

**F R E E D M**  
VINEYARD



# TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT – FY 2025

**CHARITY NUMBER: 1184259**

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## Change Management

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# Charity Details

**Charity Name:** Freedom Vineyard Dartford

**Registration Number:** 1184259

**Registered Address:** 19 Carrington Road  
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**Trustees:** Michael Lopez (Chair)  
Sarah Creek  
Glen Geoffrey Blow

**Banking:** Co-operative Bank

**Independent Examiner:** J R Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE,  
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# Charity Management

The charity is managed in line with our constitution which was formed as a CIO on the 4th of July 2019.

The strategic direction for the charity is set by the Lead Pastors (one was also one of the Trustees at the close of the financial year).

Glen Blow has the specific responsibility to act as interim treasurer. Sarah Creek remains the Safeguarding Lead for the charity.

The trustees meet quarterly to review charity performance, operations, risk and finances.

At this stage in the charity's life, the trustees shall recruit new or additional trustees from within the membership of the Freedom Vineyard Dartford church community wherever possible. The trustees shall prayerfully consider future trustee(s), with a view based on:

- Their commitment to the life of the charity,
- skills/professional qualification and/or experience that can aid the charity,
- their character & temperament, and
- if two equally suitable candidates are in consideration for a single post, then the appointment that will increase overall trustee diversity will be strongly considered.

All trustees undergo enhanced DBS checks before appointment and annually thereafter.

# Activities, Objectives & Achievements

Freedom Vineyard saw significant growth and positive change during the fiscal year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

## Sunday Church

Sunday gatherings were one of the biggest changes during the year. The church moved venues in September to Leigh Academy, a primary school in York Road, Dartford. We also changed the meeting times so that the church gathered on Sunday mornings instead of early evening, with the addition of children's ministry (as well as continuing youth ministry). We saw an uptick in new joiners as we made this transition. Initially we met twice a month for a worship, team, childrens' and youth ministry, with an invitational café church on the second Sunday. This was an informal setting to gather together with no formal programme, but to spend time together and inviting friends who would not normally go to church. The fourth Sunday of the month was kept as a Scattered Sunday, as in previous years. However there was growing momentum which we wanted to activate, so by March, we replaced both the café church and Scattered Sundays, so that there was ministry every Sunday.

In addition to this growth, a new *location* was added in New Ash Green, a village 9 miles from Dartford. This location attracts around 20 people from the Village, and we meet for worship, teaching and childrens' ministry once per month. This group is growing, with new joiners each month. At the time of writing this report, we are currently working to develop leaders with a view to launching a site church model, with site pastors and the ability to conduct Sundays simultaneously in both sites.

## Wellbeing Groups

We continued to run wellbeing groups for the local community, open to everyone and completely free of charge. As usual, a breakfast was included to create a natural space for people to interact over some food, as an intentional way to help people relax and create connections. We had 5 guests complete the course that started in April, and 7 guests in the course that ran from November to Christmas.

As usual, the groups were well received, and positive feedback was given about the helpfulness of the groups.

## Alpha

The church also ran two Alpha courses in the year, again open to all and attended by a mix of church members and some guests. These courses were well received.

## Leadership & Strategy

Several individuals from our leadership team attended a two-day leadership conference entitled *Leaning In, Leading Out* hosted by Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland in April 2024. Members from the National Leadership Team presented sessions around various leadership and strategy topics, followed by practical workshops in our leadership team. We discussed each topic and made plans on how to implement within our local context.

The event was very useful as it gave our leadership team more exposure to national and local church leaders, as well as more envisioning and appreciation of church leadership.

## **DTI**

We again took a group of 8 young people to the national youth festival, *Dreaming the Impossible*, at the Staffordshire Showground. The week was very successful with the young people being encouraged in their faith and friendships built.

## **Leadership Development**

We took a number of our leaders to the Vineyard Leaders' Gathering in Trent Vineyard in April. Our leaders received input and training in a diverse range of topics, along with worship & ministry. The team were encouraged and motivated afresh to fulfil the vision of the church following the conference.

