

Charity Registration No: 1159101

Colchester Gospel Hall Trust

**Report of the trustees and
unaudited financial statements
for the year ended 5th April 2023**

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Colchester Gospel Hall Trust
Reference and administrative details
for the year ended 5th April 2023

Charity name: Colchester Gospel Hall Trust

Registered charity number: 1159101

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Colchester Gospel Hall Trust

Report of the trustees for the year ended 5th April 2023

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5th April 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 9 and 10 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Colchester Gospel Hall Trust is an unincorporated trust constituted by Deed of Trust dated 15th November 1982, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 12th August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 6th November 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1159101.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The names of the Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2023 (2022: £nil).

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

Wider network

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

The charity also maintains particular links with Tendring 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 or procedures to manage and mitigate those risks. Approval of a major decision may be sought from the congregation.

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.

Colchester Gospel Hall Trust

Report of the trustees for the year ended 5th April 2023

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.

Main activities and achievements

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

During the period ending 5th April 2023, members of the congregation were actively involved in distributing Food Boxes and Care Packs through a separate charity; The RRT. This involved following up local schools, food banks, homeless charities and domestic abuse charities. We received several pallets of food boxes which were distributed to the various charities by our volunteers, which were used to support families experiencing hardship due to the Covid pandemic.

Plans for future periods

The Trust plans to continue all the current activities.

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 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 50 and 400 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.

Colchester Gospel Hall Trust

Report of the trustees for the year ended 5th April 2023

Objectives and activities

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.

In addition to street preaching, the trust also keeps in contact with prison chaplains to provide gospel tracts and bibles as required. The Trust also operates a programme of providing regular packs of nutritious food and gospel literature to homeless and needy persons through local charities or homeless societies. In addition members of the congregation volunteered to participate in events organised by the Rapid Relief Team; Charity no. 1161586.

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:

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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.

Loans were obtained last year to in turn facilitate a loan to Tendring Gospel Hall Trust who are an affiliated trust. The loans received and advanced are on a five year term and are all interest free.

Financial review

Financial position

In the year ended 5 April 2023 the Trust had a deficit of incoming resources over resources expended. This deficit was mainly due to writing off a loan to an affiliated trust; the Tendring Gospel Hall Trust. Total voluntary income received this year was £186,440 compared to £171,365 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining no significant reserves. 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 £ 48,770

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 & Wales requires 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 of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP (FRS 102);
- c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e) 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 that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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 Stephen Bradshaw

Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Report to the trustees of the Colchester Gospel Hall Trust on the financial statements for the year ended 5th April 2023 set out on pages 7 to 12.

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 statement

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.

Signed:

Date:

Name: Julian Remmington

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Colchester Gospel Hall Trust
Statement of financial activities
(including income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 5th April 2023

	NOTES	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Incoming and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies:						
Collections		-	-	-	-	-
Contributions from the congregation		32,653	7,947	-	40,600	49,000
Non Gift Aid donations		106,465	-	-	106,465	106,790
Gift Aid donations		31,500	-	-	31,500	12,460
Income tax recoverable		7,875	-	-	7,875	3,115
Donated services	4.	-	-	-	-	-
Payroll giving		-	-	-	-	-
Grants received		-	-	-	-	-
Legacies received		-	-	-	-	-
Other income		-	-	-	-	-
Investment income and interest						
Interest		4	-	-	4	3
Total		178,497	7,947	-	186,444	171,368
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities						
Running of meeting halls	6.	66,030	-	-	66,030	58,432
Wider community outreach		307	-	-	307	17
Congregation support		-	12,320	-	12,320	1,500
Cost of donated services	4.	7,251	-	-	7,251	12,312
Loan interest		-	-	-	-	-
Grants made	5.	130,000	-	-	130,000	-
Other costs		-	-	-	-	-
Governance and support costs						
Legal & professional costs		3,887	-	-	3,887	5,828
Printing and stationery		-	-	-	-	-
Computer costs		503	-	-	503	745
Independent Examiner's fee		1,290	-	-	1,290	1,050
Bank charges		-	-	-	-	-
Total		209,268	12,320	-	221,588	79,884
Net income/(expenditure)		- 30,771	- 4,373	-	- 35,144	91,484
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		- 30,771	- 4,373	-	- 35,144	91,484
Funds at 6th April 2022		2,643,456	4,373	-	2,647,829	2,556,345
Total funds at 5th April 2023	8.	2,612,685	-	-	2,612,685	2,647,829

The notes on pages 9 to 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.

