

Charity Registration No: 1161969

Springfield Gospel 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	Springfield Gospel Trust
Registered charity number	1161969
Trustees	Nick Clarke (Chair) Ian King Edwin Kerkham Russell Wickland Hamish Penson
Treasurer	Hamish Penson
Principal address	The Gospel Hall Nyton Road Aldingbourne PO20 3TX
Independent examiner	Mike Prior FCA Sherlocks Chartered Accountants 13 Plantation Way Whitehill Hants GU35 9HD
Accountant	T B Tax Services Accountants Bridge House Pattenden Lane Marden Kent TN12 9QJ
Bankers	Cater Allan Private Bank Bridle Road Bootle L30 4GB

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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 an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 22 June 2004, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 28 February 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 3 June 2015 under Charity Registration Number: 1161969.

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

Wider network

The Trustees maintain informal links with similar charities with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Charity. The Charity also maintains particular links with Chalcraft Gospel Hall Trust, with which it shares members of its congregation.

Risk management

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and confirm that they have established systems or procedures to manage and mitigate those risks.

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

The 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.

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Report of the trustees (continued)

For the year ended 5 April 2024

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. Details of public benefit activities carried out by this Trust can be found in the separate appendix to this report.

Main activities and achievements

The Trust provides and maintains 2 Gospel Halls where religious meetings are held by the local Brethren community. Details of the origins, teachings and way of life of the Brethren can be found on the website - www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

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 Halls include the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses. There is a structured weekly schedule of meetings and, depending on the particular meeting, between 40 and 800 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.

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

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

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

In 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).

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Report of the trustees (continued)

For the year ended 5 April 2024

Objectives and activities

(continued)

- 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 surplus of incoming resources over resources expended. This was due to contributions in during the year towards a new gospel hall.

Total voluntary income received this year was £333,742 compared to £158,007 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on its size and the level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees and its regular outgoings are minimal. The Trustees have a programme of raising further funds by way of donations and collections, and if necessary, loans, in order to fund intended projects, including future plans as referred to below.

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 £390,146 (2023: £177,553).

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

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

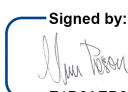
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 have been reviewed and approved by two trustees.

On behalf of the board:

Signed by:

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 Hamish Penson
 Trustee

Date: 2/3/2025

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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 Springfield Gospel 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.

DocuSigned by:

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Mike Prior FCA
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Springfield Gospel Trust**Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 5 April 2024**

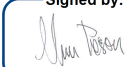
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
<i>Donations and legacies:</i>					
Collections		0	0	0	0
Contributions from the congregation		269,136	0	269,136	134,921
Gift Aid donations		51,685	0	51,685	14,415
Income tax refunds		12,921	0	12,921	6,121
Donated services		0	0	0	0
Other donations		0	0	0	2,550
Grants from other Trusts		0	0	0	0
<i>Investments</i>					
Bank interest		54	0	54	6,158
<i>Other</i>		0	0	0	0
Total		333,796	0	333,796	164,165
Expenditure on:					
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Running meeting rooms	5	159,361	0	159,361	150,929
Charitable events	5	46,274	0	46,274	17,189
Cost of donated services	4	6,426	0	6,426	23,382
Total		212,061	0	212,061	191,500
Net income/(expenditure)		121,735	0	121,735	(27,335)
Gains/(losses) on sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		121,735	0	121,735	(27,335)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,354,871	0	1,354,871	1,382,206
Total funds carried forward		1,476,606	0	1,476,606	1,354,871

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.

Springfield Gospel Trust**Balance sheet
As at 5 April 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets		0	0
Tangible fixed assets	6	<u>1,086,460</u>	<u>1,177,318</u>
		1,086,460	1,177,318
Current assets			
Debtors:			
Loan	7	222,000	0
Prepayments and accrued income		12,921	6,121
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>154,385</u>	<u>172,296</u>
		389,306	178,417
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:			
Other creditors		0	0
Accruals and deferred income		840	(864)
Loans		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net current assets		390,146	177,553
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,476,606</u>	<u>1,354,871</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			
Loans		0	0
Net assets	8	<u>1,476,606</u>	<u>1,354,871</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted income fund		1,476,606	1,354,871
Designated funds		0	0
Restricted funds		0	0
Total charity funds	9	<u>1,476,606</u>	<u>1,354,871</u>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Springfield Gospel Hall Trust on 2/3/2025 and signed on their behalf by

Signed by:

 Hamish Penson
 Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 17 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 Springfield 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% per annum reducing balance
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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 5 April 2024

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- 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
	£	£
Chalcraft Gospel Hall Trust	6,426	23,382
	<u>6,426</u>	<u>23,382</u>

