

Charity Registration No: 1159104

Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust

**Report of the trustees and
unaudited financial statements
Year ended 5th April 2024**

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Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust
Reference and administrative details
Year ended 5th April 2024

Charity name: Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust

Registered charity number: 1159104

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The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5th April 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 10 and 11 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust is an unincorporated trust constituted by Deed of Trust dated 13th November 1978, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 14th August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 6th November 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1159104

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 2024 (2023: £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 the Welland 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.

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

The trust has the following charitable purposes:

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.

A separate appendix demonstrating further areas of public benefit that the trust has been supporting is also available.

Main Activities and achievements

The Trust provides and maintains 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.

Plans for Future Periods

The Trust plans to continue all the current activities.

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 500 people normally attend these occasions.

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

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

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

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

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

In addition to street preaching, 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 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:

Objectives and activities

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian contd.

1. 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)
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).
3. 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).
4. 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.
5. 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).

A separate appendix demonstrating further areas of public benefit that the trust has been supporting is also available.

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

Financial position

In the year ended 5 April 2024 the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended. Total voluntary income received this year was £ 336,068 compared to £ 160,908 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 Trust is accumulating funds with a view to providing for a larger hall; suited to the needs of the congregation. 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 £ 1,409,072

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

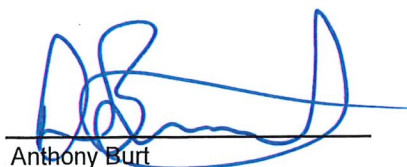
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 Charities 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:



Anthony Burt

19.12.2024
Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 5 April 2024

**Report to the trustees of Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust on the financial statements
for the year ended 5th April 2024 set out on pages 7 to 14.**

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

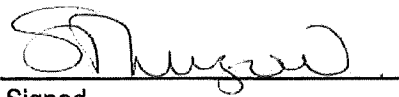
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or 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

25/10/2024
Date

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Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust
Statement of financial activities
(including income and expenditure account)
Year ended 5th April 2024

	NOTES	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies:						
Collections		-	-	-	-	-
Contributions from the congregation		52,050	-	-	52,050	53,277
Gift Aid donations		43,412	-	-	43,412	22,306
Other donations		224,969	-	-	224,969	75,948
Income tax refunds/refundable		10,850	-	-	10,850	5,577
Donated services	4.	-	-	-	-	-
Payroll giving		4,787	-	-	4,787	3,550
Legacies received		-	-	-	-	-
Grant income		-	-	-	-	250
Investment income and interest						
Bank interest		18,707	-	-	18,707	2,725
Other income						
Other income		-	-	-	-	-
Insurance payouts received		-	-	-	-	-
Total		354,775	-	-	354,775	163,633
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities						
Running of meeting halls	5.	121,453	-	-	121,453	78,845
Wider community outreach		1,274	-	-	1,274	950
Congregation support		-	-	-	-	2,100
Cost of donated services	4.	274	-	-	274	-
Transfers to affiliated trusts		11,987	-	-	11,987	14,030
Covid Test Kits		8,427	-	-	8,427	10,396
Conference Hosting		1,083	-	-	1,083	1,460
Other costs		-	-	-	-	-
Governance						
Computer costs		587	-	-	587	666
Sundry costs		829	-	-	829	673
Legal & professional costs		2,826	-	-	2,826	3,996
Training		300	-	-	300	-
Independent Examiner's fee		1,376	-	-	1,376	1,228
Bank charges		89	-	-	89	64
Depreciation- Office equipment (Admin)		-	-	-	-	-
Profit(-)/Loss on sale of assets		-	-	-	-	-
Total		150,505	-	-	150,505	114,408
Net income/(expenditure)		204,270	-	-	204,270	49,225
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		204,270	-	-	204,270	49,225
Reconciliation of funds						
Funds at 6th April 2023		2,769,218	-	-	2,769,218	2,719,993
Total funds at 5th April 2024	8.	2,973,488	-	-	2,973,488	2,769,218

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.

Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust
Balance sheet
As at 5th April 2024

	NOTES	£	2024	£	£	2023	£
Fixed assets							
Tangible fixed assets	6.			1,564,416			1,537,795
				<u>1,564,416</u>			<u>1,537,795</u>
Current assets							
Debtors:							
Sundry Loans			-			-	
Prepayments & accrued income			37,045			25,613	
Cash at bank and in hand			<u>1,376,587</u>			<u>1,209,671</u>	
			1,413,632			1,235,284	
Current liabilities							
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:							
Other creditors			-			-	
Accruals and deferred income			<u>4,560</u>			<u>3,861</u>	
			4,560			3,861	
Net current assets				1,409,072			1,231,423
Total assets less current liabilities				<u>2,973,488</u>			<u>2,769,218</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year							
Loans				-			-
Net assets			£	<u>2,973,488</u>		£	<u>2,769,218</u>
Funds							
Unrestricted funds				2,973,488			2,769,218
Restricted funds				-			-
Total Funds	7.		£	<u>2,973,488</u>		£	<u>2,769,218</u>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustee of Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust

on 19/12/24 and signed on their behalf by



Anthony Burt
Trustee

Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust
Detailed statement of financial activities
Cashflow Statement
Year ended 5th April 2024

NOTES	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net income/(-) expenditure for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	204,270	-	-	204,270	49,225
Adjustments for:					
Depreciation charges	36,959	-	-	36,959	37,279
(-) Gains/losses on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loss/(-) profit on sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
(-) Increase/decrease in stocks	-	-	-	-	-
(-) Increase/decrease in debtors	- 11,432	-	-	- 11,432	21,653
Increase/(-) decrease in creditors	699	-	-	699	2,070
Net cash provided by (-) used in operating activities	230,496	-	-	230,496	110,227
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equip	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	63,580	-	-	63,580	2,268
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided by (-) used in investing activities	63,580	-	-	63,580	2,268
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Repayments of borrowing	-	-	-	-	-
Cash inflows from new borrowing	-	-	-	-	-
Receipt of endowment	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided by (-) used in financing activities	-	-	-	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	166,916	-	-	166,916	107,959
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	1,209,671	-	-	1,209,671	1,101,712
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	1,376,587	-	-	1,376,587	1,209,671

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Second edition of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and UK Generally Accepted 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 Cavendish 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 £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
Freehold property- Improvements	10%- Straight line method
Equipment	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 that has been dormant throughout the period 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.

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 (2023: None).

3. Wages and salaries

There are no employees (2023: none).

4. Donated services

Received from	2024 £	2023 £
	-	-
	-	-
Donated to	2024 £	2023 £
Welland Gospel Hall Trust	274	-
	274	-

5. Resources expended

	Meeting rooms £	Other charitable activities £	2024	2023
Direct Costs				
Repairs and maintenance of plant and buildings	37,645	-	37,645	4,428
Grounds maintenance	3,657	-	3,657	7,597
Maintenance- Recording equipment	15	-	15	-
Light and heat	18,330	-	18,330	14,790
Water rates	267	-	267	134
Telephone & broadband at hall(s)	754	-	754	834
Equipment hire	-	-	-	-
Conference costs	-	-	-	-
Insurance- Public liability	1,816	-	1,816	1,419
Cleaning	881	-	881	770
Legal and professional	20,069	-	20,069	11,594
Sundry	1,060	-	1,060	-
Depreciation- Freehold property	35,974	-	35,974	36,045
Depreciation- Plant, equipment & furnishings	985	-	985	1,234
	121,453	-	121,453	78,845

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property* and Refurbishment £	Equipment & Fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 6th April 2023	1,676,777	17,400	1,694,177
Disposals	-	-	-
Additions	63,580	-	63,580
At 5th April 2024	1,740,357	17,400	1,757,757
Depreciation			
At 6th April 2023	143,915	12,467	156,382
Disposals	-	-	-
Charge for the year	35,974	985	36,959
At 5th April 2024	179,889	13,452	193,341
Net Book Value			
At 5th April 2024	1,560,468	3,948	1,564,416
At 6th April 2023	1,532,862	4,933	1,537,795

* Land Registry Title Numbers; LL332701, LT313570, LT169661, LT507188, LT509215 and NN384255/302872

7. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
7.1 Current year				
Tangible fixed assets	1,564,416	-	-	1,564,416
Current assets	1,413,632	-	-	1,413,632
Current liabilities	4,560	-	-	4,560
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-
Total funds	2,973,488	-	-	2,973,488
7.2 Prior year				
Tangible fixed assets	1,537,795	-	-	1,537,795
Current assets	1,235,284	-	-	1,235,284
Current liabilities	3,861	-	-	3,861
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-
Total funds	2,769,218	-	-	2,769,218

8. Movement in funds

8.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gain and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Designated funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	2,769,218	354,775	150,505	-	2,973,488
Total funds	2,769,218	354,775	150,505	-	2,973,488

8. Movement in funds contd.

8.2 Prior 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	-	2,100	2,100	-	-
Unrestricted funds	2,719,993	161,533	112,308	-	2,769,218
Total funds	2,719,993	163,633	114,408	-	2,769,218

9. Transactions with related parties

A payment was made to Northgate Structural for £1,800.00 in the year of which Ian Lyon, trustee, was a director (2023 £ 480.00). Donations received from connected parties totalled £160,854.61 (2023 £51,816.97).

10. Volunteers

Cavendish 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 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies:				
Collections	-	-	-	-
Contributions from the congregation	51,177	2,100	-	53,277
Gift Aid donations	22,306	-	-	22,306
Other donations	75,948	-	-	75,948
Income tax refundable	5,577	-	-	5,577
Donated services	-	-	-	-
Payroll giving	3,550	-	-	3,550
Legacies received	-	-	-	-
Grant income	250	-	-	250
Investment income and interest				
Bank interest	2,725	-	-	2,725
Other income				
Profit on sale of assets	-	-	-	-
Total	161,533	2,100	-	163,633
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities				
Running of meeting halls	78,845	-	-	78,845
Wider community outreach	950	-	-	950
Congregation support	-	2,100	-	2,100
Cost of donated services	-	-	-	-
Transfers to affiliated trusts	14,030	-	-	14,030
Covid Test Kits	10,396	-	-	10,396
Conference hosting	1,460	-	-	1,460
Other costs	-	-	-	-
Governance				
Computer costs	666	-	-	666
Sundry costs	673	-	-	673
Legal & professional costs	3,996	-	-	3,996
Independent Examiner's fee	1,228	-	-	1,228
Bank charges	64	-	-	64
Depreciation- Office equipment (Admin)	-	-	-	-
Profit/Loss on sale of assets	-	-	-	-
Total	112,308	2,100	-	114,408
Net income/(expenditure)	49,225	-	-	49,225
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	49,225	-	-	49,225
Reconciliation of funds				
Funds at 6th April 2022	2,719,993	-	-	2,719,993
Total funds at 5th April 2023	2,769,218	-	-	2,769,218

Public Benefit Report Guide

The Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust

The Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust Public Benefit

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

The Plymouth Brethren were established in 1828 when John Nelson Darby broke with the established Church in Dublin. Darby and others formed a fellowship based on the strict observance of Christian teachings as set out in the Holy Scriptures. Darby came to Plymouth in the early 1930s and the congregation grew rapidly.

The position in Stamford was established in the 1860's where the congregation gathered firstly in a house and then in designated Meeting Halls from the 1880's to the present day.



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The Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust

Introduction

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



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

The Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust was formed on 13th November 1978 to acquire buildings to be used for the advancement of the Christian religion by carrying on the service of God, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper, Gospel Preachings, Bible Readings and addresses on the Word of God and other meetings of a Christian religious character according to the injunctions contained in the Holy Scriptures and the tenets and practices of those Christians forming a worldwide fellowship known as Plymouth Brethren.

The members of The Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust congregation number currently number 228, living across four counties around Stamford. Residents from the local congregation attend services up to three times a week, and together with other nearby congregations and visitors, numbers attending services regularly approach 350 to 400 persons, from young babies to nonagenarians.



The Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust

Our Network



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



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Street Preaching and Tract Distribution

Street Preaching

Street Preaching has been actively promoted by the Plymouth brethren for many years, from the late 1800's and is still upheld today and is enthusiastically supported by members of The Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust congregation, as we seek to follow the example set out by our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke ch4 v17-20)

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

Members of The Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust congregation hold street preachings in multiple locations across, Stamford and Bourne, the main chosen location in the Stamford Town is on the High Street.

