

Charity Registration No: 1166837

Mays Lane Gospel Hall Trust

**Report of the trustees and
unaudited financial statements
for the year ended 5th April 2025**

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Mays Lane Gospel Hall Trust
Reference and administrative details
for the year ended 5th April 2025

Charity name: Mays Lane Gospel Hall Trust

Registered charity number: 1166837

Trustees:

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Mr Timothy J Mallinson (Chair)

Mr Gerry D Morrish

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Mays Lane Gospel Hall Trust

Report of the trustees for the year ended 5th April 2025

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5th April 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 9 and 10 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Mays Lane Gospel Hall Trust is an unincorporated trust constituted by Deed of Trust dated 29th March 1994, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 6th January 2015. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 29th April 2016 under Charity Registration Number: 1166837.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The names of the Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2025 (2024: £nil).

The Trust operated a Gospel Hall until sold during last year and Trustees were 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 Trustees of similar charities with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Charity. The charity also maintains particular links with Hertford Gospel Hall Trust which received the remaining members of the Trust's congregation following the sale of the Gospel Hall during the period.

Risk management

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

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

The trust has the following charitable purposes:

The charitable purposes of the Charity are the advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit, including by the carrying on of the service of God in accordance with the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible as followed by those Christians forming part of the world-wide fellowship known as the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (the "Brethren") and any other charitable purposes connected with Brethren. The core doctrine of the Brethren and proper practices in furtherance of certain aspects of doctrine are summarised in two schedules to the Trust Deed.

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 5th April 2025

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.

Main activities and achievements

The Trust provided and maintained a Gospel Hall where religious meetings were held by the local Brethren community until sold last year. Details of the origins, teachings and way of life of the Brethren can be found on the website - www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

Plans for future periods

Following the sale of the Gospel Hall and redistribution of funds the trust is considering closing down and distributing the residual funds.

Spreading the Gospel message and the life of a Christian

The Gospel Hall was a base, until sold during last year, from which the regular congregation and others who attend the meetings were encouraged to spread the Christian Gospel, in word and deed.

Members of the congregation participated in a programme of street preaching and Gospel tracts were 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 considered 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:

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

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 5th April 2025

Objectives and activities

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 deficit of incoming resources over resources expended. This deficit was due to distributing funds to affiliated trusts from the funds generated from the hall sale last year. Total voluntary income received this year was £ 0 compared to £ 6,940 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 the size and level of its financial commitments. The Trust has no employees, and there are now no regular outgoings. Following the sale of the trust's property, the Trustees plan to distribute the remaining reserves in line with charitable objectives of the Charity.

Free reserves at the year end were £35,639 (2024 £5,154,052).

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 5th April 2025

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP (FRS 102);
- c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. All transactions have been reviewed and approved by two trustees.

On behalf of the board:



Kevin J Temple

05/02/2026

Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Report to the trustees of Mays Lane Gospel Hall Trust on the financial statements for the year ended 5th April 2025 set out on pages 7 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking of explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

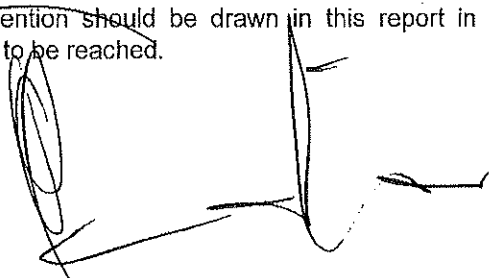
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

5-2-26.

Name: Julian Remington

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Mays Lane Gospel Hall Trust
Statement of financial activities
(including income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 5th April 2025

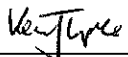
	NOTES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Incoming and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies:					
Contributions from the congregation		-	-	-	3,000
Gift Aid donations		-	-	-	-
Other donations		-	-	-	-
Income tax refunds/refundable		-	-	-	-
Donated services	4.	-	-	-	3,940
Grants received		-	-	-	-
Payroll giving		-	-	-	-
Legacies received		-	-	-	-
Investment income and interest					
Bank Interest		94,560	-	94,560	93,634
Other income					
Other income		-	-	-	-
Total		94,560	-	94,560	100,574
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities					
Running of meeting halls	6.	338	-	338	11,627
Public Outreach		-	-	-	-
Cost of donated services	4.	-	-	-	-
Grants to affiliated trusts	5.	5,214,000	-	5,214,000	-
Other costs		-	-	-	-
Governance					
Computer costs		-	-	-	-
Legal & professional costs		35	-	35	2,015
Independent Examiner's fee	-	1,630	-	1,630	3,034
Bank charges		230	-	230	25
Depreciation- Office equipment (Admin)		-	-	-	-
Profit/Loss on sale of assets		-	-	-	- 4,587,846
Total		5,212,973	-	5,212,973	- 4,571,145
Net income/(expenditure)		- 5,118,413	-	- 5,118,413	4,671,719
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		- 5,118,413	-	- 5,118,413	4,671,719
Reconciliation of funds					
Funds at 6th April 2024		5,154,052	-	5,154,052	482,333
Total funds at 5th April 2025	9.	35,639	-	35,639	5,154,052

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements. All of the above activities are classed as continuing and there are no gains and losses other than those included above.