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

5. Resources expended

<i>Current Year</i>	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2024
	£	£	£
Direct costs:			
Insurance	3,707	0	3,707
Repairs & Maintenance	37,894	0	37,894
Event expenses	1,763	0	1,763
Utilities	19,165	0	19,165
Health & Safety	935	0	935
Donations	0	45,194	45,194
Legal and Professional Fees	3,120	0	3,120
Depreciation	92,777	0	92,777
Governance costs	0	1,080	1,080
	159,361	46,274	205,635

<i>Prior Year</i>	Meeting rooms	Other charitable activities	2023
	£	£	£
Direct costs:			
Insurance	2,250	0	2,250
Repairs & Maintenance	19,258	0	19,258
Event expenses	2,613	0	2,613
Utilities	17,968	0	17,968
Health & Safety	2,348	0	2,348
Donations	0	16,325	16,325
Legal and Professional Fees	3,768	0	3,768
Depreciation	102,724	0	102,724
Governance costs	0	864	864
	150,929	17,189	168,118

Governance costs include £1,080 (2023: £935) in respect of independent examiner's fees.

Springfield Gospel Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 5 April 2024****6. Fixed assets**

	Freehold Property	Freehold Land Nyton	Equipment	Total
Cost				
B/f at 06/04/2023	1,745,098	22,304	193,124	1,960,526
Additions	0	0	1,920	1,920
Disposals	0	0	0	0
At 5 April 2024	1,745,098	22,304	195,044	1,962,446
Depreciation				
B/f at 06/04/2023	604,326	0	178,883	783,209
Charge for the year	86,629	0	6,148	92,777
Impairment	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
At 5 April 2024	690,955	0	185,031	875,986
Net book value				
At 5 April 2024	1,054,143	22,304	10,013	1,086,460
At 5 April 2023	1,140,772	22,304	14,241	1,177,317
Freehold Property:	Title No	Cost		
Nyton Road	WSX 305125	1,365,038		
Yapton Road	WSX 199813	380,060		
		<u>1,745,098</u>		

7. Loans

	2024	2023
	£	£
Chalcraft Gospel Hall Trust	222,000	0
TOTAL	222,000	0

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

8. Analysis of net assets between funds

8.1 Current year

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1,086,460	0	0	1,086,460
Current assets	389,306	0	0	389,306
Current liabilities	840	0	0	840
Long term liabilities	0	0	0	0
Total funds	1,476,606	0	0	1,476,606

8.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1,177,318	0	0	1,177,318
Current assets	178,417	0	0	178,417
Current liabilities	(864)	0	0	(864)
Long term liabilities	0	0	0	0
Total funds	1,354,871	0	0	1,354,871

9. Movement in funds

9.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	0	0	0	0	0
Designated funds	0	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted funds	1,354,871	333,796	(212,061)	0	1,476,606
Total funds	1,354,871	333,796	(212,061)	0	1,476,606

Springfield Gospel Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 5 April 2024****9.2** *Prior year*

	Balance at 6 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	0	0	0	0	0
Designated funds	495	2,805	(3,300)	0	0
Unrestricted funds	1,381,711	161,360	(188,200)	0	1,354,871
Total funds	1,382,206	164,165	(191,500)	0	1,354,871

10. Transactions with related parties

During the year there were donations totalling £55,620 (2023: £25,555) from Trustees, related parties, and businesses controlled by the Trustees.

During the year reimbursements were made totalling £6,018 (2023: £4081) to Trustees and persons related to them. These were made at arms length.

11. Volunteers

Springfield Gospel 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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12. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds 2023
	Notes	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
<i>Donations and legacies:</i>				
Collections		0	0	0
Contributions from the congregation		132,116	2,805	134,921
Gift Aid donations		14,415	0	14,415
Income tax refunds		6,121	0	6,121
Donated services		0	0	0
Other donations		2,550	0	2,550
Grants from other Trusts		0	0	0
<i>Investments</i>				
Bank interest		6,158		6,158
<i>Other</i>		0	0	0
Total		161,360	2,805	164,165
Expenditure on:				
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Running meeting rooms	5	150,929	0	150,929
Charitable events	5	13,889	3,300	17,189
Cost of donated services	4	23,382	0	23,382
Total		188,200	3,300	191,500
Net income/(expenditure)		(26,840)	(495)	(27,335)
Gains/(losses) on sale of fixed assets		0	0	0
Net movement in funds		(26,840)	(495)	(27,335)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		1,381,711	495	1,382,206
Total funds carried forward		1,354,871	0	1,354,871

Public Benefit Report

Springfield Gospel Trust

Springfield Gospel Trust Public Benefit

The purpose of this factual presentation, is to show how the Springfield Gospel 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.



