard to the compliance requirements of the church in the key areas of the risk register.

Administrative Operations

Staffing

Steve and Viv Bateman lead V61, with a focus on setting the vision and direction of the overall ministry of the church, leading the vision and culture of our Gathered Environments, as well as the day-to-day running of the church and overseeing the development of the ministry of the church by working alongside and through volunteers. They are also responsible for overseeing the development of the ministry of the church by working alongside and through the leadership staff, administrative staff and lay leaders. They both work full-time for V61. Steve also acted as a Trustee for the board of Trustees.

Steve and Viv continued their role as Vineyard Area Leaders within the London region, overseen by Andy and Bethan Chapman, senior leaders of Riverside Vineyard, Feltham. They oversee a number of new and existing church plants, providing support and integration with the Vineyard alliance of churches in UK&I. Viv and Steve have access to spiritual direction, coaching and counselling to help support their role as Lead Pastors.

Steve and Viv continued to be supported by a team of full-time and part-time pastoral and administrative staff members whose roles were to oversee, develop, and provide support to existing and developing areas of ministry.

Due to the expansion of the church, additional support was needed for the Lead Pastors. During the year 2022/2023 we saw consistency in our staff team. During this financial year we hired 3 full-time staff roles and 1 full-time fixed term contract. At the end of the financial year V61 employed 13 people with a FTE of 12.4.

Office Space

We continue to base the church office in our West Side site (and have done so since July 2022). This has worked out as very good stewardship, saving the charity c.£25k in rent and expenses.

Volunteers

Volunteers are an important resource in both our faith and community work. We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is and extend the Kingdom of God into the local area.

We encourage all members of our church to be involved in voluntary activities and to share their skills with others.

- Sunday Teams: Approx. 160+ volunteers are involved from 9am-1pm
- Compassion: Approx. 60 volunteers are involved in our various compassion, community and outreach ministries
- Youth and Adult Midweek Groups: Approximately 70 volunteers lead, host and oversee our small groups.
- Worship Team: Approximately 40 volunteers lead and play worship for our Sunday and midweek gatherings.

Trustees

The Trustees of the church set out below and include two people who attend V61 and three who do not. The length of tenure for the Trustees was agreed as the below unless there are changes in circumstances. The tenure can be extended or resignation given. Reviewing individual Trustees tenure is considered at the first meeting held at the beginning of every calendar year.

The following Trustees have held office during the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, and have the below tenure:

- Timothy Bower – (Chairperson from 01 Dec 2021) – 05 April 2023
- Steve Bateman (Lead Pastor) – 05 April 2023
- Dianne Bateman (Secretary) – 05 April 2023 resigned on 16 May 2022
- Joanna Stone – 05 April 2023
- Gillian Lazonby – 01 April 2023
- Hamish Dudgeon - 22 February 2023
- Akshay John - 27 September 2021

Lead Pastor Viv Bateman is not a Trustee but as Lead Pastor attends and contributes to meetings as does Lucy Gibson (Executive Pastor).

The Trustees met formally to discuss business on 4 occasions throughout the 2022/23 financial year:

- 16 May 2022
- 12 September 2022
- 16 January 2023
- 29 March 2023

Advisers

During the year Stewardship Services (UKET) Limited were reappointed as the charity's accountants and one of their employees acts as the charity's Independent Examiner.

Financial Review

The Charity relies on the generous donations of its members as its principal source of income. We believe in the Biblical principle of giving and generosity. We appreciate that members and volunteers give time and resources to support the church and the community. This generosity helps create environments to gather together to worship, provide the church with the finances to run various projects and ministries, and to bring life to Balham, Battersea and the surrounding neighbourhoods.

1. Results for the year

Overall income increased by £68,000 (or 14%), to £552,500 (2022: £484,500). This was mainly due to an increase in donation income from both the congregation at West Side (who were part of us for the whole year) and from our other sites.

Overall, expenditure increased by £161,500 (or 34%), to £636,000 (2022: £474,500). There are number of reasons for this but the most significant was an increase in employment costs, which rose by £111,000 following changes to staffing and increases in rates of pay to help staff cope with increases in the cost of living. We also incurred additional costs in respect of the new West Side site and we spent more on most ministry areas following the easing of pandemic restrictions.

As a result this year we have reported a deficit of £83,500 (2022: a surplus of £10,000) and the charity's net assets fell by this amount to £124,000. Net assets comprised tangible fixed assets of £4,500, cash of £160,000 less other net current liabilities of £40,500, which includes grant obligations totalling £34,500. Cash comprises unrestricted cash of £145,500 and restricted cash of £14,500.

2. Investment policy and objectives

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and our ongoing strategy to launch new sites and keep our operational reserves was our primary focus, we have decided not to create a long term investment policy, but we keep this under review.

3. Operational Reserves

The Trustees aim to hold free reserves (defined as being unrestricted net current assets) of between three to five months of operating expenditure, which equates to reserves that fall in the range £150,000 to £250,000. This policy for holding reserves has been set so as to help ensure that the charity could continue to operate should income or expenditure vary unexpectedly whilst at the same time helping to ensure that the charity does not hold more reserves than it really needs. At the year-end the charity's free reserves amounted to £105,000. Though this is less than the amount required by the policy, the trustees are satisfied that the charity can continue to operate with this level of reserves for the time being; the trustees note that the charity will shortly be receiving cash in excess of £130,000 from West Side Church Trust when the legal transfer of its assets to the charity takes place. Nonetheless the trustees are aware that the charity must not continue to report large deficits and are taking steps to address this.

4. Grants & Gifts

As disclosed in note 5 'Charitable expenditure' to the financial statements, the church has made a number of grants and gifts, including gifts to Vineyard Churches UK&I, which promotes the planting of new churches and provides support to churches in the Vineyard movement in the UK.

During 2022/23 the charity gave away 12% (2021/22: 11%) of its income in the form of grants and gifts. Gifts and grants were made to support organisations and other churches with aims consistent with our own and out of the Emergency Compassion Fund to help those facing hardship. The charity aims to give away at least 10% of its income every year.

Plans for Future Periods

God has given us a vision to launch multiple sites across South London and beyond.

Despite the long term impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, we believe the Lord is calling us to continue to pray for and invest in leadership development and in our multi-site model and we are aiming to consolidate and strengthen both during 2023/24. The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted that people are looking for ways to connect into and support their local community. We believe that having multiple smaller sites can meet this need of the community, and we believe we can even more effectively serve our community through our compassion projects.

We have invested in media technology to create our online 'site' during the pandemic and this 'site' will continue. Our members are now far reaching with new people joining us from London and beyond and we also have some members who have moved out of London and become part of our online community.

Prayer underpins everything we do. The church will continue and further develop our focus on local Compassion Ministries and local small groups. We will continue to use the connections built through these opportunities to serve those in our local communities and to invite more and more people along to an event, gathering or group.

V61 is keen to press on with implementing the vision the Lord has given us. We really want to make a difference in our community, and we know that being able to get the message out to people that we are a church where everyone is welcome is a really important part of that. We are excited about what the coming year will bring as the new site in Wandsworth grows. We're excited for opportunities for new groups and compassion ministries to develop in response to this growth and our local community needs.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Tim Bower

Tim Bower
Chair of Trustees

Date: 30 January 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BALHAM VINEYARD CHURCH
('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 on pages 14 to 25 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 17 and 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation 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

Since the Charity'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 because I am a Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Ajay Rajani

Ajay Rajani FCIE
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners
Stewardship
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Date: 31 January 2024

BALHAM VINEYARD CHURCH
(OPERATING AS VINEYARD 61 CHURCH)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	518,790	5,232	524,022	469,059
Charitable activities	4	14,135	-	14,135	15,152
Investments		548	-	548	412
Other income	5	13,845	-	13,845	-
Total income and endowments		547,318	5,232	552,550	484,622
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	6	622,060	13,837	635,897	474,499
Total expenditure		622,060	13,837	635,897	474,499
Net income/(expenditure)		(74,741)	(8,606)	(83,347)	10,123
Transfers between funds	14	54	(54)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(74,688)	(8,660)	(83,347)	10,123
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		184,316	23,042	207,358	197,235
Total funds carried forward	14	109,629	14,383	124,012	207,358

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 17 to 25 form part of these accounts.

**BALHAM VINEYARD CHURCH
(OPERATING AS VINEYARD 61 CHURCH)**

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	<u>4,522</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,522</u>	<u>5,493</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	10,691	-	10,691	3,750
Cash at bank and in hand	11	<u>145,809</u>	<u>14,383</u>	<u>160,192</u>	<u>249,579</u>
		156,500	14,383	170,883	253,329
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(51,393)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(51,393)</u>	<u>(51,464)</u>
Net current assets		<u>105,108</u>	<u>14,383</u>	<u>119,490</u>	<u>201,866</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>109,629</u>	<u>14,383</u>	<u>124,012</u>	<u>207,358</u>
FUND BALANCES	14				
Unrestricted Funds		109,629	-	109,629	184,316
Restricted Funds		<u>-</u>	<u>14,383</u>	<u>14,383</u>	<u>23,042</u>
		<u>109,629</u>	<u>14,383</u>	<u>124,012</u>	<u>207,358</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

Tim Bower

Tim Bower - Chair of Trustees

Date: 30 January 2024

Charity number: 1162655

The notes on pages 17 to 25 form part of these accounts.

**BALHAM VINEYARD CHURCH
(OPERATING AS VINEYARD 61 CHURCH)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
<i>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</i>	a	<u>(87,273)</u>	<u>12,705</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of equipment		<u>(2,115)</u>	<u>(1,698)</u>
<i>Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities</i>		<u>(2,115)</u>	<u>(1,698)</u>
<i>Change in cash and equivalents in the reporting period</i>		(89,388)	11,006
Cash and equivalents at the beginning of	b	249,579	238,574
<i>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</i>	b	<u>160,192</u>	<u>249,579</u>

Note a: Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023 £	2022 £
<i>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)</i>	(83,347)	10,123
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges and provisions for impairment	3,086	3,329
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(6,941)	6,150
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(71)	(6,898)
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</i>	<u>(87,273)</u>	<u>12,705</u>

Note b: Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	134,047	150,936
Notice deposits (with a term of three months or less)	21,759	91,273
Payment processing accounts (such as PayPal and Stripe)	4,386	7,371
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>160,192</u>	<u>249,579</u>

An analysis of changes in net debt has not been presented because the charity does not have any borrowings.

**BALHAM VINEYARD CHURCH
(OPERATING AS VINEYARD 61 CHURCH)**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and principal address can be found on the Charity Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP")", with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the '2008 Regulations') requires charities to prepare their accounts in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005' but this accounting standard has since been withdrawn and has been replaced by the Charities SORP mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The charity has prepared these financial statements in accordance with the new Charities SORP; this departure from the 2008 Regulations is believed to be necessary for these financial statements to give a 'true and fair view'.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) Donated facilities, services and goods. Goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries are recognised as income when receivable at fair value (being an estimate of the amount it would cost to purchase those items). Facilities, services and goods donated for the charity's own use are recognised as income when receivable at their value to the charity.

When donated goods, services and facilities are distributed or consumed, an expense in respect of those items is included in the Statement of Financial Activities. At the year end any goods that have not been distributed or consumed are recognised as stock; donated fixed assets are capitalised.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from church retreats and other events and courses.

The charity has taken the view that it has only one charitable activity, namely the advancement of the Christian faith, and all income from donations, legacies and charitable activities is in respect of this one activity.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

The cost of raising funds is not significant and has not been separately disclosed.

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2 Accounting Policies continued

c) Expenditure continued

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

The Charities SORP requires charities with income over £500,000 to allocate costs to the various activities undertaken by the charity. The nature of the work of the church is considered to be so integrated that the core charitable activity costs are considered to be for the one activity.

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective, equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over either 4 years or 5 years.

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Leased assets

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the charity are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term (unless another systematic basis is more representative of use).

g) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

h) Taxation

The charity has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

i) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive).

j) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

3 Donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	430,215	375,036
Income tax recoverable	93,807	82,643
Government grants receivable from the Job Retention Scheme	-	10,380
Other grants receivable	-	1,000
	<u>524,022</u>	<u>469,059</u>

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4 Income from charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Church retreats and events (including School of Kingdom Ministry)	9,209	12,216
Other activities	4,926	2,936
	<u>14,135</u>	<u>15,152</u>

5 Other income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Sale of surplus equipment	1,345	-
Compensation received for surrendering the office lease	12,500	-
	<u>13,845</u>	<u>-</u>

During the year the charity agreed to surrender the lease for its rented offices early as office space was available at West Side Church; the charity received compensation of £12,500 from the landlord for the early surrender.

