

# BEDFORD GOSPEL HALL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1159076

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 2014-11-05

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (A) 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 A WORLDWIDE FELLOWSHIP KNOWN AS THE "PLYMOUTH BRETHREN CHRISTIAN CHURCH" (THE "BRETHREN") WHOSE CORE DOCTRINE IS SUMMARISED IN SCHEDULE 1 TO THIS DEED AND WHOSE PROPER PRACTICES IN FURTHERANCE OF SOME ASPECTS OF THAT CORE DOCTRINE ARE SUMMARISED IN SCHEDULE 2 TO THIS DEED; AND (B) ANY OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES CONNECTED WITH BRETHREN.

**Activities:** The Trust provides and maintains gospel halls for the religious activities of Christians often referred to as "Brethren". Details of the origins, teachings and way of life of the Brethren can be found on their website - [www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org](http://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org). Meetings held at these gospel halls include the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses.

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** BEDFORD
- Bedford

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£1,391,884	£1,229,673	£593,528	0
2024-04-05	£21,153	£73,843	-	-
2023-04-05	£38,425	£68,820	-	-
2022-04-05	£50,388	£51,011	-	-
2021-04-05	£52,349	£79,468	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony Stephen Fryer		2015-09-05
Brian Parkes		2015-09-05
Edward Picton		2015-09-05
Ronny Reeves		2019-10-22
Thomas Lee Britchford		2019-10-22

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# Accounts

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# **Trustees Report & Unaudited Financial Statements**

Bedford Gospel Hall Trust  
For the year ended 5 April 2025

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# Legal and Administrative Information

## Bedford Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

**Charity Name:**

Bedford Gospel Hall Trust

**Registered Charity Number:**

1159076

**Trustees:**

E Picton (Chair)

T Britchford

R Reeves

A S Fryer

B Parkes

**Treasurer:**

T Britchford

**Principle Address:**

Tynwald, Sandy Lane, Church Brampton, Northampton, NN6 8AX

**Independent Examiner:**

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# Report of the Trustees

## Bedford 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 10 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 14 May 1991, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 08 August 2014. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 05 November 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1159076.

##### 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 from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2025. Details of the reimbursement of expenses to Trustees are listed out in note 7 on page 12.

In view of winding up the Trust, it no longer operates any Gospel Halls. The current trustees were once chosen from among the congregation based on their skills, experience and eligibility to act as Trustees of the Trust.

##### Wider Network

The Trustees maintains informal links with Trustees of similar charities with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Charity. The Charity has maintained particular links with Goldington Gospel Hall Trust with which it once shared members of its congregation.

##### 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 Bedford Gospel Hall Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

## Main activities and achievements

In view of the trust becoming dormant in the near future, it no longer provides or maintains any Gospel halls. However, religious meetings were once held by the local Brethren community. During the year, the congregation moved away, and no longer require the Gospel halls once owned by Bedford Gospel Hall Trust. Details of the origins, teachings and way of life of the Brethren can be found on the website - [www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org](http://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org) and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

## Plans for future periods

The trustees have confirmed that the Trust will be winding up in the near future so therefore it is not a going concern.

## Meetings

Since the congregation who once gathered at the Gospel halls have moved away and the Gospel hall sold, meetings are no longer held.

## 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 where 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 mostly due to the sale of a Gospel Hall during the financial year.

Total voluntary income received this year was £2,269 compared to £16,465 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

## Reserves Policy

In view of winding up the trust, there is no longer any requirement to maintain a significant level of reserves. The Trust has no employees, and the regular outgoings are now very minimal. The Trustees have decided that a large proportion of the reserves will be distributed to charities with similar charitable objectives to further help those charities fulfil their charitable activities. Some reserves will be held to cover any further costs when closing this Trust down.

Free Reserves at the year end were £593,528 (2024: £302,479).

## 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 T Britchford (Trustee)

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Date

# Report of the Independent Examiner

## Bedford Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bedford 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.



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9 December 2025

# Statement of Financial Activities

## Bedford Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Income and endowments:</b>					
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>					
Contributions from the Congregation	806	-	-	806	2,590
Gift Aid Donations	1,170	-	-	1,170	11,100
Income Tax refunds	293	-	-	293	2,775
<b>Other Income</b>					
Profit on Sale of Assets	1,369,425	-	-	1,369,425	-
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>1,369,425</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,369,425</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investments</b>					
Interest Received	20,191	-	-	20,191	4,687
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>1,391,884</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,391,884</b>	<b>21,153</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 9)	21,432	-	-	21,432	53,635
Cost of donated services (note 4)	5,601	-	-	5,601	20,208
Grants to affiliated trusts (note 5)	1,202,640	-	-	1,202,640	-
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>1,229,673</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,229,673</b>	<b>73,843</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>162,212</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>162,212</b>	<b>(52,690)</b>
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>162,212</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>162,212</b>	<b>(52,690)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds (note 11)</b>					
Total Funds brought forward	431,316	-	-	431,316	484,007
Net movement in funds	162,212	-	-	162,212	(52,690)
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>593,528</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>593,528</b>	<b>431,316</b>

The notes on page 10 - 18 form part of these financial statements.

# Balance Sheet

## Bedford Gospel Hall Trust As at 5 April 2025

	2025	2024
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible assets (note 6)	-	128,837
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	-	<b>128,837</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Prepayments and accrued income	293	3,886
Cash at bank and in hand	596,453	305,309
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>596,745</b>	<b>309,195</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Trade creditors	13	5,893
Accruals and deferred income	3,204	823
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>3,217</b>	<b>6,716</b>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>593,528</b>	<b>302,479</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>593,528</b>	<b>431,316</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>593,528</b>	<b>431,316</b>
<b>Funds (note 11)</b>		
Unrestricted funds	593,528	431,316
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>593,528</b>	<b>431,316</b>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Bedford Gospel Hall Trust on .....and were signed on its behalf by:

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Mr T Britchford (Trustee)

The notes on pages 10 - 18 form part of these financial statements.

# Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

## Bedford 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 Bedford 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% straight line
Property improvements	2.5% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20% 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

In view of winding up the charity in the near future, the charity is no longer 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. Details of the reimbursement of expenses to Trustees are listed out in note 7 on page 12.

## 3. WAGES AND SALARIES

There are no employees (2024: none)

## 4. Donated Services

	2025	2024
<b>Donated Services</b>		
<b>Donated To:</b>		
Donated Services to Goldington GHT	5,601	20,208
<b>Total Donated Services:</b>	<b>5,601</b>	<b>20,208</b>

## 5. Grants

2025

2024

### Grants:

#### Grants to:

Grants to Favell Gospell Hall Trust	178,080	-
Grants to The Grosvenor Gospell Hall Trust	38,160	-
Grants to Winchester Gospell Hall Trust	50,880	-
Grants to Rose Lane Gospell Hall Trust	602,240	-
Grants to The Mowbray Gospell Hall Trust	305,280	-
Grants to Coventry Gospell Hall Trust	28,000	-
<b>Total Grants:</b>	<b>1,202,640</b>	<b>-</b>

## 6. Tangible Fixed Assets

<b>Cost</b>	Freehold land & buildings - Barkers Lane	Property and land improvements - Barkers Lane	Fixtures and fittings	Computer equipment	Totals
At 6 April 2024	264,268	33,913	57,118	2,464	357,763
Additions					
Disposals	(264,268)	(33,913)	(57,118)	(2,464)	(357,763)
At 5 April 2025	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 6 April 2024	170,959	5,815	51,442	710	228,926
Current Year Depreciation	2,328	325	435	135	3,223
Eliminated on disposals	(173,287)	(6,140)	(51,877)	(845)	(232,149)
At 5 April 2025	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Book Value</b>					
At 5 April 2025	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2024	93,309	28,098	5,676	1,754	128,837

## 7. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £370 (2024: £1,820) were received. The trust made reimbursements trustees totalling £144 (2024: £476) for expenses paid on the trusts behalf.

## 8. VOLUNTEERS

Bedford 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

## Bedford Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

### 9. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2025	TOTAL COSTS 2024
<b>Direct Costs</b>				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	4,195	-	4,195	12,683
Premises costs - heat, light and power	7,876	-	7,876	11,060
Telephone	241	-	241	441
Health and Safety	-	-	-	4,397
Legal and professional	1,521	-	1,521	12,268
Bank charges	60	-	60	60
Public outreach expenses	-	-	-	51
Special meeting costs	-	-	-	1,263
Depreciation	3,223	-	3,223	8,774
Insurance	1,111	-	1,111	1,814
Governance	3,204	-	3,204	823
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	<b>21,432</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,432</b>	<b>53,635</b>

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

# Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

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## 10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

10.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
<b>Funds</b>				
Current Assets	596,745	-	-	596,745
Current Liabilities	(3,217)	-	-	(3,217)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>593,528</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>593,528</b>

# Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

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10.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Funds</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	128,837	-	-	128,837
Current Assets	309,195	-	-	309,195
Current Liabilities	(6,716)	-	-	(6,716)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>431,316</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>431,316</b>

# Movement in Funds - Current Year

Bedford Gospel Hall Trust

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## 11. Movement in Funds

11.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	431,316	-	-	431,316
Incoming resources	1,391,884	-	-	1,391,884
Resources expended	(1,229,673)	-	-	(1,229,673)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>593,528</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>593,528</b>

# Movement in Funds - Prior Year

Bedford Gospel Hall Trust

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## 11. Movement in Funds

### 11.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	484,007	-	-	484,007
Incoming resources	21,153	-	-	21,153
Resources expended	(73,843)	-	-	(73,843)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>431,316</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>431,316</b>

# Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

## Bedford Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Income and endowments:</b>				
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>				
Contributions from the Congregation	2,590	-	-	2,590
Gift Aid Donations	11,100	-	-	11,100
Income Tax refunds	2,775	-	-	2,775
<b>Investments</b>				
Interest Received	4,687	-	-	4,687
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>21,153</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,153</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 9)	53,635	-	-	53,635
Cost of donated services (note 4)	20,208	-	-	20,208
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>73,843</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,843</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>(52,690)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(52,690)</b>
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>(52,690)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(52,690)</b>
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Reconciliation of funds (note 11)</b>				
Total Funds brought forward	484,007	-	-	484,007
Net movement in funds	(52,690)	-	-	(52,690)
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>431,316</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>431,316</b>

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**Registered Charity Number:**

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**Trustees:**

E Picton (Chair)

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**Treasurer:**

T Britchford

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# Report of the Trustees

## Bedford Gospel Hall Trust

### For the year ended 5 April 2023

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2023. 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.

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##### 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. The Charity also maintains particular links with Goldington Gospel Hall Trust with which it shares members of its congregation.

##### 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.

Members of the Bedford Gospel Hall Trust congregation volunteered at several RRT events throughout the year as part of their public outreach activities:

12th May 2022 - volunteers from the congregation supported a proactive RRT event at the Bedford Hospital and provided 950 meals and care kits to hospital staff in support of International Nurses Day.

25th May 2022 - volunteers again supported the RRT in providing around 80 lunches to emergency personnel attending to a fire in Cardington.

15th June 2022 - members of the congregation provided 300-400 burger lunches to hospital staff at the Bedford Hospital in supporting the RRT.