Colchester Gospel Hall Trust
Balance sheet
As at 5th April 2023

	NOTES	£	2023	£	£	2022	£
Fixed assets							
Tangible fixed assets	7.			2,517,915			2,521,900
				<u>2,517,915</u>			<u>2,521,900</u>
Current assets							
Debtors:							
Prepayments & accrued income		10,203			6,725		
Cash at bank and in hand		42,460			34,041		
Loan to affiliated trust		-			-		
		<u>52,663</u>			<u>40,766</u>		
Current liabilities							
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:							
Other creditors		-			-		
Accruals and deferred income		3,893			8,337		
		<u>3,893</u>			<u>8,337</u>		
Net current assets				48,770			32,429
Total assets less current liabilities				<u>2,566,685</u>			<u>2,554,329</u>
Assets: Loans due after more than one year				183,000			313,000
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year				- 137,000			- 219,500
Net assets				<u>£ 2,612,685</u>			<u>£ 2,647,829</u>
Funds							
Unrestricted income fund				2,612,685			2,647,829
Restricted funds				-			-
Total Funds	9.			<u>£ 2,612,685</u>			<u>£ 2,647,829</u>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustee of Colchester Gospel Hall Trust on / / and signed on their behalf by

Mr Stephen Bradshaw
Trustee

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 Colchester 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. As there are no staff or offices the Trustees have agreed to allocate all such costs to Governance costs.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £150) 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 property	Not depreciated
Equipment	20%- Reducing balance method
Fixtures and fittings	20%- Reducing balance method

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 and there is no requirement to prepare consolidated accounts

1.9 Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

1. Accounting policies contd.

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
	£	£
Income		
	-	-
	-	-
Expenditure	2023	2022
	£	£
Tendring Gospel Hall Trust	7,251	12,312
	7,251	12,312

5. Grants made

	2023	2022
	£	£
Tendring Gospel Hall Trust	130,000	-
	130,000	-

6. Running of meeting halls

	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Repairs and maintenance of plant, buildings & grounds	26,946	-	26,946	17,086
Audio and amplification	30	-	30	-
Light and heat	17,905	-	17,905	21,238
Water rates	141	-	141	103
Telephone & broadband at hall(s)	997	-	997	715
Conference costs	-	591	591	-
Insurance- Public liability	3,303	-	3,303	2,874
Cleaning	2,018	-	2,018	689
Health and safety	8,914	-	8,914	9,401
Legal and professional	1,200	-	1,200	1,342
Sundry	-	-	-	-
Depreciation and revaluation- Freehold property	-	-	-	-
Depreciation- Plant, equipment & furnishings	3,985	-	3,985	4,984
	65,439	591	66,030	58,432

7. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property* £	Equipment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost				
At 6th April 2022	2,501,961	6,524	40,953	2,549,438
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 5th April 2023	2,501,961	6,524	40,953	2,549,438
Depreciation				
At 6th April 2022	-	4,522	23,016	27,538
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	398	3,587	3,985
At 5th April 2023	-	4,920	26,603	31,523
Net Book Value				
At 5th April 2023	2,501,961	1,604	14,350	2,517,915
At 6th April 2022	2,501,961	2,002	17,937	2,521,900

* Land Registry title numbers are; EX572085, EX498760, EX587947 and EX569027

8. Analysis of net assets between funds

8.1 Current year

	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	2,517,915	-	-	2,517,915
Currents assets	52,663	-	-	52,663
Current liabilities	3,893	-	-	3,893
Long term assets	183,000	-	-	183,000
Long term liabilities	137,000	-	-	137,000
Total funds	2,612,685	-	-	2,612,685

8.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	2,521,900	-	-	2,521,900
Currents assets	36,393	4,373	-	40,766
Current liabilities	8,337	-	-	8,337
Long term assets	313,000	-	-	313,000
Long term liabilities	219,500	-	-	219,500
Total funds	2,643,456	4,373	-	2,647,829

9. Movement in funds

9.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gain and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Designated funds	4,373	7,947	12,320	-	-
Unrestricted funds	2,643,456	178,497	209,268	-	2,612,685
Total funds	2,647,829	186,444	221,588	-	2,612,685

9. Movement in funds contd.

9.2 Prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gain and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2022 £
Restricted funds					
Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Designated funds	5,873	-	1,500	-	4,373
Unrestricted funds	2,550,472	171,368	78,384	-	2,643,456
Total funds	2,556,345	171,368	79,884	-	2,647,829

10. Transactions with related parties

Donations received from connected parties totalled £79,940 (2022 £57,400). The Trust purchased goods from ATE (UK) Limited a company of which Ross and Stephen Bradshaw, Trustees are directors of; for £591.90 (2022 £0).

