

POTTERIES CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP

England & Wales · Charity number 1206463

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2024-01-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Bemersley House
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Website crfl.co.uk

Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY OPERATING A CHRISTIAN BOOK SHOP TO DISTRIBUTE RESOURCES TO INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND CHURCH LEADERS TO DISCOVER OR DEVELOP THEIR CHRISTIAN FAITH, AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER FAITHS, TO RAISE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF CHRISTIAN BELIEFS AND PRACTICES, TO SEEK AND PRESENT RESOURCES TO HELP EDUCATE THOSE INTERESTED IN SOCIAL ASPECTS AFFECTING TODAY'S WORLD (E.G. CLIMATE CHANGE, SOCIAL COHESION, PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF POVERTY) AND TO PRESENT RESOURCES AND HELP INDIVIDUALS DEAL WITH SIGNIFICANT LIFE EVENTS (E.G. BIRTH, MARRIAGE, DEATH ETC).

Activities: The provision of resources (books, gifts and cards) to promote the Christian faith to churches, groups, leaders and individual.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£188,780	£174,670	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID JOHN PICKLES	Chair	2024-04-22
CHRISTINE THOMPSON		2024-01-22
Glenn Gerald Parkes MBE		2024-06-24
Julie Ann Ellis		2024-01-22
Rev DAVID ROBERT WESTHEAD		2024-01-09
Trudy Joy Purkiss		2024-01-22

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	Day 09 Month 01 Year 2024	To	Day 31 Month 03 Year 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name POTTERIES CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP

Other names charity is known by THE BOOK CENTRE & CHRISTIAN RESOURCES FOR LIFE

Registered charity number (if any) 1206463

Charity's principal address BEMERSLEY HOUSE

GITANA STREET

STOKE-ON-TRENT

Postcode

ST1 1DY

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	DAVID JOHN PICKLES	CHAIR		
2	GLENN PARKES MBE			
3	TRUDY JOY PURKISS			
4	CHRISTINE THOMPSON			
5	JULIE ANN ELLIS			
6	REV'D DAVID ROBERT WESTHEAD			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

CONSTITUTION

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

BY APPOINTMENT

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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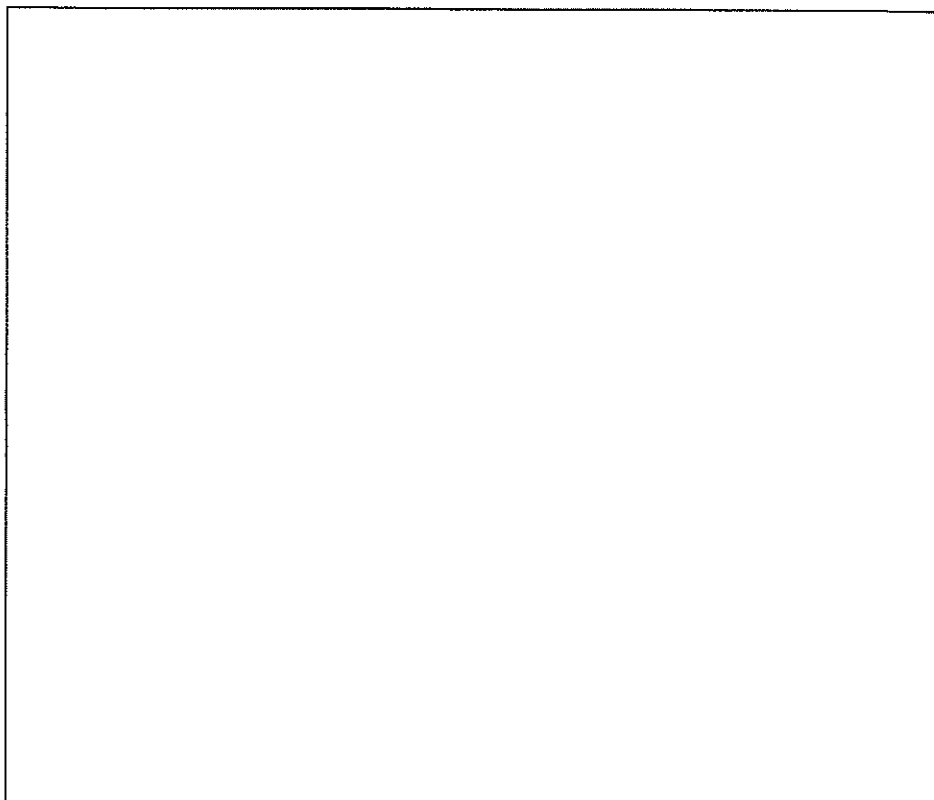
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

