

# Resourcing the church 2024

*Inspiring people of all ages  
to grow in Christian faith*



BRF Ministries is the home of Anna Chaplaincy, Messy Church, Parenting for Faith and Living Faith.



### Welcome!

I'm delighted to welcome you to this treasure chest of information and resources. In September 2023 we launched our new name, BRF Ministries, to reflect the nature of the organisation as it is today: the home of an exciting family of ministries that people know and love. Anna Chaplaincy, Living Faith, Messy Church and Parenting for Faith each reflect our bold and pioneering work in action. Each is making a unique contribution to people's lives, while sharing our overriding passion to inspire people of all ages to grow in Christian faith.

These 40 pages offer a rich reflection of the breadth and depth of all we have to offer to individuals and groups, church leaders and congregations across many different traditions: the training courses and events, the networking opportunities, the support, the communities and the resources that BRF Ministries provides. You may find much that is familiar, but you may also be amazed by things you didn't know about us.

What sometimes goes unnoticed when people encounter us is the fact that we are a charity, dependent on the generosity of our supporters. While some of our income comes from sales of resources, like our hugely popular range of Bible reading notes, we could not sustain let alone expand the work of our ministries without a steady stream of donations and gifts in wills. Please support our work in any way you can: by giving, by praying and by spreading the word about what we do.



If you would like further information about anything in this booklet, please visit our website and sign-up to receive one of our regular emails at [brf.org.uk/keep-in-touch](https://brf.org.uk/keep-in-touch). You can also contact us direct at [enquiries@brf.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@brf.org.uk)

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## Offering spiritual care in later life

### About Anna Chaplaincy

Our network of Anna Chaplains offers spiritual care in later life, in a wide range of contexts. Named after the widow Anna in Luke's gospel, Anna Chaplains accompany older people in reflecting on their life and their relationship with God, breaking down generational barriers and offering friendship and community.



Former broadcaster Debbie Thrower founded Anna Chaplaincy in Alton in 2010. Anna Chaplaincy has been part of BRF Ministries since 2014 and is now led by Debbie Ducille (left). The network of Anna Chaplains is growing rapidly across the UK, and Anna Chaplaincy is increasingly recognised as modelling compassionate, person-centred spiritual care for older people as well as offering excellent training for aspiring Anna Chaplains, churches and communities.

### BRF Ministries is the home of spiritual care in later life

For people of strong, little or no faith. Where everyone can find support and advocacy in later life and embrace their spirituality. A place to reflect on life lived and opportunities still to come. Where faith and fulfilment can thrive. And where it's never too late to find new meaning. We call it Anna Chaplaincy.



# What Anna Chaplaincy offers

## Network

The Anna Chaplaincy network numbers over 350 Anna Chaplains across the UK, and it is growing rapidly as more and more churches discover all that the ministry has to offer. Anna Chaplains value belonging to the network and the opportunities it provides for support, sharing experience, learning and building community.

## Training and events

Anna Chaplaincy offers a wide range of training events and day conferences, as well as an annual network conference. The online, six-week Anna Chaplaincy training course is currently offered several times a year.

In addition, network gatherings and workshops are regularly held for Anna Chaplains and Friends, exploring pertinent topics such as end-of-life care, creating dementia-friendly worship spaces and self-care. We also run regular introductory sessions to learn about becoming an Anna Chaplain.

Find out more at [annachaplaincy.org.uk/training-and-support](http://annachaplaincy.org.uk/training-and-support)

## Website

The Anna Chaplaincy website is a valuable resource in its own right, detailing all that the ministry has to offer, including its resources and training opportunities, and the vision that underpins it. A regular blog keeps readers abreast of current developments in spiritual care for older people and helps build a strong sense of community within the network.

## Resources

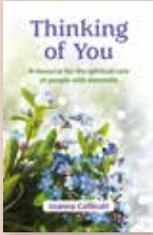
Keen to establish and maintain good practice, Anna Chaplaincy has a strong training emphasis and offers a range of resources, including the acclaimed *Anna Chaplaincy Handbook* (see below), the Carer's Guides and Easy Guides series, and *Grief Conversations*. There is also a range of dementia resources and downloadable worship material, including resources to support those involved with or living with dementia.

### *Anna Chaplaincy Handbook*

This definitive guide to Anna Chaplaincy is for individuals sensing a calling to this ministry and for church leaders exploring Anna Chaplaincy as an effective response to the ageing demographic. Across 25 chapters, the handbook describes the Anna Chaplaincy approach to ministry among older people. Case studies offer fresh possibilities for fostering community cohesion and enabling people in their later years to deepen their spiritual life. If you are interested in buying a copy, please email [annachaplaincy@brf.org.uk](mailto:annachaplaincy@brf.org.uk).

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# More Anna Chaplaincy resources



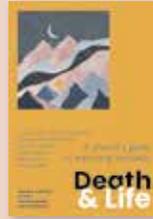
## Thinking of You

JOANNA COLLICUTT

This warmly reviewed book from priest and neuropsychologist

Joanna Collicutt offers practical advice and compassionate support for family, friends, carers and church leaders of those living with dementia.