11. Volunteers

Colchester 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.

13 Full comparison of Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Incoming and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies:				
Collections	49,000	-	-	49,000
Contributions from the congregation	-	-	-	-
Non Gift Aid donations	106,790	-	-	106,790
Gift Aid donations	12,460	-	-	12,460
Income tax refundable	3,115	-	-	3,115
Donated services	-	-	-	-
Payroll giving	-	-	-	-
Grants received	-	-	-	-
Legacies received	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	-	-
Investment income and interest				
Interest	3	-	-	3
Total	171,368	-	-	171,368
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities				
Running of meeting halls	58,432	-	-	58,432
Wider community outreach	17	-	-	17
Congregation support	-	1,500	-	1,500
Cost of donated services	12,312	-	-	12,312
Loan interest	-	-	-	-
Grants made	-	-	-	-
Other costs	-	-	-	-
Governance				
Legal & professional costs	5,828	-	-	5,828
Printing and stationery	-	-	-	-
Computer costs	745	-	-	745
Independent Examiner's fee	1,050	-	-	1,050
Bank charges	-	-	-	-
Total	78,384	1,500	-	79,884
Net income/(expenditure)	92,984	- 1,500	-	91,484
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	92,984	- 1,500	-	91,484
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	2,550,472	5,873	-	2,556,345
Total funds carried forward	2,643,456	4,373	-	2,647,829

Welcome to the public benefit report for Colchester Gospel Hall Trust for the year ending 5 April 2023. 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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Below are some details of the work involved by congregation members for the benefit of the public:

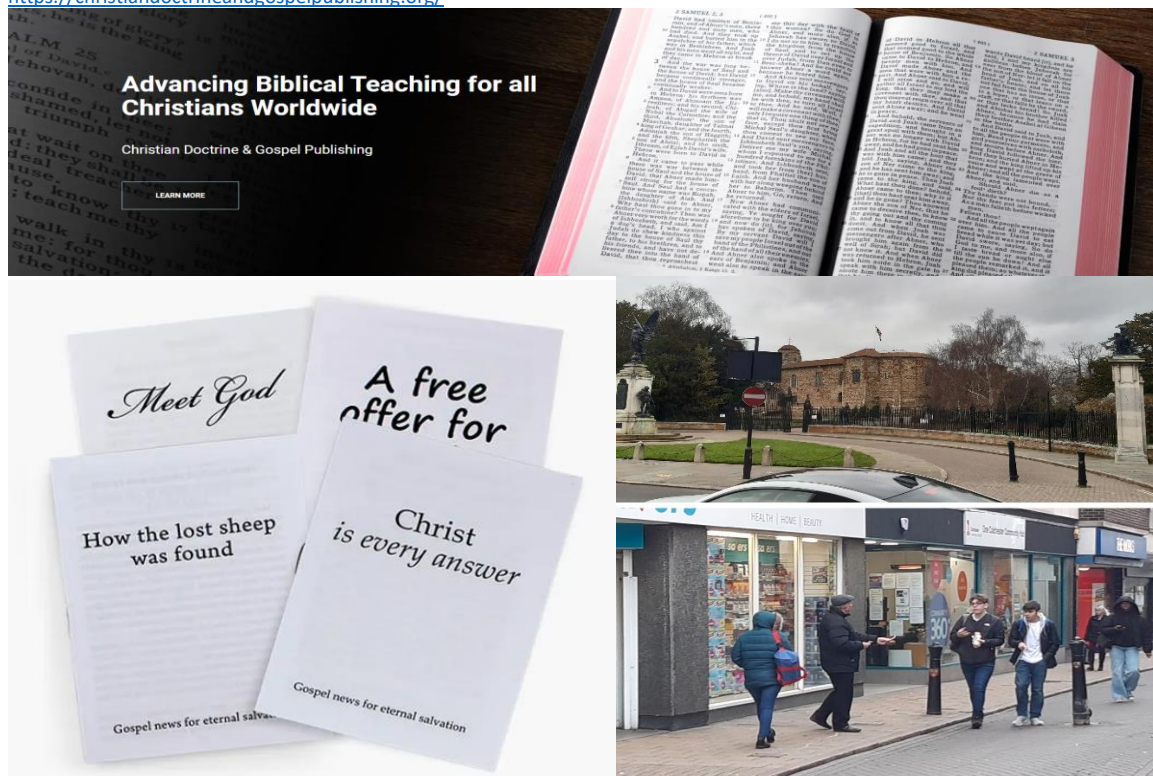
Street Preaching and Tract Distribution

The congregation continue to maintain a daily roster for attending the street preaching to spread the glad tidings and to distribute gospel tracts. This takes place Monday to Friday in Colchester Town, not far from the iconic Colchester castle. We have had some very positive interactions with the public, and we also have bibles available FOC on request.

