

BIBLES for CHILDREN



Resourcing Primary Pupils

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

1 August 2024 - 31 July 2025

Founded in 1997
Registered CIO Charity No. 1187754 (England & Wales)
& SC050350 (Scotland)
and recognised as a Section 167 Charity in Northern Ireland

DR GEOFFREY SMITH Director of Operations

1939-2025

Geoff Smith was born in Leicester in 1939, the eldest of three children. His family were Methodists, whose lives revolved around school, work and the local church. Geoff himself was deeply involved in The Boys' Brigade rising to the rank of Warrant Officer.

In 1962, Geoff and his fiancée Dorothy (also from a well established Methodist family) married and that same year moved to Ilford, Essex where they joined the local church and became youth club leaders. This was when Geoff and I first met. My late wife and I soon developed a close and enduring friendship with them both. Geoff selected Kings College London over Cambridge University to study Physics. He was awarded a BSc Hons as well as an AKC in Theology, and ultimately a PhD. He decided to leave scientific research in favour of teaching and taught in many schools across the country. His final teaching post before retiring at the age of 57 was as Headmaster at Mayflower County High School, a large comprehensive in Billericay.



Upon retirement he decided to move to the West Country and he began to undertake work as a Sub Post Office "Relief Manager", covering for other Sub Postmasters during their holidays. Soon, Ted Hudson (founder of Bibles for Children) approached Geoff about his idea to establish a charity to provide bibles to primary school aged children. Geoff persuaded Ted to use a type of bible that young children would be attracted to read. So started Bibles for Children which was founded in 1997. Geoff was instrumental in setting up the systems that we still use today – all workable, foolproof and triple-checked to ensure the Charity was in the best position to be able to forge ahead into the future.

Geoff will be sorely missed by so many: by his family and friends, by the Trustees and staff of Bibles for Children and especially by me.

Peter Godfrey

Friend and Bibles for Children Trustee



REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

for the year ending 31 July 2025

I am very pleased to be able to report that in the past year of *Bibles for Children*, the Trustees were able to help nearly 23,500 young children to have their very own Bible. A total of 23,421 children were given Bibles in 425 primary schools throughout the United Kingdom. 55 of these were schools being added to the Charity's database for the first time. 11 schools had 'Re-start' Presentations and 359 took part in the Charity's 'Follow-on' Scheme. Some of the new schools that the Charity helped were in Wales where over 150 Welsh-speaking children received a copy of Beibl y Plant, the Welsh language version of the Children's Bible.

During the year the Trustees welcomed Peter Bradshaw to the Board as a new Trustee. Peter brings a wealth of experience to the Board. He undertook teacher training at St Mary's in Twickenham and a Master's Degree at Sussex University. He worked in a number of Catholic schools in Birmingham before taking up a secondary school headship in West Sussex. He went on to become Principal of St Brendan's Sixth Form College in Bristol and then served as Co-Director of the Department for Schools and Colleges in the Clifton Diocese.

On a sadder note I have to report the death of Ted Hudson who died at home on 13 October 2024. As Founder of the Charity in 1997 he was the driving force behind his vision to enable children to have their own copy of the Bible. Tributes were paid to him in the local newspapers.

It is also with sadness that I have to tell you that Geoff Smith, Director of Operations, died after a short stay at Clare Hall Nursing Home, Ston Easton, on 3 August 2025. His phenomenal grasp of figures and spreadsheets, and his clear understanding of the Charity's relationship with the Charity Commission, enabled the smooth running of the operational side of the Charity.

Looking to the future the Trustees have commissioned a new website to reflect the changes that we are making to enable the Charity to meet the needs of an ever-changing world. The front page will be 'live' from the beginning of September 2025 and the back pages will follow soon after. The new site has a vibrant look to it and it will be possible to order bibles and also to donate through the website.

Furthermore, as the Charity moves forward we are looking to strengthen our existing team by recruiting two part-time new members – a Financial Assistant and a Development Officer – and these posts will be advertised in September.

I should like to express my personal thanks and that of my fellow Trustees to all the charitable trusts, churches, and individuals whose help is vital to the ongoing work of *Bibles for Children* in all parts of the United Kingdom. It is our prayerful hope that this support will continue.



