

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101536

Details

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Status	Received
Registered	2015-02-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The charity's objects ("the Objects") are for the public benefit and are restricted to the following: (a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in the Schedule to the Articles including but not by way of limitation through the planting of other Vineyard churches in such ways and in such parts of Carrickfergus, the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit; (b) to further Christian education in such parts of Carrickfergus, the United Kingdom and the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit; (c) to relieve sickness, financial hardship and poverty and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling, training in life skills and support in such parts of Carrickfergus, the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit; (d) to further or benefit the residents of Carrickfergus and the surrounding area without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education, foster cross community partnerships and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of education, The advancement of religion, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Education/training, Relief of poverty, Religious activities, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Adult training, Children (5-13 year olds), Ethnic minorities, General public, Men, Parents, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Unemployed/low income, Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£176,718	£153,500	£0	4

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Gareth Hamilton		
Mrs Deena Nimick		
Mrs Laura Farrell		
Steve Milburn		

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Accounts

Company Registration Number: NI604963
Charity Number: 101536

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Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 31 August 2025

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
for the financial year ended 31 August 2025

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 August 2025.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the charity are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the charity's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Carrickfergus Vineyard Church present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 August 2025.

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

The objectives of Carrickfergus Vineyard are to seek and advance the Kingdom of God in our town by furthering the gospel of Jesus Christ, building up the faith of Christian believers, sharing in the training of Christian workers, promoting Christian education and bringing relief to the poor, the needy and the sick.

During the year the church has fulfilled these objectives as set out below.

Objectives & Aims

Connected Charities

During this period, we have continued to support the work of three charities by way of ongoing financial support and various levels of involvement. These charities represent our commitment and support locally, nationally and internationally. We continue to give to these organisations in line with our income from financial donations.

Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland ("VCUKI") (nationally)

Vineyard Churches UK and Ireland exists to participate in the advancement of the Kingdom of God through the work of local Vineyard churches that communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and practice. This is summarised as extending God's Kingdom together, everywhere in every way. It gives spiritual oversight to the senior pastors of Vineyard Churches and facilitates church planting. Carrickfergus Vineyard uses the name "Vineyard" by agreement. Our Senior Pastors serve in leadership of the Ireland region of VCUKI as Area Leaders. We gather as pastors, staff, leaders and churches at various points in the year, including our annual Legacy Vineyard Gathering each October.

Stand by Me (internationally)

Below is a brief outline of their vision: -

Through our children's homes, schools and care centres, we aim to meet the individual needs of children who are orphaned, abandoned, abused and victims of war or disease, or are living in extreme poverty. We aim to make lasting improvements to children's lives, caring for them as Jesus would, by restoring their dignity and giving them a sense of worth. We want every child entrusted to us to feel loved and to reach their full potential.

Carrickfergus Vineyard specifically supports the work of Stand by Me in Ethiopia.

Home for Good (locally)

Below is a brief outline of their vision: -

We believe the Church is ideally placed to ensure that every child and young person has the loving home they need. Our Biblical mandate to care for the vulnerable, extend hospitality and seek justice compels us to action. Through opening our homes and hearts to children and young people in care, and through our churches becoming a welcoming and supportive community to all looked after and adopted children and the families who care for them, we can make a transformational difference.

We also partner with other charities in various ways for the facilitation of work in line with our aims and objectives, details of this work within the report.

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Achievement & Performance

Performance against Objectives

The level of performance against objectives is, in the main, a reflection of the activity of the church members of Carrickfergus Vineyard who volunteer their time, energy and money freely because of faith. The leadership and organisation of this activity is the primary responsibility of the senior pastors and a small leadership team in support of the senior pastors.

Furthering the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Advancing the Kingdom of God

Carrickfergus Vineyard aims to advance the Kingdom of God throughout the town of Carrickfergus, across the whole country and island of Ireland. Our church has actively worked in our local community to be a blessing in practical and relational ways.

The church welcomes those of all or no faiths and from every background and community who wish to visit during our Sunday service. Some of those have decided to stay and join Carrickfergus Vineyard.

Our Sunday morning services continue to meet in Carrickfergus Academy School, Downshire Road. This facilitates a main service, with separate environments for children and youth during this time, and the ability to host a cafe/coffee time afterwards to build community. We have children's groups for different ages running simultaneously to our church service. Sunday evening Youth gatherings continue in our Town Centre Venue.

We run regular "Hello & Welcome" events to share our vision and values and to integrate those who are interested into the life of our church.

This year to encourage furthering the gospel and advancing the Kingdom of God we welcomed a guest speaker from the charity Hope for Every Home Ireland as part of a Sunday series called "The Invitation."

To engage with our community and bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Advance the Kingdom of God we run a number of ministries. Some people who attended, or were impacted by these ministries have then decided to join with us at Carrickfergus Vineyard. Below are some examples. A full overview of our community activities and special events can be found on our website at www.carrickfergusvineyard.org

- CAP Money course and CAP money course taster session with Horizon Surestart.
- Working in collaboration with local primary and secondary schools and our own community relationships, we joined with Carrickfergus Foodbank to ensure that 23 families received a Christmas food parcel in the run up to the festive season.
- A Breakfast with Santa event for the local community took place, offering families a free Christmas & Santa experience at Carrickfergus Academy school, with the aim of helping those being impacted by the increase in cost of living. This was attended by over 200 children and their families.
- The Living Room – started in June 2023, a monthly Friday evening drop in space was open to encourage connection and tackle loneliness within Carrickfergus. This is a welcoming space for adults in Carrickfergus to relax and have a chat over a cuppa and toast, perhaps even play a board game with others.
- Annual October Reach Supper & Storytelling evenings for women in our church and local community.
- Tots Tea Room weekly during term time for little ones and parents/carers.

We continued to lease our community venue in the centre of Carrickfergus where we run various community activities. These activities are detailed further in this report and are a result of our commitment to our local community.

Building up the Faith of Christian Believers, Training and Education

Sunday Church and Life Groups

Sunday Services and Life Groups continued to meet. Life Groups remained a vital means of connection and grew in number over the year. Life Groups are offered in addition to the practical teaching through Sunday services and empower Church members to live a God-centered lifestyle. We have monthly communion services and termly family gatherings to bring all the generations together to worship God.

Youth

Youth continued to gather in a number of environments including Sunday mornings during church and Sunday evenings. We also facilitated a youth "in-house weekend" in our town centre venue where our young people gathered to receive spiritual input and also do outreach into our local community. A number of our young people also attended Summer Madness, a Christian Youth Festival this summer where they made connections with others from different church streams. A group of youth also attended MOVE, a summer camp held near Dublin, where they made friendships with young people of different backgrounds from across the island of Ireland and were encouraged to live out their faith in their everyday lives. Various members of our youth group travelled internationally to take part in mission teams with local youth organisations such as Exodus.

Encounter Nights

Our young adults continue to lead our monthly prayer and worship nights on Sunday evenings in Carrickfergus Academy creating leadership and training opportunities for the emerging generation.

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Young Adults

Our Young Adults began a life group designated for their own age group and together attended Cause Ireland, an event run by Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland, again especially for their own stage of life.

Women's Ministry

As well as our Reach women's ministry regular supper and storytelling events and coffee and connect evenings, which are very invitational, this year we ran a Reach Spring Retreat, facilitated by a trained spiritual director to build up the faith of the women in our church community.

Leadership

Leadership Essentials - we continued a monthly leadership course in conjunction with Antrim Coast Vineyard Church in Larne. This course is produced by Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland, covering many of the most important and foundational aspects of leadership, it is the perfect place to grow in understanding and insight alongside others from both these churches. Its aim is the development of current and emerging leaders and team leaders.

Special Days

We also facilitate significant occasions in the lives of the church members including our Baptism service in June and Baby dedications in March and October. This year we welcomed a guest speaker from Lagan Valley Vineyard Church to share about the Biblical basis and meaning of baptism. We officiate at weddings and funerals as they arise.

Courses

This year we have run various courses, including the Practicing the Way Course, an on-ramp to spiritual formation, exploring what it means to follow Jesus and laying the foundation for a life of apprenticeship to him.

Prayer

In January 2025 in our Sunday gatherings we had a teaching series called, "Teach us to pray". We put this into practice not only individually but in our monthly prayer gatherings and with our Easter prayer space in our town centre venue. We also ran the Practicing the Way Prayer course for a group to deepen their understanding and practice of prayer and the Christian faith.

Children and Youth ministry volunteers

Our volunteers receive regular training in safeguarding from our Designated Child Protection officer who is a social worker and various other training to explore subjects such as therapeutic play and neurodiversity.

Family Meeting (AGM)

We hold an annual family meeting open to all who attend our church, where we have presentations from board members on finance and management, and senior pastors on church ministry and activity.

Relieving the Poor, the Needy and the Sick

Carrickfergus Vineyard actively seeks ways to bless and practically serve our community, especially the poor, the needy, young and old, including those who are outside our church community. Often this is in partnership with other charities and organisations.

CAP UK – Christians Against Poverty UK

Carrickfergus Vineyard has partnered with this charity by way of paying for the training of volunteers to become CAP Money Coaches. These volunteers have been fully trained and authorised by CAP to operate as a money coach and regularly deliver the CAP Money Course. Below is a brief outline of their vision:

Christians Against Poverty is a national debt counselling charity with a network of 190 centres based in local churches. CAP offers hope and a solution in debt through its unique, in-depth service.

In September 2024 we welcomed Jacqui Robb, our local CAP centre manager, as our Sunday service guest speaker to share insight into the work and thank our congregation for their continued support.

Carrickfergus Foodbank

As a church we collect donations monthly for Carrickfergus Foodbank, run by another local church, Jordan Victory Church, and at Christmas time work with them to deliver hampers to those in need in our local community through links with schools and other agencies. We act as a referral agency for the Foodbank on an ongoing basis. In December 2024, we welcomed Alex Moore, the local Foodbank manager, to share their vision and thank our church for their ongoing support.

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Below is an outline of their vision:

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

Links Counselling Service

Links Counselling Service is a charity that exists to make counselling accessible to everyone within the community. They offer professional counselling for children, young people, adults and couples to ensure that no one journeys alone. We are now making two rooms available in our venue, facilitating Links extending their counselling services available to the local community through our venue, by having five counsellors over five days a week.

Below is an outline of their service:

The Northern Emotional Wellbeing Service (NEWS) exists to provide talking therapy and mental health support within the community. Our team of counsellors will collaborate with you to ensure that you get the most appropriate form of treatment, helping you to build resilience and learn new mechanisms for coping with difficult emotions and situations.

We have also supported families within our own church community with foodstuffs who have faced financial crisis or illness which has led to extreme hardship for them. As well as being a referral agency for Carrickfergus Food Bank we also facilitate referrals for Carrickfergus BabyBank and are able to assist people in need to access those services.

Community Engagement & Support

Carrick Manor

We have a team from our church who go to a local nursing home monthly to provide a short Sunday service with worship, testimony and bringing joy and hope to the residents and staff.

Tiny Tots Tea Room

This is a time to come along and enjoy some social time together with others from our community, while the young ones play. Tiny Tots Tea Room runs term time, Tuesday mornings, 9.30-11am, meeting in Carrickfergus Vineyard Community Venue. We have tea, toast, treats and toys for mums/dads/carers and their little ones, all are so welcome. We have special events at Easter and Christmas to share the Christian story with our little ones and their families and a Tots Teddy Bear picnic for a fun ending before the summer term.

Living Room

A monthly Friday evening drop in runs in our town centre venue, providing a warm space for people to call in and have supper, chat and games with volunteers from our church community.

School mentoring & support

A mentoring team has been established by one of our pastors, Paul Daniels, in Carrickfergus Academy, a local secondary school in our town, providing a team of mentors from our community to meet weekly with school pupils requiring additional support. This year we worked in collaboration with the school to provide a uniform bank for families who are struggling to provide uniforms for their children, by means of our special Christmas offering.

Book Club

This is again a space to come along and enjoy some social time together with others from the community and discuss the book of the month. Book club meets once a month in combination of online and in person gatherings to facilitate different needs of women in the local community. Some of our in person gatherings include hosting authors and facilitating cinema trips for women from our local community.

Fostering and adoption

We have been working along with the Home for Good charity, believing that the church can make a difference for the children who need a home, raising awareness of the need for foster and adoptive parents. We are a Home for Good church offering a welcoming community for families on this journey. We have started a support group for foster carers and adoptive parents in our local area. Chantel Daniels, one of our pastors, provides input to the Home for Good NI Advisory Board.

Garden of Eden Allotment

Our church allotment is located just behind Eden Community Centre. This is a special place that everyone is welcome to be part of, from pulling weeds, sowing seeds, digging, building fences, chatting and enjoying the space. We grow food for the local community and we grow as individuals in the community together. We have had a spring planting day and a harvest day to teach and help families experience growing their own. The allotment is also made available for use by our local secondary school group.

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Community events

This year we have re-started special community events that we ran before Covid, including a Light Party in October half term, a Breakfast with Santa Christmas event and an Easter Egg Hunt. Through these events we make connections with many families in our local area and provide fun events for those who may not otherwise be able to afford such experiences. As well as our own church Christmas Carol service we brought carols and faith to our community with a Christmas Carols event in our local pub.

Other Groups

As well as Links Counselling Service we had other agencies using our Vineyard Venue in 2024-2025.

Women's Aid

Women's Aid have been using our larger meeting room to host courses with groups of women each term since September 2021.

Social Services

We were able to facilitate contact visits in our comfortable town centre venue for Northern Trust social workers and families.

Summary

It should be noted that the above is not a complete list of activities. However, they do demonstrate Carrickfergus Vineyard is continuing to fulfil its obligations and achieve its objectives.

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Carrickfergus Vineyard is a registered charity, charity number NIC101536 duly constituted by means of its Memorandum and Articles of Association and operating as a church.

Organisational Structure

Carrickfergus Vineyard is a company limited by guarantee (company number NI604963) as well as a registered charity, in which company directors also form the Board of Trustees. The liability of each Trustee in the event of winding up is limited to £1. The Church is associated with Vineyard Churches UK. The association provides pastoral care for the Senior Pastors and family and external reference concerning church affairs and doctrine.

The day to day running of the church is by the Senior Pastors, Paul Daniels and Chantel Daniels.

Induction and training of new Trustees

New Trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates, who are generally, but not exclusively, selected from within the membership of Carrickfergus Vineyard, are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the church. New Trustees have the opportunity of reviewing appropriate documents, including the accounts as part of their induction process.

Risk Management

The systems of internal control are designed to provide a reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- An annual budget approved by the Trustees.
- Regular review by the Trustees of financial reports.
- Identification and management of risk.

Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page 12 and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail.

Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £153,062 (2024 - £130,948) and liabilities of £3,127 (2024 - £4,231). The net assets of the charity have increased by £23,218.

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Reserves Position and Policy

Investment Policy

The constitution of Carrickfergus Vineyard Church authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments using its funds. Cash balances are currently held with The Cooperative Bank plc. The Dankse Bank accounts have now closed but were active in the 23/24 year. The Trustees have regard to the liquidity requirements of the organisation and have operated a policy of keeping available funds within interest bearing accounts.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees who served in this period have undertaken the work of the charity, identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that all appropriate policies are in place to mitigate those risks. Carrickfergus Vineyard maintains reserves in order to cover fluctuations in income and expenditure, to allow for any major unexpected expenditure, or to mitigate any decline in the overall financial environment.

Trustees

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Laura Jane Farrell
Deena Nimick
Gareth Harold Hamilton
Steven Milburn

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Carrickfergus Vineyard Church subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Carrying On Our Work

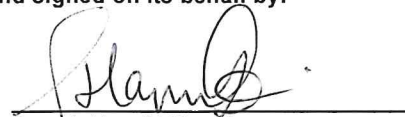
The Senior Pastors, leadership team and volunteers of Carrickfergus Vineyard Church will continue to build on the work that is already happening in the church in order to follow God, to form an authentic community of believers and fulfil the Kingdom ministries left to us. We are going to intentionally see lives transformed by Jesus starting with our own. We will continue to grow and adapt our outreach projects, working with the poor in Carrickfergus, both practically and relationally and we will continue to serve our community as a whole.

We will continue to support our connected charities locally, nationally and internationally by way of ongoing financial support and partnership.

We will continue to operate as a 'come as you are' church and be 'a place of hope'.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 15 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:


Steven Milburn
Trustee


Gareth Harold Hamilton
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the financial year ended 31 August 2025

The trustees, who are also directors of Carrickfergus Vineyard Church for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees as the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 15 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Steven Milburn
Trustee



Gareth Harold Hamilton
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CARRICKFERGUS VINEYARD CHURCH

I have examined the financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 August 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. My work has been undertaken so that I might compile the financial statements that I have been engaged to compile, report to the Board of Trustees that I have done so, and state those matters that I have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members, as a body, for my work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

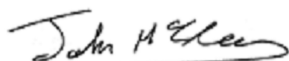
I have examined your charity financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

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 financial statements to be reached.



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Date: 15 January 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

for the financial year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income							
Donations and legacies	3.1	162,619	12,337	174,956	181,427	7,774	189,201
Investments	3.2	719	1,043	1,762	551	838	1,389
Total income		163,338	13,380	176,718	181,978	8,612	190,590
Expenditure							
Charitable activities	4.1	149,347	4,153	153,500	180,337	3,359	183,696
Net income/(expenditure)		13,991	9,227	23,218	1,641	5,253	6,894
Transfers between funds		6,744	(6,744)	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the financial year		20,735	2,483	23,218	1,641	5,253	6,894
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds beginning of the year	12	58,482	68,235	126,717	56,841	62,982	119,823
Total funds at the end of the year		79,217	70,718	149,935	58,482	68,235	126,717

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year. All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 August 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	8	<u>2,349</u>	<u>724</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	9	2,978	1,845
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>147,735</u>	<u>128,379</u>
		<u>150,713</u>	<u>130,224</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(3,127)</u>	<u>(4,231)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>147,586</u>	<u>125,993</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>149,935</u>	<u>126,717</u>
Funds			
Restricted trust funds		70,718	68,235
General fund (unrestricted)		<u>79,217</u>	<u>58,482</u>
Total funds	12	<u>149,935</u>	<u>126,717</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.


For the financial year ended 31 August 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under section 476.

The trustees confirm that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the financial year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charity.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by


Steven Milburn
Trustee


Gareth Harold Hamilton
Trustee

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the financial year ended 31 August 2025

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office of the charity is 27 Lancasterian Street, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, BT38 7AB which is also the principal place of business of the charity. The financial statements have been presented in Sterling (£), which is also the functional currency of the charity.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102".

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the charity has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 August 2025 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102".

Cash flow statement

The charity has availed of the exemption in FRS 102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement because it is classified as a small charity.

Fund accounting

The following are the categories of funds maintained:

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income received which can only be used for particular purposes, as specified by the donors. Such purposes are within the overall objectives of the charity.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds consist of General and Designated funds.

■ General funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the board, in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

■ Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that the board has, at its discretion, set aside for particular purposes. These designations have an administrative purpose only, and do not legally restrict the board's discretion to apply the fund.

Income

Income is recognised by inclusion in the Statement of Financial Activities only when the charity is legally entitled to the income, performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, the amounts involved can be measured with sufficient reliability and it is probable that the income will be received by the charity.

Income from charitable activities

Income from charitable activities include income earned from the supply of services under contractual arrangements and from performance related grants which have conditions that specify the provision of particular services to be provided by the charity. Income from government and other co-funders is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income because it is fulfilling the conditions contained in the related funding agreements. Where a grant is received in advance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, it is accrued in debtors.

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Expenditure

Expenditure is analysed between costs of charitable activities and raising funds. The costs of each activity are separately accumulated and disclosed, and analysed according to their major components. Expenditure is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, a transfer of economic benefits is required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but cannot be attributed to one activity. Such costs are allocated to activities in proportion to staff time spent or other suitable measure for each activity.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	20% on reducing balance
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Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the charity from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at financial year end, is included in debtors.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

Taxation

No current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable exemption.

3.	INCOME			2025	2024	
3.1	DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	£	£	
		£	£			
	Donations	131,941	11,649	143,590	163,289	
	Gift aid	30,678	688	31,366	25,912	
		<u>162,619</u>	<u>12,337</u>	<u>174,956</u>	<u>189,201</u>	
3.2	INVESTMENTS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024	
		£	£	£	£	
	Deposit account interest	719	1,043	1,762	1,389	
		<u>719</u>	<u>1,043</u>	<u>1,762</u>	<u>1,389</u>	
4.	EXPENDITURE					
4.1	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
	Expenditure on charitable activities	56,136	-	97,364	153,500	183,696
		<u>56,136</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>97,364</u>	<u>153,500</u>	<u>183,696</u>

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4.2 SUPPORT COSTS

	Charitable Activities £	2025 £	2024 £
Church running and sundry costs	7,508	7,508	4,033
Trustees' pensions paid	-	-	116
Office expenses	4,822	4,822	4,638
Travel and subsistence	740	740	852
Independent examination	1,941	1,941	2,421
Legal and professional costs	4,532	4,532	4,823
Pensions	2,015	2,015	2,534
Social security	1,179	1,179	2,058
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	504	504	433
Trustees' salaries	-	-	3,861
Wages	74,123	74,123	90,655
	<u>97,364</u>	<u>97,364</u>	<u>116,424</u>

5. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Basis of Apportionment	2025 £	2024 £
Church running and sundry costs	100%	7,508	4,033
Trustees' pensions paid	100%	-	116
Office expenses	100%	4,822	4,638
Travel and subsistence	100%	740	852
Independent examination	100%	1,941	2,421
Legal and professional costs	100%	4,532	4,823
Pensions	100%	2,015	2,534
Social security	100%	1,179	2,058
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	100%	504	433
Trustees' salaries	100%	-	3,861
Wages	100%	74,123	90,655
		<u>97,364</u>	<u>116,424</u>

6. NET INCOME

	2025 £	2024 £
Net Income is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of tangible assets	504	433
Independent Examiner's remuneration: - independent examination services	1,941	2,421
	<u>1,941</u>	<u>2,421</u>

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7. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

Number of employees

The average number of persons employed (including executive trustees) during the financial year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Pastoral and administration	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
The staff costs comprise:	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	74,123	94,516
Social security costs	1,179	2,174
Pension costs	2,015	2,534
	<u>77,317</u>	<u>99,224</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 September 2024	5,336	5,336
Additions	2,129	2,129
At 31 August 2025	<u>7,465</u>	<u>7,465</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 September 2024	4,612	4,612
Charge for the financial year	504	504
At 31 August 2025	<u>5,116</u>	<u>5,116</u>
Net book value		
At 31 August 2025	<u>2,349</u>	<u>2,349</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>724</u>	<u>724</u>

9. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	2,453	1,228
Prepayments and accrued income	525	617
	<u>2,978</u>	<u>1,845</u>

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10. CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year					
		2025		2024	
		£		£	
Taxation and social security costs		893		1,074	
Accruals and deferred income:					
Pension accrual		463		603	
Other accruals		1,771		2,554	
		3,127		4,231	
11. RESERVES					
		2025		2024	
		£		£	
At the beginning of the year		126,717		119,823	
Surplus for the financial year		23,218		6,894	
		149,935		126,717	
12. FUNDS					
12.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS					
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	
		£	£	£	
At 1 September 2023		56,841	62,982	119,823	
Movement during the financial year		1,641	5,253	6,894	
		58,482	68,235	126,717	
At 31 August 2024		20,735	2,483	23,218	
Movement during the financial year		79,217	70,718	149,935	
At 31 August 2025					
12.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS					
	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance
	1 September			between	31 August
	2024			funds	2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Building fund	60,857	5,644	-	-	66,501
Compassion	7,378	1,247	75	(6,744)	1,806
Uniform Fund	-	2,680	2,680	-	-
Pastors Retreat	-	3,809	1,398	-	2,411
	68,235	13,380	4,153	(6,744)	70,718
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted General	58,482	163,338	149,347	6,744	79,217
Total funds	126,717	176,718	153,500	-	149,935

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12.3 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Fixed assets - charity use £	Current assets £	Current liabilities £	Total £
Restricted trust funds	-	70,718	-	70,718
Unrestricted general funds	2,349	79,995	(3,127)	79,217
	<u>2,349</u>	<u>150,713</u>	<u>(3,127)</u>	<u>149,935</u>

13. STATUS

The charity is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one financial year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £ 1.

14. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

	2025 £	2024 £
Remuneration	-	3,861

There were no trustees' expenses paid during the year to 31 August 2025 nor for the year ended 31 August 2024.

15. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.

CARRICKFERGUS VINEYARD CHURCH
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Operating Statement

for the financial year ended 31 August 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income		
Donations	143,590	163,289
Gift Aid	31,366	25,912
Deposit account interest	1,762	1,389
	<u>176,718</u>	<u>190,590</u>
Expenses		
Wages and salaries	74,123	94,516
Social security costs	1,179	2,174
Pensions	2,015	2,534
Ministry	4,840	10,548
Venue costs	24,807	27,415
Kid's ministry	4,867	5,746
Out Gifting	19,203	20,611
Speakers Costs	625	458
Worship	1,794	2,494
Office Expenses	4,822	4,638
Travelling and entertainment	740	852
Legal and Professional Costs	4,532	4,823
Accountants fees	1,941	2,421
Church Running & Sundry Costs	7,508	4,033
Depreciation	504	433
	<u>153,500</u>	<u>183,696</u>
Net surplus	<u>23,218</u>	<u>6,894</u>

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101536

Accounts

Company Registration Number: NI604963

Charity Number: 101536

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Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 31 August 2024

McCleary & Company Ltd
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Laura Jane Farrell Deena Nimick (Appointed 9 January 2024) Paul Daniels (Resigned 31 October 2023) Stephen McCann (Resigned 16 April 2024) Gareth Harold Hamilton (Appointed 9 January 2024) Steven Milburn
Charity Number in Northern Ireland	101536
Company Registration Number	NI604963
Registered Office	27 Lancasterian Street Carrickfergus Co. Antrim BT38 7AB
Independent Examiner	McCleary & Company Ltd Chartered Accountants Garvey Studios 14 Longstone Street Lisburn Co. Antrim BT28 1TP

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the financial year ended 31 August 2024

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 August 2024.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the charity are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the charity's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Carrickfergus Vineyard Church present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 August 2024.

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

The objectives of Carrickfergus Vineyard are to seek and advance the Kingdom of God in our town by furthering the gospel of Jesus Christ, building up the faith of Christian believers, sharing in the training of Christian workers, promoting Christian education and bringing relief to the poor, the needy and the sick.

Objectives

During the year the church has fulfilled these objectives as set out below.

Connected Charities

During this period, we have continued to support the work of three charities by way of ongoing financial support. We also partner with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) through training and gifting in other ways. We are registered with Kintsugi Hope as a Wellbeing Group host and with ACTS435 as an advocate church.

These charities represent our commitment and support locally, nationally and internationally. We continue to give to these organisations in line with our income of financial donations.

Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland ("VCUKI") (nationally)

VCUKI exists to connect churches that hold common values and practices. It gives spiritual oversight to the senior pastors of Vineyard Churches and facilitates church planting. Carrickfergus Vineyard used the name "Vineyard" by agreement.

Stand by Me (internationally)

Below is a brief outline of their vision: -

Through our children's homes, schools and care centres, we aim to meet the individual needs of children who are orphaned, abandoned, abused and victims of war or disease, or are living in extreme poverty. We aim to make lasting improvements to children's lives, caring for them as Jesus would, by restoring their dignity and giving them a sense of worth. We want every child entrusted to us to feel loved and to reach their full potential.

Home for Good (locally)

Below is a brief outline of their vision: -

We believe the Church is ideally placed to ensure that every child and young person has the loving home they need. Our Biblical mandate to care for the vulnerable, extend hospitality and seek justice compels us to action. Through opening our homes and hearts to children and young people in care, and through our churches becoming a welcoming and supportive community to all looked after and adopted children and the families who care for them, we can make a transformational difference.

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CAP UK – Christians Against Poverty UK

Carrickfergus Vineyard has partnered with this charity by way of paying for the training of 4 volunteers to become CAP Money Coaches. These Volunteers have been fully trained and authorised by CAP to operate as a money coach and regularly deliver the CAP Money Course. Below is a brief outline of their vision: -

Christians Against Poverty is a national debt counselling charity with a network of 190 centres based in local churches. CAP offers hope and a solution in debt through its unique, in-depth service.

ACTS435

Acts 435 is an online giving charity, directly connecting those who want to give with those who are in genuine need of their help. They work through a network of local churches and charities with registered advocates who meet with people who need money to meet a specific need, and put their requests on the Acts 435 website. These needs are met by online donors who can give generally or to meet a specific need.

Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance

The level of performance against objectives is, in the main, a reflection of the activity of the church members of Carrickfergus Vineyard who volunteer their time, energy and money freely because of faith. The leadership and organisation of this activity is the primary responsibility of the senior pastors and a small leadership team in support of the senior pastors.

Furthering the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Advancing the Kingdom of God

Carrickfergus Vineyard aims to advance the Kingdom of God throughout the town of Carrickfergus, across the whole country and island of Ireland. Our church has actively worked in our local community to be a blessing in practical and relational ways.