6 Charitable expenditure

		2023	2022
		£	£
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities			
Employment costs	see note 7	415,356	304,225
Secondment fees and fees for other services		8,706	15,927
Training expenses (including School of Kingdom Ministry)		17,960	8,755
Sunday service expenses (excluding venue hire but including on-line streaming costs)		19,151	11,969
Youth and children's ministry expenses		4,114	4,824
Other ministry expenses		13,829	10,587
Church event expenses		810	6,995
Venue hire		30,462	15,668
Repairs and maintenance		13,388	2,176
Community outreach		3,566	1,646
		<u>527,341</u>	<u>382,773</u>
Grants payable	see note 6c	65,749	51,100
		<u>593,090</u>	<u>433,872</u>
b Costs incurred on support & administration			
Governance costs			
Independent examiner's fee for preparing and examining the accounts		3,600	3,000
Legal and professional fees in respect of West Side Church		6,679	-
		<u>10,279</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Bookkeeping		3,000	-
Subsistence & travel		2,225	2,428
IT & office costs		2,913	2,802
Office rent and utilities		7,701	21,123
Insurance		1,638	1,089
License fees and subscriptions		6,591	4,408
Legal and professional fees		5,375	2,447
Depreciation		3,086	3,329
		<u>42,807</u>	<u>40,627</u>
Total expenditure		<u>635,897</u>	<u>474,499</u>

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts was £3,600 (2022: £3,000); in addition the charity paid £1,098 (2022: £1,227) to Stewardship for payroll bureau and consultancy services.

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6 Charitable expenditure (continued)

c Grants payable

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2023 £
Grants for UK and overseas mission	50,539	200	50,739
Grants to support adults and children in crisis	2,176	12,834	15,010
	<u>52,715</u>	<u>13,034</u>	<u>65,749</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2022 £
Grants for UK and overseas mission	32,544	-	32,544
Grants to support adults and children in crisis	8,889	9,667	18,556
	<u>41,433</u>	<u>9,667</u>	<u>51,100</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2023 £	2022 £
Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland for their general purposes	26,707	22,335
for Dreaming the Impossible youth project	5,532	2,000
for their Ukraine campaign	-	3,209
	<u>32,239</u>	<u>27,544</u>
The A21 Campaign	1,500	3,000
Westside Football Club (which is a Christian community club)	6,300	-
Echoes International	5,400	-
Mitcham Lane Baptist Church	3,300	-
OMF UK	3,300	-
Compassion UK	676	-
Carlisle Vineyard	-	5,000
International Needs UK	-	2,889
The Bike Project	-	1,500
Nicodemus	-	1,500
	<u>52,715</u>	<u>41,433</u>

The charity didn't pay any grants to The Bike Project this year but during the year, to support their work, the charity did collect and pass on to them 105 bikes.

7 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Gross wages and salaries	365,869	273,240
Social security	32,071	20,060
Pension costs	17,416	10,924
	<u>415,356</u>	<u>304,225</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 12 (2022: 11). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff named on the Charity Information page. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2023 £
Trustees:			
Steve Bateman	38,236	6,127	44,363
Key management connected to trustees:			
Vivien Bateman	38,236	6,127	44,363
			<u>88,726</u>

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7 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration continued

The following amounts were payable in the previous year:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2022 £
Trustees:			
Steve Bateman	38,352	3,563	41,915
Key management connected to trustees:			
Vivien Bateman	38,352	3,624	41,976
			<u>83,891</u>

Steve and Vivien Bateman served as church leaders and received the above payments for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustees; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

8 Acting as agent

On occasion the charity receives money or donations in kind on behalf of other charities or related entities, which it banks and then pays out, or holds and distributes. This income or donations in kind is received as agent for these other entities and the income, and the related payments, are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities; any money that has not been distributed by the year end is recognised as a creditor.

During the year the charity acted as agent for Westside Football Club, which is Christian Community Club. As agent, during the year the charity received and paid over £5,000 (2022: £nil) to Westside Football Club; no amounts were owed at the year end (2022: £nil).

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total 2023 £
Cost		
At 1 April 2022	23,317	23,317
Additions	<u>2,115</u>	<u>2,115</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>25,432</u>	<u>25,432</u>
Accumulated depreciation		
At 1 April 2022	17,824	17,824
Charge for the year	<u>3,086</u>	<u>3,086</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>20,910</u>	<u>20,910</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2023	<u>4,522</u>	<u>4,522</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>5,493</u>	<u>5,493</u>

10 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Tax recoverable	10,387	-
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>305</u>	<u>3,750</u>
	<u>10,691</u>	<u>3,750</u>

11 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	134,047	150,936
Notice deposits (with a term of three months or less)	21,759	91,273
Payment processing accounts (such as PayPal, Stripe and Soldo)	<u>4,386</u>	<u>7,371</u>
	<u>160,192</u>	<u>249,579</u>

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12 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Grant obligations	34,374	38,335
Other creditors	11,619	8,914
Accruals	5,400	4,215
	<u>51,393</u>	<u>51,464</u>

Grant obligations comprise constructive obligations for the following grants:

- a) £26,707 (2022: £22,335) payable to Vineyard Churches UK and Ireland; and
- b) £7,667 (2022: £16,000) payable to International Needs UK, which is the balance of a three year commitment made in 2021 to help support their WASH program.

13 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £17,416 (2022: £10,924) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. At the balance sheet date, pension contributions totalling £4,207 were owed (2022: £1,316).

14 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2023 £	Incoming resources 2023 £	Outgoing resources 2023 £	Transfers in the year 2023 £	Closing balance 2023 £
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Sozo	54	-	-	(54)	-
Emergency Relief & Mercy Street	22,862	5,201	(13,837)	-	14,225
Ukraine	126	31	-	-	157
	<u>23,042</u>	<u>5,232</u>	<u>(13,837)</u>	<u>(54)</u>	<u>14,383</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	184,316	547,318	(622,060)	54	109,629
Aggregate of funds	<u>207,358</u>	<u>552,550</u>	<u>(635,897)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>124,012</u>

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	4,522	-	4,522
Debtors	10,691	-	10,691
Cash at bank and in hand	145,809	14,383	160,192
Creditors falling due within one year	(51,393)	-	(51,393)
	<u>109,629</u>	<u>14,383</u>	<u>124,012</u>

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14 Funds (continued)

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2022 £	Incoming resources 2022 £	Outgoing resources 2022 £	Transfers in the year 2022 £	Closing balance 2022 £
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Sozo	44	10	-	-	54
Emergency Relief & Mercy Street	29,466	3,279	(9,883)	-	22,862
VM02 Together	-	1,000	(1,126)	126	-
Uganda	-	2,889	(2,889)	-	-
Ukraine	-	3,335	(3,209)	-	126
	<u>29,510</u>	<u>10,513</u>	<u>(17,107)</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>23,042</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	<u>167,725</u>	<u>474,109</u>	<u>(457,392)</u>	<u>(126)</u>	<u>184,316</u>
<i>Aggregate of funds</i>	<u>197,235</u>	<u>484,622</u>	<u>(474,499)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>207,358</u>

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	5,493	-	5,493
Debtors	3,750	-	3,750
Cash at bank and in hand	226,538	23,042	249,579
Creditors falling due within one year	(51,464)	-	(51,464)
	<u>184,316</u>	<u>23,042</u>	<u>207,358</u>

Restricted funds

The **Sozo** fund was created from donations received to help fund prayer ministry.

The **Emergency Relief and Mercy Street** fund was created from donations received to help provide immediate assistance to those in serious need. This year's income includes a donation for £4,764 received from West Side Church Trust.

The **VM02 Together** fund was created from a grant received from Virgin media and utilised towards the creation of the Hub community group.

The **Uganda** and **Ukraine** funds were created in response to specific appeals for donations to facilitate grant making to organisations engaged in outreach projects in those countries.

15 Operating lease commitments

At the end of the previous year the charity had a lease for an office and the obligation to pay rent in respect of this lease is disclosed below. During the year the charity agreed to surrender this lease early as office space was available at West Side Church. The charity did not have any significant operating lease commitments at 31 March 2023.

	2023 £	2022 £
Payments falling due:		
Within one year	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>

During the year the charity was charged £3,750 (2022: £15,000) for its operating lease.

16 Transactions with related parties

During the year, the charity received donations totalling £26,036 (2022: £17,477) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).

Except for the reimbursement of expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity, or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee, no expenses (2021: £nil) were paid to, or for, the trustees.

Except as disclosed in note 7 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

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17 Events since the year end

The trustees agreed in May 2021 to adopt West Side Church in Wandsworth and the charity became responsible for operating this church as one of the charity's sites in March 2022. The charity that operated West Side Church (registered charity number 1113871) intends to transfer its net assets (which comprises principally of a residential property and cash in excess of £130,000) to Balham Vineyard and is in the process of going through the legal formalities.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:							
Donations and legacies	3	518,790	5,232	524,022	458,546	10,513	469,059
Charitable activities	4	14,135	-	14,135	15,152	-	15,152
Investments		548	-	548	412	-	412
Other income	5	13,845	-	13,845	-	-	-
Total income and endowments		547,318	5,232	552,550	474,109	10,513	484,622
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Charitable activities:	6	622,060	13,837	635,897	457,392	17,107	474,499
Total Expenditure		622,060	13,837	635,897	457,392	17,107	474,499
Net income/(expenditure)		(74,741)	(8,605)	(83,346)	16,717	(6,594)	10,123
Transfers between funds	14	54	(54)	-	(126)	126	-
Net movement in funds		(74,688)	(8,659)	(83,346)	16,591	(6,468)	10,123
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		184,316	23,042	207,358	167,725	29,510	197,235
Total funds carried forward	14	109,629	14,383	124,012	184,316	23,042	207,358

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**CHARITY INFORMATION
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Trustees	Dianne Bateman (resigned 16 May 2022) Steve Bateman (chair until 30 November 2021) Tim Bower (chair from 1 December 2021) Hamish Dudgeon Akshay John (appointed 27 September 2021) Gillian Lazonby Joanna Stone
Key Staff	Steve and Vivien Bateman (lead pastors)
Governing Document	Constitution dated 12 March 2015
Charity Registration Number	1162655
Principal Address	10 Station Parade Balham High Road London SW12 9AZ
Independent Examiner	Ajay Rajani FCIE Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	The Co-Operative Bank CAF Bank

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 .

Background and Introduction

Vineyard 61 Church (formally known as Balham Vineyard Church) was started in the summer of 2015. Steve and Viv Bateman, the church's Lead Pastors, were commissioned and planted from South West London Vineyard, and, together with a group of 10 adults and children. In the summer of 2018, the church changed its operating name to Vineyard 61 Church (V61) to reflect its aim and mission as a multisite church in London. In January 2019 they launched their second site in Battersea and a third site was launched in March 2022 on the West Side of Wandsworth common. During Covid-19, their mission remained, but their online services and emergency compassion fund and ministries were created. Despite moving all their activities online due to the pandemic, they have continued to have a healthy compassion ministry and engagement from their members. Since September 2021 all the sites are open and have been building and growing the in-person community presence, as well as continuing to meet the needs of the virtual community across South London and beyond.

Objectives and Activities

The main object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith for the public benefit in accordance with the Statement of Faith in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world through:

1. The organisation and provision of Christian worship
2. The provision of such facilities and services as are appropriate for the Church, to enable it to fulfil its mission to the members of the Church, visitors to the Church and the local community and the wider community
3. The provision of facilities for Christian training and service
4. The support and provision of Christian evangelism and outreach
5. The provision of assistance to the wider Christian church in its ministries

During the pandemic we consolidated our purpose, vision and values and have begun assimilating this across our community, internally and externally. These objectives are set to reflect our faith and community aims.

Our Purpose

God is in the transformation business and we get to join in!

Our Vision

We are people carrying the mandate of Isaiah 61, where the Spirit of God is upon us to bring transformation. We want to see multiple thriving sites across London with Worship, Formation and Mission at their core.