4th July 2022 - the RRT was supported by volunteers of the Bedford Gospel Hall Trust in providing lunch to emergency personnel attending an explosion on Redwood Grove.

20th August 2022 - members of the congregation supported the RRT in serving refreshments at Bedford Fire Station open day.

5th September 2022 - volunteers provided support for the RRT at Unison Day at Bedford Hospital.

### **Main activities and achievements**

The Trust provides and maintains one Gospel hall 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](http://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org) and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

The trustees have also operated an Emergency Needs fund for the duration of the coronavirus pandemic and any resultant economic downturn. This is providing limited financial assistance by the way of grocery vouchers to households, who have experienced a recent and significant decrease in income due to the pandemic, such that it is likely to impact on the health and/or welfare of members of the household. The trust has appointed a Local Welfare Panel to manage the application process and to administer the vouchers to qualifying applicants.

### **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.

### **Meetings**

Meetings held at the Gospel hall 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 20 and 600 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.

Members of the congregation participated in 82 street preaching's throughout 2022-23, and 498 tracts were distributed.

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 2023 the Trust had a deficit of incoming resources over resources expended. This is mostly due to non-monetary items such as depreciation.

Total voluntary income received this year was £36,828 compared to £50,217 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. The Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining enough reserves to cover day to day expenditure and any capital expenditure 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 £346,395 ( 2022: £375,124)

### 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 T Britchford (Trustee)

10/01/2024  
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Date

# Report of the Independent Examiner

## Bedford Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bedford Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 5 April 2023.

### 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.

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05 December 2023

# Statement of Financial Activities

## Bedford Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2023

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
<b>Income and endowments:</b>					
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>					
Contributions from the Congregation	14,509	-	-	14,509	17,192
Gift Aid Donations	17,855	-	-	17,855	24,460
Income Tax refunds	4,464	-	-	4,464	6,115
Congregation Support	-	-	-	-	2,450
<b>Other Income</b>					
Other income	-	-	-	-	137
<b>Total Other Income</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>137</b>
<b>Investments</b>					
Interest Received	1,597	-	-	1,597	34
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>38,425</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,425</b>	<b>50,388</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 8)	54,650	-	-	54,650	35,219
Congregation Support (note 8)	-	-	-	-	2,400
Cost of donated services (note 4)	14,170	-	-	14,170	13,391
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>68,820</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68,820</b>	<b>51,011</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>(30,395)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(30,395)</b>	<b>(623)</b>
<b>Other Movements</b>					
Transfers between funds	150	(150)	-	-	-
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>(30,245)</b>	<b>(150)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(30,395)</b>	<b>(623)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds (note 10)</b>					
Total Funds brought forward	514,251	150	-	514,401	515,024
Net movement in funds	(30,245)	(150)	-	(30,395)	(623)
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>484,007</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>484,007</b>	<b>514,401</b>

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

# Balance Sheet

## Bedford Gospel Hall Trust As at 5 April 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible assets (note 5)	137,612	139,278
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>137,612</b>	<b>139,278</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Prepayments and accrued income	5,723	7,287
Cash at bank and in hand	345,643	371,029
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>351,365</b>	<b>378,316</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Trade creditors	3,925	2,436
Accruals and deferred income	1,045	756
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>4,970</b>	<b>3,192</b>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>346,395</b>	<b>375,124</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>484,007</b>	<b>514,401</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>484,007</b>	<b>514,401</b>
<b>Funds (note 9)</b>		
Unrestricted funds	484,007	514,401
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>484,007</b>	<b>514,401</b>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Bedford Gospel Hall Trust on 10/01/2024.....and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr T Britchford (Trustee)

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

# Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

## Bedford Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

### 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 Bedford 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 land	Not depreciated
Freehold buildings	2.5% straight line
Property improvements	2.5% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	20% reducing balance

Computer Equipment	20% reducing balance
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### 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 (2022: none)

## 3. WAGES AND SALARIES

There are no employees (2022: none)

## 4. Donated Services

	2023	2022
<b>Donated Services</b>		
<b>Donated To:</b>		
Donated Services to Goldington Gospel Hall Trust	14,170	13,391
<b>Total Donated Services:</b>	<b>14,170</b>	<b>13,391</b>

## 5. Tangible Fixed Assets

<b>Cost</b>	Freehold Land & Buildings - Barkers Lane	Property and land improvements - Barkers Lane	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Computer Equipment	<b>Total</b>
At 6 April 2022	264,268	33,913	52,580	-	350,760
Additions	-	-	4,539	2,464	7,003
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2023	264,268	33,913	57,118	2,464	357,763
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 6 April 2022	158,821	4,119	48,543	-	211,483
Current Year Depreciation	6,069	848	1,481	271	8,669
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 5 April 2023	164,890	4,967	50,023	271	220,152
<b>Net Book Value</b>					
At 5 April 2023	99,378	28,946	7,095	2,193	137,612
At 5 April 2022	105,447	29,793	4,037	-	139,278

Land registry title of the above property held is BD109258.

