

Trustees Report & Unaudited Financial Statements

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2025

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Legal and Administrative Information

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

Charity Name:

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust

Registered Charity Number:

1157882

Trustees:

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Mr G Lowe

Mr D Bedford

Mr D Wheatcroft

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Report of the Trustees

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 11 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 5th October 1992, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 28th February 2014. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 16th July 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1157882

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 3. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2025.

The Trust operates four Gospel halls and Trustees are chosen from among the regular congregation of the halls. New Trustees are nominated by the existing Trustees or by the congregation and must be appointed by unanimous resolution of the congregation. They are selected according to their skills and experience and are expected to use both in furthering the objects of the Charity. Checks are made to ensure the Trustees' eligibility to act and incoming Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities by the existing Trustees, who ensure that new Trustees read the Trust Deed and relevant Charity Commission guidance.

Wider Network

The Trustees maintain informal links with similar charities with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Charity.

Risk Management

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and confirm that they have established systems to manage and mitigate those risks.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives and Aims

The charitable purposes of the Charity are the advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit, including by the carrying on of the service of God in accordance with the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible as followed by those Christians forming part of the world wide fellowship known as the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (the "Brethren") and any other charitable purposes connected with Brethren. The core doctrine of the Brethren and proper practices in furtherance of certain aspects of doctrine are summarised in two schedules to the Trust Deed.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance to charities on public benefit.

Details of public benefit activities carried out by Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

Main activities and achievements

The Trust provides and maintains four Gospel halls where religious meetings are held by the local Brethren community. Details of the origins, teachings and way of life of the Brethren can be found on the website - www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

During the financial year, a Trustee donated a property for use as a Gospel Hall to the Trust which has been included in the Trust accounts at market value, as determined by an independent surveyor.

Plans for future periods

Despite the increased cost of energy, the trustees feel that these increased costs are not significantly impacting on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

The trust is committed to providing and maintaining the additional gospel hall donated from a Trustee during the financial year.

Meetings

Meetings held at the Gospel halls include the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses. There is a structured weekly schedule of meetings and, depending on the particular meeting, between 25 and 550 people normally attend these occasions.

The meetings are attended by the regular congregation and most are open to other properly disposed visitors. The notice board outside the Hall welcomes visitors and displays the times of Gospel preachings, along with a telephone number for those seeking further information or help. Gospel tracts, which are distributed by street preachers, also display this information.

Bibles and an extensive range of other Christian reading material are on display at the halls and visitors are free to help themselves.

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

The Gospel halls are a base from which the regular congregation and others who attend the meetings are encouraged to spread the Christian Gospel, in word and deed.

Members of the congregation participate in a programme of street preaching and Gospel tracts are provided free of charge by the Charity to such preachers to be handed out to interested members of the public.

In carrying out this work, the congregation considers itself to be living out its faith in practice, as particularly exemplified in the following extract from the schedule to the Trust Deed on living a Christian life:

- We seek and are encouraged to live exemplary lives in all our relationships with others in the wider community (including former Brethren), in accordance with the teachings of Holy Scripture (1 Tim 2:2).
- We regularly go out from our homes to preach on the streets, to distribute Christian literature and engage with the wider community (including former Brethren) in order to present eternal salvation, available to all men by faith in Jesus Christ. (2 Tim 4:2).
- We seek as members of the public to lead Christian lives as husbands and wives, parents, children, employers, employees and neighbours. (Col 3:22-25, Col 4:1).
- The preservation and protection of the family unit is fundamental and children are prized as a blessing from God. (Psalm 127:3-5). The elderly are valued members of the community, for whom both their family and the wider community are expected to care.
- Holy Scripture commands us to be good neighbours to others, and deal with all other people (including former Brethren) openly, honestly and fairly and consistent with these principles, we should give our time, talents and money to assist those in need in the wider community, in so far as reasonable given our abilities and our available resources. (Matt 7:12, Matt 22:39, Eph 4:28).

Funding

Funding is sought through gifts from the congregation and Gift Aid is claimed on eligible donations. Funding is sometimes received from other charitable trusts with complementary objectives.

Financial Review

In the year ended 5 April 2025 the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended.