Our Core Values

Authenticity, Expectancy, Honour, Generosity and Fun

The above charitable objectives and values fall under 3 broad primary objectives, listed below. The following details the strategy the church has used to meet these primary 3 objectives:

Objective 1. Upward - Help people find and follow Jesus, be empowered by the Holy Spirit, connect and worship God together and advance the Kingdom of God.

V61 welcomes those of all or no faiths from every background who wish to visit for a service, and/or join a group, activity, or community project, and we continue to see people join us who have had little or no previous interaction with church.

During the pandemic and various government lockdowns some members including members of staff and key leaders (approx. 125-150) left London permanently. We slowly opened for in person gatherings and are enjoying welcoming new and current members back into regular in person worship.

Our vision has always been to launch smaller communities across this part of London. During this time, we were approached by an independent evangelical church in Wandsworth (West Side Church) and have been exploring adopting their community under our leadership. This has been a nine-month process of meeting with their core leaders, discussing values, theology and ministry ethos in order to prepare the church community for adoption and become a site of V61. In March 2022 we formally adopted West Side church as our third site and commissioned their new site pastor. This has been a varied and complex journey. With West Side's rich history and legacy of community mission, with members of the church who were baptised, married and been part of the church for decades, they have much to offer us in being a community in the city over a long haul. We are delighted that a number of V61 members have joined this new site and are excited for the ongoing mission in this part of Wandsworth.

At the same time as commissioning a new site, we introduced new site pastors for Balham and Battersea and are looking forward to seeing local site pastors encouraging and connecting with their local sites too.

Our Gathered Environments

At present V61 does not own any buildings or premises to hold their services and activities. Not owning our own building gives us the opportunity to partner with local churches and community spaces utilising their premises at times when otherwise it may remain empty. The rent charged goes towards supporting their educational and charitable objectives and we hope is a blessing to them as, in their own way, they seek to be a blessing to the local community.

V61 has continued its partnership agreement with the United Reformed Church (URC) which enables us to use the URC church building on Rowfant Road for our Sunday gatherings (in person and online during the pandemic), evening groups and Compassion Ministries, Mercy Street collection, and leaders' gatherings. After the last government lockdown, we opened our Balham site first in summer 2021, before re-launching our Battersea site in autumn 2021. We were thankful to see over 40 people attend the first in person gathering at our Battersea site and have seen steady increase in growth there too.

During the course of 21/22, a number of different types of Sunday services across both sites were held including Family Services, guest speakers invited, a range of subjects covered, and church calendar events observed. Not only did we see new people coming towards the church as a result of our 2 services across our 2 sites, but we have continued to see new leaders emerge, as they have taken on new responsibilities in leading services, preaching, worship, serving etc

We hosted our first 'City Conference' in March 22, where we invited Putty Putman and his team from 'School of Kingdom Ministry' and sought to lean into helping people reset after the impact of Covid-19. It was a well attended weekend conference in Clapham Junction. Then on the Sunday of that same weekend, we then held our BIG church gathering (the first one for 2 years) where we had all 3 'sites' together, commissioned our new 'West Side' site and new site pastors at Balham, Battersea and West Side. We were fortunate to be able to hire a newly built large secondary school hall in Clapham Junction and gathered over 200 adults and children. It was a powerful morning seeing all the Lord has done in our community.

Across the two sites during the 2021/22 reporting year:

- Consolidated at House of Prayer (HoP) by offering themed prayer theme nights, ran prayer courses and worship nights. Over 150 different individuals have come into the HoP since launch, with at least 5000 hours of prayer spent in there.
- 120+ people serving on one of our many teams
- Seen another slight increase in children and young people attending on Sundays
- 40+ people and multiple different band leaders, leading worship across our 3 sites
- Re-launched our weekly Football club on the Doddington Estate
- Re-launched our weekly 'Hub' project in Balham
- Had over 20 different people preaching and teaching across our sites
- Organised picnics after services
- Christmas services were full at Balham and Battersea

V61's lease with Wandsworth Borough Council also continued for a building on Larch Close which the church named 'ReStore'. V61 uses this space for community activities, small groups and worship team meetings, and encourages members of the community to use it as a House of Prayer. We re-opened this space at the end of 2021 as it was closed from March 2020 due to the pandemic.

Objective 2. Build up the faith of Christian believers so that they are equipped, disciplined and formed into being like Christ.

The church welcomes families with children and young people, and we run programmes for both groups. During the morning service, children and young people meet in their own age groups through Kids Church (for children aged between 2 and 10) and V61 Youth (aged 11 upwards) programmes. We provide safe and creative environments for children and young people to encounter Jesus for themselves, to learn about the bible, to pray for one another and to develop good friendships. All of our team are Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checked and receive regular safeguarding training.

We had c120+ people serving on teams across these three Sunday services. People are also encouraged to join one of our many small groups that meet mid-week, usually in someone's home over a meal, allowing time for fun, chat, worship, learning and praying together and serving their local community together. Bursaries are made available to individuals or groups of people who cannot afford to pay full fees for courses and activities.

Just over half (two thirds before pandemic) of our members attended one of these small group during the 2021/22 reporting year:

- 12 Life Groups (9 in Balham & 3 in Battersea) including a new mums group
- 35+ people attending our School of Kingdom Ministry Course
- 20+ people registered for Vineyard's HUB leadership course
- 2 Compassion groups (Night Shelter volunteering, Mercy Street)
- 3 Social/Sports Groups

Other Courses and activities that ran throughout the year include:

• Sozo prayer ministry • pastoral care work provides practical support, prayer and encouragement to those in need • worship training • worship nights • Vineyard Institute theological and ministry training • newcomers lunches and drinks • socials • Vineyard National Leaders Conference • David's Tent worship event • Vineyard National Worship and Song Writing Summit • Leadership Training evenings

Objective 3. Show compassion for the community, especially the poor and vulnerable, through pastoral care, missionary and outreach work.

During 2021/22 period all of our compassion ministries were affected by the various lockdowns and restrictions of public activities. We had to pause, close and adapt our projects and were delighted with the impact of the various projects we were able to do during this financial year.

1. Our Balham Job Club went online during the pandemic and proved to be just as successful with the coaching and clients connecting through zooms and calls. Many of our volunteer coaches become virtual coaches providing support and care over the phone or zoom. We supported over 55 people with 12 volunteers. These volunteers also supported our most vulnerable people with essential shopping trips and emergency items. Since the pandemic we have closed our job club but allow space for people to search for jobs using a PC at The Hub.
2. At the beginning of the pandemic we created an emergency compassion fund (ECF) for people in and around our community to apply. We raised restricted income from members of our community in order to give away to people who would suffer financially during this Covid19 crisis. We understand that people from all walks and stages of life have needs, and we have developed this policy to provide a clear and consistent response to requests for ECF from those within our V61 community and from our local community. V61 offers ECF to individuals for the following life needs: Rent/Mortgage, utilities, transportation, food, clothing, medical supplies, essential household items and other emergency provisions. Assistance is limited and may include referrals to other national and local community assistance programs who may be better able to provide support for an individual request. During this financial year we supported 36 people with £9,667 of financial assistance.
3. Our Mercy Street project reaches out to people experiencing homelessness. Our volunteers go out on streets, we practise "direct action". This means we do what we can materially and spiritually at that point in time to alleviate their suffering. We currently serve people in Clapham Junction, Battersea, Balham and Croydon and want to do more in these areas over time. Around 15-20 volunteers have taken part in our regular Mercy Street outings, we have had direct contact with a total of **113 people**. This is a figure derived from what is captured in our Contact Reports. The actual figure will be higher, estimated at about **200 people**. In 2021/22, we gave out about **48 sleeping bags, 16 tents, 160 pairs of socks, 64 sets of thermal underwear, 32 jackets and 48 hats**. Again, this is a conservative estimate. In addition to these, we have given out a large amount of food and drink, wet wipes, gloves, scarves and so much more.

4. We continued Bike Hub, through which the church takes second-hand bikes and stores them so they can be repaired and fixed up. These are then donated to refugees and asylum seekers in London to help lower their transport costs. To date we have collected over 200 bikes, all of these were collected during our Sunday gatherings from members of the public and then taken to our ReStore base ready for collection by 'The Bike Project' whom we partner with.
5. Our Hub project began during the pandemic in 2021 and is a gathering space where people from all backgrounds can come together to be known and form community. Every Monday there is a social space, with games and bingo. We run art classes, help people find jobs and help people support one another. It has grown from strength to strength and it has provided vulnerable, isolated or elderly people an environment to come, chat, keep warm and have a free lunch.
6. We re-started the 'V61 football academy' outreach in October on the Doddington Estate, and despite no advertising, this has been a huge success, seeing between 6 - 15 young people (Y5 - Y10) attend on any given week. We have used football as a way to encourage the young people in their character as well as their football gift-set. It has provided a safe space where they can come to have fun. We have also used this time to share our faith, and have led many of the young people to pray for each other for healing, with dramatic and encouraging results!

Our plans for the year ahead

God has given us a vision to launch multiple sites across South London and beyond. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic this is still what we believe the Lord is calling us to do and we are continuing to pray and invest in leader development and our multi-site model. Prayer underpins everything we do.

Our key focuses over this next year is:

- Connection - Coming out of the Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted that people are looking at ways to connect and be in closer community. We believe that having multiple smaller sites can meet this need of the community and we will be focusing on ways to increase connection in the sites and within the local community.
- Live Streaming - we continue to look at ways of how to best serve our online site. Additionally, the investment we have made in media technology enables us to stream the same preach live across all sites. Over the next year we will continue to look at ways that technology can enhance our members in connecting to V61 live streaming.
- To continue to call and empower our members to invite people into engagement and participation in the experiences and activities of our church. Ultimately we will judge our success in this through attendance and baptism numbers, although we are conscious that individual stories are hugely valuable. It is people meeting Jesus, rather than growth in our particular part of Jesus' church, that is the most important value we hold.
- Continue to identify, recruit, train, develop and deploy volunteers, new leaders and future site pastors to assist in expanding our sites and ministries.
- Lean into the opportunities that have come about through the merger of West Side Church, including growing their children and youth mid week and Sunday programmes.
- Continue to consolidate our internal systems and structures for the health and growth of the organisation.

Reporting Public Benefit

When planning our activities for the year, the Trustees and leadership of the church have applied the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. V61 have identified the following broad objectives to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our local community:

1. Help people find and follow Jesus, be empowered by the Holy Spirit, connect and worship God together and advance the Kingdom of God;
2. Build up the faith of Christian believers so that they are equipped and released to go and bring life to Balham and beyond; and
3. Show compassion for the community, especially the poor and vulnerable, through pastoral care, missionary and outreach work.

Each year the Trustees review V61's objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect the church's aims. The detailed information in the 'Objectives and Activities' section of the report explains what activities the church undertakes and how these activities further the charity's purposes for the public benefit. In particular, the annual report also addresses the two key principles by which we will assess public benefit:

1. There must be an identifiable benefit or benefits – the Trustees explain the value to those who worship at the church and to the wider community of Balham
2. Benefit must be to the public, or a section of the public – the Trustees explain how the church is made available to Christians and non-Christians who are interested in the faith, that Christianity is communicated to non-Christians through its work, and that any member of the wider community of Balham can benefit from the charity's compassion activities.

Structure, governance and management

Balham Vineyard Church is governed by its Constitution dated 12 March 2015 and was created as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("the CIO") registered with the Charity Commission in July 2015 under number 1162655.

Our operating name change to Vineyard 61 Church has meant various affiliations, governing documents and materials have all needed to change. We continue to be registered with the Charity Commission as 'Balham Vineyard Church' with a working name of 'Vineyard 61 Church'.

The church is also affiliated to Vineyard Churches UK and Ireland, a wider network of some +120 churches across the country. Each year, V61 grants a proportion of its income to the work of Vineyard Churches UK and Ireland in the establishing of new churches and missions work abroad. The church is also a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Organisational structure

The charity Trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The Trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits for serving as Trustees. The Trustees meet together as a body quarterly and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to running the church and the activities provided by the charity. The day-to-day management of the church and activities are undertaken by the Lead Pastors. Apart from the first charity Trustees, every Trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the church Trustees.

Statement of Responsibilities

The Trustees 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).

