

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Thetford Vineyard Church (Charity No. 1188794)
on the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees & Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 which would affect the figures below.

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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Kieran Kenny*

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3 December 2025

Thetford Vineyard Church
Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

Charity Registration Number:

1188794

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Thetford Vineyard Church

Legal and Administrative Information

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| Charity Registration Number | 1188794 |
| Date of Registration | 30 th March 2020 |
| Start of Financial Year | 1 st April 2024 |
| End of Financial Year | 31 st March 2025 |
| Trustees as of 31 st March 2022 | Lorraine Burke Matthew Bush Julie Allsopp |
| Governing Document | Constitution, last amended 30 th March 2020. |
| Additional Information | Thetford Vineyard Church is part of Vineyard Churches UK and Ireland (VCUKI). |
| Charitable Objects | <p>To advance the Christian religion for the public benefit in accordance with the statement of faith found in the governing document in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 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. |
| Registered Address | 29 Magdalen Street Thetford Norfolk IP24 2BP |
| Primary Bankers | Lloyds Bank 35 King Street Thetford IP24 2AX |

Thetford Vineyard Church

Trustees' Report

Activities and Performance

- **Growkids Thetford** - We have been based at the Growkids Family Lounge (53 York Way) for 2 and a half years. During this time we have offered a walk-in session every Tuesday and Friday morning; where families can come and browse the free clothes we have to offer, their children can play and we can offer them hot drinks, a chat and often prayer. We have continued to give out hundreds of bags of clothing free of charge to the community and are still well-supported through donations. The Growkids Grotto was a great success again this year, providing a free experience to see Santa, have a family photo and receive a small gift to around 100 children. Grants continue to come in from various funding bodies to support the work of Growkids and we are extremely grateful to them for this generosity.

Unfortunately, the degrading nature of the building we were renting at 53 York Way meant that since Dec 2024 we were working around roof leaks. Health and safety concerns meant that we could no longer allow people to be in the property. As a result, on 26th March 2025, we gave our notice as tenants. We are currently in the process of moving Growkids and associated compassion projects to an alternative space.

- **Sunday Gatherings** - We continue to rent the main dining hall at Norwich Road Primary Academy allowing us to host all of our Sunday gatherings from this location. This central, consistent location significantly increases our visibility as a Church, allowing those who wish to join us on Sunday easily find us. This agreement also means we have access to storage space and a separate venue for kids work (Vineyard Kids). We meet every 2 weeks to worship, listen to a talk from the bible and receive prayer.
- **Brunch Church** - Twice a month on a Sunday we meet at Norwich Road Primary Academy to share a brunch meal together. There are activities for children to participate in and for families to enjoy. This is our best attended event and serves as a good opportunity to welcome those who would otherwise be tentative to walk into a Church service.
- **Prayer** - We hold a weekly 30–40-minute prayer meeting called “The Lamp Room’ over zoom in which we pray for the town and listen for prophetic leading.
- **Mid-week Life Groups and other Groups** – Over the last year we have invested more deeply in weekly Life groups - places in which we spend time with each other and with God. Once a month we share a meal together in these groups, allowing us to strengthen authentic relationships

- **Men's Weekend Away** - For the second year in a row, we have joined together with other Vineyard Churches across East Anglia to host a men's weekend away. This was attended by almost 50 men at Sizewell Hall in Suffolk. There was a full programme of teaching and worship and lots of opportunities to socialise with one another. After lots of positive feedback, a team from Thetford Vineyard Church, Stour Valley Vineyard Church and Cambridge Vineyard Church are planning to host another weekend away in 2026.
- **Seasonal Events at Thetford Vineyard Church**
 - Wreath-making** As in previous years, we once again hosted a wreath-making event, this year at our regular Sunday venue at Norwich Road Academy. It was well attended with around 45 participants, many of whom were new to us.
 - Carol and Christingle Service** The carol service this year was 'Christingle' themed - a family service with activities, a talk and worship songs intermixed. The whole church community joined in and made their Christingles. This was a joyful event.
 - Mothers' Day** This year Mothers' Day, we celebrated by purchasing bunches of daffodils and chocolate bars. The children participated in some craft for special women in their lives, and then were asked to give out the flowers and chocolates to all the women in the room. It was a very special and meaningful event, especially for those women who didn't have their own families with them.