Total voluntary income received this year was £451,628 compared to £306,233 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining enough reserves to cover day to day expenditure and any urgent needs that may arise. The congregation is kept regularly informed as to particular needs for funds, and other relevant matters and the Trustees aim to ensure that the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure, by raising a funds appeal to the congregation.

Free Reserves at the year end were £157,515 (2024: £227,409)

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

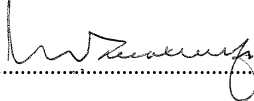
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. All transactions have been reviewed and approved by two trustees.

On Behalf of the board:


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Mr M Wheatcroft (Trustee)

12/11/2025

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Date

Report of the Independent Examiner

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

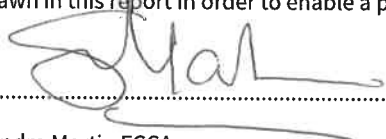
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking of explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

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 do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 to be reached.



Sandra Martin FCCA

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4 November 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Income and endowments:					
Donations and Legacies:					
Contributions from the Congregation	1,501	-	-	1,501	25,838
Gift Aid Donations	11,510	-	-	11,510	93,845
Income Tax refunds	2,878	-	-	2,878	23,461
Non Gift Aid Donations	45,739	-	-	45,739	163,088
Donation of meeting halls (note 4.2)	390,000	-	-	390,000	-
Investments					
Interest Received	1,888	-	-	1,888	-
Total Income and endowments:	453,516	-	-	453,516	306,233
Expenditure:					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 7)	89,536	-	-	89,536	84,542
Congregation Support (note 7)	-	-	-	-	5,386
Other Charitable Activities (note 7)	2,131	-	-	2,131	772
Total Expenditure:	91,667	-	-	91,667	90,700
Net Income/(Expenditure)	361,849	-	-	361,849	215,533
Net Movement In Funds	361,849	-	-	361,849	215,533
Reconciliation of funds (note 9)					
Total Funds brought forward	1,543,982	-	-	1,543,982	1,328,449
Net movement in funds	361,849	-	-	361,849	215,533
Total Funds carried forward	1,905,831	-	-	1,905,831	1,543,982

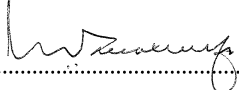
The notes on page 11 - 19 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust As at 5 April 2025

	2025	2024
Fixed Assets		
Tangible assets (note 4)	1,748,316	1,316,573
Total Fixed Assets	1,748,316	1,316,573
Current assets		
Prepayments and accrued income	6,328	27,253
Cash at bank and in hand	154,109	216,132
Total Current assets	160,437	243,385
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals and deferred income	2,922	15,976
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2,922	15,976
Net current assets/(liabilities)	157,515	227,409
Total assets less current liabilities	1,905,831	1,543,982
Net Assets	1,905,831	1,543,982
Funds (note 8)		
Unrestricted funds	1,905,831	1,543,982
Total Funds	1,905,831	1,543,982

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust on 12/11/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


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Mr M Wheatcroft (Trustee)

The notes on pages 11 - 19 form part of these financial statements.

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, and incorporating update bulletins 1 and 2, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The functional currency of the charity is sterling (£).

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Income

Donations are recognised in the year in which there is entitlement and probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future year. Gift aid is added to the value of the donation to which it relates.

Donated services are recognised as income and expenditure in the financial statements when organisations or individuals offer their services and support pro bono. The value of these donated services to Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the service formally procured. This includes services paid for by other trusts.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Charitable activities comprise those costs directly attributable to the fulfilment of the charitable objects.

1.4 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and costs related to statutory requirements. Governance and support costs are allocated to charitable activities on the basis of capacity used.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £100) are stated at cost less depreciation. Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold buildings	2.5% / 3% straight line
Property improvements	2.5% / 3% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	10% reducing balance
Computer Equipment	25% straight line

1.6 Taxation

The Trust is a registered charity and is not liable to United Kingdom income or corporation tax on charitable activities, provided income falls within the charitable exemptions and is spent on charitable purposes.

1.7 Funds

The general unrestricted fund is free for the Trustees to use for any purposes in furtherance of the trust's charitable objects.

