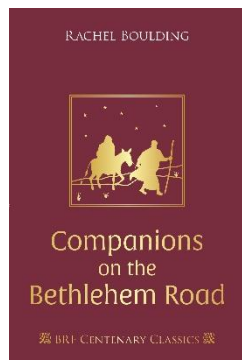


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About the author

Rachel Boulding was deputy editor of the *Church Times*, having previously worked at Church House Publishing, where she helped to produce the Common Worship materials. Before her death in April 2017, she contributed regularly to BRF's *New Daylight* Bible reading notes and wrote *Celebrating the King James Version* (BRF, 2010). Rachel also wrote *Facing Death*, a book of 18 undated reflections drawing comfort and encouragement from the Bible and from her own experience, for those going through life-limiting illness and for their family and carers.

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