

# DISCOVERY CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 283533

## Details

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| Other names | THAMES CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY, DISCOVERY TRUST             |
| Status      | Registered  |
| Legal form  | Other   |
| Registered  | 1982-04-15  |
| Register    | <a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a> |

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** A) THE ADMINISTRATION OF ANY PROPERTY OR ESTATE USED OR INTENDED FOR ANY CHARITABLE OBJECT INSTITUTION OR WORK RELIGIOUS OR OTHERWISE. B) THE SUPPORT BY CONTRIBUTION LOAN GIFT SUBSCRIPTION OR OTHERWISE OF ANY RELIGIOUS OR OTHER CHARITABLE INSTITUTION OR WORK WHICH SHALL BE ESTABLISHED OR MAINTAINED FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: I) THE FURTHERANCE OF RELIGIOUS OR SECULAR EDUCATION; II) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE PROTESTANT AND EVANGELICAL TENETS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH EITHER IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR OVERSEAS; IV) THE RELIEF OF THE POOR AND NEEDY; VE THE HELP AND COMFORT OF THE SICK AND AGED. C) GENERALLY THE ADVANCEMENT OF ANY RELIGIOUS OR OTHER CHARITABLE OBJECT NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE FOREGOING WHICH MAY FROM TIME TO TIME COMMEND ITSELF TO THE TRUSTEES.

**Activities:** The Trust currently supports Christian mission, relief work and education in eastern Africa, primarily Uganda. In the UK, Discovery Trust supports Elevate Life, a not-for profit initiative that supports young people in both primary and secondary education who are suffering from depression and a range of other mental health issues

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** UNITED KINGDOM AND OVERSEAS
- Uganda

## Finances

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| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £48,286 | £51,231     | -      | -         |
| 2024-03-31 | £19,018 | £38,474     | -      | -         |
| 2023-03-31 | £73,069 | £58,530     | -      | -         |
| 2022-03-31 | £25,507 | £21,920     | -      | -         |
| 2021-03-31 | £29,415 | £28,535     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

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| Name               | Role  | Appointed |
|--------------------|-------|-----------|
| BRUCE TOWNSEND BSC | Chair |           |
| JILLIAN HALL       |       |           |
| TIMOTHY HILL       |       |           |

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# Accounts

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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### **TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2025**

#### **Trustees' report**

##### **Structure, governance and management**

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##### **Activities**

In 2024-25 the Trust continued to support Gichuru Jeremy and the Quality Discipleship Church network in East Africa, and Elevate Life in the UK.

##### **East Africa**

A further cross-denominational mission to the Ssesse Islands took place in June 2024, co-ordinated and led by Gichuru Jeremy but involving missionaries from many different churches and denominations. This outreach focussed on Kilugu, Kyewerwa and Butulume Islands.



New church structure at Kiwiri, Kilugu Island, Uganda

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#### **Trustees' report ( continued)**

##### **Activities (continued)**

On 27th June Gichuru met the Mayor of Kalangala, the islands' capital, and gained her support and that of her husband, who is a pastor there. He also gained the support of the senior traditional tribal chief Mr Augustine Kasirye.

The mission lasted from 4th-7th June. 91 missionaries from the main island, Bugala, and mainland Uganda were involved, along with Stephen Appleton, a key Discovery Trust supporter from the UK. Two new churches were planted as a result, and structures provided for them to meet in, and two existing churches were strengthened. Over 140 people made new or renewed commitments to God, and 36 were baptised. People and churches in Uganda gave generously towards the costs, with supporters in the UK also making contributions.

Unfortunately Gichuru was injured in a fall at the end of the mission, which limited his activity for some time.

In July he was nevertheless able to meet the local Member of Parliament and gain his support for the continuing mission into the islands.

During the year Gichuru's car reached the end of its life, developing multiple problems and being no longer cost-effective to repair and maintain. Supporters in the UK were able to contribute enough funds for a 4x4 replacement of good age and condition.