Restricted funds arise from donations to the trust, which are made for a specific purpose. Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which funds were given.

1.8 Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The Charity does not have a trading subsidiary.

1.9 Going Concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.10 Significant estimates and judgements

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from an employment with the charity and no Trustees were reimbursed for expenses (2024: none)

3. WAGES AND SALARIES

There are no employees (2024: none)

4. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost	Freehold Land and Buildings - Herrick Road	Freehold Land and Buildings - Osgathorpe	Freehold Land & Buildings - Thringstone	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Computer Equipment
At 6 April 2024	79,284	1,130,192	409,309	20,717	1,134
Additions	-	-	73,556	1,115	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2025	79,284	1,130,192	482,864	21,832	1,134
Depreciation					
At 6 April 2024	32,154	268,023	11,474	11,982	430
Current Year Depreciation	1,783	22,379	9,153	892	284
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2025	33,937	290,402	20,628	12,873	713
Net Book Value					
At 5 April 2025	45,347	839,789	462,237	8,958	421
At 5 April 2024	47,130	862,168	397,834	8,735	704

Cost	Freehold Land and Buildings - Leicester Road	Totals
At 2024	-	1,640,636
Additions	394,338	469,008
Disposals	-	-
At	394,338	2,109,644
Depreciation		
At 2024	-	324,063
Current Year Depreciation	2,775	37,266
Eliminated on disposals	-	-
At	2,775	361,329
Net Book Value		
At	391,563	1,748,315
At 5 April 2024	-	1,316,572

Land registry titles of the above property held are LT78043, LT162748, LT110071, LT427654 & LT189299.

4.2 Donation of meeting halls

During the year the trust received the following property from a Trustee for nil consideration:

Leicester Road (LT189299): £390,000

5. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £30,796 (2024: £205,120) were received. The trust made reimbursements to trustees, totaling £82,891 (2024: £7,331) for trust expenses paid on behalf of the trust. Michael Wheatcroft (a trustee of the charity) is director of Fixfire Ltd, from which Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust procured services totaling £1,180.

During the year, Michael Wheatcroft, a Trustee, donated a property with a market value of £390,000 to the trust for nil consideration. Michael has not retained any interest in the property, and will receive no benefit from this donation.

6. VOLUNTEERS

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust relies entirely on volunteers to carry out the management, administration and general maintenance work. The Trust has no paid staff or paid Trustees.

Resources Expended

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

7. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2025	TOTAL COSTS 2024
Direct Costs				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	16,728	-	16,728	18,097
Premises costs - heat, light and power	16,197	-	16,197	20,411
Premises costs - rent and rates	2,688	-	2,688	2,362
Telephone	1,322	-	1,322	824
Health and Safety	454	-	454	-
Legal and professional	5,196	-	5,196	3,162
Bank charges	368	-	368	-
Congregation Support	-	-	-	5,386
Public outreach expenses	-	2,356	2,356	772
Special meeting costs	900	-	900	900
Depreciation	37,266	-	37,266	32,431
Insurance	5,397	-	5,397	3,687
Governance	2,796	-	2,796	2,669
Total Direct Costs	89,311	2,356	91,667	90,700

Governance costs include £300 (prior year: £180) in respect of independent examiners fees.

Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2025

8. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

8.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,748,316	-	-	1,748,316
Current Assets	160,437	-	-	160,437
Current Liabilities	(2,922)	-	-	(2,922)
Total Funds	1,905,831	-	-	1,905,831

Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2025

8.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,316,573	-	-	1,316,573
Current Assets	243,385	-	-	243,385
Current Liabilities	(15,976)	-	-	(15,976)
Total Funds	1,543,982	-	-	1,543,982

Movement in Funds - Current Year

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2025

9. Movement in Funds

9.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
Movement in Funds				
Total funds brought forward	1,543,982	-	-	1,543,982
Incoming resources	453,516	-	-	453,516
Resources expended	(91,667)	-	-	(91,667)
Total funds carried forward	1,905,831	-	-	1,905,831

Movement in Funds - Prior Year

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust
For the year ended 5 April 2025

