

# Hackney Vineyard Church

Report and Accounts

Year ended 05 April 2024

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**HACKNEY VINEYARD CHURCH**  
**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2024**

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 2024

## 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



2023 was a great year for the church with increased attendance and 2 water baptisms. Overall engagement and volunteering also increased steadily.

Unfortunately, the start of 2024 was more challenging with several people leaving the church, for example to return to their country of origin.

We had another amazing camping weekend in Debden in May. It was well attended and even the sun came out for the whole weekend despite it being quite early in the year.

We hosted a number of alpha evenings looking at topics such as healing and the baptism of the Holy Spirit which continued on from the main Alpha sessions earlier in the year.



In October 2023 we entered into a partnership with London City Mission which helped us to reach out into the local community. Regular door-to-door work has been taking place since that time as well as some outreach at Christmas and Easter to a local refugee centre. Members of the church got involved in this and attended training in sharing a testimony and reaching out to those from other faiths.

Despite the challenges with attendance at the beginning of 2024, the children and young people's work has continued to be a strong and central aspect of the church. They did an amazing nativity play and have increasingly taken part in services by doing readings at the beginning of Sunday gatherings.



The church's partnership with Open Doors, the charity working with the persecuted church, also continued and there was a wonderful interactive session looking at how to pray for our church family around the world. Dave also went on a mission trip in February with some of the Open Doors team. Another overseas trip is being planned for later in 2024 in collaboration with Vineyard USA to investigate the possibility of a mission partnership in Asia.

## **Financial Review**

The church is registered with HMRC and made a Gift Aid claim of £3,455.

The current reserves policy is to maintain 3 months of unrestricted expenditure, which equates to approximately £3,500. The unrestricted funds balance at the year-end was £1,708 (5th April 2024). 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 Dec 5, 2024

Mark Ensing

Mark Ensing (Dec 5, 2024 21:16 GMT)

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 2024.

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 2024 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.

Stewardship  
Stewardship (Dec 6, 2024 08:53 GMT)

Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
LONDON  
EC1Y 8AB

Date: Dec 6, 2024

**HACKNEY VINEYARD CHURCH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2024**

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income receipts</b>						
Donations		15,250	-	-	15,250	12,796
Gift aid receipts		3,455	-	-	3,455	2,471
Interest		4	-	-	4	5
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>18,710</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,710</u>	<u>15,273</u>
<b>Payments</b>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	19,707	-	-	19,707	17,853
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	100	-	-	100	-
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>19,807</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,807</u>	<u>17,853</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(1,097)	-	-	(1,097)	(2,581)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(1,097)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,097)</u>	<u>(2,581)</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		2,805	-	-	2,805	5,386
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<u>1,708</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,708</u>	<u>2,805</u>

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

**HACKNEY VINEYARD CHURCH**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2024**

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Cash at bank with immediate access	1,708	-	-	1,708	2,805
	<u>1,708</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,708</u>	<u>2,805</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid due to charity	880	-	-	880	2,012
	<u>880</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>880</u>	<u>2,012</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>					
Unbilled fee for Accounts Preparation	402	-	-	402	420
	<u>402</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>402</u>	<u>420</u>
<b>D Assets retained for charity's own use</b>					
			Fund to which asset belongs	Value 2024	Value 2023
				£	£
Equipment			General	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.

**E 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 date Dec 5, 2024  
Mark Ensing (Dec 5, 2024 21:16 GMT)  
Mark Ensing (Chair)

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

**HACKNEY VINEYARD CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2024**

**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 2024	Total 2023
		General funds	Designated funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>						
Employment costs	Note 4	9,159	-	-	9,159	8,370
Rent		8,000	-	-	8,000	8,667
Insurance		309	-	-	309	298
Subscriptions and fees		1,397	-	-	1,397	145
Accounts preparation		780	-	-	780	300
Other costs		62	-	-	62	74
		<u>19,707</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,707</u>	<u>17,853</u>

**3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others**

Organisations < £1,000	100	-	-	100	-
	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>

**4 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.

No payments were made to any other trustees, or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.