New vehicle provided by Discovery Trust supporters

In October Pastor Moses Tumwesigye, a key leader in the Quality Discipleship Church network and the Ssesse Islands evangelism project, required a major operation on his knee, for which supporters of the Discovery Trust raised funds.

In February 2025 Stephen Appleton visited Kenya to participate in a mission there, which passed successfully.

Gichuru was involved in a number of other conferences and ministries throughout the year:

- Leaders' conference in Meru, Kenya in August
- Ministering to churches in Meru, Kenya in September
- Mission to Western Uganda in March

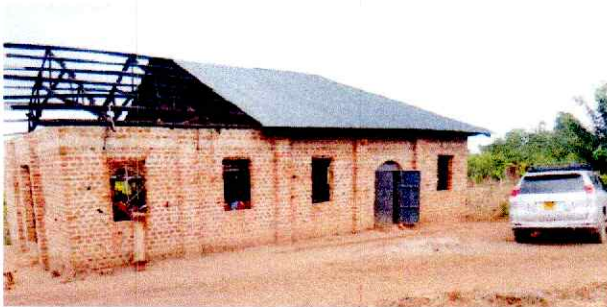
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**Trustees' report ( continued)**

**Activities (continued)**



New church premises under construction at Byabasiita, East Kazo District, Western Uganda

**UK**

**Elevate Life**

Continuing from the previous accounting period, in spring and early summer 2024 Discovery Trust worked with Elevate Eleven to deliver an Elevate Life group for Ukrainian refugee teenagers in Kingston. Kingston Borough Council requested this and provided a room in Kingston Library. Around 10 teenagers attended weekly over the course of several months and were given strategies to cope with trauma and stress, supported in their learning of English and English culture and helped with integration into British schools.

For the next accounting period from April 2025, groups are being supported for Afghan refugees and work is ongoing to run support groups through other local schools.

**Financial review**

The Trust makes grants out of donations and funds received. It is not sought to retain funds other than as a working balance.

Approved by the trustees on 6th January 2026 and signed on their behalf.



Bruce Townsend  
Trustee

## DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST

### Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Discovery Church Trust

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts and notes of Discovery Church Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As charity trustees you are responsible for 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. In carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts and notes to be reached.

Signed on 6th January 2026



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Chartered Accountant  
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**DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

|                                    | <b>Year to<br/>31st March 2025<br/>Restricted Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>Year to<br/>31st March 2024<br/>Restricted Funds<br/>£</b> |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Receipts</b>                    |   |   |
| Donations                          | 45,396  | 11,095  |
| Sponsor collection                 | -   | 1,162   |
| Gift aid tax claimed               | 2,890   | 6,761   |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>    | <u><b>48,286</b></u>  | <u><b>19,018</b></u>  |
| <b>Payments</b>                    |   |   |
| Charitable activities              |   |   |
| Grant payments                     | 51,036  | 38,234  |
| Governance costs                   |   |   |
| Bank charges                       | 195   | 240   |
| Trustee expenses                   | -   | -   |
|                                    | <u>195</u>  | <u>240</u>  |
| <b>Total payments</b>              | <u><b>51,231</b></u>  | <u><b>38,474</b></u>  |
| <b>Net (payments) for the year</b> | <b>(2,945)</b>  | <b>(19,456)</b>   |
| Cash funds last year end           | 10,173  | 29,629  |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>    | <u><b>7,228</b></u>   | <u><b>10,173</b></u>  |

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

|                         | <b>31st March 2025<br/>Restricted Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>31st March 2024<br/>Restricted Funds<br/>£</b> |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Cash funds</b>       |   |   |
| Bank balance            | 7,228   | 29,629  |
| <b>Total cash funds</b> | <u><b>7,228</b></u>                               | <u><b>29,629</b></u>                              |

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 6th January 2026.