From records, we average 15 preachings per week and 95 tracts, which is an annual outreach of:

780 Gospel Preachings
4940 Gospel Tracts

<https://christiandoctrineandgospelpublishing.org/>



Support for local Parish Councils

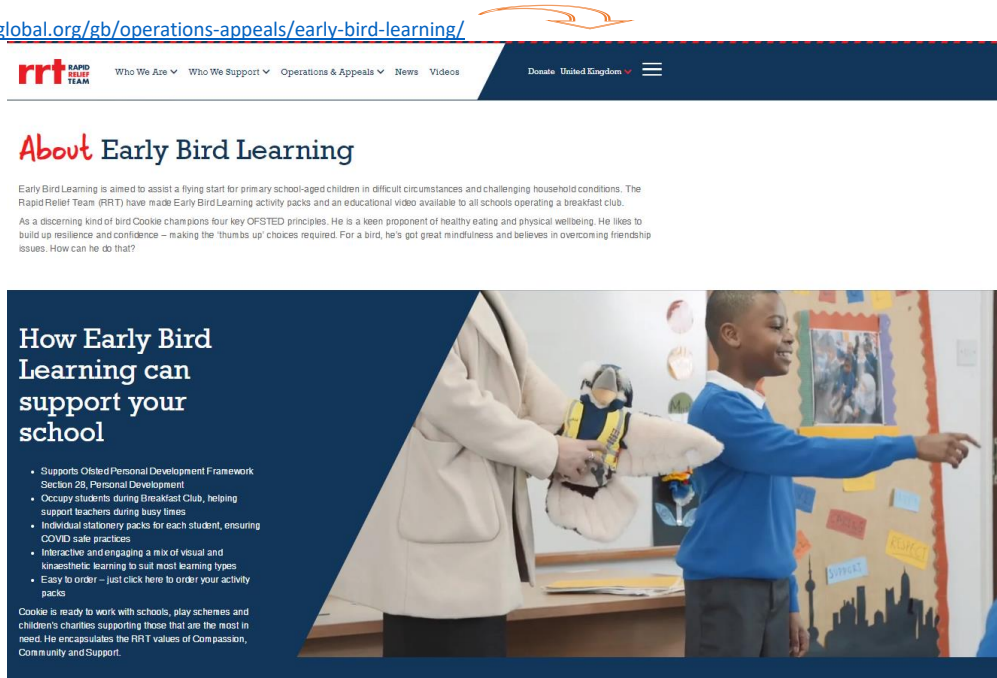
We have made sure that a member of the congregation keeps in regular contact with the Parish Councils in the areas we live to offer help and support. This varies from litter picks, footpath clearing to transporting the elderly to the chemist and medical appointments.



Supporting 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 and has been pleased to allow the use of warehouse space at one of the Gospel Halls to be used for packing and distributing the Early Bird Learning boxes. Over 250 boxes were distributed from Colchester, around the UK in 2022/23 to help schools support disadvantaged youths –

<https://rrtglobal.org/gb/operations-appeals/early-bird-learning/>



Financial support from the congregation has continued during 2022/23 for Operation 322 in providing food and essentials for the people of Ukraine - <https://rrtglobal.org/gb/operations-appeals/operation-322/> but at a local level, through our members actively getting involved with RRT we have achieved:

78 Food boxes distributed to local schools and charities

500+ Early Bird Learning Boxes packed and distributed around the UK

480 bottles of water for the St Helena Hospice Pier2Pier walk

6 Charities supported, including:

- ✓ Open Door
- ✓ Food Cycle – Clacton
- ✓ Next Chapter
- ✓ St Helena Hospice
- ✓ Refugee Action
- ✓ East Anglian Air Ambulance



Conclusion

The trustees are committed to continuing the spread of Christian Gospel in word and deed in line with the charitable purpose of our trust, and we would like to thank the members of our congregation who have used their time, talents and money to support the Colchester Gospel Hall Trust in fulfilling its purpose.