

maintain its witness but the bulk of this is met by the surplus made on the products sold. In the year just ended, sales were up by 7% above the previous year and we are grateful for a few regular donations. The net cost (to the owner) of supporting this ministry at present is about £10,000 - £15,000 per year. Further increases in sales would reduce or might even eliminate this cost.

The initiative to find a new owner has been taken by me, as the current manager, following discussions with the EMW, in close consultation with two long term supporters of the shop: Rev Elfed Godding of the Evangelical Alliance in Wales; and Rev Mervyn Neal of Bethel Baptist Church in Barry. We hope to identify interested parties as soon as possible.



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Cardiff Christian Bookshop

Prayer letter— February 2011

Dear Friends,

It is with both concern and excitement that we bring you our latest news. Our present owner has decided to withdraw from the shop in the not too distant future, but we now have the opportunity to seek new ownership for this valuable ministry in the heart of the city.

Wanted – New Owner!

Perhaps our next owner will bring a new vision for how the shop can best serve the people and churches of Cardiff and the surrounding area. Perhaps with new ownership we will succeed in establishing a greater ownership of the ministry by local churches. It would be great if like minded believers and churches could band together and form a charity to run the shop as a witness



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for the Gospel. We don't know who the Lord will raise up to back this ministry. But we are confident that the shop has an important servant role to fulfil in the years to come.

Meantime – Business As Usual

With continued support from the EMW, the shop will continue to trade and to minister just as before. The shop remains well stocked with lots of top quality Bibles, books, music, cards and gifts. Why not drop in to support us. Better still, bring a group of friends with you!

Ongoing Ministry

We continue to be a clear, recognised Christian presence on the “high street”. Open 6 days a week and accessible to answer questions and to show a bit of Jesus’ love to the people of Cardiff. We thank God for continued opportunities to point people towards Jesus. A few days ago, I had a good conversation with two muslim boys who both agreed to read the New Testament. Yesterday a non-Christian man, who came in not realising it is a Christian shop, left with a John’s gospel to read. Perhaps we’ll see him again...



And, of course, we love to serve Christians.

Please Pray:

That the Lord would raise up a new owner and secure the future of the shop;

That the Lord would bless the shop staff and make us a blessing to our customers;

That the shop would be a bright light for the gospel, pointing people towards Jesus.

“And my God will supply all of your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).

The Lord bless you,

Stuart Arnold (Manager)



Further Details

The statement made by our owner reads as follows:

“The Evangelical Movement for Wales has decided most reluctantly that it must bring its support of the Cardiff Christian Bookshop to an end. This is most regrettable since it has been such a witness in the heart of the City for almost 50 years. It is, however, very keen that the work and witness should continue and would actively invite Churches and other interested Christian groups to assume responsibility for it and to come forward with proposals for its future operation. The Movement is continuing to own and support the shop in the short term and the business will continue to function as usual.”



The shop currently costs about £55,000 per year in rent, staff etc., to