

Foyle Vineyard Church

(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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 Foyle 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

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 provide opportunities for our members to participate in projects that bring hope and life.

Strategy

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:

Community events and programmes

- We continue to run our 'Bloom' project which aims to support young families throughout the time of pregnancy and early years. This includes termly pop-up clothing and equipment banks and follow up support through our partnerships with community organisations in the Foyle side area.
- We've run a number of community engagement events to connect with local residents and provide spaces for social cohesion and positive relationship building, for example, a community fireworks party (31/10/23), a community carol service (17/12/23), a thanksgiving party (23/11/23), work in schools (15/05/24), men's pizza and prayer event (18/05/24), Refugee week breakfast (20/06/24), Allotment 'renew' day (10/08/24).
- 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.

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Discipling, mission & formation

- As well as week Sunday Worship Service open to all backgrounds and ages, we have facilitated over 10 different small groups 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, Easter and Dawn service celebrations, Good Friday reflection, healing ministry appointments, Donegal Spiritual Retreat, Prayer walks across the city, creative art workshop with prayer, and sung worship events.
- 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 for children 6 months to 11 years and a bi-weekly youth group for young people aged 11-18.

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

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.

Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page 9 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 £31,022 (2023 - £25,970) and liabilities of £1,314 (2023 - £982). The net assets of the charity have increased by £4,720.

Reserves Position and 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 in the foreseeable future. Free reserves are those unrestricted reserves which are available for general use.

Trustees

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

Alan Roye Carson
Benjamin David Ewan
Shane Charles Birney
Alan Corry Finn
Desmond Craig Johnston

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

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

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

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.

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Approved by the Board of Trustees on 10 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Benjamin David Ewan
Director