



The Vine Church Bristol
Registered Charity No. 1206529
Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended 11 January 2025

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1. Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity Name: The Vine Church Bristol

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Trustees:

- **Neilon Rocha** – Chair
- **Bruno Tonheta** – Trustee
- **Sancho Caayao** – Trustee

Governing Document:

The Vine Church Bristol is a **Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)** governed by its Constitution, adopted under the Foundation model.

Charitable Objects:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith through the proclamation and teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs.
2. The prevention or relief of poverty by providing grants, items, and services to individuals in need and/or to charities or organisations working to relieve poverty.
3. The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the charity commission's guidance on public benefit when carrying out the charity's aims.

2. History and Background

The Vine Church Bristol began in 2019, when a small group of families started meeting in a home for prayer and fellowship. During that early period, several baptisms were held privately within homes, reflecting the close family nature of the church in its formative stage.

In **February 2020**, the church held its **first Encounter Weekend** with 15 participants, marking the start of its ministry in Bristol.

The church initially met in a venue kindly made available by one of the trustees for worship services and discipleship meetings.

At that time, he was not yet a trustee of the church. He later joined the board of trustees after The Vine Church Bristol was formally constituted as a registered charity, ensuring full transparency and governance compliance.

When the **COVID-19 pandemic** struck, the church adapted quickly, moving to online gatherings and small group meetings. On **13 December 2020**, The Vine Church Bristol celebrated its **first public baptisms**, a milestone symbolising growth and perseverance.

In **December 2021**, the church moved to **Evangel Mission**, a property owned by Light for the Nations. The Vine Church Bristol rents the premises from **Light for the Nations** and remains grateful for their flexibility and support as a landlord, which has enabled the continuation of regular worship and community activities in a stable environment.

In addition to being our landlord, **Light for the Nations kindly provided a Welfare Fund**, designated to assist families experiencing hardship. This generous support enabled The Vine Church Bristol to extend practical help to those in need within our congregation and local community, reflecting our shared compassion for people facing difficult times.

The **rent increased significantly in 2024**, creating financial pressure for the church. To remain in the same venue and continue serving the community, the church sublet part of the space to help cover expenses.

Although **rent remains a considerable burden** on our finances, we continue to trust god for provision and sustainability, and we are grateful for the understanding of our partners.

3. Structure, Governance and Management

The Vine Church Bristol operates within The Vine Church Network, a family of churches across the world committed to advancing the Christian faith and serving local communities through Life Groups, training leaders and empowering every believer to fulfil their calling in their generation.

The church is governed by its trustees and supported by volunteer leaders who oversee various ministries including worship, Life Groups, children and youth work, evangelism and community engagement.

Regular meetings ensure accountability, proper use of resources and alignment with the charity's objectives and vision to preach the gospel of grace and make disciples.

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the charity commission's guidance on public benefit when establishing the structure and governance of the charity.

4. Objectives and Activities

The purpose of the charity is to:

- **Advance the Christian faith**, and
- **Relieve poverty and distress** within the local community.

These purposes are achieved through:

- Weekly **worship services** and pastoral care.
- **Five life groups** (three for adults/youth and two for children).
- **Encounter Weekends** and **Impact** evangelistic campaigns.
- **Leadership and Spiritual Maturity Courses** to equip new leaders.
- **Children's and youth ministry**, with teaching and discipleship.
- **Prayer and fasting campaigns**, held twice yearly.
- **Community outreach events**, including *Light Party* and *Harvest Celebration*.
- Providing **Welfare support** to families in crisis.

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the charity commission's guidance on public benefit in planning and carrying out these activities.

5. Achievements and Performance (2022–2025)

2022 – A Year of Growth and Renewal

The year 2022 marked a season of consolidation and renewed strength for The Vine Church Bristol. After the challenges of the pandemic, the church continued to grow in unity and maturity.

- On 10 July 2022, seven believers were baptised, celebrating their new life in Christ.
- The church also resumed its Encounter Weekends, providing members with a time of deep spiritual renewal.
- Children's ministry and life groups were restructured, ensuring that every generation could grow in the Word and be discipled.

