

**Foyle 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**

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Our vision is to bring Jesus and His Way to those around us, in the places we live work and play - restoring hope to our city and region by loving those on the fringes, mending the broken heart and empowering people to live with possibility and purpose.

We are committed to serving our city and region, demonstrating the love of God in tangible ways as a people of generosity and compassion.

**Objectives:**

- To advance the Christian faith.
- To provide Christian teaching and education including the promotion of healthy relationships, mental health and well-being, and practical life skills
- To provide pastoral care for members across a range of issues that affect wider society, supporting individuals and groups to flourish.
- To support the renewal of our communities by providing opportunities for our members to participate in projects that bring hope and life.

**Activities**

Throughout this period, we've been able to work within our objectives by providing a range of activities, programmes, and support, including for example, the following:

- As part of our engagement with the community we've been able to deliver a number of programs and events including, for example, tea and tots for young families, English classes for those new to NI, creative arts workshops, drumming classes, beginner's guitar lessons, men's group, Baby pop-up bank, delivery of pampering event for young mums, and a 'cake & craic' initiative to build social cohesion across different groups.
- Friendship Café - throughout Monday nights we've facilitated a friendship café for many newcomers to NI, especially Asylum Seekers. We've also delivered international events, such as cultural nights, Christmas Day international meal, English conversational classes, and social activities. This project has engaged with over 30 different nationalities.

**Discipling, mission & formation**

- As well as weekly Sunday Worship Service open to all backgrounds and ages, we have facilitated over 10 different small group discipling and missional environments called 'hubs' across Derry & Donegal. These spaces are places to grow in faith, equipping and teaching environments for discipling in the Christian Faith
- We've held several outreach initiatives to engage those curious about faith including, for example, several baptisms on the beach, Ash Wednesday Event 'Beauty for Ashes' and 'Good Friday Contemplative Event.
- We've been able to host several newcomers' connection events for those connecting with Foyle Vineyard Church for the first time to help them find out more and get better connected.
- We run weekly kids' programmes during our Sunday services and a bi-weekly youth group for young people aged 11-18.

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**Public benefit**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the directors/ trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped achieve the charity purpose and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial review**

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023, which shows the results of the company is set out on page 5 of the accounts. The reported surplus for the period is £4,924. The trustees continually review all funding opportunities to maximize the incoming resources for the organisation.

**Reserves policy**

The company's policy is to achieve a level of free reserves which matches the needs of the company both at the current time and the foreseeable future. Free reserves are those unrestricted reserves which are available for general use.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Structure, Governance and Management**

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.

Foyle Vineyard Church is a company limited by guarantee. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and the liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1. Foyle Vineyard Church is also a Registered Charity NIC107753 with the Charity Commission NI.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

NI645172 (Northern Ireland)

**Registered Charity number**

107753

**Registered office**

1st Floor 63-65 Rosemount Avenue  
Derry  
Co. Londonderry  
BT48 0HL

**Trustees**

Mr Alan Roye Carson Associate Pastor  
Mr Shane Charles Birney Architect  
Mr Benjamin David Ewan Pastor  
Mr Alan Corry Finn  
Mr Desmond Craig Johnston

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**Independent Examiner**

McCleary & Company Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
Garvey Studios  
14 Longstone Street  
Lisburn  
Co. Antrim  
BT28 1TP

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 9 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Benjamin Ewan', written in a cursive style.

Mr Benjamin David Ewan - Trustee