Bruce Townsend  
Trustee

## DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST

### Notes on the Receipts and Payments account Year to 31st March 2025

#### 1. Restricted funds

|                                | Balances<br>1st April | Correction<br>(Note 2) | Receipts      | Payments      | Balances<br>31st March |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|
| <b>Year to 31st March 2025</b> |                       |                        |               |               |                        |
| Uganda and East Africa         | 3,547                 | (251)                  | 48,076        | 49,894        | 1,478                  |
| Elevate Life                   | 6,626                 | 251                    | 210           | 1,337         | 5,750                  |
| Totals                         | <u>10,173</u>         | <u>-</u>               | <u>48,286</u> | <u>51,231</u> | <u>7,228</u>           |
| <b>Year to 31st March 2024</b> |                       |                        |               |               |                        |
| Uganda and East Africa         | 24,513                |                        | 15,726        | 36,692        | 3,547                  |
| Elevate Life                   | 5,116                 |                        | 3,292         | 1,782         | 6,626                  |
| Totals                         | <u>29,629</u>         |                        | <u>19,018</u> | <u>38,474</u> | <u>10,173</u>          |

#### 2. Restricted funds correction

In previous years several Donations, and associated Gift Aid receipts, were allocated to the wrong Restricted Fund. The above correction is to put that right.

#### 3. Related party transactions

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For Elevate Life to apply for grants it needed to be part of a registered charity. The Trustees agreed that the Trust would help obtain funding for this work. During the year the Trust raised £3,292 for Elevate Life and paid £1,782 to Elevate Eleven for work with troubled teenagers.

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##### **Activities**

###### **East Africa**

In 2022-23 the Trust continued to support the Christian mission, church planting and humanitarian work of the Quality Discipleship Church in Uganda.

The Quality Discipleship Church in Namungoona, which was badly affected by the Covid pandemic, began to recover and grow, and several new baptisms took place. The church itself raised money to complete and seal the baptistry, avoiding the cost of hiring a swimming pool for the purpose.

###### **Missions**

In August a team from Kampala in Uganda and Meru in Kenya conducted a 5-day mission in Kalangala in the Ssese Islands in Lake Victoria. This was attended by nearly 150 people, with many travelling from other islands and staying overnight at the church. The team conducted workshops for different age groups, an open-air evangelistic event and a program on the local radio station. 8 people were baptised at the end of the event.

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### **TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2023**

#### **Trustees' report ( continued)**

##### **Activities (continued)**

In December the Namungoona church hosted a team from South Africa for a mission organized by Sam Kiryowa in association with a number of pastors in Kampala. As part of the wider mission the team conducted person to person evangelism in Namungoona.

In January 2023 Stephen Appleton visited from the UK for several weeks. He travelled extensively for a combination of preaching and conducting agricultural seminars, and also spoke on local radio.

##### **Training**

In April a team of five facilitators from Kampala conducted a 4-day leadership training seminar in the Hoima region.

##### **Bible Gift Aid**

Issues with the vehicle prevented Bible Gift Aid from fulfilling a promise to deliver Bibles in the Hoima region. A personal donation was received and sent, enabling the necessary repairs to be made.

##### **Church Building**

For the first part of the year there were extensive discussions between Gichuru Jeremy and the Trustees regarding the work needed on the church building in Namungoona. Although it would leave the church with no accommodation for its Sunday School, the Trustees favoured waterproofing the existing flat roof and leaving the option of adding to the structure later. This was due to the cost of adding a second floor with a pitched roof, for which insufficient budget was available. However, the city council rejected this option, insisting that the building should be finished according to the plans agreed.

After discussions with the architect and foreman a more economical method of construction found, using timber instead of steel for the frame. Further funds were then pledged by two donors so that construction of the second floor could begin. Construction work continued in phases throughout the year, with the main structure of the roof being in place by July. For each phase an estimate of costs was provided beforehand and an account of spending afterwards.

