

THE POTTERIES VINEYARD CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1200283

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-09-05

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO ATTACHED IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM 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.

Activities: The Potteries Vineyard Church is a Christian church affiliated to Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland. The charity operates principally to promote Christianity and to support the local community of Stoke-on-Trent and the surrounding region.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Stoke-on-trent City

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £53,671 | £46,929 | - | - |
| 2024-03-31 | £29,265 | £14,899 | - | - |
| 2023-03-31 | £0 | £0 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Elizabeth Amy James | Chair | 2022-09-05 |
| Dr CLAIRE ADEBOLANLE BANKOLE | | 2022-09-05 |
| Ruth Deborah Jeffery | | 2022-09-05 |

THE POTTERIES VINEYARD CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1200283

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/04/2024** To **31/03/2025**

Charity name: The Potteries Vineyard Church

Charity registration number: 1200283

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | <p>The objects of the CIO are:</p> <p>To advance the Christian religion for the public benefit in accordance with the Statement of Faith in the Schedule hereto attached 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. |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | <p>The church continued to meet for Sunday services at Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy twice a month, moving to three times a month in January 2025, meaning that a gathering of some sort was provided every Sunday from this point. The provision for children at Sunday gathering was developed by increasing the team so that parents and carers no longer needed to attend with their children. The church's monthly outreaches - a Lego Club (Brick Club) and an Arts and Craft club (True Colours) continued to meet on the first Sunday of the month in local community venues. Weekly life groups continued in homes. The church partnered with local</p> |

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| | | charities to gather donations of food, chocolates, and pampering gifts throughout the year, which were passed on to local people supported by the charities (Affordable Food Stoke, and Whispers of Hope). The church also began a partnership with Kids Matter and St Paul's CE Primary School, with volunteers from the church providing a parenting programme to parents from the school community. |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | SORP reference | |
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| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | All activities have been organised and delivered by volunteers. For most this has involved a regular commitment of volunteer time once or more per month and volunteers have used a wide range of skills including hospitality, music, catering, artistic, public speaking, welcome and more. The church began to employ one part-time staff member (11 hours per week) from January 2025, and all other activities are run and delivered by volunteers. |

Achievements and Performance

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20 | This year the church has continued to gather a growing number of people, with around 30 people being part of the church community in March 2024, increasing to around 40 people by March 2025. Across monthly, seasonal and one-off outreach events the church connected with over 700 local people. The church's worship and discipleship activities have provided opportunities for people to explore and grow in spirituality, with 2 people being baptised in February 2024. The church has served the wider community by donating items and gathering to fill 'Bags of Kindness' at Christmas 2024. These were donated to women who had experienced domestic abuse, via another local charity, 'Whispers of Hope'. The church was also given a donation of 396 advent calendars and 396 Easter eggs, which were then given out to local children through schools, other charities, and community groups. In December 2024 the church organised an outreach event hosted at a local pub which included times of |

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| | | <p>singing, food and drink, and the opportunity to think about faith at Christmas. This was very well received by those attending and the team at the pub. All outreach activities have been offered free of charge to the local community and offered opportunities to have fun, build social connections, and explore spirituality and faith. The church also ran regular teaching and preaching workshops, and a 'Leadership Essentials' course, offering volunteers the chance to learn and develop their skills and leadership.</p> |
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| <p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p> | <p>Para 1.41</p> | <p>The church has been successful in raising funds through donation and income has exceeded expenditure, allowing for the purchase of equipment and renting of venues needed for activities and services. The end of year reflects a surplus, which will allow for the building up of reserves and investment in future projects and growth.</p> |
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Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | The charity's income exceeded its expenditure, with a total surplus of £6741.74. After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and they expect to adopt the going concern basis in the next financial period. |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | The charity intends to hold an amount equal to the average expenditure for 3 calendar months in reserve, so that any planned payments can still be made in event of a reduction in income. |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | At the end of this financial year, the charity currently has £21,108.00 held in reserve. The trustees will continue to ensure that the charity holds reserves equivalent to 3 months expenditure for the coming financial year, monitoring income and expenditure as the charity continues to grow and develop its work. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | The charity's principal source of funds is donation from private persons who consider themselves members of the church, and some outside supporters. |
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Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | The charity's governing document is a trust deed, prepared with support from Trust Advice. |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | The Potteries Vineyard Church is a CIO. |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | A new trustee may be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed at a meeting of Trustees at which there is a majority of the Trustees present and such resolution shall be recorded in the minutes and signed by the new Trustee and by the chairman of the meeting and such records shall be conclusive evidence of his / her appointment. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | <p>The day-to-day management of the church and activities are delegated to our Senior Pastors, Jonny & Libby James, who are also trustees.</p> <p>The Potteries Vineyard Church is a member of Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland, (Charity No. 1099748) which functions as a resource for similar churches. In particular, they provide significant resources, training and pastoral oversight. Membership also allows Jonny & Libby to be licensed accredited pastors who have a right to use the trademarked "Vineyard" name. The association provides pastoral care for the Senior Pastors and family, and an external reference concerning church affairs and doctrine. The Potteries Vineyard Church will grant 5% of its annual unrestricted income to Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland each year.</p> |
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Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | The Potteries Vineyard Church |
| Other name the charity uses | |
| Registered charity number | 1200283 |
| Charity's principal address | 8 Spratslade Drive, Stoke-on-Trent, ST3 4DZ |