Revd Paul Stephens

Chair, Bibles for Children

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

August 2024 to July 2025

Unless stated otherwise, all schools listed are Primary Schools or Academies.
The figures are the numbers of Bibles given to pupils and their teachers at each school.

FIRST TIME PRESENTATIONS

**8,030 pupils and their teachers received a personal Bible
in the 55 schools which joined us this year.**

Bath and N.E. Somerset		St. Norbert's Catholic, Spalding	155	Sefton	
Batheaston Church, Northend	141	Swinderby All Saints CE, Lincoln	73	Holy Spirit Catholic, Bootle	125
Buckinghamshire		London - Hillingdon		Shropshire	
St. Joseph's Catholic Infant, Aylesbury	126	Bishop Winnington-Ingram CE, Ruislip	127	St. Lucia's CE, Upton Magna	58
Dorset		Holy Trinity CE, Northwood	124	St. Mary's CE, Albrighton	143
St. Mary's RC, Swanage	141	London - Tower Hamlets		Solihull	
Dudley		St. Elizabeth Catholic, Bethnal Green	238	St. Andrew's Catholic, Solihull	155
Bromley Hills, Kingswinford	226	Norfolk		Somerset	
The Ridge, Stourbridge	156	St. Augustine's Catholic, Norwich	232	Ruishton CE, Taunton	143
Essex		North Somerset		St. Helens	
Dunmow St. Mary's, Great Dunmow	367	All Saints CE, Clevedon	109	Sutton Oak CE, St. Helens	200
Hertfordshire		North Yorkshire		Staffordshire	
Great Gaddesden CE, Hemel Hempstead	54	St. Mary's Catholic, Selby	142	Ryecroft CE Middle, Rocester	214
Kent		NORTHERN IRELAND		St. Saviour's CE, Talke	125
More Park Catholic, West Malling	162	Ballymena, Ballymena	144	Waterhouses CE, Stoke-on-Trent	89
Pluckley CE, Ashford	82	Buick Memorial, Cullybackey	142	Suffolk	
St. Mary's Catholic, Whitstable	260	Carniny, Ballymena	112	Nacton CE, Ipswich	74
St. Teresa's Catholic, Ashford	163	Cloughmills, Ballymena	44	St. Louis Catholic, Newmarket	233
The Holy Family Catholic, Maidstone	146	Dunclug, Ballymena	101	WALES: Caerphilly	
Lancashire		The Diamond, Cullybackey	92	Waunfawr, Crosskeys	118
Kirkham and Wesham, Preston	150	Northumberland		WALES: Carmarthenshire	
Sacred Heart Catholic, Thornton-Cleveleys	159	Tweedmouth West, Berwick-upon-Tweed	135	Ysgol Pontyberem, Llanelli	152
Summerseat Methodist, Bury	84	Nottinghamshire		WALES: Pembrokeshire	
Leeds		Holy Family Catholic, Worksop	161	Waldo Williams, Haverfordwest	148
St. Philips Catholic, Middleton	151	Rotherham		Walsall	
Leicestershire		Thrybergh Fullerton CE, Rotherham	155	St. Giles CE, Willenhall	335
All Saints CE, Sapcote	209	Trinity Croft CE, Dalton Parva	130	West Northamptonshire	
Lincolnshire		SCOTLAND: Angus		Kislingbury, Northampton	86
St. Helena's CE, Willoughby	112	Ferryden, Montrose	114	Worcestershire	
		Lochside, Montrose	151	St. Thomas More Catholic First, Redditch	62

RE-START PRESENTATIONS

**1,506 pupils and their teachers received a personal Bible in the
11 schools using the 'Re-Start Scheme' this year.**

Bath and N.E. Somerset		Stockport		Ysgol Tycroes, Ammanford	137
Cameley CE, Temple Cloud	117	St. Matthew's CE, Edgeley	142	Ysgol y Bryn, Llanelli	143
Essex		WALES: Carmarthenshire		WALES: Swansea	
St. Teresa's Catholic, Colchester	168	Richmond Park, Carmarthen	134	St. David's Catholic, West Cross	146
Lincolnshire		Ysgol Bro Banw, Ammanford	301	Westmoreland and Furness	
Newton on Trent CE, Lincoln	45	Ysgol Llannon, Llanelli	40	Sacred Heart RC, Barrow-in-Furness	133

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

August 2024 to July 2025

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FOLLOW-ON PRESENTATIONS

13,885 pupils received a personal Bible in the 352 schools

using the 'Follow-on Scheme' this year.

