

**East Kent Gospel Hall Trust**

**Report of the trustees and  
unaudited financial statements  
Year ended 5 April 2019**

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## East Kent Gospel Hall Trust

### Reference and Administrative Details For the year ended 5 April 2019

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<b>Charity name</b>	East Kent Gospel Hall Trust
<b>Registered charity number</b>	1159232
<b>Trustees</b>	Mr Clive Groombridge (resigned 18/09/18) Mr Ivan Worsley Mr Nigel Deacon ( Chair ) Mr Chester Clarke (appointed 18/09/18) Mr Darren Bedford (appointed 18/09/18) Mr Roy Deacon (appointed 18/09/18)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mr Darren Bedford
<b>Principal address</b>	Tyler Barn The Forstal Preston Canterbury Kent CT3 1DT
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Simon Bell T B Tax Services Accountants Bridge House Pattenden Lane Marden Kent TN12 9QJ
<b>Accountant</b>	T B Tax Services Accountants Bridge House Pattenden Lane Marden Kent TN12 9QJ

## **East Kent Gospel Hall Trust**

### **Report of the Trustees For the year ended 5 April 2019**

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The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2019. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 12 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### **Governing document**

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

The Charity is an unincorporated trust constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 21 April 1982, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 15 August 2014. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 17 November 2014 under Charity Registration Number: 1159232.

##### **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 2019 (2018: £nil).

The Trust operates 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 other Gospel Hall Trusts.

##### **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 (Cont'd) For the year ended 5 April 2019**

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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.

##### **Main activities and achievements**

The Trust provides and maintains 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](http://www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org) and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

The Trust has continued to open the halls to the congregation and visitors and encouraging good works by them which benefit the wider community, including making donations to charities such as GOSH, Red Cross, Christian Institute, McMillan, Streets of London, Make a Wish, Cancer research, Marie Curie, and RNLI.

Volunteers from the community actively support the work of the Rapid Relief Team and there were 8 events held during the year providing support in this way.

##### **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 30 and 300 people normally attend these occasions.

The meetings are attended by the regular congregation and most are open to other properly disposed visitors. The notice board outside the Hall welcomes visitors and displays the times of Gospel preachings, along with a telephone number for those seeking further information or help. Gospel tracts, which are distributed by street preachers, also display this information.

Bibles and an extensive range of other Christian reading material are on display at the hall and visitors are free to help themselves.

##### **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. Nearly 500 tracts were given out during the year and over 80 street preachings were held.

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### **Report of the Trustees (Cont'd) For the year ended 5 April 2019**

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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 2019 the Trust had a surplus of incoming resources over resources expended. There were additional funds raised in anticipation of the project to build a new Gospel Hall.

During the year the restricted fund was used to purchase the land where the new Gospel Hall will be situated.

Total voluntary income received this year was £97061 compared to £229100 in the previous year.

All remaining funds held are unrestricted funds.

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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. Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to adopt a policy of maintaining no significant reserves.

The congregation is kept regularly informed as to particular needs for funds, and other relevant matters and the Trustees aim to ensure that the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure, by raising a funds appeal to the congregation.

Free reserves at the year-end were £244682 (2018: £384902).

#### 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.

On behalf of the Board:

*Darren Bedford*

Darren Bedford  
Trustee

Date: 03rd February 2020 .....

## East Kent Gospel Hall Trust

### Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees For the year ended 5 April 2019

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of East Kent Gospel Hall Trust for the year ending 5 April 2019.

#### 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 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
<b><i>Donations and legacies:</i></b>					
Collections		0	0		0
Contributions from the congregation		19900	30342	50242	44700
Gift Aid donations		500	36955	37455	30220
Income tax refunds		9364	0	9364	7555
Donated services	4	0	0	0	6625
Payroll giving		0	0	0	0
Grants from other Trusts		0	0	0	0
<b><i>Investments</i></b>					
Bank interest		0	0	0	0
<b><i>Other - Legacies</i></b>		0	0	0	140000
<b>Total</b>		29764	67297	97061	229100
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<b><i>Charitable activities</i></b>					
Running meeting rooms		9174	0	9174	13000
Charitable events		2992	0	2992	5073
Cost of donated services		0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	5	12166	0	12166	18073
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		17598	67297	84895	211027
Transfer of restricted fund		272617	(272617)	0	0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		290215	(205320)	84895	211027
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		974993	205320	1180313	969286
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		1265208	0	1265208	1180313

The notes on pages 12 to 15 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.

