

Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust

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

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Reference and Administrative Details For the year ended 5 April 2024

Charity name	Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust
Registered charity number	1159422
Trustees	Simon Campbell Jason Anderson James Bruce (Chair) Peter Ware Ryan Pollard
Treasurer	Jason Anderson
Principal address	Moonshadow Cottage Vigo Lane Bredgar Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8BE
Independent examiner	Simon Bell T B Tax Services Bridge House Pattenden Lane Marden Kent TN12 9QJ
Accountant	T B Tax Services Accountants Bridge House Pattenden Lane Marden Kent TN12 9QJ

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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 11-12 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 6 March 1994, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 10 September 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 1 December 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1159422.

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 Broomhill Trust, with which it shares members of its congregation, and during the year the Charity paid expenses on behalf of the 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.

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Report of the trustees (continued) For the year ended 5 April 2024

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.

During the last year 300 Bibles were distributed free of charge to Prisons in the neighbourhood, namely Swaleside, Elmley and Standford Hill on Sheppey, and the YOI at Rochester.

During the year the Trust donated blankets and beanie hats to the One Big Family homeless charity.

Main activities and achievements

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

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

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 40 and 425 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 (continued)

For the year ended 5 April 2024

Objectives and activities

(continued)

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

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

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

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

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

Funding

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

Financial review

Financial position

In the year ended 5 April 2024 the Trust had a deficit of incoming resources over resources expended. This was due to some renovation works and legal fees in relation to the potential purchase of land.

Total voluntary income received this year was £76,209 compared to £64,109 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

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Report of the trustees (continued) For the year ended 5 April 2024

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. The Trustees aim to ensure that the charity has sufficient reserves to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives.

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.

The Trust is looking to build a new hall at some point in the future so it is accumulating reserves in order to be able to do this.

Free reserves at the year-end were £459,376 (2023: £535,660).

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 have been reviewed and approved by two trustees.

On behalf of the board:

Jason Anderson
Trustee

Date:

Long Reach 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 the Long Reach 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').

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.

Simon Bell

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**Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 5 April 2024**

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
<i>Donations and legacies:</i>					
Collections		45,000	0	45,000	38,250
Contributions from the congregation		12,520	0	12,520	7,710
Gift Aid donations		14,100	0	14,100	13,810
Income tax refunds		3,525	0	3,525	3,453
Donations from other Trusts		0	0	0	0
Payroll giving		1,064	0	1,064	886
Legacies		0	0	0	0
<i>Investments</i>					
Interest		0	0	0	0
<i>Other</i>					
Total		76,209	0	76,209	64,109
Expenditure on:					
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Running meeting rooms		123,472	0	123,472	183,133
Other charitable activities		5,892	0	5,892	5,054
Cost of donated services	4	23,129	0	23,129	27,735
Total	5	152,493	0	152,493	215,922
Net income/(expenditure)		(76,284)	0	(76,284)	(151,813)
Gains/(losses) on sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		(76,284)	0	(76,284)	(151,813)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,065,088	0	1,065,088	1,216,901
Total funds carried forward		988,804	0	988,804	1,065,088

The notes on pages 11 to 17 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.

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Balance sheet As at 5 April 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets		0	0
Tangible fixed assets	6	529,428	529,428
		529,428	529,428
Current assets			
Debtors:			
Loans	7	0	0
Prepayments and accrued income		1,061	947
Cash at bank and in hand		459,755	536,153
		460,816	537,100
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:		(1,440)	(1,440)
Other creditors		0	0
Accruals and deferred income		0	0
Loans		0	0
Net current assets		459,376	535,660
Total assets less current liabilities		988,804	1,065,088
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			
Loans		0	0
Net assets		988,804	1,065,088
Funds			
Unrestricted income fund		988,804	1,065,088
Restricted funds		0	0
Total charity funds	9	988,804	1,065,088

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust on _____ and signed on their behalf by _____

Jason Anderson
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements

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 Long Reach 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
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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.

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.

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
The Broomhill Trust	23,129	27,735
	<u>23,129</u>	<u>27,735</u>

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5. Resources expended

<i>Current Year</i>	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2024
	£	£	£
Direct costs:			
Insurance	4,096	0	4,096
Repairs & Maintenance	13,154	0	13,154
IT costs	0	0	0
Utilities	7,690	0	7,690
Donations to individuals	0	0	0
Activity costs	0	4,332	4,332
Publications	0	0	0
Legal fees	98,532	0	98,532
Depreciation	0	0	0
Governance costs	0	1,560	1,560
	<u>123,472</u>	<u>5,892</u>	<u>129,364</u>
<i>Prior Year</i>	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2023
	£	£	£
Direct costs:			
Insurance	2,778	0	2,778
Repairs & Maintenance	29,510	0	29,510
IT costs	0	0	0
Utilities	2,864	0	2,864
Donations	0	0	0
Activity costs	0	4,094	4,094
Publications	0	0	0
Legal fees	147,592	0	147,592
Depreciation	389	0	389
Governance costs	0	960	960
	<u>183,133</u>	<u>5,054</u>	<u>188,187</u>

