



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Open the Bible (UK)

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/03/2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1198923

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2023**.

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: 24/02/2024

Name:

Greville Parmenter

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

Address:

86 Okus Road, Swindon, SN1 4JP

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.**



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Open the Bible (UK)

No (if any)  
1198923

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 11.05.2022	To	Period end date 31.03.2023
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### 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>					
	90,280	-	-	90,280	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	90,280	-	-	90,280	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	90,280	-	-	90,280	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Governance	2,534	-	-	2,534	-
Ministry	6,526	-	-	6,526	-
Office Costs	2,623	-	-	2,623	-
Staff	32,733	-	-	32,733	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	44,416	-	-	44,416	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
IT equipment	2,479	-	-	2,479	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	2,479	-	-	2,479	-
<b>Total payments</b>	46,895	-	-	46,895	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	43,386	-	-	43,386	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	43,386	-	-	43,386	-

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Category	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CAF account 00035415	43,386	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>43,386</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

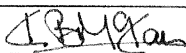
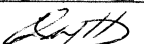
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Keith Bruce McKay	29.02.2024
	Elizabeth Annette Smyth	29.02.2024



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 11.05.2022 Period start date To 31.03.2023 Period end date

Charity name: Open the Bible (UK)

Charity registration number: 1198923

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The purposes of the CIO are to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Basis of Faith in particular, but not exclusively, by providing: resources which enable Christian believers to engage with the biblical texts for themselves and to share confidently the original message of the Bible with others; support and training resources for church leaders to equip their own congregations to study and share the Bible; events and partnerships with churches, where appropriate.</p> <p>Nothing in the Constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for purposes which are not charitable in accordance with any statutory provision regarding the meaning of the word "charitable" or the words "charitable purposes" in force in any part of the United Kingdom</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The key activity, and the largest financial outlay, for the first eleven months of the CIO's existence was the selection and appointment of a CEO to spearhead this new ministry. John Martin was appointed from 1 November 2022.</p> <p>Other significant activities were the opening of a bank account, creation of a website, negotiations with radio broadcasting stations, other means of publicity and the equipping of an office.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>Advice on public benefit was sought from Edward Connor Solicitors by the trustees as part of the application process to register as a CIO. All trustees have since been directed to the CC website's area covering guidance regarding public benefit.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Main achievements in the first eleven months are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Appointment of first staff member, CEO</li> <li>- Setting up of website and development of a suite of resources for the benefit of individuals, churches and church leaders</li> <li>- Production of our first printed resource</li> <li>- Development of radio ministry</li> </ul> <p>Positive feedback has been received via the website and radio ministry, some written examples:</p> <p><i>Thank you for Blessing the Church with your continual strong messages.</i></p> <p><i>I greatly value and enjoy Pastor Colin Smith's broadcasts.</i></p> <p><i>My heart is blessed every evening as I drive to work and listen to Pastor Colin.</i></p> <p><i>Pastor Colin's daily message has been an immense support through my recent anxiety and consequent angina attack.</i></p> <p><i>I've been so richly blessed by Pastor Colin's teaching over these last few years, whilst struggling with an awful anxiety disorder...my morning "date" with OTB truly sets my spirit soaring.</i></p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against	Para 1.41	
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objectives set		
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	In the first eleven months since the registration of Open the Bible (UK) as a new CIO, income was £90,280 and expenditure £46,895.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	At a meeting of the trustees on 7 February 2023, it was agreed to maintain reserves of a minimum of three months expenditure. Since the charity is still in its formative stage this figure is reviewed monthly as both known and anticipated liabilities become clearer and as we seek to widen our donor base. In particular trustees are mindful of the need to safeguard the ongoing employment of staff and to ensure that there are sufficient funds to further our activities in order to develop and maintain the charity's objectives.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£43,385.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable, reserves are not at zero.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable, no fund is in deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable, there are no such uncertainties or concerns.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		



## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO Foundation Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	New trustees are selected by existing trustees, having regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO, and are appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. Trustees are eligible for reappointment for up to two further three year terms by majority decision of the remaining charity trustees, after which the trustee must vacate office for at least one year. Appointment of a trustee to any particular post is by majority decision of the rest of the trustees.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Open the Bible (UK)
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1198923

Charity's principal address	43 Shelleycotes Road Brixworth Northampton NN6 9NE

## 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	John Aiello		11.05.2022-31.03.2023	Existing trustees
2	Mariette D'Castro		11.05.2022-31.03.2023	Existing trustees
3	Keith McKay		11.05.2022-31.03.2023	Existing trustees
4	Beverley Savage		11.05.2022-31.03.2023	Existing trustees
5	Colin Smith		11.05.2022-31.03.2023	Existing trustees
6	Elizabeth Smyth		11.05.2022-31.03.2023	Existing trustees
7	Philip Walter	Chair	11.05.2022-31.03.2023	Existing trustees
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## Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

## Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

John Martin (CEO wef 01.11.2022)
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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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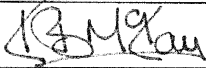

## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Keith Bruce McKay	Elizabeth Annette Smyth
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee

Date

29.02.2024
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