



CANTERBURY VINEYARD CHURCH

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity Number 1166772

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TRUSTEES AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

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Charity number 1166772

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of trustees and professional advisers on page 1 of the financial statements.

THE TRUSTEES

The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

Mr J C Denison

Ms M Huggins

Mr D Mulford

Mrs C Hatfield

Mr S Herring

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation incorporated on 26 April 2016. The constitution is based on the Foundation model whereby the only voting members are the charity's Trustees.

The trustees are appointed in line with the governing document and based on their experience and involvement in the charity's activities. The day to day running of the charity is undertaken by appointed staff with activities supported by significant volunteer involvement.

Regular team meetings take place where strategic planning takes place. Senior team leaders are responsible for setting specific objectives within the wider objectives of the charity.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have regularly and actively reviewed the risks faced by the charity. The trustees have examined all risks, including financial risk, operational risk and business risk and confirm that procedures to mitigate significant risks are in place, regularly reviewed and where necessary revised.

There was a specific call for a greater level of donations required in September 2024 at our annual covenant meal which was well received and responded to which has supported improving the reserves position and a higher level of regular income to cover costs.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

To advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs, to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support.

The activities undertaken in the period include holding regular Sunday morning church services, facilitating midweek groups, encouraging members to become involved in leadership, training and ministry at a variety of levels both within the church and in the communities and neighbourhoods they are a part of individually and as families.

There were no significant changes to the objectives of the church following the transition and the objectives remain as follows:

- o To continue delivery of all of our aims by continuing to train, equip, make and encourage followers of Jesus i.e. 'Disciples'
- o To continue to improve the ministry provision for children, youth and student ministries
- o To deepen our bonds as a community of Faith
 - o To support the Canterbury District through the ongoing support of compassion projects in the area and to 'Make Canterbury a better place to live'

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees consider that the charities activities as set out in its Objectives and Activities are in the public benefit. The Trustees confirm they have complied with their duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales in relation to public benefit provision.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During 2024 we were able to extend the connections and opportunities we offer people who come along to Canterbury Vineyard. We have added another community to the five communities we had, who meet in smaller settings throughout the month. This new community is for people aged 20-30 and has proved very popular.

We continue to gather on at least 3 Sundays of each month, often in both the morning and the evening. The evening gathering is a focused time of praying for all the activities we carry out and a time to support individuals and families who have requested prayer.

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The last Sunday of the month is reserved for Community Sundays where we gather intentionally in smaller groups to grow together and invest in our locality.

We have been pleased to be more active within our local neighbourhoods and serve groups and individuals in practical ways, as well as providing teaching and learning opportunities. Our new Christmas event "Beer and Carols" was held at a local brewery and was a big success in bringing the local community together. As was our Christmas carols run from a flatbed truck and taken around local estates. The feedback from families and individuals who enjoyed these events has spoken of their joy at being involved.

In relation to our objectives we have achieved the following:

Making and training disciples

This objective continues to be one of our main determinants of success. If we do not train better followers of Jesus, we would not be fulfilling our primary objective of advancing the Christian Faith. Our Sunday mornings grew in number and we have seen an increased commitment from our existing fellowship as well as welcoming new people to worship alongside us regularly.

We continued to encourage leaders of Communities, where people commit to each other to grow, party and serve on mission together. We see this very much as the future of the church and are excited to see how this will take off going forward.

This year we also began a new weekly course to train and equip people at CV to live out their faith in exciting and intentional ways. The School of Kingdom Ministry encapsulates our values as part of the Vineyard network of churches and has proved to be a life changing opportunity for the 9 participants. This will be an invaluable resource we will offer yearly to our church family.

We also hosted 3 short term courses this year. Alpha is a course for new christians which saw 5 people attend in person for a meal and video teaching. The Grace Course and the Identity in Christ course were hosted online and each had 5-8 attendees. Having the resources and capacity to offer these courses has enabled us to achieve ongoing success in our aim to make and train disciples.

