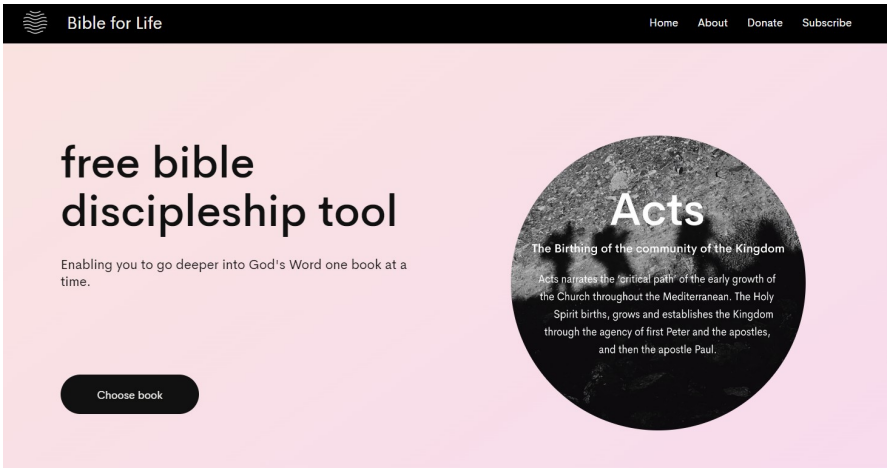
THE BIBLE FOR LIFE DISCIPLESHIP TRUST

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026



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Trustees:

Matthew Wood (Chair)	from 21/04/21
Julian Springer	from 21/04/21
Susannah Steel	from 21/04/21
Deborah Munn	from 09/11/22
Rollo Hope	from 22/12/23

Chief Executive (volunteer)

Reverend Nick Crawley

Objectives and Activities

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

As set out in its governing document, the object of the charity is for the public benefit through the advancement of the Christian Faith in the UK and overseas particularly but not exclusively by:

- producing or distributing Christian Literature including video or audio recordings and other related media; and
- encouraging the education, mentoring, coaching, training, teaching of the Christian faith.

Summary of the main activities

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The charity provides a free Bible discipleship tool through its '*Bible for Life*' website.

'*Bible for Life*' developed from Nick Crawley's teaching in the churches he led over 30 years of ministry. It is designed to help men and women engage with scripture, discover its treasures for themselves, put Jesus' teaching into practice, and live by the Spirit in His kingdom. Since 2014 the material on the website has been developed to include a combination of different learning approaches and levels of engagement. Several guest scholars have contributed to the development of the site by providing material on the Bible books they are experts in.

The 'Bible for Life' website was generously donated to the Bible for Life Discipleship Trust when the trust was established as Charitable Incorporated organisation on 16th February 2022. The Trust aims to continue to maintain, develop and publicise the website.

Achievements and Performance

All aspects of the Bible for Life ministry developed strongly in the twelve months to 31st March 2026. Special highlights included …

1) Operations: The appointment of Jake Hodges as 'Operations Manager' working two days a week from February 2026.
2) Prayer: The establishing of an improved foundation of prayer through sending a bi-monthly Prayer Letter to subscribers.
3) Metrics: Sound growth continued across all the measurable metrics: BfL-Coms are now sent to around 960 subscribers; At the end of the period Subscriptions to YouVersion plans stood at nearly 60,000, with over 25,000 completions.
4) Discipleship Videos: One patron has given significant funds specifically for the creation of Discipleship videos for the website. This will be a major part of Jake's work.
5) Right Now Media: Preparations are now well advanced for the filming and distribution of a series on Amos.
6) Task Forces: We are setting in place Task Forces to head up the different arms of Bible for Life; a Website Task Force, a Discipleship Task Force, and a Financial Task Force.

Financial Review

In the year, the trust raised £18,186 from the Trustees and friends of the charity, and from donations through the website.

The charity spent £8,748, with £600 spent on creative content for the website, £250 on website management and development, and £7,898 on administration.

The basic cost of continuing to maintain and add content to the website is around £1,000 a month and the Trustees' policy is to hold a reserve of at least three months basic cost, currently amounting to £3,000.

As at 31st March 2026, the charity had unrestricted general funds of £12,864, more than covering the minimum target in the reserves policy.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Bible for Life Discipleship Trust was established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales on 16th February 2022.

The charity is recognised by HMRC for gift aid, has set a policy for safeguarding beneficiaries, and did not employ staff or own or lease land or property during this period.

The charity is overseen by five trustees and supported by Reverend Nick Crawley, the original founder of the Bible for Life website, who acts as chief executive of the charity in a voluntary capacity.

Administrative details

Email:	info@bibleforlife.co.uk
Website:	www.biblefgorlife.co.uk
Principal address	27 Carnarvon Road, Bristol, BS6 7DU

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Matthew Wood
Chair of Trustees
28th September 2026

The Bible for Life Discipleship Trust
Statement Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Donations	18,186	8,218
Total income	**18,186**	**8,218**
Expenditure on		
Creative costs	600	80
Website management and development	250	6,907
Administrative costs	7,898	6,601
Total spend	**8,748**	**13,588**
Operating Surplus / (deficit) for the period	**9,438**	**-5,370**
Total funds at the start of the period	3,426	8,796
Total funds at the end of the period	**12,864**	**3,426**

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Bank balance	12,864	3,426
Gift Aid receivable	0	0
Total Assets	**12,864**	**3,426**
The funds of the charity:		
General unrestricted funds	12,864	3,426
Total Funds	**12,864**	**3,426**

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 28th September 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Matthew Wood
Chair of Trustees
28th September 2026

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Note to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2026

1 Accounting policies

The Financial Statements are drawn up on an accruals and prepayments basis in respect of income or expenses and have been prepared following the guidance for accounting for smaller charities issued by the Charities Commission.

The Financial Statements are not subject to Independent Examination or audit as the charity's annual income is under £25,000.

Funds held by the charity are:

Unrestricted general funds – these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects of the charity at the discretion of the trustees.

2 Cash funds

	2026 £	2025 £
Trust bank account with Lloyds Bank	12,846	3,426
Bank and cash	**12,846**	**3,426**

3 Debtors

	2026 £	2025 £
Tax due on gift aid donations	0	0
Debtors	**0**	**0**

4 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

Other thank £51 paid to one trustee to reimburse trustee meeting expenses, no remuneration or benefits or expenses, directly or indirectly, out of the funds of the charity, were paid or payable in the period to any Trustee or to any person connected with any of them.

5 Employees

There were no employees during the year.