## Charity Commission appoints interim managers to Gilbert Deva Ministries

Press release

The Charity Commission has appointed interim managers to Gilbert Deya Ministries, a registered charity based in South London.



The charity's objects are to advance the Christian religion and provide assistance for persons in condition of need, hardship or distress. It was placed under inquiry in 2016, over concerns about its governance and financial management.

The regulator says that there have been several examples of misconduct and mismanagement by the charity's trustees during the course of the inquiry, including financial transactions that ran counter to legal orders made by the Commission.

The charity is also in default of reporting requirements. Its accounts for the financial year ended December 2019 are over 140 days overdue. The charity's previous three sets of annual accounts were filed late.

Geoff Carton-Kelly and Philip Reynolds of FRP Advisory Trading Limited have been appointed as interim managers to review and assess the charity's financial position and to make recommendations around whether it remains solvent and viable.

The trustees remain otherwise responsible for the charity.

The Charity Commission's inquiry continues.

## **Ends**

## Notes to editors

- 1. View the charity's entry on the register of charities
- 2. View the scope of the inquiry
- 3. The Charity Commission is the independent, non-ministerial government

- department that registers and regulates charities in England and Wales. Its purpose is to ensure charity can thrive and inspire trust so that people can improve lives and strengthen society.
- 4. Section 76(3)(g) of the Charities Act 2011 gives the Commission power to appoint interim managers to a charity. Interim managers are appointed as a temporary and protective measure where the Commission has identified misconduct and/or mismanagement in the administration of a charity, or where there is a need to protect a charity's property.
- 5. This appointment is a temporary and protective power that will be reviewed at regular intervals. It will continue until the Commission makes a further order for its variation or discharge.
- 6. It is the Commission's policy, after it has concluded an inquiry, to publish a report detailing what issues the inquiry looked at, what actions were undertaken as part of the inquiry and what the outcomes were. Reports of previous inquiries are available on <u>GOV.UK</u>.

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