

Charity Registration No: 1159234

Chelmsford Gospel Hall Trust

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

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Chelmsford Gospel Hall Trust

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Chelmsford Gospel Hall Trust

Reference and Administrative Details
For the year ended 5 April 2024

Charity name	Chelmsford Gospel Hall Trust
Registered charity number	1159234
Trustees	Mr D. White Mr G. Myatt Mr B. Webberley Mr R. Parsons (Chair) Mr J. Shimwell
Treasurer	Mr D. White
Principal address	The Brethrens Meeting Hall Molrams Lane Sandon CM2 7FJ
Independent examiner	Simon Bell T B Tax Services Bridge House Pattenden Lane Marden Kent TN12 9QJ
Accountant	T B Tax Services Bridge House Pattenden Lane Marden Kent TN12 9QJ

Chelmsford Gospel Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees For the year ended 5 April 2024

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 12 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 12 January 1980, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 12 July 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 17 November 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1159234.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The names of the Trustees who served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 3. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2024 (2023: £nil).

The Trust operates a Gospel Hall and Trustees are chosen from among the regular congregation of the hall. 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 Fairfax Gospel Hall Trust, with whom it shares members of its congregation, and during the year the Charity paid expenses on behalf of this Trust, as shown in the donated services note.

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 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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Report of the Trustees (Cont'd) For the year ended 5 April 2024

In addition to street preaching, the Trust has a great charity program in which we reach out to the wider community, we do this through gifts and money to local charities. See annexed report for further detail.

Main activities and achievements

The Trust provides and maintains Gospel Halls where religious meetings are held by the local Brethren community. The Trust now maintains 5 halls in the Chelmsford area including one large hall in Sandon. This is an excellent large facility to help with our growing community and increase of visitors. We are actively looking for another smaller one on the outskirts of Chelmsford. These Halls help the Trust to achieve its goals in benefitting all and encouraging good works. Details of the origins, teachings and way of life of the Brethren can be found on the website and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

The Trust has continued to engage with the congregation and encouraging good works by them which benefit the wider community, as described above.

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 30 and 300 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 hall and visitors are free to help themselves.

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Report of the Trustees (Cont'd) For the year ended 5 April 2024

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

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

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

Funding

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

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Report of the Trustees (Cont'd) For the year ended 5 April 2024

Financial review

Financial position

In the year ended 5 April 2024 the Trust had a deficit of incoming resources over resources expended. This was due to extra expenses paid for on behalf of Fairfax Gospel Hall Trust.

Total voluntary income received this year was £203,268 compared to £221,176 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 aims to hold sufficient funds in a current account to cover day to day expenditure, plus an allowance for any urgent repairs and capital expenses that may arise. There are currently some projects ongoing in relation to upgrade of halls and new halls being built so there is a good level of 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 £350,354 (2023: £513,635) and the restricted fund was £Nil (2023: £Nil).

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Report of the Trustees (Cont'd)
For the year ended 5 April 2024

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

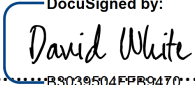
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

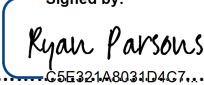
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity 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.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 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 are reviewed and approved by two Trustees.

On behalf of the Board:

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Mr D. White
Trustee
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Mr R. Parsons
Trustee
11/17/2024
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Mr G. Myatt
Trustee
11/15/2024
Date:

Chelmsford Gospel Hall Trust

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees For the year ended 5 April 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Chelmsford Gospel Hall Trust for the year ending 5 April 2024.