The church welcomes those of all or no faiths and from every background and community who wish to visit during our Sunday service. Some of those have decided to stay and join Carrickfergus Vineyard.

In October 2023 we moved our Sunday morning services to Carrickfergus Academy School, Downshire Road. This facilitates a main service, with separate environments for children and youth during this time, and the ability to host a cafe/coffee time afterwards to build community. Sunday evening Youth gatherings continued in our Town Centre Venue.

To engage with our community and bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Advance the Kingdom of God we run a number of ministries. Some people who attended, or were impacted by these ministries have then decided to join with us at Carrickfergus Vineyard. Below are some examples. A full overview of our community activities and special events can be found on our website at www.carrickfergusvineyard.org

- CAP Money course online.
- Working in collaboration with local primary and secondary schools and our own community relationships, we joined with Carrickfergus Foodbank to ensure that 34 families received a Christmas food parcel in the run up to the festive season.
- Meeting specific needs through ACTS435 referrals - This year we were able to support a number of people in our community to help purchase fuel, flooring for their house or replace white goods.
- A Nativity Trail event for the local community took place, offering families a free Christmas & Santa experience and treats at Kilcreggan Farm, with the aim of helping those being impacted by the increase in cost of living. This was attended by 103 children and their families.
- The Living Room – started in June 2023, a monthly Friday evening drop in space was open to encourage connection and tackle loneliness within Carrickfergus. This is a welcoming space for adults in Carrickfergus to relax and have a chat over a cuppa and toast. Perhaps even play a board game with others.
- Annual October Reach Supper & Storytelling evenings for women in our church and local community.
- Tots Tea Room weekly during term time for little ones and parents/carers.

We continued to lease our community venue in the centre of Carrickfergus where we run various community activities. These activities are detailed further in this report and are a result of our commitment to our local community.

Building up the Faith of Christian Believers, Training and Education

Sunday Church and Life Groups

Sunday Services and Life Groups continued to meet. Life Groups remained a vital means of connection and grew in number over the year. Life Groups are offered in addition to the practical teaching through Sunday services and empower Church members to live a God-centered lifestyle.

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Youth

Youth continued to gather in a number of environments including Sunday mornings during church and Sunday evenings. We also facilitated a youth "in-house weekend" in our town centre venue where our young people gathered to receive spiritual input and also do outreach into our local community. A number of our Young People also attended Summer Madness, a Christian Youth Festival this summer as well as taking opportunities to meet and serve with youth from other churches. A group of youth also attended MOVE, a summer camp held near Dublin, where they made friendships with young people of different backgrounds from across the island of Ireland. In July 2023 two of our volunteer youth leaders with a team of seven young people and a Stand by Me staff member travelled to Romania to work in a children's day care centre there, running children's clubs and assisting with practical maintenance in the centre. This has also resulted in further church support for Stand by Me charity through both awareness and increased financial support through more child sponsorships.

Encounter Nights

We restarted our monthly prayer and worship nights on Sunday evenings in Carrickfergus Academy and handed over leadership of these to our young adults to create leadership and training opportunities for the emerging generation.

Men's Ministry

Men's groups and events - we continued to run events specifically for men, such as curry nights and life groups for men, creating spaces to focus on both male emotional wellbeing and spiritual health.

Leadership

Leadership Essentials - we continued a monthly leadership course in conjunction with Antrim Coast Vineyard Church in Larne. This course is produced by Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland, covering many of the most important and foundational aspects of leadership, it is the perfect place to grow in understanding and insight alongside others from both these churches. Its aim is the development of current and emerging leaders and team leads.

Special Days

We also facilitate significant occasions in the lives of the church members including our Baptism service in June, Baby dedications in March and October and officiating at weddings and funerals as they arise.

Alpha

In the Spring Term of 2023 we ran the Alpha Course, open to anyone in our community, a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. This created a friendly and open minded environment for people to know more about Jesus and was facilitated by members of Carrickfergus Vineyard Church.

The Marriage Course

Developed in 1996, The Marriage Course has been run in over 117 countries for over 1.5 million couples. In the Spring Term two couples from our church facilitated this course for other couples to build a better strong marriage. The Cithrah Foundation, who we work in partnership with, kindly permitted us to use their premises to facilitate group sessions and individual break out times for couples.

Prayer

In March 2024 we hosted an Easter prayer week in our town centre venue in conjunction with 24-7 Prayer Ireland, creating a creative interactive prayer space and making it available for both our own church and people in the local community to drop in. This was also attended by a local primary school class and a local women's support group.

Volunteers

A number of volunteers are fully trained by CAP UK to act as money coaches and have been authorised to deliver the CAP money course. These volunteers deliver this course on a regular cycle.

Relieving the Poor, the Needy and the sick

Carrickfergus Vineyard actively seeks ways to bless and practically serve our community, especially the poor, the needy, young and old, including those who are outside our church community.

In partnership with CAP UK, Carrickfergus Vineyard collects food and gifts for those who are CAP clients. We have also given one-off crisis financial donations to CAP clients when requested to do so by our local CAP centre. This helps take the burden off statutory agencies, charities and community groups, allowing them time to put in place a long-term solution.

We have also supported families within our own church community with foodstuffs who have faced financial crisis or illness which has led to extreme hardship for them. We also act as a referral agency for Carrickfergus Food Bank and Carrickfergus BabyBank and are able to assist people in need to access those services.

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In addition, the church continued to connect with and assist families in the community who became known to us through the Covid-19 crisis. These families were referred to our Compassion ministries by the local schools and partner charities. We are able to assist these families by providing vouchers for fresh food and additional sign-posting to agencies we work closely with such as FoodBank, BabyBank, CAP, Cithrah, Women's Aid etc.

Another way we are able to assist people in crisis is through ACTS435. As a registered church, we have an approved volunteer who acts as an advocate who can submit requests for funding on behalf of people in the community with specific needs. ACTS435 then processes the request and transfers funds to meet the need. Since registering in December 2020, our church has been able to fulfil over 30 requests to assist people with needs such as flooring, appliances and furniture.

Carrickfergus Vineyard is part of Carrick Together, a group of local churches and Carrickfergus YMCA working to support individuals seeking asylum and living in Carrickfergus.

Community Engagement & Support

CAP Money

The CAP money system is tried and tested and works irrespective of income or financial know-how. You will start by ordering your finances into a manageable system, and then learn how to make well-informed decisions about budgeting, cutting costs, saving and giving. By the end of the course, you will be empowered to save more, reduce your outstanding debts and make better financial decisions.

Tiny Tots Tea Room

This is a time to come along and enjoy some social time together with others from our community, while the young ones play. Tiny Tots Tea Room ran term time, Tuesday mornings, 9.30-11am, meeting in Carrickfergus Vineyard Community Venue. We have tea, toast, treats and toys for mums/dads/carers and their little ones, all are so welcome.

Living Room

A monthly Friday evening drop in runs in our town centre venue, providing a warm space for people to call in and have supper, chat and games with volunteers from our church community.

School mentoring

A mentoring team has been established by one of our pastors, Paul Daniels in Carrickfergus Academy, a local secondary school in our town, providing a team of mentors from our community to meet weekly with school pupils requiring additional support.

Book Club

This is again a space to come along and enjoy some social time together with others from the community and discuss the book of the month. Book club meets once a month in combination of online and in person gatherings to facilitate different needs of women in the local community. Some of our in person gatherings include hosting authors and facilitating cinema trips for women from our local community.

Food Bank

We continue to partner with another local church, (Jordan Victory Church) and the Trussell Trust, who operate a local food bank which is part of the nationwide Trussell Trust food banks. Jordan Victory Church takes the lead on this due to the physical facilities they have at their disposal.

Fostering and adoption

We have been working along with the Home for Good charity, believing that the church can make a difference for the children who need a home, raising awareness of the need for foster and adoptive parents. We are a Home for Good church offering a welcoming community for families on this journey. Chantel Daniels, one of our pastors, provides input to the Home for Good NI Advisory Board.

Garden of Eden Allotment

Our church allotment is located just behind Eden Community Centre. This is a special place that everyone is welcome to be part of, from pulling weeds, sowing seeds, digging, building fences, chatting and enjoying the space. We grow food for the local community and we grow as individuals in the community together.

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Other Groups

We had other agencies using our Vineyard Venue in 2023-2024.

Links Counselling Service

Links Counselling Service is a charity that exists to make counselling accessible to everyone within the community. They offer professional counselling for children, young people, adults and couples to ensure that no one journeys alone. We are now making two rooms available in our venue facilitating Links extending their counselling services available to the local community through our venue, by having three counsellors over three days a week.

Women's Aid

Women's Aid have been using our larger meeting room to host courses with groups of women each term since September 2021.

Summary

It should be noted that the above is not a complete list of activities. However, they do demonstrate Carrickfergus Vineyard is continuing to fulfill its obligations and achieve its objectives.

Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page 12 and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail.

Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £130,948 (2023 - £121,839) and liabilities of £4,231 (2023 - £2,016). The net assets of the charity have increased by £6,894.

Reserves Position and Policy

Investment Policy

The constitution of Carrickfergus Vineyard Church authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments using its funds. Cash balances are currently held with The Cooperative Bank plc. The Dankse Bank accounts have now closed but were active in the 23/24 year. The Trustees have regard to the liquidity requirements of the organisation and have operated a policy of keeping available funds within interest bearing accounts.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees who served in this period have undertaken the work of the charity, identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that all appropriate policies are in place to mitigate these risks. Carrickfergus Vineyard maintains reserves in order to cover fluctuations in income and expenditure, to allow for any major unexpected expenditure, or to mitigate any decline in the overall financial environment.

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee (company number NI604963) as well as a registered charity, in which company directors also form the Board of Trustees. The liability of each Trustee in the event of winding up is limited to £1. The Church is associated with Vineyard Churches UK. The association provides pastoral care for the Senior Pastors and family and external reference concerning church affairs and doctrine.

The day to day running of the church is by the Senior Pastors, Paul Daniels and Chantel Daniels

Induction and training of new Trustees

New Trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates, who are generally, but not exclusively, selected from within the membership of Carrickfergus Vineyard, are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the church. New Trustees have the opportunity of reviewing appropriate documents, including the accounts as part of their induction process.

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Risk Management

The systems of internal control are designed to provide a reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- An annual budget approved by the Trustees.
- Regular review by the Trustees of financial reports.
- Identification and management of risk.

Trustees

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Laura Jane Farrell
Deena Nimick (Appointed 9 January 2024)
Paul Daniels (Resigned 31 October 2023)
Stephen McCann (Resigned 16 April 2024)
Gareth Harold Hamilton (Appointed 9 January 2024)
Steven Milburn

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Carrickfergus Vineyard Church subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Carrying On Our Work

The Senior Pastors, leadership team and volunteers of Carrickfergus Vineyard Church will continue to build on the work that is already happening in the church in order to follow God, to form an authentic community of believers and fulfil the Kingdom ministries left to us. We are going to intentionally see lives transformed by Jesus starting with our own. We will continue to grow and adapt our outreach projects, working with the poor in Carrickfergus, both practically and relationally and we will continue to serve our community as a whole.

We will continue to support our connected charities locally, nationally and internationally by way of ongoing financial support and partnership.

We will continue to operate as a 'come as you are' church and be 'a place of hope'.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Steven Milburn
Trustee

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The trustees, who are also directors of Carrickfergus Vineyard Church for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees as the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Steven Milburn
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CARRICKFERGUS VINEYARD CHURCH

I have examined the financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 August 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. My work has been undertaken so that I might compile the financial statements that I have been engaged to compile, report to the Board of Trustees that I have done so, and state those matters that I have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members, as a body, for my work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

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 financial statements to be reached.

John McCleary FCA
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Date: 27 March 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

for the financial year ended 31 August 2024

		Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Donations and legacies	3.1	181,427	7,774	189,201	177,870	5,706	183,576
Investments	3.2	551	838	1,389	191	299	490
Total income		181,978	8,612	190,590	178,061	6,005	184,066
Expenditure							
Charitable activities	4.1	180,337	3,359	183,696	188,465	4,255	192,720
Net income/(expenditure)		1,641	5,253	6,894	(10,404)	1,750	(8,654)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	1,930	(1,930)	-
Net movement in funds for the financial year		1,641	5,253	6,894	(8,474)	(180)	(8,654)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds beginning of the year	12	56,841	62,982	119,823	65,315	63,162	128,477
Total funds at the end of the year		58,482	68,235	126,717	56,841	62,982	119,823

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year.
All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 August 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	8	724	1,157
Current Assets			
Debtors	9	1,845	3,488
Cash at bank and in hand		128,379	117,194
		130,224	120,682
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(4,231)	(2,016)
Net Current Assets		125,993	118,666
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		126,717	119,823
Funds			
Restricted trust funds		68,235	62,982
General fund (unrestricted)		58,482	56,841
Total funds	12	126,717	119,823

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

For the financial year ended 31 August 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under section 476.

The trustees confirm that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the financial year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charity.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Steven Milburn
Trustee

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 August 2024

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office of the charity is 27 Lancasterian Street, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, BT38 7AB which is also the principal place of business of the charity. The financial statements have been presented in Pound (£) which is also the functional currency of the charity.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102".

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the charity has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102".

Cash flow statement

The charity has availed of the exemption in FRS 102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement because it is classified as a small charity.

Fund accounting

The following are the categories of funds maintained:

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income received which can only be used for particular purposes, as specified by the donors. Such purposes are within the overall objectives of the charity.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds consist of General and Designated funds.

- General funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the board, in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.
- Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that the board has, at its discretion, set aside for particular purposes. These designations have an administrative purpose only, and do not legally restrict the board's discretion to apply the fund.

Income

Income is recognised by inclusion in the Statement of Financial Activities only when the charity is legally entitled to the income, performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, the amounts involved can be measured with sufficient reliability and it is probable that the income will be received by the charity.

Income from charitable activities

Income from charitable activities include income earned from the supply of services under contractual arrangements and from performance related grants which have conditions that specify the provision of particular services to be provided by the charity. Income from government and other co-funders is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income because it is fulfilling the conditions contained in the related funding agreements. Where a grant is received in advance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, it is accrued in debtors.