[brfonline.org.uk/thinking-of-you](http://brfonline.org.uk/thinking-of-you)



## Death and Life

JOANNA COLLICUTT

As a society we aren't good at talking about death, and as individuals we may try to avoid thinking about

it. But death is part of life, and we must all face it eventually. For Christians, dying and death are not the end but a transition point in a story that continues. Reflecting well on our own mortality can help us to make peace with the prospect of death and to live more fully in the here and now.

[brfonline.org.uk/death-and-life](http://brfonline.org.uk/death-and-life)

For more Anna Chaplaincy-related resources, go to [brfonline.org.uk/collections/anna-chaplaincy](http://brfonline.org.uk/collections/anna-chaplaincy)

## What people say about Anna Chaplaincy

“ *The care of Anna Chaplaincy is extraordinary.*  
— Most Revd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

*To me the work of Anna Chaplaincy is so important, and I am really pleased it is coming to my part of Kent! Thank you so much for allowing me this opportunity to serve in this area of Christian ministry.*

*Thank you for all the teaching, information and encouragement you have given. It has certainly helped me in my journey as a newbie in Anna Chaplaincy. You are making such a difference.*

*My participation in the Anna Chaplaincy training has certainly helped me over the last few weeks. It has made me think, reflect and act with greater depth and humility.*

# SPIRITUAL CARE SERIES

The Spiritual Care Series is a highly regarded, tried-and-tested, award-winning training course to help churches seeking to develop their ministry to older people. It gives churches and carers the confidence, understanding and skills to provide effective holistic spiritual care. Over 99% of participants who responded to a recent survey would recommend it to others, with 95% saying the content was excellent or very good.

Professor John Swinton of the University of Aberdeen, a leading practitioner in the field of spiritual care for older people in the UK and vice president of BRF Ministries, has been closely involved in the development of the course.

Consisting of eight two-and-a-half-hour sessions designed for group learning, including video material, the course covers a range of essential skills, including reflective listening, and uses a mixture of learning styles.



## The sessions:

- 1 Understanding the ageing journey
- 2 Spirituality in ageing
- 3 Good communication
- 4 The power of storytelling
- 5 Dementia
- 6 A new home and a new way of life
- 7 Loss, grief, death and dying
- 8 Roles, boundaries and self-care

We offer a minimum six-user licence.

Cost: £60 per user; £360 per initial course pack (six users), includes:

• Six participant workbooks • Two facilitator guides • Access to the Bridge online learning environment and video material • Additional users: £60.

[brfonline.org.uk/spiritual-care-series](http://brfonline.org.uk/spiritual-care-series)

The Spiritual Care Series is also available to individuals through online Zoom courses, which run throughout the year. Dates and costs can be found at [brfonline.org.uk/spiritual-care-series-online](http://brfonline.org.uk/spiritual-care-series-online)



## It's church, but not as you know it

# About Messy Church

Every month thousands of people of all ages come together to discover Jesus, including those who've never been to church before. In over 30 countries around the world, we eat, play and worship together. Expect activities, songs and prayers and an entirely new way to express your faith. Founded by Lucy Moore in 2004, Messy Church came into the BRF Ministries family in 2008. It has grown into an international movement across a wide range of Christian traditions and is now led by Aike Kennett-Brown.

Central to the success of Messy Church are five core values:

- **Christ-centred:** Messy Church is a church that helps people encounter Jesus as Lord and Saviour
- **All-age:** Messy Church is for adults and children to enjoy together. Every element aims to be relevant and accessible to all ages
- **Creativity:** Messy Church reflects the creativity of God in its imaginative hands-on approach to being church together
- **Hospitality:** Messy Church is outward-facing, welcoming everybody to enjoy hospitality symbolic of the unconditional love of God
- **Celebration:** Messy Church reflects a God of joy who wants people to have life in all its fullness

Messy Church is actively contributing to helping churches explore sustainability and ways to care for creation.

### **BRF Ministries is the home of messy people**

A place of celebration and creativity. Where conversation and laughter fill the air, and food, fun and faith are shared. Expect a warm welcome as all ages come together to discover Jesus. We call it Messy Church.

The Messy Church team is available to help every Messy Church thrive. To connect with the team and other Messy Churches across the world follow us on social media.



# What Messy Church offers

## Network

Messy Church is a national and international network of passionate Messy Church leaders and committed volunteers, supported and resourced by BRF Ministries. Messy Church leaders can connect with us through social media and become part of our online community. A regular and popular feature are the Messy Meet-ups, which provide support for the network and help leaders share their experience with others.