## 6. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £14,735 (2022: £17,650) were received.

## 7. VOLUNTEERS

Bedford 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

## Bedford Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

### 8. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2023	TOTAL COSTS 2022
<b>Direct Costs</b>				
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	17,085	-	17,085	17,180
Premises costs - heat, light and power	11,444	-	11,444	4,528
Telephone	338	-	338	191
Health and Safety	9,459	-	9,459	1,433
Legal and professional	3,733	-	3,733	1,505
Bank charges	72	-	72	96
Congregation Support	-	-	-	2,400
Special meeting costs	809	-	809	-
Depreciation	8,669	-	8,669	7,926
Insurance	1,801	-	1,801	1,497
Governance	1,240	-	1,240	864
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	<b>54,650</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,650</b>	<b>37,619</b>

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

# Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

Bedford Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2023

## 9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

### 9.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
<b>Funds</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	137,612	-	-	137,612
Current Assets	351,315	50	-	351,365
Current Liabilities	(4,920)	(50)	-	(4,970)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>484,007</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>484,007</b>

# Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

Bedford Gospel Hall Trust  
 For the year ended 5 April 2023

9.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
<b>Funds</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	139,278	-	-	139,278
Current Assets	378,316	-	-	378,316
Current Liabilities	(3,192)	-	-	(3,192)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>514,401</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>514,401</b>

# Movement in Funds - Current Year

Bedford Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2023

## 10. Movement in Funds

### 10.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	514,251	150	-	514,401
Incoming resources	38,425	-	-	38,425
Resources expended	(68,820)	-	-	(68,820)
Transfers between funds	150	(150)	-	-
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>484,007</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>484,007</b>

# Movement in Funds - Prior Year

Bedford Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2023

## 10. Movement in Funds

10.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	514,924	100	-	515,024
Incoming resources	47,938	2,450	-	50,388
Resources expended	(48,611)	(2,400)	-	(51,011)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>514,251</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>514,401</b>

# Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

## Bedford Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2023

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<b>Income and endowments:</b>				
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>				
Contributions from the Congregation	17,192	-	-	17,192
Gift Aid Donations	24,460	-	-	24,460
Income Tax refunds	6,115	-	-	6,115
Congregation Support	-	2,450	-	2,450
<b>Other Income</b>				
Other income	137	-	-	137
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>137</b>
<b>Investments</b>				
Interest Received	34	-	-	34
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>47,938</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,388</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 8)	35,219	-	-	35,219
Congregation Support (note 8)	-	2,400	-	2,400
Cost of donated services (note 4)	13,391	-	-	13,391
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>48,611</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,011</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>(673)</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(623)</b>
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**BEDFORD GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

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# Accounts

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# **Trustees Report & Unaudited Financial Statements**

Bedford Gospel Hall Trust  
For the year ended 5 April 2022

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# Legal and Administrative Information

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Bedford Gospel Hall Trust

**Registered Charity Number:**

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The Trustees maintain informal links with Trustees of similar Trusts with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Trust. The Trust also maintains particular links with Goldington Gospel Hall Trust with which it shares members of its congregation.

#### 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 Bedford Gospel Hall Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

## **Main activities and achievements**

The Trust provides and maintains one Gospel hall 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](http://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org) and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

The trustees have also operated an Emergency Needs fund for the duration of the coronavirus pandemic and any resultant economic downturn. This is providing limited financial assistance by the way of grocery vouchers to households, who have experienced a recent and significant decrease in income due to the pandemic, such that it is likely to impact on the health and/or welfare of members of the household. The trust has appointed a Local Welfare Panel to manage the application process and to administer the vouchers to qualifying applicants.

## **Plans for future periods**

With the commencement of lockdown restrictions in the UK the trust ceased using the gospel hall it operates. During the financial year, restrictions were eased sufficiently to allow the congregation to use the gospel hall for the Lord's Supper (Communion). The use of the rooms was conducted in a manner which always complied with the government guidance, and the trust intends to continue using the rooms when it is safe to do so. The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

The trustees are also researching possible new sites or locations for a new gospel hall.

## **Meetings**

Meetings held at the Gospel hall 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 20 and 600 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 would usually participate in a programme of street preaching where Gospel tracts are provided free of charge by the Charity to such preachers to be handed out to interested members of the public. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this has not been possible during the financial year, but the congregation aim to continue this once it is safe to do so.

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 2022 the Trust had a modest deficit of incoming resources over resources expended. This is due to non-monetary items such as depreciation.

Total voluntary income received this year was £50,217 compared to £52,277 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. The Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining enough reserves to cover day to day expenditure and any capital expenditure needs that may arise. Funds accumulated above what is needed for this will go towards funding of a potential new gospel hall in the future. 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 £375,124 ( 2021: £367,820)

### 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:

.....

Mr T Britchford (Trustee)

.....

Date

# Report of the Independent Examiner

## Bedford Gospel Hall Trust

### For the year ended 5 April 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bedford Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 5 April 2022.

#### 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.

.....  
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9 August 2022

# Statement of Financial Activities

## Bedford Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
<b>Income and endowments:</b>					
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>					
Contributions from the Congregation	17,192	-	-	17,192	18,615
Gift Aid Donations	24,460	-	-	24,460	22,370
Income Tax refunds	6,115	-	-	6,115	5,593
Congregation Support	-	2,450	-	2,450	5,600
<b>Other Income</b>					
Profit on Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-	32,742
Other income	137	-	-	137	99
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>32,841</b>
<b>Investments</b>					
Interest Received	34	-	-	34	72
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>47,938</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,388</b>	<b>85,091</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>					
Running Meeting Rooms (note 8)	35,219	-	-	35,219	64,535
Congregation Support (note 8)	-	2,400	-	2,400	6,300
Cost of donated services (note 4)	13,391	-	-	13,391	8,633
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>48,611</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,011</b>	<b>79,468</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>(673)</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(623)</b>	<b>5,622</b>
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>(673)</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(623)</b>	<b>5,622</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds (note 10)</b>					
Total Funds brought forward	514,924	100	-	515,024	509,402
Net movement in funds	(673)	50	-	(623)	5,622
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>514,251</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>514,401</b>	<b>515,024</b>

The notes on page 11 - 18 form part of these financial statements.