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity 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 charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Internal Controls

As part of their continuing responsibility the Trustees have endeavoured to ensure that reasonable internal control procedures are in place as appropriate for the development of the church. They include:

- Annual budgets are approved by the Trustees and reviewed on a regular basis
- Management information reports issued on a quarterly basis, including income and expenses and monitoring of reserves
- Periodic review of risk register and associated action log
- Staff reviews including annual performance and pay reviews

Risk Management and Compliance

Throughout the year the staff team continued to maintain a centralised register of the risks the charity faces, which identifies the major risks by area of activity, the nature of those risks, the likelihood of the risks happening and the measures taken to mitigate and manage the major risks to the charity. The full risk register and action log is reviewed periodically by the Trustees.

The risks listed in the risk register include those which focus on governance, leadership, financial operational and external risks. The Trustees are satisfied that systems are in place, or arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified. In addition to the ongoing risks that are on the register from year to year such as those relating to ensuring adequate insurance cover, safeguarding of children and young people and the impact of a decline in donations, specific risks managed during the year included:

- Ongoing lease agreements with the URC and York Gardens (our main sites)
- Potential loss of the use of the URC building and York Gardens, leading to a lack of venue for church gatherings, groups and Job Club.
- Need to expand the staff team to support both the Lead Pastors and the expansion of the church.

- Continued GDPR compliance
- Ensuring our various safeguarding, DBS checks and recruitment processes for volunteers and paid staff match good practice and standards
- Transition to a new giving platform in ChurchSuite to provide better giving analytics and ease of use by our givers

On-going monitoring was carried out during the year with regard to the compliance requirements of the church in the key areas of the risk register.

Administrative Operations

Staffing

Steve and Viv Bateman lead V61, with a focus on setting the vision and direction of the overall ministry of the church, leading the vision and culture of our Gathered Environments, as well as the day-to-day running of the church and overseeing the development of the ministry of the church by working alongside and through volunteers. They were also responsible for overseeing the development of the ministry of the church by working alongside and through the leadership staff, administrative staff and lay leaders. They both work full-time for V61. Steve also acts as a Trustee for the board of Trustees.

Steve and Viv continued their role as Vineyard Area Leaders within the London region, overseen by Andy and Bethan Chapman, senior leaders of Riverside Vineyard, Feltham. They oversee a number of new and existing church plants, providing support and integration with the Vineyard Alliance for churches in UK&I. Viv and Steve have access to spiritual direction, coaching and counselling to help support their role as Lead Pastors.

Steve and Viv continued to be supported by a team of full-time and part-time pastoral and administrative staff members whose roles were to oversee, develop, and provide support to existing and developing areas of ministry.

Due to the expansion of the church, additional support was needed for the Lead Pastors. During 2021/22 many of our staff team left London or went back home overseas (due to the pandemic) and we saw an almost brand new staff team. During this financial year we hired 5 full-time staff roles and 2 part-time staff roles. At the end of the financial year V61 employed 11 people with a FTE of 10.4. We also had on secondment a Youth Pastor from VCUKI, FTE 0.4.

Office Space

We continued to lease our office space in Balham during the financial year however decided to relocate the office to our West Side site in July 2022. This was ahead of the lease end due to the disruption of renovation work that was happening at the Balham office.

Volunteers

Volunteers are an important resource in both our faith and community work. We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is and extend the Kingdom of God into the local area.

We encourage all members of our church to be involved in voluntary activities and to share their skills with others.

- Sunday Teams: Approx. 120+ volunteers are involved from 9am-1pm
- Compassion: Approx. 60 volunteers are involved in our various compassion and outreach ministries
- Youth and Adult Midweek Groups: Approximately 70 volunteers lead, host and oversee our small groups.

- Worship Team: Approximately 40 volunteers lead and play worship for our Sunday and midweek gatherings.

Trustees

The Trustees of the church are set out below and comprised three people who attend V61 and three who do not. The length of tenure for the Trustees was agreed as the below unless there are changes in circumstances. The tenure can be extended or resignation given. Reviewing individual Trustees tenure is considered at the first meeting held at the beginning of every calendar year.

The following Trustees have held office during the whole of the period from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022, and have the below tenure:

- Timothy Bower – (Chairperson from 01 Dec 2021) – 05 April 2022
- Steve Bateman (Lead Pastor) – 05 April 2022
- Dianne Bateman (Secretary) – 05 April 2022 resigned on 16 May 2022
- Joanna Stone – 05 April 2022
- Gillian Lazonby – 01 April 2022
- Hamish Dudgeon - 22 February 2022
- Akshay John - 27 September 2021

Lead Pastor Viv Bateman is not a Trustee but as Lead Pastor attends and contributes to meetings as does the Executive Pastor.

The Trustees met formally to discuss business on 6 occasions throughout the 2021/22 financial year:

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| ● 21 April 2021 | ● 17 May 2021 |
| ● 04 August 2021 | ● 27 September 2021 |
| ● 06 December 2021 | ● 24 March 2022 |

Advisers

During the year Stewardship Services (UKET) Limited were reappointed the charity's accountants and one of their employees acts as the charity's Independent Examiner.

Financial Review

The Charity relies on the generous donations of its members as its principal source of income. We believe in the Biblical principle of giving and generosity. We appreciate what members and volunteers give of their time and resources to support the church and the community. This generosity helps create environments to gather together to worship, provide the church with the finances to run various projects and ministries and to bring life to Balham, Battersea and the surrounding neighbourhoods.

1. Results for the year

Overall income decreased by £19,822 (or 4%), to £484,622 (2021: £504,445). This was largely due to a reduction in restricted income, which last year included a substantial amount donated to the charity's Emergency Relief fund. Overall expenditure increased by £8,105 (or 2%), to £474,499 (2021: £466,394). Staff costs and general ministry costs increased as the charity emerged from the pandemic but this was largely offset by a reduction in the grants payable by the charity. As a result, this year we have reported a surplus of £10,122 (2021: £38,050) and the charity's net assets increased by this amount to £207,358. This included net current assets of £201,866, of which £178,823 was unrestricted.

2. Investment policy and objectives

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and our ongoing strategy to launch new sites and keep our operational reserves was our primary focus, we have decided not to create a long term investment policy, but we keep this under review.

3. Operational Reserves

The Trustees aim to hold free reserves (defined as being unrestricted net current assets) of no less than £180,000 (which equates to about 4 months of budgeted operating expenditure). This policy for holding reserves has been set so as to help ensure that the charity could continue to operate should income, or expenditure, vary unexpectedly. At the year-end the charity's free reserves amounted to £178,823, which is broadly in line with the policy that has been set.

4. Grants & Gifts

During 2021/22 the grants payable by the charity amounted to £51,100 (2021: £104,367), or 10% (2021: 20%) of its income. This comprised:

- £27,544 (2021: £23,000) payable to Vineyard Churches UK and Ireland, which promotes church planting and provides support to churches in the Vineyard movement in the UK
- £2,889 (2021: £29,136) payable to International Needs UK, which is a charity that works to help relieve poverty in some of the poorest parts of the world. In the previous year we made a commitment to support a water project for three years and the full cost of this obligation, which amounted to £25,000, was included in the previous year's accounts.
- £11,000 (2021: £15,054) payable to a variety of other churches and charities
- £9,667 (2021: £36,176) given from the charity's Emergency Compassion fund, which was launched last year in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Tim Bower

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Tim Bower
Chair of Trustees

Date: 30 January 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BALHAM VINEYARD CHURCH
('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 on pages 13 to 23 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 16 to 17.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation 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

Since the Charity'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 because I am a Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Ajay Rajani

Ajay Rajani FCIE
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
London
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Date: 30 January 2023

**BALHAM VINEYARD CHURCH
(OPERATING AS VINEYARD 61 CHURCH)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	458,546	10,513	469,059	499,596
Charitable activities	4	15,152	-	15,152	4,107
Investments		412	-	412	742
Total income and endowments		474,109	10,513	484,622	504,445
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	5	457,392	17,107	474,499	466,394
Total expenditure		457,392	17,107	474,499	466,394
Net income/(expenditure)		16,717	(6,595)	10,122	38,050
Transfers between funds	12	(126)	126	-	-
Net movement in funds		16,591	(6,469)	10,122	38,050
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		167,725	29,511	197,236	159,186
Total funds carried forward	12	184,316	23,042	207,358	197,236

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 16 to 23 form part of these accounts.

**BALHAM VINEYARD CHURCH
(OPERATING AS VINEYARD 61 CHURCH)**

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	<u>5,493</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,493</u>	<u>7,124</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	3,750	-	3,750	9,900
Cash at bank and in hand	9	<u>226,537</u>	<u>23,042</u>	<u>249,579</u>	<u>238,574</u>
		230,287	23,042	253,329	248,474
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(51,464)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(51,464)</u>	<u>(58,362)</u>
Net current assets		<u>178,823</u>	<u>23,042</u>	<u>201,866</u>	<u>190,112</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>184,316</u>	<u>23,042</u>	<u>207,358</u>	<u>197,236</u>
FUND BALANCES	12				
Unrestricted Funds		184,316	-	184,316	167,725
Restricted Funds		<u>-</u>	<u>23,042</u>	<u>23,042</u>	<u>29,511</u>
		<u>184,316</u>	<u>23,042</u>	<u>207,358</u>	<u>197,236</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

Tim Bower

Tim Bower - Chair of Trustees

Date: 30 January 2023

Charity number: 1162655

The notes on pages 16 to 23 form part of these accounts.

**BALHAM VINEYARD CHURCH
(OPERATING AS VINEYARD 61 CHURCH)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
<i>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</i>	a	<u>12,704</u>	<u>81,252</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of equipment		<u>(1,698)</u>	<u>(7,922)</u>
<i>Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities</i>		<u>(1,698)</u>	<u>(7,922)</u>
 <i>Change in cash and equivalents in the reporting period</i>		 <u>11,006</u>	 <u>73,330</u>
Cash and equivalents at the beginning of	b	<u>238,574</u>	<u>165,244</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	b	<u>249,579</u>	<u>238,574</u>

Note a: Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022 £	2021 £
<i>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)</i>	10,122	38,050
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges and provisions for impairment	3,329	3,702
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	6,150	5,449
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(6,898)	34,050
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</i>	<u>12,704</u>	<u>81,252</u>

Note b: Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	150,936	139,262
Notice deposits (with a term of three months or less)	91,273	90,861
Payment processing accounts (such as PayPal and Stripe)	7,371	8,451
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>249,579</u>	<u>238,574</u>

An analysis of changes in net debt has not been presented because the charity does not have any borrowings.

**BALHAM VINEYARD CHURCH
(OPERATING AS VINEYARD 61 CHURCH)**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and principal address can be found on the Charity Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the '2008 Regulations') requires charities to prepare their accounts in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005' but this accounting standard has since been withdrawn and has been replaced by the Charities SORP mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The charity has prepared these financial statements in accordance with the new Charities SORP; this departure from the 2008 Regulations is believed to be necessary for these financial statements to give a 'true and fair view'.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) Donated facilities, services and goods. Goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries are recognised as income when receivable at fair value (being an estimate of the amount it would cost to purchase those items). Facilities, services and goods donated for the charity's own use are recognised as income when receivable at their value to the charity.

When donated goods, services and facilities are distributed or consumed, an expense in respect of those items is included in the Statement of Financial Activities. At the year end any goods that have not been distributed or consumed are recognised as stock; donated fixed assets are capitalised.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from church retreats and other events and courses.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

**BALHAM VINEYARD CHURCH
(OPERATING AS VINEYARD 61 CHURCH)**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

2 Accounting Policies continued

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective, equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years.