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Expenditure

Expenditure is analysed between costs of charitable activities and raising funds. The costs of each activity are separately accumulated and disclosed, and analysed according to their major components. Expenditure is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, a transfer of economic benefits is required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but cannot be attributed to one activity. Such costs are allocated to activities in proportion to staff time spent or other suitable measure for each activity.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 20% on reducing balance

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the charity from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at financial year end, is included in debtors.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

Taxation

No current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

3.	INCOME				
3.1	DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
	Donations	155,515	7,774	163,289	154,637
	Gift aid	25,912	-	25,912	28,939
		<u>181,427</u>	<u>7,774</u>	<u>189,201</u>	<u>183,576</u>
3.2	INVESTMENTS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
	Deposit account interest	551	838	1,389	490
		<u>551</u>	<u>838</u>	<u>1,389</u>	<u>490</u>
4.	EXPENDITURE				
4.1	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	2024
		£	£	£	£
	Expenditure on charitable activities	67,272	-	116,424	183,696
		<u>67,272</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,424</u>	<u>183,696</u>

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4.2 SUPPORT COSTS	Charitable Activities £	2024 £	2023 £
Church running and sundry costs	4,033	4,033	4,376
Trustees' social security	-	-	447
Trustees' pensions paid	116	116	676
Office expenses	4,638	4,638	3,723
Travel and subsistence	852	852	1,052
Independent examination	2,421	2,421	1,587
Legal and professional costs	4,823	4,823	5,419
Pensions	2,534	2,534	1,741
Social security	2,058	2,058	1,563
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	433	433	287
Trustees' salaries	3,861	3,861	22,523
Wages	90,655	90,655	71,387
	<u>116,424</u>	<u>116,424</u>	<u>114,781</u>

5. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Basis of Apportionment	2024 £	2023 £
Church running and sundry costs	100%	4,033	4,376
Trustees' social security	100%	-	447
Trustees' pensions paid	100%	116	676
Office expenses	100%	4,638	3,723
Travel and subsistence	100%	852	1,052
Independent examination	100%	2,421	1,587
Legal and professional costs	100%	4,823	5,419
Pensions	100%	2,534	1,741
Social security	100%	2,058	1,563
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	100%	433	287
Trustees' salaries	100%	3,861	22,523
Wages	100%	90,655	71,387
		<u>116,424</u>	<u>114,781</u>

6. NET INCOME

	2024 £	2023 £
Net Income is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of tangible assets	433	287
Independent Examiner's remuneration: - Independent examination services	2,421	1,587
	<u>2,421</u>	<u>1,587</u>

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7. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

Number of employees

The average number of persons employed (including executive trustees) during the financial year was as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Pastoral and administration	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
The staff costs comprise:	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	94,516	93,910
Social security costs	2,174	2,686
Pension costs	2,534	1,741
	<u>99,224</u>	<u>98,337</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 31 August 2024	<u>5,336</u>	<u>5,336</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 September 2023	4,179	4,179
Charge for the financial year	433	433
At 31 August 2024	<u>4,612</u>	<u>4,612</u>
Net book value		
At 31 August 2024	<u>724</u>	<u>724</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>1,157</u>	<u>1,157</u>

9. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	1,228	2,909
Prepayments and accrued income	617	579
	<u>1,845</u>	<u>3,488</u>

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10. CREDITORS		2024	2023		
Amounts falling due within one year		£	£		
Taxation and social security costs		1,074	-		
Accruals and deferred income:					
Pension accrual		603	521		
Other accruals		2,554	1,495		
		4,231	2,016		
11. RESERVES		2024	2023		
		£	£		
At the beginning of the year		119,823	128,477		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the financial year		6,894	(8,654)		
At the end of the year		126,717	119,823		
12. FUNDS					
12.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds		
		£	£		
At 1 September 2022		65,315	63,162		
Movement during the financial year		(8,474)	(180)		
At 31 August 2023		56,841	62,982		
Movement during the financial year		1,641	5,253		
At 31 August 2024		58,482	68,235		
12.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS					
	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance
	1 September			between	31 August
	2023			funds	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Building fund	54,208	6,649	-	-	60,857
Compassion	8,774	1,963	3,359	-	7,378
	62,982	8,612	3,359	-	68,235
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted General	56,841	181,978	180,337	-	58,482
Total funds	119,823	190,590	183,696	-	126,717

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12.3 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Fixed assets - charity use £	Current assets £	Current liabilities £	Total £
Restricted trust funds	-	68,235	-	68,235
Unrestricted general funds	724	61,989	(4,231)	58,482
	724	130,224	(4,231)	126,717

13. STATUS

The charity is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one financial year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £ 1.

14. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

	2024 £	2023 £
Remuneration	3,861	22,523

There were no trustees' expenses paid during the year to 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023. Trustees' remuneration relates to payment in relation to work carried out as an employee rather than payment for services as a Trustee.

15. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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Operating Statement

for the financial year ended 31 August 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income		
Donations	163,289	154,637
Gift Aid	25,912	28,939
Deposit account interest	1,389	490
	<u>190,590</u>	<u>184,066</u>
Expenses		
Wages and salaries	94,516	93,910
Social security costs	2,174	2,686
Pensions	2,534	1,741
Ministry	10,548	26,061
Venue costs	27,415	21,966
Kid's ministry	5,746	8,266
Out Gifting	20,611	18,238
Speakers Costs	458	141
Worship	2,494	3,267
Office Expenses	4,638	3,723
Travelling and entertainment	852	1,052
Legal and Professional Costs	4,823	5,419
Accountants fees	2,421	1,587
Church Running & Sundry Costs	4,033	4,376
Depreciation	433	287
	<u>183,696</u>	<u>192,720</u>
Net surplus/(deficit)	<u><u>6,894</u></u>	<u><u>(8,654)</u></u>

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101536

Annual report

Company Registration Number: NI604963

Charity Number: 101536

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Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 31 August 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Laura Jane Farrell Deena Nimick (Appointed 9 January 2024) Paul Daniels (Resigned 31 October 2023) Stephen McCann (Resigned 16 April 2024) Gareth Harold Hamilton (Appointed 9 January 2024) Steven Milburn
Charity Number in Northern Ireland	101536
Company Registration Number	NI604963
Registered Office	27 Lancasterian Street Carrickfergus Co. Antrim BT38 7AB
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the financial year ended 31 August 2024

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 August 2024.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the charity are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the charity's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Carrickfergus Vineyard Church present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 August 2024.

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

The objectives of Carrickfergus Vineyard are to seek and advance the Kingdom of God in our town by furthering the gospel of Jesus Christ, building up the faith of Christian believers, sharing in the training of Christian workers, promoting Christian education and bringing relief to the poor, the needy and the sick.

Objectives

During the year the church has fulfilled these objectives as set out below.

Connected Charities

During this period, we have continued to support the work of three charities by way of ongoing financial support. We also partner with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) through training and gifting in other ways. We are registered with Kintsugi Hope as a Wellbeing Group host and with ACTS435 as an advocate church.

These charities represent our commitment and support locally, nationally and internationally. We continue to give to these organisations in line with our income of financial donations.

Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland ("VCUKI") (nationally)

VCUKI exists to connect churches that hold common values and practices. It gives spiritual oversight to the senior pastors of Vineyard Churches and facilitates church planting. Carrickfergus Vineyard used the name "Vineyard" by agreement.

Stand by Me (internationally)

Below is a brief outline of their vision: -

Through our children's homes, schools and care centres, we aim to meet the individual needs of children who are orphaned, abandoned, abused and victims of war or disease, or are living in extreme poverty. We aim to make lasting improvements to children's lives, caring for them as Jesus would, by restoring their dignity and giving them a sense of worth. We want every child entrusted to us to feel loved and to reach their full potential.

Home for Good (locally)

Below is a brief outline of their vision: -

We believe the Church is ideally placed to ensure that every child and young person has the loving home they need. Our Biblical mandate to care for the vulnerable, extend hospitality and seek justice compels us to action. Through opening our homes and hearts to children and young people in care, and through our churches becoming a welcoming and supportive community to all looked after and adopted children and the families who care for them, we can make a transformational difference.

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CAP UK – Christians Against Poverty UK

Carrickfergus Vineyard has partnered with this charity by way of paying for the training of 4 volunteers to become CAP Money Coaches. These Volunteers have been fully trained and authorised by CAP to operate as a money coach and regularly deliver the CAP Money Course. Below is a brief outline of their vision: -

Christians Against Poverty is a national debt counselling charity with a network of 190 centres based in local churches. CAP offers hope and a solution in debt through its unique, in-depth service.

ACTS435

Acts 435 is an online giving charity, directly connecting those who want to give with those who are in genuine need of their help. They work through a network of local churches and charities with registered advocates who meet with people who need money to meet a specific need, and put their requests on the Acts 435 website. These needs are met by online donors who can give generally or to meet a specific need.

Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance

The level of performance against objectives is, in the main, a reflection of the activity of the church members of Carrickfergus Vineyard who volunteer their time, energy and money freely because of faith. The leadership and organisation of this activity is the primary responsibility of the senior pastors and a small leadership team in support of the senior pastors.

Furthering the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Advancing the Kingdom of God

Carrickfergus Vineyard aims to advance the Kingdom of God throughout the town of Carrickfergus, across the whole country and island of Ireland. Our church has actively worked in our local community to be a blessing in practical and relational ways.

The church welcomes those of all or no faiths and from every background and community who wish to visit during our Sunday service. Some of those have decided to stay and join Carrickfergus Vineyard.

In October 2023 we moved our Sunday morning services to Carrickfergus Academy School, Downshire Road. This facilitates a main service, with separate environments for children and youth during this time, and the ability to host a cafe/coffee time afterwards to build community. Sunday evening Youth gatherings continued in our Town Centre Venue.

To engage with our community and bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Advance the Kingdom of God we run a number of ministries. Some people who attended, or were impacted by these ministries have then decided to join with us at Carrickfergus Vineyard. Below are some examples. A full overview of our community activities and special events can be found on our website at www.carrickfergusvineyard.org

- CAP Money course online.
- Working in collaboration with local primary and secondary schools and our own community relationships, we joined with Carrickfergus Foodbank to ensure that 34 families received a Christmas food parcel in the run up to the festive season.
- Meeting specific needs through ACTS435 referrals - This year we were able to support a number of people in our community to help purchase fuel, flooring for their house or replace white goods.
- A Nativity Trail event for the local community took place, offering families a free Christmas & Santa experience and treats at Kilcreggan Farm, with the aim of helping those being impacted by the increase in cost of living. This was attended by 103 children and their families.
- The Living Room – started in June 2023, a monthly Friday evening drop in space was open to encourage connection and tackle loneliness within Carrickfergus. This is a welcoming space for adults in Carrickfergus to relax and have a chat over a cuppa and toast. Perhaps even play a board game with others.
- Annual October Reach Supper & Storytelling evenings for women in our church and local community.
- Tots Tea Room weekly during term time for little ones and parents/carers.

We continued to lease our community venue in the centre of Carrickfergus where we run various community activities. These activities are detailed further in this report and are a result of our commitment to our local community.

Building up the Faith of Christian Believers, Training and Education

Sunday Church and Life Groups

Sunday Services and Life Groups continued to meet. Life Groups remained a vital means of connection and grew in number over the year. Life Groups are offered in addition to the practical teaching through Sunday services and empower Church members to live a God-centered lifestyle.

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Youth

Youth continued to gather in a number of environments including Sunday mornings during church and Sunday evenings. We also facilitated a youth "in-house weekend" in our town centre venue where our young people gathered to receive spiritual input and also do outreach into our local community. A number of our Young People also attended Summer Madness, a Christian Youth Festival this summer as well as taking opportunities to meet and serve with youth from other churches. A group of youth also attended MOVE, a summer camp held near Dublin, where they made friendships with young people of different backgrounds from across the island of Ireland. In July 2023 two of our volunteer youth leaders with a team of seven young people and a Stand by Me staff member travelled to Romania to work in a children's day care centre there, running children's clubs and assisting with practical maintenance in the centre. This has also resulted in further church support for Stand by Me charity through both awareness and increased financial support through more child sponsorships.

Encounter Nights

We restarted our monthly prayer and worship nights on Sunday evenings in Carrickfergus Academy and handed over leadership of these to our young adults to create leadership and training opportunities for the emerging generation.

Men's Ministry

Men's groups and events - we continued to run events specifically for men, such as curry nights and life groups for men, creating spaces to focus on both male emotional wellbeing and spiritual health.

Leadership

Leadership Essentials - we continued a monthly leadership course in conjunction with Antrim Coast Vineyard Church in Larne. This course is produced by Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland, covering many of the most important and foundational aspects of leadership, it is the perfect place to grow in understanding and insight alongside others from both these churches. Its aim is the development of current and emerging leaders and team leads.

Special Days

We also facilitate significant occasions in the lives of the church members including our Baptism service in June, Baby dedications in March and October and officiating at weddings and funerals as they arise.

Alpha

In the Spring Term of 2023 we ran the Alpha Course, open to anyone in our community, a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. This created a friendly and open minded environment for people to know more about Jesus and was facilitated by members of Carrickfergus Vineyard Church.

The Marriage Course

Developed in 1996, The Marriage Course has been run in over 117 countries for over 1.5 million couples. In the Spring Term two couples from our church facilitated this course for other couples to build a better strong marriage. The Cithrah Foundation, who we work in partnership with, kindly permitted us to use their premises to facilitate group sessions and individual break out times for couples.

Prayer

In March 2024 we hosted an Easter prayer week in our town centre venue in conjunction with 24-7 Prayer Ireland, creating a creative interactive prayer space and making it available for both our own church and people in the local community to drop in. This was also attended by a local primary school class and a local women's support group.

Volunteers

A number of volunteers are fully trained by CAP UK to act as money coaches and have been authorised to deliver the CAP money course. These volunteers deliver this course on a regular cycle.

Relieving the Poor, the Needy and the sick

Carrickfergus Vineyard actively seeks ways to bless and practically serve our community, especially the poor, the needy, young and old, including those who are outside our church community.

In partnership with CAP UK, Carrickfergus Vineyard collects food and gifts for those who are CAP clients. We have also given one-off crisis financial donations to CAP clients when requested to do so by our local CAP centre. This helps take the burden off statutory agencies, charities and community groups, allowing them time to put in place a long-term solution.

We have also supported families within our own church community with foodstuffs who have faced financial crisis or illness which has led to extreme hardship for them. We also act as a referral agency for Carrickfergus Food Bank and Carrickfergus BabyBank and are able to assist people in need to access those services.

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In addition, the church continued to connect with and assist families in the community who became known to us through the Covid-19 crisis. These families were referred to our Compassion ministries by the local schools and partner charities. We are able to assist these families by providing vouchers for fresh food and additional sign-posting to agencies we work closely with such as FoodBank, BabyBank, CAP, Cithrah, Women's Aid etc.

Another way we are able to assist people in crisis is through ACTS435. As a registered church, we have an approved volunteer who acts as an advocate who can submit requests for funding on behalf of people in the community with specific needs. ACTS435 then processes the request and transfers funds to meet the need. Since registering in December 2020, our church has been able to fulfil over 30 requests to assist people with needs such as flooring, appliances and furniture.