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year |
|---------------------|------------------------|--|
| Elizabeth James | | |
| Jonathan James | | 01/04/2024 - 01/11/2025 |
| Ruth Jeffery | Chair, Treasurer | |
| Claire Bankole | | |

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature E A James

Full Name Elizabeth Amy James

Position Chair

Date 23/01/25

Profit and Loss

The Potteries Vineyard Church

April 1, 2024-March 31, 2025

| DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT | TOTAL |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Income | |
| Gift Aid received from HMRC | 3,714.61 |
| One off gift | 15,221.00 |
| Regular Giving | 34,735.00 |
| Total for Income | £53,670.61 |
| Gross Profit | £53,670.61 |
| Expenses | |
| Bank Service Charges | 4.95 |
| Charitable Donations | £250.00 |
| Charities giving | 100.00 |
| VCUKI Giving | 3,153.70 |
| Total for Charitable Donations | £3,503.70 |
| EMPLOYMENT | |
| Employers NI | 0.00 |
| Staff Costs | 1,280.88 |
| STAFF - Elizabeth James | 2,607.69 |
| Training | 188.50 |
| Total for EMPLOYMENT | £4,077.07 |
| Equipment and Storage | 816.55 |
| Events | 2,017.07 |
| Licences and Insurance | 1,751.66 |
| Marketing and Publicity | 39.45 |
| Ministries | 2,100.54 |
| Office and Admin | £3,906.67 |
| Software and Subscriptions | 257.98 |
| Total for Office and Admin | £4,164.65 |
| Outreach | 2,435.79 |
| Sundays | 25,715.96 |
| Travel | 84.60 |
| Worship Expenses | 216.88 |
| Total for Expenses | £46,928.87 |
| Net Operating Income | £6,741.74 |
| Net Other Income | |
| Net Income | £6,741.74 |



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
THE POTTERIES VINEYARD CHURCH

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31ST MARCH 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1200283

Set out on pages

N/A

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

S. M. F. L. II

Date:

16/01/26

Name:

Steve Mitchell

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

CIMA cert BA

Address:

8 Harcourt Drive

Earley, Reading,

RG6 5TJ

THE POTTERIES VINEYARD CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1200283

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2023 To 31/03/2024

Charity name: The Potteries Vineyard Church

Charity registration number: 1200283

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | <p>The objects of the CIO are:</p> <p>To advance the Christian religion for the public benefit in accordance with the Statement of Faith in the Schedule hereto attached 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. |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | <p>The start-up phase of the church continued on from the work done in 2022 and early 2023. Weekly life groups, and monthly Sunday services continued to be hosted in Jonny & Libby's home until May 2023. At this point an additional weekly life group was hosted in the home of volunteers from the church, and led by other volunteers. The numbers attending Sunday services became too big for a home setting so services moved to rented venues, first in the bar and hall of Powerleague Stoke from June-August 2023, then in the theatre space of Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy from September 2023 onward. When moving to the Academy Sunday services began to take place twice a</p> |

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| | | month. From January 2023 this also included the provision of separate activities for children and their carers for part of the gathering. The church's first monthly outreach, a Lego Club (Brick Club) continued to meet in a local cafe, and an additional outreach, an Arts and Craft club (True Colours) began meeting in November 2023 in a rented meeting room. |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | SORP reference | |
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| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | All activities have been organised and delivered by volunteers. For most this has involved a regular commitment of volunteer time once or more per month and volunteers have used a wide range of skills including hospitality, music, catering, artistic, public speaking, welcome and more. |

Achievements and Performance

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20 | This year the church has successfully gathered a growing number of people, with 15-18 people regularly attending gatherings for worship, discipleship and Christian community in March 2023, increasing to an average of 25-30 people by March 2024. Brick Club and True Colours have created opportunities for evangelism and outreach, with a number of those attending being from outside the church community. The church has also provided opportunities to serve the wider community by collecting donated items and gathering to fill 'Bags of Kindness' at Christmas 2023. These were donated to women who had experienced domestic abuse, via another local charity, 'Whispers of Hope'. The church was also given a donation of 396 advent calendars which were then given out to local children through schools, other charities, and community groups. In March 2023 the church hosted a stall at the local carnival known as the 'Pig Walk' offering free activities including the chance to build something with Lego, a free-to-play tombola, and art activities. In December 2023 and in March 2024 the church organised outreach events hosted at a local pub which included times of singing, food |

