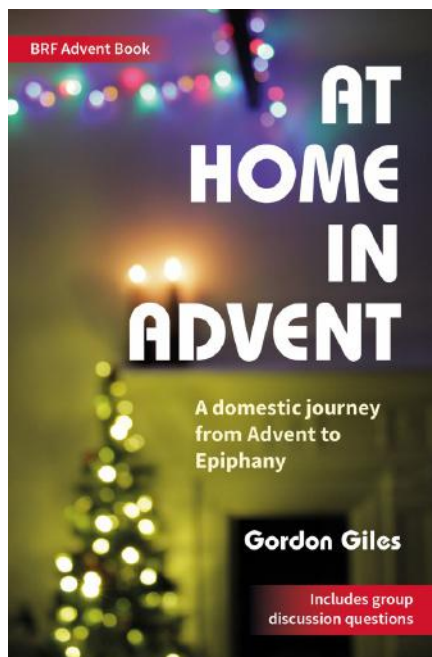




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At Home in Advent

A domestic journey from Advent to Epiphany

Gordon Giles

Daily readings and reflections for Advent

Key benefits

- Follows up the success of *At Home in Lent*, now in its third printing
- Daily readings and reflections from Advent to Epiphany
- Draws us from the penitence of Advent to the joy of Christmas
- Features objects from Christmas jumpers to Nativity sets
- Makes us mindful of God in the everyday and leads us into a richer experience of God in our lives
- Includes discussion questions for small groups
- The BRF Advent book for 2020

Target readership

- Advent book purchasers
- Those who enjoyed *At Home in Lent*
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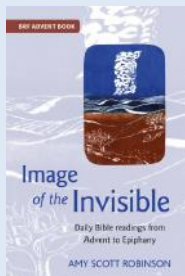
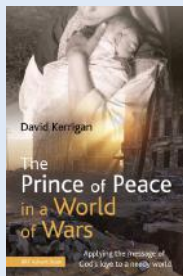
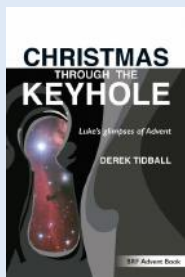


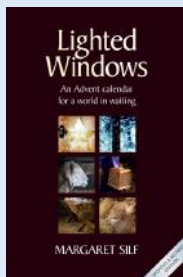
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Summary

Following on from the success of *At Home in Lent*, Gordon Giles takes a journey through Advent to Christmas and beyond in the company of familiar seasonal and domestic objects and experiences.

Focusing on the everyday stuff we typically associate with this time of year, including some things not so festive, he reflects on their spiritual significance, meaning and message in today's world. Beginning with chapters on journeying and travel, the book moves through major Advent themes of expectation, waiting, mortality and hope to the joy of incarnation and salvation.

Praise for *At Home in Lent*:

'It is a great idea and an easy read.' *The Reader*

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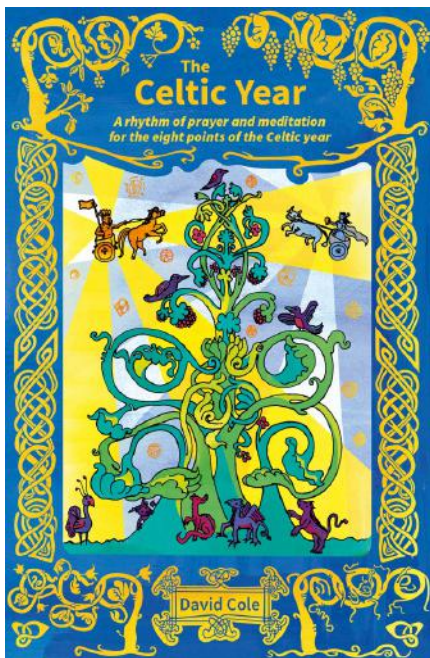
About the author

Gordon Giles is vicar of St Mary Magdalene's Church, Enfield, director of post-ordination training in the Edmonton Episcopal Area, and the chaplain to the Worshipful Company of Cordwainers in the city of London. He is the author of several books, including *Comings and Goings*' (2015) and *'At Home in Lent'* (2018) for BRF.