Carrickfergus Vineyard is part of Carrick Together, a group of local churches and Carrickfergus YMCA working to support individuals seeking asylum and living in Carrickfergus.

Community Engagement & Support

CAP Money

The CAP money system is tried and tested and works irrespective of income or financial know-how. You will start by ordering your finances into a manageable system, and then learn how to make well-informed decisions about budgeting, cutting costs, saving and giving. By the end of the course, you will be empowered to save more, reduce your outstanding debts and make better financial decisions.

Tiny Tots Tea Room

This is a time to come along and enjoy some social time together with others from our community, while the young ones play. Tiny Tots Tea Room ran term time, Tuesday mornings, 9.30-11am, meeting in Carrickfergus Vineyard Community Venue. We have tea, toast, treats and toys for mums/dads/carers and their little ones, all are so welcome.

Living Room

A monthly Friday evening drop in runs in our town centre venue, providing a warm space for people to call in and have supper, chat and games with volunteers from our church community.

School mentoring

A mentoring team has been established by one of our pastors, Paul Daniels in Carrickfergus Academy, a local secondary school in our town, providing a team of mentors from our community to meet weekly with school pupils requiring additional support.

Book Club

This is again a space to come along and enjoy some social time together with others from the community and discuss the book of the month. Book club meets once a month in combination of online and in person gatherings to facilitate different needs of women in the local community. Some of our in person gatherings include hosting authors and facilitating cinema trips for women from our local community.

Food Bank

We continue to partner with another local church, (Jordan Victory Church) and the Trussell Trust, who operate a local food bank which is part of the nationwide Trussell Trust food banks. Jordan Victory Church takes the lead on this due to the physical facilities they have at their disposal.

Fostering and adoption

We have been working along with the Home for Good charity, believing that the church can make a difference for the children who need a home, raising awareness of the need for foster and adoptive parents. We are a Home for Good church offering a welcoming community for families on this journey. Chantel Daniels, one of our pastors, provides input to the Home for Good NI Advisory Board.

Garden of Eden Allotment

Our church allotment is located just behind Eden Community Centre. This is a special place that everyone is welcome to be part of, from pulling weeds, sowing seeds, digging, building fences, chatting and enjoying the space. We grow food for the local community and we grow as individuals in the community together.

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Other Groups

We had other agencies using our Vineyard Venue in 2023-2024.

Links Counselling Service

Links Counselling Service is a charity that exists to make counselling accessible to everyone within the community. They offer professional counselling for children, young people, adults and couples to ensure that no one journeys alone. We are now making two rooms available in our venue facilitating Links extending their counselling services available to the local community through our venue, by having three counsellors over three days a week.

Women's Aid

Women's Aid have been using our larger meeting room to host courses with groups of women each term since September 2021.

Summary

It should be noted that the above is not a complete list of activities. However, they do demonstrate Carrickfergus Vineyard is continuing to fulfill its obligations and achieve its objectives.

Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page 12 and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail.

Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £130,948 (2023 - £121,839) and liabilities of £4,231 (2023 - £2,016). The net assets of the charity have increased by £6,894.

Reserves Position and Policy

Investment Policy

The constitution of Carrickfergus Vineyard Church authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments using its funds. Cash balances are currently held with The Cooperative Bank plc. The Dankse Bank accounts have now closed but were active in the 23/24 year. The Trustees have regard to the liquidity requirements of the organisation and have operated a policy of keeping available funds within interest bearing accounts.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees who served in this period have undertaken the work of the charity, identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that all appropriate policies are in place to mitigate these risks. Carrickfergus Vineyard maintains reserves in order to cover fluctuations in income and expenditure, to allow for any major unexpected expenditure, or to mitigate any decline in the overall financial environment.

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee (company number NI604963) as well as a registered charity, in which company directors also form the Board of Trustees. The liability of each Trustee in the event of winding up is limited to £1. The Church is associated with Vineyard Churches UK. The association provides pastoral care for the Senior Pastors and family and external reference concerning church affairs and doctrine.

The day to day running of the church is by the Senior Pastors, Paul Daniels and Chantel Daniels

Induction and training of new Trustees

New Trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates, who are generally, but not exclusively, selected from within the membership of Carrickfergus Vineyard, are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the church. New Trustees have the opportunity of reviewing appropriate documents, including the accounts as part of their induction process.

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Risk Management

The systems of internal control are designed to provide a reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- An annual budget approved by the Trustees.
- Regular review by the Trustees of financial reports.
- Identification and management of risk.

Trustees

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Laura Jane Farrell
Deena Nimick (Appointed 9 January 2024)
Paul Daniels (Resigned 31 October 2023)
Stephen McCann (Resigned 16 April 2024)
Gareth Harold Hamilton (Appointed 9 January 2024)
Steven Milburn

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Carrickfergus Vineyard Church subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Carrying On Our Work

The Senior Pastors, leadership team and volunteers of Carrickfergus Vineyard Church will continue to build on the work that is already happening in the church in order to follow God, to form an authentic community of believers and fulfil the Kingdom ministries left to us. We are going to intentionally see lives transformed by Jesus starting with our own. We will continue to grow and adapt our outreach projects, working with the poor in Carrickfergus, both practically and relationally and we will continue to serve our community as a whole.

We will continue to support our connected charities locally, nationally and internationally by way of ongoing financial support and partnership.

We will continue to operate as a 'come as you are' church and be 'a place of hope'.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Steven Milburn
Trustee

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The trustees, who are also directors of Carrickfergus Vineyard Church for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees as the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Steven Milburn
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CARRICKFERGUS VINEYARD CHURCH

I have examined the financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 August 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. My work has been undertaken so that I might compile the financial statements that I have been engaged to compile, report to the Board of Trustees that I have done so, and state those matters that I have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members, as a body, for my work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

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 financial statements to be reached.

John McCleary FCA
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Date: 27 March 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

for the financial year ended 31 August 2024

		Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Donations and legacies	3.1	181,427	7,774	189,201	177,870	5,706	183,576
Investments	3.2	551	838	1,389	191	299	490
Total income		181,978	8,612	190,590	178,061	6,005	184,066
Expenditure							
Charitable activities	4.1	180,337	3,359	183,696	188,465	4,255	192,720
Net income/(expenditure)		1,641	5,253	6,894	(10,404)	1,750	(8,654)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	1,930	(1,930)	-
Net movement in funds for the financial year		1,641	5,253	6,894	(8,474)	(180)	(8,654)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds beginning of the year	12	56,841	62,982	119,823	65,315	63,162	128,477
Total funds at the end of the year		58,482	68,235	126,717	56,841	62,982	119,823

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year. All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 August 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	8	724	1,157
Current Assets			
Debtors	9	1,845	3,488
Cash at bank and in hand		128,379	117,194
		130,224	120,682
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(4,231)	(2,016)
Net Current Assets		125,993	118,666
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		126,717	119,823
Funds			
Restricted trust funds		68,235	62,982
General fund (unrestricted)		58,482	56,841
Total funds	12	126,717	119,823

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

For the financial year ended 31 August 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under section 476.

The trustees confirm that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the financial year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charity.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Steven Milburn
Trustee

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for the financial year ended 31 August 2024

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office of the charity is 27 Lancasterian Street, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, BT38 7AB which is also the principal place of business of the charity. The financial statements have been presented in Pound (£) which is also the functional currency of the charity.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102".

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the charity has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102".

Cash flow statement

The charity has availed of the exemption in FRS 102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement because it is classified as a small charity.

Fund accounting

The following are the categories of funds maintained:

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income received which can only be used for particular purposes, as specified by the donors. Such purposes are within the overall objectives of the charity.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds consist of General and Designated funds.

- General funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the board, in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.
- Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that the board has, at its discretion, set aside for particular purposes. These designations have an administrative purpose only, and do not legally restrict the board's discretion to apply the fund.

Income

Income is recognised by inclusion in the Statement of Financial Activities only when the charity is legally entitled to the income, performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, the amounts involved can be measured with sufficient reliability and it is probable that the income will be received by the charity.

Income from charitable activities

Income from charitable activities include income earned from the supply of services under contractual arrangements and from performance related grants which have conditions that specify the provision of particular services to be provided by the charity. Income from government and other co-funders is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income because it is fulfilling the conditions contained in the related funding agreements. Where a grant is received in advance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, it is accrued in debtors.

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Expenditure

Expenditure is analysed between costs of charitable activities and raising funds. The costs of each activity are separately accumulated and disclosed, and analysed according to their major components. Expenditure is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, a transfer of economic benefits is required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but cannot be attributed to one activity. Such costs are allocated to activities in proportion to staff time spent or other suitable measure for each activity.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 20% on reducing balance

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the charity from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at financial year end, is included in debtors.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

Taxation

No current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

3.	INCOME				
3.1	DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
	Donations	155,515	7,774	163,289	154,637
	Gift aid	25,912	-	25,912	28,939
		<u>181,427</u>	<u>7,774</u>	<u>189,201</u>	<u>183,576</u>
3.2	INVESTMENTS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
	Deposit account interest	551	838	1,389	490
		<u>551</u>	<u>838</u>	<u>1,389</u>	<u>490</u>
4.	EXPENDITURE				
4.1	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	2024
		£	£	£	£
	Expenditure on charitable activities	67,272	-	116,424	183,696
		<u>67,272</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,424</u>	<u>183,696</u>

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4.2 SUPPORT COSTS	Charitable Activities £	2024 £	2023 £
Church running and sundry costs	4,033	4,033	4,376
Trustees' social security	-	-	447
Trustees' pensions paid	116	116	676
Office expenses	4,638	4,638	3,723
Travel and subsistence	852	852	1,052
Independent examination	2,421	2,421	1,587
Legal and professional costs	4,823	4,823	5,419
Pensions	2,534	2,534	1,741
Social security	2,058	2,058	1,563
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	433	433	287
Trustees' salaries	3,861	3,861	22,523
Wages	90,655	90,655	71,387
	<u>116,424</u>	<u>116,424</u>	<u>114,781</u>

5. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Basis of Apportionment	2024 £	2023 £
Church running and sundry costs	100%	4,033	4,376
Trustees' social security	100%	-	447
Trustees' pensions paid	100%	116	676
Office expenses	100%	4,638	3,723
Travel and subsistence	100%	852	1,052
Independent examination	100%	2,421	1,587
Legal and professional costs	100%	4,823	5,419
Pensions	100%	2,534	1,741
Social security	100%	2,058	1,563
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	100%	433	287
Trustees' salaries	100%	3,861	22,523
Wages	100%	90,655	71,387
		<u>116,424</u>	<u>114,781</u>

6. NET INCOME

	2024 £	2023 £
Net Income is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of tangible assets	433	287
Independent Examiner's remuneration: - Independent examination services	2,421	1,587
	<u>2,421</u>	<u>1,587</u>

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7. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION**Number of employees**

The average number of persons employed (including executive trustees) during the financial year was as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Pastoral and administration	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
The staff costs comprise:	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	94,516	93,910
Social security costs	2,174	2,686
Pension costs	2,534	1,741
	<u>99,224</u>	<u>98,337</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 31 August 2024	<u>5,336</u>	<u>5,336</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 September 2023	4,179	4,179
Charge for the financial year	433	433
At 31 August 2024	<u>4,612</u>	<u>4,612</u>
Net book value		
At 31 August 2024	<u>724</u>	<u>724</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>1,157</u>	<u>1,157</u>

9. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	1,228	2,909
Prepayments and accrued income	617	579
	<u>1,845</u>	<u>3,488</u>

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10. CREDITORS		2024	2023		
Amounts falling due within one year		£	£		
Taxation and social security costs		1,074	-		
Accruals and deferred income:					
Pension accrual		603	521		
Other accruals		2,554	1,495		
		4,231	2,016		
11. RESERVES		2024	2023		
		£	£		
At the beginning of the year		119,823	128,477		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the financial year		6,894	(8,654)		
At the end of the year		126,717	119,823		
12. FUNDS					
12.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds		
		£	£		
At 1 September 2022		65,315	63,162		
Movement during the financial year		(8,474)	(180)		
At 31 August 2023		56,841	62,982		
Movement during the financial year		1,641	5,253		
At 31 August 2024		58,482	68,235		
12.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS					
	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance
	1 September			between	31 August
	2023			funds	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Building fund	54,208	6,649	-	-	60,857
Compassion	8,774	1,963	3,359	-	7,378
	62,982	8,612	3,359	-	68,235
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted General	56,841	181,978	180,337	-	58,482
Total funds	119,823	190,590	183,696	-	126,717

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12.3 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Fixed assets - charity use £	Current assets £	Current liabilities £	Total £
Restricted trust funds	-	68,235	-	68,235
Unrestricted general funds	724	61,989	(4,231)	58,482
	724	130,224	(4,231)	126,717

13. STATUS

The charity is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one financial year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £ 1.

14. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

	2024 £	2023 £
Remuneration	3,861	22,523

There were no trustees' expenses paid during the year to 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023. Trustees' remuneration relates to payment in relation to work carried out as an employee rather than payment for services as a Trustee.

15. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.

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RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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Operating Statement

for the financial year ended 31 August 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income		
Donations	163,289	154,637
Gift Aid	25,912	28,939
Deposit account interest	1,389	490
	<u>190,590</u>	<u>184,066</u>
Expenses		
Wages and salaries	94,516	93,910
Social security costs	2,174	2,686
Pensions	2,534	1,741
Ministry	10,548	26,061
Venue costs	27,415	21,966
Kid's ministry	5,746	8,266
Out Gifting	20,611	18,238
Speakers Costs	458	141
Worship	2,494	3,267
Office Expenses	4,638	3,723
Travelling and entertainment	852	1,052
Legal and Professional Costs	4,823	5,419
Accountants fees	2,421	1,587
Church Running & Sundry Costs	4,033	4,376
Depreciation	433	287
	<u>183,696</u>	<u>192,720</u>
Net surplus/(deficit)	<u><u>6,894</u></u>	<u><u>(8,654)</u></u>

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101536

Annual return

Company Registration Number: NI604963

Charity Number: 101536

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Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 31 August 2024

McCleary & Company Ltd
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Laura Jane Farrell Deena Nimick (Appointed 9 January 2024) Paul Daniels (Resigned 31 October 2023) Stephen McCann (Resigned 16 April 2024) Gareth Harold Hamilton (Appointed 9 January 2024) Steven Milburn
Charity Number in Northern Ireland	101536
Company Registration Number	NI604963
Registered Office	27 Lancasterian Street Carrickfergus Co. Antrim BT38 7AB
Independent Examiner	McCleary & Company Ltd Chartered Accountants Garvey Studios 14 Longstone Street Lisburn Co. Antrim BT28 1TP

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The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 August 2024.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the charity are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the charity's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Carrickfergus Vineyard Church present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 August 2024.