# Balance Sheet

## Bedford Gospel Hall Trust As at 5 April 2022

	2022	2021
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible assets (note 5)	139,278	147,204
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>139,278</b>	<b>147,204</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Prepayments and accrued income	7,287	6,503
Cash at bank and in hand	371,029	364,429
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>378,316</b>	<b>370,932</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Trade creditors	2,436	2,356
Accruals and deferred income	756	756
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>3,192</b>	<b>3,112</b>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>375,124</b>	<b>367,821</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>514,401</b>	<b>515,024</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>514,401</b>	<b>515,024</b>
<b>Funds (note 9)</b>		
Unrestricted funds	514,401	515,024
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>514,401</b>	<b>515,024</b>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Bedford Gospel Hall Trust on .....and were signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Mr T Britchford (Trustee)

The notes on pages 11 - 18 form part of these financial statements.

# Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

## Bedford Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

### 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 Bedford 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% straight line
Property improvements	2.5% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	20% reducing balance

**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.

The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

**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 (2021: none)

**3. WAGES AND SALARIES**

There are no employees (2021: none)

**4. Donated Services**

	2022	2021
<b>Donated Services</b>		
<b>Donated To:</b>		
Donated Services to Goldington GHT	13,391	8,633
<b>Total Donated Services:</b>	<b>13,391</b>	<b>8,633</b>

## 5. Tangible Fixed Assets

<b>Cost</b>	Freehold Land & Buildings - Barkers Lane	Property and land improvements - Barkers Lane	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	<b>Total</b>
At 6 April 2021	264,268	33,913	52,580	350,760
Additions				
Disposals				
At 5 April 2022	264,268	33,913	52,580	350,760
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 6 April 2021	152,752	3,271	47,533	203,557
Current Year Depreciation	6,069	848	1,009	7,926
Eliminated on disposals				
At 5 April 2022	158,821	4,119	48,543	211,483
<b>Net Book Value</b>				
<b>At 5 April 2022</b>	<b>105,447</b>	<b>29,793</b>	<b>4,037</b>	<b>139,278</b>
<b>At 5 April 2021</b>	<b>111,516</b>	<b>30,641</b>	<b>5,046</b>	<b>147,204</b>

Land registry title of the above property held is BD109258.

## 6. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, aggregated donations of £17,650 (2021: £17,210) were received.

## 7. VOLUNTEERS

Bedford 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

## Bedford Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

### 8. Resources Expended

	MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2022	MEETING ROOMS	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL COSTS 2021
<b>Direct Costs</b>						
Premises costs - repairs and maintenance	17,180	-	17,180	30,534	-	30,534
Premises costs - heat, light and power	4,528	-	4,528	3,804	-	3,804
Premises costs - rent and rates	-	-	-	398	-	398
Telephone	191	-	191	188	-	188
Health and Safety	1,433	-	1,433	1,091	-	1,091
Legal and professional	1,505	-	1,505	8,259	-	8,259
Bank charges	96	-	96	69	-	69
Congregation Support	-	2,400	2,400	-	6,300	6,300
Depreciation	7,926	-	7,926	17,200	-	17,200
Insurance	1,497	-	1,497	1,336	-	1,336
Interest	-	-	-	1,501	-	1,501
Governance	864	-	864	156	-	156
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	<b>35,219</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>37,619</b>	<b>64,535</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>70,835</b>

Governance costs include £180 (prior year: £100) in respect of independent examiners fees.

# Analysis of Net Assets - Current year

Bedford Gospel Hall Trust  
For the year ended 5 April 2022

## 9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

### 9.1 Current Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
<b>Funds</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	139,278	-	139,278
Current Assets	378,316	-	378,316
Current Liabilities	(3,192)	-	(3,192)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>514,401</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>514,401</b>

# Analysis of Net Assets - Prior Year

Bedford Gospel Hall Trust  
For the year ended 5 April 2022

9.2 Prior Year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
<b>Funds</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	147,204	-	147,204
Current Assets	370,932	-	370,932
Current Liabilities	(3,112)	-	(3,112)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>515,024</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>515,024</b>

# Movement in Funds - Current Year

Bedford Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2022

## 10. Movement in Funds

10.1 Movement in funds - current year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	514,924	100	-	515,024
Incoming resources	47,938	2,450	-	50,388
Resources expended	(48,611)	(2,400)	-	(51,011)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>514,251</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>514,401</b>

# Movement in Funds - Prior Year

Bedford Gospel Hall Trust

For the year ended 5 April 2022

## 10. Movement in Funds

10.2 Movement in funds - Prior year

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	508,602	100	-	509,402
Incoming resources	46,748	2,450	-	52,348
Resources expended	(40,426)	(2,400)	-	(46,726)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>514,924</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>515,024</b>

# Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

## Bedford Gospel Hall Trust For the year ended 5 April 2022

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
<b>Income and endowments:</b>				
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>				
Contributions from the Congregation	18,615	-	-	18,615
Gift Aid Donations	22,370	-	-	22,370
Income Tax refunds	5,593	-	-	5,593
Congregation Support	-	2,450	-	5,600
<b>Other Income</b>				
Profit on Sale of Assets	32,742	-	-	32,742
Other income	99	-	-	99
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>32,841</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,841</b>
<b>Investments</b>				
Interest Received	72	-	-	72
<b>Total Income and endowments:</b>	<b>79,491</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,091</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>				
Running Meeting Rooms (note 9)	64,535	-	-	64,535
Congregation Support (note 9)	-	2,400	-	6,300
Cost of donated services (note 4)	8,633	-	-	8,633
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>73,168</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,468</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>6,322</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,622</b>
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>	<b>6,322</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,622</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds (note 11)</b>				
Total Funds brought forward	508,602	100	-	509,402
Net movement in funds	6,322	50	-	5,622
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# Public Benefit Report

# BEDFORD

## GOSPEL HALL TRUST

### **Bedford Gospel Hall Trust Public Benefit**

One of the Trust's principal activities that furthers its objects is providing a facility for the coordination of "outreach" work into the wider community. Members of the congregation, acting under the directions of the trustees and with their full active encouragement, have continued with "outreach" work which they have carried out for many years.

