



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	09	2022	To	31	08	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name THE OPEN BIBLE TRUST

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 326717

Charity's principal address

FORDLAND MOUNT
 UPPER BASILDON
 READING, BERKSHIRE
Postcode RG8 8LU

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	ANDREW MARPLE			
2	CLIFFORD RICHMOND			
3	VICTORIA WILKINSON	SECRETARY		
4	WILLIAM HENRY	CHAIRMAN		
5	ANDREA MARPLE		From 20/11/22	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	TRUST DEED
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	TRUST
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	APPOINTED BY TRUSTEES

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of the Trust shall be the furtherance of the Christian faith to bring men and women to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth and to prepare God's people for works of service so that the Body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God (1 Timothy 2:4; Ephesians 4:12-13).

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In accordance with paragraph 3 of the Trust Deed, during the year ended 31 August 2023, the Open Bible Trust:

- (1) Published 6 Christian magazines (*Search*), 6 Bible Study Booklets, and 2 new books.
- (2) Continued to hold monthly one-hour mid-week Bible Studies and one three-hour Saturday afternoon conference on Zoom.
- (3) Continued to send Christian Magazines and literature free of charge to prisoners in Britain, people in nursing and care homes, and to ministers and pastors in Third World countries, mainly in Africa.
- (4) Continued to try to get Christian resources to prison chaplains and prisoners.
- (5) More booklets, pamphlets and graphics were added to the website as free downloads, to help and encourage people, bringing the total about 120. Also, more free Bible studies were put on YouTube, bringing the total to over 320.
- (6) Published more e-Books on Kindle and i-tunes, raising the number to over 400.
- (7) Continued to develop the OBT Facebook site, especially to advertise publications, resources and forthcoming events.
- (8) Continued producing podcasts and developing the new podcast channel having three series consisting of 25 podcasts.
- (9) Translated two publications into Spanish to help Spanish speaking people in US jails.

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

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Volunteers helped with:

- editing publications
- proof reading
- the OBT website
- writing articles, booklets and books
- speaking at live events as well as evening Zoom Bible studies and Saturday afternoon Zoom conferences
- the OBT podcast channel
- the OBT YouTube channel

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- (1) *Search* magazine and other publications were made available to the public for a modest fee and sent free to various prisoners and others in need in the UK, and to various people in the third world.
- (2) The administrator undertook speaking engagements via Zoom and in person in various churches in the South of England.
- (3) Further work was undertaken on the OBT website, the OBT Facebook page, the OBT YouTube site and the new OBT Podcast channel.
- (4) Provided guest speakers, via Zoom, for the annual conference of the Berean Bible Fellowship of Australia, and for their weekly studies.
- (5) Exhibited at Christian Resources Exhibitions and produced videos of seminars given for the CRE website.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are used to subsidise the production of *Search* and the *Bible Study Booklets* to keep the annual subscription low.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Signed	Signed
Full name(s)	William Murray Henry	Andrew Barry Marple
Position (Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date		



THE OPEN BIBLE TRUST 326717

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 01/09/2022 To 31/08/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Sales of books, CDs & DVDs	7,815	-	-	7,815	7,507
Subscriptions	4,220	-	-	4,220	4,418
Donations	24,223	-	-	24,223	24,216
Tax reclaimed	3,808	-	-	3,808	3,223
VAT	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	40,067	-	-	40,067	39,364
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Investment sales	-	-	-	-	-
Asset sales	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	40,067	-	-	40,067	39,364
A3 Payments					
Printing	4,730	-	-	4,730	5,399
Purchases of books	412	-	-	412	373
Salaries & NI	13,350	-	-	13,350	13,003
Stationery & computer supplies	1,330	-	-	1,330	1,404
Promotion & advertising	3,843	-	-	3,843	2,616
Insurance	325	-	-	325	325
Telephone & postage	7,272	-	-	7,272	7,270
Travel expenses	641	-	-	641	1,092
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	250	-	-	250	407
VAT	118	-	-	118	36
Sub total	32,036	-	-	32,036	31,925
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Asset purchases	-	-	-	-	1,075
Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,075
Total payments	32,036	-	-	32,036	33,000
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,031	-	-	8,031	6,364
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	54,804	-	-	54,804	48,440
Cash funds this year end	62,835	-	-	62,835	54,804

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	Bank balances	62,834	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	62,834	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Tax reclaim due	1,054	-	-
	Other debts	2,885	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
	Computer equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Furniture & fittings	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details			
	Tax due not yet paid	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	yes	William M Henry		



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

THE OPEN BIBLE TRUST

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/08/2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

326717

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

12/04/2024

Name:

David Richard Coe

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Address:

210 Silverdale Road, Earley, Reading RG6 7NB