Governance costs include £1,200 (2023: £960) in respect of independent examiner's fees.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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6. Fixed assets

	Freehold land	Costs & improvements	Meeting Hall	Eqpt	Total
Cost					
B/f at 06/04/2023	220,000	61,876	247,552	6,382	535,810
Additions	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
At 5 April 2024	<u>220,000</u>	<u>61,876</u>	<u>247,552</u>	<u>6,382</u>	<u>535,810</u>
Depreciation					
B/f at 06/04/2023	0	0	0	6,382	6,382
Charge for the year	0	0	0	0	0
Impairment	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
At 5 April 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,382</u>	<u>6,382</u>
Net book value					
At 5 April 2024	<u>220,000</u>	<u>61,876</u>	<u>247,552</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>529,428</u>
At 5 April 2023	<u>220,000</u>	<u>61,876</u>	<u>247,552</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>529,428</u>
Land registry Title No:	K745059				

Notes to the Financial Statements
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7. Analysis of net assets between funds**7.1 Current year**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	529,428	0	529,428
Current assets	460,816	0	460,816
Current liabilities	(1,440)	0	(1,440)
Long term liabilities	0	0	0
Total funds	988,804	0	988,804

7.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	529,428	0	529,428
Current assets	537,100	0	537,100
Current liabilities	(1,440)	0	(1,440)
Long term liabilities	0	0	0
Total funds	1,065,088	0	1,065,088

8. Movement in funds**8.1 Current year**

	Balance at 6 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated funds - ENF	0	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted funds	1,065,088	76,209	(152,493)	0	988,804
Total funds	1,065,088	76,209	(152,493)	0	988,804

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8.2 *Prior year*

	Balance at 6 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated funds - ENF	0	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted funds	1,216,901	64,109	(215,922)	0	1,065,088
Total funds	1,216,901	64,109	(215,922)	0	1,065,088

9. Transactions with related parties

During the year there were donations totalling £12,690 (2023: £12,940) from Trustees, related parties, and businesses controlled by the Trustees.

There were no purchases from entities related to the Trustees.

10. Volunteers

Long Reach 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.

11. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:				
<i>Donations and legacies:</i>				
Collections		38,250	0	38,250
Contributions from the congregation		7,710	0	7,710
Gift Aid donations		13,810	0	13,810
Income tax refunds		3,453	0	3,453
Donations from other Trusts		0	0	0
Payroll giving		886	0	886
Legacies		0	0	0
<i>Investments</i>				
Interest		0	0	0
<i>Other</i>				
Total		64,109	0	64,109
Expenditure on:				
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Running meeting rooms		183,133	0	183,133
Other charitable activities		5,054	0	5,054
Cost of donated services	4	27,735	0	27,735
Total	5	215,922	0	215,922
Net income/(expenditure)		(151,813)	0	(151,813)
Gains/(losses) on sale of fixed assets		0	0	0
Net movement in funds		(151,813)	0	(151,813)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		1,216,901	0	1,216,901
Total funds carried forward		1,065,088	0	1,065,088

LONG REACH GOSPEL HALL TRUST

Public Benefit Report

LONG REACH GOSPEL HALL TRUST

Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust Public Benefit

The purpose of this factual presentation, is to show how the Long Reach 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.



LONG REACH 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.



Scan the QR Code for the PBCC Website

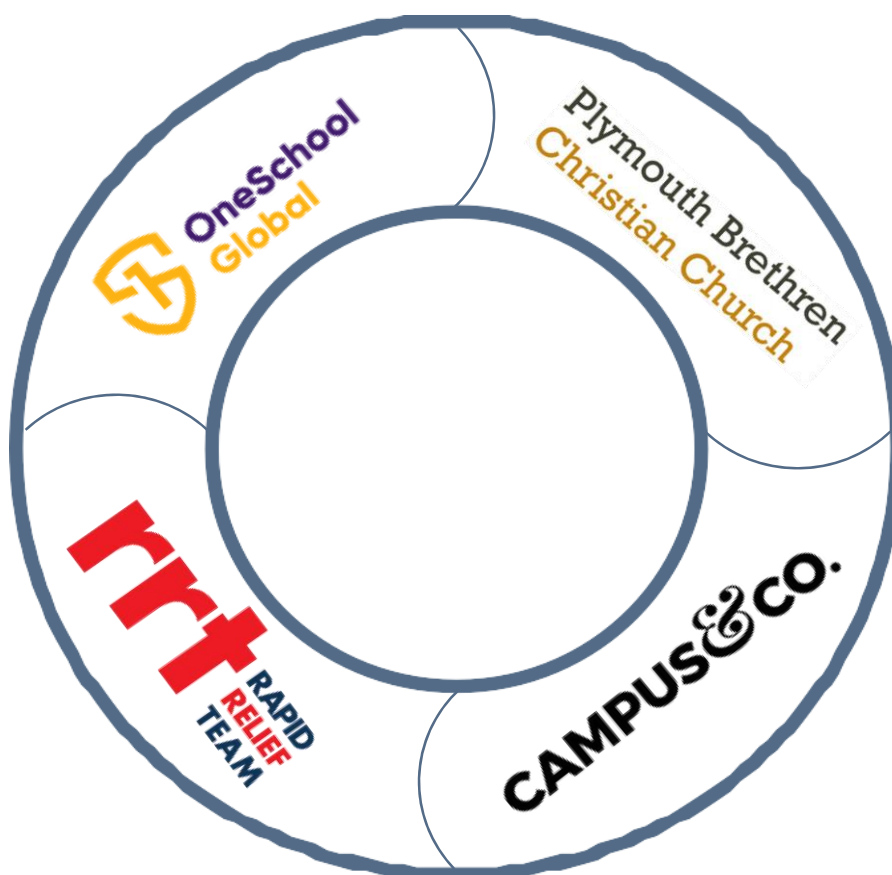
There have been Brethren Gospel, or meeting halls in the Medway areas for over 70 years.

The Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust was formed in 1994 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 Long Reach congregation is one of the smaller congregations in the UK, with 133 members living in the Medway and Swale districts; however with residents from the Maidstone and Canterbury area attending services up to three times a week, together with other visitors, numbers attending services regularly approach 500 persons, from young babies to nonagenarians.

LONG REACH GOSPEL HALL TRUST

Our network



To read more on the PBCC way of life, visit the plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org website.

LONG REACH GOSPEL HALL TRUST

Street Preaching and Tract Distribution

The 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 Long Reach Gospel Trust congregation, as we seek to follow the example set out by our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke ch4 v17-20).

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

Currently the main chosen locations are as follows:

- High Street, Sittingbourne, Kent.
- Rainham Shopping Centre, Rainham, Kent

Street preachings held here in 2024 are as follows:

Rainham

- 15 preachings
- Approx 650 gospel tracts handed out

Sittingbourne

- 30 preachings
- Approx 1200 gospel tracts handed out

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.

LONG REACH GOSPEL HALL TRUST

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 website below:

christiandoctrineandgospelpublishing.org

LONG REACH GOSPEL HALL TRUST

Outreach

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

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 Long Reach Gospel Trust, we actively seek opportunities to support our local community from cleaning road signs to donating to local charities.

Long Reach Gospel Trust Public Benefit Activity 2024

- *Blankets and beanie hats distributed to local hostel*
- *Assisting with litter picks for the local parish council*
- *Providing refreshment for local council volunteers during litter picks*
- *Maintaining contact with local chaplain at HM Prisons – supply of Bibles*
- *Distribution of 200 bibles to HM Prisons*

LONG REACH GOSPEL HALL TRUST

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

Here's a brief overview of RRT events in 2024 so far:

Case study 1 - Air Ambulance Kent Surrey Sussex

Food provided at their annual staff celebration event.

[More information on LinkedIn here.](#)



LONG REACH GOSPEL HALL TRUST

Case study 2 - Litter pick with Newington Parish Council

RRT volunteers involved in the litter pick and breakfast provided for all volunteers.

The Great British September Clean

On Saturday 28th September Villagers joined Parish Councillors for the September Clean. The Plymouth Brethren provided a welcome hot roll and coffee for the volunteers and also joined in with the litter pick. The Council would like to thank the Plymouth Brethren for providing breakfast and our thanks also go to everyone for their help in making the village a better place to live.



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Case Study 3 - Kent Police Domestic Abuse team

Donation of 49 food boxes. See below feedback from Kent Police of the real-world impact

Hi Silas,

I just wanted to thank you and the team for the food boxes over the Xmas period.

Some great examples how they have been used on North Division:

- 1. Community officers spoke to a male at Lordswood Library. He had been living in his car for 12 months. Due to not having a fixed address, he was unable to find work. He was attending the library daily for the free hot drinks and somewhere warm to sit. Officers called the local housing office, and assisted him with temporary accommodation and support. Whilst at the housing office, officers also provided 2 additional food boxes to other homeless families.*
- 2. Patrols attended a call in relation to a neighbour dispute, and spoke to an elderly gentleman who was living off his state pension. There was no food in his house, and the house was cold. He was given a food parcel, and officers also completed an adult protection referral so he could get further assistance from social services.*
- 3. A resident in a block of flats was knocking on doors asking for food. Police were called due to welfare considerations, and it was causing distress to other residents. He explained that he had attended several food banks, however was only permitted to take a few tins of food. The male was able to feed himself on Christmas day and beyond. He was provided with a food box and an adult protection referral was also completed.*
- 4. A male attended Medway Front counter asking for assistance. He was taken home by officers, but clearly had no food to feed himself, and didn't have the funds to get food himself. Officers reattended the address later that day, and provided him with a food parcel.*
- 5. A female had no food to feed herself, and she wasn't due to get paid until the first week in January. She attended various food banks, however was refused food as they required a referral from an agency or professional. Officers called to be the professional refer, however their call was not returned. She was given a food parcel, and was extremely thankful to the officers.*
- 6. Police attended an incident for a suicide risk. Police located the male who was suffering from depression, and he hadn't eaten in several days. He had previously been going to Greenwich food bank, however this had been closed during Christmas.*

Regards

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