Financial Review

- Total income during the financial year ending 31st March 2025 was £51,920.43 (£28401.18 General - Unrestricted and £23519.25 Growkids - Restricted)
- £4108.14 Gift-Aid was claimed during the reporting period
- During the reporting period, several grants were awarded to fund the work of Growkids Thetford
 - £3,000 was awarded by the Paul Bassham Charitable Trust
 - £5,000 was awarded by the Norfolk Community Foundation (Breckland Council Match Funding)
 - £2,000 was awarded by the Norfolk Community Foundation (Surviving Winter Community Hot-Spot Fund)
 - £5,000 was awarded by Thetford Town Council
 - £500 was awarded by Growbaby International
 - £3,500 was awarded by TESCO
 - £2,000 was awarded by Cynthia Della Hoy's Croxton Charity
 - £1,525.40 was awarded by Roys of Thetford
- Total expenditure during the financial year ending 31st March 2025 was £46694.06 represented by £32065.48 (General - Unrestricted) and 14628.58 (Growkids - Restricted)
- Thetford Vineyard Church employed four members of staff throughout the reporting period. Two staff members (Kate Jones - Growkids Manager and Sarah Leggett - Growkids Assistant Manager) were paid from the Growkids - Restricted fund. In the reporting period, Growkids staff costs from the Restricted fund were £7,535.24
- Victoria Bush was paid from the General - Unrestricted fund as a Senior Pastor. From May 2024, Matthew Bush was also paid from the General - Unrestricted fund as a Senior Pastor. In the reporting period, Thetford Vineyard Church staff costs from the General fund were £12,805.00
- Thetford Vineyard Church is committed to distribute its income to causes outside of its immediate interests. In the reporting period, we made gifts to Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland (£1000 offering at the Vineyard Leaders Gathering; £1,547.01 tithe representing 5% of Unrestricted income), Eastpoint Vineyard Church (£2000) and The Engine Room at the Charles Burrell Centre (£1,714.99). In total these gifts amounted to £6,262.
- Thetford Vineyard Church finished the year ending 31st March 2025 with Net Current Assets of £67,705.73 (£66,935.84 cash)

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | Total £ | Prior Year £ |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Incoming Resources | | | | |
| Donations & Legacies | 28226.29 | 900 | 29126.29 | 31540.16 |
| Charitable Activities | 174.89 | 22619.25 | 22794.14 | 13001.28 |
| Total incoming resources | 28401.18 | 23519.25 | 51920.43 | 44541.44 |
| Resources Used | | | | |
| Charitable Activities | 32065.48 | 14628.58 | 46694.06 | 37453.26 |
| Total resources used | 32065.48 | 14628.58 | 46694.06 | 37453.26 |
| Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before transfers) | -3664.3 | 8890.67 | 5226.37 | 7088.18 |
| Fund Transfers In | 0 | 445 | 445 | 0 |
| Fund Transfers Out | 445 | 0 | 445 | 0 |
| Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before gains/losses) | -4109.3 | 9335.67 | 5226.37 | 7088.18 |
| Investment Gains (or Losses) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before Asset Revaluation) | -4109.3 | 9335.67 | 5226.37 | 7088.18 |
| Asset Revaluation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Movement of Funds | -4109.3 | 9335.67 | 5226.37 | 7088.18 |
| Total Funds Brought Forward | 65933.05 | -3453.69 | 62479.36 | 55391.18 |
| Total Funds Carried Forward | 61823.75 | 5881.98 | 67705.73 | 62479.36 |
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| Represented By | | | | |
| General (Unrestricted) | 61823.75 | 0 | 61823.75 | 65933.05 |
| Growkids (Restricted) | 0 | 5881.98 | 5881.98 | -3008.69 |
| Hardship Fund (Restricted) | 0 | 0 | 0 | -445 |

