



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
<b>From</b>	01	09	2023	<b>To</b>	31	08	2024

## 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			
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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 2024, 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 to over 130 and 80 past issues of "Search" have been added to the free downloads. 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 about 420.
- (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 four series consisting of over 30 podcasts.

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
- designing covers
- the OBT website
- writing articles, booklets and books
- speaking at live events as well as evening Zoom Bible studies and Saturday afternoon Zoom conferences and the OBT podcast channel and the OBT YouTube channel
- processing printed publications for e-book format

**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**

<b>Signature(s)</b>	Signed	Signed
<b>Full name(s)</b>	William Murray Henry	Andrew Barry Marple
<b>Position (Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	
<b>Date</b>	25/04/2025	



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 01/09/2023 To 31/08/2024

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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Sales of books, CDs & DVDs	6,802	-	-	6,802	7,815
Subscriptions	3,210	-	-	3,210	4,220
Donations	32,335	-	-	32,335	24,223
Legacy	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Tax reclaimed	2,650	-	-	2,650	3,808
VAT	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>45,996</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,996</b>	<b>40,067</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Investment sales	-	-	-	-	-
Asset sales	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>45,996</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,996</b>	<b>40,067</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Printing	5,554	-	-	5,554	4,730
Purchases of books	397	-	-	397	412
Salaries & NI	15,970	-	-	15,970	13,350
Stationery & computer supplies	1,304	-	-	1,304	1,330
Promotion & advertising	2,993	-	-	2,993	3,843
Insurance	328	-	-	328	325
Telephone & postage	7,198	-	-	7,198	7,272
Travel expenses	1,068	-	-	1,068	641
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	404	-	-	404	250
VAT	290	-	-	290	118
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>35,505</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,505</b>	<b>32,036</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Asset purchases	430	-	-	430	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>35,935</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,935</b>	<b>32,036</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>10,061</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,061</b>	<b>8,031</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	62,834	-	-	62,834	54,804
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>72,895</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>72,895</b>	<b>62,835</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank balances	72,895	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>72,895</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
	Tax reclaim due	1,268	-	-
	Other debts	2,754	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
	Computer equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Furniture & fittings	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
	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	19/01/2025	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

THE OPEN BIBLE TRUST

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/08/2024

**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 31/08/2024.

**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:**

05/04/2025

**Name:**

David Richard Coe

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

FCCA

**Address:**

210 Silverdale Road, Earley, Reading RG6 7NB

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.**