

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 2024.

Objectives and activities

We are pleased to provide a trustee report for the period to 31st July 2024.

As trustees we are grateful to God for His faithfulness that has allowed us to continue to develop a team and establish regular church Sunday gatherings along with using the building during the week for various groups. 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 some new spaces for prayer, enhancing hospitality space and a space to facilitate small group and team meetings.

There have been no changes to the Board of Trustees in this period.

Church, Team and Ministry Development

Despite usual shifts and settling of new church plants, we were pleased to finish the year with approximately 70 + 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 consistently 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 more baptisms on Waterfoot beach this year which was a wonderful day for our church community.

We also enjoyed some community evenings including a ladies evening with a local charity, Hope and Light while some of the ladies enjoyed a weekend retreat in the beautiful surrounds of White Park Bay. The men still enjoy meeting monthly, having various studies and social events.

We had several different small groups running throughout the year and we ran an Alpha Youth course in a local high school in Cullybackey engaging regularly with 24 year 10 students.

A highlight of the year was establishing a "24/7 Prayer" space in our building which has been used for Church 24 - 36 hour prayer events corporately and many times for individuals 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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The wider leadership team enjoyed meeting bimonthly for a year to complete the Leadership Essentials Course which we ran through with VCUKI.

Rental Property

Since acquiring the building over 3 years ago, work has been undertaken to make this space feel more practical and functional. We have further developed the space for people to gather after the service is over which is a great help with our set up for light refreshments weekly.

We have developed a safe and welcoming space for preschool children and a practical workshop for men to gather together and work on commissioned woodwork and other projects.

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 to our senior pastors for their pastoral services.

We had a reasonably good response to appeals for a Christmas gifts to support a local charity, "Baby Bank" in our town to support their appeal for basic baby/toddler supplies to support parents in need.

Marriage Ceremonies

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

Sponsorship Licence

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

Final summary

As trustees 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.

Trustees and officers

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

Trustees:	Mr Hugh Henry Reid
	Alyson Sarah Reid
	Luke Hyung-Jin Kwon
	Claire Janette Kwon

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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.

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 7 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Alyson Sarah Reid
Trustee