Trial Balance

For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

| Account | Debit £ | Credit £ |
|---|----------|----------|
| Assets | | |
| Thetford Vineyard Church | 66935.84 | |
| Fixed Assets | 339.43 | |
| Liabilities | | |
| Accounts Payable | | -430.46 |
| Income | | |
| General (Unrestricted): Donations: One Off Gifts | | 20 |
| General (Unrestricted): Donations: Regular Donations | | 24192 |
| General (Unrestricted): Gift Aid: Gift Aid | | 4014.29 |
| General (Unrestricted): Other Income: Other | | 174.89 |
| Growkids (Restricted): Dontations: One Off Gifts | | 900 |
| Growkids (Restricted): Gift Aid: Gift Aid | | 93.85 |
| Growkids (Restricted): Other Income: Other | | 22525.4 |
| Expenditure | | |
| General (Unrestricted): Admin: Accounting | 202.77 | |
| General (Unrestricted): Admin: Equipment & Consumables | 3584.35 | |
| General (Unrestricted): Admin: Insurance | 246.5 | |
| General (Unrestricted): Admin: Licences | 1367.7 | |
| General (Unrestricted): Admin: Refreshments and Food | 175.73 | |
| General (Unrestricted): Admin: Safeguarding | 1231.47 | |
| General (Unrestricted): Building: Rent | 3025 | |
| General (Unrestricted): Comms: Design & Print | 55.84 | |
| General (Unrestricted): Community and Outreach: Vineyard Kids | 234.38 | |
| General (Unrestricted): Community and Outreach: Youth | 808.7 | |
| General (Unrestricted): Compassion: Other | 25 | |
| General (Unrestricted): Gift: Other | 4754.99 | |
| General (Unrestricted): Gift: Tithe | 1547.01 | |

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| General (Unrestricted): Staffing: Salary | 12805 | |
| General (Unrestricted): Staffing: Training | 2001.04 | |
| Growkids (Restricted): Compassion: Growkids - staff | 7635.24 | |
| Growkids (Restricted): Compassion: Growkids- Other | 1398.83 | |
| Growkids (Restricted): Compassion: Growkids- Rent | 5594.51 | |
| Net Gains (or Loses) | | |
| Investments | | |
| Reserves | | |
| Cumulative Total of Reserves up until end of last financial year | | 62479.36 |
| Cumulative Asset Revaluation | | |
| TOTAL | 113969.33 | 113969.33 |

Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

| | Total £ | Prior Year £ |
|---|-----------|--------------|
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash | 66,935.84 | 62,756.23 |
| Accounts Receivable | 0 | 0 |
| Prepayments | 0 | 0 |
| Non-Current Assets | | |
| Fixed Assets | 339.43 | 339.43 |
| Investments | 0 | 0 |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accounts Payable | -430.46 | 616.3 |
| Non-Current Liabilities | | |
| Net Current Assets | 67,366.30 | 62,139.93 |
| | | |
| Total Net Assets (Assets Minus Liabilities) | 67,705.73 | 62,479.36 |
| Represented By | | |
| General (Unrestricted) | 61,823.75 | 65,933.05 |
| Growkids (Restricted) | 5,881.98 | -3,008.69 |
| Hardship Fund (Restricted) | 0 | -445 |

Notes to the Accounts

GIFT-AID As a registered charity, Thetford Vineyard Church is eligible to claim Gift-Aid. In the financial year ending 31st March 2025, £4108.14 Gift-Aid was claimed from HMRC.

PAYMENTS TO SENIOR PASTORS AND TRUSTEES Victoria Bush, a senior pastor of Thetford Vineyard Church has been paid as a Senior Pastor for 10 hours per week at a rate of £7800 per annum. From May 2024, Matthew Bush, a senior pastor of Thetford Vineyard Church has been paid as a Senior Pastor for 7 hours per week at a rate of £5096 per annum.

Trustees are currently unpaid. No other payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

RISK ASSESSMENT The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

RESERVES POLICY The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its' charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

PUBLIC BENEFIT The charity acknowledges its' requirement to demonstrate clearly that It must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

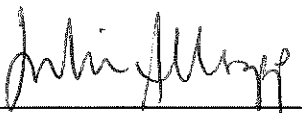
The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees
on 31/10/25 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Lorraine Burke (Chair of Trustees)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Matthew Bush', written over a horizontal line.

Matthew Bush (Trustee)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Julie Allsopp', written over a horizontal line.

Julie Allsopp (Trustee)