

**Charity Registration No: 1159422**

**Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust**

**Report of the trustees and  
unaudited financial statements  
Year ended 5 April 2025**

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**Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust**

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## Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust

### Reference and Administrative Details For the year ended 5 April 2025

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<b>Charity name</b>	Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust
<b>Registered charity number</b>	1159422
<b>Trustees</b>	Simon Campbell Jason Anderson James Bruce (Chair) Peter Ware Ryan Pollard
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jason Anderson
<b>Principal address</b>	Oak Hill Iwade Road Newington Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7HY
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Simon Bell T B Tax Services Bridge House Pattenden Lane Marden Kent TN12 9QJ
<b>Accountant</b>	T B Tax Services Accountants Bridge House Pattenden Lane Marden Kent TN12 9QJ

## **Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust**

### **Report of the Trustees For the year ended 5 April 2025**

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The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 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 2025 (2024: £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.

## **Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust**

### **Report of the trustees (continued)**

**For the year ended 5 April 2025**

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#### **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.

##### **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](http://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.

During the year the Trust completed on the purchase of a plot of land where they hope to build a new main Gospel Hall. The purchase was largely funded by a loan from the Central Gospel Hall Trust, plus some of the Trusts built up reserves.

##### **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.

## **Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust**

### **Report of the trustees (continued)**

**For the year ended 5 April 2025**

#### **Objectives and activities**

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##### **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 2025 the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended. This was due to some extra donations received during the year in connection with the purchase of some land for a new hall.

Total voluntary income received this year was £170,244 compared to £76,209 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

**Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust**

**Report of the trustees (continued)  
For the year ended 5 April 2025**

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**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 £141,650 (2024: £459,376).

**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:

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Jason Anderson  
Trustee

Date: 1/20/2026 .....

## Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust

### Independent examiner's report to the trustees For the year ended 5 April 2025

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust for the year ending 5 April 2025.

#### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

#### 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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## Statement of financial activities For the year ended 5 April 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
<b><i>Donations and legacies:</i></b>					
Collections		45,000	0	45,000	45,000
Contributions from the congregation		60,780	0	60,780	12,520
Gift Aid donations		50,720	0	50,720	14,100
Income tax refunds		12,680	0	12,680	3,525
Donations from other Trusts		0	0	0	0
Payroll giving		1,064	0	1,064	1,064
Legacies		0	0	0	0
<b><i>Investments</i></b>					
Interest		0	0	0	0
<b><i>Other</i></b>					
<b>Total</b>		170,244	0	170,244	76,209
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<b><i>Charitable activities</i></b>					
Running meeting rooms		51,079	0	51,079	123,472
Other charitable activities		4,448	0	4,448	5,892
Cost of donated services	4	6,330	0	6,330	23,129
<b>Total</b>	5	61,857	0	61,857	152,493
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		108,387	0	108,387	(76,284)
Gains/(losses) on sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		108,387	0	108,387	(76,284)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		988,804	0	988,804	1,065,088
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		1,097,191	0	1,097,191	988,804

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.

**Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust****Balance sheet  
As at 5 April 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Intangible assets		0	0
Tangible fixed assets	6	<u>2,155,541</u>	<u>529,428</u>
		2,155,541	529,428
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors:			
Loans		0	0
Prepayments and accrued income		1,418	1,061
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>145,198</u>	<u>459,755</u>
		146,616	460,816
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:		(4,966)	(1,440)
Other creditors		0	0
Accruals and deferred income		0	0
Loans		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net current assets		141,650	459,376
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>2,297,191</u>	<u>988,804</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			
Loans		(1,200,000)	0
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><u>1,097,191</u></u>	<u><u>988,804</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted income fund		1,097,191	988,804
Restricted funds		0	0
<b>Total charity funds</b>	7	<u><u>1,097,191</u></u>	<u><u>988,804</u></u>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust on 1/20/2026 and signed on their behalf by

DocuSigned by:

*Jason Anderson*

Jason Anderson

Trustee

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

**Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust****Notes to the Financial Statements****For the year ended 5 April 2025****1. Accounting policies****1.1 Basis of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, and incorporating update bulletins 1 and 2, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The functional currency of the charity is sterling (£).

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

**1.2 Income**

Donations are recognised in the year in which there is entitlement and probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future year. Gift aid is added to the value of the donation to which it relates.

Donated services are recognised as income and expenditure in the financial statements when organisations or individuals offer their services and support pro bono. The value of these donated services to 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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Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended 5 April 2025

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 (2024: None).

3.      **Wages and salaries**  
  
There are no employees (2024: none).

4.      **Donated services**

	2025	2024
	£	£
The Broomhill Trust	6,330	23,129
	<u>6,330</u>	<u>23,129</u>

# Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 5 April 2025

### 5. Resources expended

<i>Current Year</i>	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2025
	£	£	£
<b>Direct costs:</b>			
Insurance	3,889	0	3,889
Repairs & Maintenance	6,697	0	6,697
IT costs	0	0	0
Utilities	962	0	962
Donations to individuals	0	0	0
Activity costs	0	3,673	3,673
Publications	0	0	0
Legal fees	39,531	0	39,531
Depreciation	0	0	0
<b>Governance costs</b>	0	775	775
	<u>51,079</u>	<u>4,448</u>	<u>55,527</u>
<i>Prior Year</i>	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2024
	£	£	£
<b>Direct costs:</b>			
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	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
<b>Governance costs</b>	0	1,560	1,560
	<u>123,472</u>	<u>5,892</u>	<u>129,364</u>

Governance costs include £1,440 (2024: £1,200) in respect of independent examiner's fees.

**Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust****Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended 5 April 2025****6. Fixed assets**

	<b>Freehold land</b>	<b>Costs &amp; improvements</b>	<b>Meeting Hall</b>	<b>Eqpt</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cost</b>					
B/f at 06/04/2024	220,000	61,876	247,552	6,382	535,810
Additions	1,626,113	0	0	0	1,626,113
Disposals	0	0	0	(6,382)	(6,382)
<b>At 5 April 2025</b>	<u>1,846,113</u>	<u>61,876</u>	<u>247,552</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,155,541</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
B/f at 06/04/2024	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	(6,382)	0
<b>At 5 April 2025</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,382</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
<b>At 5 April 2025</b>	<u>1,846,113</u>	<u>61,876</u>	<u>247,552</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,155,541</u>
<b>At 5 April 2024</b>	<u>220,000</u>	<u>61,876</u>	<u>247,552</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>529,428</u>
<b>Land registry Title No:</b>		<b>Cost</b>			
<b>Otterham Quay Lane</b>	<b>K745059</b>	220,000			
<b>Oak Lane</b>	<b>K823452</b>	1,626,113			

## Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 5 April 2025

#### 7. Analysis of net assets between funds

##### 7.1 Current year

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	2,155,541	0	2,155,541
Current assets	146,616	0	146,616
Current liabilities	(4,966)	0	(4,966)
Long term liabilities	(1,200,000)	0	(1,200,000)
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,097,191</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,097,191</b>

##### 7.2 Prior 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
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>988,804</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>988,804</b>

#### 8. Movement in funds

##### 8.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Designated funds</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	988,804	170,244	(61,857)	0	1,097,191
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>988,804</b>	<b>170,244</b>	<b>(61,857)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,097,191</b>

**Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust****Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended 5 April 2025****8.2** *Prior year*

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

**9. Transactions with related parties**

During the year there were donations totalling £16,295 (2024: £12,690) 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.



**Long Reach Gospel Hall Trust****Notes to the Financial Statements****For the year ended 5 April 2025****11. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total funds 2024 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
<b><i>Donations and legacies:</i></b>				
Collections		45,000	0	45,000
Contributions from the congregation		12,520	0	12,520
Gift Aid donations		14,100	0	14,100
Income tax refunds		3,525	0	3,525
Donations from other Trusts		0	0	0
Payroll giving		1,064	0	1,064
Legacies		0	0	0
<b><i>Investments</i></b>				
Interest		0	0	0
<b><i>Other</i></b>				
<b>Total</b>		<b>76,209</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76,209</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
<b><i>Charitable activities</i></b>				
Running meeting rooms		123,472	0	123,472
Other charitable activities		5,892	0	5,892
Cost of donated services	<b>4</b>	<b>23,129</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,129</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>152,493</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>152,493</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(76,284)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(76,284)</b>
Gains/(losses) on sale of fixed assets		0	0	0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(76,284)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(76,284)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		1,065,088	0	1,065,088
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>988,804</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>988,804</b>

# **LONG REACH GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

## **Public Benefit Report Guide**

# 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.

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## Our network



To read more on the PBCC way of life, visit the [plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org](https://plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org) website.

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## 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

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.**

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## 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](https://christiandoctrineandgospelpublishing.org)

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## 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 2025

- *Blankets and beanie hats distributed to local hostel*
- *Maintaining contact with local chaplain at HM Prisons – supply of Bibles*
- *Distribution of 200 bibles to HM Prisons*

*Below is a letter received from HMP Swaleside*



# LONG REACH GOSPEL HALL TRUST



## HM Prison & Probation Service

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Your ref: 57 Bibles

Our ref:

**Revd. Stephen Plumb | Anglican Chaplain**

HMP Swaleside

Brabazon Road

Isle of Sheppey

ME12 4AX

TEL: 01795 804045

EMAIL: [Stephen.Plumb@justice.gov.uk](mailto:Stephen.Plumb@justice.gov.uk)

Dear Malcolm/Peter

Re: Donation of 57 Pocket Bibles.

Thank you for your kind donation of 57 KJV pocket Bibles. This is very generous and they will be given to those prisoners who are hungry for the scriptures. It was about 12 weeks ago I distributed the remaining pocket Bible from last years allocation.

Thank you again for your encouraging support of the Chaplaincy Team in making these pocket Bibles available, it is much appreciated and furthers the mission and work of the Lord.

Kind regards

Stephen Plumb



Preventing victims by changing lives

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## 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

So far in 2025, the local RRT team have carried out the following:

- Donated 49 no. food boxes to Kent Police Domestic Abuse team
- 10 no. baby care kits to Sateeda and DA.
- Catering for Air Ambulance Kent Surrey Sussex
- Supported emergency services at Gravesend Fire
- 2 no. litter picks for Newington Parish Council
- Supported Medway Hospital A & E appreciation week
- Provided catering for Asian Single Parents network
- Operation Hydrate – providing water bottles in London during hot weather

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A few examples of what we have done are below.

## Event for Air Ambulance - Kent Surrey Sussex





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## Supporting Emergency services at a fire in Gravesend





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## Supporting Newington Parish Council litter pick



## Event at Medway Hospital A & E Appreciation week



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