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 EXAMINERS 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 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 statement 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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Simon Bell

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 5 April 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
<i>Donations and legacies:</i>					
Collections		0	0	0	0
Contributions from the congregation		179,188	0	179,188	109,305
Gift Aid donations		19,442	0	19,442	58,802
Income tax refunds		4,638	0	4,638	14,769
Other donations		0	0	0	5,354
Payroll giving		0	0	0	17,050
Grant from Fairfax Gospel Hall Trust		0	0	0	15,896
<i>Investments</i>					0
Bank interest		2,585	0	2,585	923
<i>Other - Profit on sale of asset</i>		0	0	0	0
Total		205,853	0	205,853	222,099
Expenditure on:					
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Running meeting rooms		160,431	0	160,431	100,046
Other charitable activities		21,665	0	21,665	21,884
Cost of donated services	5	123,384	0	123,384	71,336
Total	6	305,480	0	305,480	193,266
Net income/(expenditure)		(99,627)	0	(99,627)	28,833
Gains/(losses) on sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		(99,627)	0	(99,627)	28,833
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		2,671,166	0	2,671,166	2,642,333
Total funds carried forward		2,571,539	0	2,571,539	2,671,166

The notes on pages 12 to 18 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.

Chelmsford Gospel Hall Trust**Balance Sheet****For the year ended 5 April 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	4	2	2
Intangible assets		0	0
Tangible fixed assets	7	2,507,834	2,524,184
		2,507,836	2,524,186
Current assets			
Debtors:			
Loans	8	0	0
Prepayments and accrued income	9	237	741
Cash at bank and in hand		354,039	515,349
		354,276	516,090
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:		80	163
Other creditors		2	2
Accruals and deferred income		3,840	2,290
Loans		0	0
Net current assets		350,354	513,635
Total assets less current liabilities		2,858,190	3,037,821
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			
Loans	10	286,651	366,655
Net assets	11	2,571,539	2,671,166
Funds			
Unrestricted income fund		2,571,539	2,671,166
Restricted funds		0	0
Total unrestricted and charity funds	12	2,571,539	2,671,166

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Chelmsford Gospel Hall Trust on

and signed on their behalf by

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David White

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Mr D. White
Trustee

11/17/2024

Signed by:

Ryan Parsons

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Mr R. Parsons
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Trustee

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The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 5 April 2024

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 Chelmsford 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 £1000) 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:

Fixtures and Fittings	25% reducing balance
Buildings	50 Years Straight Line
Equipment	25 Years Straight Line

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 5 April 2024

- 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. An example of this is that a donor may want their donation to be passed on to a charity of their choice.
- 1.8 **Investment in Chelmhall Construction Ltd**

The Trust holds shares in the subsidiary which are valued at cost. The majority of transactions undertaken by the subsidiary are already reflected in the accounts of the Trust through recharges. On this basis consolidated accounts for the year ended 5 April 2024 have not been prepared.
- 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 (2023: None).
- 3. Wages and salaries**

There are no employees (2023: none).
- 4. Investment**

The Trust is the sole shareholder of Chelmhall Construction Ltd, a Ltd Company set up to manage construction projects, which has share capital of £2 and reserves at 30 September 2023 of £0.

	2024 £	2023 £
Chelmhall Construction Ltd	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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5. Donated services

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fairfax Gospel Hall Trust	123,384	71,336
	<u>123,384</u>	<u>71,336</u>

6. Resources expended

<i>Current Year</i>	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2024
	£	£	£
Direct costs:			
Insurance	3,321	0	3,321
Repairs & Maintenance	18,925	0	18,925
IT costs	1,689	0	1,689
Utilities	18,085	0	18,085
Donations	0	18,005	18,005
Activity costs	55,706	0	55,706
Loan Interest	0	0	0
Legal fees	3,640	0	3,640
Depreciation	59,065	0	59,065
Governance costs	0	3,660	3,660
	<u>160,431</u>	<u>21,665</u>	<u>182,096</u>
Donated services (see above)		<u>123,384</u>	<u>123,384</u>
	<u>160,431</u>	<u>145,049</u>	<u>305,480</u>
 <i>Prior Year</i>	 Meeting rooms	 Other charitable activities	 2023
	£	£	£
Direct costs:			
Insurance	1,888	0	1,888
Repairs & Maintenance	10,920	0	10,920
IT costs	675	0	675
Utilities	15,612	0	15,612
Donations	0	19,954	19,954
Activity costs	5,601	0	5,601
Loan Interest	219	0	219
Legal fees	6,921	0	6,921
Depreciation	58,210	0	58,210
Governance costs	0	1,930	1,930
	<u>100,046</u>	<u>21,884</u>	<u>121,930</u>
Donated services (see above)		<u>71,336</u>	<u>71,336</u>
	<u>100,046</u>	<u>93,220</u>	<u>193,266</u>

Governance costs include £1,880 (2023: £1,680) in respect of independent examiner's fees.