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

The objectives of Carrickfergus Vineyard are to seek and advance the Kingdom of God in our town by furthering the gospel of Jesus Christ, building up the faith of Christian believers, sharing in the training of Christian workers, promoting Christian education and bringing relief to the poor, the needy and the sick.

Objectives

During the year the church has fulfilled these objectives as set out below.

Connected Charities

During this period, we have continued to support the work of three charities by way of ongoing financial support. We also partner with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) through training and gifting in other ways. We are registered with Kintsugi Hope as a Wellbeing Group host and with ACTS435 as an advocate church.

These charities represent our commitment and support locally, nationally and internationally. We continue to give to these organisations in line with our income of financial donations.

Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland ("VCUKI") (nationally)

VCUKI exists to connect churches that hold common values and practices. It gives spiritual oversight to the senior pastors of Vineyard Churches and facilitates church planting. Carrickfergus Vineyard used the name "Vineyard" by agreement.

Stand by Me (internationally)

Below is a brief outline of their vision: -

Through our children's homes, schools and care centres, we aim to meet the individual needs of children who are orphaned, abandoned, abused and victims of war or disease, or are living in extreme poverty. We aim to make lasting improvements to children's lives, caring for them as Jesus would, by restoring their dignity and giving them a sense of worth. We want every child entrusted to us to feel loved and to reach their full potential.

Home for Good (locally)

Below is a brief outline of their vision: -

We believe the Church is ideally placed to ensure that every child and young person has the loving home they need. Our Biblical mandate to care for the vulnerable, extend hospitality and seek justice compels us to action. Through opening our homes and hearts to children and young people in care, and through our churches becoming a welcoming and supportive community to all looked after and adopted children and the families who care for them, we can make a transformational difference.

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CAP UK – Christians Against Poverty UK

Carrickfergus Vineyard has partnered with this charity by way of paying for the training of 4 volunteers to become CAP Money Coaches. These Volunteers have been fully trained and authorised by CAP to operate as a money coach and regularly deliver the CAP Money Course. Below is a brief outline of their vision: -

Christians Against Poverty is a national debt counselling charity with a network of 190 centres based in local churches. CAP offers hope and a solution in debt through its unique, in-depth service.

ACTS435

Acts 435 is an online giving charity, directly connecting those who want to give with those who are in genuine need of their help. They work through a network of local churches and charities with registered advocates who meet with people who need money to meet a specific need, and put their requests on the Acts 435 website. These needs are met by online donors who can give generally or to meet a specific need.

Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance

The level of performance against objectives is, in the main, a reflection of the activity of the church members of Carrickfergus Vineyard who volunteer their time, energy and money freely because of faith. The leadership and organisation of this activity is the primary responsibility of the senior pastors and a small leadership team in support of the senior pastors.

Furthering the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Advancing the Kingdom of God

Carrickfergus Vineyard aims to advance the Kingdom of God throughout the town of Carrickfergus, across the whole country and island of Ireland. Our church has actively worked in our local community to be a blessing in practical and relational ways.

The church welcomes those of all or no faiths and from every background and community who wish to visit during our Sunday service. Some of those have decided to stay and join Carrickfergus Vineyard.

In October 2023 we moved our Sunday morning services to Carrickfergus Academy School, Downshire Road. This facilitates a main service, with separate environments for children and youth during this time, and the ability to host a cafe/coffee time afterwards to build community. Sunday evening Youth gatherings continued in our Town Centre Venue.

To engage with our community and bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Advance the Kingdom of God we run a number of ministries. Some people who attended, or were impacted by these ministries have then decided to join with us at Carrickfergus Vineyard. Below are some examples. A full overview of our community activities and special events can be found on our website at www.carrickfergusvineyard.org

- CAP Money course online.
- Working in collaboration with local primary and secondary schools and our own community relationships, we joined with Carrickfergus Foodbank to ensure that 34 families received a Christmas food parcel in the run up to the festive season.
- Meeting specific needs through ACTS435 referrals - This year we were able to support a number of people in our community to help purchase fuel, flooring for their house or replace white goods.
- A Nativity Trail event for the local community took place, offering families a free Christmas & Santa experience and treats at Kilcreggan Farm, with the aim of helping those being impacted by the increase in cost of living. This was attended by 103 children and their families.
- The Living Room – started in June 2023, a monthly Friday evening drop in space was open to encourage connection and tackle loneliness within Carrickfergus. This is a welcoming space for adults in Carrickfergus to relax and have a chat over a cuppa and toast. Perhaps even play a board game with others.
- Annual October Reach Supper & Storytelling evenings for women in our church and local community.
- Tots Tea Room weekly during term time for little ones and parents/carers.

We continued to lease our community venue in the centre of Carrickfergus where we run various community activities. These activities are detailed further in this report and are a result of our commitment to our local community.

Building up the Faith of Christian Believers, Training and Education

Sunday Church and Life Groups

Sunday Services and Life Groups continued to meet. Life Groups remained a vital means of connection and grew in number over the year. Life Groups are offered in addition to the practical teaching through Sunday services and empower Church members to live a God-centered lifestyle.

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Youth

Youth continued to gather in a number of environments including Sunday mornings during church and Sunday evenings. We also facilitated a youth "in-house weekend" in our town centre venue where our young people gathered to receive spiritual input and also do outreach into our local community. A number of our Young People also attended Summer Madness, a Christian Youth Festival this summer as well as taking opportunities to meet and serve with youth from other churches. A group of youth also attended MOVE, a summer camp held near Dublin, where they made friendships with young people of different backgrounds from across the island of Ireland. In July 2023 two of our volunteer youth leaders with a team of seven young people and a Stand by Me staff member travelled to Romania to work in a children's day care centre there, running children's clubs and assisting with practical maintenance in the centre. This has also resulted in further church support for Stand by Me charity through both awareness and increased financial support through more child sponsorships.

Encounter Nights

We restarted our monthly prayer and worship nights on Sunday evenings in Carrickfergus Academy and handed over leadership of these to our young adults to create leadership and training opportunities for the emerging generation.

Men's Ministry

Men's groups and events - we continued to run events specifically for men, such as curry nights and life groups for men, creating spaces to focus on both male emotional wellbeing and spiritual health.

Leadership

Leadership Essentials - we continued a monthly leadership course in conjunction with Antrim Coast Vineyard Church in Larne. This course is produced by Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland, covering many of the most important and foundational aspects of leadership, it is the perfect place to grow in understanding and insight alongside others from both these churches. Its aim is the development of current and emerging leaders and team leads.

Special Days

We also facilitate significant occasions in the lives of the church members including our Baptism service in June, Baby dedications in March and October and officiating at weddings and funerals as they arise.

Alpha

In the Spring Term of 2023 we ran the Alpha Course, open to anyone in our community, a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. This created a friendly and open minded environment for people to know more about Jesus and was facilitated by members of Carrickfergus Vineyard Church.

The Marriage Course

Developed in 1996, The Marriage Course has been run in over 117 countries for over 1.5 million couples. In the Spring Term two couples from our church facilitated this course for other couples to build a better strong marriage. The Cithrah Foundation, who we work in partnership with, kindly permitted us to use their premises to facilitate group sessions and individual break out times for couples.

Prayer

In March 2024 we hosted an Easter prayer week in our town centre venue in conjunction with 24-7 Prayer Ireland, creating a creative interactive prayer space and making it available for both our own church and people in the local community to drop in. This was also attended by a local primary school class and a local women's support group.

Volunteers

A number of volunteers are fully trained by CAP UK to act as money coaches and have been authorised to deliver the CAP money course. These volunteers deliver this course on a regular cycle.

Relieving the Poor, the Needy and the sick

Carrickfergus Vineyard actively seeks ways to bless and practically serve our community, especially the poor, the needy, young and old, including those who are outside our church community.

In partnership with CAP UK, Carrickfergus Vineyard collects food and gifts for those who are CAP clients. We have also given one-off crisis financial donations to CAP clients when requested to do so by our local CAP centre. This helps take the burden off statutory agencies, charities and community groups, allowing them time to put in place a long-term solution.

We have also supported families within our own church community with foodstuffs who have faced financial crisis or illness which has led to extreme hardship for them. We also act as a referral agency for Carrickfergus Food Bank and Carrickfergus BabyBank and are able to assist people in need to access those services.

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In addition, the church continued to connect with and assist families in the community who became known to us through the Covid-19 crisis. These families were referred to our Compassion ministries by the local schools and partner charities. We are able to assist these families by providing vouchers for fresh food and additional sign-posting to agencies we work closely with such as FoodBank, BabyBank, CAP, Cithrah, Women's Aid etc.

Another way we are able to assist people in crisis is through ACTS435. As a registered church, we have an approved volunteer who acts as an advocate who can submit requests for funding on behalf of people in the community with specific needs. ACTS435 then processes the request and transfers funds to meet the need. Since registering in December 2020, our church has been able to fulfil over 30 requests to assist people with needs such as flooring, appliances and furniture.

Carrickfergus Vineyard is part of Carrick Together, a group of local churches and Carrickfergus YMCA working to support individuals seeking asylum and living in Carrickfergus.

Community Engagement & Support

CAP Money

The CAP money system is tried and tested and works irrespective of income or financial know-how. You will start by ordering your finances into a manageable system, and then learn how to make well-informed decisions about budgeting, cutting costs, saving and giving. By the end of the course, you will be empowered to save more, reduce your outstanding debts and make better financial decisions.

Tiny Tots Tea Room

This is a time to come along and enjoy some social time together with others from our community, while the young ones play. Tiny Tots Tea Room ran term time, Tuesday mornings, 9.30-11am, meeting in Carrickfergus Vineyard Community Venue. We have tea, toast, treats and toys for mums/dads/carers and their little ones, all are so welcome.

Living Room

A monthly Friday evening drop in runs in our town centre venue, providing a warm space for people to call in and have supper, chat and games with volunteers from our church community.

School mentoring

A mentoring team has been established by one of our pastors, Paul Daniels in Carrickfergus Academy, a local secondary school in our town, providing a team of mentors from our community to meet weekly with school pupils requiring additional support.

Book Club

This is again a space to come along and enjoy some social time together with others from the community and discuss the book of the month. Book club meets once a month in combination of online and in person gatherings to facilitate different needs of women in the local community. Some of our in person gatherings include hosting authors and facilitating cinema trips for women from our local community.

Food Bank

We continue to partner with another local church, (Jordan Victory Church) and the Trussell Trust, who operate a local food bank which is part of the nationwide Trussell Trust food banks. Jordan Victory Church takes the lead on this due to the physical facilities they have at their disposal.

Fostering and adoption

We have been working along with the Home for Good charity, believing that the church can make a difference for the children who need a home, raising awareness of the need for foster and adoptive parents. We are a Home for Good church offering a welcoming community for families on this journey. Chantel Daniels, one of our pastors, provides input to the Home for Good NI Advisory Board.

Garden of Eden Allotment

Our church allotment is located just behind Eden Community Centre. This is a special place that everyone is welcome to be part of, from pulling weeds, sowing seeds, digging, building fences, chatting and enjoying the space. We grow food for the local community and we grow as individuals in the community together.

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Other Groups

We had other agencies using our Vineyard Venue in 2023-2024.

Links Counselling Service

Links Counselling Service is a charity that exists to make counselling accessible to everyone within the community. They offer professional counselling for children, young people, adults and couples to ensure that no one journeys alone. We are now making two rooms available in our venue facilitating Links extending their counselling services available to the local community through our venue, by having three counsellors over three days a week.

Women's Aid

Women's Aid have been using our larger meeting room to host courses with groups of women each term since September 2021.

Summary

It should be noted that the above is not a complete list of activities. However, they do demonstrate Carrickfergus Vineyard is continuing to fulfill its obligations and achieve its objectives.

Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page 12 and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail.

Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £130,948 (2023 - £121,839) and liabilities of £4,231 (2023 - £2,016). The net assets of the charity have increased by £6,894.

Reserves Position and Policy

Investment Policy

The constitution of Carrickfergus Vineyard Church authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments using its funds. Cash balances are currently held with The Cooperative Bank plc. The Dankse Bank accounts have now closed but were active in the 23/24 year. The Trustees have regard to the liquidity requirements of the organisation and have operated a policy of keeping available funds within interest bearing accounts.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees who served in this period have undertaken the work of the charity, identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that all appropriate policies are in place to mitigate these risks. Carrickfergus Vineyard maintains reserves in order to cover fluctuations in income and expenditure, to allow for any major unexpected expenditure, or to mitigate any decline in the overall financial environment.

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee (company number NI604963) as well as a registered charity, in which company directors also form the Board of Trustees. The liability of each Trustee in the event of winding up is limited to £1. The Church is associated with Vineyard Churches UK. The association provides pastoral care for the Senior Pastors and family and external reference concerning church affairs and doctrine.

The day to day running of the church is by the Senior Pastors, Paul Daniels and Chantel Daniels

Induction and training of new Trustees

New Trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates, who are generally, but not exclusively, selected from within the membership of Carrickfergus Vineyard, are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the church. New Trustees have the opportunity of reviewing appropriate documents, including the accounts as part of their induction process.

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Risk Management

The systems of internal control are designed to provide a reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- An annual budget approved by the Trustees.
- Regular review by the Trustees of financial reports.
- Identification and management of risk.

Trustees

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Laura Jane Farrell
Deena Nimick (Appointed 9 January 2024)
Paul Daniels (Resigned 31 October 2023)
Stephen McCann (Resigned 16 April 2024)
Gareth Harold Hamilton (Appointed 9 January 2024)
Steven Milburn

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Carrickfergus Vineyard Church subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Carrying On Our Work

The Senior Pastors, leadership team and volunteers of Carrickfergus Vineyard Church will continue to build on the work that is already happening in the church in order to follow God, to form an authentic community of believers and fulfil the Kingdom ministries left to us. We are going to intentionally see lives transformed by Jesus starting with our own. We will continue to grow and adapt our outreach projects, working with the poor in Carrickfergus, both practically and relationally and we will continue to serve our community as a whole.

We will continue to support our connected charities locally, nationally and internationally by way of ongoing financial support and partnership.

We will continue to operate as a 'come as you are' church and be 'a place of hope'.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Steven Milburn
Trustee

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the financial year ended 31 August 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of Carrickfergus Vineyard Church for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees as the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Steven Milburn
Trustee

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CARRICKFERGUS VINEYARD CHURCH

I have examined the financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 August 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. My work has been undertaken so that I might compile the financial statements that I have been engaged to compile, report to the Board of Trustees that I have done so, and state those matters that I have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members, as a body, for my work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

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 financial statements to be reached.