Barnsley		Doncaster		St. Michael's CE, St. Albans	31
The Ellis CE, Hemingfield	27	St. John the Baptist CE, Mexborough	30	St. Paul's CE, Chipperfield,	
Bath and N.E. Somerset		St. Oswald's CE, Finningley	30	Kings Langley	28
Bathwick St. Mary Church, Bath	34	Travis St. Lawrence CE, Hatfield	229	St. Paul's CE, Hunton Bridge,	
Chew Stoke Church, Bristol	30	Dorset		Kings Langley	56
Farmborough Church, Bath	14	Manor Park CE First, Dorchester	70	Tudor, Hemel Hempstead	90
Farrington Gurney CE, Bristol	10	Milton-on-Stour, Gillingham	18	Westbrook Hay Prep,	
Marksbury CE, Bath	36	St. Mary the Virgin CE, Gillingham	30	Hemel Hempstead	67
Peasedown St. John, Bath	47	East Riding of Yorkshire		Isle of Wight	
Saltford CE, Bristol	58	South Cave CE, Brough	38	Holy Cross Catholic, East Cowes	68
Shoscombe Church, Bath	9	Essex		Kent	
St. John's CE, Keynsham	60	Blackmore, Ingatestone	51	Sissinghurst CE, Cranbrook	25
St. Julian's Church, Wellow	31	Churchgate CE, Harlow	46	St. Katherine's CE, Sevenoaks	27
St. Mary's CE, Timsbury	38	Farnham CE, Bishop's Stortford	2	St. Mary's Catholic, Deal	120
St. Michael's Junior Church, Bath	85	Feering CE, Colchester	18	Lancashire	
Birmingham		Holy Cross Catholic, Harlow	66	Altham St. James CE, Accrington	11
St. Ambrose Barlow Catholic,		Holy Trinity CE, Halstead	61	Aughton Christ Church CE, Ormskirk	65
Hall Green	60	Hutton All Saints' CE, Brentwood	32	Balladen Community, Rossendale	25
Blackburn with Darwen		Ingrave Johnstone CE, Brentwood	18	Chorley St. Mary's Catholic & Nursery	29
Holy Trinity CE, Darwen	8	St. Andrew's CE, Halstead	35	Holy Trinity CE, Burnley	35
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole		St. Helen's Catholic Infant, Brentwood	70	Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic,	
Bishop Aldhelm's CE, Poole	94	St. Joseph's Catholic, Harwich	34	Lytham St. Annes	30
St. Walburga's RC, Bournemouth	124	St. Katherine's CE, Canvey Island	62	Rishton Methodist, Blackburn	20
Bradford		St. Peter's CE, Brentwood	120	St. Andrew's CE, Preston	122
Baildon CE, Shipley	59	Gloucestershire		St. James' CE, Clitheroe	55
Buckinghamshire		Blockley CE, Moreton in Marsh	22	St. John's CE, Burnley	64
Cheddington Combined,		Hertfordshire		St. Joseph's Catholic, Barnoldswick	17
Leighton Buzzard	50	Aycliffe Drive, Hemel Hempstead	50	St. Maria Goretti Catholic, Preston	30
Dagnall CE, Berkhamsted	32	Bishop Wood CE Junior, Tring	121	St. Mary's CE, Rossendale	9
Calderdale		Bovingdon, Hemel Hempstead	105	St. Paul's CE, Rossendale	84
Norland CE, Sowerby Bridge	20	Boxmoor, Hemel Hempstead	59	St. Paul's CE, Accrington	39
St. Mary's CE J&I, Sowerby Bridge	23	Broadfield, Hemel Hempstead	217	St. Wulstan's & St. Edmund's Catholic,	
Central Bedfordshire		Brookwood, Hemel Hempstead	49	Fleetwood	90
Marston Moreteyne, Bedford	111	Broxbourne CE	30	Tatham Fells CE, Lancaster	2
Cheshire East		Chambersbury, Hemel Hempstead	60	The Willows Catholic, Preston	20
Cranberry, Stoke-on-Trent	72	Countess Anne, Hatfield	10	Leeds	
Pikemere, Stoke-on-Trent	61	Dundale, Tring	61	St. Benedict's Catholic, Garforth	75
Smallwood CE, Sandbach	55	Flamstead End, Waltham Cross	10	St. Joseph's Catholic, Pudsey	90
Wincle CE, Macclesfield	15	Gade Valley, Hemel Hempstead	62	Leicester	
Cheshire West and Chester		George Street, Hemel Hempstead	53	St. Patrick's Catholic, Leicester	50
Helsby Hillside, Frodsham	28	Grove Road, Tring	12	Leicestershire	
Hoole CE, Chester	55	Hobbs Hill Wood, Hemel Hempstead	97	Fleckney CE, Leicester	70
Lower Peover CE, Knutsford	60	Holtmere End Junior,		Great Bowden, Market Harborough	51
Norley CE, Frodsham	15	Hemel Hempstead	117	Higham on the Hill CE, Nuneaton	15
St. Chad's CE, Winsford	23	Leverstock Green CE, Hemel Hempstead	62	Loughborough CE	24
Cornwall		Oakleaf, formerly Chaulden,		Measham CE, Swadlincote	30
Bishop Cornish CE, Saltash	32	Hemel Hempstead	71	Snarestone CE, Swadlincote	10
County Durham		Our Lady Catholic,		South Kilworth CE, Lutterworth	20
St. John's CE, Shildon	60	Welwyn Garden City	65	St. Cuthbert's CE, Leicester	60
Cumberland		Pixies Hill, Hemel Hempstead	62	St. Margaret's CE, Nuneaton	28
All Saints' CE, Cockermouth	31	Potten End CE, Berkhamsted	28	St. Mary's CE, Hinckley	45
Gosforth CE, Seascale	16	Sarratt CE, Rickmansworth	31	St. Peter & St. Paul CE, Leicester	60
Devon		South Hill, Hemel Hempstead	106	Waltham-on-the-Wolds CE,	
South Molton United CE	30	St. Bartholomew's CE, Tring	33	Melton Mowbray	27
St. Budeaux CE, Plymouth	24	St. Cuthbert Mayne RC Junior,		Lincolnshire	
St. Martin's CE, Exeter	64	Hemel Hempstead	130	Ancaster CE, Grantham	28
St. Michael's, Newton Abbot	112	St. Mary's CE, Berkhamsted	30	Bardney CE & Methodist, Lincoln	36