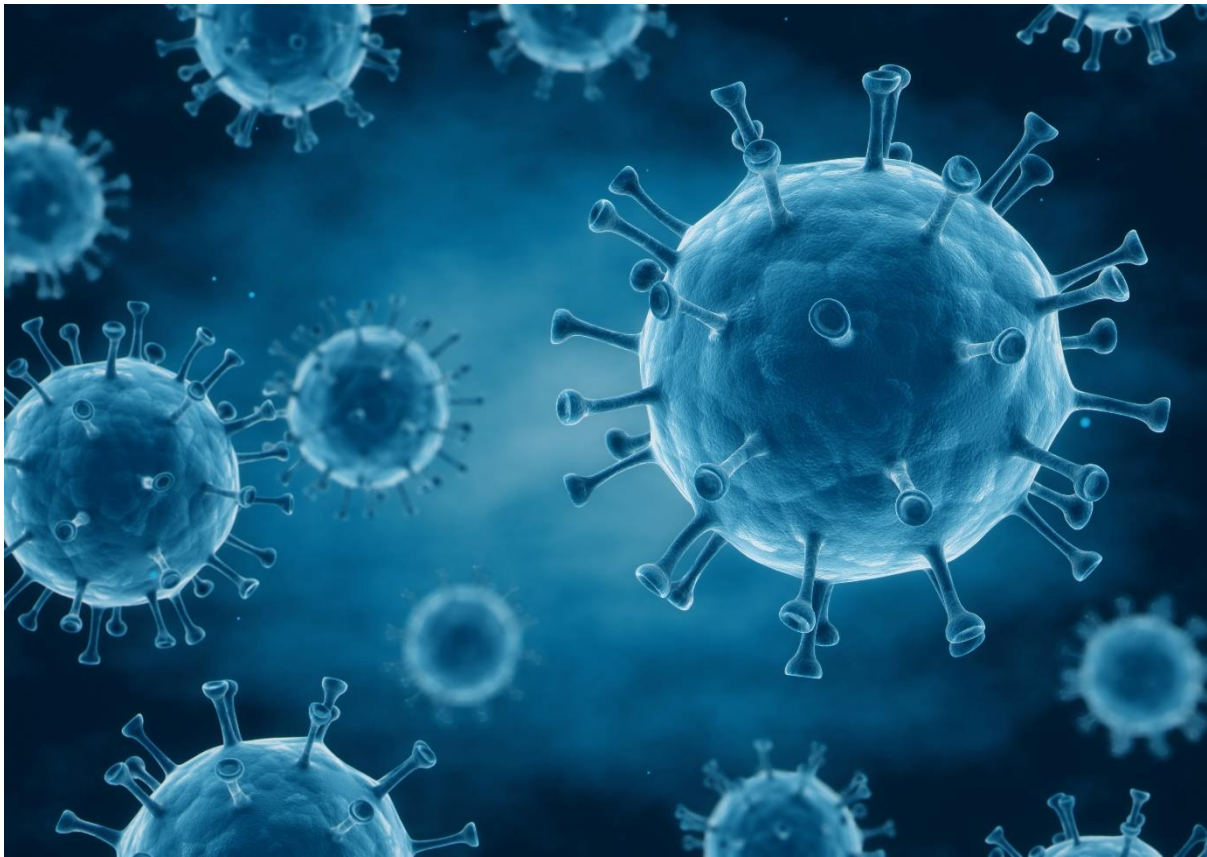
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## GOSPEL HALL TRUST

### 2021/22 Summary

The trustees of the Bedford Gospel Hall Trust 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.

2020 panned out to be a year like no other with individuals, businesses and charities alike facing unique challenges unparalleled in our lifetime. In some way shape or form COVID 19 has had a profound impact on all our lives.



The trustees and the regular congregation members were determined to continue their public benefit works and we have found this year has demanded even more resource as we support people and communities around our places of worship.

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## GOSPEL HALL TRUST

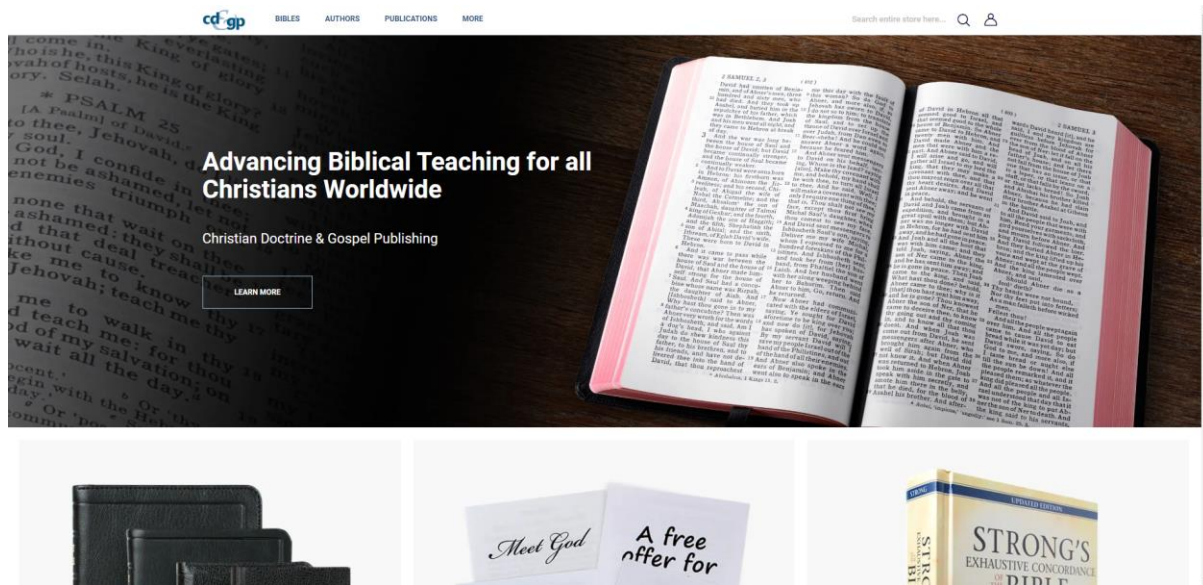
### Street Preaching & Tract Distribution