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Stocks

Stocks of donated items held for distribution to beneficiaries are measured at fair value.

g) Leased assets

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the charity are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term (unless another systematic basis is more representative of use).

h) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

i) Taxation

The charity has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

j) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive).

k) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

3 Donations and legacies

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	375,036	409,172
Income tax recoverable	82,643	86,375
Government grants receivable from the Job Retention Scheme	10,380	4,048
Other grants receivable	1,000	-
	<u>469,059</u>	<u>499,596</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Church retreats and events (including School of Kingdom Ministry)	12,216	3,762
Other activities	2,936	345
	<u>15,152</u>	<u>4,107</u>

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5 Charitable expenditure

		2022 £	2021 £
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities			
Employment costs	see note 6	304,225	280,277
Secondment fees and fees for other services		15,927	2,169
Training expenses (including School of Kingdom Ministry)		8,755	3,400
Sunday service expenses (excluding venue hire but including on-line streaming costs)		11,969	15,837
Youth and children's ministry expenses		4,824	408
Other ministry expenses		10,587	11,461
Church conference expenses		6,995	-
Venue hire		15,668	6,846
Repairs and maintenance		2,176	1,133
Community outreach		1,646	1,486
		<u>382,773</u>	<u>323,018</u>
Grants payable	see note 5c	51,100	104,367
		<u>433,872</u>	<u>427,384</u>
b Costs incurred on support & administration			
Governance costs			
Independent examiner's fee for preparing and examining the accounts		3,000	3,480
Subsistence & travel		2,428	454
IT & office costs		2,802	4,684
Office rent and utilities		21,123	19,818
Insurance		1,089	601
License fees and subscriptions		4,408	3,991
Legal and professional fees		2,447	2,280
Depreciation		3,329	3,702
		<u>40,627</u>	<u>39,010</u>
Total expenditure		<u>474,499</u>	<u>466,394</u>

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts was £3,000 (2021: £3,480); in addition the charity paid £1,227 (2021: £1,092) to Stewardship for payroll bureau and consultancy services.

c Grants payable

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2022 £
Grants for UK and overseas mission	32,544	-	32,544
Grants to support adults and children in crisis	8,889	9,667	18,556
	<u>41,433</u>	<u>9,667</u>	<u>51,100</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2021 £
Grants for UK and overseas mission	33,000	1,000	34,000
Grants to support adults and children in crisis	34,191	36,176	70,367
	<u>67,191</u>	<u>37,176</u>	<u>104,367</u>

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5c Grants payable continued

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2022 £	2021 £
Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland		
for their general purposes	22,335	23,000
for their Ukraine campaign	3,209	-
for Dreaming the Impossible youth project	2,000	-
	<u>27,544</u>	<u>23,000</u>
International Needs UK	2,889	29,136
Carlisle Vineyard	5,000	-
The A21 Campaign	3,000	-
The Bike Project	1,500	-
Nicodemus	1,500	-
Ashford Vineyard	-	10,000
Hestia	-	2,000
Glass Door Homeless Charity	-	1,500
Other institutions	-	1,554
	<u>41,433</u>	<u>67,191</u>

International Needs UK is the UK arm of a worldwide Christian development agency working to help families suffering through poverty and crises. This year's expenditure comprises a grant of £2,889 paid from restricted income received for this purpose. In the previous year £4,136 was paid as part of the 2020 tithe and the charity made a commitment to pay over £25,000 during 2021, 2022 and 2023 to support their WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) program in Uganda.

6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration

	2022 £	2021 £
Gross wages and salaries	273,240	250,786
Social security	20,060	18,202
Pension costs	10,924	11,290
	<u>304,225</u>	<u>280,277</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 11 (2021: 11). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff named on the Charity Information page. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2022 £
Trustees:			
Steve Bateman	38,352	3,563	41,915
Key management connected to trustees:			
Vivien Bateman	38,352	3,624	41,976
			<u>83,891</u>

The following amounts were payable in the previous year:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2021 £
Trustees:			
Steve Bateman	37,600	3,600	41,200
Key management connected to trustees:			
Vivien Bateman	37,600	3,600	41,200
			<u>82,400</u>

Steve and Vivien Bateman served as church leaders and received the above payments for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustees; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

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7 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total 2022 £
Cost		
At 1 April 2021	21,619	21,619
Additions	1,698	1,698
At 31 March 2022	<u>23,317</u>	<u>23,317</u>
Accumulated depreciation		
At 1 April 2021	14,496	14,496
Charge for the year	3,329	3,329
At 31 March 2022	<u>17,824</u>	<u>17,824</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2022	<u>5,493</u>	<u>5,493</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>7,124</u>	<u>7,124</u>

8 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	-	2,400
Prepayments and accrued income	3,750	7,500
	<u>3,750</u>	<u>9,900</u>

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	150,936	139,262
Notice deposits (with a term of three months or less)	91,273	90,861
Payment processing accounts (such as PayPal and Stripe)	7,371	8,451
	<u>249,579</u>	<u>238,574</u>

10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Grant obligations	38,335	48,000
Other creditors	8,914	2,581
Accruals	4,215	7,781
	<u>51,464</u>	<u>58,362</u>

Grant obligations comprise constructive obligations for the following grants:

- a) £22,335 (2021: £23,000) payable to Vineyard Churches UK and Ireland, which was paid over shortly after the year end; and
- b) £16,000 (2021: £25,000) payable to International Needs UK, which is the balance of a three year commitment made in 2021 to help support their WASH program.

11 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £10,924 (2021: £11,290) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. At the balance sheet date, pension contributions totalling £1,316 were owed (2021: £1,342).

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12 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2022 £	Incoming resources 2022 £	Outgoing resources 2022 £	Transfers in the year 2022 £	Closing balance 2022 £
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Sozo	44	10	-	-	54
Emergency Relief & Mercy Street	29,466	3,279	(9,883)	-	22,862
VM02 Together	-	1,000	(1,126)	126	-
Uganda	-	2,889	(2,889)	-	-
Ukraine	-	3,335	(3,209)	-	126
	<u>29,511</u>	<u>10,513</u>	<u>(17,107)</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>23,042</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	167,725	474,109	(457,392)	(126)	184,316
<i>Aggregate of funds</i>	<u>197,236</u>	<u>484,622</u>	<u>(474,499)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>207,358</u>

Transfers were made from unrestricted general funds to restricted funds so that no restricted funds were in deficit at the year-end.

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	5,493	-	5,493
Debtors	3,750	-	3,750
Cash at bank and in hand	226,537	23,042	249,579
Creditors falling due within one year	(51,464)	-	(51,464)
	<u>184,316</u>	<u>23,042</u>	<u>207,358</u>

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2021 £	Incoming resources 2021 £	Outgoing resources 2021 £	Transfers in the year 2021 £	Closing balance 2021 £
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Job Club Ministry	520	-	(520)	-	-
Sozo	-	195	(151)	-	44
Emergency Relief	15,292	51,716	(37,746)	204	29,466
Christmas charities	-	1,509	(1,554)	45	-
	<u>15,812</u>	<u>53,420</u>	<u>(39,971)</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>29,511</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	143,374	451,025	(426,424)	(250)	167,725
<i>Aggregate of funds</i>	<u>159,185</u>	<u>504,445</u>	<u>(466,394)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>197,236</u>

Analysis of net assets by fund

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	7,124	-	7,124
Debtors	9,900	-	9,900
Cash at bank and in hand	209,063	29,511	238,574
Creditors falling due within one year	(58,362)	-	(58,362)
	<u>167,725</u>	<u>29,511</u>	<u>197,236</u>

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12 Funds continued

Restricted funds

The **Job Club Ministry** fund was created from donations received to assist those seeking work.

The **Sozo** fund was created from donations received to help fund prayer ministry.

The **Emergency Relief and Mercy Street** fund was created from donations received to help provide immediate assistance to those in serious need.

The **Christmas Charities** fund was created from donations received from a Christmas appeal; the donations were used to make grant to two charities working with vulnerable children and adults.

The **VM02 Together** fund was created from a grant received from Virgin media and utilised towards the creation of the Hub community group.

The **Uganda** and **Ukraine** funds were created in response to specific appeals for donations towards projects in those countries.

13 Operating lease commitments

The charity has an operating lease for its offices. The minimum amount payable in respect of this lease is as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Payments falling due:		
Within one year	10,000	15,000
Between one and five years	-	10,000
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>

During the year the charity was charged £15,000 (2021: £15,000) for its operating lease.

14 Transactions with related parties

During the year, the charity received donations totalling £17,477 (2021: £17,858) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).

Except for the reimbursement of expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity, or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee, no expenses (2021: £nil) were paid to, or for, the trustees.

Except as disclosed in note 7 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

15 Events since the year end

The trustees agreed in May 2021 to adopt West Side Church in Wandsworth and the charity became responsible for operating this church as one of the charity's sites in March 2022. The charity that operated West Side Church (registered charity number 1113871) intends to transfer its net assets (which comprises principally of a residential property and cash of about £100,000) to Balham Vineyard and is in the process of going through the legal formalities.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:							
Donations and legacies	3	458,546	10,513	469,059	446,176	53,420	499,596
Charitable activities	4	15,152	-	15,152	4,107	-	4,107
Investments		412	-	412	742	-	742
Total income and endowments		474,109	10,513	484,622	451,025	53,420	504,445
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Charitable activities:	5	457,392	17,107	474,499	426,424	39,971	466,394
Total Expenditure		457,392	17,107	474,499	426,424	39,971	466,394
Net income/(expenditure)		16,717	(6,595)	10,122	24,601	13,449	38,050
Transfers between funds	12	(126)	126	-	(250)	250	-
Net movement in funds		16,591	(6,469)	10,122	24,351	13,699	38,050
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		167,725	29,511	197,236	143,374	15,812	159,186
Total funds carried forward	12	184,316	23,042	207,358	167,725	29,511	197,236

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**CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

Trustees	Dianne Bateman Steve Bateman (chair until 30 November 2021) Tim Bower (chair from 1 December 2021) Hamish Dudgeon (appointed 22 February 2021) Akshay John (appointed 27 September 2021) Gillian Lazonby Joanna Stone
Key Staff	Steve and Vivien Bateman (lead pastors)
Governing Document	Constitution dated 12 March 2015
Charity Registration Number	1162655
Principal Address	10 Station Parade Balham High Road London SW12 9AZ
Independent Examiner	Ajay Rajani FCIE Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	The Co-Operative Bank CAF Bank

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Chairperson's Introduction

I am pleased to introduce the Trustees' Report and Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021.

The year presented us all with a number of challenges in the face of a global pandemic, however, Balham Vineyard Church (operating as Vineyard 61 Church) found ways to quickly adapt to these changes in a range of creative and innovative new ways to demonstrate God's love.

The impact of Covid-19 required a number of changes and adjustments to be made as we adapted and continued to meet some of the need in our communities and helped church members stay connected. The vision has continued to be turned into action in so many new creative and diverse ways as a result of Covid-19, some of which can be seen through the administrative and ministry reviews below. The ongoing sacrificial giving, in terms of time, energy and money of members of the church and the volunteer workforce, has enabled Vineyard 61 Church to continue to serve both public benefit and kingdom impact in the lives of those across Balham and Battersea.

I want to personally thank all of our leaders, church members, volunteers, Trustees and staff whose commitment and passion to serve our city has impacted our local communities in realising our vision for the church over this past year.

In God's strength and your support, we will continue to do this and partner with Jesus as He builds His church in Balham, Battersea and beyond.

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Tim Bower
Chair of Trustees

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Date

Trustees' Annual Report

The Trustees present their report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Background and Introduction

Balham Vineyard Church (BVC) was started in the summer of 2015. Steve and Viv Bateman, the church's Lead Pastors, were commissioned and planted from South West London Vineyard, and, together with a group of 10 adults and children, they started BVC. In the summer of 2018, the church changed its operating name to Vineyard 61 Church (V61) to reflect its aim and mission as a multisite church in London. In January 2019 we launched our second site in Battersea. We are now an established and well-known church in both Balham and Battersea.

During 2021 we spent time defining our purpose and vision statements as a church. The purpose and vision hasn't changed, it was more a reflective exercise of putting what we know into words which ensures we operate from a place of clarity, direction and energy. We are excited to enter into a new season with the following statements to guide us:

Purpose Statement: God is in the transformation business and we get to join in!

Vision Statement: We are people carrying the mandate of Isaiah 61. The Spirit of God is upon us to bring transformation. We want to see multiple thriving sites across London with Worship, Formation and Mission at their core.

The Trustees recognise the significant impact of the global pandemic on the life of the church over the course of the year. The Trustees also recognise, even in the face of the pandemic, that the church is well-established and continues to successfully remain faithful to its calling and mandate as a local church with multiple sites communicating the Gospel with compassion and mercy to many individuals and families, both inside and outside the church. The Trustees note that even in a difficult year, considerable volunteer time, energy & money has been given by lay-leaders and church members in achieving the on-going aims and objectives of the church.