FOLLOW-ON PRESENTATIONS continued

Barrowby CE, Grantham	67	Danby CE, Whitby	18	Surrey	
Denton CE, Grantham	17	Kirk Smeaton CE, Pontefract	8	Ewhurst CE Infant, Cranleigh	6
Digby CE, Lincoln	10	Settrington All Saints' CE, Malton	21	WALES: Blaenau Gwent	
Frances Olive Anderson CE, Gainsborough	28	St. Stephen's Catholic, Skipton	30	St. Mary's CiW, Ebbw Vale	35
Gonerby Hill Foot CE, Grantham	33	NORTHERN IRELAND		WALES: Carmarthenshire	
Great Ponton CE, Grantham	6	Ballykeel, Ballymena	58	Abergwili, Carmarthen	3
Halton Holegate CE, Spilsby	27	Fane Street, Belfast	60	Brynaman CP, Ammanford	60
Harlaxton CE, Grantham	17	Fourtowns, Ballymena	46	Burry Port Community	29
Leasingham St. Andrew's CE, Sleaford	30	Harryville, Ballymena	49	Cae'r Felin Community, Pencader	18
Marston Thorold's Charity CE, Grantham	10	Portglenone, Ballymena	32	Cross Hands, Llanelli	15
Navenby CE, Lincoln	58	Seagoe, Portadown	49	Dafen, Llanelli	32
North Hykeham All Saints CE, Lincoln	30	Northumberland		Laugharne CiW, Carmarthen	11
Rauceby CE, Sleaford	34	Hugh Joicey CE First, Berwick-upon-Tweed	13	Llangennech Junior, Llanelli	53
Ropsley CE, Grantham	23	Longhoughton CE, Alnwick	20	Llangunmor, Carmarthen	20
St. Anne's CE, Grantham	35	Nottinghamshire		Llanmiloe, Carmarthen	14
St. Michael's CE, Louth	45	Huthwaite All Saints CE Infant & Nursery, Sutton-in-Ashfield	18	Model CiW, Carmarthen	94
St. Sebastian's CE, Grantham	20	Selston CE Infant & Nursery, Nottingham	14	Mynyddygarneg, Kidwelly	5
West Grantham CE	25	Oldham		Pentip CiW, Llanelli	13
Liverpool		Holy Trinity CE, Dobcross	30	Penygaer, Llanelli	30
Bishop Martin CE, Woolton	28	Oxfordshire		Pwll, Llanelli	6
London - Barnet		St. Amand's Catholic, Wantage	20	Swiss Valley Community, Llanelli	39
St. John's CE, Friern Barnet	30	Peterborough		Trimsaran, Kidwelly	24
London - Enfield		William Law CE, Werrington	82	Ysgol Beca, Clynderwen	30
St. Edmund's Catholic, Edmondton	52	Salford		Ysgol Bryn Teg, Llanelli	20
London - Hounslow		St. Andrew's Methodist, Manchester	30	Ysgol Cefneithin, Llanelli	13
Our Lady & St. John's Catholic, Brentford	31	St. Paul's CE, Manchester	27	Ysgol Drefach, Llanelli	4
The Blue School CE, Isleworth	66	Sefton		Ysgol Gorslas, Llanelli	28
London - Islington		Ainsdale St. John's CE, Southport	30	Ysgol Griffiths Jones, Carmarthen	50
St. Mary Magdalene	32	St. John's CE, Southport	27	Ysgol Gymraeg Brynsierfer, Llanelli	22
Newcastle upon Tyne		Sheffield		Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant, Llanelli	50
Christ Church CE, Shieldfield	20	Emmanuel Junior, Waterthorpe	60	Ysgol Gymraeg Ffwrnes, Llanelli	82
Norfolk		Totley All Saints CE	35	Ysgol Gynradd Pum Heol, Llanelli	12
Dickleburgh CE, Diss	56	Solihull		Ysgol Llanddarog, Carmarthen	23
Filby, Great Yarmouth	29	Our Lady of Compassion Catholic, Olton	91	Ysgol Pen Rhos, Llanelli	64
Fleggburgh CE, Great Yarmouth	12	Somerset		Ysgol Rhys Prichard, Llandovery	20