We were unable to maintain our longstanding committal to the open air preaching in the town centre of Bedford but have now resumed this now the lockdown restrictions have lifted.

Tracts and gospel cards were still available for collection form the main Gospel Hall.

Any enquiries received by the trustees or made to central office have been followed up fully, and where applicable people have been directed to the following website where literature can be purchased or downloaded for reading in multiple languages:

<https://christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org/>



Members of the congregation have continued to hand out tracts to neighbours and people in need when they have met them. Other church leaders and ministers from time-to-time request some of the early printed ministry by the leaders which is made available from the website listed.

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## GOSPEL HALL TRUST

### Working with other Charities

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. The trust have been pleased to, again, 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.



Members of the congregation volunteering through RRT at a previous Fire Station Open Day event

**BEDFORD GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1159076

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# Accounts

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CHARITY REGISTRATION NO: 1159076

**BEDFORD GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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**BEDFORD GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
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**BEDFORD GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**  
**YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:** 1159076

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**BEDFORD GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 05 April 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page ten 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 14 May 1991, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 08 August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 05 November 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1159076

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 2. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 05 April 2021 (2020: £nil).

The Trust operates 2 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 Trustees of similar Trusts with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Trust. The Trust has connections with Goldington Gospel Hall Trust and pays some of this Trust's expenses on its behalf.

**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.

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#### **Main activities and achievements**

The Trust provides and maintains 2 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](http://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org) and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

During the year, members of the congregation have also been involved in working at events with another charity, the Rapid Relief Team (RRT), which supports local communities in time of need. The congregation has supported the work of RRT in the following events:

- 1) Providing food for the local community following the flooding in Bedford in December 2020
- 2) Providing food boxes for a local school
- 3) Helping the congregation from the Hertford area with providing food for those delivering and collecting Covid-19 test kits from houses in the Broxbourne area

The trust has sold the Tyne Crescent property during the year.

The trustees have also established an Emergency Needs fund for the duration of the current pandemic and any resultant economic downturn. This is providing limited financial assistance by the way of grocery vouchers to households, who have experienced a recent and significant decrease in income due to the pandemic, such that it is likely to impact on the health and/or welfare of members of the household. The trust has appointed a Local Welfare Panel to manage the application process and to administer the vouchers to qualifying applicants.

#### **Plans for Future Periods**

From 18th March 2020, Bedford Gospel Hall Trust ceased using the two gospel halls, which it operates. This was as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic and the general lockdown imposed by the government on 23rd March 2020.

The Trust aims to use these Gospel Halls again once the general lockdown is lifted and it is deemed safe to do so. The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

#### **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 20 and 600 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 would usually participate in a programme of street preaching where Gospel tracts are provided free of charge by the Charity to such preachers to be handed out to interested members of the public. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this has not been possible during the financial year, but the congregation aim to continue this once it is safe to do so.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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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.

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**BEDFORD GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

In the year ended 05 April 2021 the Trust had a modest surplus of incoming resources over resources expended.

Total voluntary income received this year was £52,277 compared to £146,239 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

The Trust is committed to ensuring that rooms are safe for the congregation to use again once the Coronavirus restrictions are lifted.

**Reserves policy**

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments. The Trustees aim for the Charity to hold sufficient funds in a current account to meet the day to day expenses, plus an allowance for any urgent repairs and capital expenses. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily. Free reserves accumulated in excess of the minimum will be used at the discretion of the Trustees for the strategic development of Bedford Gospel Hall Trust. 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.

Free reserves at the year end were £ 367,820

**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;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES - continued**

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.

On behalf of the board:

.....  
Mr T Britchford

.....  
Date

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BEDFORD GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bedford Gospel Hall Trust for the year ended 05 April 2021.

**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 THE 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 faire 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.

*Kerry Taylor*  
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**BEDFORD GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
<b><i>Donations and legacies:</i></b>						
		15,259	-	-	15,259	49,386
		22,370	-	-	22,370	17,495
		5,593	-	-	5,593	4,374
		-	-	-	-	4,230
		3,455	-	-	3,455	754
		-	5,600	-	5,600	-
		-	-	-	-	70,000
<b><i>Investments:</i></b>						
		72	-	-	72	21
<b><i>Other</i></b>						
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		32,742	-	-	32,742	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>79,491</b>	<b>5,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,091</b>	<b>146,260</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
<b><i>Charitable activities</i></b>						
	5	64,535	-	-	64,535	56,420
	5	-	6,300	-	6,300	-
	4	8,633	-	-	8,633	19,353
<b>Total</b>		<b>73,168</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,468</b>	<b>75,773</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>6,323</b>	<b>(700)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,623</b>	<b>70,487</b>
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>6,323</b>	<b>(700)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,623</b>	<b>70,487</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward	8	508,600	800	-	509,400	438,913
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>514,923</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>515,023</b>	<b>509,400</b>

The notes on pages 10 - 13 form part of these financial statements. All of the above activities are classed as continuing and there are no gains and losses other than those included above.