Introduction

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



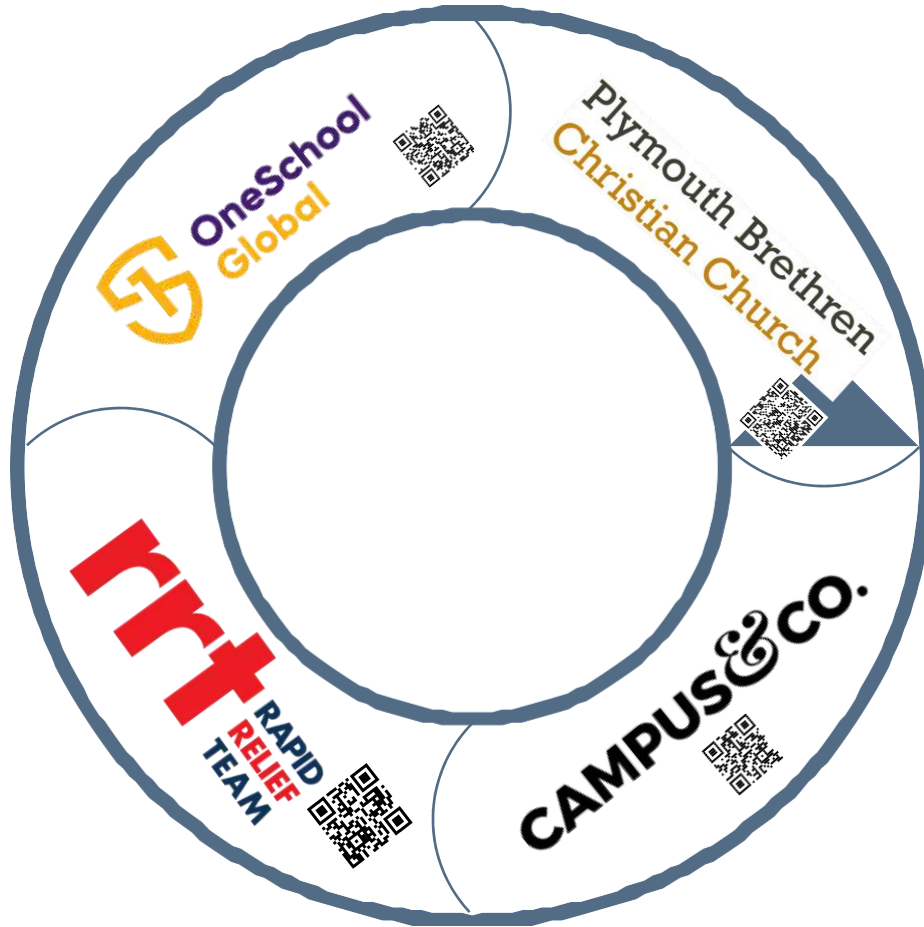
There have been Brethren Gospel, or meeting halls in the Bognor Regis and Chichester areas for around 150 years.

The Springfield Gospel Trust was formed in 2004 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 Springfield Gospel congregation is one of the smaller congregations in the UK, with 211 members living in the local areas; however, with residents from the Haslemere and Guildford areas attending services up to three times a week, together with other visitors, numbers attending services regularly approach 800 persons, from young babies to nonagenarians.



Our Network



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 Springfield 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 location is on Bognor town Centre. 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://christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org/>

Outreach

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

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

See below statistics from our outreach program, in 2024.

Springfield Gospel Trust Public benefit

- Food donations to the Stone Pillow Trust.
- **RRT Donations** to White Meadows Primary Academy in Littlehampton – 40 food boxes, 500 water bottles, 10 care kits, 500 smart bars, 1 x EBL Kits. Stone Pillow Event serving burgers to volunteers who were raising money for the homeless charity Stone Pillow. KSS Air Ambulance Event for walkers.
- Aldingbourne litter pick, see pictures below.
- Walberton litter pick, see pictures below.

Images from the Litter Pick events in Walberton & Aldingbourne



Walberton Parish Council

Update for November 2024 from September meetings

Extracts from the minutes of the General Purposes (3rd), Full Council (17th) and Planning (24th September) meetings

Presentations were received from the Parochial Church Council regarding upgrading the Church heating to improve efficiency and reduce costs, and from the proposers for the Planning Application at Lower Farm, Yapton.

8 planning applications were considered. The extension of the glasshouses at Lower Farm will be supported. No objection will be raised against the outline application for the site in East Fontwell solely because it is a Neighbourhood Plan site; a set of planning conditions will be requested to address ongoing concerns.

Walberton Parish Councils' response to the NPPF consultation was agreed.

A Youth Initiatives meeting has been arranged with younger members of the community and determine what they might like to see in the Parish.

An update was received regarding construction HGV issues in the Parish.

WPC granted permission for use of the playing field for fireworks and access to water to douse the bonfire. WPC is grateful the Village Hall has been able to hold the event again.

