

BFU3A Local History Group - Churches Project (Phil Coombs)

Bracknell Gospel Hall

Definition taken from Wikipedia:

The Gospel Halls are a group of independent Christian assemblies throughout the world that fellowship with each other through a set of shared Biblical doctrines and practices. Theologically, they are evangelical and dispensational. They are a conservative strand of the Open Brethren movement and tend to only collaborate with other assemblies when there is doctrinal agreement.

Christians who meet in Gospel Halls generally hold that a scriptural Christian assembly should avoid the use of a "sectarian" name (the name "Gospel Hall Assemblies" is a Wikipedia designation, and they are often called "Plymouth Brethren", though members of this tradition are not in communion with other Plymouth Brethren who organized the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church). They typically describe themselves simply as "Christians" gathered to the name of the Lord Jesus rather than adopting a denominational title, which has been a long-standing practice.

Location – Bracknell Gospel Hall is located at Wild Ridings, address:
Netherton, Bracknell, RG12 7DX

Website – *bracknellgospelhall.org* –The organisation has an active website offering such things as the beliefs of the church and an extensive audio library.

Congregation catchment area – Wild Ridings and the Bracknell Forest area.

Age of the building – The current building was constructed in the 1970s after being relocated from the old town centre. The original Bracknell Gospel Hall was opened in 1893 in Stanley Walk (or possibly Stanley Road). It was subject to a compulsory purchase order and demolished when the Princess Square shopping mall was built.

Features of architectural note? – Being a relatively modern building, it has no features of architectural note.

Access – Car parking is available, and the hall has good wheelchair access.

Activities for children

The church has been working with children for 120 years. It holds Sunday School, a children's evening on Wednesdays (6-7pm) and organises trips throughout the year.



(Picture taken from Bracknell Gospel Hall website)

Weekly Service Schedule

Sunday:

10:15 – Breaking of Bread
12:15 – Bible Class
12:15 – Sunday School
18:00 – Prayer Meeting
18:30 – Gospel Meeting

Monday:

08:30 – Coffee Morning
19:30 – Prayer Meeting

Note: Monday meetings not yet started due to Pandemic.

Wednesday:

18:00 – Children's Special
(Term Time Only)

19:30 – Prayer and Bible Teaching Meeting

Friday:

19:30 – Teens Plus
(Fortnightly, Term Time Only)

Another Gospel Hall in Bracknell?

The genealogy website genuki.org.uk claims that there was once another Gospel Hall in Warfield Street, Newell Green during the years 1909 to 1972. The building is currently a private residence. No other details are available.

