

Hackney Vineyard Church

Report and Accounts

Year ended 05 April 2023

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HACKNEY VINEYARD CHURCH
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2023

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Flat 38, Cottrill Gardens Marcon Place LONDON E8 1NY
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - Constitution dated 30 March 2016
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1166271
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Mark Ensing (Chair) Jason Cooper David Crisp
BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd
ACCOUNTANT	Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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Trustees Annual Review 2023

Objectives and Activities

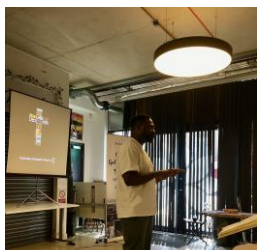
To advance the Christian religion for the public benefit in accordance with the statement of faith adopted by the charity in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world through:

- a) The organisation and provision of Christian worship;
- b) 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;
- c) The provision of facilities for Christian training and service
- d) The support of Christian evangelism and outreach

The activities which help the church fulfil these objectives are:

- Regular Sunday worship which is held at a local Community Centre
- Bible study and prayer groups in church members homes/ online

Achievements and Performance



Overall average attendance on Sundays has increased and there is a sense of growth and momentum. Visitors started coming in September 2022 and since then there have been 30 people who visited us in total with 20 returning either frequently or occasionally. This means that average weekly attendance has increased from 21 at the last review to 29.



There are now two water baptisms scheduled for the summer.

A new website was designed and went live in September 2022 which seems to have had an impact on people's awareness of the church. Various outdoor trips, including a camping weekend and trips to the seaside, have contributed to the sense of community within the church.

Children's work has grown from 10 children registered in children's church to 19 children since the last review. This has been exciting, and we have had some parents who confess that it is their children who are excitedly waking them up in the morning to come to church! Obviously this has placed some pressure on having children's leaders. There has been more support with helpers since the influx, but we will need to recruit another children's church leader in the very near future.

Another challenge for the coming year will be to start a group for older children/youth as we have two 11 year olds who attend every week and have also had two teenagers attending who are 15 and 16.

Alpha was run in February/March and was a great success. 3 people attended every week, and it was really beneficial for them. One attendee was a recent convert who hadn't been to church for 50 years.

We are looking into the possibility of partnering with London City Mission to help us in reaching the local area as well as reaching out to children and young people and refugees.

Financial Review

The church is registered with HMRC and has made a Gift Aid claim of £2,471 for the financial year.

Current reserves policy is to maintain 3 months unrestricted expenditure which equates to approximately £4,000. The unrestricted funds balance at the year-end was £2,805. (5th April 2023). The Trustees are aware of this and are monitoring the Charity's financial position.

Trustees Responsibilities

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud and any other irregularities.

In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on Public Benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 07 November 2023

Mark Ensing Chair of Trustees

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF AN UNAUDITED CHARITY

Accountant's Report to the Trustees on the Preparation of the Unaudited Statutory Accounts of Hackney Vineyard Church for the period ended 05 April 2023.

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Act 2011, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Hackney Vineyard Church for the period ended 05 April 2023 as set out on pages 5 to 7 from the accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

This report is made solely to the Trustees of the charity, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of the charity and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the Trustees of the charity. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its Trustees as a body for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that the charity has kept adequate records and to prepare statutory accounts that meet the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 for the charity. You consider that the charity is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year and is eligible to prepare 'Receipts and Payments' accounts.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or review of the accounts of the charity. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory accounts.

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Date: 07 November 2023

HACKNEY VINEYARD CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2023

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<i>Income receipts</i>						
Donations		12,796	-	-	12,796	15,086
Gift aid receipts		2,471	-	-	2,471	1,124
Interest		5	-	-	5	-
<i>Total receipts</i>		15,273	-	-	15,273	16,211
<i>Payments</i>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	17,853	-	-	17,853	13,579
<i>Total payments</i>		17,853	-	-	17,853	13,579
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(2,581)	-	-	(2,581)	2,631
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(2,581)	-	-	(2,581)	2,631
Cash funds as at last year end		5,386	-	-	5,386	2,755
Cash funds at this year end	A	2,805	-	-	2,805	5,386

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

HACKNEY VINEYARD CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2023

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	2,805	-	-	2,805	5,386
	<u>2,805</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,805</u>	<u>5,386</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	2,012	-	-	2,012	2,465
	<u>2,012</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,012</u>	<u>2,465</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year:					
Unbilled fee for Accounts Preparation	420	-	-	420	396
	<u>420</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>396</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use				Value 2023	Value 2022
				£	£
Equipment				2,000	2,000
				<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>

The trustees have used insurance values for contents and equipment as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

F Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by Mark Ensing (Chair) date 07 November 2023

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

HACKNEY VINEYARD CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

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.

		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		General funds	Designated funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly						
Employment costs	Note 3	8,370	-	-	8,370	7,721
Rent		8,667	-	-	8,667	4,000
Outreach and ministry		-	-	-	-	255
Insurance		298	-	-	298	298
Subscriptions and fees		145	-	-	145	237
Accounts preparation		300	-	-	300	780
Other costs		74	-	-	74	288
		<u>17,853</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,853</u>	<u>13,579</u>

3 Transactions with related parties

David Crisp served as a church leader and was paid for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.