Objectives

The objects of the CIO are to advance the Christian religion for the public benefit in accordance with the Statement of Faith detailed in the constitution. Our broad aims to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our local community continue to be summarised as:

1. Help people find and follow Jesus, be empowered by the Holy Spirit, connect and worship God together and advance the Kingdom of God.
2. Build up the faith of Christian believers so that they are equipped and released to go and bring life to Balham and beyond
3. Show compassion for the community, especially the poor and vulnerable, through pastoral care, missionary and outreach work.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the charity. The Charity Commission in its "Charities and Public Benefit" Guidance states that there are two key principles to be met in order to show that an organisation's aims are for the public benefit: firstly, there must benefit and secondly, that the benefit must be to the public or a section of the public. The Trustees are satisfied that the objectives and activities listed above meet these priorities

The pandemic meant that we had to pause or stop some of our activities. However, we were able to launch others throughout the year for the benefit of our local communities and the alleviation of poverty. These are all made possible through the commitment of a significant number of regular volunteers both from the church and from the local community. Public Benefit Projects that were carried out during the reporting year are detailed later in the report but they included:

Job Club • English Language School • Sports & activity groups • Small groups blessing the community • Random acts of kindness • Emergency Compassion Fund • Covid Volunteer shopping initiative • Covid Volunteer prayer support • Benefits and Housing Advice • Football youth project • Healing Online/demonstrating healing to those in pain • Litter Picks • Online Morning Prayer meetings • Befriending refugees • listening/counselling individuals and couples • Mercy Street

Activities Review

We are always looking for ways to develop our ministries and serve people we meet throughout the year whether they see themselves as members of the church or not. The following pages detail the strategy we have used to meet our primary objective and broad aims detailed above. This year has been challenging in light of Covid-19 and has required several changes and adjustments as we adapt and look to meet some of the needs in our community and to help our church members stay connected. Some ministries have had to stop or be paused but the review below shows that the church has remained vibrant and active and able to serve its members and local community.

Objective 1. Help people find and follow Jesus, be empowered by the Holy Spirit, connect and worship God together and advance the Kingdom of God.

We welcome those of all beliefs from every background who wish to visit, and we continue to see people join us who have had little or no previous interaction with church.

The Covid-19 pandemic advanced our technology plans instantly and thanks to our staff and volunteers we were able to transition to online services and activities without interruption. Being online meant that we had a temporary growth spurt in church attendance from people within the local Balham and Battersea community and those further afield in the UK and abroad. It is worth noting that it is hard to compare online attendance figures to in person pre pandemic. During the year we were also able to welcome new believers into our congregation as they found online church and online Life Groups more accessible. Although some members did leave London and the church permanently as a result of the pandemic, online church and small groups also enabled our members who temporarily left London during the pandemic to remain engaged and committed.

We value our kids and youth and during the pandemic we launched an online kids service full of creative ways of communicating the Gospel and having fun in worship! We connected our youth with young adult mentors in the church as we appreciated this was a difficult year for them to navigate, we also held monthly youth zoom calls.

Lockdown presented opportunities to hold 3 online Alpha groups which were a great success and enabled people to explore the Christian faith from the comfort of their own home.

During the summer when we were still restricted with meeting in person, we held 'praise in the parks'. This was a great opportunity to meet outdoors in several locations and worship together. We found that passersby were willing to receive prayer or just listen to the worship and ask questions.

Baptisms are something we celebrate highly at Vineyard 61 and despite the lockdown and the restrictions placed on special services we were able to hold 3 baptisms online! Members were baptised in their baths and paddling pools by their 'covid support bubbles' and the church leaders via zoom, and we were able to stream them online during the services.

Covid-19 also enabled us to rethink how we welcome newcomers into the church. We have found that a 'zoom coffee with the Pastor' has enabled newcomers to connect, feel known and be welcomed during the pandemic. During the year we held 25+ zoom coffees. This continued when lockdown was released due to its success.

During lockdown, Life groups have supported each other and neighbours by getting shopping and essential items, for those who were shielding or self-isolating. We sent out Christmas boxes to all our members and those who use our compassion projects inviting them to our online Christingle celebration. The boxes contained invites for neighbours and everything you would need to make the christingle candles. The service was a great way for church members and the community to come together and celebrate Christmas.

Although our House of Prayer and Community base, ReStore, had to close throughout the pandemic, one of the highlights of the past year has been the way in which the church has responded to the call to prayer. At the outbreak of the pandemic, prayer took on a whole new lease of life across the church. On Sunday 22 March we joined the National Day of Prayer in response to the emerging crisis and following this, we launched online morning prayer and we continued to meet on a daily basis (Monday to Friday) throughout the year. Each day had a different focus, prayer, lectio divina, worship, praise. This drew in a number of our members. We held several prayer events throughout the year in response to injustice that has been seen throughout the world asking the Lord how we can partner with Him in these areas. Also, our healing on the streets moved online, twice a week, and we continued to see people healed.

Online creative worship evenings, the Big Church Quiz, pre-marriage mentoring for 5 couples, Triple Twenty Talk Discussion and Prayer and listening to and counselling individuals and couples are examples of other activities we carried out during the pandemic.

Objective 2. Build up the faith of Christian believers so that they are equipped and released to go and bring life to Balham and beyond.

Each Sunday we were online during the pandemic and when the restrictions allowed, we encouraged people to meet in their homes and invite neighbours and/or other church members to join them for breakfast and church online. We continued to have services with practical teaching, worship and prayer ministry. We also introduced 'Glory in your Story' to encourage one another with testimonies of what God has been doing through lockdown. As mentioned previously we had kids and youth programmes running alongside the weekly Sunday service.

Over the pandemic we had over 118 people serving the church in Sunday services, small groups and other areas of ministry. As restrictions lifted on places of worship we welcomed people back into our buildings.

Throughout 2020/21 we continued to run our Life groups and people were encouraged to join one of our many groups that meet mid-week online. Overall we had about 45 groups running. These groups were key in providing a place of connection for our members, allowing time for fun, chat, worship, learning and praying together as well as supporting each other and their neighbours by getting shopping and essential items, including prescriptions, for those who were shielding or self-isolating. Life groups remain one of the primary points of contact whereby we can make, train and equip disciples who love and serve Jesus, who love and serve one another and who love and serve their neighbours. In addition to the Life groups we also had a book club, Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Group, a prayer group, parents and littles group, parenting course and the bible course. Additionally, one of our Leaders is a qualified Art Therapist and we were able to run an online Art Therapy group for those struggling with their mental health.

The Trustees would like to thank those leaders who have continued to lead and run Life and Small Groups over the past year, in spite of a number of personal challenges and the difficulties of leading through the pandemic. The faithfulness and servant-hearted nature of the leaders has been a huge blessing and encouragement to so many and has played a significant and central role in ensuring the health and well-being of the church throughout what has been a most difficult year.

We were able to launch Vineyard's School of Kingdom Ministry (SoKM) in September 2020. SoKM is an 8 month weekly course that trains people in the ministry of the Holy Spirit, equipping students with a theological foundation in order to activate them in the supernatural. We had 19 people attending this course. It was such a success that we launched a second larger cohort in September 2021. Our aim is to have as many members of the church as possible to go through this course as part of our leadership pipeline.

In response to the church wanting a larger community connection, to give our life group leaders a term break and to further describe, discuss and activate some of our values we launched 'Together All In'. It was a hybrid of our original "foundations course"; done live on zoom for people to watch and then we sent people into breakout groups / 'life group' for the term to discuss the content together, pray, and minister to one another. It was a great success with 26 small groups of 6 people.

We have 140 church members we identify as leaders or upcoming leaders. Leaders' meetings were held online throughout the year. These are designed to equip and support our volunteer leaders who help us carry the pastoral and leadership responsibilities within the church.

Objective 3. Show compassion for the community, especially the poor and vulnerable, through pastoral care, missionary and outreach work.

During the pandemic we continued to seek ways to creatively and practically serve the community. The pandemic meant that we had to pause or stop some of our activities. However, we were able to launch others throughout the year. The range of compassion ministries we support are diverse and during the year included:

- Emergency Compassion Fund (ECF) - Compassion and outreach has been, and will continue to be, a major focus of Vineyard 61 (V61). At the start of the pandemic (March 2020) we launched the ECF, which was a fund in which we raised over £64,000 (including gift aid). The fund was set up in order to financially support those in our church, those connected to our church through our compassion projects, and those in our local community who are struggling with the basic needs of food, clothing, debt, loss of income etc. We have helped over 73 individuals/families.
- Covid-19 Response Team - At the start of the pandemic we launched the Covid Response Team. 30 church members volunteered. We wanted to create a physical and virtual army of helping hands to make this time easier for the most vulnerable, isolated, and elderly in our church community as well our wider communities of Balham and Battersea. They were able to dog walk, deliver shopping and essential items, have a friendly phone call, help people connect via tech, give some budget management advice etc
- Covid-19 Response Prayer Team - One of the most frequent requests that we were hearing from people in our community was for prayer. In a pandemic like this, this isn't surprising! We meet the need by offering weekly prayer partners
- Job Club - Job Club went online during the pandemic, which proved successful. Our 10 coaches were paired with clients. Despite being in a pandemic situation 2 clients got jobs!
- Mercy Street - Members of our church launched a home grown compassion project called Mercy Street during the pandemic. Their mission is to offer immediate, practical help to the homeless and point them to Jesus Christ. They head out monthly bringing clothing, snacks, bibles, tents to rough sleepers in London
- Battersea English Language School - It was our weekly project offering support to anyone learning English, through group and conversational lessons and we ended the class with a bible study for those who wanted to join. We moved this online when the pandemic started, however, as the numbers decreased over zoom and our TEFL teacher was unable to continue we decided in October 2020 to close the project. Thankfully a nearby Vineyard Church had a thriving English Language School so our students were able to join their online school.
- Bike Project - this is an initiative that was suspended during the year due to the pandemic but restarted again in October 2021. The Bike hub through which the church takes second-hand bikes and stores them so they can be repaired and fixed up. These are then donated to refugees and asylum seekers in London to help lower their transport costs.
- Litter Picks - during the summer when meeting inside was restricted due to the pandemic, we congregated as a church on commons to do litter picks

- Pastoral Care - A core element of making, training and equipping disciples who love and serve one another is pastoral care. Throughout 2020 staff, volunteers and church members have continued to provide extensive pastoral care support to a wide range of church members, local residents and other contacts through difficult times, both on an individual basis and through a range of church ministries and initiatives. Much of our pastoral care work is unseen, but we are grateful for the many hours spent by so many in providing practical support, prayer and encouragement to those in need. Many of the Small Groups have again provided significant pastoral support for a number of individuals facing a sometimes challenging and difficult life stage. A significant proportion of pastoral care takes place in and through our small groups, in particular our Life Groups. The very many hours of on-going pastoral care provided by so many of our leaders is almost impossible to quantify and is a wonderful demonstration of the church loving and serving one another and those around them. We remain incredibly grateful to our gifted and generous leaders who tirelessly devote themselves to ministering to, supporting and encouraging individuals in their care. During the pandemic the need for pastoral care increased significantly as many people found themselves in difficult circumstances; COVID-related health concerns; financial difficulties; furlough; loss of loved ones; mental health concerns & fears due to the pandemic along with a range of other challenges. The staff team devoted a significant amount of time to reach out to both church members and those connected to the church through various ministries to try to ensure that everyone connected to the church in whatever way was taken care of when needed. Of course, it wasn't always possible to reach everyone and not everyone wanted to be reached, however, a significant amount of time and love went into following up with those from across our communities.
- The youth football project continued on the Doddington Estate, we continue to see 10-20 young people (Y5 - Y10) attending on any given week. We have used football as a way to encourage the young people in their character as well as their football gift-set. It has provided a safe space where they can come to have fun. Where the government restrictions allowed we continued with this project throughout the year

During the year we have kept in contact with our mission partners to support and encourage them as best we can following the outbreak of the pandemic. We support financially, via our annual tithe and also some special service collections. We also commit to partner in prayer and other practical ways where possible. Our mission partners are:

- International Needs - They help families suffering through poverty and crisis to create a sustainable future. We are specifically partnering with their WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) program in Uganda
- A21 - an organisation that is fighting human trafficking, responding to trafficking that is already taking place, but also actively working on the frontlines to prevent it from happening to begin with.
- Bike Project - we partner with them by taking second hand bikes and stores them so they can be repaired and fixed up. These are then donated to refugees and asylum seekers in London to help lower their transport costs
- Mercy Street (homegrown local mission) - Their mission is to offer immediate, practical help to the homeless and point them to Jesus Christ. They head out monthly bringing clothing, snacks, bibles, tents to rough sleepers in London

Plans for Future Periods

God has given us a vision to launch multiple sites across South London and beyond.