## Training and events

Messy Church has an ongoing commitment to training and is constantly responding to the evolving needs of the network. Regular 90-minute Messy Masterclasses are the heart of the training offered. Sessions include:

- Starting a Messy Church
- Baptism and Communion in Messy Church
- Discipleship in Messy Church
- Messy Church Goes Wild

The events calendar is always available on the website along with details and booking forms: [messychurch.org.uk/latest/events](https://messychurch.org.uk/latest/events)

## How to guides

'How to...' guides are short TED-talk style videos on key issues facing Messy Church teams. Written and recorded by subject matter experts from across the Messy Church network, these ten-minute videos

are for time-poor Messy Church teams to get some top tips for tackling particular challenges, such as building your team and welcoming people with SEND.

## Website

The Messy Church website is a rich resource in itself, explaining the ethos of Messy Church, introducing the team, enabling you to find a Messy Church near you, pointing the way to the support teams, helping you to find and book events, and offering a wide range of news, blogs, free downloads and creative, inspiring ideas.

[messychurch.org.uk](https://messychurch.org.uk)

## Resources

BRF Ministries has published numerous Messy Church resources over the years. From serious theology to practical guides, to creative ideas and session material, to fun family workbooks, to Bible reflections and easy guides, titles are available to order at [messychurch.org.uk/resources](https://messychurch.org.uk/resources)

## Messy Church Goes Wild

Messy Church Goes Wild is the movement within Messy Church which aims to encourage Messy Churches to meet God outdoors, love the natural world, experience a sense of awe and wonder, and to be more eco-aware in all we do, both inside and out, as gathered and dispersed church, for the good of the planet. Ideas and resources can be found at [messychurch.org.uk/goeswild](https://messychurch.org.uk/goeswild)

# Messy Church resources

Here are some examples of the many resources available:



## Starting your Messy Church

This beginner's guide for churches is an all-in-one introduction to Messy Church. When you need to introduce your children's

workers, family coordinators and church leaders to the concept of all-involving, activity-based, new-to-church worship, this is the quick-to-read resource that explains it all.

[brfonline.org.uk/starting-your-messy-church](http://brfonline.org.uk/starting-your-messy-church)

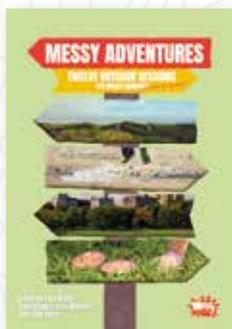


## Messy Church Goes Wild

Reflections and practical suggestions from Messy Church on how we live well in God's world. Messy Church Goes Wild is the

movement within Messy Church which aims to encourage Messy Churches to meet God outdoors, love the natural world, experience a sense of awe and wonder there and be more eco-aware in all we do, both inside and out, as gathered and dispersed church, for the good of the planet.

[brfonline.org.uk/messy-goes-wild](http://brfonline.org.uk/messy-goes-wild)



## Messy Adventures

This A4-size handbook contains twelve sessions for Messy Churches to do outdoors, created by a Messy Church Goes Wild writer team,

enhanced by additions from scientists and piloted in urban and rural Messy Churches.

[brfonline.org.uk/messy-adventures](http://brfonline.org.uk/messy-adventures)



## Get Messy!

*Get Messy!* is now an annual subscription resource for Messy Church leaders.

Each issue contains twelve session outlines (one per month, from September to August), including photos, downloadable templates and planning sheets.

[brfonline.org.uk/get-messy-vol-1](http://brfonline.org.uk/get-messy-vol-1)

## Messy mini-books

Covering key questions and festivals, and written in an interactive, user-friendly and jargon-free style, Messy mini-books help individuals and families to explore the Christian faith together and take the next steps in their Christian journey.

[brfonline.org.uk/mini-books-pack](http://brfonline.org.uk/mini-books-pack)



# Creative collaborations

In addition to the ever-growing range of Messy Church resources, there are creative collaborations between Messy Church and BRF Ministries' other ministries and areas of work.



## Messy Church + Anna Chaplaincy = Messy Vintage

Being 'church' with older people in care homes, congregations and the community:

Messy Vintage is Christ-centred and creative, full of celebration and hospitality and open to all, aspiring to include people of all ages while specifically reaching out to older people. A typical session involves hands-on creative activities to explore a Bible story, a short celebration with story, song and prayer, and refreshments. Here's practical advice and resources to help you reach out to the older people in your community.

[brfonline.org.uk/messy-vintage](http://brfonline.org.uk/messy-vintage)



## Messy Church + Holy Habits = Holy Habits in Messy Church

Messy Church meets Holy Habits! The Holy Habits approach

explores Luke's model of church found in Acts 2:42-47, identifies ten habits and encourages the development of a way of life formed by them. This session material has been created to help churches explore the Holy Habits in a Messy Church context and live them out in whole-life, missional discipleship.

