

DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2025

Charity registered number 283533

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Trust information

Trustees	Mrs Jillian Hall Timothy Hill Bruce Townsend
Managing trustee	Bruce Townsend
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Independent examiner	E H Goater 71 Burtons Road Hampton Hill TW12 1DE
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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

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

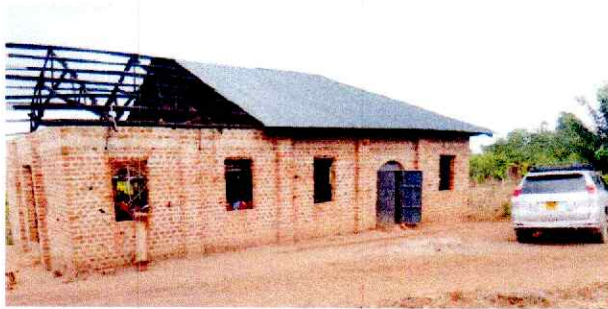
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Trustees' report (continued)

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
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 6th January 2026



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DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

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

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

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



Bruce Townsend
Trustee

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

1. Restricted funds

	Balances 1st April	Correction (Note 2)	Receipts	Payments	Balances 31st March
Year to 31st March 2025					
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>
Year to 31st March 2024					
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

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 £3,292 for Elevate Life and paid £1,782 to Elevate Eleven for work with troubled teenagers.