The ongoing navigation of the Covid-19 pandemic has meant we have had to be agile with our plans over the short term. However, some key focuses for the year ahead are:

- Multi-site vision - the pandemic has emphasised even more that people are looking at ways to connect into and support their local community. We believe that having multiple smaller sites can meet this need of the community and we believe we can even more effectively serve our community through our compassion projects this way. We are excited to be launching a new site in March 2022 through an adoption of an existing church in Wandsworth.
- Organisational health - we continue to focus on organisational health and our staff team structure to ensure it is better aligned with our purpose and vision. We have made some key recruits over the past year which has enabled us to press forward with our vision.
- Youth outreach - We continue to look at ways to expand our youth outreach support and activities and build a volunteer team.
- Compassion Projects - continue to evaluate and stop and start compassion projects that best support the needs of our local community.
- Discipleship pathway - Develop discipleship curriculum, experiences and spiritual formation pathways for people exploring faith through to mature believers

Prayer underpins everything we do. All are welcomed to V61 - regardless of faith or practice. We continue to actively connect with our community to serve them and unashamedly, courageously invite them into becoming a follower and disciple of Jesus. We wanted to be Jesus' hands and feet to our neighbours and communities during the pandemic and beyond. Ultimately we will judge our success in this through attendance and baptism numbers, although we are conscious that individual stories are hugely valuable. It is people meeting Jesus, rather than growth in our particular part of Jesus' church, that is the most important value we hold.

Structure, governance and management

Balham Vineyard Church is governed by its Constitution dated 12 March 2015 and was created as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("the CIO") registered with the Charity Commission in July 2015 under number 1162655.

Our operating name change to Vineyard 61 Church has meant various affiliations, governing documents and materials have all needed to change. We continue to be registered with the Charity Commission as 'Balham Vineyard Church' with a working name of 'Vineyard 61 Church'.

The church is also affiliated to Vineyard Churches UK and Ireland, a wider network of some +120 churches across the country. Each year, V61 grants a proportion of its income to the work of Vineyard Churches UK and Ireland in the establishing of new churches and missions work abroad. The church is also a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Organisational structure

The charity Trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. With the exception of Steve Bateman, who is a paid employee of the charity, the Trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits for serving as trustees. The Trustees meet together as a body quarterly and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to running the church and the activities provided by the charity. The day-to-day management of the church and activities are undertaken by the Lead Pastors, Steve and Viv Bateman. In December 2021 the Trustees decided that the Charity should have an independent chair and appointed Tim Bower, with Steve Bateman continuing as a Trustee. Apart from the first charity Trustees, every Trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the church Trustees. New Trustees are provided with guidance from VCUKI on their roles and responsibilities and are given the opportunity to attend webinars and training on charity governance.

Statement of Responsibilities

The Trustees 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).

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity 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 charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Internal Controls

As part of their continuing responsibility the Trustees have endeavoured to ensure that reasonable internal control procedures are in place as appropriate for the development of the church. They include:

- Annual budgets are approved by the Trustees and reviewed on a regular basis
- Management information Reports issued on a quarterly basis, including income and expenses and monitoring of reserves
- Periodic review of risk register and associated action log
- Regular Senior Pastor and staff reviews including annual performance and pay reviews

Risk Management and Compliance

Throughout the year the staff team continued to maintain a centralised register of the risks the charity faces, which identifies the major risks by area of activity, the nature of those risks, the likelihood of the risks happening and the measures taken to mitigate and manage the major risks to the charity. The full risk register and action log was reviewed periodically by the Trustees.

The risks listed in the risk register include those which focus on governance, leadership, financial operational and external risks. The Trustees are satisfied that systems are in place, or arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified. In addition to the ongoing risks that are on the register from year to year such as those relating to ensuring adequate insurance cover, safeguarding of children and young people and the impact of a decline in donations, specific risks managed during the year included:

- Reduction in financial gifts due to changing economic climate as a result of the global pandemic endangering financial viability of the church. This is being mitigated by tracking and monitoring giving trends through regular reporting to the Trustees. In addition, we are committed to maintaining 4 months' operating expenses as part of our reserves policy
- COVID-19 related issues at all venues we use or Vineyard Offices, resulting in reputational damage and/ or financial loss. This is being mitigated by reviewing our COVID-19 protocols across the church
- Ongoing lease agreements with the URC and York Gardens (our main sites)
- Potential loss of the use of the URC building and York Gardens, leading to a lack of venue for church gatherings, groups and compassion ministries.
- Need to expand the staff team to support both the Lead Pastors and the expansion of the church
- Continued GDPR compliance
- Ensuring our various safeguarding, DBS checks and recruitment processes for volunteers and paid staff match good practice and standards

On-going monitoring was carried out during the year with regard to the compliance requirements of the church in the key areas of the risk register.

Administrative Operations

Staffing

Steve and Viv Bateman lead V61, with a focus on setting the vision and direction of the overall ministry of the church, leading the vision and culture of our Gathered Environments, as well as the day-to-day running of the church and overseeing the development of the ministry of the church by working alongside and through volunteers. They were also responsible for overseeing the development of the ministry of the church by working alongside and through the leadership staff, administrative staff and lay leaders. They both work full-time for V61. Steve also acted as a trustee and as chair for the board of Trustees. Steve and Viv do not participate in decisions regarding their pay. The Trustees consider a variety of factors, including pay scales in similar churches and cost of living increases, when setting their pay.

Steve and Viv continued their role as Vineyard Area Leaders within the London region, overseen by Andrew and Rosie McNeil (Associate National Directors of VCUKI). They oversee a number of new and existing church plants, providing support and integration with the Vineyard Alliance on churches in UK&I. Viv and Steve receive spiritual direction, coaching and counselling to help support their role as Lead Pastors.

Steve and Viv continued to be supported by a team of full-time and part-time pastoral and administrative staff members whose roles were to oversee, develop, and provide support to existing and developing areas of ministry.

During the 2020/2021 year we furloughed 2 members of staff. 2 members also resigned during the year. We did not make any new hires due to the pandemic. At the end of the financial year V61 employed 10 people with a FTE of 7.8.

Staff costs have increased this year due, primarily, to a change of mix of staff grades, two staff working for a full year (part year in 2020) and pay rises for living costs.

Volunteers

As the report details, our volunteers (~118 people) are an important resource in both our faith and community work. We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is and extend the Kingdom of God into the local area.

We encourage all members of our church to be involved in voluntary activities and to share their skills with others.

Trustees

The Trustees of the church are set out below and include two people who attend V61 and three who do not. The length of tenure for the Trustees was agreed as the below unless there are changes in circumstances. The tenure can be extended or resignation given. Reviewing individual Trustees tenure is considered at the first meeting held at the beginning of every calendar year.

The following Trustees have held office during the whole of the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, and have the below tenure:

- Steve Bateman (Lead Pastor) – 05 April 2015
- Dianne Bateman – 05 April 2015
- Timothy Bower – (Chair from 01 Dec 2021) – 05 April 2015
- Joanna Stone – 05 April 2015
- Gillian Lazonby – 01 April 2018
- Hamish Dudgeon - 22 February 2021

The Trustees have since recruited an additional trustee, Akshay John who was appointed on 27 September 2021. Lead Pastor Viv Bateman is not a Trustee but as Lead Pastor attends and contributes to meetings as does Lucy Gibson (HR and Finance Manager).

The Trustees met formally to discuss business on 5 occasions throughout the 2020/21 financial year:

- 20 May 2020
- 29 July 2020
- 28 September 2020
- 30 November 2020
- 22 February 2021

Advisers

During the year Stewardship Services (UKET) Limited were reappointed as the charity's accountants and one of their employees acts as the charity's Independent Examiner.

Financial Review

The Charity relies on the generous donations of its members as its principal source of income. We believe in the Biblical principle of giving and generosity. We appreciate how members and volunteers give time and resources to support the church and the community. This generosity helps create environments to gather together to worship, provide the church with the finances to run various projects and ministries and to bring life to Balham, Battersea and the surrounding neighbourhoods.

1. Results for the year

Overall income increased by £83,602 (or 20%), to £504,445 (2020: £420,843). This was largely due to an increase in the number of church members and their generosity. Overall, expenditure increased by £38,412 (or 9%), to £466,394 (2020: £427,982). This was largely due to increases in payroll costs following staff recruitment in the previous year and in grant making (see 'Grants & Gifts' below), though this was offset partly by a reduction in most other costs because of the pandemic. As a result, this year we have reported a surplus of £38,050 (2020: deficit of £7,138) and the charity's net assets increased by £38,050 to £197,236. This included cash of £238,574, of which £209,063 was unrestricted.

2. Investment policy and objectives

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and our ongoing strategy to launch new sites and keep our operational reserves our primary focus, we have decided not to create a long term investment policy, but we keep this under review.

3. Operational Reserves

The trustees aim to hold free reserves (defined as being unrestricted net current assets) of at least £140,000 (which equates to about 4 months of operating expenditure). This policy for holding reserves has been set so as to help ensure that the charity could continue to operate should income, or expenditure vary unexpectedly. At the year-end the charity's free reserves amounted to £160,601 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

4. Grants & Gifts

As disclosed in note 5 'Charitable expenditure' to the financial statements, during 2020/21 the charity made commitments to give away £104,367 (representing 20% of income) in the form of grants and gifts (2020: £27,376 representing 6% of income). This included £36,176 (2020: £3,551) given from the charity's Emergency Compassion Fund launched in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. It also included grants given to support organisations and other churches with aims consistent with our own. It included £23,000 (2020: £20,000) payable to Vineyard Churches UK and Ireland, which promotes church planting and provides support to churches in the Vineyard movement in the UK, and £29,136 payable to International Needs UK. This grant will mainly be used to support a water project in Uganda for the next three years. The charity aims to give away 10% of its unrestricted income every year, albeit some of these grants may not be paid until after the year end.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Tim Bower
Chair of Trustees

Date: 27 January 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BALHAM VINEYARD CHURCH
('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 on pages 15 to 25 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 18 and 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the 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

Since the Charity'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 because I am a Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Ajay Rajani FCIE
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
London
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Date: 28 January 2022

BALHAM VINEYARD CHURCH
(OPERATING AS VINEYARD 61 CHURCH)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	446,176	53,420	499,596	402,103
Charitable activities	4	4,107	-	4,107	17,987
Investments		742	-	742	753
Total income and endowments		451,025	53,420	504,445	420,843
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	5	426,424	39,971	466,394	427,982
Total expenditure		426,424	39,971	466,394	427,982
Net income		24,601	13,449	38,050	(7,138)
Transfers between funds	12	(250)	250	-	-
Net movement in funds		24,351	13,699	38,050	(7,138)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		143,374	15,812	159,186	166,324
Total funds carried forward	12	167,725	29,511	197,236	159,186

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 18 to 25 form part of these accounts.

**BALHAM VINEYARD CHURCH
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	<u>7,124</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,124</u>	<u>2,904</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	9,900	-	9,900	15,349
Cash at bank and in hand	9	<u>209,063</u>	<u>29,511</u>	<u>238,574</u>	<u>165,244</u>
		218,963	29,511	248,474	180,594
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>58,362</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,362</u>	<u>24,312</u>
Net current assets		<u>160,601</u>	<u>29,511</u>	<u>190,112</u>	<u>156,282</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>167,725</u>	<u>29,511</u>	<u>197,236</u>	<u>159,186</u>
FUND BALANCES	12				
Unrestricted Funds		167,725	-	167,725	143,374
Restricted Funds		<u>-</u>	<u>29,511</u>	<u>29,511</u>	<u>15,812</u>
		<u>167,725</u>	<u>29,511</u>	<u>197,236</u>	<u>159,186</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

Joanna Stone - Trustee

Date: 27 January 2022

Charity number: 1162655

The notes on pages 18 to 25 form part of these accounts.