[brfonline.org.uk/holy-habits-messy](http://brfonline.org.uk/holy-habits-messy)

## What people say about Messy Church

“*Messy Church people are very special people and I just want to say thank you to them: they've really helped my children develop and provide that village feel while living in the middle of a city.*

*Messy Church is there for everyone: it is one place where everyone is made to feel welcome and comfortable and whatever your background, your race, your colour, your abilities, your disabilities, everyone is welcomed and cared for.*

*It's not a service just for families. It's a service for people who want to learn about faith and connect with God in a different way.*

*We're not just having families come along, older people from the Sunday congregation are coming along on their own.*

*I've got to come to the best church ever!*



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

### **About Parenting for Faith**

Parenting for Faith, founded by Rachel Turner and now led by Anna Hawken, helps parents spiritually nurture children and teens to have a lasting, vibrant two-way relationship with God. In addition, Parenting for Faith equips and trains the church communities that surround families.

Through groundbreaking courses, events and training, a weekly podcast, books, online articles and a thriving social media community, Parenting for Faith helps thousands of parents and carers to grow in confidence and skill, enables children's, youth and family leaders to create communities to support families, and supports church leaders who are parents themselves.

#### **The Parenting for Faith approach**

The Parenting for Faith approach has been developed by Rachel Turner and is based on five Key Tools:

- **Creating Windows:** Showing kids an imperfect, real relationship with God
- **Framing:** Seeing God in the big and small of life
- **Unwinding:** Joining the dots to find a big picture of God
- **Chat and Catch:** Helping kids hear God's voice and speak to him in their own way
- **Surfing the Waves:** Joining kids as their interests and emotions flow in new direction

#### **BRF Ministries is the home of spiritual parenting**

Where parents, carers and communities find support to feel confident, equipped and resourced to help their children grow in faith. To see young people flourish within their families, churches and communities, building strong foundations for their relationship with God. We call it Parenting for Faith.

# What Parenting for Faith offers

## Courses

Parenting for Faith offers a range of courses:

- The original Parenting for Faith course – for parents, grandparents and carers
- Babies and Toddlers bitesize course – for those caring for under 5s
- Parenting as a Church Leader course – for parents who lead in church, in any capacity
- Parenting Teens course – for those caring for teens

All courses are video-based and available online. Courses are often run in a church or small group but can be used by individuals as well.



## Training

BRF Ministries has also partnered with Cliff College to provide a Certificate in Parenting for Faith, a twelve-unit online self-study programme. This equips children's, youth and family leaders and church leaders to successfully support parents and carers as they disciple their children.

The Forge, a residential gathering for children's, youth and family leaders, is held twice a year.

## Community

There is a thriving Parenting for Faith community online. Facebook groups exist to serve parents and carers, children's, youth and family leaders, and those who parent as church leaders. Regular Facebook Live sessions focus on topics relevant to these different audiences.

Join in by following us  
on social media



The Parenting for Faith team regularly speak at live events around the country. There is a speaking team available for events at churches or online.

## Resources

Parenting for Faith produces a wide range of resources from books, audio books and DVDs to free downloads and podcasts. See over for key examples.



# Courses

## Parenting for Faith



The original Parenting for Faith course – eight 30-minute, free-to-view videos to show parents, grandparents and carers how they can weave faith into everyday family life.

[parentingforfaith.org/course](http://parentingforfaith.org/course)

## Babies and Toddlers

The Babies and Toddlers bitesize course – five short, free-to-view videos to help parents, grandparents and carers with simple suggestions for everyday ways to help children connect with the God who knows them.

[parentingforfaith.org/bitesize-videos](http://parentingforfaith.org/bitesize-videos)

## Parenting Teens

Parents are the most significant spiritual influencer in a teen's life, and they need us to help them navigate the world and faith together. The Parenting Teens course consists of six free-to-view videos to specifically equip those involved in the spiritual life of a teenager.

[parentingforfaith.org/parenting-teenagers](http://parentingforfaith.org/parenting-teenagers)

## Parenting as a Church Leader

Parenting when you are also a church leader can bring some unique situations and challenges. The Parenting as a Church Leader course consists of four one-hour, free-to-view videos exclusively designed for all those balancing family life with vocational ministry, whether you're in church leadership or married to someone who is.

[parentingforfaith.org/pacl](http://parentingforfaith.org/pacl)

parenting for faith®

podcast

The Parenting for Faith podcast is a 25–30 minute weekly show featuring guests who help parents, carers, leaders and extended family equip children and young people to meet and know God. Recent episodes have covered themes as diverse as autism, first phone, adding a new sibling and preparing a teenager for university. Our podcasts get between 6,500 and 7,500 views every month.

[parentingforfaith.org/podcast](http://parentingforfaith.org/podcast)

## What people say about Parenting for Faith

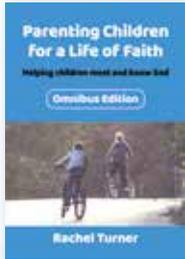
“The impact of the Parenting for Faith course is twofold both on the parents' faith personally, as well as how they then relate to their children.