9. Movement in Funds

9.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Movement in Funds				
Total funds brought forward	1,328,449	-	-	1,328,449
Incoming resources	306,233	-	-	306,233
Resources expended	(90,700)	-	-	(90,700)
Total funds carried forward	1,543,982	-	-	1,543,982

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Income and endowments:				
Donations and Legacies:				
Contributions from the Congregation	25,838	-	-	25,838
Gift Aid Donations	93,845	-	-	93,845
Income Tax refunds	23,461	-	-	23,461
Non Gift Aid Donations	163,088	-	-	163,088
Total Income and endowments:	306,233	-	-	306,233
Expenditure:				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 7)	84,542	-	-	84,542
Congregation Support (note 7)	5,386	-	-	5,386
Other Charitable Activities (note 7)	772	-	-	772
Total Expenditure:	90,700	-	-	90,700
Net Income/(Expenditure)	215,533	-	-	215,533
Net Movement In Funds	215,533	-	-	215,533
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Reconciliation of funds (note 9)				
Total Funds brought forward	1,328,449	-	-	1,328,449
Net movement in funds	215,533	-	-	215,533
Total Funds carried forward	1,543,982	-	-	1,543,982

LGHT Public Benefit Report

Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust Public Benefit

The purpose of this factual presentation is to show how the Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust community engage in many acts of public benefit and interact with the wider community in so many ways.

The Plymouth Brethren were established in 1828 when John Nelson Darby broke with the established Church in Dublin. Darby and others formed a fellowship based on the strict observance of Christian teachings as set out in the Holy Scriptures. Darby came to Plymouth in the early 1830s and the congregation grew rapidly. Early publications were produced in Plymouth and distributed to other congregations of followers throughout the globe.



Introduction

There are over 18,000 Plymouth Brethren members in the UK, spread across 87 locations. These locations can be found on the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (PBCC) UK Site.



There have been Brethren Gospel, or meeting halls in the Loughborough area for over 150 years.

The Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust, formerly The Ashby Trust was formed in the 1960's to acquire buildings to be used for the advancement of the Christian religion by carrying on the service of God, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper, Gospel Preachings, Bible Readings and addresses on the Word of God and other meetings of a Christian religious character according to the injunctions contained in the Holy Scriptures and the tenets and practices of those Christians forming a worldwide fellowship known as Plymouth Brethren.

The Loughborough is one of the smaller congregations in the UK, with 135 members living in the Charnwood and North West Leicestershire districts; however with residents from the Derby, Nottingham and Leicester areas attending services up to three times a week, together with other visitors, numbers attending services regularly approach 500 persons, from young babies to nonagenarians.



Our Network



To read more on the PBCC way of life, visit the <https://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org> website.



Street Preaching and Tract Distribution

Street Preaching

Street Preaching has been actively promoted by the Plymouth brethren for many years, at least from the 1920's, and today is enthusiastically supported by members of the Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust congregation, as we seek to follow the example set out by our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke ch4 v17-20)

The essential activity of publicly preaching the name of Jesus and God's wonderful Gospel indiscriminately, gives joy and encouragement to our daily lives; as having personally proved the tangible benefit and immense improvement believing in Jesus brings, we seek to highlight the availability of Jesus to all mankind.

Currently the main chosen location is on Churchgate, Loughborough, near the marketplace. Street preachings have been held here since the 1990s and are held around 1pm on weekdays. There are also occasional preachings in Coalville.

Romans 10v13; "For everyone whosoever, who shall call on the name of the Lord, shall be saved"

The aim of the street preaching is not to recruit additional members for the Plymouth Brethren but to present eternal salvation as available to all men by faith in Jesus Christ and His blood and His work of atonement.

Tract Distribution

Members of the congregation have continued to hand out tracts to neighbours and people in need when they have met them.

Tracts are available for download on the below website:
<https://christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org/>

Outreach

In our outreach program, we have engaged with centres for the homeless and vulnerable.

At the heart of our Community is the commitment to care and compassion, as we recognise the rights of all humanity within society. Members of the Congregation dedicate their time volunteering through our charitable arm, Rapid Relief Team (RRT) and contribute financially to many causes. As Loughborough Gospel Hall Trust, we actively seek opportunities to support our local community including donating to local charities.

