

Vineyard Church Dungannon

Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objectives and activities

Public benefit

Through weekly Sunday community celebrations family stability and well being are achieved. The food bank provides relief for those in need. Support and advance education is provided to children through a service on Sunday and youth club. The significant giving provides us with the opportunity to provide assistance to the foodbank, refugee crisis and to India.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

As trustees, our primary responsibility is for the sound financial and legal management of the church, creating the foundation from which the ministries of the church can function

From the trustees

2024 has been a year of change for Vineyard Church Dungannon. Our Pastors Jason and Michelle stepped down at the end of January, and the church was led for a time by the Senior Leadership Team, with the trustees continuing in their oversight role, ensuring legal compliance. Despite the challenges, the church continued to function and to deliver against its stated aims.

A third round of recruitment was initiated in May 2024, with interviews taking place in June. This round of recruitment was successful, with Tom Finnegan being appointed to the role of Pastor. Tom was not initially appointed as Senior Pastor as his prior experience was not within the Vineyard Church movement. An 18-month progression towards Senior Pastor was agreed, conditional on Tom completing a range of development programmes and proving to be a good fit for VCD. Under this agreement, both the trustees of VCD and the leaders of the Vineyard Churches in Ireland have to be in agreement that Tom is suitable and qualified to be a Senior Vineyard Pastor.

Tom started his role on 1st August 2024, and is currently progressing along the development plan which was agreed with him.

Compassion at the Vineyard

In 2024 we continued to see strong demand at Dungannon Foodbank, with over 5709 individuals receiving support, including food and household items. The foodbank operated using the equivalent of 441 volunteer days. It distributed food and household essentials to an estimated retail value of £203,982.

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Refugee's ministry

2024 saw the first physical visit back to France since the Covid outbreak with around 2 tonnes of clothing and camping aid taken out to the Care4Calais warehouse and £120 spent making tea and coffee for refugees over a long weekend. It was helpful to meet and talk to refugees there instead of just sending palletised aid.

Outward focus and serving

In June we gathered volunteers to Give a Day to Dungannon, with 58 people of all ages serving the town in practical ways including sign cleaning, litter picking, painting and maintenance at local facilities.

In August we gathered 40 people of all ages for 'CRASH', a weekend of outreach, including sign cleaning, litter picking, giveaways and healing on the streets.

In October the church held a 'Light Party' which invited people from our community and their kids to the church to engage in a range of family-friendly activities including making slime, jar-lanterns and other crafts which 26 adults and children attended.

Outward Focussed Christmas

Outward Focussed Christmas 2024 was another busy Christmas distributing luxury hampers to our local community. Along with our weekly foodbank service, we put together 260 hampers to give to those in need, through referrals from our local partners; Sure Start; STEP; Women's Aid Causeway & Mid-Ulster; Family Intervention Team; First Step Women's Centre; PSNI; and De Paul Hostel.

In December we provided a number of Christmas meals for foodbank guests on our premises.

Structure, governance and management

Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

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Credit risk


The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, The credit risk on liquid funds is limited d
The charity has no significant concentration of credit risk,

Liquidity risk

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity uses a mixture of long-term and short-term debt finance.

Further details regarding liquidity risk can be found in the Statement of accounting policies in the financial statements.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 16 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Jonathan Birnie
Trustee