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A rhythm of prayer and meditation for the eight points of the Celtic year

David Cole

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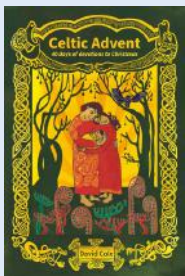
Key benefits

- Prayers, liturgy and meditations inspired by the Celtic tradition to take you through the year
- Each of the eight sections includes a liturgy for a full service, a week of daily readings, guided contemplations and a selection of prayers and blessings
- Encourages contemplation and helps people find a rhythm of life
- New Celtic prayer and spirituality title from popular author

Target readership

- Those who have enjoyed David Cole's previous titles
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- Those seeking a rhythm of life
- Those a little outside the mainstream church community

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Summary

'David Cole is a careful, wise and skilful writer and guide.'

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Based on the eight points of the Celtic year – the four season changes, and the four midpoints of each season – and moving from winter to spring, summer and harvest, each of the eight sections includes a liturgy for a full service, a week of daily readings, guided contemplations and a selection of prayers and blessings.

About the author

Previously a full-time church minister, David Cole is an international spiritual teacher and retreat leader, an award-winning author and the Deputy Guardian for the Community of Aidan and Hilda. He is also the founder of Waymark Ministries, which creates opportunities for people to engage with the Christian message.

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Daily Bible readings and group study material

Sally Welch

Key benefits

- Five weeks of affordable Advent study material for church groups and individuals
- Contains daily readings and weekly group questions
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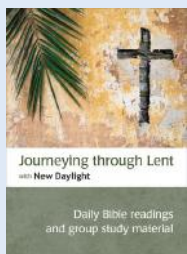
Target readership

- Church study groups
- Individuals looking for Advent devotional material
- *New Daylight* readers
- People who don't normally read the Bible regularly

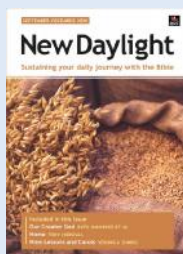
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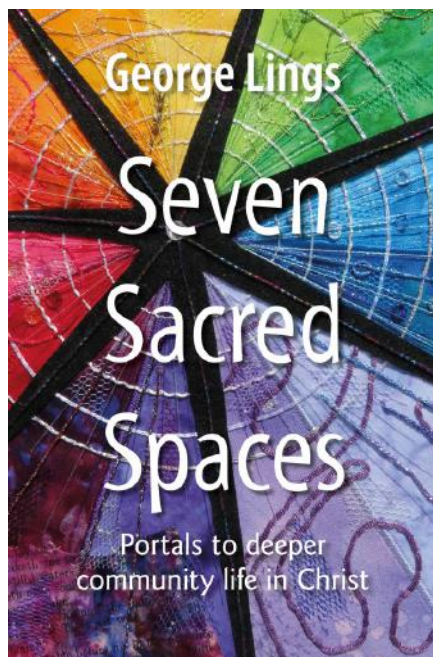
About the author

Sally Welch is the editor of BRF's New Daylight Bible reading notes. She is Vicar of Charlbury with Shorthampton and Area Dean of Chipping Norton in the Diocese of Oxford. A writer and lecturer on spirituality, she is particularly interested in pilgrimage and labyrinth and has made many pilgrimages both in England and Europe.

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Portals to deeper community life in Christ

George Lings

Applying monastic principles to deepen spiritual experience today

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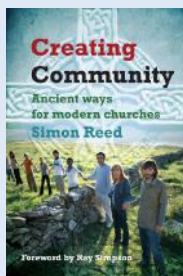
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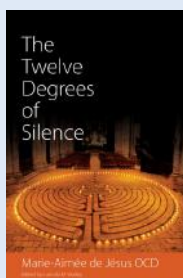
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'In weaving together ancient monastic wisdom, fresh insights from contemporary developments and the author's rich experiences of the adventure of faith, Seven Sacred Spaces provides a valuable, timely and practical resource for all on the Jesus Way.'
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'Here we are presented with the challenging proposal that the rhythm of monastic life with its seven sacred spaces – refectory, cell, scriptorium, chapel, garden, cloister and chapter – does not need to be confined to the monastery. Rather it can shape and enrich the lives of men and women of all ages and in all states of life.'

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‘George Lings is as perceptive and prophetic as ever, as he explores what the ancient idea of the seven sacred spaces means for us today. Much of this exploration comes out of George’s own experience and is all the richer for this. Whether you are thinking about your own life or your church community, this book is worth reading. There is a wealth of practical experience in this book which can bring change and transformation for you and your church.’

Revd Dave Male, director of evangelism and discipleship, Church of England

‘In his typical thorough, imaginative and fair way, George Lings explores some essential disciplines from the ancient life and witness of the monastery, and he demonstrates how a grasp of these can radically affect how we live and witness for Christ in today’s culture. Anyone reading this will be inspired and challenged by reading George’s fascinating study of each of these sacred spaces.’

Canon Michael Mitton, writer, speaker, spiritual director, and canon emeritus at Derby Cathedral

Our church and other ecclesial physical spaces are a crucial resource that we are once again beginning to value in our increasingly post-secular, post-Christendom context. I unreservedly recommend this book that draws on the story and purposes of Christians committed to radical community and Christian discipleship to reimagine church and church buildings for the reality of mission and ministry for today.’

Ian Mobsby, assistant dean for fresh expressions in the Diocese of Southwark, guardian of the New Monastic Society of the Holy Trinity, and interim pioneer rector at Christ Church Southwark

Summary

Too often people’s understanding of and engagement with ‘church’ is reduced to corporate worship, when it is so much more. George Lings identifies seven characteristic elements in Christian communities through the ages, which when held in balance enable a richer expression of discipleship, mission and community.

In the monastic tradition these elements have distinctive locations: cell (being alone with God), chapel (corporate public worship), chapter (making decisions), cloister (planned and surprising meetings), garden (the place of work), refectory (food and hospitality) and scriptorium (study and passing on knowledge). Through this lens George Lings explores how these seven elements relate to our individual and communal walk with God, hold good for church and family life, and appear in wider society.

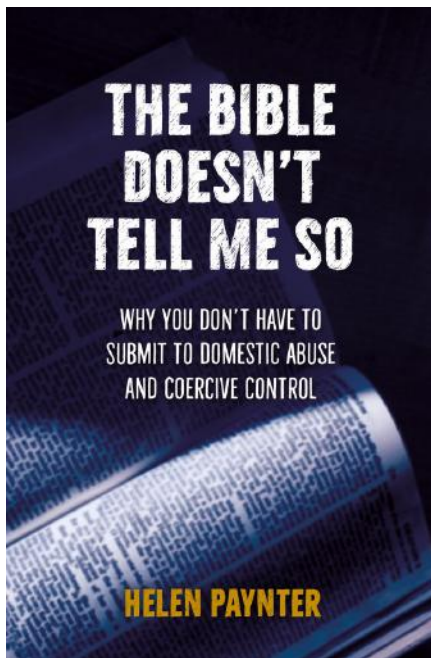
About the author

Canon Dr George Lings has been a banker, student, vicar, writer, mentor and researcher. From 1997 to 2017 he led Church Army’s Research Unit specialising in fresh expressions of church and gaining a PhD. In 2017 he was awarded the Canterbury Cross for outstanding service to the Church of England. He now serves as a companion of Northumbria Community, vice-president of The Bible Reading Fellowship and consultant to a number of individuals and dioceses.

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October



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The Bible Doesn't Tell Me So

Why you don't have to submit to domestic abuse and coercive control

Helen Paynter

Challenges the use of the Bible in validating domestic abuse

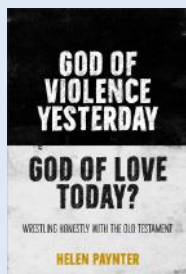
Key benefits

- A careful, well-researched exposition of the biblical texts which are used to manipulate women into remaining in situations of domestic abuse, together with scriptures which are liberatory to women in this situation
- Adopts a high view of scripture and engages honestly with passages which are traditionally viewed as oppressive to women
- Draws on interviews with women who have experienced domestic violence
- Pastoral, direct, highly accessible style of writing which seeks to engage abused women and enable them to take a fresh look at the situation they are trapped in
- Written by a biblical scholar and practising pastor with a track record of being able to communicate to audiences at all levels

Target readership

- Christian women who are experiencing domestic abuse, and those who have escaped it and are seeking to come to terms with what has happened.
- Those who directly work with and support such women, whether formally or informally – support organisations, church leaders, Safeguarding Officers and other Christians.
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Summary

This book is addressed directly to women experiencing domestic abuse, and to those who seek to support them, including pastoral leaders, friends and support organisations.

It debunks the myths – perpetuated by some abusers and, unwittingly, by many churches – which prevent women from getting out of harm's way. It helps them realise that the Bible does not belong to their abuser but is a text of liberation. Written with careful attention to pastoral issues, it closely examines and clearly explains the relevant scriptural texts.

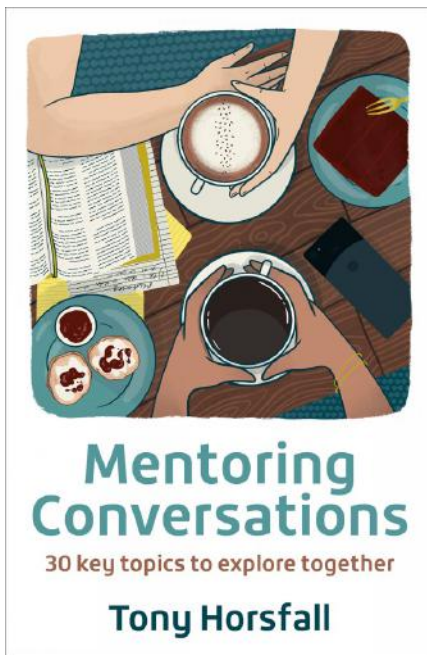
About the author

Helen Paynter is Director of the Centre for the Study of Bible and Violence. A Baptist minister and biblical specialist, she has published at popular and scholarly levels, including *God of Violence Yesterday, God of Love Today?* (2019) for BRF. She speaks nationally and internationally about the interpretation of biblical violence and the abuse of the Bible to promote violence.

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30 key topics to explore together

Tony Horsfall

Provides topic-based material for mentoring conversations

Key benefits

- Provides Bible-based material for mentoring conversations, small groups or personal study
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Target readership

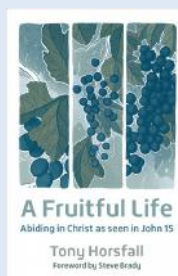
- Mentors, spiritual directors, pastors, counsellors, youth workers
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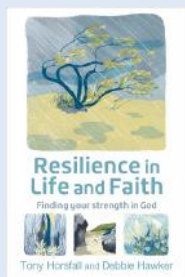
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About the author

Tony Horsfall is a well-respected author and retreat leader with a lifetime's experience in mentoring others, including church leaders and missionaries, in Britain as well as overseas. His book *Mentoring for Spiritual Growth* (BRF, 2016) has helped many to understand the importance of mentoring in today's church, and to take their first steps in mentoring others. For the last ten years he has convened an annual Spiritual Mentoring Forum for those wishing to develop their interest in this vital area of disciple-making.

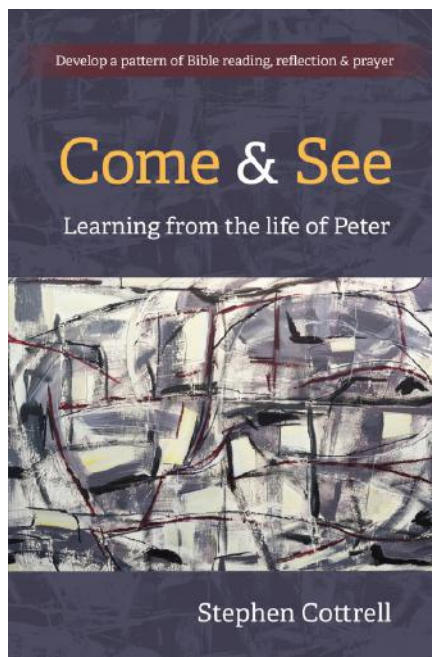
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Come and See

Learning from the life of Peter

Stephen Cottrell

Learn about discipleship through the example of Peter

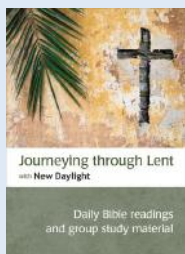
Key benefits

- Recommended reading for Lent
- Twenty eight readings on the life of Peter to shed light on our own discipleship
- Includes questions for personal response or group discussion
- Encourages a pattern of daily discipleship

Target readership

- BRF Lent book readers
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- Lent groups
- People interested in Stephen Cottrell's theology

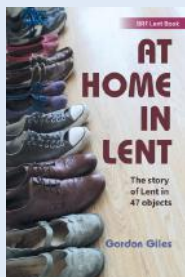
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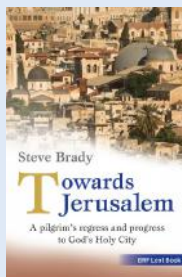
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Summary

When we look at the life of Peter – fisherman, disciple, leader of the church – we find somebody who responded wholeheartedly to the call to ‘come and see’. Come and meet Jesus, come and follow him, come and find your life being transformed. This book focuses on Peter, not because he is the best-known of Jesus’ friends, nor the most loyal, but because he shows us what being a disciple of Jesus is actually like. Like us, he takes a step of faith and then flounders, and needs the saving touch of God to continue becoming the person he was created to be.