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

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

Tract Distribution

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

Tracts and gospel publications are available from our main meeting hall or to download from the following website:

<https://christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org/>

Outreach

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

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

See below statistics from our outreach program, in 2024:

448 Food Boxes, Snack Packs and Care kits Donated

4030 Bibles and Gospel Booklets Donated

420 Hours gifted to charitable services

225 Street Preachings

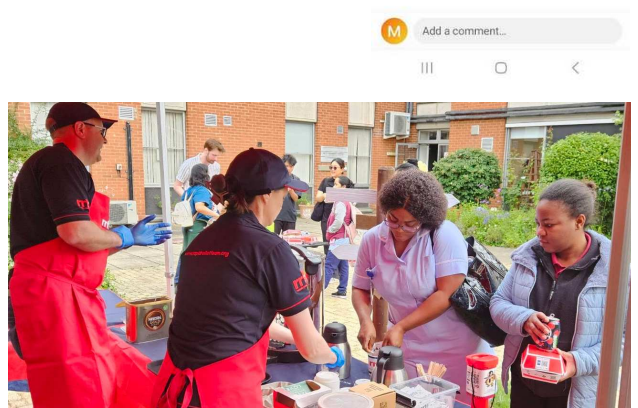
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The Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust Public benefit

- Collection/donation of funds to a local sports club after equipment stolen
- A member of The Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust congregation is currently volunteering as flood warden in their local parish
- Members of the congregation have supported local hospitals, Police and Fire Departments with meals and support of Open Days.

Photos and Messages of Thanks:

Thank you so much for supporting our event again this year. The food was fabulous, and the team were all so lovely. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening, and we are glad it stayed dry with the sun even showing itself here and there. Without your support we wouldn't have been able to have such a great event to thank our volunteers for all the time and support they give to our charity.



Rapid Relief Team

Our Mission



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

Our Vision



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

Our Values



Global Team | Community Care |
Compassion | Consistency

As a congregation, we have purchased and distributed more than 160 RRT Family Food Boxes which we donated to various local needs such as homeless and vulnerable shelters, schools, parishes etc. The RRT Food Boxes are designed to feed a family of 4 for up to 4 days and bring some relief and joy to households during their time of pressure and crisis.

Care Kits



Food Boxes



Smarrt Bars



8

Charities supported

275

RRT Family Food Boxes and Care kits donated

777

Snack Packs for vulnerable wider community members and Frontline workers.

Local Fire, Police and Hospital Authority's supported during charity and training events.

Public Benefit from PBCC members

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

Food boxes to Christ Church Stamford

Members of the congregation put together and deliver food boxes and basic life comforts such as blankets on a regular basis to Christ Church, Stamford. These are then distributed throughout the local community to those who are disadvantaged and struggling.

Anthony, Vicar, Christ Church Stamford:

"We, at Christ Church Stamford, totally appreciate the support we receive from RRT with the supply of food boxes and blankets. These items have helped many needy and struggling families within our local schools and the parish in particular. It is our prayer that RRT would continue to be in the position to provide the boxes and blankets and that all their needs are met in Jesus name, Amen"

Kindness shown to neighbours in construction project:

The trust received the below testimonial from a stakeholder who received a free fence in a recent construction project the Trust has been carrying out:

From: Sarah Lamming <sarahlamming88@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 6:48 PM
To: Ryan Kingston | Northgate <ryan@northgate-structural.co.uk>
Cc: Ben Whytes | Cavendish Trust <ben.whytes@cavendishtrust.org.uk>; Boobin <lr.mcch@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Meeting Hall, Stamford Road, Ketton- Fencing

Hello Ryan

Oh my goodness! That's so very kind- thank you so much! We really didn't expect this.

Yes please we would love to take up the offer. If 4ft is an option then that would be preferable please. Yes from the back of our garden up until the hedge please. The fence seems to be in an okay condition from the hedge to the road if you're also in agreement with that?

Please can you pass on our huge thanks the Trust members? And is there a contact address where we can send a gesture of our appreciation to please?

Thank you so much- it's immensely appreciated!