*The course helped us to identify where we are in our own faith, and then how to minister, or lead our children to their own faith.*

*Parenting as a Church Leader is so practical and so non-judgmental, and that makes it stand out too because that's certainly not true of all parenting books. It's just full of full of wisdom and it's very realistic.*

# Parenting for Faith resources

In addition to its range of courses, Parenting for Faith produces a wide range of resources, from books, audio books and DVDs to free downloads and the Parenting for Faith podcast.



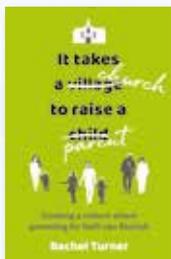
## Parenting Children for a Life of Faith

Collecting all the wisdom of titles previously published as *Parenting Children for a Life of Faith*, *Parenting Children for a Life of Purpose*, and *Parenting Children for a Life of Confidence*.

This book provides inspiration and wisdom for nurturing children into the reality of God's presence and love, equipping them to access him themselves and encouraging them to grow in a two-way relationship with him that will last a lifetime.

[brfonline.org.uk/parenting-children](http://brfonline.org.uk/parenting-children)

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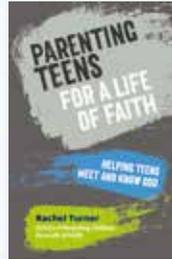
## It Takes a Church to Raise a Parent

Guidance for churches on how to help parents raise God-connected children.

This book will help children's, youth and

family leaders and church leaders learn how to position themselves for maximum impact, develop foundational values, and establish practical steps to shape a culture where parenting for faith can flourish.

[brfonline.org.uk/it-takes-a-church](http://brfonline.org.uk/it-takes-a-church)



## Parenting Teens for a Life of Faith

There is no doubt that parenting teens has its challenges, but this book will help all parents, carers, grandparents and others involved in teens' everyday lives to

understand the teenage faith journey more and find their place within it.

[brfonline.org.uk/parenting-teens](http://brfonline.org.uk/parenting-teens)



## Comfort in Uncertain Times

Helps children through change, uncertainty and anxiety by resourcing parents to share Bible wisdom.

Designed as a series of stories and discussions

for families, this book lays a biblical foundation for who God is in uncertain times and how to stay connected to him.

Also available in Ukrainian.

[brfonline.org.uk/comfort-in-uncertain-times](http://brfonline.org.uk/comfort-in-uncertain-times)



## *Resourcing your spiritual journey*

Living Faith is all about resourcing people's spiritual journeys. It's something BRF Ministries has been doing ever since Revd Leslie Mannering first created Bible reading notes for his congregation in 1922. Today, we want to see his vision to help people 'get a move on' spiritually fulfilled in the 21st century.

Living Faith is working to create content that is relevant and inspiring, tackling key issues for our faith lives and providing fuel for the journey. Our writers and speakers are drawn from a broad range of Christian tradition and experience.

Whether you're a church leader or a new Christian, we're there to provide comfort in the hard times, inspiration and enrichment in the good times, and challenge when it's needed. Through our range of high-quality resources and events, both physical and digital, we're always seeking to explore new approaches alongside the familiar and tried-and-tested, and our vision is to see lives transformed as we read the Bible regularly, grow in prayer and live out our faith in vibrant, supportive communities.

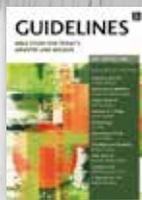
### **Explore Living Faith**

- Browse our wide range of resources on Bible engagement, prayer and spirituality, leadership, Christian life, and the environment.
- Sample one of our five series of Bible reading notes
- Check out our Holy Habits discipleship initiative for churches
- Connect to our in-person and online events
- Sign up to the Living Faith blog to find out more about our authors, contributors and editors: [brfonline.org.uk/blogs](https://brfonline.org.uk/blogs)

### **BRF Ministries is the home of ideas and inspiration**

Of Bible reading notes, books, events and blogs. For opinions you agree with, and maybe a few that you don't. It's a place of enrichment, comfort and challenge for individuals and communities alike. We've been finding new ways to grow in faith for over a century, and we'll never stop. We call it Living Faith.

# Core themes



## Bible reading notes

BRF Ministries began with Bible reading notes, as our founder Leslie Mannering looked for ways to help his congregation 'get a move on' spiritually. Today we publish five series of daily Bible reading notes, each with a distinctive approach to suit different needs and preferences, offering a variety of ways to resource people's spiritual journeys and help them understand and apply scripture to their daily lives.

## Bible engagement

Alongside our Bible reading notes, we publish a wide range of books to help people engage more deeply with the Bible. From new to long-standing Christians, from ministers, LLMs and theology students to interested, enquiring lay people, we offer something for everyone.

