

Charity Registration No: 1025959

Diglis Lane Trust

**Report of the trustees and
unaudited financial statements
Year ended 5 April 2021**

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Diglis Lane Trust**Reference and Administrative Details
For the Year ended 5 April 2021**

Charity name	Diglis Lane Trust
Registered charity number	1025959
Trustees	James R Ball Peter S Ball (Chair) Robert M Francis Ronald J Hicks Matthew Trigwell
Treasurer	Ronald J Hicks
Principal address	Oxford House Drury Lane Martin Hussingtree Worcester WR3 8TD
Independent examiner	Simon Bell T B Tax Services Accountants Bridge House Pattenden Lane Marden Kent TN12 9QJ
Accountant	T B Tax Services Accountants Bridge House Pattenden Lane Marden Kent TN12 9QJ
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Solicitors	Wace Morgan & Tomleys 31 Market Street Newtown Powys SY16 2PG

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Report of the Trustees For the Year ended 5 April 2021

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the Year ended 5 April 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 11 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 18 October 1982, most recently amended by Deed of Variation dated 9 January 2015. The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 13 September 1993 under Charity Registration Number: 1025959.

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 2021 (2020: £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.

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 (Cont'd) For the Year ended 5 April 2021

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. Please refer to separate Public Benefit report for details of activities undertaken during the year.

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 and in the schedules to the Trust Deed.

The Trust has continued to engage with the congregation and encouraging good works by them which benefit the wider community.

The Trustees have also established an Emergency Needs Fund (ENF) for the duration of the current pandemic and any resultant economic downturn. This is providing limited financial assistance by the way of grocery vouchers to households, who have experienced a recent and significant decrease in income due to the pandemic, such that it is likely to impact on the health and/or welfare of members of the household. The Trust has appointed a Local Welfare Panel to manage the application process and to administer the vouchers to qualifying applicants.

Plans for future periods

From 18th March 2020, the Trust ceased using the gospel halls which it operates. This was a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic and the general lockdown imposed by the government on 23rd March 2020. Whilst meetings of the congregation have continued to take place via online conferencing facilities, the Trust aims to use these Gospel Halls again once the general lockdown is lifted and it is deemed safe to do so. The Trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the Trust 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 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.

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Report of the Trustees (Cont'd) For the Year ended 5 April 2021

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).
- 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 2021 there was a good surplus of income over expenditure.

Total voluntary income received this year was £132964 compared to £174109 in the previous year.

All funds held are unrestricted funds.

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**Report of the Trustees (Cont'd)
For the Year ended 5 April 2021**

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 Trust aims to hold sufficient funds in a current account to cover day to day expenditure, plus an allowance for any urgent repairs and capital expenses that may arise.

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 £120883 (2020: £80326).

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 at least two Trustees.

On behalf of the Board:

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Ronald J Hicks
Trustee

1/31/2022
Date:

Diglis Lane Trust

**Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees
For the Year ended 5 April 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Diglis Lane Trust for the year ending 5 April 2021.

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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Diglis Lane Trust**Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year ended 5 April 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:						
<i>Donations and legacies:</i>						
Collections		36000	0	0	36000	35000
Contributions from the congregation		65450	17600	0	83050	119380
Gift Aid donations		6585	0	0	6585	11630
Income tax refunds		1646	0	0	1646	2907
Donated services		0	0	0	0	0
Payroll giving		5683	0	0	5683	5192
Grants from other Trusts		0	0	0	0	0
<i>Investments</i>						
Bank interest		24	0	0	24	15
<i>Other</i>						
		0	0	0	0	0
Total		115388	17600	0	132988	174124
Expenditure on:						
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
Running meeting rooms	5	79109	0	0	79109	88030
Other charitable activities	5	10875	17600	0	28475	284
Cost of donated services	4	1115	0	0	1115	2417
Total		91099	17600	0	108699	90731
Net income/(expenditure)		24289	0	0	24289	83393
Gains/(losses) on sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		24289	0	0	24289	83393
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		2279834	0	0	2279834	2196441
Total funds carried forward		2304123	0	0	2304123	2279834

The notes on pages 12 to 16 form part of these financial statements. All of the above activities are classed as continuing and there are no gains and losses other than those included above.

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Balance Sheet
For the Year ended 5 April 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets		0	0
Tangible fixed assets	6	<u>2183240</u>	<u>2233008</u>
		2183240	2233008
Current assets			
Debtors:			
Prepayments and accrued income		49739	48092
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>72584</u>	<u>33554</u>
		122323	81646
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:			
Other creditors		0	0
Accruals and deferred income		1440	1320
Loans	7	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net current assets		120883	80326
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2304123</u>	<u>2313334</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			
Loans	8	0	33500
Net assets		<u>2304123</u>	<u>2279834</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted income fund		2304123	2279834
Designated fund		0	0
Restricted funds		0	0
Total charity funds	9	<u>2304123</u>	<u>2279834</u>

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Diglis Lane Trust on 1/31/2022 and signed on their behalf by

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Ron Hicks

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 Ronald J Hicks

Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 16 form part of these financial statements

Diglis Lane Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 5 April 2021****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 Diglis Lane 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	10% reducing balance
Freehold Land & Buildings	2% Straight Line

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 5 April 2021

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.