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**Trustees' report ( continued)**

**Activities (continued)**

**Elevate Life**

Elevate Life ran four 12 week #Be OK programmes – which support young people with mental health challenges - during 2022-23. The first, was a group based at a hotel in SW London supporting about 40 Afghan young people throughout August. This was at the request of Kingston council and funded from grants given to them by central government. Without Elevate Life's provision the young people would have had nothing to do all summer. Our programme consisted of creative wellbeing activities, physical indoor games and language learning.

Elmbridge family services (Spurgeons) ran our Junior #Be OK programme supporting Tier 3 children referred to them by schools and social services, starting in Autumn 2022. A secondary programme was also started in early spring for secondary aged children who were on the CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services) waiting list. This was a lifeline for those children who were waiting for their 121 therapies. This group was based in central Kingston to provide mental health support for Southwest London young people.

Finally, Elevate Life ran a group in Chertsey, for which we got a wellbeing award, supporting Junior aged Ukrainian children, having to come to terms with moving to a new country and coming to terms with relatives facing atrocities back in The Ukraine.

**Financial review**

The Trust makes grants out of donations and funds received. It is not sought to retain funds other than as a working balance.

Approved by the trustees on 30th November 2023 and signed on their behalf.



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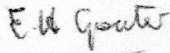
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**DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

|   | Year to<br>31st March 2023<br>Restricted Funds<br>£ | Year to<br>31st March 2022<br>Restricted Funds<br>£ |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Receipts</b>                         |   |   |
| Donations, also legacy in previous year | 67,954  | 14,465  |
| Grants and sponsor collections received | -   | 9,808   |
| Gift aid tax claimed (Note 3)           | 5,115   | 1,234   |
| Total incoming resources                | <u>73,069</u>                                       | <u>25,507</u>                                       |
| <b>Payments</b>                         |   |   |
| Charitable activities                   |   |   |
| Grant payments                          | 58,290  | 21,770  |
| Governance costs                        |   |   |
| Bank charges                            | 240   | 150   |
| Trustee expenses                        | -   | -   |
|   | <u>240</u>  | <u>150</u>  |
| Total payments                          | <u>58,530</u>                                       | <u>21,920</u>                                       |
| <b>Net receipts for the year</b>        | 14,539  | 3,587   |
| Cash funds last year end                | 15,090  | 11,503  |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>         | <u>29,629</u>                                       | <u>15,090</u>                                       |

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

|                   | 31st March 2023<br>Restricted Funds<br>£ | 31st March 2022<br>Restricted Funds<br>£ |
|-------------------|--|--|
| <b>Cash funds</b> |  |  |
| Bank balance      | 29,629                                   | 15,090                                   |
| Total cash funds  | <u>29,629</u>                            | <u>15,090</u>                            |

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Signed on behalf of the trustees on 6th December 2023.



Bruce Townsend  
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## DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST

### Notes on the Receipts and Payments account Year to 31st March 2023

| <b>1. Restricted funds</b>     | Balances<br>1st April | Receipts      | Payments      | Balances<br>31st March |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|
| <b>Year to 31st March 2023</b> |                       |               |               |                        |
| Uganda and East Africa         | 6,706                 | 72,437        | 54,630        | 24,513                 |
| Elevate Life                   | 8,384                 | 632           | 3,900         | 5,116                  |
| <b>Totals</b>                  | <b>15,090</b>         | <b>73,069</b> | <b>58,530</b> | <b>29,629</b>          |
| <b>Year to 31st March 2022</b> |                       |               |               |                        |
| Uganda and East Africa         | 5,400                 | 15,699        | 14,393        | 6,706                  |
| Elevate Life                   | 6,103                 | 9,808         | 7,527         | 8,384                  |
| <b>Totals</b>                  | <b>11,503</b>         | <b>25,507</b> | <b>21,920</b> | <b>15,090</b>          |

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##### **Activities**

###### **East Africa**

During 2021-2022 the Trust continued to support Christian mission, church planting and humanitarian causes in East Africa, mainly in Uganda.

