

Antrim Coast 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 for the year ending 31 August 2023. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

INCORPORATION

The Charitable company was incorporated on 28 June 2018.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims.

The objectives of Antrim Coast Vineyard Church are to seek and advance the Kingdom of God in Larne Town, Antrim Coast and the surrounding area by furthering the gospel of Jesus Christ, building up the faith of Christian believers, sharing in the training of Christian workers, promoting Christian education and bringing relief to the poor, the needy and the sick.

During the year, the church has fulfilled these objectives as set out below.

Connected Charities

During this period, we supported the work of six charities listed below by way of Financial or Giving support. The following represent our commitment and support to Charities at a Local, National, and international level.

1. Stand by Me (International)

Below is a brief outline of their Vision: -

Through our children's homes, schools, and care centres, we aim to meet the individual needs of children who are orphaned, abandoned, abused and victims of war or disease or are living in extreme poverty. We aim to make lasting improvements to children's lives, caring for them as Jesus would, by restoring their dignity and giving them a sense of self-worth. We want every child entrusted to us to feel loved and to reach their full potential.

2. DEC Disasters Emergency Committee - Syria Turkey earthquake Appeal (International)

Below is a brief outline of their Vision: -

The DEC brings together 15 leading UK aid charities to raise funds quickly and efficiently at times of crisis overseas.

In these times of crisis, people in life-and-death situations need our help and our mission is to save, protect and rebuild lives through effective humanitarian response.

Pooling our resources to work as one, we are pivotal in co-ordinating the UK public's response to overseas disasters. In collaboration with our Rapid Response Network of national media and corporate partners, we raise the alarm to the UK public by launching high-profile appeals and setting up easy ways to donate.

We have immediate impact, getting help to people who need it, fast.

3. Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland ("VCUKI") (National)

VCUKI exists to connect churches that hold common values and practices. It gives spiritual oversight to the senior pastors of Vineyard Churches and facilitates church planting such as Antrim Coast Vineyard. Vineyard use the name "Vineyard" by agreement.

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4. Larne Food Bank (Trussell Trust) (Local)

Below is a brief outline of their mission: -

- o To end Hunger and Poverty in the UK
- o Bringing communities together to end hunger and poverty in the UK by providing compassionate practical help with dignity, whilst challenging injustice.

5. Common Wellbeing & Mental Health CIC (Local)

Below is a brief outline of their mission: -

Common is a Community Interest Company (CIC), passionate about communities and families getting the wellbeing services they need to grow. We provide a range of services in counselling and psychotherapy (in particular CBT) with individuals, families, and communities. We also offer supervision, training, and consultation

6. Lagan Valley Vineyard Church (Local) - Building Project (Compassion, Children, Community & Youth)

Below is a brief outline of their mission: -

Lagan Valley Vineyard Church exists to bring the life of Jesus to every person and every part of the Lagan Valley region, to see those people and those parts discover and live in the fullness of God's design and destiny for them. Community and Compassion are at our centre, and we love being actively involved in our local area serving families and local agencies who are working for restoration and justice in areas like family support and with dreams that pursue an end to in-justice like domestic violence or isolation and loneliness. We like to dream big and work hard whilst learning to live healthy and balanced lives. Ordinary people, who see and take hold of the promise of the extra-ordinary in the places and sectors we find ourselves, be that education, business, or the voluntary sector. Joining in, bringing life into our every day.

Achievements and Performance

Performance against objectives.

The level of performance against objectives is, in the main, a reflection of the activity of the Church members of Antrim Coast Vineyard Church who volunteer their time, energy and money freely because of faith. The leadership and organisation of this activity is the primary responsibility of the senior pastors and a small church planting team in support of the senior pastors.

Furthering the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Advancing the Kingdom of God.

Antrim Coast Vineyard Church aims to advance the Kingdom of God throughout the town of Larne, Antrim coast and surrounding areas, across the whole country and the island of Ireland.

Our Church has actively worked in our local communities to be a blessing in practical and relational ways.

The Church welcomes those of all or no faiths and from every background and community who wish to visit during our Church gatherings.

Sunday gatherings are held at Unit 1D, Ledcom Industrial Estate, 100 Bank Road, Larne BT40 3AW.

To promote community engagement and bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Advance the Kingdom of God we have run the following numerous events in addition to regular Sunday gatherings.