Mays Lane Gospel Hall Trust
Balance sheet
As at 5th April 2025

	NOTES	£	2025	£	£	2024	£
Fixed assets							
Tangible fixed assets	7.			-			-
				-			-
Current assets							
Debtors:							
Prepayments & accrued income			-			-	
Loans			-		5,141,165		
Cash at bank and in hand		36,324			15,863		
		36,324			5,157,028		
Current liabilities							
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:							
Other creditors			-		-		
Accruals and deferred income		685			2,976		
		685			2,976		
Net current assets				35,639		5,154,052	
Total assets less current liabilities				35,639		5,154,052	
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year				-		-	
Net assets			£	35,639		£	5,154,052
Funds							
Unrestricted funds				35,639		5,154,052	
Restricted funds				-		-	
Total Funds	8.		£	35,639		£	5,154,052

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustee of Mays Lane Gospel Hall Trust on 05/02/26 and signed on their behalf by


Kevin J Temple
Trustee

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 Mays Lane 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. As there are no staff or offices the Trustees have agreed to allocate all such costs to Governance costs.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets (costing more than £150) are stated at cost less depreciation. Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold land	Not depreciated
Freehold buildings	2%- Reducing balance method
Plant and furnishings	10%- Reducing balance method
Equipment	25%- Reducing balance method

1.6 Taxation

The Trust is a registered charity and is not liable to United Kingdom income or corporation tax on charitable activities, provided income falls within the charitable exemptions and is spent on charitable purposes.

1.7 Funds

The general unrestricted fund is free for the Trustees to use for any purposes in furtherance of the trust's charitable objects.

Restricted funds arise from donations to the trust which are made for a specific purpose. Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which funds were given.

1.8 Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The Charity does not have a trading subsidiary and there is no requirement to prepare consolidated accounts.

1.9 Going concern

The trustees consider that following the sale of the trust's property and distribution of the free reserves, opinion will be obtained as to determining the winding-up of the Trust in accordance with the Trust Deed.

1. Accounting policies contd.

1.10 Significant estimates and judgements

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

2. Trustees's 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

Income	2025 £	2024 £
Hertford Gospel Hall Trust	-	3,940
	-	3,940

5. Grants to affiliated trusts

	2025 £	2024 £
Bacton Gospel Hall Trust	56,000	-
Bidwell Gospel Hall Trust	425,000	-
Brackley Fox Lane Gospel Hall Trust	28,000	-
Bridgefoot Gospel Hall Trust	425,000	-
Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust	70,000	-
Central G H Trust	1,500,000	-
Chelmsford Gospel Hall Trust	225,000	-
Colchester Gospel Hall Trust	56,000	-
Diglis Lane Trust	84,000	-
Dolafon Gospel Hall Trust	140,000	-
Grangemouth Gospel Trust	56,000	-
Haven Gospel Hall Trust	42,000	-
Hertford Gospel Hall Trust	1,000,000	-
Maldstone Gospel Hall Trust	70,000	-
Manor Gospel Trust	14,000	-
Polden Gospel Hall Trust	225,000	-
Rose Lane Gospel Hall Trust	350,000	-
Swaffham Gospel Hall Trust	350,000	-
The Woodvale Meeting Room (1974) Trust	98,000	-
	5,214,000	-

	Meeting rooms £	Other charitable activities £	2025 £	2024 £
6. Resources expended				
Repairs and maintenance of buildings	-	-	-	303
Grounds maintenance	-	-	-	3,940
Light and heat	-	-	-	5,272
Water rates	-	-	-	112
Telephone & broadband at hall	338	-	338	997
Insurance- Public liability	-	-	-	1,003
	338	-	338	11,627

7. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Land* £	Buildings £	Plant & Furnishings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At 6th April 2024	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
At 5th April 2025	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation					
At 6th April 2024	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-	-	-	-
At 5th April 2025	-	-	-	-	-
Net Book Value					
At 5th April 2025	-	-	-	-	-
At 6th April 2024	-	-	-	-	-

8. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
8.1 Current year			
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Current assets	36,324	-	36,324
Current liabilities	685	-	685
Total funds	35,639	-	35,639
8.2 Prior year			
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Currents assets	5,157,028	-	5,157,028
Current liabilities	2,976	-	2,976
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	-	-	-
Total funds	5,154,052	-	5,154,052

9. Movement in funds

9.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gain and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2025 £
Restricted funds					
Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	5,154,052	94,560	5,212,973	-	35,639
Total funds	5,154,052	94,560	5,212,973	-	35,639

9. Movement in funds contd.

9.2 Prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gain and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	482,333	100,574	- 4,571,145	-	5,154,052
Total funds	<u>482,333</u>	<u>100,574</u>	<u>- 4,571,145</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,154,052</u>

10. Transactions with related parties

During the year, the charity made grants to trusts with which certain trustees have a connection. Thomas Harvey is a brother to a trustee of Rose Lane Gospel Hall Trust. Gerry Morrish is a brother to a trustee of Dolafan Gospel Hall Trust.

11. Volunteers

Mays Lane 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.

12. Full comparison of Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Incoming and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies:			
Contributions from the congregation	3,000	-	3,000
Gift Aid donations	-	-	-
Other donations	-	-	-
Income tax refunds/refundable	-	-	-
Donated services	3,940	-	3,940
Grants received	-	-	-
Payroll giving	-	-	-
Legacies received	-	-	-
Investment income and interest			
Bank Interest	93,634	-	93,634
Other income			
Other income	-	-	-
Total	100,574	-	100,574
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities			
Running of meeting halls	11,627	-	11,627
Public Outreach	-	-	-
Cost of donated services	-	-	-
Other costs	-	-	-
Governance			
Computer costs	-	-	-
Legal & professional costs	2,015	-	2,015
Independent Examiner's fee	3,034	-	3,034
Bank charges	25	-	25
Depreciation- Office equipment (Admin)	-	-	-
Profit/Loss on sale of assets	- 4,587,846	-	- 4,587,846
Total	- 4,571,145	-	- 4,571,145
Net income/(expenditure)	4,671,719	-	4,671,719
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	4,671,719	-	4,671,719
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	482,333	-	482,333
Total funds carried forward	5,154,052	-	5,154,052