See below statistics from our outreach program, in 2024/25:

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Trust Grants Awarded

28

RRT Volunteers

380

Street Preachings

"At the OHG (Osgathorpe Heritage Group) meeting on Thursday I presented the £500 Cheque that the Brethren had donated to the group. The group were overwhelmingly delighted, as this will provide funding for the core costs and some events over the next couple of years. The Osgathorpe Heritage Group would like to thank the Brethren for this very generous donation"

Rapid Relief Team

Our Mission



To serve people with care & compassion in their time of need.

Our Vision



For the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church to express Christian principles of care and compassion, by way of benevolent relief to people in need.

Our Values



Global Team | Community Care
| Compassion | Consistency

As a trust, we have purchased 102 RRT Family Food Boxes which we donated to various local needs such as homeless and vulnerable shelters, schools, parishes etc. The RRT Food Boxes are designed to feed a family of 4 for up to 4 days and bring some relief and joy to households during their time of pressure and crisis.

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Events attended

7

Charities supported

102

RRT Family Food Boxes donated

Events

Steps Conductive Education Centre

On 8th July 2024, RRT Loughborough provided a hot lunch for the staff, parents and children at The Steps Centre. The Steps Centre helps young children with conditions such as Down's Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy, whilst providing support for the families of the children. We collected £307.50 in donations throughout the day; this was gifted back to The Steps Centre to support the important work they do.

Shelthorpe Family Hub - 1st Event

On 31st July 2024, we attended the Shelthorpe Family Hub to support one of their outdoor Summer events. The event provided wholesome occupation for some of the most vulnerable local children and families. The hot lunch we provided was enjoyed by all!

Shelthorpe Family Hub - 2nd Event

On 14th August 2024, we attended a second event at the Shelthorpe Family Hub; this event was themed on the Olympics - aimed at helping to encourage the local youth to stay active during the Summer Holidays, whilst providing occupational support for vulnerable local families. RRT Loughborough was again on hand to provide a hot lunch to all who attended.

Product Donations

RRT Loughborough saw a big uptick in this area of our work last year. Having made donations to Schools, Family Hubs and Homeless Support Services, we are thankful to say that our donations have reached those most in need of them in our local communities.

Organisations we supported with donations include Falcon Support Services, Oxley Primary School, Coalville Family Hub, Beacon Academy, Long Whatton Primary School, Children and Family Wellbeing Service (CFWS), and All Saints CofE Primary School, Coalville.

Items Donated:

56x Comfort Snack Packs, 2200x SMARRT Cereal Bars, 240x Water Bottles, 215x Thermal Blankets, 102x Family Food Boxes, 16x Baby Care Kits

"You have taken a big pressure off knowing that we have food for the next few days"

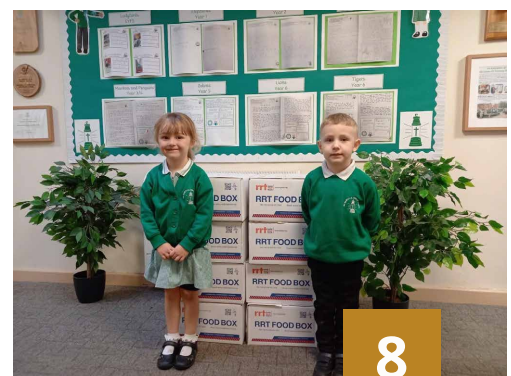
A recipient of a Family Food Box

"The front-line workers like us don't often get support and appreciation. It's really heart-warming to see that the packs have been packed with care and consideration!"

Frontline Support Worker

In addition to the above, Loughborough members of the RRT have travelled to RRT HQ in St Neots and joined part of a national team packing food boxes which are distributed to the needy throughout the whole of the UK.

The trust see that the work carried out by its members as Volunteers of the Rapid Relief Team (RRT) is of the utmost importance in the community and has been pleased again to allow its external facilities to be used as a meeting/gathering point for these volunteers prior to deployment or community support. Equipment and trailers are stored in the secure ground of the gospel halls where volunteers can freely access them as much of the work of RRT is done out of normal operating hours



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