THE TRUSTEES HAVE HAD REGARD TO THE GUIDANCE ISSUED BY THE CHARITY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC BENEFIT BY OPERATING A CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP IN GITANA STREET, STOKE-ON-TRENT OPEN ON MOST DAYS EVERY WEEK DURING THE YEAR; BY PROVIDING BOOK STALLS AT NUMEROUS EVENTS IN ENGLAND; BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND INFORMATION TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO VISITED THE BOOK SHOP AND THE BOOK STALLS ENQUIRING ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND OTHER FAITHS; BY PROVIDING EDUCATION RESOURCES RELATING TO THE MANY CONCERNS THAT PEOPLE HAVE IN TODAY'S SOCIETY.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the first year operating as a standalone charity, we have managed the transition from being a project run by the Methodist Church into a charity with a standalone Board of Trustees. This has included recruiting a Trustee from without of Methodism.

We have provided Bookshops for a number of National Conferences including the Governing body of the Methodist Church, the United Reformed Church and the Salvation Army as well as many individual Church groups.

We have undertaken a rebranding exercise with new Artwork etc. to move us from the obvious Methodist links to a more General Christian Offering. We have done this in a way that does not disown out Methodist heritage and put people off. We were always known as "The Book Centre" – with a tag line of Christian Resources for Life even under Methodist governance. We have dropped the Methodist from the Title and will display ourselves a "The Book Centre" and keep the Tag line Christian Resources for Life.

We have continued to be a place where people can find a comforting ear and resources to support their faith investigation.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

THE TRUSTEES SEEK TO RESERVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO COVER THREE MONTHS OF ORDINARY EXPENDITURE AND TO PROVIDE FOR POTENTIAL STAFF REDUNDANCY PAYMENTS.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

NONE

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

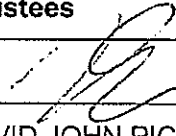
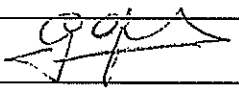
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

	
DAVID JOHN PICKLES	GLENN GERALD PARKES MBE
CHAIR	TREASURER

21/11/25



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Potteries Christian Bookshop

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1206463

Set out on pages

3

(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 / 2025**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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:

J. Martin

Date:

02/02/2026

Name:

Jack Martin

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

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Potteries Christian Bookshop						
Period from 9th January 2024 to 31st March 2025						
Receipts & Payment Account						
				£	£	£
Receipts						
	Sales					130,898.22
	From Methodist CFB - Chester & Stoke					44,541.02
	From Methodist Church Fund					2,157.50
	Donations					3,012.98
	Insurance Refund					503.25
	Interest from Epworth Deposit Account					1,154.15
	Methodist Church Pension Donation Refund					6,513.65
	Total Receipts					188,780.77
Payments						
	Goods for Resale				88,353.51	
	Post & Carriage				1,204.48	
	Insurance				3,580.91	
	Printing & Stationery				843.80	
	Wages				67,894.32	
	Booksolve				2,336.09	
	Repairs				1,446.62	
	Travel & Subsistence				804.75	
	Miscellaneous Expenses					
	Legal Fees			4,003.07		
	SOT BID			594.75		
	Other Payments			3,608.06		
					8,205.88	
	Total Payments					174,670.36
	Surplus for the Period					14,110.41
Statement of Funds						
					£	£
Opening Bank Balance						
	Co-op Bank Account No. 65753949 - OLD ACC					41,812.11
	Add Surplus for the Period					14,110.41
						55,922.52
Closing Bank Balances						
	Co-op Bank Account No. 65753949 - OLD ACC			2,397.11		
	Co-op Bank Account No. 67339316 - NEW ACC			8,984.39		
	Epworth Deposit Account			44,541.02		
						55,922.52