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2022

- o Coast Men BBQ Gathering, Friday 15th September
- o 6 different Coast Groups, (small groups), ran fortnightly from week beginning 26th September - week beginning 12th December
- o Sunday Together all-age Gathering, Sunday 2nd October
- o Sparrow Centre (New Compassion Project) Open day, Friday 7th October
- o Coast Women Autumn Lunch, Sunday 9th October
- o Refresh Hygiene Store, open 3x per week from week beginning 10th October - week beginning 19th December
- o Restart Employment Project, commenced week beginning 10th October - week beginning 19th December
- o Café Refresh ran on Friday mornings from Friday 14th October - Friday 10th December
- o Sunday Together all-age Half-Term Brunch, Sunday 6th November
- o Family Thanksgiving Supper, Friday 25th November
- o Giving Sunday, donations for Larne Foodbank, Sunday 27th November
- o Advent Sunday Together all-age, Sunday 4th December
- o Coast Women Gather & Graze Wreath Making, Friday 9th December
- o Light Kids Christmas Party Celebration, Friday 16th December
- o Youth Christmas Movie Night, Friday 16th December
- o Christmas Celebration and Carols, Sunday 18th December
- o Online Christmas Day Gathering, Sunday 25th December

2023

- o Refresh Hygiene Store, open 3x per week from week beginning 1st January - week beginning 25th March
- o Restart Employment Project, commenced from week beginning 1st January - week beginning 25th March
- o New Year Worship Night, Wednesday 4th January
- o CAP Money Course, Wednesday evenings 11th, 18th, 25th January
- o 6 different Coast Groups, (small groups), ran fortnightly from week beginning 16th January - week beginning 20th March
- o Coast Men Noodle Night, Friday 10th February
- o Girl's Night, (p1-p7 age), Friday 17th February
- o Sunday Together all-age Half-Term Brunch, Sunday 19th February
- o Light Kids Trip to Larne Fire Station, Sunday 12th March
- o Giving Sunday, donations for Larne Foodbank, Sunday 26th March
- o Good Friday Worship Night, Friday 7th April
- o Easter Sunday all-age Gathering, Sunday 9th April
- o Easter Sunday Community & Coffee on the beach, Sunday 9th April
- o Refresh Hygiene Store, open 3x per week from week beginning 17th April - week beginning 26th June.
- o The Prayer Practice, Tuesday evenings 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd May
- o Coast Women Night of Worship, Teaching and Ministry, Saturday 13th May
- o Free New School Uniforms Essentials community Collection Hub, Wednesday 17th May
- o Baptism Celebrations at Olderfleet Rowing Club, Sunday 21st May
- o Light Kids Walk for Stand By Me, Sunday 4th June
- o Coast Men Curry Night, Thursday 15th June
- o Coast Women Picnic on the Beach, Friday 16th June
- o NUA festival Family Gathering, Sunday 25th June
- o Refresh Hygiene Store, open 2x per week from week beginning 3rd July - week beginning 31st August
- o Youth Gathering at Summer Madness Festival, Sunday 2nd July
- o Summer Picnics, Sundays 9th & 23rd July
- o Summer Worship Night, Thursday 20th July
- o Summer Picnics Sundays, 6th & 20th August

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- o Summer Worship Night, Wednesday 23rd August
- o Sunday Together all-age Gathering inc lunch, Sunday 27th August

An overview of our community activities and special events can be found on
<https://antrimcoastvineyard.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/antrimcoastvineyard>
<https://www.instagram.com/antrimcoastvineyard>

Building up the Faith of Christian Believers, Training, and education.

Attendance at Church gatherings and life groups remained steady throughout this period.

Relieving the poor, those in need and the sick.

Antrim Coast Vineyard Church actively seeks ways to bless and practically serve our community, especially the poor, those in need, young and old, including those who are outside our church community. Examples of this are as follows:-

Sparrow Centre (Antrim Coast Vineyard)

In early 2022, the Church identified a need for providing a hygiene store where the community can visit to avail of free personal care and hygiene items. A lease of additional premises was secured for the purpose of providing this service at Unit 2, LEDCOM industrial estate Larne and the doors opened on Friday 7 October 2022.

Refresh, our hygiene store in The Sparrow Centre is stocked with a wide selection of basic toiletries and laundry products. We believe everyone within our local community has the right to feel clean, and with an emphasis on dignity, Refresh also provides other items (such as haircare, skincare, and makeup products). Refresh is stocked entirely by local donations, from community, friends, and supporters - people who are passionate about working together to provide accessible spaces of dignity and hope.