From 18th March 2020, the Trust ceased using the gospel halls which it operates, due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and the general lockdown imposed by the government. The trustees do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic will have any effect on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern.

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 (2020: None).

3. Wages and salaries

There are no employees (2020: none).

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For the Year ended 5 April 2021

4. Donated services

	2021 £	2020 £
Northwick Gospel Hall Trust	1115	2417
	<u>1115</u>	<u>2417</u>

5. Resources expended

	Meeting rooms £	Other charitable activities £	2021 £
Direct costs:			
Insurance	1891	0	1891
Repairs & Maintenance	11199	0	11199
IT Expenses	0	0	0
Utilities	11917	0	11917
Donations	0	28475	28475
Conference costs	0	0	0
Legal and professional fees	2894	0	2894
Depreciation	49768	0	49768
Governance costs	<u>1440</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1440</u>
	<u>79109</u>	<u>28475</u>	<u>107584</u>
	<u>79109</u>	<u>28475</u>	<u>107584</u>
	Meeting rooms £	Other charitable activities £	2020 £
Direct costs:			
Insurance	1682	0	1682
Repairs & Maintenance	11726	0	11726
IT Expenses	2330	0	2330
Utilities	16448	0	16448
Donations	0	284	284
Conference costs	0	0	0
Legal and professional fees	4655	0	4655
Depreciation	49779	0	49779
Governance costs	<u>1410</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1410</u>
	<u>88030</u>	<u>284</u>	<u>88314</u>
	<u>88030</u>	<u>284</u>	<u>88314</u>

Governance costs include £1440 (2020: £1320) in respect of accountancy and independent examiner's fees.

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6. Fixed assets

	Freehold Property See below	Freehold Property See below	Equipment	Total
Cost				
B/f at 06/04/20	1922633	560464	1895	2484992
Additions	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
At 5 April 2021	<u>1922633</u>	<u>560464</u>	<u>1895</u>	<u>2484992</u>
Depreciation				
B/f at 06/04/20	192263	58888	833	251984
Charge for the year	38453	11209	106	49768
Impairment	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
At 5 April 2021	<u>230716</u>	<u>70097</u>	<u>939</u>	<u>301752</u>
Net book value				
At 5 April 2021	<u>1691917</u>	<u>490367</u>	<u>956</u>	<u>2183240</u>
At 5 April 2020	<u>1730370</u>	<u>501576</u>	<u>1062</u>	<u>2233008</u>
	Title No	Cost		
City Hall	WR162213			
	WR164515	1908569		
Whittington	WR52847			
	HW159979	201094		
Oddingley	WR155921	320119		

7. Long term loans

	2021 £	2020 £
Private Loans	0	33500
TOTAL	<u>0</u>	<u>33500</u>

Diglis Lane Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 5 April 2021****8. Analysis of net assets between funds***8.1 Current year*

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	2183240	0	0	2183240
Current assets	122323	0	0	122323
Current liabilities	1440	0	0	1440
Long term liabilities	0	0	0	0
Total funds	<u>2304123</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2304123</u>

8.2 Prior year

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	2233008	0	0	2233008
Current assets	81646	0	0	81646
Current liabilities	1320	0	0	1320
Long term liabilities	33500	0	0	33500
Total funds	<u>2279834</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2279834</u>

Diglis Lane Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 5 April 2021****9. Movement in funds***9.1 Current year*

	Balance at 6 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	0	0	0	0	0
Designated funds	0	17600	(17600)	0	0
Unrestricted funds	2279834	115388	(91099)	0	2304123
Total funds	2279834	132988	(108699)	0	2304123

9.2 Prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	0	0	0	0	0
Designated funds	0	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted funds	2196441	174124	(90731)	0	2279834
Total funds	2196441	174124	(90731)	0	2279834

10. Transactions with related parties

During the year there were donations from trustees and businesses and persons related to the trustees during the year of £60150 (2020: £85200)

11. Volunteers

Diglis Lane Trust relies entirely on volunteers to carry out the management, administration and general maintenance work. The Trust has no paid staff or paid Trustees.

Public Benefit Report

2021

**Diglis Lane Gospel Hall
Trust**

Public Benefit

One of the Trust's principle activities that furthers its objectives is providing a facility for the coordination of "outreach" work into the wider community.

Members of our congregation, acting under the direction of the Trustees and with their full active encouragement, have continued throughout 2021 with the "outreach" work which they have carried out for many years.



2021 Summary

The Trustees of the Diglis Lane Gospel Hall Trust 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.

2021 panned out to be a year like no other with individuals, businesses and charities alike facing unique challenges unparalleled in our lifetime. COVID 19 has had a profound impact in some way, shape or form on all our lives.