## **Regional Day**

The Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland movement hosted a London and Southeast region day in October. A number of key leaders attended the event and joined workshops related to preaching & teaching, childrens' and youth ministry and worship. There was positive feedback received from those that attended.

## **Small Groups**

We continue to run and expand our small groups' ministry. Ben Wallace, who heads up this ministry, has developed some excellent small group leaders' training resources and took the first cohort of new leaders through this training.

Vineyard Leaders' Gathering  
Regional Days  
Small Groups  
Growth

**Public Benefit:** The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities Freedom Vineyard should undertake.



# Financial Report

Please see the form CC16a for details of income and expenditure during the financial year.

Despite losing some major donors, voluntary donations rose 10.1% in the year reflecting the growth in attendance following the changes to Sunday worship

Expenditure has increased, mainly due to increased room rent, but in line with giving. In addition, we received over £17k in backdated Gift Aid payments, so our reserves are healthy, and the long-term financial stability of the charity is in good order.

## Reserves

The unrestricted reserves of Freedom Vineyard are £45,740 as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

## Funds Held as a Custodian Trustee

There are no funds held as a Custodian Trustee.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared as a Receipts and Payments account in accordance with section 133 of the Charities act 2011.

### Funds

Unrestricted Funds represent monies received that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for applications on the general purposes of Freedom Vineyard.

Signed  (Trustee)

Date: 21/10/2025

## **Freedom Vineyard Dartford**

### **Independent Examiner's Report To the Trustees of Freedom Vineyard Dartford**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Freedom Vineyard Dartford for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

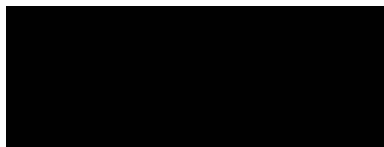
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### **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 Act or
- the accounts do 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.



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Date: 22 October 2025





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Freedom Vineyard Dartford

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## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

01/04/2024

To

31/03/2025

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary donations	27,147	-	-	27,147	25,067
Other income	1,515	-	-	1,515	1,563
Grant income	-	-	-	-	70
Gift Aid recovered	17,327	-	-	17,327	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>45,989</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,989</b>	<b>26,700</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>45,989</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,989</b>	<b>26,700</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Meeting room rent	5,243	-	-	5,243	2,195
Resources for smallgroups, kids and youth	2,162	-	-	2,162	1,932
Outreach and hospitality	2,740	-	-	2,740	3,354
Postage, stationary and software	1,919	-	-	1,919	1,294
Training and conferences incl. travel	4,907	-	-	4,907	4,517
Governance, insurance and licences	532	-	-	532	494
VCUK fees	900	-	-	900	200
Bookkeeping	1,065	-	-	1,065	960
Independent examination	720	-	-	720	540
Gifts - small items	130	-	-	130	133
Gift - Vineyard UK for DTI	-	-	-	-	750
Gifts - Innovista	-	-	-	-	2,500
Gift - New Avenues	-	-	-	-	1,200
Gift - Refocus Project	3,000	-	-	3,000	-
Gifts - Hardship relief	-	-	-	-	320
Gifts - Kintsugi Hope	180	-	-	180	240
Promotional	742	-	-	742	654
Equipment	605	-	-	605	37
Other expenditure	317	-	-	317	99
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>25,162</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,162</b>	<b>21,419</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Wireless Microphone system	849	-	-	849	299
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>299</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>26,011</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,011</b>	<b>21,718</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>19,978</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,978</b>	<b>4,982</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>25,762</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,762</b>	<b>20,780</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>45,740</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,740</b>	<b>25,762</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Co-operative Bank	45,667	-	-
	Monzo	73	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>45,740</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Initial PA setup (2019/20)	Unrestricted	1,767	-
	Video Projector (2021/22)	Unrestricted	1,048	-
	Laptop (2022/23)	Unrestricted	460	-
	Tent for youth camping (2023/24)	Unrestricted	299	-
	Wireless Microphone sets (2024/25)	Unrestricted	849	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Independent Examiner's fee	Unrestricted	780	

Signed by one or two trustees on  
behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval