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## The Bible House....Christian Booksellers Established 1864...2002



The Bible House book shop is situated in the centre of Newcastle.

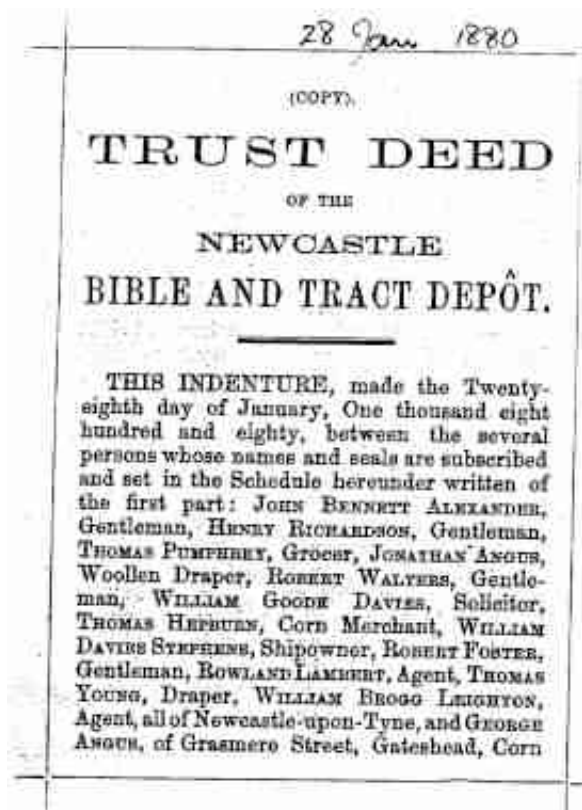
While most local residents may be aware of where we are, many visitors are unaware of our wonderful history.

On Friday 18th November 1864 several gentlemen met at the house of Joseph Mather. Their objective was to set up a Depot to distribute Bible Tracts and other religious publications to take Christian literature to the outreaches.

The committee, consisting of:- Mr Thomas Hudson Bainbridge (Draper) Mr J C Fenwick, Mr Thomas Pumphrey (Grocer) Mr Thomas Hepburn (Corn Merchant) Mr Abel Henry Chapman (Shipping) and many more - needed £250 capital for furniture fittings and stock.

The money was raised by way of loans and donations. Premises were acquired at 55, Pilgrim Street and the first depository, Miss Margaret Wilson was appointed. Mr Ephraim Lister travelled to and from London via the Tyne Steamshipping Co to collect stock and canvass for donations.

- By 1865 the depot was doing well
- 1866 saw a general depression
- 1869 the Corporation bought the premises to form part of the site where today you will find the police station. The business transferred to 17 Pilgrim Street and began to flourish. It was decided to share profit between The British and Foreign Bible Society, The Religious Tract Society and the Sunday School Union.
- By 1878 the committee felt it necessary to have a legal constitution.
- In 1880 a Trust Deed was drawn up and from these beginnings the bookshop has continued to present - day, governed by a board of Trustees and run according to the principals laid down in the trust deed.
- 1901 saw the business move to 14, Pilgrim Street where we still trade today from three floors, still supporting [The British and Foreign Bible Society](#).



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### How to find us

We are very easy to find - we're in the centre of Newcastle upon Tyne at 14 Pilgrim Street opposite the Odeon Cinema. The nearest metro station is 'the monument'.

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