Our Grace Acts initiatives continued throughout 2024 and we made 18 grants to individuals throughout the year (down from 49 in 2023). The impact on families and individuals was significant and we consider the delivery of our Grace Acts work to be a true reflection of our vision and purpose.

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Church Ministries

Ministry Coordinator

Jo Kreeger continues in this role which has helped to increase volunteer involvement in our activities and streamline many of our procedures. A bi-monthly staff meeting has been a useful addition to the generating of ideas and running of events as well as building team.

A new structure has also been applied to the church's strategic planning with a group of 7 people now meeting monthly to plan for the future with our objectives and values in mind.

Kids

Our Kids ministry continued to happen exclusively on a Sunday morning, facilitated by our ministry coordinator and run by volunteers. On average 12 children aged 4-11 attend. The team of volunteers saw a few changes with some long serving members deciding it was time to move on. By the end of the year we had a dedicated team of 6 adults and 1 young person volunteering their time and energy to serve the children and parents. The feedback from families has been very positive.

Youth

During 2024 CV Youth, led by Tim and Tish Hampshire, increased their regular meetings and activities, including establishing mentor groups for young people to meet with and be discipled by an older christian. In addition to supporting young people on Sunday mornings, there were weekly activities, groups and socials available to those in school years 7-13. The regular group size rose to in excess of 59 young people by the end of the year.

The annual trip to Vineyard's DTI (Dreaming The Impossible) Conference went ahead with nine leaders accompanying twenty-nine young people to the national event. The event was a significant marker in the year for our youth, and parents/guardians were very positive and grateful for the input from Tim, Tish and their team.

Students

We continued to provide bespoke support and gatherings of students during 2024 in response to interest and integrated with other City based activities available to them. As a result of connections and opportunities several students joined the church band, and 2 more volunteered in the kids ministry.

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Worship

We experienced greater involvement and saw big growth in the number of people involved in worship ministry under the leadership of Simon and Clare Rudland, similar to 2023. The quality of live worship on Sundays has continued to increase and is a vital part of our gatherings each week. The mentor program that Simon and Clare have facilitated has released more people to use their giftings and talents in the worship ministry which has added immense value.

Weekend Away

We celebrated as a church family in July with a camping weekend with the chance to reconnect and spend time together as is our annual tradition.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for the period was £126,884 (2023: £106,466). The church was reliant on the donations and support of the CV family during the period.

Expenditure for the period was £113,389 (2023: £118,587) leaving carried forward funds of £26,280 (2023: £12,785).

It was particularly pleasing to see a significant increase in the amount of monthly committed income and some one off donations which improved the position in the year. We are very grateful to all those that contribute financially.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

We want more people in Canterbury to know Jesus and have their lives transformed for the better through that encounter. We want those who journey with us to grow in their faith and to impact those around them in positive ways, understanding and sharing the Good News with others.

RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have considered the reserve levels required based on the ongoing needs of the charity. Based on the current activity and regular expenditures this is deemed to be between 3-6 months of expenditure. The reserves policy is reviewed at Trustee meetings on an ongoing basis and discussed with the church leadership.

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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 31 October 2025

MS M HUGGINS
Trustee

MR J C DENISON
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CANTERBURY VINEYARD CHURCH

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 10 to 12.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under charity law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

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(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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31 October 2025

CANTERBURY VINEYARD CHURCH**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
		Funds	Funds	year ended 31	year ended 31
				Dec 2024	Dec 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
Voluntary income	2	103,203	21,299	124,502	101,415
Investment income	3	21	387	408	270
Other incoming resources	4	1,974	-	1,974	4,781
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		105,198	21,686	126,884	106,466
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities	5	97,446	15,943	113,389	118,587
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		97,446	15,943	113,389	118,587
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS					
		7,752	5,743	13,495	(12,121)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		4,583	8,202	12,785	24,906
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		12,335	13,945	26,280	12,785