**BALHAM VINEYARD CHURCH
(OPERATING AS VINEYARD 61 CHURCH)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	a	<u>81,252</u>	<u>(24,565)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of equipment		<u>(7,922)</u>	<u>(1,031)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>(7,922)</u>	<u>(1,031)</u>
Change in cash and equivalents in the reporting period		<u>73,330</u>	<u>(25,596)</u>
Cash and equivalents at the beginning of the year	b	<u>165,244</u>	<u>190,840</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	b	<u>238,574</u>	<u>165,244</u>

Note a: Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	38,050	(7,138)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges and provisions for impairment	3,702	2,924
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	5,449	8,020
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	34,050	(28,370)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>81,252</u>	<u>(24,565)</u>

Note b: Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	139,262	55,304
Notice deposits (with a term of three months or less)	90,861	103,615
Payment processing accounts (such as PayPal and Stripe)	8,451	6,325
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>238,574</u>	<u>165,244</u>

An analysis of changes in net debt has not been presented because the charity does not have any borrowings.

**BALHAM VINEYARD CHURCH
(OPERATING AS VINEYARD 61 CHURCH)**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and principal address can be found on the Charity Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP")", with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the '2008 Regulations') requires charities to prepare their accounts in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005' but this accounting standard has since been withdrawn and has been replaced by the Charities SORP mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The charity has prepared these financial statements in accordance with the new Charities SORP; this departure from the 2008 Regulations is believed to be necessary for these financial statements to give a 'true and fair view'.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements. In making this assessment have considered how Covid-19 might affect the charity's forecasts.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) Donated facilities, services and goods. Goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries are recognised as income when receivable at fair value (being an estimate of the amount it would cost to purchase those items).

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

When donated goods, services and facilities are distributed or consumed, an expense in respect of those items is included in the Statement of Financial Activities. At the year end any goods that have not been distributed or consumed are recognised as stock; donated fixed assets are capitalised.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from church retreats and other events.

The charity has taken the view that it has only one charitable activity, namely the advancement of the Christian faith, and all income from donations, legacies and charitable activities is in respect of this one activity.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

**BALHAM VINEYARD CHURCH
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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

2 Accounting Policies: Expenditure continued

- c) The Charities SORP requires charities with income over £500,000 to allocate costs to the various activities undertaken by the charity. The nature of the work of the church is considered to be so integrated that the core charitable activity costs are considered to be for the one activity.
- d) Fund accounting
General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.
- e) Tangible fixed assets
Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years.
- The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.
- f) Stocks
Stocks of donated items held for distribution to beneficiaries are measured at fair value.
- g) Leased assets
Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the charity are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term (unless another systematic basis is more representative of use).
- h) Pension scheme arrangements
The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.
- i) Taxation
The charity has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.
- j) Financial instruments
The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive).
- k) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement
The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

3 Donations and legacies

	2021 £	2020 £
Donations of cash and similar	409,172	325,799
Income tax recoverable	86,375	70,329
Goods donated for distribution to the homeless and to refugees	-	5,975
Government grants received from the Job Retention Scheme	4,048	-
	<u>499,596</u>	<u>402,103</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Church retreats and events (including School of Kingdom Ministry)	3,762	16,490
Book sales	-	90
Other activities	345	1,407
	<u>4,107</u>	<u>17,987</u>

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5 Charitable expenditure

		2021 £	2020 £
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities			
Employment costs	see note 6	280,277	248,611
Training expenses (including School of Kingdom Ministry)		3,400	8,711
Sunday service expenses (excluding venue hire but including on-line streaming costs)		15,440	18,519
Youth and children's ministry expenses		408	3,242
Other ministry expenses		11,461	18,632
Venue hire		6,846	18,331
Repairs and maintenance		1,093	2,027
Retreat costs		-	28,239
Community outreach		1,486	7,160
Distribution of donated goods		-	2,150
Grants payable	see note 5c	104,367	27,376
		<u>424,778</u>	<u>382,998</u>
b Costs incurred on support & administration			
Governance costs			
Independent examiner's fee for preparing and examining the accounts		3,480	2,700
Subsistence & travel		454	7,130
IT & office costs		4,684	2,527
Advertising & marketing		397	639
Office rent and utilities		19,818	12,499
Office fit out expenses		40	9,838
Insurance		601	577
License fees and subscriptions		3,991	1,772
Legal and professional fees		4,449	3,900
Other costs		-	478
Depreciation		3,702	2,924
		<u>41,616</u>	<u>44,984</u>
Total expenditure		<u>466,394</u>	<u>427,982</u>

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts was £3,480 (2020: £2,700); in addition the charity paid £1,092 (2020: £1,068) to Stewardship for payroll bureau and consultancy services.

c Analysis of grants made

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2021 £
Grants for UK and overseas mission	33,000	1,000	34,000
Grants to support adults and children in crisis	34,191	36,176	70,367
	<u>67,191</u>	<u>37,176</u>	<u>104,367</u>

In response to the outbreak of Covid-19, the charity's supporters gave generously to an appeal launched to help support individuals in crisis (see note 12 'Funds'). From the proceeds of the appeal £36,176 was spent during the year to help these individuals. This assistance usually took the form of supermarket vouchers and payments for rent and utilities. Applications to the fund were carefully considered in line with our policy.

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2020 £
Grants for UK and overseas mission	20,000	-	20,000
Grants to support adults and children in crisis	3,825	3,551	7,376
	<u>23,825</u>	<u>3,551</u>	<u>27,376</u>

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5c Analysis of grants made continued

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2021 £	2020 £
Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland	23,000	20,000
Ashford Vineyard	10,000	-
International Needs UK	29,136	-
Hestia	2,000	-
Glass Door Homeless Charity	1,500	-
The Bike Project (received bikes donated to the charity)	-	3,825
Other institutions	1,554	-
	<u>67,191</u>	<u>23,825</u>

International Needs UK is the UK arm of a worldwide Christian development agency working to help families suffering through poverty and crises. This year's expenditure comprises £4,136 paid during the year as part of the 2020 tithe and a new commitment to make grants totalling £25,000 over the next three years to support their WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) program in Uganda.

6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses

	2021 £	2020 £
Gross wages and salaries	250,786	223,065
Social security	18,202	15,286
Pension costs	11,290	10,259
	<u>280,277</u>	<u>248,611</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 11 (2020: 11). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff named on the Charity Information page. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2021 £
Trustees:			
Steve Bateman	37,600	3,600	41,200
Key management connected to trustees:			
Vivien Bateman	37,600	3,600	<u>41,200</u>
			<u>82,400</u>

The following amounts were payable in the previous year:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2020 £
Trustees:			
Steve Bateman	33,600	3,480	37,080
Key management connected to trustees:			
Vivien Bateman	33,600	3,480	<u>37,080</u>
			<u>74,160</u>

Steve and Vivien Bateman served as church leaders and received the above payments for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustees; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

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7 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total 2021 £
Cost		
At 1 April 2020	13,697	13,697
Additions	7,922	7,922
At 31 March 2021	<u>21,619</u>	<u>21,619</u>
Accumulated depreciation		
At 1 April 2020	10,793	10,793
Charge for the year	3,702	3,702
At 31 March 2021	<u>14,495</u>	<u>14,495</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2021	<u>7,124</u>	<u>7,124</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>2,904</u>	<u>2,904</u>

8 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Tax recoverable	-	6,338
Other debtors	2,400	327
Prepayments and accrued income	7,500	8,684
	<u>9,900</u>	<u>15,349</u>

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	139,262	55,304
Notice deposits (with a term of three months or less)	90,861	103,615
Payment processing accounts (such as PayPal and Stripe)	8,451	6,325
	<u>238,574</u>	<u>165,244</u>

10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Grant obligations	48,000	20,000
Other creditors	2,581	612
Accruals	7,781	3,700
	<u>58,362</u>	<u>24,312</u>

Grant obligations comprise constructive obligations for the following grants:

- a) £23,000 payable to Vineyard Churches UK and Ireland, which was paid over shortly after the year end; and
- b) £25,000 payable to International Needs UK over three years to help support their WASH program (see note 5c 'Analysis of grants made')

11 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £11,290 (2020: £10,259) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. At the balance sheet date pension contributions totalling £1,342 (2020: £nil) were owed.

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12 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2021 £	Incoming resources 2021 £	Outgoing resources 2021 £	Transfers in the year 2021 £	Closing balance 2021 £
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Job Club Ministry	520	-	(520)	-	-
Sozo	-	195	(151)	-	44
Emergency Relief	15,292	51,716	(37,746)	204	29,466
Christmas charities	-	1,509	(1,554)	45	-
	<u>15,812</u>	<u>53,420</u>	<u>(39,971)</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>29,511</u>
<i>General unrestricted funds</i>	143,374	451,025	(426,424)	(250)	167,725
<i>Aggregate of funds</i>	<u>159,186</u>	<u>504,445</u>	<u>(466,394)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>197,236</u>

Transfers were made from unrestricted general funds to restricted funds so that no restricted funds were in deficit at the year-end.

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	7,124	-	7,124
Debtors	9,900	-	9,900
Cash at bank and in hand	209,063	29,511	238,574
Creditors falling due within one year	(58,362)	-	(58,362)
	<u>167,725</u>	<u>29,511</u>	<u>197,236</u>

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2020 £	Incoming resources 2020 £	Outgoing resources 2020 £	Transfers in the year 2020 £	Closing balance 2020 £
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Job Club Ministry	1,039	-	(519)	-	520
Church Retreat Bursaries	5,865	5,085	(10,950)	-	-
Bags of Blessing Ministry	-	2,150	(2,150)	-	-
Bike Hub Ministry	-	3,825	(3,825)	-	-
Sozo	49	24	(243)	170	-
Emergency Relief	2,996	16,715	(4,420)	-	15,292
	<u>9,949</u>	<u>27,800</u>	<u>(22,107)</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>15,812</u>
Unrestricted fund	156,375	393,044	(405,875)	(170)	143,374
<i>Aggregate of funds</i>	<u>166,324</u>	<u>420,843</u>	<u>(427,982)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>159,186</u>

Analysis of net assets by fund

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,384	520	2,904
Debtors	15,349	-	15,349
Cash at bank and in hand	149,953	15,292	165,244
Creditors falling due within one year	(24,312)	-	(24,312)
	<u>143,374</u>	<u>15,812</u>	<u>159,186</u>

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12 Funds continued

Restricted funds

The **Job Club Ministry** fund was created from donations received to assist those seeking work.

The **Church Retreats Bursaries** fund was created from donations received to provide assistance to those wanting to attend church retreats.

The **Bags of Blessings Ministry** fund was created from donations of provisions for onward distribution to homeless people.

The **Bike Hub Ministry** fund was created from donations of bicycles for those in financial need looking for a means of transport.

The **Sozo** fund was created from donations received to help fund prayer ministry.

The **Emergency Relief** fund was created from donations received to help provide immediate assistance to those in serious need.

The **Christmas Charities** fund was created from donations received from a Christmas appeal; the donations were used to make grant to two charities working with vulnerable children and adults.

13 Operating lease commitments

The charity has an operating leases for its offices. The minimum amount payable in respect of this lease is as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Payments falling due:		
Within one year	15,000	15,000
Between one and five years	10,000	25,000
	<u>25,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>

During the year the charity was charged £15,000 (2020: £10,108) for its operating lease.

14 Transactions with related parties

During the year, the charity received donations totalling £17,858 (2020: £9,991) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).

Except for the reimbursement of expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity, or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee, no expenses (2020: £nil) were paid to, or for, the trustees.

Except as disclosed in note 6 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

15 Events since the year end

The trustees have agreed to adopt a church in Wandsworth and the trustees expect the charity to become responsible for operating this church as one of the charity's sites in early March 2022. It is expected that, once the legal formalities have been completed subsequently, the net assets owned by the church in Wandsworth will pass to the charity.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES

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	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:							
Donations and legacies	3	446,176	53,420	499,596	374,304	27,800	402,103
Charitable activities	4	4,107	-	4,107	17,987	-	17,987
Investments		742	-	742	753	-	753
Total income and endowments		451,025	53,420	504,445	393,044	27,800	420,843
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Charitable activities:	5	426,424	39,971	466,394	405,875	22,107	427,982
Total Expenditure		426,424	39,971	466,394	405,875	22,107	427,982
Net income/(expenditure)		24,601	13,449	38,050	(12,831)	5,693	(7,138)
Transfers between funds	12	(250)	250	-	(170)	170	-
Net movement in funds		24,350	13,699	38,050	(13,001)	5,863	(7,138)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		143,374	15,812	159,186	156,375	9,949	166,324
Total funds carried forward	12	167,725	29,511	197,236	143,374	15,812	159,186