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| | | <p>and drink, and the opportunity to think about faith at Christmas and Easter. These were very well received by those attending and the team at the pub. All outreach activities have been offered free of charge to the local community and offered opportunities to have fun, build social connections, and explore spirituality and faith. The church also began running a series of teaching and preaching workshops in September 2023 offering people the opportunity to develop their public speaking gifts and knowledge and understanding of the Bible, and a team known as 'The Engine Room' was formed in January 2024 offering volunteers the chance to lead others and organise teams and events within the church community.</p> |
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| <p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p> | <p>Para 1.41</p> | <p>The charity opened a bank account with Lloyds bank in September 2023 and began accepting financial donations. Members of the church began donating regularly and the church also received a one-off donation from another Vineyard church wishing to support church-planting. The church has been very successful in raising funds through donation and income has exceeded expenditure, allowing for the purchase of equipment and renting of venues needed for activities and services.</p> |
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Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | The charity's income exceeded its expenditure, with a total surplus of £14366.26 After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and they expect to adopt the going concern basis in the next financial period. |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | The charity intends to hold an amount equal to the average expenditure for 3 calendar months in reserve, so that any planned payments can still be made in event of a reduction in income. |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | The charity has not formally held reserves over this financial year but has had a significant financial surplus throughout the financial year with income being almost double expenditure. With this reserve informally built up, the charity intends to hold reserves equivalent to 3 months expenditure for the coming financial year. |

Additional information (optional)

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | The charity's principal source of funds is donation from private persons who consider themselves members of the church, and some outside supporters. |
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Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | The charity's governing document is a trust deed, prepared with support from Trust Advice. |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | The Potteries Vineyard Church is a CIO. |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | A new trustee may be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed at a meeting of Trustees at which there is a majority of the Trustees present and such resolution shall be recorded in the minutes and signed by the new Trustee and by the chairman of the meeting and such records shall be conclusive evidence of his / her appointment. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | <p>The day-to-day management of the church and activities are delegated to our Senior Pastors, Jonny & Libby James, who are also trustees.</p> <p>The Potteries Vineyard Church is a member of Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland, (Charity No. 1099748) which functions as a resource for similar churches. In particular, they provide significant resources, training and pastoral oversight. Membership also allows Jonny & Libby to be licensed accredited pastors who have a right to use the trademarked "Vineyard" name. The association provides pastoral care for the Senior Pastors and family, and an external reference concerning church affairs and doctrine. The Potteries Vineyard Church will grant 5% of its annual unrestricted income to Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland each year.</p> |
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| Registered charity number | 1200283 |
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year |
|------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Elizabeth James | Chair | |
| Jonathan James | | |
| Ruth Jeffery | | |
| Claire Bankole | | |

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature E A James

Full Name Elizabeth Amy James

Position Chair

Date 30/01/2024

The Potteries Vineyard Church

Profit and Loss

April 2023 - March 2024

| | TOTAL |
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| Income | |
| One off gift | 3,130.00 |
| Regular Giving | 26,135.00 |
| Total Income | £29,265.00 |
| Expenses | |
| Bank Service Charges | 1.99 |
| Equipment and Storage | 2,262.83 |
| Events | 3,310.00 |
| Licences and Insurance | 764.21 |
| Ministries | 286.42 |
| Office and Admin | 1,918.04 |
| Outreach | 44.80 |
| Staff Costs | 0.00 |
| Training | 244.00 |
| Total Staff Costs | 244.00 |
| Sundays | 5,284.47 |
| Worship Expenses | 781.98 |
| Total Expenses | £14,898.74 |
| NET OPERATING INCOME | £14,366.26 |
| NET INCOME | £14,366.26 |



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
The Potteries Vineyard Church

On accounts for the year ended

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| 31 st March 2024 | Charity no (if any) | 1200283 |
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Set out on pages

1&2. QB Profit and Loss (Period: 1st April - 31st March 2024) and QB Balance Sheet (As at 31st March 2024)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2024**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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Independent examiner's statement

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

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| Signed: | | Date: | 15 / 01 / 2025 |
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Name: Stephen Mitchell

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

CIMA cert BA

Address: 8 Harcourt Drive, Earley, Reading, RG6 5TJ

THE POTTERIES VINEYARD CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1200283