Come and See provides a pattern of Bible reading, reflection and prayer. Twenty-eight readings, arranged in four sections, offer short passages from the story of Peter, plus comment and questions for personal response or group discussion.

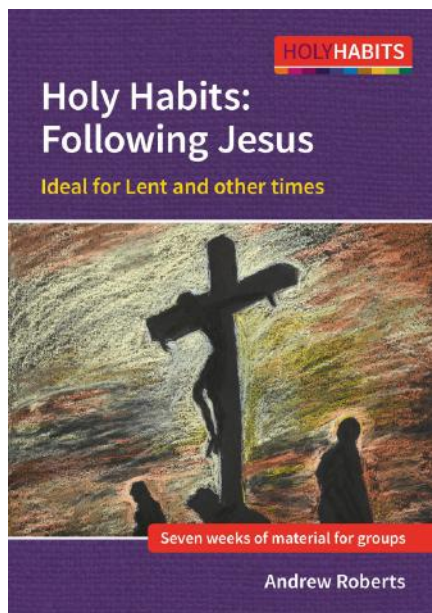
About the author

Before his appointment as the 98th Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell was the Bishop of Chelmsford. He is a member of the House of Lords and served as a member of the Select Committee for Communication. He is a well-known writer and speaker on evangelism, spirituality and catechesis, and is one of the authors of the Pilgrim course.

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Holy Habits Following Jesus

Ideal for Lent and other times

Andrew Roberts

Lent group resource exploring and encouraging Holy Habits

Key benefits

- Explores how Jesus modelled the Holy Habits and how we can too
- Seven weeks of affordable Lent study material for church groups and individuals
- Encourages Bible reading and discipleship individually and in community
- Seasonal material offers an easy way for people to explore a pattern of daily reading
- Builds the Holy Habits range and provides a new entry point for people to consider Holy Habits

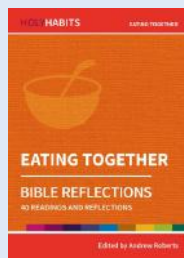
Target readership

- Church leaders looking for Lent study material
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- Holy Habits churches

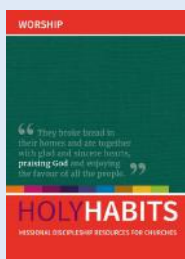
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Explore the Holy Habits through the life of Jesus

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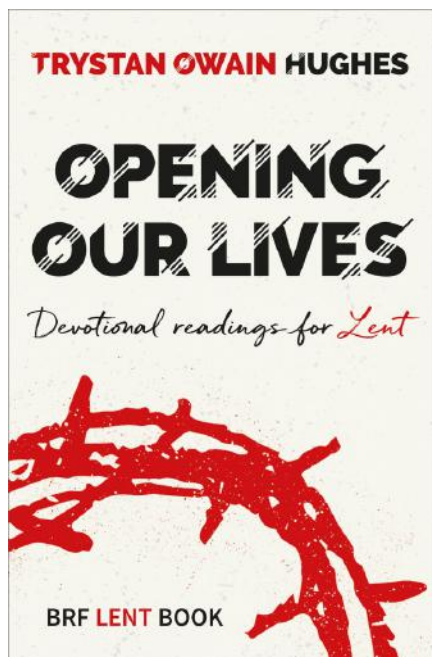
About the author

Andrew Roberts is a husband, father, minister, writer and speaker. He is the author of the book Holy Habits (Malcolm Down Publishing, 2016) and co-editor of the BRF Holy Habits resource booklets. He was previously director of training for Fresh Expressions.

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Opening Our Lives

Devotional readings for Lent

Trystan Owain Hughes

The BRF Lent book for 2021

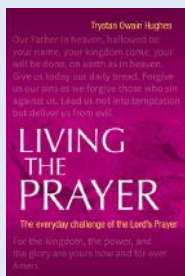
Key benefits

- Absorbing, relevant and accessible daily devotions for Lent
- Written for those looking for a practical application of Jesus's teaching
- Inspires readers to live renewed lives of service and compassion
- Cross-generational appeal through wide-ranging cultural references, including story, film, literature, personal anecdote and contemporary theology

Target readership

- Lent book purchasers
- Bible reading notes subscribers
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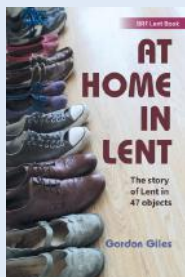
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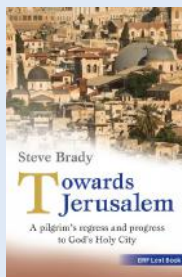
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