Hemblington, Norwich	26	Bishop Henderson CE, Taunton	64	Ysgol y Bynea, Llanelli	40
Martham and Nursery, Great Yarmouth	30	Brent Knoll CE, Highbridge	45	Ysgol y Ddwylan, Carmarthen	32
Mulbarton, Norwich	55	Creech St. Michael CE, Taunton	39	Ysgol Y Felin, Llanelli	34
Old Catton CE Junior, Norwich	56	High Ham CE, Langport	63	WALES: Ceredigion	
Ormesby Village Junior, Great Yarmouth	72	Kingston St. Mary CE, Taunton	25	Llannon, Aberystwyth	7
Pulham CE, Diss	46	Langford Budville CE, Wellington	10	Penparc, Aberteifi	18
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic, Norwich	64	Rockwell Green CE, Wellington	30	Talgarreg, Llandysul	18
St. Mary and St. Peter Catholic, Great Yarmouth	32	Shepton Beauchamp Church, Ilminster	16	Ysgol Bro Sion Cwilt, Ceredigion	12
Taverham CE Junior, Norwich	93	St. Andrew's CE Junior, Burnham-on-Sea	60	Ysgol Bro Teifi, Llandysul	93
North East Lincolnshire		St. Louis RC, Frome	30	Ysgol Cearnarth, Newcastle Emlyn	14
East Ravendale CE, Grimsby	18	South Gloucestershire		Ysgol Gymraeg Aberystwyth	25
North Lincolnshire		Christ Church CE Junior, Bristol	70	Ysgol Gynradd Gymunedol Penrhyn-Coch, Aberystwyth	18
Belton All Saints CE, Doncaster	56	Longwell Green, Bristol	60	Ysgol Llanarth	3
Haxey CE, Doncaster	53	Mangotsfield CE, Bristol	90	Ysgol T. Llew Jones, Llandysul	22
Westwoodside CE, Doncaster	40	St. Helens		WALES: Conwy	
North Northamptonshire		St. Mary & St. Thomas CE, St. Helens	30	Ysgol Minafon, Colwyn Bay	28
All Saints CE, Wellingborough	30	Staffordshire		Ysgol y Plas, Colwyn Bay	15
Denfield Park, Rushden	60	All Saints' CE, Burton-upon-Trent	15	WALES: Flintshire	
Isham CE, Kettering	13	Corbett CE, Stourbridge	33	St. Ethelwold's CiW, Deeside	7
Ringstead CE, Kettering	15	Needwood CE, Burton-upon-Trent	10	Ysgol y Llan, Holywell	7
St. Mary's CE, Kettering	37	St. Mary & St. Chad First, Stafford	26	WALES: Neath Port Talbot	
St. Peter's CE, Wellingborough	75	St. Michael's CE First, Stafford	60	St. Joseph's Catholic Junior, Port Talbot	44
Titchmarsh CE, Kettering	20	Yoxall St. Peter's CE, Burton-on-Trent	15	St. Therese's Catholic, Port Talbot	32
Weldon CE, Corby	35	Stockton-on-Tees		WALES: Pembrokeshire	
Whitefriars, Rushden	60	Wynyard CE, Billingham	70	Cleddau Reach, Haverfordwest	45
North Somerset		Stoke-on-Trent		Coastlands (St. Ishmael's base), Haverfordwest	7
Court de Wyck Church, Bristol	23	Our Lady's Catholic, Fenton	68	Croesgoch, Haverfordwest	17
Dundry CE, Bristol	15	Suffolk		Eglwyswrrw, Crymch	15
St. Joseph's Catholic, Portishead	75	Gunton, Lowestoft	35	Gelliswick CiW, Milford Haven	132
Yatton CE Junior, Bristol	37	Old Newton CE, Stowmarket	24	Johnston, Haverfordwest	31
North Yorkshire		Otley, Ipswich	11	Mary Immaculate Catholic, Haverfordwest	26
Barkston Ash Catholic, Tadcaster	40	St. Felix RC, Haverhill	30	Milford Haven Community, Milford Haven	77
Croft CE, Darlington	13	St. Mary's RC, Lowestoft	30	Monkton Priory, Pembroke	27
		Witnesham, Ipswich	12		