# East Kent Gospel Hall Trust

## Balance Sheet

For the year ended 5 April 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Intangible assets	6	227365	51698
Tangible fixed assets	6	<u>793161</u>	<u>538393</u>
		1020526	590091
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors:			
Loan to WMRT		0	0
Prepayments and accrued income		52219	15860
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>193543</u>	<u>575322</u>
		245762	591182
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:			
Other creditors		0	0
Accruals and deferred income		(1080)	(960)
Loans		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net current assets		244682	590222
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>1265208</u>	<u>1180313</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			
Loans		0	0
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>1265208</u>	<u>1180313</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted income fund		1265208	974993
Restricted funds		0	205320
<b>Total charity funds</b>	7	<u>1265208</u>	<u>1180313</u>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of East Kent Gospel Hall Trust on 2020 and signed on their behalf by

*Darren Bedford*

Darren Bedford  
Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 5 April 2019**

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**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 East Kent 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 £500) 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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## East Kent Gospel Hall Trust

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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. 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 (2018: None).

### 3. Wages and salaries

There are no employees (2018: none).

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**4. Donated services**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donated services received	0	6625
	<u>0</u>	<u>6625</u>

**5. Resources expended**

	<b>Meeting rooms</b>	<b>Other charitable activities</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Direct costs:</b>				
Insurance	1563	0	1563	1256
Repairs & Maintenance	2903	0	2903	4387
IT costs	0	0	0	873
Utilities	2168	0	2168	3475
Donations	0	1912	1912	5073
Activity costs	0	0	0	0
Legal fees	2158	0	2158	1830
Depreciation	382	0	382	219
<b>Governance costs</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>1080</u>	<u>1080</u>	<u>960</u>
	<u>9174</u>	<u>2992</u>	<u>12166</u>	<u>18073</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 5 April 2019

### 6. Fixed assets

	Development costs	Freehold Property	Equipment	Total
<b>Cost</b>				
B/f at 06/04/2019	51698	537737	26598	616033
Additions	7340	422604	873	430817
Transfers	168327	(168327)	0	0
<b>At 5 April 2019</b>	<u>227365</u>	<u>792014</u>	<u>27471</u>	<u>1046850</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
B/f at 06/04/2018	0	0	25942	25942
Charge for the year	0	0	382	382
Impairment	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
<b>At 5 April 2019</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>26324</u>	<u>26324</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
<b>At 5 April 2019</b>	<u>227365</u>	<u>792014</u>	<u>1147</u>	<u>1020526</u>
<b>At 5 April 2018</b>	<u>51698</u>	<u>537737</u>	<u>656</u>	<u>590091</u>
<b>Freehold Property:</b>	<b>Title No</b>	<b>Cost</b>		
Nunnery Road	K235554	150000		
Eythorne	TT4157	139410		
Land at Church Lane, Barham	TT48602	80000		
Land at Whitfield	TT89243/TT89245/TT53203	422604		

### 7. Analysis of net assets between funds

#### 7.1 Current year

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1020526	0	1020526
Current assets	245762		245762
Current liabilities	(1080)	0	(1080)
Long term liabilities	0	0	0
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1265208</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1265208</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 5 April 2019

#### 7.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	584085	6006	590091
Current assets	391868	199314	591182
Current liabilities	(960)	0	(960)
Long term liabilities	0	0	0
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>974993</b>	<b>205320</b>	<b>1180313</b>

#### 8. Movement in funds

##### 8.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2018 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	TFR fund to purchase land £	Balance at 5 April 2019 £
Restricted funds	205320	67297	0	(272617)	0
Unrestricted funds	974993	29764	(12166)	272617	1265208
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1180313</b>	<b>97061</b>	<b>(12166)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1265208</b>

##### 8.2 Prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2017 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2018 £
Restricted funds	0	205320	0	0	205320
Unrestricted funds	969286	23780	(18073)	0	974993
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>969286</b>	<b>229100</b>	<b>(18073)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1180313</b>

#### 9. Transactions with related parties

There were also gifts during the year totalling £22030 from Trustees and related parties. (2018: £21880).

#### 10. Volunteers

East Kent 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.