This period laid a new foundation for ministry following the uncertainties of the previous years.

2023 – Strengthening the Foundations

The year 2023 was marked by discipleship, prayer, and the strengthening of leadership.

- 21 March 2023, the church held a 21-day fasting and prayer campaign based on “The Royal Priesthood”, which helped members rediscover their identity before God.
- Two baptism services were held one on 28 May 2023, where three believers were baptised, and another on 3 December 2023, where six more followed Christ in baptism.
- On 2 July 2023, a new group of students graduated from the Spiritual Maturity Course, equipping them to live out their faith practically.
- In May 2023, Impact gathered 17 new participants, followed by an Encounter Weekend with 26 attendees, leading to genuine testimonies of repentance and transformation.
- The Light Party outreach on 31 October 2023 brought hope to local families, reaching over 30 people with the gospel.

2023 was a defining year for deepening discipleship and developing leaders.

2024 – Expansion, Vision, and Multiplication

The year 2024 was a milestone year of multiplication and vision across all ministries.

- On 24 August 2024, the youth conference “Summer Party” brought together 37 young people, sparking a movement of revival among the generation Z.
- On 28 July 2024, seven believers were baptised, followed by four more on 15 December 2024, as the church continued to witness steady growth.
- In October 2024, The Vine Church Bristol hosted the Night of Hope, a gathering of around 60 people, inspiring many to recommit their lives to Christ.
- The church took part in the Pentecost Conference (June 2024) in Swindon, joining over 300 people from Vine churches across the UK,
- The Fasting Campaign “The Paradigm of Grace” (September 2024) helped the church rediscover the transforming power of God’s grace.
- Two Encounters for children (ages 4–7) reached over 40 participants, teaching young hearts to hear and follow God’s voice.
- The Harvest Celebration on 29 August 2024 gathered around 60 attendees, celebrating the year’s fruitfulness with worship, fellowship, and the welcoming of eight new members.

- The Leadership and Maturity Courses trained and graduated 10 leaders in 2023 and six new graduates in 2024, forming the next generation of life group leaders.
- The church continued its tradition of the New Year's Eve, a night of thanksgiving and prophetic vision, held annually since 2020.

The year 2024 was marked by both challenges and faith. A significant rent increase placed pressure on the church's finances, making it difficult to balance ongoing ministry with rising operational costs. To remain in the same venue and continue serving the community, The Vine Church Bristol sublet the premises, which provided temporary relief while maintaining continuity in worship and outreach.

We believe that a dedicated space can play an important role in serving the wider community, providing a place for children and parents, for teaching and learning, for supporting families and those facing hardship, and for moments of gathering, care, and shared life. For that reason, the trustees hold a long-term vision that, should the opportunity ever arise, The Vine Church Bristol could own and care permanently for Evangel Mission, ensuring that the property continues to fulfil its purpose as a place of hope and service for the community.

2025 – Evangelism and Community Engagement

The current year marks a new wave of evangelism, unity, and spiritual maturity.

During our COUNT THE STARS CONFERENCE in Swindon, which gathered more than 300 people from Vine churches across the UK, we launched a joint plan to baptise 100 people at our 2026 Vine Conference, a vision of unity, revival, and evangelism that continues to shape our mission today.

On 3 August 2025, six believers were baptised, representing both youth and adults.

In June 2025, Impact united 23 participants for a weekend of outreach, and in November we will joint with The Vine Church Swindon for our Big Encounter Weekend with.

During October 2025, the church led a 21-day campaign of prayer and evangelism, focusing on equipping every believer to share the Gospel confidently.

The church currently serves approximately 65 people across five life groups (three for adults/youth and two for children).

Two annual fasting campaigns, together with regular Encounters with God, held separately for children, youth, and adults, as well as the ongoing Impact evangelism weekends, continue to build a culture of prayer, outreach, and intergenerational discipleship within the church.

The year 2025 has shown a stronger, more mature, and more united church, fulfilling its vision to make every believer a minister in their generation.

6. Welfare Fund Partnership and Community Impact

In 2024, The Vine Church Bristol received a Welfare Fund from *Light for the Nations*, to assist families in crisis.

