

# Hackney Vineyard Church

Report and Accounts

Year ended 05 April 2025

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**HACKNEY VINEYARD CHURCH**  
**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2025**

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 2025



## Objectives and Activities

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution, and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. The charity's principal objects, as set out in its governing document are 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

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

## Achievements and Performance

2024 had a very challenging start with attendance very low, however, attendance has increased since that point. Towards the end of the year following the theme of discipleship there has been greater involvement from some members of the congregation in preaching, helping with setting up for service, leading worship and financial giving. A highlight of the autumn season was International Sunday which is pictured here. Members of the congregation dressed in clothes from their country of origin or a place they had a connection with and cooked and brought food from those countries for a shared lunch. This proved to be extremely popular and will no doubt be repeated in 2025.



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. Some of the young people are now teenagers and have been taking a more active role in the services, helping with AV and doing readings.

## Outreach

The ongoing partnership with London City Mission has helped us to reach out to the local community. Regular door-to-door work has been taking place, and two people have come to church as a result, one of whom has become an active member and has now been attending for 6 months.

Together with LCM we have also had joint prayer meetings with a local Anglican Church which has a similar vision to our own of reaching the local community. At Christmas we joined them at Ridley Market for a carol service and on Good Friday we also joined in with some other local churches for a 'walk of witness' which involved carrying a wooden cross and praying and singing in various locations. One young member of the church found it particularly moving.

In addition to local outreach, the church's Pastor, Dave, went on a trip to Pakistan in October 2024 to visit the work of a pastor based in the Punjab who is reaching out to those working in brick kilns and trapped in a system of bonded labour. There were some notable healings and as a result of the trip funds were raised to establish an education centre for the children so that they can learn to read and write. There are currently 40 children attending the centre and other Vineyard churches are also supporting the work. Dave also had the chance to minister at a small gathering of pastors who are working to form Vineyard churches in Pakistan. The current plan is for Dave to return in late 2025 with a member of Belfast City Vineyard who has extensive experience of working in Pakistan.



### **Financial Review**

During the year income increased by £2,074, to £20,783, and expenditure increased by £82, to £19,889. As a result, the cash held by the charity increased by £894, to £2,602, of which £2,502 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Current reserves policy is to maintain 3 months unrestricted expenditure which equates to approximately £5000. The funds balance at the year-end was £2,602 (5th April 2025). The Trustees are aware of this and are monitoring the Charity's financial position.

### **Trustees Responsibilities**

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

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.

### **Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees on

*Mark Ensing*

Mark Ensing (Oct 10, 2025 17:24:48 GMT+1)

Oct 10, 2025

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 2025.

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 2025 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.

  
Gill Partridge (Oct 14, 2025 14:50:00 GMT+1)

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Date: Oct 14, 2025

**HACKNEY VINEYARD CHURCH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2025**

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<b><i>Income receipts</i></b>						
Donations		15,614	-	1,400	17,014	15,250
Gift aid receipts		3,767	-	-	3,767	3,455
Interest		3	-	-	3	4
<b><i>Total receipts</i></b>		<b>19,383</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>20,783</b>	<b>18,710</b>
<b><i>Payments</i></b>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	18,445	-	-	18,445	19,707
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	144	-	1,300	1,444	100
<b><i>Total payments</i></b>		<b>18,589</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>19,889</b>	<b>19,807</b>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		794	-	100	894	(1,097)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>794</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>(1,097)</b>
Cash funds as at last year end		1,708	-	-	1,708	2,805
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<b>2,502</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,602</b>	<b>1,708</b>

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 2025**

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted	Total	Total
	General	Designated	funds	2025	2024
	funds	funds	funds	£	£
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Cash at bank with immediate access	2,502	-	100	2,602	1,708
	<u>2,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>2,602</u>	<u>1,708</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid due to charity	-	-	-	-	880
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>880</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>					
Unbilled fee for Accounts Preparation	420	-	-	420	402
Unpaid Expenses	321	-	-	321	-
	<u>741</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>741</u>	<u>402</u>
<b>D Assets retained for charity's own use</b>					
			Fund to	Value	Value
			which asset	2025	2024
			belongs	£	£
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 Oct 10, 2025  
Mark Ensing (Oct 10, 2025 17:24:48 GMT+1)  
 Mark Ensing (Chair)

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**HACKNEY VINEYARD CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2025**

**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>				
		General funds	Designated funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
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<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>						
Employment costs	Note 4	8,818	-	-	8,818	9,159
Rent		7,080	-	-	7,080	8,000
Insurance		-	-	-	-	309
Subscriptions and fees		1,876	-	-	1,876	1,397
Accounts preparation		402	-	-	402	780
Other costs		269	-	-	269	62
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		18,445	-	-	18,445	19,707

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

Pakistan Brick Kiln Workers Education Centre	-	-	1,300	1,300	-
Organisations < £1,000	144	-	-	144	100
	<u>144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,300</u>	<u>1,444</u>	<u>100</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.

**5 Movement of funds**

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	1,708	19,383	(18,589)	-	2,502
	<u>1,708</u>	<u>19,383</u>	<u>(18,589)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,502</u>
Restricted funds					
Pakistan Brick Kiln Workers Education Centre	-	1,400	(1,300)	-	100
Total funds	<u>1,708</u>	<u>20,783</u>	<u>(19,889)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,602</u>

In partnership with other Vineyard churches, funds were raised to help establish an education centre for children working in brick kilns in the Punjab area of Pakistan. The carried forward balance on the fund has been spent since year end.