Chelmsford Gospel Hall Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 5 April 2024****7. Fixed assets**

Sandon Gospel Hall	Land	Buildings	Equipment	Total
Cost				
B/f at 06/04/2023	101,500	2,280,129	315,196	2,696,825
Additions	0	42,715	0	42,715
Disposals	0	0	0	0
At 5 April 2024	<u>101,500</u>	<u>2,322,844</u>	<u>315,196</u>	<u>2,739,540</u>
Depreciation				
B/f at 06/04/2023	0	134,817	37,824	172,641
Charge for the year	0	46,457	12,608	59,065
Disposals	0	0	0	0
At 5 April 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>181,274</u>	<u>50,432</u>	<u>231,706</u>
Net book value				
At 5 April 2024	<u>101,500</u>	<u>2,141,570</u>	<u>264,764</u>	<u>2,507,834</u>
At 5 April 2023	<u>101,500</u>	<u>2,145,312</u>	<u>277,372</u>	<u>2,524,184</u>

Property details:

EX695641**8. Loans made**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fairfax Gospel Hall Trust	0	0
TOTAL	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

9. Prepayments and accrued income

	2024	2023
	£	£
HMRC Gift aid refund	237	741
TOTAL	<u>237</u>	<u>741</u>

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10. Loans received

	2024	2023
	£	£
Church & Gospel Hall Trust (Interest free)	286,651	366,655
Private loan	0	0
TOTAL	286,651	366,655

11. Analysis of net assets between funds

11.1 Current year

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	2,507,836	0	2,507,836
Current assets	354,276	0	354,276
Current liabilities	(3,922)	0	(3,922)
Long term liabilities	(286,651)	0	(286,651)
Total funds	2,571,539	0	2,571,539

11.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	2,524,186	0	2,524,186
Current assets	516,033	57	516,090
Current liabilities	(2,455)	0	(2,455)
Long term liabilities	(366,655)	0	(366,655)
Total funds	2,671,109	57	2,671,166

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12. Movement in funds

12.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated funds	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted funds - Other Charitable Purpose	0	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted funds	2,671,166	205,853	(305,480)	0	2,571,539
Total funds	2,671,166	205,853	(305,480)	0	2,571,539

12.2 Prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated funds	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted funds - Other Charitable Purpose	57	0	(57)	0	0
Unrestricted funds	2,642,276	222,099	(193,209)	0	2,671,166
Total funds	2,642,333	222,099	(193,266)	0	2,671,166

13. Transactions with related parties

Chelmsford Construction Ltd (a wholly owned subsidiary of the Trust) invoiced the Trust for construction services during the period totalling £52,367 (2023: £54,151). All expenses were invoiced on a commercial basis and there were no amounts outstanding at the year end.

During the year there were donations totalling £18,084 (2023: £56,892) from persons related to the Trustees, and from Trustees and businesses controlled by them.

14. Volunteers

Chelmsford 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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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 5 April 2024

15. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:				
<i>Donations and legacies:</i>				
Collections		0	0	0
Contributions from the congregation		109305	0	109305
Gift Aid donations		58802	0	58802
Income tax refunds		14769	0	14769
Other donations		5354	0	5354
Payroll giving		17050	0	17050
Grant from Fairfax Gospel Hall Trust		15896	0	15896
<i>Investments</i>				
Bank interest		923	0	923
<i>Other - Profit on sale of asset</i>		0	0	0
Total		222099	0	222099
Expenditure on:				
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Running meeting rooms		100046	0	100046
Other charitable activities		21827	57	21884
Cost of donated services	5	71336	0	71336
Total	6	193209	57	193266
Net income/(expenditure)		28890	(57)	28833
Gains/(losses) on sale of fixed assets		0	0	0
Net movement in funds		28890	(57)	28833
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		2642276	57	2642333
Total funds carried forward		2671166	0	2671166

Public Benefit Report

CHELMSFORD GOSPEL HALL TRUST PUBLIC BENEFIT

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

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

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.

