CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2025 **Period start date** **To** 31/12/ 2025 **Period end date**

Charity name: Open the Bible (UK)

Charity registration number: 1198923

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	**The purposes of the CIO are to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Basis of Faith, in particular, but not exclusively, by providing:** ***resources which enable Christian believers to engage with the biblical texts for themselves and to share confidently the original message of the Bible with others;** ***support and training resources for church leaders to equip their own congregations to study and share the Bible;** ***events and partnerships with churches, where appropriate.** **Nothing in the Constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for purposes which are not charitable in accordance with any statutory provision regarding the meaning of the word "charitable" or the words "charitable purposes" in force in any part of the United Kingdom.**
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	**In the last financial year we have been encouraged by the continued growth of *Open the Bible UK* and positive reactions from those we serve as a Charity.** **Highlights include:** **- Sent a monthly Bible resources email to a growing list of subscribers (2,000 subscribers by the end of 2025)** **- Actively grew a social media presence for the ministry (Facebook and Instagram)** **- Distributed free resources to 1,000 church leaders for Easter and Christmas services and events** **- Published *Christmas Stories*, a new book, selling 23,000 copies in the UK**

		- Continued to produce two audio resources for distribution on the radio (*Premier Christian Radio*), podcast and website: a weekday 30-minute Bible teaching programme and a daily 3-minute reflection **- Distributed our one-hour film, *Heaven, How I Got Here: The Story of the Thief on the Cross*, on DVD to 120 prisons for Easter with *Daylight Christian Prison Trust*** **- The film was also advertised to around 100,000 people across the UK** **- Began piloting *Fly Through The Bible* (book and short course) in prisons in partnership with *Daylight* and *London City Mission*** **- Promoted the *Fly Through The Bible* app** **- Produced a graphic novel, piloted in prisons, ahead of a larger print run in 2026** **- Continued to produce and distribute resources through our fulfilment partner, *10ofThose*.** **All in all we have had a very fruitful and positive year.**
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	**Yes we have. This has been reinforced through advice given throughout the period by Edwards Connors solicitors.**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		- Financial policy and systems in place and operating effectively - Constitutional adjustments clarifying and strengthening the relationship with the

		US parent charity completed (effective 1st January 2026)

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	**Main achievements in the period:** **- Email subscriber numbers doubled — more people receiving regular Bible teaching** **- Facebook following increased sixfold — significantly wider public reach** **- Over 1,000 church leaders equipped with resources for their Easter / Christmas ministry, benefiting their congregations** **- Over 23,000 copies of *Christmas Stories* sold in the UK — wide public access to the book** **- Audio listener numbers doubled during 2025 — many more people reached with Bible teaching** **- The *Heaven, How I Got Here* film reached 120 prisons and was advertised to around 100,000 people UK-wide — significant reach into a hard-to-reach beneficiary group** **- Hundreds of downloads of the *Fly Through The Bible* app** **- Positive feedback from radio listeners, including a number of UK prisoners — evidence of impact on beneficiaries:** ***"As a retired pastor, Colin's broadcast is my 'must listen', because his teaching is thoroughly Biblical, insightful, very well presented, and practical in illustrations and application."*** ***"I've been listening to your programme on Premier Christian Radio for years - I never miss a broadcast! I'm pretty sure I got saved listening to one of your sermons - it hit me like a brick when I realised what Jesus Christ had done for me. I listen with my cell mates. We are so grateful for Bible teaching which points us to the hope we find in Jesus."*** **A year of continued growth and encouraging, positive reactions from those served, adding up to a fruitful year overall.**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	**At the end of this stub year, we had £89,657 cash at the bank.**
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	**We hold a minimum of approximately 3 months running costs (£35,000). This is mainly to cover the costs of winding the charity down in an orderly fashion if that becomes necessary.**
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	**£35,000**
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	**N/A**
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	**N/A**
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	**N/A**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	**CIO Foundation Constitution**
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	**CIO**
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	**New trustees are selected by existing trustees, having regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO, and are appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. Trustees are eligible for reappointment for up to two further three year terms by majority decision of the remaining charity trustees, after which the trustee must vacate office for at least one year. Appointment of a trustee to any particular post is by majority decision of the rest of the trustees.**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Open the Bible (UK)
Other name the charity uses	-
Registered charity number	1198923
Charity's principal address	43 Shelleycotes Road Brixworth Northampton NN6 9NE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Philip Walter	Chair	Whole period	
2	Colin Smith		Whole period	
3	Timothy Gamston		Whole period	
4	Donald J MacLean	Treasurer	Whole period	
5	Elizabeth Smyth		01.04.25-11.05.25	
6	Mariette D'Castro		01.04.25-23.08.25	
7	Keith McKay		01.04.25-09.12.25	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

	Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Donald John MacLean
Full name(s)	Donald John MacLean
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer
Date	21st October 2026

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1st April 2025	To	31st December

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	145,653	-	-	145,653	208,355
Sales	688	-	-	688	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total**(Gross income for AR)*	146,341	-	-	146,341	208,355
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	146,341	-	-	146,341	208,355
A3 Payments					
Staffing Costs	124,601	-	-	124,601	127,652
Office Costs	11,902	-	-	11,902	8,228
Product Costs	10,002	-	-	10,002	-
Project Costs	6,147	-	-	6,147	-

Event Costs	2,411	-	-	2,411	-
Governance Costs	9,147	-	-	9,147	1,800
Ministry Costs	-	-	-	-	24,375
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	164,210	-	-	164,210	162,055
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	164,210	-	-	164,210	162,055
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 17,869	-	-	- 17,869	46,300
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 17,869	-	-	- 17,869	46,300

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CAF Bank	56,193	-	-
	Wise	2,787		
	Stewardship	166	-	-
	TrustBridge	30,512	-	-
	Total cash funds	89,658	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Open the Bible UK

On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1198923

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you 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.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		**Date:**	20/08/2026

Name:	LLOYD GRIFFITHS
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	
Address:	COTSWOLD HOUSE, POST OFFICE LANE
	CLEEVE HILL
	CHELTENHAM, GL52 3PS

[redacted]

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	NIL