FOLLOW-ON PRESENTATIONS continued

Narberth	40	Craigfelen, Clydach	25	Westmorland and Furness	
Pennar Community, Pembroke Dock	7	Glais	23	Allithwaite CE, Grange-over-Sands	15
Penrhyn CiW, Pembroke	16	Morrison	25	Church Walk CE, Ulverston	16
Puncheston, Haverfordwest	5	Pengelli, Grovesend	26	Coniston CE	7
Roch Community, Haverfordwest	13	Plasmal	50	Dalton St. Mary's CE, Dalton-in-Furness	77
Saundersfoot Community	35	Pontybrenin, Gorseinon	10	Morland Area CE, Penrith	20
Spittal, Haverfordwest	29	St. Illtyd's RC, Bon y Maen	59	Pennington CE, Ulverston	32
St. Mark's CiW, Haverfordwest	19	St. Joseph's Cathedral, Greenhill	65	Penny Bridge CE, Ulverston	12
St. Oswald's CiW, Kilgetty	21	St. Joseph's Catholic, Clydach	33	Wigan	
St. Teilo's Catholic, Tenby	17	Ysgol Crug Clas, Dyfatty	1	St. Catharine's CE, Wigan	30
Ysgol Bro Ingli, Newport	15	Walsall		Wiltshire	
Ysgol Brynconin, Clynderwen	10	Holy Trinity CE, Clayhanger	50	Forest and Sandridge CE, Melksham	60
Ysgol Clydau, Llanfrynach	6	Warrington		Windsor and Maidenhead	
Ysgol Ger y Llan, Haverfordwest	34	Grappenhall St. Wilfrid's CE	60	St. Francis Catholic, Ascot	55
Ysgol Gymunedol Maenclochog, Clynderwen	13	West Northamptonshire		Trinity St. Stephen CE First, Windsor	32
Ysgol Gynradd Llandudoch, Aberteifi	11	Clipston Endowed, Market Harborough	30	Wirral	
Ysgol Hafan-y-Môr, Tenby	35	Croughton All Saints CE, Brackley	19	Christ Church Moreton CE, Wirral	63
Ysgol Llanychlwydog, Fishguard	13	Little Houghton CE, Northampton	14	Worcestershire	
Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi - Non Campus, St. David's	22	Newbottle & Charlton CE, Banbury	16	Alvechurch CE Middle, Birmingham	111
WALES: Swansea		Welford Sibbertoft and Sulby, Northampton	10		
Christchurch CiW	40	West Sussex			
Cila, Killay	32	St. Mary's CE, Pulborough	32		



