



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **16 March 2023** Period start date To **30 November 2023** Period end date

**Charity name: Discovery Church Swindon Central**

**Charity registration number: 1202360**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>The objects of the CIO is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith and practices primarily, but not exclusively, within Swindon and surrounding areas and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charity work of the charity.</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>Regular services of worship, preaching and expounding the Holy Bible. Activities within the local communities that promote cohesion and family unity, e.g. Parent and Toddlers, youth events and ESOL courses. In addition to this we have organised several community services and lunches particularly as a welcome church for those asylum seekers and refugees.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The trustees consider that they have acted in the public benefit.</b>

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>We do not offer grants to other bodies or individuals, but we do try to support the pastoral work of other churches in our town and abroad.</b>

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<b>Our volunteers engage fully in enabling us to fulfil the purposes of the charity, for example many help as befrienders via our mothers and toddlers, welcoming church, esol classes.</b>
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<b>During this short period we are reporting for the Church has seen modest growth in its numbers. We have helped a number of families through our partnership with Welcoming Churches UK and in the Swindon Community. We have also been at the forefront of initiatives under the Good News for Swindon network promoting the working together of Christian Churches in the town to worship together, co-operate on serving the great town of Swindon and its people with social action projects that include areas such as youth ministry, homeless shelters, food banks, asylum seekers and those that live around our area etc. Our church continues to meet regularly every Sunday for main services and Tuesday for Prayer. In addition we have a thriving youth work on a Friday and an outreach for mothers and toddlers on a Wednesday as well as children work on Saturday alongside English classes for speakers of other languages. This period of time has seen our church establish itself as a separate entity with a strong Leadership team made of three key leaders and their wives as well as a wider group of co-workers.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<b>Very little to report due to short period this covers but church continues actively to serve its congregation and the community around the area we serve.</b>

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>Total funds at 30 November 2023 were £75,300</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>We have inherited part of the reserve from the dissolution of the old charity however the church is trying to raise funds to be able to support the refurbishment of it buildings to support the activities of the charity and the ability to very soon be able to employ part time staff in areas of pastoral ministry, administrator and treasures. For this reason we will be holding £30,000 in reserve for staff salaries and hold a development fund aimed at supporting our work of renovating our main building.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>Total funds at 30 November 2023 were £75,300</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<b>Almost all of our funding comes from the members of the church.</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>The Trustees are selected on the basis of their Christian faith and maturity as well as their management skills. Discovery Church Swindon Central is an independent church working closely with a Network of Churches in Swindon are called Good News For Swindon. We retain however the same practices locally that have always governed our charity. The chairman of the charity is the senior minister, but he may delegate that responsibility with the permission of the other trustees. The senior minister is responsible for leading the charity overall, and local church is run by a minister appointed to that role. The church is governed practically and financially by the Church Council who are the trustees/members of the charity and proposed and chosen by the members in close working with chair and other church leaders.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<b>In October 2022 the church started as independent church from the old charity which split into two. Each one now being an independent CIO. It is managed practically and financially by Discovery Church Swindon Central leadership and team and Church council made of three members.</b>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<b>Good News for Swindon is a relational network of church and Christian organisational leaders who operate in the town of Swindon. We are a core part of this network.</b>
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	<b>Discovery Church Swindon Central</b>
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1202360
Charity's principal address	Discovery Church 1 Lagos Street SWINDON SN1 2BU

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gentian Mullaliu	Chair		
2	James Howard-Smith			
3	Paul Thomas Denyer			
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information


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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Gentian Mullaliu	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chairman	
<b>Date</b>	27/09/24	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Discovery Church Swindon Central

On accounts for the  
period ended

30 November 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1202360

Set out on pages

3 to 4

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended **30/11/2023**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

27/09/2024

Name:

James Gare

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

FCA

Address:

Monahans, Hermes House, Fire Fly Avenue, Swindon SN2 2GA

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 16-Mar-23	To	Period end date 30-Nov-23
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	29,144		-	29,144	-
Rent	3,900		-	3,900	
Bank interest	82		-	82	
			-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
Transfer from Discovery Church Swindon	56,558	-	-	56,558	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>89,684</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,684</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Loan repayments from Discovery Church Wroughton	5,130		-	5,130	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>5,130</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,130</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>94,814</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>94,814</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Insurance	1,556		-	1,556	-
Bank charges	40		-	40	-
Repairs	2,391		-	2,391	-
Light, heat, water and internet	2,320		-	2,320	-
Cleaning and waste disposal	785		-	785	-
Printing	865		-	865	-
Courses	121		-	121	-
Paster gift	2,750		-	2,750	
Subscription	140		-	140	
Wages	77		-	77	
Books	125		-	125	
Food, picnic and coronation celebration costs	809		-	809	
Legal fees	610		-	610	
Sundry	150	-	-	150	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>12,739</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,739</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Loan to Discovery Church Wroughton	6,775	-	-	6,775	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>6,775</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,775</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>19,514</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,514</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>75,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,300</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>75,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,300</b>	<b>-</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAF bank	75,300		-
				-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>75,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
	Loan due from Discovery Chruch Wroughton	1,644	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Gentian Mullaliu	27/09/2024