In March 2021 Gichuru Jeremy began the process of renewing his work permit, but this was not completed by the end of the financial year due to the complicated bureaucratic requirements and dependencies. However, he was able to continue working pending a decision. The permit was eventually granted.

###### **Covid Relief**

In June the President of Uganda imposed a 42-day lockdown, closing schools and places of worship and imposing travel restrictions. In response the Trust sent some additional funds, which were used to purchase basic items of food for people who were badly affected financially. The Trust also attempted an appeal on Facebook, which raised a few more funds.

By September Uganda had reported 122,502 Covid cases and 3,135, but both are believed to be greatly under-recorded. Gichuru Jeremy reported that many people were dying at home due to the lack of hospital beds. Several neighbours and church and family members had died

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## **DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2022**

#### **Trustees' report ( continued)**

##### **Activities (continued)**

of the disease. In September both Gichuru and Eunice managed to obtain their first Covid vaccinations, but many people remain unvaccinated.

The Trust sent some further relief funds in February 2022. which were used to help a number of people still affected by Covid restrictions, some of whom were orphans.

##### **Mission trips**

In May 2021 Gichuru made a 4 day visit to Kalangala in the Ssesse Islands, to encourage the church and its Pastor and conduct mission training. He also spoke twice on the local radio station. The church there was badly affected by the Covid lockdown, with a number of members moving away. The visit was very successful and found the church showing signs of a good recovery.

Following the easing of Covid restrictions, and negative Covid tests, in August Gichuru and Eunice travelled to Nanyuki in Kenya for 4 days of mission followed by a short holiday.

In September Gichuru returned to the Ssesse Islands for 3 days, mainly to minister at Mabigo, accompanied by Pastor David from Namungoona. In Kalangala he reported that Pastor Evans' shop, which was established with seed funding from Discovery, was thriving under the management of his wife. Here also the church members had been working and fundraising to cement and tile the floor of the church building, another project commenced with support from the Trust. By November they had made good progress.

This mission was followed by a training mission in November to Sembabule, Buhembe and Kazo zones.

##### **Church Building**

In 2021 the Kampala city council required the temporary Sunday School hall built on the first storey of the Namungoona church building to be replaced with a permanent structure. The church therefore prepared plans for the long-delayed completion of the building, to add a second storey and pitched roof. An architect was engaged.

After a busy year of mission, and limitations imposed due to lockdown, in January 2022 Gichuru started work on the estimates for the project. An initial draft was received in February. Following a special Trustees' meeting to discuss the proposal, and an examination of the estimates, it was agreed to commit funds to the implementation.

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**DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2022**

**Trustees' report ( continued)**

**Activities (continued)**

**Elevate Eleven**

In order to help establish the Elevate Life teenage mental health work as a charitable project in its own right, and to help distance its founding organisation (Elevate Eleven) from the possibility of commercial gain for a not-for-profit project, the Elevate Life mental health initiative is now a project of Discovery Church Trust.

At the present time the Trust continues to subcontract to Elevate Eleven to deliver the service as it is believed it is best placed to help the local young people in this way and it is all done at at cost. The project has delivered a summer holiday club service to Afghan refugees on behalf of Elmbridge Borough Council and also delivered the service to vulnerable young people in Kingston through the GrowBaby hub. Possible further initiatives with Oasis Trust schools are being explored.

**Financial review**

The Trust makes grants out of donations and funds received. It is not sought to retain funds other than as a working balance.

Approved by the trustees on 16th January 2023 and signed on their behalf.



Bruce Townsend

Trustee

## DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST

### Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Discovery Church Trust

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts and notes of Discovery Church Trust for the year ended 31 March 2022.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As charity trustees you are responsible for 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. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

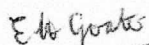
#### Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts and notes do not accord with those records.