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 05/09/2022 To 31/03/2023

Charity name: The Potteries Vineyard Church

Charity registration number: 1200283

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| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | <p>The Potteries Vineyard was planted out of Network Vineyard Church (Reading, Berkshire) when Jonny & Libby James were released to relocate to Stoke-on-Trent and begin gathering a team to launch a new church in June 2022. Prior to the launch of The Potteries Vineyard as a CIO Jonny & Libby had already started to meet with people individually and gather a team which at the point of the founding of the CIO (05/09/2022) consisted of 11 individuals. The plan was for Jonny & Libby to host any activities of the church in their home initially, while continuing to gather those called to help see this new church become established.</p> |

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| | | Our start-up phase continued through the remainder of 2022 and early 2023 where Jonny & Libby hosted regular informal gatherings, sharing our story and vision for the church, and inviting others to join us. The church was officially commissioned by Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland on 12th February 2023 and locally this was celebrated with a launch party that was made open to members of the public, with around 60 people attending. Following the public launch a number of other individuals began to inquire about the church and attend gatherings. Weekly life groups, and monthly Sunday services continue to be hosted in Jonny & Libby's home, and the church's first monthly outreach, a Lego Club (Brick Club) met for the first time on 5th March 2023 in a local cafe. The intention is to continue with outreach and invitation, and to move Sunday services to a public venue once the numbers gathering exceed capacity in a home setting. |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | During the initial phase of gathering all activities have been organised and delivered by volunteers, initially taking roles such as offering hospitality, inviting people to and sharing information about the church's activities. At the launch party activities were organised and supervised by volunteers and included a range of games, creative activities and food and drink. Volunteers have begun to commit to volunteering on a monthly basis to support the new Brick Club, as well as to lead sung worship in gatherings. |
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Achievements and Performance

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| | SORP reference | |
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| <p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p> | <p>Para 1.20</p> | <p>In its first few months the church has successfully gathered an initial group of people, with 15-18 people regularly attending gatherings for worship, discipleship and Christian community as of March 2023. The launch party and Brick Club have created opportunities for evangelism and outreach, with a number of those attending being from outside the church community. The church has also provided opportunities to serve the wider community by collecting donated items and gathering to fill 'Bags of Kindness' at Christmas 2022. These were donated to women who had experienced domestic abuse, via local charities that were supporting them.</p> |
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| <p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p> | <p>Para 1.41</p> | <p>During this phase the trustees have also been seeking to set up the charity's bank account and this process has been frustrated by administrative mistakes on the part of two banks. This has meant that the charity has not been able to fundraise, and has had no income during this period. As most activities have taken place in Jonny & Libby's home during this phase there have not been costs to the charity. For the launch party and Brick Club costs have been covered primarily by Jonny & Libby, with use of funds they would choose to give to the CIO once the bank account was available, and by donations of items (such as Lego) from people wishing to support the church's activity.</p> |
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Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | At the end of the period the charity is still in the process of opening a bank account and therefore has no income or expenditure to report. |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | The trustees intend to hold reserves and establish a policy for doing so once the charity has a bank account and is able to receive income. |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | The charity does not currently hold any reserves. |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | Reserves are not held because of the delay in establishing a bank account. |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | The financial status of the charity is neutral as there has been neither income nor expenditure in this period. |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | A number of those who have joined the church have stated their intention to give funds regularly once the bank account is established. Therefore, after making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and they expect to adopt the going concern basis in the next financial period. |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | The charity's governing document is a trust deed, prepared with support from Trust Advice. |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | The Potteries Vineyard Church is a CIO. |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | A new trustee may be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed at a meeting of Trustees at which there is a majority of the Trustees present and such resolution shall be recorded in the minutes and signed by the new Trustee and by the chairman of the meeting and such records shall be conclusive evidence of his / her appointment. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | <p>The day-to-day management of the church and activities are delegated to our Senior Pastors, Jonny & Libby James, who are also trustees.</p> <p>The Potteries Vineyard Church is a member of Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland, (Charity No. 1099748) which functions as a resource for similar churches. In particular, they provide significant resources, training and pastoral oversight. Membership also allows Jonny & Libby to be licensed accredited pastors who have a right to use the trademarked "Vineyard" name. The association provides pastoral care for the Senior Pastors and family, and an external reference concerning church affairs and doctrine. The Potteries Vineyard Church will grant 5% of its annual unrestricted income to Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland each year.</p> |
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Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | The Potteries Vineyard Church |
| Other name the charity uses | |
| Registered charity number | 1200283 |
| Charity's principal address | 8 Spratslade Drive, Stoke-on-Trent, ST3 4DZ |

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year |
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| 1 | Elizabeth James | Chair | |
| 2 | Jonathan James | | |
| 3 | Ruth Jeffery | | |
| 4 | Claire Bankole | | |

Other optional information

There are no financial accounts available for this period as the charity has not been able to open a bank account, due to several administrative errors on the part of two banks during the accounts application process. The Potteries Vineyard Church therefore reports no income and no expenditure for this period.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature E A James

Full Name Elizabeth Amy James

Position Chair

Date 03/05/2024