Many thanks

The Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust

RRT Supports Stamford Fire Brigade Open Day

The Cavendish Trust, through RRT, supported the open day of the local Stamford Fire-Brigade, providing a full meal and refreshments for all visitors for the duration of the day. The open day and the support of RRT was featured in the local newspaper:



RRT Provides refreshments for all staff at the Stamford and Rutland Hospital

8 volunteers from the Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust, through RRT, worked through the below freezing temperatures to provide a lunch for all staff at the Rutland and Stamford Hospital. See the testimonial from the Chief Nurse:



Peterborough City Hospital
Edith Cavell Campus
Bretton Gate
Peterborough
PE3 9GZ
Tel: 01733 678000

Date: 25 January 2024

To: Peter Gilbert
Rapid Relief Team

Dear Peter

On behalf of the North West Anglia NHS Trust and our Hospitals' Charity, I wish to sincerely thank you and your colleagues for the incredible support which you offered to us at the Stamford & Rutland Hospital last week, particularly given the temperature was firmly below freezing!

Our hospitals are under immense pressure at the moment, through a variety of factors, and so the welfare and wellbeing of the staff is of paramount concern. We are always anxious to provide additional support to our incredible team, to keep up spirits and to remind them how valued they are.

Your kind and generous offer of refreshments and food for our staff was perfect to raise the morale of my colleagues. I have been receiving messages since telling me how touched people have been by this wonderful show of support, and their desire for me to pass these messages of thanks on to you.

Would you pass on my thanks to your colleagues, who braved the cold, and yet were so warm and kind to the staff.

Once again, please accept my thanks for your kindness and generosity.

Yours sincerely

Joanne Bennis
Acting Chief Executive
Chief Nurse

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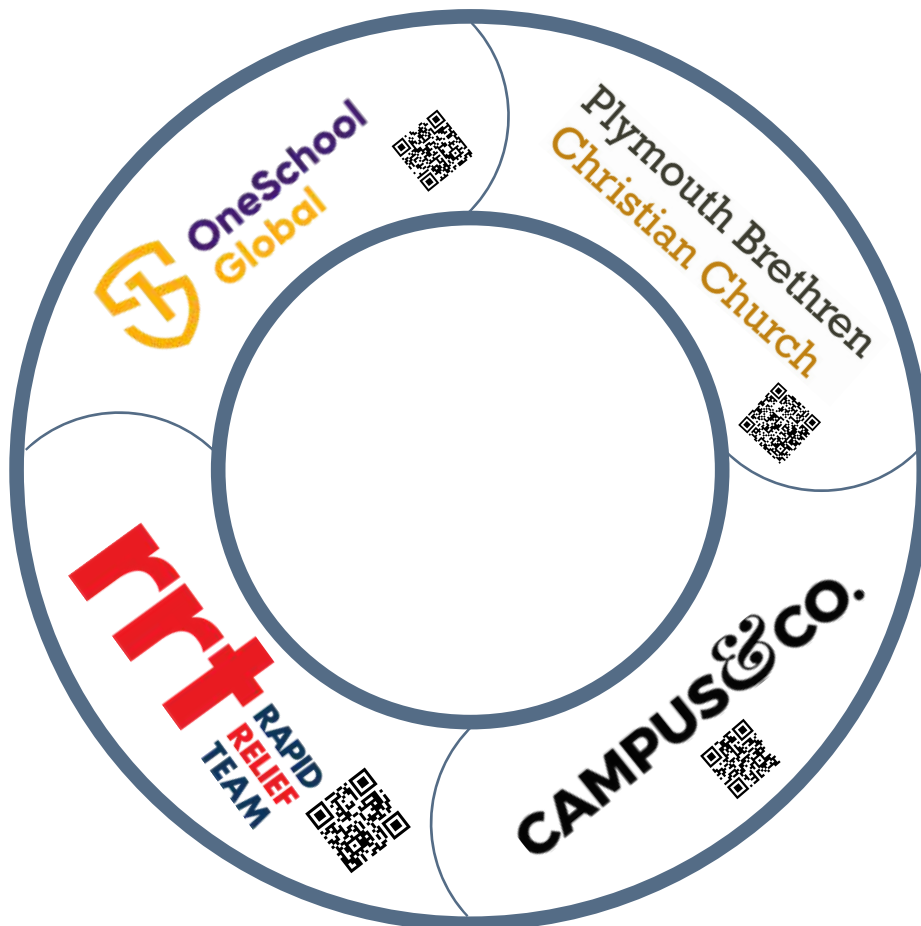
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