

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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Registered 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

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Accountant

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present their report and accounts for the period ended 31 December 2022.

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 31st 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

As we approached this year as a Christian community we looked forward to the rhythm of the church year returning to normal, following the Pandemic and subsequent disruption. We also prepared for the Senior Pastors to have their first Sabbatical rest for 18 years.

Our small groups studied The Enneagram as a tool for Spiritual Growth at the start of the year, with other themes covered during the year being Silence and Solitude, Tennis and hospitality.

The Trellis connect groups continued to meet, in pairs, triads and quads, to provide pastoral support and sharing lives as members continued to seek accountability in their practical following of Jesus with their lifestyles.

As a Church Community we continued to support and work together closely with other local Christian groups. Monty's Community Hub, St Christopher's Church, Southampton Vineyard Church and Thornhill Baptist Church.

Our membership of Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland continued with support from the Area Pastor's Group, Area Leaders and Regional Leaders. Our leaders attended the Vineyard Leadership Gathering, a Regional Pastor's retreat as well as various smaller gatherings for encouragement and prayer. We gladly join in with the VCUKI Mission Statement of "Extending God's Kingdom together, everywhere, in every way".

Our Sunday meeting rhythm continues to be twice a month Sunday meetings in a hired school hall and two, or three Sundays a month meeting in the community. We enjoyed a season of prayer walks around the estate of Thornhill, as well as meeting in homes, picnics, BBQs and walks on the beach. We are always careful to make sure whatever we do is wheelchair accessible.

The year has seen a huge effort at renewing the community allotment that we facilitate for the community to use. Taking the opportunity of a main volunteer moving on, we put several days of work and finances into overhauling the growing spaces, water buttes and paths.

In May we enjoyed renewing our acquaintance with Downton Baptist Church as we returned for our Church Camping Weekend in their grounds. It is always a highlight of our year to gather outdoors, enjoying food and fun, games, crafts and fireside singing. It is a great event to extend our church family with friends and wider community.

We continued to co-lead the monthly Encounter Youth service for secondary age young people, alongside Thornhill Baptist Church. Several Church youth groups were regular through the year, with great times of worship, prayer, games, prayer stations, discussions, teaching and ministry prayer.

Our Senior Pastors were on Sabbatical for August, September and October. Taking a break and renewing themselves in Christ outside of their identity as leaders. Significant relationships were built up with the Pilsdon Community in Dorset and the Anglican Pioneering communities in Poole.

During the summer school holidays, several of our young people enjoyed the Hilfield Youth Camp held at Hilfield Friary. As well as all the fun activities, the young people join in with daily worship with the brothers and get to take it in turns to lead their own worship. In this extended time of sharing with peers, many of the young people grow in faith.

It was another successful year for our 'Carols on the Green' event, run by the three churches on Thornhill Estate. We saw an increase in local families and other members of the general Thornhill Community attending and joining in with the festive celebrations.

Our overseas Mission links with Bethesda Children's home in Tamil Nadu, India, have remained strong with 5% of church income supporting their work, as well as church members sponsoring

individual themselves. While we have not had a short-term mission trip for 3 years now, we have kept in touch regularly with Pastor Sam and his family. We partner with the "Bethesda Children's Foundation" a UK charity in their support for this excellent Christian ministry.

We look forward to seeing what the Lord has for us next year.

Blessings,

Duncan House

Financial review

Financially the charity is secure. During the period the company experienced a deficit of £4,493 which has been taken from reserves. This deficit is the result of planned expenditure relating to the sabbatical of the senior pastor which he took in this financial year.

The unrestricted fund balance of £23,337 exceeds the reserves policy of between three and six months' expenditure as agreed by the trustees.

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

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: 19/10/2023

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Statement of Financial Activities (Receipts and Payments Accounts)
For the Year ended 31st December 2022

	Note	General Funds £	Designated Sabbatical Funds	Total Funds year ended 31st December 2022	Total Funds year ended 31st December 2021 £
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary Income	2	£34,966		£34,966	£33,608
Resources expended					
Resources expended	3	£39,459		£39,459	£26,085
Net Income		-£4,493		-£4,493	£7,523
Transfer of funds		£1,870	-£1,870	£0	
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds brought forward		£25,960	£4,536	£30,496	£22,973
Total Funds carried forward		£23,337	£2,666	£26,003	£30,496

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2022

	Notes	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-21
Current Assets		£	£
Debtors and Prepayments	7	£5,116	£9,876
Cash at bank and in hand		£20,887	£20,620
		<u>£26,003</u>	<u>£30,496</u>
Current Liabilities		£0	
Net Current Assets		<u>£26,003</u>	<u>£30,496</u>
Net Assets		<u>£26,003</u>	<u>£30,496</u>
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General Funds		£23,337	£25,960
Designated Funds		£2,666	£4,536
Total Charity Funds		<u>£26,003</u>	<u>£30,496</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



JOSHUA CRANDON

Chair of Trustees

Date: 19/10/2023

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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 8(1) 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

	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Dec 2022	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Dec 2021
	£	£
General Funds		
Donations	£34,096	£28,554
Event Income	£821	
Bank Interest	£49	
Gift Aid Tax reclaim		£5,054
	<u>£34,966</u>	<u>£33,608</u>

3 Total Resources Expended

		Total Funds Year Ended 31st Dec 2022	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Dec 2021
	Notes		
Charitable Activities			
Activities Undertaken Directly	4	£35,601	£23,570
Support Costs	5	£3,858	£2,515
		<u>£39,459</u>	<u>£26,085</u>

4 Activities Undertaken Directly

	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Dec 2022	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Dec 2021
Employee costs	£25,042	£18,038
Sunday Meeting costs	£1,722	£104
Meeting costs	£451	£597
Teaching Resources	£130	£300
Subscriptions	£500	£41
Events Costs	£1,400	£573
Gifts To Organisations	£3,036	£3,044
Support gifts to Individuals	£3,320	873
	<u>£35,601</u>	<u>£23,570</u>

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5 Support Costs

	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Dec 2022	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Dec 2021
Marketing Costs		£72
Telephone & Internet	£43	£43
Travel Costs	£91	
Conference Costs	£1,216	£180
Office costs	£132	£259
Book Keeping	£1,202	£1,032
Legal and Professional	£158	£333
Insurance	£365	£185
Bank charges and interest	£81	£96
Retreat Costs		£276
General Expenses		£39
Training Costs	£570	
	£3,858	£2,515

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 £20,541.53

7 Debtors and Prepayments

	31st Dec 2022	31st Dec 2021
Gift Aid owed	£5,116	£9,876
Current liability	£0	

8 Analysis of Funds

	2021	Income	Resources expended	As At Dec 31st 2022
General Funds	£30,496	£34,966	£39,459	£26,003

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9 Net Assets by fund

	Total Funds	Total Funds
	31st December	31st
	2022	December
	£	£
CAF Current Account	£11,202	£7,084
Sabbatical Account	£650	£4,536
Savings	£9,035	£9,000
Gift Aid Owed	£5,116	£9,876
	£26,003	£30,496

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Report 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 31st December, 2022

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 22nd October, 2023

John Robert Eke
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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