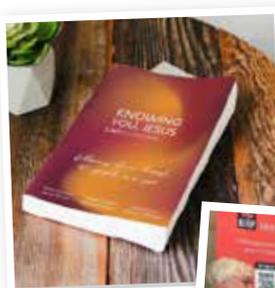
## Prayer and spirituality

When considering what was needed for spiritual renewal in his congregation, BRF Ministries founder Leslie Mannering said: 'First and foremost, there is prayer.' Our printed and digital resources reflect that priority. Our inspiring authors explore all aspects of prayer, drawing on a wide range of different traditions and sharing their

experience, wisdom and practical advice. They also create new prayers for individual, group and corporate use. We organise a Festival of Prayer jointly with the diocese of Oxford.

## Leadership

One of BRF Ministries' key aims is to help equip, sustain and inspire Christian leaders, both lay and ordained, in churches and in the wider community. Many of our resources are created with ministers and lay leaders particularly in mind and include theological, pastoral and devotional titles, as well as those designed to foster the leader's self-care and mental and spiritual well-being.



## Christian life

Navigating the faith journey takes a lifetime, and we have a wide range of resources to help along the way! From devotional titles to those which focus around a particular theme, spiritual discipline or readership, we aim to provide nourishment for all ages and seasons of life.

## Holy Habits

Holy Habits is an adventure in Christian discipleship based on Luke's picture of the early church in Acts 2:42–47.

The Holy Habits flexible, whole-church approach to missional discipleship encourages all kinds of congregations to develop the ten key practices that shaped the life and work of the early church. It's a way of life for those exploring or already actively living out the call of Jesus to 'follow me': a way of life for all ages and cultures; a way of life that nurtures whole-life, missional discipleship; a way of life that encourages others to join the adventure of following Jesus.

[holyhabs.org.uk](http://holyhabs.org.uk)

## What people say about Living Faith

“*Congratulations on what you have published recently – and I hope it will all continue throughout 2024!*

*What an achievement! Ancient traditions lifted into the present, beautiful songs of Magnificat and Benedictus revisited, poets and prophets interspersed, and modern devotional writers playing their part! A perfect choice for Advent study – do not let this one slip away!*

*This book is timely, courageous and good. I therefore strongly recommend it to you and your church members.*

*I strongly recommend this book. It's a very useful tool for people who have a deep concern about the future of our planet.*

## The Christian seasons

BRF Ministries was the first Christian publisher to produce a Lent book, Delia Smith's *A Feast for Lent* in 1983, and this devotional offering has become an annual event, along with our Advent book. A variety of authors, traditions and approaches have featured over the years. Christmas and Easter titles are also an important part of our range.

## Environment

Caring for creation has become an increasingly urgent focus for churches, Christian groups and individuals, and BRF Ministries has responded with a range of resources to inform and encourage, challenge and motivate.

## Gift books

We also publish a number of luxury hardback gift books to cherish and keep. They make perfect gifts for family, friends and godchildren, to mark any special occasion, from birthdays to baptisms, confirmations and anniversaries.

# New Daylight



*New Daylight* is the most popular of our Bible reading notes. Each issue offers four months of daily Bible reading and reflection for everybody who wants to go deeper with God. It is ideal for those looking for a fresh approach to regular Bible study and offers a talented team of contributors who present a Bible passage (text included), helpful comment and a prayer or thought for the day ahead.

Edited by Canon Gordon Giles of Rochester Cathedral, the contributors range from long-standing, much-loved writers to exciting and stimulating new voices. Together, they share a wealth of insight and experience and reflect a wide spectrum of Christian tradition.

### Reader feedback

“ I have been reading *New Daylight* for 30 years or more and it has been a great blessing for me, bringing thoughtfulness, excitement and new thinking.

*I have taken and cherished New Daylight for many years, so at 90, would just like to express my gratitude for all the help, comfort and insights I have received through reading this little booklet.*

*Your notes are always able to give a fresh perspective to our faith. Thank you.*

*Having had New Daylight readings for quite a few years now it's time for me to tell you how much they help me day to day.*

*All contributors are excellent and over the years there are pages removed from the notes and kept to be read again and again.*

# GUIDELINES



*Guidelines* is a unique Bible reading resource that offers four months of in-depth study written by leading scholars. Contributors are drawn from a wide range of backgrounds, traditions and academic institutions and bring together expertise, experience and current theological thinking to provide a stimulating and thought-provoking course of study for both individuals and groups.

Instead of the usual dated daily readings, *Guidelines* provides weekly units, broken into at least six sections, plus an introduction giving context for the passage and a final section of points for thought and prayer.

Edited by Olivia Warburton and Rachel Tranter, on any day you can read as many or as few sections as you wish, to fit in with work or home routine. As well as a copy of *Guidelines*, you will need a Bible. Each contributor also suggests books for further study.

## Reader feedback:

“ *I absolutely loved the enlightening study in Job. It was rich, full of that valuable gift of making the Bible recognisable and reflective of our experience today. It delighted me.*

*I have been a reader of Guidelines since 1991 and have never missed an issue. I have found some series better than others, but the notes have never failed to stimulate thought and prayer.*

*I have no hesitation in saying that Guidelines has helped me to sustain my ministry over the past 30 years.*

*It's been a delight and inspiration reading the recent commentaries in Guidelines.*

*It feels as though a breeze is carrying new thoughts, new ways of thinking, stimulating ideas, something I'd not expected after more than 50 years of reading Guidelines.*

# Day by Day with God



*Day by Day with God* is a series of Bible reading notes written for women. Edited by Jackie Harris, the former editor of *Woman Alive* magazine, all the contributors are women and write from a woman's perspective.

