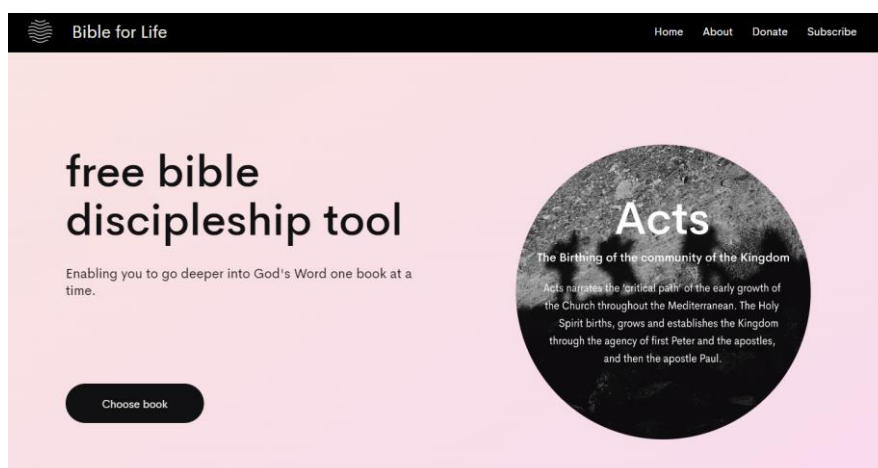


# THE BIBLE FOR LIFE DISCIPLESHIP TRUST

## Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024



## THE BIBLE FOR LIFE DISCIPLESHIP TRUST

### 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
Rollo Hope	from 22/12/23

### 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

In the twelve months to 31st March 2024 the Bible for Life ministry made progress in the following ways.

The central feature was the development of the BfL-Com ministry (which was launched at the beginning of January 2023). In the 12 months to 31st March 2024 the average number of BfL-Com openings increased by 35% to 257.

In addition:

- BfL continued the ongoing monthly development and improvement of the Website content
- the average monthly income increased by 30% from £380pm to around £500pm. Bible for Life is now effectively 'self-financing' in that there was no need for its founder to introduce any further capital
- BfL developed its presence on Instagram, Facebook and TikTok with a campaign during Lent. BfL now has a platform on YouVersion on which we intend to place 'stacks' of monthly BfL-Coms
- Nick Crawley was invited to lead teaching sessions at two churches, and he led two online Webinars. He led a trip to western Turkey to minister to Iranian Christians
- BfL clarified the breadth of its ministry using the picture from the Gospels of Jesus ministering to the Apostles, disciples, and the crowds.

Apostles:	Focused training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pod Coaching</li> <li>➤ Training in Churches</li> </ul>
Disciples:	General training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Discipleship guidance in the 'Verse by verse'</li> <li>➤ BfL-Coms</li> <li>➤ Teaching at Churches</li> </ul>
Crowds:	Universal teaching <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Social media</li> <li>➤ Improving Website content</li> </ul>

## Financial Review

In the year, the trust raised £5,612 from the Trustees and friends of the charity, and from donations through the website.

The charity spent £6,225, with £281 spent on creative content for the website, £3,914 on website management and development, and £2,030 on administration.

The basic cost of continuing to maintain and add content to the website is around £400 a month and the Trustees' policy is to hold a reserve of at least three months basic cost, currently amounting to £1,200.

As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, the charity had unrestricted general funds of £8,796, 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 five 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.



Matthew Wood  
Chair of Trustees  
1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

**The Bible for Life Discipleship Trust**  
**Statement Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Donations	5,612	19,503
<b>Total income</b>	<b>5,612</b>	<b>19,503</b>
Expenditure on		
Creative costs	281	5,775
Website management and development	3,914	3,411
Administrative costs	2,030	908
<b>Total spend</b>	<b>6,225</b>	<b>10,094</b>
<b>Operating (deficit) / surplus for the period</b>	<b>-613</b>	<b>9,409</b>
Total funds at the start of the period	9,409	0
<b>Total funds at the end of the period</b>	<b>8,796</b>	<b>9,409</b>

## The Bible for Life Discipleship Trust

### Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank balance	8,796	9,375
Gift Aid receivable	0	34
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>8,796</b>	<b>9,409</b>
The funds of the charity:		
General unrestricted funds	8,796	9,409
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>8,796</b>	<b>9,409</b>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Matthew Wood  
Chair of Trustees  
1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

# The Bible for Life Discipleship Trust

## Note to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2024

### 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

	2024 £	2023 £
Trust bank account with Lloyds Bank	8,796	9,375
<b>Bank and cash</b>	<b>8,796</b>	<b>9,375</b>

### 3 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Tax due on gift aid donations	0	34
<b>Debtors</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>

### 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.