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BIBLES FOR CHILDREN ('the CIO')

CIO Registration: 1187754 (England & Wales) and SC050350 (Scotland)
and recognised as a Section 167 charity in Northern Ireland

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31st July 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the '2005 Act'), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the CIO has prepared its accounts on an accruals basis and is also registered in Scotland your examiner must be a member of a body listed in Regulation 11(2) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of the Association of Accounting Technicians which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and do 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.

Signed: Darren Warren - Paxton Independent Examiners Date:

Darren Warren - Paxton Independent Examiners (Aug 12, 2025 08:46:31 GMT+1)

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12 August 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 31 July 2025

	Note	Year to 31/07/2025	Year to 31/07/2024
		£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Donations - Not Gift Aided		40,530	38,666
Donations - In Kind (Bibles)		0.00	0.00
Donations - Gift Aided		6,616	8,238
Gift Aid		1,654	2,059
Sponsorship - First Presentations		2,696	5,999
Sponsorship - Follow-on and Re-start Presentations		82,897	88,719
Fundraising	1	127	32
Bank Interest		1,702	3,189
Total incoming resources		136,222	146,902
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Printing of Bibles		80,593	113,410
Printing of Presentation labels, brochures, etc.		3,727	3,081
Purchase of cards & goods for resale	1	323	90
Storage and Insurance of Bibles		10,595	5,169
Carriage of Bibles		11,956	15,869
Governance	1, 2	692	618
Management and Administration	1, 3	47,867	53,017
Total outgoing resources		155,753	191,254
NET OUTGOING/INCOMING RESOURCES		-19,531	-44,352
Total assets brought forward from previous year		171,748	216,100
TOTAL ASSETS CARRIED FORWARD TO FOLLOWING YEAR		152,217	171,748

Note 1 Basis of Preparation

Basis of accounting —These accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) and the Charities Act 2011 and Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Fixed assets —There are no fixed assets.

Management and Administration costs —Management and administration costs relate to postage, printing, stationery and general costs of administering the charity.

Payments to Trustees —Our paid Treasurer was appointed a Trustee on 12 March 2019. Payments to her during the current financial period, solely for her work as a Treasurer, amounted to £21,507.86.

Trustees Expenses —The Trustees and Associates give all their time free of charge and only claim reimbursement of receipted amounts spent personally and directly on postal charges, stationery, travel expenses and telephone charges.

Unrestricted Funds —All receipts and payments relate to the general unrestricted funds.

Fundraising and Publicity costs —Fundraising and publicity costs are the direct costs of fundraising events.

Cash deposits —All cash deposits are held in the unrestricted general funds.

Bibles for Presentation —Bibles for presentation are Bibles held at the year end that will be distributed within the next year and are stated at cost.

Stocks —Stocks are cards and goods for sale which are held at the year end and are stated at cost.

Governance —As all matters relating to Governance are dealt with by the Trustees, there are no financial implications for the charity apart from the charge made by the Independent Examiner and for indemnity.

Information Technology —Includes the costs of computer equipment, software and maintenance.

Note 2 Governance – Fees for examination of the accounts

	Note	Year to 31/07/2025	Year to 31/07/2024
		£	£
Independent Examiner's Fees		315	300
Indemnity & Liability Insurance		376	318
Total		691	618

Note 3 Management and Administration costs

	Note	Year to 31/07/2025	Year to 31/07/2024
		£	£
Staff remuneration	1	43,182	49,171
Information Technology	1	939	365
Stationery and ink cartridges		533	487
Travel & Accommodation		585	0
Postage		2,541	2,592
Reference books and CDs		77	0
Telephone & Fax		402	460
Total Management and Administration costs		47,867	53,017

