



*Enabling all ages  
to grow in faith*



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**The Bible Reading Fellowship started almost 100 years ago**, when a local parishioner asked her church minister for help in understanding the Bible. Our goal is still to help people make sense of Christianity and the Bible and to support those who choose to go further with God.

**We help local churches** of all denominations build community and engage with the Bible, prayer, discipleship and outreach – through creative ministries, resources and training.

**We support the wider church** by growing and resourcing networks of Christians involved in our ministries – around the country and across the globe.

**We help individual Christians** journey with the Bible and in prayer – through regular Bible reading notes, books, resources and events.

**We also help primary schools** to explore Christianity creatively and confidently – through pupil workshops, staff training and resources.

**Our vision is to see...**

- People of all ages grow in faith and understanding of the Bible
- More Christians equipped to exercise their gifts in leadership and ministry.

Read on to find out how you can get involved.



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Church, but not  
as you know it!

## Messy Church



Photo by Colin Blake

**Messy Church is making such an impact. If I had my way, there would be a Messy Church in every parish church that I lead.**

*Bishop Karowei Dorgu, Southwark Diocese*

**Bringing new families into church and breathing new life into congregations:** this imaginative approach provides a welcome for families who otherwise wouldn't attend church – and it's definitely not just for children!

Around the world, people of all ages and backgrounds are coming to faith through Messy Church's unique combination of warm hospitality, creative activities that open up Bible themes, celebratory approach to worship, conversations over a shared meal and clear focus on Jesus.

BRF resources a global network of more than 3,800 Messy Churches, sharing ideas and good practice and providing resources and training so that volunteers become leaders who can grow new disciples of Jesus.



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## Offering spiritual care in later life

### Anna Chaplaincy



Photo by Jonathan Jesty

“The work of Anna Chaplains is critical, both in care homes and in the community.”

*Leon Steer, chief executive, Rapport Housing and Care*

**Replacing loneliness and isolation with reassurance and hope:** Anna Chaplains are providing spiritual care for older people – in churches, in clubs, in day care centres and in the community.

All over the country God is calling men and women to care pastorally for the older people in our midst – men and women with a vision for the spiritual opportunities of later life, a heart for older people and their families and carers, and the boldness to advocate for them.

BRF’s Anna Chaplaincy network inspires, connects and equips churches, individuals, charities and other groups involved in this ministry, developing the Anna Chaplaincy model of best practice and advocating at a national level.



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## Equipping parents to raise God-connected children and teens

### Parenting for Faith



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“Life-changing in terms of my parenting, and it was amazing as a pastor to see significant changes happening in others. Can’t wait to run it again!”

*Parenting for Faith course leader*

**Children forming their own relationship with God:** that’s what happens when parents and carers discover their ability to model a life of faith, right in the hurly burly of family life.

It’s tempting for families to leave the ‘faith stuff’ to church. Yet it’s so much more powerful when *parents* help children and teens see everyday life through the eyes of faith. Parenting for Faith is revolutionising how churches and families are approaching faith in the home.

Through BRF’s life-changing Parenting for Faith video course, podcast, Facebook groups, training days and wealth of online support, parents and churches are discovering new, natural and effective ways to raise the next generation of Christians to know God for themselves.

**parenting for faith**

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## Resourcing your spiritual journey

### Living Faith



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“Reading *New Daylight* is a great way to start each day. I’ve been introduced to new parts of the Bible and enjoy the variety of writers.”

*A New Daylight reader*

**Building up the body of Christ:** we’re helping new and experienced Christians grow in confidence as disciples, as they encounter God through his word and through prayer, in the company of some of the very best Christian writers.

Our readers look forward to regular time with the Bible, discovering new insights through bestselling notes and books (available in print, digital and audio). Our wider offering of resources and events encourages many, as our expert writers share their experiences, knowledge, skills and passion – on topics from prayer and other spiritual disciplines to family life and ministry.

BRF gives new and established authors and speakers an opportunity to enrich countless readers’ walk with God, promoting reflection, transformation and growth.



**Living Faith**

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## Missional discipleship as a way of life

### Holy Habits



Photo by Sue Stevens

☞ **People are more confident having a conversation about their faith and beliefs, more serious about discipleship, more regularly at worship and more willing to volunteer.**

*Gareth Hill, Methodist minister*

**Empowering local churches to grow and make disciples:** Holy Habits is a flexible approach like no other: releasing congregations of all sizes and cultures to engage in missional discipleship across the generations.

Holy Habits focuses on the ten key practices described in Acts 2:42–47, which set the first Christians apart: biblical teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, prayer, sharing, serving, eating together, gladness and generosity, worship, and making more disciples. Working with each habit across the whole of church life, congregations are living out what it means to be followers of Jesus Christ.

BRF's valuable range of resources give churches everything they need to get started: ten Holy Habits booklets, with extra group Bible studies, 40-day Bible reflection booklets and a dedicated website.

**HOLYHABITS**

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## Exploring Christianity creatively and confidently in primary schools

### Barnabas in Schools



Photo by Katie Bruce

☞ **A brilliant day! Children were made to think deeply. I would thoroughly recommend it.**

*Teacher feedback on Barnabas RE Day*

☞ **Fantastic ideas to bring RE to life!**

*Teacher feedback on Barnabas INSET training*

**Children and teachers enjoy exploring Christian themes** through religious education and collective worship with our affordable, specialist education service.

With increasing demands on religious education in today's multicultural primary schools, we help teachers in England and Wales gain the skills and confidence to engage children in understanding Christianity and the Bible.

BRF's professional schools team has 20 years' experience of delivering impactful Barnabas RE Days for pupils in Key Stages 1 and 2. We support teaching staff through training, with high-quality yet affordable classroom and reference resources and with an online bank of free ideas and downloads.



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**The Bible Reading Fellowship** is a Christian charity that equips individuals and churches through its creative and pioneering ministries and also provides a professional education service to primary schools.

#### We're here to help...

- ✓ **People** looking for resources that will help them walk closer to God
- ✓ **Churches** looking for ways to...
  - engage their congregations and communities in discipleship and mission
  - equip individuals to develop their gifts in leadership and ministry
  - help nurture faith in the home
  - reach out to young and old in the community
- ✓ **Christian families** wanting to raise children who don't just know *about* God but *know* God.
- ✓ **Primary schools** looking to explore Christianity creatively and confidently through RE and collective worship.

#### We'd love you to...

- ✓ **Support our work.** BRF is funded largely by donations. Could you help? You can make a one-off donation or give regularly at [brf.org.uk/areas-need](http://brf.org.uk/areas-need) (see overleaf).
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