John McCleary FCA
MCCLEARY & COMPANY LTD
Chartered Accountants
Garvey Studios
14 Longstone Street
Lisburn
Co. Antrim
BT28 1TP

Date: 27 March 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

for the financial year ended 31 August 2024

		Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income	Notes						
Donations and legacies	3.1	181,427	7,774	189,201	177,870	5,706	183,576
Investments	3.2	551	838	1,389	191	299	490
Total income		181,978	8,612	190,590	178,061	6,005	184,066
Expenditure							
Charitable activities	4.1	180,337	3,359	183,696	188,465	4,255	192,720
Net income/(expenditure)		1,641	5,253	6,894	(10,404)	1,750	(8,654)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	1,930	(1,930)	-
Net movement in funds for the financial year		1,641	5,253	6,894	(8,474)	(180)	(8,654)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds beginning of the year	12	56,841	62,982	119,823	65,315	63,162	128,477
Total funds at the end of the year		58,482	68,235	126,717	56,841	62,982	119,823

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year. All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

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Company Number: NI604963

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 August 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	8	724	1,157
Current Assets			
Debtors	9	1,845	3,488
Cash at bank and in hand		128,379	117,194
		130,224	120,682
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(4,231)	(2,016)
Net Current Assets		125,993	118,666
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		126,717	119,823
Funds			
Restricted trust funds		68,235	62,982
General fund (unrestricted)		58,482	56,841
Total funds	12	126,717	119,823

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

For the financial year ended 31 August 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under section 476.

The trustees confirm that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the financial year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charity.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Steven Milburn
Trustee

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 August 2024

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office of the charity is 27 Lancasterian Street, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, BT38 7AB which is also the principal place of business of the charity. The financial statements have been presented in Pound (£) which is also the functional currency of the charity.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102".

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the charity has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102".

Cash flow statement

The charity has availed of the exemption in FRS 102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement because it is classified as a small charity.

Fund accounting

The following are the categories of funds maintained:

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income received which can only be used for particular purposes, as specified by the donors. Such purposes are within the overall objectives of the charity.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds consist of General and Designated funds.

- General funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the board, in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.
- Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that the board has, at its discretion, set aside for particular purposes. These designations have an administrative purpose only, and do not legally restrict the board's discretion to apply the fund.

Income

Income is recognised by inclusion in the Statement of Financial Activities only when the charity is legally entitled to the income, performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, the amounts involved can be measured with sufficient reliability and it is probable that the income will be received by the charity.

Income from charitable activities

Income from charitable activities include income earned from the supply of services under contractual arrangements and from performance related grants which have conditions that specify the provision of particular services to be provided by the charity. Income from government and other co-funders is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income because it is fulfilling the conditions contained in the related funding agreements. Where a grant is received in advance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, it is accrued in debtors.

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Expenditure

Expenditure is analysed between costs of charitable activities and raising funds. The costs of each activity are separately accumulated and disclosed, and analysed according to their major components. Expenditure is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, a transfer of economic benefits is required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but cannot be attributed to one activity. Such costs are allocated to activities in proportion to staff time spent or other suitable measure for each activity.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 20% on reducing balance

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the charity from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at financial year end, is included in debtors.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

Taxation

No current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

3.	INCOME				
3.1	DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
	Donations	155,515	7,774	163,289	154,637
	Gift aid	25,912	-	25,912	28,939
		<u>181,427</u>	<u>7,774</u>	<u>189,201</u>	<u>183,576</u>
3.2	INVESTMENTS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
	Deposit account interest	551	838	1,389	490
		<u>551</u>	<u>838</u>	<u>1,389</u>	<u>490</u>
4.	EXPENDITURE				
4.1	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	2024
		£	£	£	£
	Expenditure on charitable activities	67,272	-	116,424	183,696
		<u>67,272</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,424</u>	<u>183,696</u>

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4.2 SUPPORT COSTS	Charitable Activities	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Church running and sundry costs	4,033	4,033	4,376
Trustees' social security	-	-	447
Trustees' pensions paid	116	116	676
Office expenses	4,638	4,638	3,723
Travel and subsistence	852	852	1,052
Independent examination	2,421	2,421	1,587
Legal and professional costs	4,823	4,823	5,419
Pensions	2,534	2,534	1,741
Social security	2,058	2,058	1,563
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	433	433	287
Trustees' salaries	3,861	3,861	22,523
Wages	90,655	90,655	71,387
	<u>116,424</u>	<u>116,424</u>	<u>114,781</u>
5. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS	Basis of Apportionment	2024	2023
		£	£
Church running and sundry costs	100%	4,033	4,376
Trustees' social security	100%	-	447
Trustees' pensions paid	100%	116	676
Office expenses	100%	4,638	3,723
Travel and subsistence	100%	852	1,052
Independent examination	100%	2,421	1,587
Legal and professional costs	100%	4,823	5,419
Pensions	100%	2,534	1,741
Social security	100%	2,058	1,563
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	100%	433	287
Trustees' salaries	100%	3,861	22,523
Wages	100%	90,655	71,387
		<u>116,424</u>	<u>114,781</u>
6. NET INCOME		2024	2023
		£	£
Net Income is stated after charging/(crediting):			
Depreciation of tangible assets		433	287
Independent Examiner's remuneration:			
- Independent examination services		2,421	1,587
		<u>2,421</u>	<u>1,587</u>

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7. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION**Number of employees**

The average number of persons employed (including executive trustees) during the financial year was as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Pastoral and administration	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
The staff costs comprise:	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	94,516	93,910
Social security costs	2,174	2,686
Pension costs	2,534	1,741
	<u>99,224</u>	<u>98,337</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 31 August 2024	<u>5,336</u>	<u>5,336</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 September 2023	4,179	4,179
Charge for the financial year	433	433
At 31 August 2024	<u>4,612</u>	<u>4,612</u>
Net book value		
At 31 August 2024	<u>724</u>	<u>724</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>1,157</u>	<u>1,157</u>

9. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	1,228	2,909
Prepayments and accrued income	617	579
	<u>1,845</u>	<u>3,488</u>

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10. CREDITORS		2024	2023		
Amounts falling due within one year		£	£		
Taxation and social security costs		1,074	-		
Accruals and deferred income:					
Pension accrual		603	521		
Other accruals		2,554	1,495		
		4,231	2,016		
11. RESERVES		2024	2023		
		£	£		
At the beginning of the year		119,823	128,477		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the financial year		6,894	(8,654)		
At the end of the year		126,717	119,823		
12. FUNDS					
12.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds		
		£	£		
At 1 September 2022		65,315	63,162		
Movement during the financial year		(8,474)	(180)		
At 31 August 2023		56,841	62,982		
Movement during the financial year		1,641	5,253		
At 31 August 2024		58,482	68,235		
12.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS					
	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance
	1 September			between	31 August
	2023			funds	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Building fund	54,208	6,649	-	-	60,857
Compassion	8,774	1,963	3,359	-	7,378
	62,982	8,612	3,359	-	68,235
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted General	56,841	181,978	180,337	-	58,482
Total funds	119,823	190,590	183,696	-	126,717

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12.3 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Fixed assets - charity use £	Current assets £	Current liabilities £	Total £
Restricted trust funds	-	68,235	-	68,235
Unrestricted general funds	724	61,989	(4,231)	58,482
	724	130,224	(4,231)	126,717

13. STATUS

The charity is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one financial year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £ 1.

14. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

	2024 £	2023 £
Remuneration	3,861	22,523

There were no trustees' expenses paid during the year to 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023. Trustees' remuneration relates to payment in relation to work carried out as an employee rather than payment for services as a Trustee.

15. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.

CARRICKFERGUS VINEYARD CHURCH
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Operating Statement

for the financial year ended 31 August 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income		
Donations	163,289	154,637
Gift Aid	25,912	28,939
Deposit account interest	1,389	490
	<u>190,590</u>	<u>184,066</u>
Expenses		
Wages and salaries	94,516	93,910
Social security costs	2,174	2,686
Pensions	2,534	1,741
Ministry	10,548	26,061
Venue costs	27,415	21,966
Kid's ministry	5,746	8,266
Out Gifting	20,611	18,238
Speakers Costs	458	141
Worship	2,494	3,267
Office Expenses	4,638	3,723
Travelling and entertainment	852	1,052
Legal and Professional Costs	4,823	5,419
Accountants fees	2,421	1,587
Church Running & Sundry Costs	4,033	4,376
Depreciation	433	287
	<u>183,696</u>	<u>192,720</u>
Net surplus/(deficit)	<u><u>6,894</u></u>	<u><u>(8,654)</u></u>

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101536

Accounts

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.8.23 Total funds £	31.8.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		177,870	5,706	183,576	185,951
Investment income	2	191	299	490	16
Total		178,061	6,005	184,066	185,967
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Direct costs		73,684	4,255	77,939	67,912
Support costs		114,781	-	114,781	105,052
Total		188,465	4,255	192,720	172,964
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	10	(10,404)	1,750	(8,654)	13,003
		1,930	(1,930)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(8,474)	(180)	(8,654)	13,003
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		65,315	63,162	128,477	115,474
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		56,841	62,982	119,823	128,477

The notes form part of these financial statements

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church

Balance Sheet 31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.8.23 Total funds £	31.8.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	1,157	-	1,157	1,444
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	3,194	294	3,488	1,361
Cash at bank		54,506	62,688	117,194	127,184
		<u>57,700</u>	<u>62,982</u>	<u>120,682</u>	<u>128,545</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,016)	-	(2,016)	(1,512)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>55,684</u>	<u>62,982</u>	<u>118,666</u>	<u>127,033</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>56,841</u>	<u>62,982</u>	<u>119,823</u>	<u>128,477</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>56,841</u></u>	<u><u>62,982</u></u>	<u><u>119,823</u></u>	<u><u>128,477</u></u>
FUNDS					
	10			56,841	65,315
Unrestricted funds				62,982	63,162
Restricted funds				<u>119,823</u>	<u>128,477</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u><u>119,823</u></u>	<u><u>128,477</u></u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church

Balance Sheet - continued
31 August 2023

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25 April 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr S W Milburn - Trustee

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>490</u>	<u>16</u>

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>287</u>	<u>359</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	22,523	22,063
Trustees' social security	447	760
Trustees' pensions paid	676	662
	<u>23,646</u>	<u>23,485</u>

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the year ended 31 August 2022.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.8.23	31.8.22
Pastoral and administration	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	170,399	15,552	185,951
Investment income	3	13	16
Total	170,402	15,565	185,967
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Direct costs	64,487	3,425	67,912
Support costs	105,052	-	105,052
Total	169,539	3,425	172,964
 NET INCOME			
Transfers between funds	863	12,140	13,003
	(2,354)	2,354	-
Net movement in funds	(1,491)	14,494	13,003
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	66,806	48,668	115,474
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	65,315	63,162	128,477

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7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Fixtures and fittings £
COST		
At 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023		5,336
DEPRECIATION		
At 1 September 2022		3,892
Charge for year		287
At 31 August 2023		4,179
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31 August 2023		1,157
At 31 August 2022		1,444

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Other debtors	2,909	-
Prepayments	579	1,361
	<u>3,488</u>	<u>1,361</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Pensions	521	432
Accruals and deferred income	1,495	1,080
	<u>2,016</u>	<u>1,512</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	65,315	(10,404)	1,930	56,841
Restricted funds				
Building fund	52,276	3,862	(1,930)	54,208
Compassion	10,886	(2,112)	-	8,774
	<u>63,162</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>(1,930)</u>	<u>62,982</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>128,477</u>	<u>(8,654)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,823</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	178,061	(188,465)	(10,404)
Restricted funds			
Building fund	3,862	-	3,862
Compassion	2,143	(4,255)	(2,112)
	<u>6,005</u>	<u>(4,255)</u>	<u>1,750</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>184,066</u>	<u>(192,720)</u>	<u>(8,654)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	66,806	863	(2,354)	65,315
Restricted funds				
Building fund	35,426	14,496	2,354	52,276
Compassion	13,242	(2,356)	-	10,886
	<u>48,668</u>	<u>12,140</u>	<u>2,354</u>	<u>63,162</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>115,474</u>	<u>13,003</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>128,477</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	170,402	(169,539)	863
Restricted funds			
Building fund	14,496	-	14,496
Compassion	1,069	(3,425)	(2,356)
	15,565	(3,425)	12,140
TOTAL FUNDS	185,967	(172,964)	13,003

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	66,806	(9,541)	(424)	56,841
Restricted funds				
Building fund	35,426	18,358	424	54,208
Compassion	13,242	(4,468)	-	8,774
	48,668	13,890	424	62,982
TOTAL FUNDS	115,474	4,349	-	119,823

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	348,463	(358,004)	(9,541)
Restricted funds			
Building fund	18,358	-	18,358
Compassion	3,212	(7,680)	(4,468)
	<u>21,570</u>	<u>(7,680)</u>	<u>13,890</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>370,033</u>	<u>(365,684)</u>	<u>4,349</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	154,637	156,610
Gift aid	28,939	29,341
	183,576	185,951
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	490	16
	184,066	185,967
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Speakers Costs	141	150
Kid's Ministry	8,266	4,905
Ministry	26,061	18,275
Worship	3,267	511
Out Gifting	18,238	19,603
Venue	21,966	24,468
	77,939	67,912
Support costs		
Other		
Trustees' salaries	22,523	22,063
Trustees' social security	447	760
Trustees' pensions paid	676	662
Wages	71,387	63,316
Social security	1,563	1,488
Pensions	1,741	1,724
Office Expenses	3,723	4,049
Travel and Subsistence	1,052	1,076
Church Running & Sundry Costs	4,376	3,020
Legal and Professional Costs	5,419	5,311
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	287	359
	113,194	103,828
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,587	1,224

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Total resources expended	<u>192,720</u>	<u>172,964</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u><u>(8,654)</u></u>	<u><u>13,003</u></u>

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Carrickfergus Vineyard Church

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101536

Annual report

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The objectives of Carrickfergus Vineyard are to seek and advance the Kingdom of God in our town by furthering the gospel of Jesus Christ, building up the faith of Christian believers, sharing in the training of Christian workers, promoting Christian education and bringing relief to the poor, the needy and the sick.

During the year the church has fulfilled these objectives as set out below.

Connected Charities

During this period, we have continued to support the work of three charities by way of ongoing financial support. We also partner with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) through training and gifting in other ways. We also registered with Kintsugi Hope as a Wellbeing Group host and with ACTS435 as an advocate church.

