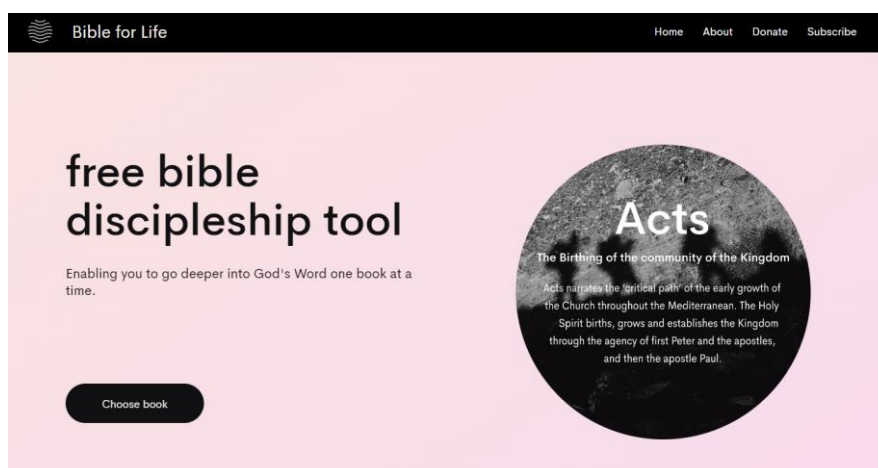


THE BIBLE FOR LIFE DISCIPLESHIP TRUST

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the period 16th February 2022 to 31st March 2023



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Trustees:

Matthew Wood (Chair)	from 21/04/21
Deborah Emma Munn	from 09/11/22
Julian Springer	from 21/04/21
Susannah Steel	from 21/04/21

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

Both The Bible for Life Discipleship Trust and Nick's Bible for Life ministry made sound progress in the 12 months to 31st March 2023. The leading features of these developments include:

- 1) An efficient pattern of regular board meetings to oversee and supervise the operation of the Bible for Life Discipleship Trust has been established since the Trust was registered with the Charity Commission on 16th February 2022.
- 2) The Trustees have spent time clarifying the vision and strategy of the charity's mission, which is now informing the development of Nick's Bible for Life ministry.
- 3) A designated bank account is now in operation and a Xero Accounting system is in place to supply regular financial reports for the Trustees. The Trust is now in receipt of a steady monthly income of around £380.
- 4) Use of the website continues to grow. Google Analytics indicates that 5.4 thousand different users visited the site in the past 12 months, and over 23 thousand users over the past five years.
- 5) There is a small but growing stream of invitations to speak, and lead seminars, and Nick is likely to have the chance to promote Bible for Life in the Iranian church when he visits Turkey towards the end of 2023.
- 6) From the start of January 2023, regular discipleship exhortations, or blogs, have been sent to subscribers via Mailchimp. The current very high 'open' rate of 50 per cent demonstrates the value that subscribers are placing on this communication. At the end of June there will be a webinar on Acts 1-7 to conclude the series of Nick's teaching on 'The Jewish Pentecost'.

Financial Review

In the first financial period since the establishment of the charity, the trust raised £19,503 from the Trustees and friends of the charity, and from donations through the website.

The charity spent £10,094, with £5,775 spent on creative content for the website, £3,411 on website management and development, and £908 on administration.

The basic cost of continuing to maintain and add content to the website is around £1,500 a month and the Trustees' policy is to hold a reserve of at least three months basic cost, currently amounting to £4,500.

As at 31st March 2023, the charity had unrestricted general funds of £9,409, 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 four 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.bibleforlife.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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Wood', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Matthew Wood
Chair of Trustees
28th June 2023

The Bible for Life Discipleship Trust
Statement Financial Activities for the period ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £
Donations	19,503
Total income	19,503
<i>Expenditure on:</i>	
Creative costs	5,775
Website management and development	3,411
Administrative costs	908
Total spend	10,094
Operating surplus for the period	9,409
Total funds at the start of the period	0
Total funds at the end of the period	9,409

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	2023 £
Bank and cash	9,375
Debtors (Gift Aid receivable)	34
Total Assets	9,409
<i>The funds of the charity:</i>	
Unrestricted general funds	9,409
Total Funds	9,409

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 28th June 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Matthew Wood
Chair of Trustees
28th June 2023

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Note to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2023

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 over £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

	2023 £
Trust bank account with Lloyds Bank	9,375
Bank and cash	9,375

3 Debtors

	2023 £
Tax due on gift aid donations	34
Debtors	34

4 Trustees' remuneration and 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.