

## **Thornhill Vineyard Church Reference and Administrative Details**

**Charity name** Thornhill Vineyard Church

**Charity registration number** 1173226

**Principal office**  
59 Tatwin Crescent  
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**Trustees**  
Mr Joshua Crandon  
Mr Duncan James House  
Mr Adam James Clark  
Mr Matthew James Evans

**Bankers**  
CAF BANK  
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Kings Hill  
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**Accountant**  
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### **Trustees' Report**

The trustees present their report and accounts for the period ended 31 December 2021.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

Thornhill Vineyard Church (the Church) was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Charity Commission on 31 May 2017. Its constitution (dated 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017) is in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012 which provides trustees with limited legal liability and that trustees manage its affairs and exercise all of its powers.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The church's charitable objects are to advance the Christian religion for the public benefit in Thornhill 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.

#### **Trustees' report Activities and Performance**

For Thornhill Vineyard, as with the rest of the country, 2021 was mostly about coping with Covid19 and beginning to find our way out of it.

When strict lockdowns were in place, we met as a Church online using Zoom to conduct our communal worship. In the same way that we encourage everybody to contribute and lead different parts of our worship in person, we had different people, young and old, lead different parts of our Zoom services: musical/creative or contemplative worship; bible readings; talks, discussions and other input; prayers for others; times of sharing and looking after one another. It was particularly important through the lockdowns to provide a communal space to share, to listen and emotionally hold one another because many people were more isolated and more anxious.

As the restrictions became looser, we met together in people's gardens, went for many communal walks and had times of open-air worship and sharing. We continued Zoom meetings so that those who were more clinically vulnerable or more anxious could still connect with community and corporate worship, even though they could not join in with the outside events.

Small groups continued online throughout the year, with some in the church studying "The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry" by John-Mark Comer and a follow-up small group looking at creating our own 'trellis' of disciplines to pursue in our following of Jesus.

Pastoral care continued, although more regularly through phone calls or Zoom meetings than in person. When it was possible, people looked after one another by going for walks and chatting together as they enjoyed being outside.

Youth work, in partnership with two local churches, Thornhill Baptist Church and the Anglican pioneering work at Monty's, continued in the periods where the Covid rules made it possible. The monthly Encounter youth meeting met several times with the young people socially distanced and everyone wearing masks the whole time. Many of the young people struggles with being schooled digitally at home, and so these meet ups, even restricted by distance and masks, were so welcome in being able to mix with young people their own age again.

The Church supported those struggling financially both inside and outside the church with financial gifts and food parcels. Members were very supportive of the city-wide food hub coordination of food deliveries and other welfare initiatives. The church continued to support the Indian Children's home in Mettupalayam in Southern India with much prayer and financial gifts, as our friends there supported not just the children in need but often whole villages.

While 2021 has been a year that rocked many assumptions about life in the rich and secure Western World, it has not rocked our faith in our Sovereign God, who may shake the nations but is ever faithful.

Duncan House

## **Financial review**

Financially the charity is secure. During the period the company experienced a surplus of £7,523 which has been added to reserves.

The unrestricted fund balance of £25,960 exceeds the reserves policy of between three and six months' expenditure as agreed by the trustees. This is due to the reduced expenditure on items such as the rental of the school building for church services, due to the impact of Covid-19 and the church not meeting in person for a significant part of the year. Income has also increased due to some additional people deciding to give to the church in 2021. It is expected that expenditure will rise in 2022 as the church is now meeting again in person as the impact of Covid-19 has lessened.

The trustees continue to review the major risks to which the company is exposed in order to establish systems to manage those risks.

### **Impact of Covid-19**

COVID-19 continued to impact the church in 2021 with most services still being conducted remotely via Zoom. From September 2021 the church started meeting in person, but with appropriate precautions in place, such as the requirement for attendees to wear face masks and to have taken a lateral flow test before attending.

The Trustees believe the charity remains a going concern, even after the adverse impact of Covid 19. This is because:

- The majority of income comes from regular giving, church members paying in the main by standing orders, which has held up during the crisis.
- Church attendance on Zoom has remained the same as when physical meetings were taking place.
- The expenditure on areas such as the hire of the school building has reduced.

