

Mid Antrim Vineyard

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 July 2023.

Objectives and activities

I am pleased to provide a trustee report for the period to 31st July 2023.

As trustees we are grateful to God for His faithfulness that has allowed us to develop a team, and establish regular church Sunday gatherings. We have continued to make our rental property feel like home. We are also thankful that we have been able to make minor changes to the building to make it more practical and we have opened up new spaces for hospitality and to facilitate small group and team meetings.

We would like to thank Tommy Stewart and Roberta Stewart for all their service and hard work as Trustees from the start of Mid Antrim Vineyard until September 2022 and wish them all the best in their new endeavours. We welcomed Luke Kwon and Claire Kwon onto the Board of Trustees in September 2022.

Church, Team and Ministry Development

Despite usual shifts and settling of new church plants, we are pleased to finish the year with approximately 100+ people regularly attending Mid Antrim Vineyard or regarding it as their church home.

We ran a children's club during the summer with over 60 children coming along to have fun and learn more about their faith.

The youth enjoyed a residential weekend away including some outdoor pursuit activities that they really enjoyed.

We have continued to invest in the training of our safeguarding lead and trustee to ensure we are delivering the best possible care and service to any child, young person and vulnerable adult who visits us. The senior leaders, youth and children's teams have all had training and updates in this area.

Our youth and children's work has grown considerably and we have new children and young people attend regularly. We are grateful for an excellent team of volunteers who serve our children and young people brilliantly on a regular basis.

We celebrated baptisms on Waterfoot beach this year which was a wonderful day for our church community.

We also enjoyed some community evenings including a ladies "Curry Night", an evening with an Ulster Rugby Player, Ceildah Socials and a Pizza and Praise night, led by our youth. The men enjoyed a "Wild at Heart" course and they continue to meet regularly.

We had several different small groups running throughout the year.

The leadership team have also participated in training and development through attending Vineyard Leadership conferences in Ireland and also the National Vineyard Leaders Gathering in the Vineyard HQ in Trent, Nottingham.

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Rental Property

Since acquiring the building over 2 years ago, work has been undertaken to make this space feel more practical and functional. We have further developed the youth space in the mezzanine, opened up some space for people to gather after the service is over and have purchased second-hand kitchen ware to help with our set up to use for light refreshments weekly. We have plans to develop a children's space for preschool children and a practical workshop for men to gather together and work on commissioned woodwork and other projects.

We have invested in a tall glass window and doors that sit in front of the large roller doors at the front of the property - this has opened up the whole hospitality area, making it light and bright and much more welcoming! It has our logo imprinted on it making it much easier to know that it is our building.

We are grateful for groups of volunteers who regularly clean and maintain the building to a high standard.

Finances

We are grateful to God for the faithfulness of many of those who attend Mid Antrim Vineyard in terms of their financial giving to the work. This has enabled us to pay monthly rent, overheads, fees and to pay an amount monthly for pastoral services.

We had a reasonably good response to appeals for Tearfund to assist with the earthquake appeal and to the Ballymena Foodbank in December .

At the beginning of 2023 our church members provided basic hygiene and toiletry items to make "Comfort Packs" to help out the local Hospice Care.

Marriage Ceremonies

We continue to have a licence for Opposite Sex Marriage at Mid Antrim Vineyard. The registered officiant is Pastor Alyson Reid.

Sponsorship License

We have a Tier 2 Sponsorship Licence, but have not activated or used it in the employment or facilitation of any overseas workers visas

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As trustee we wish to express our thanks to God for His leading and wisdom and express sincere thanks to all who have continued to support the development of Mid Antrim Vineyard as a church.

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Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Mrs Roberta Stewart (resigned 4 September 2022)
	Mr Hugh Henry Reid
	Mr Thomas Stewart (resigned 4 September 2022)
	Alyson Sarah Reid
	Luke Hyung-Jin Kwon (appointed 4 September 2022)
	Claire Janette Kwon (appointed 4 September 2022)

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.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Mid Antrim Vineyard for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 18 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Alyson Reid', written over a dotted line.

Alyson Sarah Reid
Trustee