These charities represent our commitment and support locally, nationally and internationally. We continue to give to these organisations in line with our income of financial donations.

Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland ("VCUKI") (nationally)

VCUKI exists to connect churches that hold common values and practices. It gives spiritual oversight to the senior pastors of Vineyard Churches and facilitates church planting. Carrickfergus Vineyard used the name "Vineyard" by agreement.

Stand by Me (internationally)

Below is a brief outline of their vision: -

Through our children's homes, schools and care centres, we aim to meet the individual needs of children who are orphaned, abandoned, abused and victims of war or disease, or are living in extreme poverty. We aim to make lasting improvements to children's lives, caring for them as Jesus would, by restoring their dignity and giving them a sense of worth. We want every child entrusted to us to feel loved and to reach their full potential.

Home for Good (locally)

Below is a brief outline of their vision: -

We believe the Church is ideally placed to ensure that every child and young person has the loving home they need. Our Biblical mandate to care for the vulnerable, extend hospitality and seek justice compels us to action. Through opening our homes and hearts to children and young people in care, and through our churches becoming a welcoming and supportive community to all looked after and adopted children and the families who care for them, we can make a transformational difference.

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CAP UK - Christians Against Poverty

Carrickfergus Vineyard has partnered with this charity by way of paying for the training of 4 volunteers to become CAP Money Coaches. These Volunteers have been fully trained and authorised by CAP to operate as a money coach and regularly deliver the CAP Money Course. Below is a brief outline of their vision: -

Christians Against Poverty is a national debt counselling charity with a network of 190 centres based in local churches. CAP offers hope and a solution in debt through its unique, in-depth service.

Kintsugi Hope

Kintsugi Hope is a charity based in the UK striving to make a difference to people's mental wellbeing. 'Kintsugi' is a Japanese technique for repairing pottery with seams of gold. The word means 'golden joinery' in Japanese. This repairs the brokenness in a way that makes the object more beautiful, and even more unique than it was prior to being broken. Instead of hiding the scars it makes a feature of them. We want to see a world where mental and emotional health is understood and accepted, with safe and supportive communities for everyone to grow and flourish.

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church now has a number of trained volunteers who have hosted a number of Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing groups. We hosted the Kintsugi Hope team in Carrickfergus to run an event as part of their "Bouncing Forwards" Tour, an evening of live music and talks to create a relaxed, honest evening where Patrick Regan OBE explored themes from his book 'Bouncing Forwards' including resilience, mental wellbeing and thriving through life's challenges.

ACTS435

Acts 435 is an online giving charity, directly connecting those who want to give with those who are in genuine need of their help. They work through a network of local churches and charities with registered advocates who meet with people who need money to meet a specific need, and put their requests on the Acts 435 website. These needs are met by online donors who can give generally or to meet a specific need.

Achievements and Performance

Performance against Objectives

The level of performance against objectives is, in the main, a reflection of the activity of the church members of Carrickfergus Vineyard who volunteer their time, energy and money freely because of faith. The leadership and organisation of this activity is the primary responsibility of the senior pastors and a small leadership team in support of the senior pastors.

Furthering the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Advancing the Kingdom of God

Carrickfergus Vineyard aims to advance the Kingdom of God throughout the town of Carrickfergus, across the whole country and island of Ireland. Our church has actively worked in our local community to be a blessing in practical and relational ways.

The church welcomes those of all or no faiths and from every background and community who wish to visit during our Sunday service. Some of those have decided to stay and join Carrickfergus Vineyard.

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Sunday morning services continue in Carrickfergus Town Hall with separate environments for children and youth during the service, making use of our Town Centre Venues nearby. Sunday evening Youth gatherings continued in our Town Centre Venue.

To engage with our community and bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Advance the Kingdom of God we have run the following ministries. Some people who attended, or were impacted by these ministries have then decided to join with us at Carrickfergus Vineyard. Below are some examples. A full overview of our community activities and special events can be found on our website at www.carrickfergusvineyard.org.

- CAP Money course online.
- Christmas vouchers for local butchers for people in need in the community to receive fresh food - 46 families were supported through this scheme.
- Meeting specific needs through ACTS435 referrals - This year we were able to support 11 people in our community to help purchase fuel, flooring for their house or replace white goods.
- A Breakfast with Santa event for the local community took place, offering families a free Santa experience and breakfast with the aim of helping those being impacted by the increase in cost of living. This was attended by 297 adults and children.
- The Living Room - in June 2023, a monthly Friday evening drop in space was open to encourage connection and tackle loneliness within Carrickfergus. This is a welcoming space for adults in Carrickfergus to relax and have a chat over a cuppa and toast. Perhaps even play a board game with others.
- Annual October Reach Supper & Storytelling evenings for women in our church and local community.
- Tots Tea Room weekly during term time for little ones and parents/carers.
- Easter Trail for families - 100 children took part in our annual easter trail on Easter Monday which is free to the community. A way to support connections within our town and provide cost-free family events during school holidays.
- Grow Carrickfergus - initially we worked with The Conservation Volunteers to offer a 6 week programme to learn skills in growing plants and vegetables at the allotment. This was attended by people from our church and people living in Carrickfergus who are claiming asylum. Produce grown was donated to MEA's Community Fridges project. The project ran from March - September 2023.

We continued to lease our community venue in the center of Carrickfergus where we run various community activities. These activities are detailed further in this report and are a result of our commitment to our local community.

Building up the Faith of Christian Believers, Training and Education

Sunday Church and Life Groups

Sunday Services and Life Groups continued to meet. Life Groups remained a vital means of connection and grew in number over the year. Life Groups are offered in addition to the practical teaching through Sunday services and empower Church members to live a God-centred lifestyle.

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Youth

Youth continued to gather in a number of environments including Sunday mornings during church and Sunday evenings. This year our volunteer youth leader, with a team of young adults, opened our venue once a month on Friday evenings for young people from our community to have a safe place to hang out and get to know one another. We also facilitated a youth "in-house weekend" in our town centre venue where our young people gathered to receive spiritual input and also do outreach into our local community. A number of our Young People also attended Summer Madness, a Christian Youth Festival this summer as well as taking opportunities to meet and serve with youth from other churches. A group of youth also attended MOVE, a summer camp held near Dublin, where they made friendships with young people of different backgrounds from across the island of Ireland.

Men's Ministry

Men's groups and events - we began running events specifically for men, such as curry nights and life groups for men, creating spaces to focus on both male emotional wellbeing and spiritual health.

Leadership

Leadership Essentials - we began a monthly leadership course in conjunction with Antrim Coast Vineyard Church in Larne. This course is produced by Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland, covering many of the most important and foundational aspects of leadership, it is the perfect place to grow in understanding and insight alongside others from both these churches. Its aim is the development of current and emerging leaders and team leads.

Special Days

We also facilitate significant occasions in the lives of the church members including our Baptism service in June, Baby dedications in March and October and officiating at weddings and funerals as they arise.

Volunteers

A number of volunteers are fully trained by CAP UK to act as money coaches and have been authorised to deliver the CAP money course. These volunteers deliver this course on a regular cycle.

Relieving the Poor, the Needy and the sick

Carrickfergus Vineyard actively seeks ways to bless and practically serve our community, especially the poor, the needy, young and old, including those who are outside our church community.

In partnership with CAP UK, Carrickfergus Vineyard collects food and gifts for those who are CAP clients. We have also given one-off crisis financial donations to CAP clients when requested to do so by our local CAP centre. This helps take the burden off statutory agencies, charities and community groups, allowing them time to put in place a long-term solution.

We have also supported families within our own church community with foodstuffs who have faced financial crisis or illness which has led to extreme hardship for them. We also act as a referral agency for Carrickfergus Food Bank and Carrickfergus BabyBank and are able to assist people in need to access those services.

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In addition, the church continued to connect with and assist families in the community who became known to us through the Covid-19 crisis. These families were referred to our Compassion ministries by the local schools and partner charities. We are able to assist these families by providing vouchers for fresh food and additional sign-posting to agencies we work closely with such as FoodBank, BabyBank CAP, Cithrah, Women's Aid etc.

Another way we are able to assist people in crisis is through ACTS435. As a registered church, we have an approved volunteer who acts as an advocate who can submit requests for funding on behalf of people in the community with specific needs. ACTS435 then processes the request and transfers funds to meet the need. Since registering in December 2020, our church has been able to fulfil over 30 requests to assist people with needs such as flooring, appliances and furniture.

Carrickfergus Vineyard is part of Carrick Together, a group of local churches and Carrickfergus YMCA working to support individuals seeking asylum and living in Carrickfergus.

Community Engagement & Support

CAP Money - The CAP money system is tried and tested and works irrespective of income or financial know-how. You will start by ordering your finances into a manageable system, and then learn how to make well-informed decisions about budgeting, cutting costs, saving and giving. By the end of the course, you will be empowered to save more, reduce your outstanding debts and make better financial decisions.

Tiny Tots Tea Room - This is a time to come along and enjoy some social time together with others from our community, while the young ones play. Tiny Tots Tea Room ran term time, Tuesday mornings, 9.30-11am, meeting in Carrickfergus Vineyard Community Venue. We have tea, toast, treats and toys for mums/dads/carers and their little ones, all are so welcome.

REST - Rest Tearoom opened term time Friday mornings 10am-12pm in our Vineyard Venue September 2022-Christmas 2022. This was a space where all were welcome to drop in for tea, coffee & treats at no charge. This was simply a relaxing environment to have a chat and connect with others.

Book Club - This is again a space to come along and enjoy some social time together with others from the community and discuss the book of the month. We meet once a month on a Friday night to talk about the book and socialise. Book Club transitioned online from April 2020 and has remained online, with some in person meetings to host authors and facilitate cinema trips for women from our local community.

Food Bank - We continue to partner with another local church, (Jordan Victory Church) and the Trussell Trust, who operate a local food bank which is part of the nationwide Trussell Trust food banks. Jordan Victory Church takes the lead on this due to the physical facilities they have at their disposal.

Fostering & Adoption - We have been working along with the Home for Good charity, believing that the church can make a difference for the children who need a home, raising awareness of the need for foster and adoptive parents. We are a Home for Good church offering a welcoming community for families on this journey. Chantel Daniels, one of our pastors, provides input to the Home for Good NI Advisory Board.

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Garden of Eden Allotment - Our church allotment is located just behind Eden Community Centre. This is a special place that everyone is welcome to be part of, from pulling weeds, sowing seeds, digging, building fences, chatting and enjoying the space. We grow food for the local community and we grow as individuals in the community together. From March - September 2023, a group met every Monday to learn about growing plants and vegetables, with the aim of donating produce to MEA's Community Fridges scheme. The group was made up of people from our church and those living in Carrickfergus who were seeking asylum. 8 people attended regularly with another 10 who connected with the project over the course of its time. Connections were made within the group, mental health was supported and produce was donated to the Community Fridges in Carrickfergus and Greenisland.

Other Groups

We had other agencies using our Vineyard Venue in 2022-2023.

Links Counselling Service - Links Counselling Service is a charity that exists to make counselling accessible to everyone within the community. They offer professional counselling for children, young people, adults and couples to ensure that no one journeys alone. We have been able to make a room available in our Venues to counsellors two days a week since November 2020. Links have extended their counselling services available to the local community through our venue, by having two counsellors over three days a week.

Women's Aid - Women's Aid have been using our larger meeting room to host courses with groups of women each term since September 2021.

Restore Hope - Restore Hope, a local group run by volunteers, met weekly in our venue to provide support to women who had difficulty through situations of domestic abuse.

Summary

It should be noted that the above is not a complete list of activities. However, they do demonstrate Carrickfergus Vineyard is continuing to fulfil its obligations and achieve its objectives.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy

The constitution of Carrickfergus Vineyard Church authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments using its funds. Cash balances are currently held with The Cooperative Bank plc and The Dankse Bank. The Trustees have regard to the liquidity requirements of the organisation and have operated a policy of keeping available funds within interest bearing accounts.

Reserves policy

The Trustees who served in this period have undertaken the work of the charity, identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that all appropriate policies are in place to mitigate these risks. Carrickfergus Vineyard maintains reserves in order to cover fluctuations in income and expenditure, to allow for any major unexpected expenditure, or to mitigate any decline in the overall financial environment.

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CARRYING ON OUR WORK

The Senior Pastors, leadership team and volunteers of Carrickfergus Vineyard Church will continue to build on the work that is already happening in the church in order to follow God, to form an authentic community of believers and fulfil the Kingdom ministries left to us. We are going to intentionally see lives transformed by Jesus starting with our own. We will continue to grow and adapt our outreach projects, working with the poor in Carrickfergus, both practically and relationally and we will continue to serve our community as a whole.

We will continue to support our connected charities locally, nationally and internationally by way of ongoing financial support and partnership.

We will continue to operate as a 'come as you are' church and be 'a place of hope'.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Carrickfergus Vineyard is a registered charity, charity number NIC101536 duly constituted by means of its Memorandum and Articles of Association and operating as a church.

Organisational structure

Carrickfergus Vineyard is a company limited by guarantee (company number NI604963) as well as a registered charity, in which company directors also form the Board of Trustees. The liability of each Trustee in the event of winding up is limited to £1. The Church is associated with Vineyard Churches UK. The association provides pastoral care for the Senior Pastors and family and external reference concerning church affairs and doctrine.

The day to day running of the church is by the Senior Pastors, Paul Daniels and Chantel Daniels.

Induction and training of new trustees

New Trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates, who are generally, but not exclusively, selected from within the membership of Carrickfergus Vineyard, are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the church. New Trustees have the opportunity of reviewing appropriate documents, including the accounts as part of their induction process.

Risk management

The systems of internal control are designed to provide a reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- An annual budget approved by the Trustees
- Regular review by the Trustees of financial reports
- Identification and management of risk

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

NI604963 (Northern Ireland)

Registered Charity number

101536

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church
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for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

Registered office

27 Lancasterian Street
Carrickfergus
Co. Antrim
BT38 7AB

Trustees

Mr P R Daniels Trustee (resigned 31.10.23)
Mr S W B McCann Trustee (resigned 16.4.24)
Mrs L J Farrell Chairperson
Mr I H Skinner Secretary (resigned 31.8.23)
Ms A M Scott Trustee (resigned 31.8.23)
Mr S W Milburn Trustee
Mr G Hamilton (appointed 9.1.24)
Ms D Nimick (appointed 9.1.24)

Independent Examiner

John McCleary FCA
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr S W Milburn - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Carrickfergus Vineyard Church**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 August 2023, which are set out on pages ten to nineteen.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees (and also the directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

John McCleary FCA

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25 April 2024

Carrickfergus Vineyard Church

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101536

Annual return

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- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

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