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 July 2025

	Note	Year to 31/07/2025 £	Year to 31/07/2024 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		33,267	56,274
Petty cash		0	20
Bibles for presentation (English)	1	108,659	
Bibles for presentation (Welsh)	1	13,351	120,609
Goods for sale	1	0	0
Debtors		9,259	7,919
Gift Aid due from HMRC		1,654	2,060
Input VAT less Output VAT due		1,571	1,276
Total current assets		167,761	188,158
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year			
Suppliers: Outstanding invoices		4,883	3,932
Hemel Hempstead Fund		720	2,960
St. Albans Fund		82	41
Tring Fund		862	318
West Wales Fund		8,997	9,159
Total current liabilities		15,544	16,410
Total assets less current liabilities		152,217	171,748
Creditors amounts falling due after one year		0	0
NET ASSETS		152,217	171,748
ASSETS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted		152,217	171,748
TOTAL ASSETS CARRIED FORWARD TO FOLLOWING YEAR		152,217	171,748

**These accounts were approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 6th August 2025
and signed on their behalf by the Chairman, Reverend Paul Stephens**



GOVERNANCE

Going concern – With the current level of cash and stock resources, and the ongoing and expected future contributions from its supporters, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity can continue in its current mode of operation for the foreseeable future. They continue to believe that the "Going concern" basis of accounting is appropriate in preparing the annual financial statements.

Risk assessment – The Trustees have identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. These will be reviewed annually or earlier if the need arises.

Policies – Policies on Safeguarding, Data Protection, Conflict of Interest, Pandemic Risk Assessment, Privacy, and Reserves have been reviewed and approved by the Trustees. They are displayed on the charity's website www.biblesforchildren.org.uk and hard copies can be obtained by emailing bibles4children2@aol.com.

**Ted Hudson BEM****– Founder and Retiring Chairman**

Trained as a librarian in Leeds in the 1940's. Moved into bookselling in 1950 in Leeds. He set up his own Christian Bookshop in Bath in 1984 – Good News Media. He was a Methodist local preacher for over 50 years. Interests: Bible History, Music and Painting.

**Dr. Geoff Smith – Director of Operations**

Graduate of Kings College, London (B.Sc Hons 1st class) where he obtained a Diploma in Theology and his Ph.D in Mathematical Biophysics. A Methodist for over 50 years. Interests: Photography and Chess.

**Revd. Paul Stephens – Chair**

Paul trained as a professional musician at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, London. As well as playing in various orchestras and brass groups he also taught music in Bristol before retraining as an RE teacher. A call to be ordained saw him working in various parishes in the south-west as well as a period when he was Chaplain at Monkton Combe School. Now retired and living in Timsbury, Paul enjoys making music whenever he can.

**Elaine Martin****– Trustee & Director of Finance**

Originally from London Elaine first worked in an accountants in Clifton, Bristol before setting up in partnership and running an accountancy practice for over 40 years. She has been an Anglican since childhood and served the church in many different roles including registrar duties during two interregnums. Personal interests include person centred counselling, cycling and walking.

**Peter Godfrey – Trustee**

Born in Essex and educated at Forest School, Peter worked for 27 years in the Flavour Industry working his way up to become Sales Director, travelling across the UK and Europe. Later he became a Sub Postmaster in NE Somerset and nearing retirement took on a part-time position as Parish Council Clerk. He has been a Methodist since a teenager having served the Church three times as a Circuit Steward and also in many other capacities. He has two children and five grandchildren.

**Peter Bradshaw – Trustee**

Peter Bradshaw undertook teacher training at St Mary's in Twickenham and a Master's Degree at Sussex University. He worked in a number of Catholic schools in Birmingham before taking up a secondary headship in West Sussex. Following a period as an inspector in East Sussex he became Principal of St Brendan's Sixth Form College in Bristol and then served as Co-Director of the Department for Schools and Colleges for Clifton Diocese. Married, with four grown up children and six grandchildren his interests include photography and rambling which he combined in the co-production of five books of local walks in and around Timsbury where he has lived for over thirty years.

**Marion Miller****– Minute Secretary**

Originally from Scotland, Marion trained as a Primary teacher. Her extensive career included the headship of a Bath infant school, teaching across all phases of education, and obtaining an MA in Professional Studies. Marion has been a member of St. Mary's Church, Timsbury since 1974 and enjoys travelling, art lessons, reading, walking and time with friends and family.

**Ruth Reeve – Administrator**

With much of her career spent in administration and other office environments including publishing, both employed and self-employed, Ruth enjoys the challenge of new experiences but appreciates being settled. She is a member of Peasedown St John Methodist Church where she is part of the worship team. Ruth also enjoys friendships, gardening and nice days out.

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