Affording dignity means our service is on a non-referral basis, though referrals from community partners are welcome. Individuals & families are invited to pick up whatever items they need, free of charge, no referral necessary. We work closely with Larne Foodbank, Home Start, Sure Start, Larne Community Fridge and other local organisations. Currently we open 3 times per week. Since launching, we have given out more than 2,000 toiletry products, helping over 200 individuals with poverty hygiene.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Community Engagement and Support

Sparrow Centre (Antrim Coast Vineyard)

As above, the Church has identified a need for providing free personal care and hygiene items to the local community and opened additional premises in October 2022 for the purpose of providing these services.

Foodbank

In partnership, Antrim Coast Vineyard Church have supported the Larne Food Bank (Trussell Trust) by providing financial donations and essential foodstuffs and other necessary items. We had 2 Giving Sundays when donations were collected and then delivered to Larne Foodbank.

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Larne Community Cluster Group

Antrim Coast Vineyard through The Sparrow Centre has joined The Larne Community Cluster Group. This is MEA Council's Community Development initiative, which promotes collaboration across community groups to deliver benefits, not only for the participating groups, but also for the wider community. The overarching aim of Council's strategic approach to community development is that The MEA Council area is recognised as a place where the community and partner organisations work together cohesively and effectively to improve the quality of life of residents.

Through The partnership collaboration of the group, The Sparrow Centre is working together with others to improve the quality of life for the local Larne and Antrim Coast area.

Summary

It should be noted the above is not a complete list of activities. However, they demonstrate Antrim Coast Vineyard Church is continuing to fulfil its obligations and achieve its objectives.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Employment

The Charity currently employs Senior Pastor Andrea Howard on a part time basis, 10 hours per week.

Investment Policy

The constitution of Antrim Coast Vineyard Church authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments using its funds. Cash balances are currently held with the HSBC Bank.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees who served in this period have undertaken the work of the charity, identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that all appropriate policies are in place to mitigate these risks. During the current year, the income was less than the expenditure however Antrim Coast Vineyard maintains reserves in order to cover fluctuations in income and expenditure, and to allow for any major unexpected expenditure, or to mitigate any decline in the overall financial environment.

CARRYING ON OUR WORK

The Senior Pastors and the volunteer team of Antrim Coast Vineyard Church will continue to build on the work that is already happening in the church in order to follow God, to form an authentic community of believers and fulfil the Kingdom ministries left to us. We desire to intentionally see lives transformed by Jesus starting with our own. We will continue to grow our outreach projects, working with the poor in Larne, Antrim coast and surrounding areas, both practically and relationally and we will continue to serve our community as a whole.

We will continue to support our connected charities locally, nationally, and internationally by way of ongoing financial and giving support.

We will continue to operate as a "Come as You Are" church and always seek to make room for another.

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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.

Antrim Coast Vineyard Church is a registered charity, charity number NI654056 duly constituted by means of its Memorandum and Articles of Association and operating as a church.

The Church is also registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, Charity number 107849.

Organisational structure

Antrim Coast Vineyard Church is a company limited by guarantee (company number NI654056) in which the company directors also form the board of Trustees. The liability of each Trustee in the event of a winding up is limited to £1. The Church is associated to Vineyard Churches UK. The association provides pastoral care for the Senior Pastors and family and an external reference concerning church affairs and doctrine.

The day to day running of the church is by the Senior Pastors, Andrew Howard, and Andrea Howard, alongside a leadership team.

Induction and training of new trustees

New Trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates, who are generally selected from within the membership of Antrim Coast Vineyard, are considered on basis of their skills, experience, and sympathy with the aims of the church. New Trustees have the opportunity of reviewing appropriate documents, including the accounts, as part of the induction process.

Risk management

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- An annual budget approved by the Trustees.
- Regular review by the Trustees of financial reports
- Identification and management of risk

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

NI654056 (Northern Ireland)

Registered Charity number

107849

Registered office

61 Clover Brook
Larne
Co. Antrim
BT40 2UP

Trustees

Mr Mark Robert Brown IT Consultant
Mr Paul Richard Daniels Pastor
Mrs Andrea Howard Midwife
Mr Jonathan Michael McCabe Musician (appointed 6.9.22)

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Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Howard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Mrs Andrea Howard - Trustee