Through this partnership, the church supported several families with direct aid for food, heating, transport, and rent.

The support:

- Restored heating and food access during winter,
- Prevented eviction for families behind on rent,
- Assisted parents caring for children or elderly relatives,
- And brought hope to those without recourse to public funds.

We are deeply grateful to light for the nations for their generosity, which helped restore dignity, prevent homelessness, and bring hope to families in need.

This initiative reflects the heart of The Vine Church Bristol's mission: to bring faith, hope, and love into practical action.

7. Financial Review

For the financial year ended **11 January 2025**:

- **Total income:** £26,038
- **Total expenditure:** £23,970
- **Net surplus:** £2,068
- At year-end, total funds stood at **£1,178**, held primarily as cash and equipment assets.

All income was used exclusively to advance the charity's aims.

The trustees aim to maintain a modest reserve equivalent to approximately two months of operating costs to provide financial stability.

8. Plans for the Future

The trustees aim to:

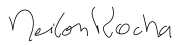


- Strengthen **discipleship and leadership development**.
- Expand **children's and youth ministries**.
- Continue **Impact events** and **Encounter Weekends**.
- Deepen cooperation with **Light for the Nations**.
- Support the **Vine Network's 2026 vision** to baptise 100 people across the UK.
- Multiply the Life Groups by multiply the leadership, Life Groups Hosts, preaching the gospel and making disciples.
- Reach 10 life groups by the end of 2025.

The trustees confirm that these future plans continue to reflect the charity's public benefit objectives.

9. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing this report and financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and ensuring compliance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

Approved by the Trustees on: 18/10/2025

Trustee Name	Role	Signature
Neilon Rocha	Chair	 _____
Bruno Tonheta	Trustee	 <small>Bruno Tonheta (Oct 23, 2025 17:49:16 GMT+1)</small> _____
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Appendices

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)

Income

Donations	£ 20,702
Event fees and hire income	£2,463
Sales and miscellaneous income	£45
Restricted fund income	£802

Subtotal – Turnover

£24,038

Welfare support	£2,000
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Total Income

£26,038

Expenditure

Premises rent	£12,500
Vine Kids Ministry	£1,310
Utilities	£1,679
Internet & telephone	£581
Printing	£871
Office costs and equipment	£1,561
Subscriptions and training	£968
Travel and hospitality	£1,789
Charitable donations (outgoing)	£1,567
Advertising and journals	£564
Depreciation and other items	£180

Total Expenditure

£23,970

Net Movement in Funds (Surplus):

££2,068

Balance Sheet (as of 11 January 2025)

Fixed Assets

Fixtures, musical instruments & computer equipment (net)	£ 159
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Total Fixed Assets	£ 159
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Current Assets

Bank and cash balances	£ 1,019
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Total Current Assets	£ 1,019
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Creditors: amounts due within one year	—
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(none reported)	—
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Net Assets	£ 1,178
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Total Funds	£ 1,178
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The trustees confirm that the charity held no outstanding liabilities or creditors at year-end.

Closing Statement

The trustees express their gratitude to all volunteers, donors, and partner organisations who enable The Vine church Bristol to advance its mission and serve the community.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Vine Church Bristol

Report on the Accounts for the Year Ended 11 January 2025

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As trustees of *The Vine Church Bristol*, you are responsible for ensuring that the charity's accounts are prepared in accordance with the requirements of the **Charities Act 2011** ("the 2011 Act").

I report on my independent examination of the charity's accounts for the year ended **11 January 2025**, which has been conducted under **Section 145 of the 2011 Act**. In carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable **Directions issued by the Charity Commission** under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination and confirm that no matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

1. the charity has failed to maintain accounting records as required by Section 130 of the 2011 Act;
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the relevant requirements as to form and content set out in the **Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008**, other than any requirement to provide a *true and fair view*, which is outside the scope of this examination.

Furthermore, I have not identified any matters which, in my opinion, require attention to ensure a proper understanding of the accounts.

Independent Examiner:

Antonio Fernandes



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