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

Signed on 16th January 2023



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**DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

|   | <b>Year to<br/>31st March 2022<br/>Restricted Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>Year to<br/>31st March 2021<br/>Restricted Funds<br/>£</b> |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Receipts</b>                         |   |   |
| Donations and legacy                    | 14,465  | 18,840  |
| Grants and sponsor collections received | 9,808   | 5,505   |
| Gift aid tax claimed (Note 3)           | 1,234   | 5,070   |
| Total incoming resources                | <u>25,507</u>   | <u>29,415</u>   |
| <b>Payments</b>                         |   |   |
| Charitable activities                   |   |   |
| Grant payments                          | 21,770  | 28,235  |
| Governance costs                        |   |   |
| Bank charges                            | 150   | 300   |
| Trustee expenses                        | <u>-</u>  | <u>-</u>  |
|   | 150   | 300   |
| Total payments                          | <u>21,920</u>   | <u>28,535</u>   |
| <b>Net receipts for the year</b>        | 3,587   | 880   |
| Cash funds last year end                | 11,503  | 10,623  |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>         | <u>15,090</u>   | <u>11,503</u>   |

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

|                   | <b>31st March 2022<br/>Restricted Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>31st March 2021<br/>Restricted Funds<br/>£</b> |
|-------------------|---|---|
| <b>Cash funds</b> |   |   |
| Bank balance      | 15,090  | 11,503  |
| Total cash funds  | <u>15,090</u>                                     | <u>11,503</u>                                     |

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 16th January 2023.



Bruce Townsend  
Trustee

## DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST

### Notes on the Receipts and Payments account Year to 31st March 2022

| <b>1. Restricted funds</b>     | Balances<br>1st April | Receipts      | Payments      | Balances<br>31st March |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|
| <b>Year to 31st March 2022</b> |                       |               |               |                        |
| Uganda and East Africa         | 5,400                 | 15,699        | 14,393        | 6,706                  |
| Elevate Life                   | 6,103                 | 9,808         | 7,527         | 8,384                  |
| Totals                         | <u>11,503</u>         | <u>25,507</u> | <u>21,920</u> | <u>15,090</u>          |
| <b>Year to 31st March 2021</b> |                       |               |               |                        |
| Uganda and East Africa         | 3,783                 | 23,760        | 22,143        | 5,400                  |
| Elevate Life                   | 6,840                 | 5,655         | 6,392         | 6,103                  |
| Totals                         | <u>10,623</u>         | <u>29,415</u> | <u>28,535</u> | <u>11,503</u>          |

### 2. Related party transactions

Trustee Tim Hill is a partner, together with his wife Anita Hill, in Elevate Eleven, which is a tutoring and consulting business aimed at helping children. As part of Elevate Eleven they have set up Elevate Life, which runs clubs that support teenagers who have anxiety and mental health issues, through a varied programme.

For Elevate Life to apply for grants it needed to be part of a registered charity. The Trustees agreed that the Trust would help obtain funding for this work. During the year the Trust raised £9,808 for Elevate Life and paid £7,527 to Elevate Eleven for work with troubled teenagers.

### 3. Gift Aid

A further claim for Gift Aid tax was made in April 2022, for £1,325, which will be included in next year's receipts and payments account.

**DISCOVERY CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 283533

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# Accounts

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**DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2021**

Charity registered number 283533

**DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2021**

**Trust information**

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Trustees                  | Mrs Jillian Hall<br>Timothy Hill<br>Bruce Townsend        |
| Managing trustee          | Bruce Townsend  |
| Address                   | 11 Bloxham Crescent<br>Hampton<br>Middlesex<br>TW12 2QF   |
| Bank                      | Lloyds Bank Plc   |
| Independent examiner      | E H Goater<br>71 Burtons Road<br>Hampton Hill<br>TW12 1DE |
| Charity registered number | 283533  |

## **DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2021**

#### **Trustees' report**

##### **Structure, governance and management**

The Trust was set up with a declaration of trust date 6th July 1981 under the name Teddington Christian Fellowship, with a supplemental deed date 10th November 1981. For some period subsequently the Trust operated under the name Thames Christian Community. The Trust has been registered with HMRC as a charity for many years.