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

CANTERBURY VINEYARD CHURCH**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****31 DECEMBER 2024**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 31 Dec 2024	Total Funds 31 Dec 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		12,335	13,945	26,280	12,785
TOTAL ASSETS		12,335	13,945	26,280	12,785
Represented by:					
General Funds		12,335	–	12,335	4,583
Restricted Funds	6	–	13,945	13,945	8,202
		12,335	13,945	26,280	12,785
Other assets retained for the Charity's own use:					
Gift Aid recovered		5,785	865	6,650	4,008
Various equipment		2,500	–	2,500	5,000
		8,285	865	9,150	9,008
LIABILITIES					
PAYE Liability		1,850	–	1,850	765
Pension Scheme Liability		227	–	227	244
Other creditors/(debtors)		(7)	–	(7)	83
		2,070	–	2,070	1,092

The notes on pages 13 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (contd)

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TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have taken advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities which are set out on page 10 and 11.

These financial statements were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 31 October 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

MS M HUGGINS
Trustee

MR J C DENISON
Trustee

CANTERBURY VINEYARD CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****31 DECEMBER 2024****1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The financial statements have been prepared under the "Receipts & Payments" basis as allowed for charities with income less than £250,000.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year Ended 31 Dec 2024 £	Year ended 31 Dec 2023 £
Voluntary donations	83,350	15,886	102,152	77,803
Gift Aid recovered	16,936	2,740	19,676	18,641
Grace Acts Fund donations	–	2,513	2,513	2,600
Grace Acts Gift Aid recovered	–	160	160	2,371
	103,203	21,299	124,502	101,415

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year Ended 31 Dec 2024 £	Year ended 31 Dec 2023 £
Bank interest	21	387	408	270
	21	387	408	270

4. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year Ended 31 Dec 2024 £	Year ended 31 Dec 2023 £
Fundraising income	–	–	–	2,395
Event income	1,219	–	1,219	2,018
Miscellaneous income	645	–	645	368
	1,974	–	1,974	4,781

CANTERBURY VINEYARD CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****31 DECEMBER 2024****5. COST OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year Ended 31 Dec 2024 £	Year ended 31 Dec 2023 £
Wages and salaries	64,403	915	65,318	60,380
Giving and donations	4,142	-	4,142	5,288
Grace Acts beneficiaries	-	4,460	4,460	9,555
Sunday mornings – rent	6,419	-	6,419	5,850
Sunday mornings – other	2,467	-	2,467	5,601
Office costs	2,013	-	2,013	1,915
Administrative costs	6,550	-	6,550	7,045
Event costs	3,431	-	3,431	5,894
Other ministry costs	651	10,568	11,219	10,103
Teaching resources & subscriptions	901	-	901	987
Hospitality	845	-	845	1,308
Conferences and training	1,618	-	1,618	832
Professional and support fees	4,006	-	4,006	3,829
	97,446	15,943	113,389	118,587

6. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 31 Dec 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Funds transfers £	Balance at 31 Dec 2024 £
Grace Acts Fund	4,530	2,939	(5,375)	-	2,094
Food Bank & Other	400	175	-	-	575
Kids Ministry	-	242	(242)	-	-
Youth Ministry	3,272	18,330	(10,326)	-	11,276
	8,202	21,686	(15,943)	-	13,945

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7. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

During the year, a salary of £40,150 (2023: £40,150) was paid to Mr J C Denison in relation to his role as Senior Team Leader. The payment to Mr J C Denison is eligible under the terms of the constitution and does not represent remuneration for Trustee services but remuneration for full time work as the senior church leader. Mr J C Denison also received £1,200 (2023: £1,200) in relation to home office rent.

8. CITY IMPACT CIC

During the year the charity received funds of £645 from City Impact CiC which related to the transfer of the remaining funds when the CiC was shut down. Mr J C Denison & Ms M Huggins were both directors of City Impact CIC.