



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Open the Bible (UK)

On accounts for the year
ended

31/03/2024

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 31/03/2024/YY.

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:

16/01/2025

Name:

Greville Parmenter

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

ACMA

Address:

86 Okus Road, Swindon, Wiltshire, 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)

HC (if any)
1156923

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01.04.2023		31.03.2024

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 £
A1 Receipts					
	186,439	-	-	186,439	90,280
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	186,439	-	-	186,439	90,280
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	186,439	-	-	186,439	90,280
A3 Payments					
Governance	1,758	-	-	1,758	2,534
Ministry	24,375	-	-	24,375	6,526
Office costs	3,724	-	-	3,724	2,623
Staff	99,822	-	-	99,822	32,733
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	129,679	-	-	129,679	44,416
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
IT equipment	-	-	-	-	2,479
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	2,479
Total payments	129,679	-	-	129,679	46,895
Net of receipts/(payments)	56,761	-	-	56,761	43,386
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	43,386	-	-	43,386	-
Cash funds this year end	100,146	-	-	100,146	43,386

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 £
B1 Cash funds	CAF Bank Current A/C	75,146	-	-
	Kingdom Bank Savings A/C	25,000	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	100,146	-	-
	(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 MURRAY	8/10/2024
	ELIZABETH ANNETTE SMYTH	8/10/2024



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1.04.2023 Period start date To 31.03.2024 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">*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>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>In the last financial we have seen positive growth and forward momentum in the work of the charity. John Martin our CEO has established a small team covering both Administration and technical IT issues. This has meant the building of good relationships with donors as well as gaining helpful insights from OTB in Chicago.</p>

		<p>The Premier Radio daily slot has produced many positive comments from listeners, including prisoners who have listened.</p> <p>The production of high quality materials for churches and small groups has progressed and will be launched at a Christian event in July 24.</p> <p>The website is now fully functional as well as daily podcasts.</p> <p>We have been greatly blessed by the number of regular donors with one or two committed to a larger sum each month which enables us to do the things we believe are the most beneficial to those we seek to serve.</p> <p>All in all we have had a very fruitful and positive financial year in this our first full year as a CIO.</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 and we receive from them regular updates of relevant guidance. All trustees are also 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 full financial year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appointment of Operations & Communications Manager - New improved website to launch Jun 24 - Production of a book "Heaven how I got there" in UK version as well as a booklet as a helpful giveaway for churches and individuals. - Colin Smith did a tour of UK leaders (around 40 in total) as well as a time with a large congregation in Enfield. - A very beneficial gathering of around 35 potential donors was very successful where the story was told of the vision of OTB. Positive feedback and results. - Very positive relationships with a Christian bookseller and publisher who we are able to work with to produce UK version books and booklets. - Setting up of website and development of a suite of resources for the benefit of individuals, churches and church leaders - Radio ministry continues with positive feedback from listeners (see below) <p>Positive feedback has been received via the website and radio ministry, some written examples:</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> <p><i>Thank you for the wonderful ministry you give us.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you for sharing the unchanging word of God in such an easy and simplistic way. Thank you and God bless.</i></p> <p><i>Pastor Colin's daily message has been an immense support through my recent anxiety and consequent angina attack. I thank God for Colin.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you for your sermons on the website, Pastor Colin, which are encouraging and challenging. The Lord continue to bless many through the work of Open the Bible.</i></p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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 this first full financial year Open the Bible (UK) received income totalling £186,439 and expenditure amounted to £129,679.
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	£100,146
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	<p>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.</p> <p>Appointment of a trustee to any particular post is by majority decision of the rest of the trustees.</p>

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		01.04 2023 – 31.03.2024	Existing trustees
2	Mariette D'Castro		01.04 2023 – 31.03.2024	Existing trustees
3	Keith McKay		01.04 2023 – 31.03.2024	Existing trustees
4	Beverley Savage		01.04 2023 – 31.03.2024	Existing trustees
5	Colin Smith		01.04 2023 – 31.03.2024	Existing trustees
6	Elizabeth Smyth		01.04 2023 – 31.03.2024	Existing trustees
7	Philip Walter	Chair	01.04 2023 – 31.03.2024	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)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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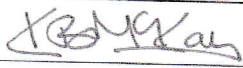

Other optional information

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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	8/10/2024	

