



2022-23

CHURCH YEAR REPORT

Some of the things we did this year and how the church's financial resources were used in the year to 31st August 2023



How income was raised

	£
Regular gifts & offerings for church ministry	566,568
Restricted donations e.g. multisite, kids & youth special projects	139,660
Gift Aid tax refund (restricted & non-restricted)	132,078
TOTAL DONATIONS (incl. GiftAid)	838,306
Grant for solar project	40,000
Other income (e.g. conferencing, room hire, interest)	93,596
TOTAL INCOME	971,902

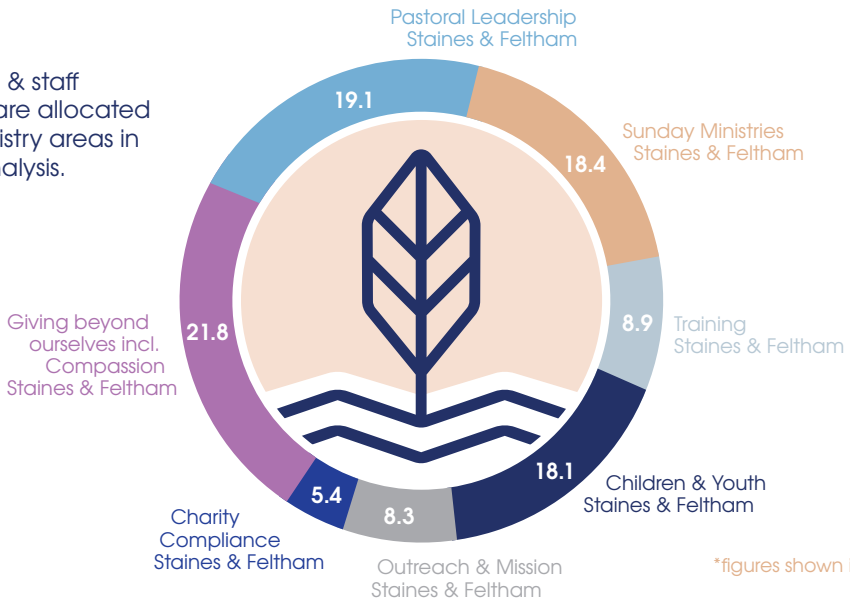
How income was spent

	£
Giving beyond ourselves	97,276
Compassion	82,365
Pastoral leadership	157,123
Sunday ministries	151,696
Training	72,891
Children & youth	148,798
Outreach & mission	68,482
Charity compliance	44,302
TOTAL	822,933

What this has enabled

	£
Total general expenditure	822,933
Solar panels (environmental benefit & reduced costs for all sites)	111,474
Put aside money to growth fund	50,000
TOTAL USE OF FUNDS	984,407

Note:
venue & staff costs are allocated to ministry areas in this analysis.



*figures shown in %

Some headlines...

Firstly, a big thank you to all who have given time, energy & money this past year. This wonderful generosity is a blessing to our church & the wider community that we serve, and testimony to the Lord's on-going, faithful provision to Riverside Vineyard, both this year and indeed over the past 36 years.

The majority (86%) of our income (including GiftAid) comes from individuals who are part of the church. About 400 individuals / families give regularly, a 10% increase compared to the previous year. Thank you!

As you can see, GiftAid (reclaiming tax on gifts from UK taxpayers) is a huge benefit and enables us to do more ministry. There is also a significant income generated by conferencing & room hire; these activities are growing with a primary aim of enabling more ministry. There have also been two "one-off" donations totaling £50,000.

All of the above has led to a surplus of income over expenditure in our accounts this year. Whilst we continue to live in uncertain times, the staff & trustee teams work together to wisely manage the church's finances, led by faith in the Lord and a confidence in His ability to provide for us. The additional funds this year have enabled us to install solar panels at the Vineyard Centre, a significant benefit to all our sites (see Vineyard Centre update). We have also transferred £50,000 to a new growth fund to facilitate future ministry developments, e.g. new building projects, across our sites.

Any questions?

Our team of trustees (Simon Newton (chair), Josh Achene, Andy Black, Andy Chapman, Amanda Iweanya, Sandra Nwokeoha) welcomes any questions you may have. You can get in contact via the church office or at Sunday services. The full audited accounts will be filed at Companies House. Copies can be requested from the church office.

Highlights of 2022-23

As a church, we're called to "Worship God, Love Others, Be Jesus in the World".

What we did this year as we've sought to serve those around us.



Alpha



Cause to Live For 2022



Charles Montgomery visit
One church, all together



Christmas Day Lunch



Additional needs projects



Baptisms



DTI Roadtrip 2023



DTI summer 2023



Summer fun
Staines



Storehouse
Christmas Party



How to Hear God
All Church Series & Pete
Greig visit



Commissioning Dave &
Beth - Staines site



Miriam joins as
Children's Pastor



Job Club / Job Fair /
Money Advice Centre



Solar Panels
Installation

How can I give?

There are lots of ways. Please find the way that helps you to give regularly & generously.



Standing Order (SO)

This is our favourite way as there are no charges, so we receive the full amount you give! It helps us to be regular & committed as givers, and helps the church to plan. You can download a Standing Order form from riversidevineyard.com/giving, pick up a copy on a Sunday, or contact the church office. Please return the completed form to the church office. If you want to set up the SO directly with your bank, our account details are on our giving web page. Please sign the Gift Aid declaration if you're able to.

Online giving

Gifts can be set up at riversidevineyard.com/giving - simply click the "Give" button and follow the steps. Please Gift Aid if you can.

Giving envelopes

Packs of 12 envelopes are available on Sundays or from the church office, to help regular, monthly giving. If you can, please Gift Aid.

Cash or Cheque

Directly into the Sunday offering baskets. Please make cheques payable to "Riverside Vineyard".

Giving tax efficiently

As a charity, the church is able to reclaim tax already paid by many givers. If you're a UK tax payer, please complete a Gift Aid declaration. This costs you nothing and increases your gift by 25%. This enables us to do more ministry as a church!

And finally...

Do please consider leaving a gift to the church in your will, thereby continuing a practice of giving at that point too. This may also have some tax advantages for your estate.

For more information on how to give please speak to a trustee, call the church office, or email office@riversidevineyard.com



Vineyard Centre financial update

As a church, we're committed to a more sustainable future. Solar panels are now installed on the Vineyard Centre roof at a cost of £111,474, part financed by a grant of £40,000 from London Borough of Hounslow.

It's important to remember that the Vineyard Centre serves all our sites (e.g. pastoral & ministry leadership, administration, IT, media, finance, charity compliance etc..). Solar panels will reduce our utility costs, bringing a financial benefit to all our sites. They also reduce our carbon footprint. At the same time, please keep bringing your reusable cups to church services - this makes a difference too!

Children & Youth projects update

In May 2023 we ran a giving campaign for some specific projects for children & youth. As a result, a gift of £25,000 has been sent to Vineyard DTI to invest in the next generation through the summer festival, DTI academy (leadership training for youth) and support of youth ministries in local Vineyard churches.

Giving beyond ourselves

This year, we've supported:

- **Arab World Ministries** - reaching out to Arabic-speaking people
- **Bulgaria** - continuing to build relationship & support to churches
- **Compassion ministry** - serving those in need
- **Evangelical Alliance** - supporting Christian churches & organisations
- **Royal Holloway Christian Union** - supporting student ministry
- **Spear** - charity serving homeless people in our area
- **Streetlink** - charity serving homeless people in our area
- **Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland** - church planting & development



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