WPC will contact the relevant authorities to request proactive maintenance of drainage before the winter.

Arrangements for the Litter Pick in conjunction with the Rapid Relief Team were finalised.

Lockable bollards have been arranged for the Fontwell Meadows car park. Volunteers have come forward to help manage the centre and allotments.

The Section 137 Grant Awarding Policy was reviewed ready for the application window running 1st-31st October.

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Aldingbourne Parish Council

Delville Oak, litter picking, new signs & bins

Bins at Aldingbourne Community Sports Centre

Following a review, the parish council would like to add an additional bin in the playground, agreed by ACSC. As part of this dialogue a request was made to ask if the parish council would also provide new bins at the ACSC in general – an in-principal agreement was given by all councillors, but the numbers and costings will be researched and reported at the next meeting.

Litter Picking Event

The Plymouth Brethren were invited to help and provide volunteers for the litter picking event on 26th October. Poppy wreaths were also put up on lamp posts throughout the parish.

Agreed payments and costs

The cost of £270 was approved by all councillors for a design of new playground signs via Wilbar Associates (as requested by the insurance company and wording provided).

A cost of up to £275 for the purchases of additional hanging baskets for the new bus

shelters and a cost of £350 per annum for planting was approved by all councillors.

A cost of up to £100 for further planting throughout the parish was approved by all councillors.

A cost of up to £1,500 for the purchase of a new lockable Parish Noticeboard to go on the back of one bus shelter was approved by all councillors.

Delville Oak Ceremony 10th November 2pm

A brass plaque was ordered at the end of September. An ad will be put in the parish magazine to let residents know that a ceremony will be held on Sunday 10th November 2024 at 2.00 pm at the Church.

Parish council vacancies

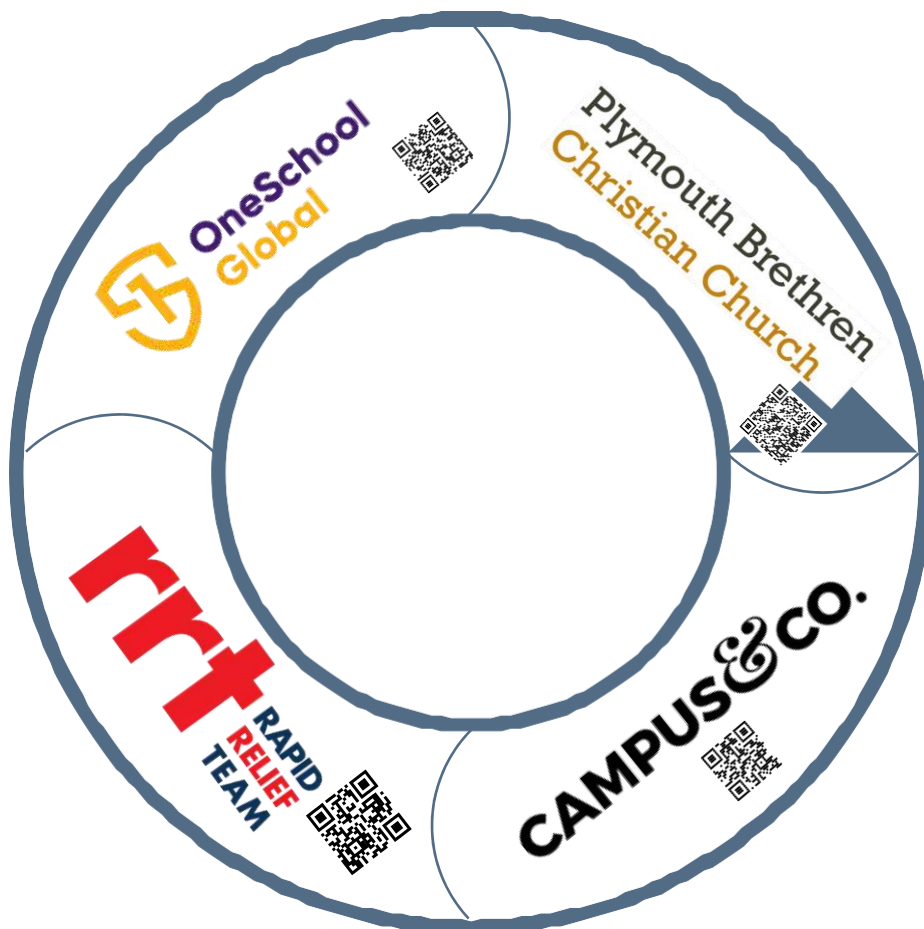
In September, the parish council had two vacancies. It was suggested that a flyer be included in the Parish Booklet. This was agreed in principle with the design discussed in early October. A cost of up to £1k was approved by all councillors in attendance.

Other Events supported by members of our Congregation





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