##### **Objectives and activities for the public benefit**

The objects under the Constitution are focused on the advancement of the Protestant and Evangelical tenets of the Christian faith, either in the UK or overseas. Additionally there are objects relating to the furtherance of religious or secular education, relief of the poor and needy, and help and comfort of the sick and aged.

The Trust currently supports Christian mission, relief work, and education in Eastern Africa, primarily Uganda; also teenage mental health work in the UK. The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

##### **Activities**

###### **East Africa**

During 2020-2021 the Trust continued its support for Christian mission, church planting and humanitarian causes in East Africa, mainly in Uganda.

In East Africa as elsewhere, the year was dominated by the Coronavirus pandemic and its effects. Uganda endured a particularly severe lockdown, with most people receiving no corresponding help and support from the government, leading to very severe hardship. Also the border between Kenya and Uganda was closed, making personal visits to Quality Discipleship Churches in Kenya impossible.

Through the support of UK donors, Discovery Trust was able to send over £4,000 in staged payments over a period of seven months, specifically for the relief of hardship resulting from Covid and lockdown. In some locations the money was used to buy food and other supplies, which were distributed by church members to people known to be in particular need. In a few cases money was transferred by mobile payment to people in need who were further away and could not be reached in person.

During periods of partial relaxation of the lockdown, Gichuru Jeremy was able to make pastoral visits to church members in the Sesse Islands to offer encouragement and support.

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## **DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2021**

#### **Trustees' report ( continued)**

##### **Activities (continued)**

The question of potential succession was raised with Gichuru, as discussed at the last year's Trustees' meeting, leading to his nomination of Pastor David in Namungoona to succeed him in the event of his incapacity or death.

##### **Elevate Eleven**

The Trust continued to partner with Elevate Life to help raise funds for its work for teenage mental health.

The Trust helped to facilitate fundraising to a total of £5,655, and payments totalling £6,392 were released to the project.

##### **Priorities for 2021-2022**

In 2021-2022 the Trustees agreed to continue our general support for the Quality Discipleship Churches in Uganda and Elevate Eleven in the UK.

Issues remain with the QDC central building in Namungoona, which could lead to structural deterioration if not addressed. These were followed up and three priorities were agreed:

1. Prioritise completion of the external rendering and obtain a realistic estimate for the work.
2. Obtain an estimate for fully covering the building with a pitched roof.
3. Get more information about the cause of water ingress around the stairwells.

##### **Financial review**

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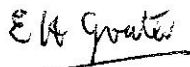
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|----------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Receipts</b>                  |   |   |
| Donations                        | 18,840  | 12,096  |
| Grants received                  | 5,505   | 10,300  |
| Gift aid tax claimed             | 5,070   | 2,766   |
| Total incoming resources         | <u>29,415</u>   | <u>25,162</u>   |
| <b>Payments</b>                  |   |   |
| Charitable activities            |   |   |
| Grant payments                   | 28,235  | 17,893  |
| Governance costs                 |   |   |
| Bank charges                     | 300   | 150   |
| Trustee expenses                 | <u>-</u>  | <u>-</u>  |
|                                  | 300   | 150   |
| Total payments                   | <u>28,535</u>   | <u>18,043</u>   |
| <b>Net receipts for the year</b> | 880   | 7,119   |
| Cash funds last year end         | 10,623  | 3,504   |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>  | <u>11,503</u>   | <u>10,623</u>   |

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| <b>Year to 31st March 2020</b> |                       |               |               |                        |
| Uganda and East Africa         | 3,504                 | 14,256        | 13,977        | 3,783                  |
| Elevate Life                   | -                     | 10,906        | 4,066         | 6,840                  |
| Totals                         | <u>3,504</u>          | <u>25,162</u> | <u>18,043</u> | <u>10,623</u>          |

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