The entries for each day contain a suggested Bible reading, with the key verse written out in full, a helpful comment that engages heart and mind, and a short reflection or prayer. The regular team of contributors are excellent writers, from a wide range of backgrounds, and draw on their own life experience and spiritual insights to bring you thoughtful, relatable content.

Whatever your current situation in life, you will be inspired and encouraged by these notes.

## Reader feedback:

“ I have been receiving *Day by Day with God* for many years. It has been such a blessing to me; God has spoken to me through it many times.

*Thank you for the latest issue of Day by Day with God. I enjoyed it so much.*

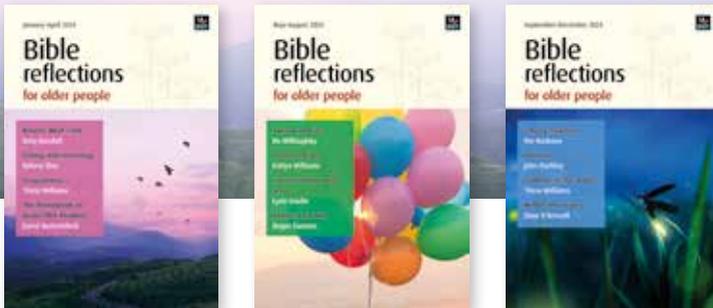
*Almost every page had a comment in the margin, a highlight or an underlining where I felt God had spoken directly to me.*

*Day by Day with God has so often been a big blessing in my life. The meditations by different women writers have often resonated and been of great help.*

*I am constantly, constantly amazed at how God has spoken to me through Day by Day with God – sometimes to challenge, sometimes to comfort, sometimes to make me think, and always to bring me close to Jesus.*

# Bible reflections

## for older people



Written by older people for older people, and edited by Eley McAinsh, former editor of Radio 4's *Thought for the Day* and the Sunday programme, these reflections are designed to bring hope, assurance and sustenance, reminding the reader of the presence and love of God.

Arising out of BRF Ministries' Anna Chaplaincy ministry for older people, these Bible reflections are helpful for people of both long-standing and new faith, and for those who are revisiting faith in light of their advancing years.

In each issue are 40 Bible reflections and prayer suggestions to use and revisit as often as is needed. In the central section, Debbie Thrower, pioneer of BRF Ministries' Anna Chaplaincy, offers interviews and ideas to encourage and inspire.

### Reader feedback:

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“ I really appreciate Bible Reflections for Older People and find it just right to read at night, when I can't think any more. It turns my thoughts to God before I go to sleep!

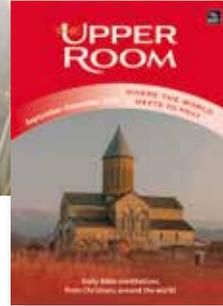
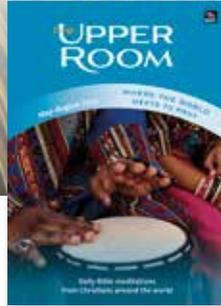
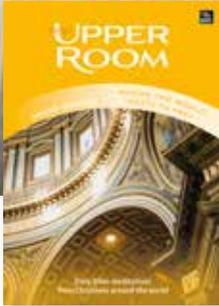
*I've been reading Bible Reflections for Older People since it started and very much enjoy the readings and meditating on them. They are delightful.*

*I am finding it perfect for my needs. I like the fact that it is not dated, as this has allowed me to start from the beginning.*

*It is deep enough to make me think about what I've read, but not too deep that I feel I don't understand.*

*It's a very good publication: not too demanding on the surface, but when you go deeper it's wonderful.*

# THE UPPER ROOM



*The Upper Room* is a unique publication which has a worldwide readership of some three million, with over 70 different editions in 40 languages. Unlike most Bible reading notes, the readings and reflections in *The Upper Room* are written exclusively by the readers themselves who seek to share the insights of their faith with others.

Each day's reading contains a Bible passage to read (you will need to use a Bible), a reflection on the passage and a prayer, followed by a thought for the day and a suggested prayer focus. There is also a set of small group questions provided each week to fuel discussions within your house group, with a prayer partner or just with friends in church. Edited in-house by Daniele Och, the tag line for *The Upper Room* is 'Where the world meets to pray'.

## Reader feedback:

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“ I have just finished a year of The Upper Room, and I highly commend it. I began personal Bible reading just 70 years ago at the age of seven with BRF Ministries notes, and they have been an amazing support all those years.

