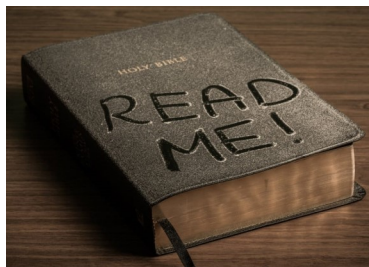


The World's Best Seller.....and yet.

This is what Bible Society says about its vision for this extraordinary book.

“We live in a world where too many people don't engage with the Bible.



In some parts of the world, the Scriptures are difficult to access or are simply unavailable. In this country, the Bible is readily available but has lost its significance and its value is unrecognised by millions.

We're working hard here at home and across the world to change this. We take the Bible and find ways to translate and distribute it, create digital formats, advocate for

its place in society and help people relate to and make sense of it in their everyday lives.

All our efforts are driven by one conviction: we believe that when people engage with the Bible, lives can change – for good.

Back in 1804, when our founders laid the foundations of Bible Society, they asked a question that would change the world. Affordable printed Bibles had just arrived for Welsh speakers, but why stop there? If for Wales, why not for the whole of the United Kingdom? And if for the UK, why not for the world?

This was the moment our global mission was born, and as part of United Bible Societies, we're now active in over 200 countries and regions. Through our translation work, we make the Bible available in new spoken and signed languages, as well as revising existing Bibles to bring the language up-to-date. To meet the individual needs and demands of the millions wanting the Scriptures, our production facilities not only print physical copies but also produce visual, audio and digital forms.

Our distribution network takes the Bible to places it might otherwise be hard to come by, and we improve literacy by empowering people to read, using the Book as a reference. We

also work to affirm the place of the Bible in society, challenging ill-informed thinking and demonstrating that the Bible can be a force for positive

Here's a remarkable statistic: Over 1 million new Christians are coming to faith in China every year.

change in today's world. A significant proportion of our international work focuses on three areas which all have different needs and challenges and where Christianity is growing fast: **China, Africa and The Middle East.**



Mercy Ships

Last week Bill Hunt told us about the extraordinary impact that the hospital ship, the **Africa Mercy**, was having around the world. At 9am we followed the moving story of a woman who saw her children for the first time as a result of a simple cataract operation. We will be showing that at 11am in the near future, just so we can all see what a difference this wonderful organisation makes. However, it can only provide health care to those in need if Christians support it. The surgeons and nurses all give their time for free, as do the rest of the crew. If you would like to support Bill, in his role on the electrical side, please let us have an envelope with the words “Bill Hunt—Mercy Ships”.



Challengers Coffee morning

When: Saturday 22nd June 10.00 to 12.00

Where: in the Church

Donations of cakes would be most appreciated – please see or speak to Liz on 07966 314499 there will be a sheet on the table for people to supply with the type of cake they are willing to provide.

Your help is really appreciated in making this day a success and of course

we'd love to see you there on the morning.

(For those kind folk who are happy to do some baking for us, please would you also supply a full list of the ingredients so we can comply with the Allergen regulations)



Next week.....

Canon Roger Morgan of *The Mathetes* Trust will be at both services. His theme will be “The Holy Spirit” and there will be prayer ministry during and after each service.



Prayers: **Kath Ridley's Brother, Jeff**, who is poorly with numerous health issues and a heart problem which needs an operation **Mary**, Kath's sister, also needs a heart procedure, although she has been told her condition is not life threatening. For **Mark Sansome's** mum as she recovers from the effects of her recent stroke. For **Sue Branch** who has not been able to get out much following her fall earlier in the year and is now struggling with her health. For **Brian Sweetman** with his challenges to health .

Mon 17th	9.30-11.30am 2pm 7.30pm 7.15 pm	Pram Club Chris Hawkes' Homegroup—Quiet Room Bill Hunt's Homegroup—17 Rother Close PCC Meal in the Manor Farm
Tues 18th	8pm 8pm	Paul & Carol Nichol's Homegroup—20 Furlong Close David Rudland's Homegroup—Purton
Wed 19th	1pm 1-3pm 3pm	Pram Club Leaders Meeting—Quiet Room Craft Club in Church Room Holy Communion at James Wilks House All Welcome
Fri 21st	10.30	Rock Cafe
Sat 22nd	10-12pm	Challengers Coffee Morning

Please pray for our church family	
Mon 17th	John & Jane Tibangu & family
Tue 18th	Althea Nye
Wed 19th	Emmanuel Oben
Thurs 20th	Charles & Harriett Oduro-Owusu & family
Fri 21st	Sam & Patience Opoka & family
Sat 22nd	Hing Orbinski
Sun 23rd	Shelley Osbourne

Jean Dean wishes to thank the kind person who left a parcel for her in the church recently, she assures the giver that the contents will be well used.



Thank you.

Services Next Week			
23rd June	9am	Holy Communion	Roger Morgan
	11am	Morning Praise	Roger Morgan

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Sunday
16th June
Trinity



At home in Swindon
At work in the world.



Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am	Morning Prayer	Rachael Markham	Isaiah 40:1-8 Luke 2:1-20
11.00am	Holy Communion	Rachael Markham	Isaiah 40:1-8 Luke 2:1-20