### **Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to accounting records, financial statements, annual reports, returns and register maintenance**

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records; preparing the trustees' annual report and financial statements and all other requirements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and that such reports and returns to be submitted to the Charity Commission must be sent, regardless of the level of income, within 10 months of the financial year end

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Joshua Crandon  
Chair of Trustees

Date: 13/10/2022

**Thornhill Vineyard Church**  
**Statement of Financial Activities (Receipts and Payments Accounts)**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	Note	Total Funds year ended 31st December 2021 £	Designated Sabbatical Funds	Total	Total Funds year ended 31st December 2020 £
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary Income	2	£33,608		£33,608	£31,458
<b>Resources expended</b>					
Resources expended	3	£26,085		£26,085	£28,773
Net Income		£7,523		£7,523	£2,685
Transfer of funds		-£3,312	£3,312	£0	
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total Funds brought forward		£21,749	£1,224	£22,973	£20,288
Total Funds carried forward		£25,960	£4,536	£30,496	£22,973

**Thornhill Vineyard Church**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2021**

		31-Dec-21	31-Dec-20
	Notes		
<b>Current Assets</b>		£	£
Debtors and Prepayments	7	£9,876	£4,822
Cash at bank and in hand		£20,620	£18,151
		<u>£30,496</u>	<u>£22,973</u>
Current Liabilities		£0	
Net Current Assets		<u>£30,496</u>	<u>£22,973</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><b>£30,496</b></u>	<u><b>£22,973</b></u>
 <b>The funds of the charity</b>			
General Funds		£25,960	£21,749
Designated Funds		£4,536	£1,224
<b>Total Charity Funds</b>		<u><b>£30,496</b></u>	<u><b>£22,973</b></u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Chair of Trustees

Date: 13/10/2022

The notes on pages 3 to 6 form an integral part of these financial statements.

# **Thornhill Vineyard Church** **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

## **1. Accounting policies**

### **Basis of preparation**

Thornhill Vineyard is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and as such is a charity registered as a body corporate under Part 11 of the Charities Act 2011 and has elected under S133 of the 2011 Act to prepare Receipts and Payments Accounts and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities

### **Fund accounting policy**

Any unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

### **Incoming resources**

Donations are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the statement of financial activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

### **Resources expended**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

### **Taxation**

Thornhill Vineyard Church is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from taxation.

## **2 Voluntary Income**

	<b>Total Funds Year Ended 31st Dec 2021</b>	<b>Total Funds Year Ended 31st Dec 2020</b>
	£	£
<b>General Funds</b>		
Donations	£28,554	£26,615
Gift Aid Tax reclaim	£5,054	£4,843
	<b>£33,608</b>	<b>£31,458</b>

During the year the church acting as an agent received conduit funding of £6800 comprising £5100 paid out to Bethesda Mission Trust based in India and £1700 to individuals in the local community.

### 3 Total Resources Expended

		<b>Total Funds Year Ended 31st Dec 2021</b>	<b>Total Funds Year Ended 31st Dec 2020</b>
	Notes		
<b>Charitable Activities</b>			
Activities Undertaken Directly	4	£23,570	£26,459
Support Costs	5	£2,515	£2,314
		<b>£26,085</b>	<b>£28,773</b>

### 4 Activities Undertaken Directly

	<b>Total Funds Year Ended 31st Dec 2021</b>	<b>Total Funds Year Ended 31st Dec 2020</b>
Employee Costs	£18,038	£17,876
Sunday Meeting costs	£104	£1,229
Pastoral Meeting costs	£71	£0
Team Meeting costs	£526	£118
Teaching Resources	£300	£52
Subscriptions	£41	£300
Events Costs	£573	£270
Gifts To Organisations	£3,044	£4,794
Support gifts to Individuals	£873	£1,820
	<b>£23,570</b>	<b>£26,459</b>

## 5 Support Costs

	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Dec 2021	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Dec 2020
Marketing	£72	
Telephone & Internet	£43	£34
Conference Costs	£180	£316
Office costs	£259	£304
Book Keeping	£1,032	£968
Legal and Professional	£333	£313
Insurance	£185	£203
Training Costs		£77
Bank charges and interest	£96	£60
General Expenses	£39	£39
Retreat Costs	£276	
	<b>£2,515</b>	<b>£2,314</b>

## 6 Employees' remuneration

The average number of persons employed by the charity (including trustees) during the year was ONE.

The remuneration for the Senior Pastor, Duncan House, was £15,186.

## 7 Debtors and Prepayments

	31st Dec 2021	31st Dec 2020
Gift Aid owed	£9,876	£4,822
	<b>£9,876</b>	<b>£4,822</b>
<b>Current liability</b>		
	<b>£0</b>	

## 8 Analysis of Funds

	Brought forward 1st Jan 2021	Income	Resources expended	As At Dec 31st 2021
General Funds	£22,973	£33,608	£26,085	£30,496



## 9 Net Assets by fund

	<b>Total Funds 31st December 2021 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 31st December 2020 £</b>
CAF Current Account	£7,084	£18,151
Sabbatical Account	£4,536	
Savings	£9,000	
Gift Aid Owed	£9,876	£4822
	<b>£30,496</b>	<b>£22973</b>

To the Trustees of Thornhill Vineyard Church  
Charity No. 1173226

I report to the trustees of Thornhill Vineyard Church on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.

### **Respective responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the 2011 Act; and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145 (5) (b) of the Act.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Signed:

Date 17th October, 2020

John Robert Eke  
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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