



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 10th July 2024
Period end date

Period start date To 31st March 2025

Charity name: Worcester Vineyard Church

Charity registration number: 1209079

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the Christian religion for the public benefit in accordance with the Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland Statement of Faith
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	Worship and teaching on Sunday mornings and midweek. Provision of free clothes, equipment and toys to under 5 year olds (known as Growbaby). Provision of Christian training and service.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers are vital to running our activities especially the Growbaby service.
Other		

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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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	The Growbaby service helps 40 to 60 families each month with free clothes, nappies, equipment and toys. The service is well known in the city and is recommended by social workers, health visitors, midwives and children's workers. We estimate that we have helped 150-200 families during the year. Parents have been able to receive Christmas and birthday gifts for their children that they would have been unable to purchase. Also providing a safe place to meet others and receive help and encouragement. We have taught the Christian faith and supported people through difficult circumstances.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	We have been told by the agencies that we are a vital service to the city and wider area in alleviating hardship.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity made a loss during the year but the charity has a good balance for its future needs.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to ensure future service provision and is just over 2 years running costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	46,776 pounds
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not Applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not Applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We have no worries about being a going concern.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Main sources are offerings and some grants and donations for Growbaby
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The main risks are rising costs due to inflation and a reduction in offerings.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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	Trustees appointed by the Chairman – David Merton (church pastor) based on experience and skills to help the charity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	New trustees are given training using the national Vineyard Churches UK guidelines.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The church is part of Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland and has access to advice and services from our national body.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Worcester Vineyard Church
Other name the charity uses	Growbaby
Registered charity number	1209079
Charity's principal address	2 Stokesay Lane Worcester WR4 0LD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Merton	Pastor		David Merton
2	Helen Merton	Pastor		
3	Margaret Hall			
4	Julie Chester			
5	Paul McConnell			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not Applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not Applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Merton', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Full name(s)

David Christopher Merton

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

25/10/25

Section A Receipts and payments

A1 Receipts
Offerings
Tax Refunds
Growbaby Grants & Donations

Sub total(Gross income for AR)

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

Sub total

Total receipts

A3 Payments
Salaries
Insurance
I.T. Costs
Training & Conferences
Sunday Services
Administration Costs
Growbaby Expenses

Sub total

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

Sub total

Total payments

Net of receipts/(payments)
A5 Transfers between funds
A6 Cash funds from Merged Charity 1134100
Cash funds this year end

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

Categories

B1 Cash funds

B2 Other monetary assets

B3 Investment assets

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

B5 Liabilities

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

Worcester Vineyard Church

Receipts and payments accounts
For the period from

10/07/24

Unrestricted funds
to the nearest £

Restricted funds
to the nearest £

	9989	-	
	1952	-	
-			1980
-		-	
-		-	
-		-	
-		-	
	11941		1980
-		-	
-		-	
-		-	
	11941		1980
	4320	-	
	417	-	
	219	-	
	432	-	
	1739	-	
	2483	-	
-			7257
-		-	
-		-	
	9610		7257
-		-	
-		-	
-		-	
	9610		7257
	2331		-5277
-		-	
	43828		5894
	46159		617

Details

Cash At Bank

Total cash funds
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Signature

1209079

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To

31/03/2025

Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
-	9989	-
-	1952	-
-	1980	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	13921	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	13921	-
-	4320	-
-	417	-
-	219	-
-	432	-
-	1739	-
-	2483	-
-	7257	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	16867	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	16867	-
-	-2946	-
-	-	-
-	49722	-
-	46776	-

Unrestricted funds to nearest £		Restricted funds to nearest £		Endowment funds to nearest £
	46161		617	-
-		-		-
-		-		-
	46161		617	-
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Unrestricted funds to nearest £		Restricted funds to nearest £		Endowment funds to nearest £
-		-		-
-		-		-
-		-		-
-		-		-
-		-		-
-		-		-
Fund to which asset belongs		Cost (optional)		Current value (optional)
		-		-
		-		-
		-		-
		-		-
		-		-
Fund to which asset belongs		Cost (optional)		Current value (optional)
		-		-
		-		-
		-		-
		-		-
		-		-
		-		-
		-		-
Fund to which liability relates		Amount due (optional)		When due (optional)
		-		
		-		
		-		
		-		
		-		
Print Name				Date of approval
David Merton				18.06.25