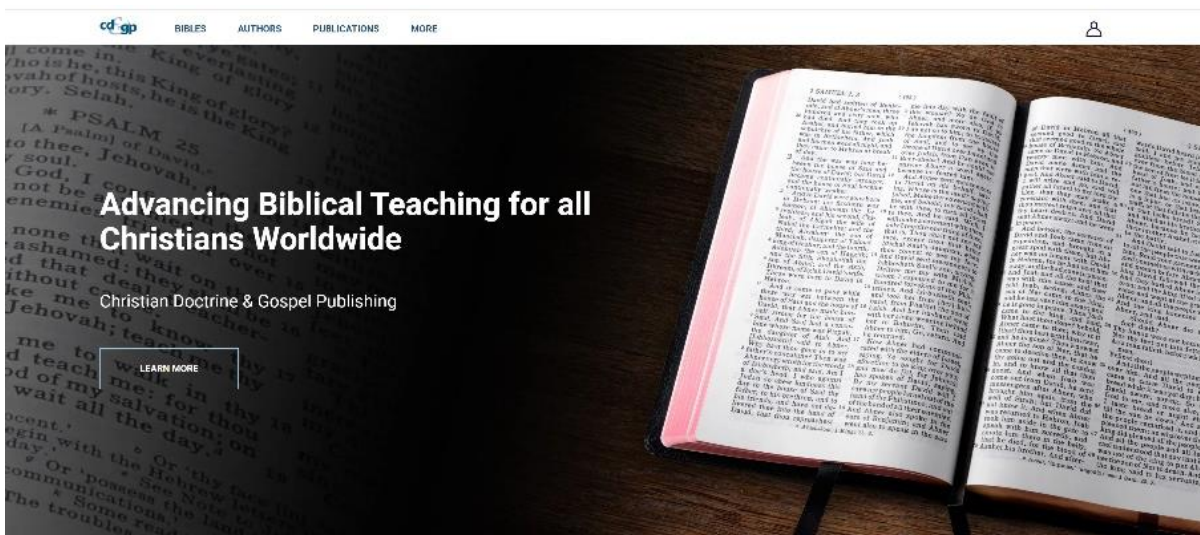


The Trustees and regular congregation members were determined to continue their public benefit works and we have found this year has demanded even more resource as we support people and communities around our place of worship.

Street Preaching & Tract Distribution

During 2021 we were unable to maintain our longstanding committal to the open-air preaching in Worcester City Centre and Pershore High Street due to restrictions. Gospel tracts and other Christian literature is continually made available from our main Gospel Hall. In the event where residents within the Worcester area have visited our publicly accessible website and subsequently purchased Christian literature, the Trustees have received notification of this from Central Office, and contact has been made with the customer whenever possible to provide further support.

<https://christiandocctrineandgospelpublishing.org/>



Members of the congregation have been handing out tracts and bibles to work colleagues, neighbours, and persons in need. Many Christian publications are available on the listed website.

Food Bank

Every month the congregation of the Diglis Lane Gospel Hall Trust continue to donate food and gift cards to the local Worcester Food Bank. The recipients are continually grateful for these offerings and express their gratitude of thanks for their worthy cause.



Working With Other Charities

The Diglis Lane Gospel Hall Trust continue to house all needed equipment and accessories for the local RRT volunteers.



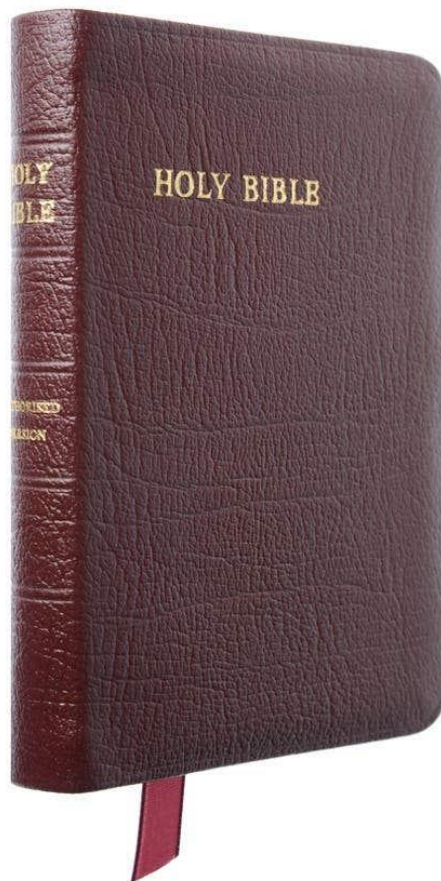
Due to restrictions of COVID 19 the local team have not attended any events recently, although they are at the ready and the Trustees are in full support once restrictions have lifted.

Other Plans & Ideas

The Trustees are in full support of future outreach events and activities and hold themselves ready for future needs.

Coordinated teams are set up to bring ideas to the Trustees regarding events, needs to local residents, parish councils etc.

The main meeting hall is made available for the distribution of Bibles and other Christian literature.



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