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.

The Chelmsford Gospel Hall Trust was formed 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 Chelmsford congregation currently has 6 local hall, with 258 members living in the Chelmsford districts; along with residents from the Colchester area attending services up to three times a week, together with other visitors, numbers attending services regularly approach 480 persons, from young babies to nonagenarians.



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

STREET PREACHING AND TRACT DISTRIBUTION

Street Preaching

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

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

Currently the main chosen location is in one of the main gathering points on the high street in Chelmsford City Centre, near HSBC. Street preachings have been held here since the 1990s.

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

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

Tract Distribution

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

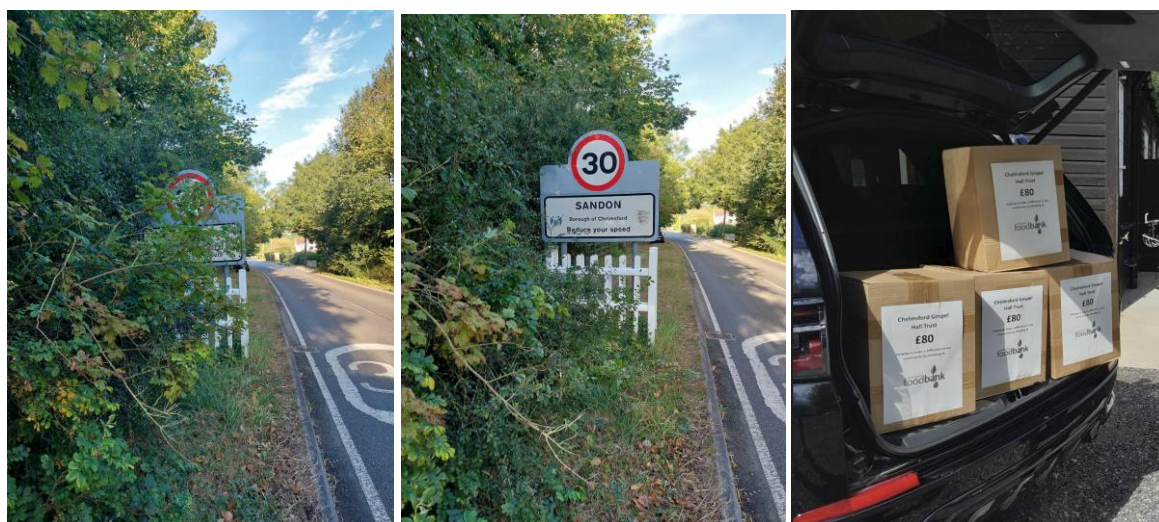
Tracts are available for download on the below website:

<https://christiandoctrineandgospelpublishing.org/>

OUTREACH AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

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

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 a Trust, we actively seek opportunities to support our local community from cleaning road signs to donating to local charities and supporting local foodbanks with monthly donations to help those in need.



“We are very grateful for the donations Chelmsford Foodbank receives from Chelmsford Gospel Hall Trust, which make a difference to the lives of people in Chelmsford who are struggling. Partnership with organisations such as yourselves makes a huge difference, thank you.”

Chelmsford Foodbank Team

Rapid Relief Team

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



Inspired by community spirit and the gift of giving, the Rapid Relief Team (RRT) serves people with care and compassion in their time of need.

Established by the [Plymouth Brethren Christian Church \(PBCC\)](#) in 2013, RRT offers quality catering assistance and tangible support to charities, government and emergency services confronting some of humankind's greatest challenges.

Led by the Christian principles of care and compassion, our league of volunteers operate from the heart to serve people in need.

This year we have been pleased for our volunteers to be involved in the following RRT events.



- Operation Hydrate (Euston) water distribution
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- Priory Primary School Smarrt Bar donation
- Templars Academy Food Box donation
- Priory Primary School Food Box donation
- Beaulieu Park School Food Box donation
- Beaulieu Park School Food Box donation
- Templars Academy Food Box donation
- CHESS Homeless Sleepover breakfast
- Beaulieu Park School Food Box donation
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