**BEDFORD GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 05 APRIL 2021**

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible assets	6		147,203		568,221
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors		-		-	
Prepayments and accrued income		6,503		5,339	
Cash at bank and in hand		364,429		55,812	
		<u>370,932</u>		<u>61,151</u>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:				-	
Other creditors		2,356		-	
Accruals and deferred income		756		1,356	
		<u>3,112</u>		<u>1,356</u>	
Net current assets			367,820		59,795
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>					
			<u>515,023</u>		628,016
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:					
Loan			-		118,616
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><u>515,023</u></u>		<u><u>509,400</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Restricted funds			-		-
Unrestricted income fund			514,923		508,600
Designated Funds			100		800
<b>Total funds</b>	7		<u><u>515,023</u></u>		<u><u>509,400</u></u>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Bedford Gospel Hall Trust on .....and were signed on its behalf by

.....  
Mr T Britchford

The notes on pages 10 - 13 form part of these financial statements

**BEDFORD GOSPEL HALL TRUST**  
**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

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**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 Bedford 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% straight line
Property improvements	2.5% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	20% reducing balance

**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. 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.

From 18th March 2020, Bedford Gospel Hall Trust ceased using the gospel halls which it operates, due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and the general lockdown imposed by the government.

The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

**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 (2020: None).

**3. WAGES AND SALARIES**

There are no employees (2020: none).

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2021**

4. **DONATED SERVICES**

<i>Donated to:</i>	Year ended 05 April 2021 £	Year ended 05 April 2020 £
Goldington Gospel Hall Trust	8,633	12,647
Rose Lane Gospel Hall Trust		6,706
Total	8,633	19,353

5. **RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	Meeting rooms £	Other charitable activities £	Year ended 05 April 2021 £	Year ended 05 April 2020 £
<b>Direct costs</b>				
Premises costs - Rates and water	2,843	-	2,843	2,256
Premises costs - Light and heat	1,358	-	1,358	8,425
Premises costs - Repairs and maintenance	30,534	-	30,534	20,698
Telephone	188	-	188	184
Insurance	1,336	-	1,336	1,462
Training	-	-	-	1,320
Depreciation	17,200	-	17,200	17,256
Congregation support	6,300	-	6,300	276
Professional charges	9,350	-	9,350	888
Loan interest	1,501	-	1,501	2,050
Bank charges	69	-	69	60
Eliminated on disposal		-	-	(59)
<b>Support costs</b>				
Public Outreach Day expenses	-	-	-	-
Other Public Outreach expenses			-	442
<b>Governance</b>	156		156	1,162
	70,835	-	70,835	56,420

Governance costs include £180 (2020: £180) in respect of independent examiners fees

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6. **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold land & buildings - Barkers Lane	Property and land improvements - Barkers Lane	Freehold land & buildings - Tyne Crescent -	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Totals
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>					
At 06 April 2020	264,268	23,474	451,086	52,580	791,408
Additions	-	10,439	-	-	10,439
Disposals	-	-	(451,086)	-	(451,086)
At 05 April 2021	<u>264,268</u>	<u>33,913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,580</u>	<u>350,761</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 06 April 2020	146,684	2,422	27,808	46,272	223,186
Charge for the year	6,069	848	9,022	1,262	17,201
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	(36,830)	-	(36,830)
At 05 April 2021	<u>152,753</u>	<u>3,270</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,534</u>	<u>203,557</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 05 April 2021	<u>111,515</u>	<u>30,643</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,046</u>	<u>147,204</u>
At 05 April 2020	<u>117,584</u>	<u>21,052</u>	<u>423,278</u>	<u>6,308</u>	<u>568,222</u>

**Property Details:**

Land registry titles of the above property held are BD109258 and BD81466.

7. **ANALYSIS OF NET ASSET BETWEEN FUNDS**

7.1 Current year

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	147,204	-	-	147,204
Current assets	370,782	150	-	370,932
Current liabilities	(3,112)	-	-	(3,112)
Non-current liabilities	-	-	-	-
Total funds	<u>514,874</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>515,024</u>

7.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	568,221	-	-	568,221
Current assets	60,351	800	-	61,151
Current liabilities	(1,356)	-	-	(1,356)
Non-current liabilities	(118,616)	-	-	(118,616)
Total funds	<u>508,600</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>509,400</u>

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8. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

8.1 Current year

	Fund balance At 06 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses £	Fund balance At 05 April 2021 £
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	508,600	79,491	(73,168)	-	514,923
Designated Funds	800	5,600	(6,300)	-	100
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>509,400</b>	<b>85,091</b>	<b>(79,468)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>515,023</b>

8.2 Prior year

	Fund balance At 06 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses £	Fund balance At 05 April 2020 £
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	438,913	145,460	(75,773)	-	508,600
Designated Funds	800	800	-	-	800
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>438,913</b>	<b>145,460</b>	<b>(75,773)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>509,400</b>

9. **TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

Donations totalling £18,010 have been received from related parties of the trustees. No material reimbursements were made. Loans outstanding at the end of the last financial year from related parties of the trustees were all paid in full during the year, including loans from:

S Parkes (sister to B Parkes, a trustee): £2,600  
 Parkes Print and Design (an entity in which B Parkes, a trustee, is a partner) £63,176.65

10 **VOLUNTEERS**

Bedford 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.

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