*These are the best Bible notes around – and I've tried lots before finally settling on The Upper Room!*

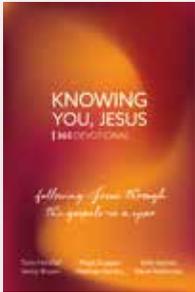
*I've been reading The Upper Room for years, and I think it's one of the most wonderful publications I've ever seen.*

*I love the pieces from around the world. I may even submit a piece myself!*

*I very much appreciate reading the contributions from so many different places, and indeed so many different cultures.*

*I am hugely, HUGELY enjoying The Upper Room!*

# Bible engagement

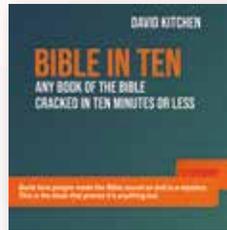


## Knowing You, Jesus: 365 Devotional

TONY HORSFALL ET AL.

Inspired by the famous prayer of Richard of Chichester – ‘To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly ... day by day’, this 365-day devotional encourages faith formation and intentional discipleship. Tony Horsfall, Mags Duggan, John Ayrton, Jenny Brown, Melinda Hendry and Steve Aisthorpe present a detailed, chronological exploration of the life of Jesus of Nazareth, drawing from all four gospels.

[brfonline.org.uk/knowning-you-jesus](http://brfonline.org.uk/knowning-you-jesus)



## Bible in Ten

DAVID KITCHEN

For anyone who wants to crack open the Bible, Dave Kitchen provides a lively introduction to every single book in ten minutes or less. *Bible in Ten* is for everyone who wants to be connected with all that is unexpected, beautiful and astonishing in the Bible. Here are 67 short, sharp snapshots covering every corner of a book that people sometimes don't know quite as well as they think they do.

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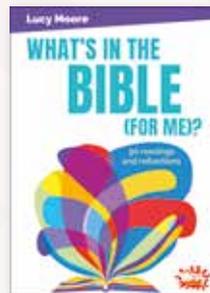
## God of Violence Yesterday, God of Love Today?

HELEN PAYNTER

While acknowledging that there are no easy answers, in *God of Violence Yesterday, God of Love Today?*,

Helen Paynter faces the tough questions head-on and offers a fresh, accessible approach to a significant issue. For all those seeking to engage with the Bible and gain confidence in the God it portrays, she provides tools for reading and interpreting biblical texts and points to ways of dealing with the overall trajectories of violence.

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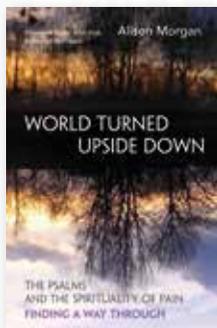
## What's in the Bible (for me)?

LUCY MOORE

This is a great place to start with reading the Bible: it's a booklet of 50 bite-sized Bible passages, selected to cover the wide span of the Bible story across Old and New Testaments, with a reflection on each passage written in a user-friendly and jargon-free style.

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# Prayer and spirituality



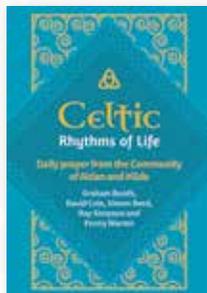
## World Turned Upside Down

ALISON MORGAN

When we are at our weakest, when we feel we most need God and yet have no idea how to talk to him, Alison Morgan says it

is the book of Psalms which leaps to our rescue. *World Turned Upside Down* offers an opportunity to read the Psalms differently: an invitation to embark on a new journey.

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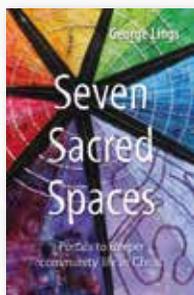


## Celtic Rhythms of Life

From the Community of Aidan and Hilda, here is a resource to create a daily rhythm of prayer, inspired by historic

and contemporary Celtic Christian spirituality and earthed in the activities of everyday living. *Celtic Rhythms of Life* contains ready-to-use forms of prayer for morning, midday, evening and night, seven days a week.

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## Seven Sacred Spaces

GEORGE LINGS

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.

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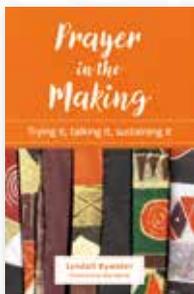
## At the Foot of the Cross with Julian of Norwich

EMMA PENNINGTON

This book seeks to bring to a popular readership a devotional

engagement with Julian's work. The introduction gives a general background to Julian, the nature of visions in the 14th century and the type of text Julian gives us, namely a meditative text which intends to lead the reader to 'beholding'.

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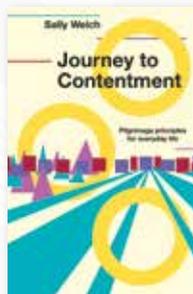
## Prayer in the Making

LYNDALL BYWATER

*Prayer in the Making* is a book for everyone wanting to pray more confidently. Lyndall Bywater explores

twelve different types of prayer, helping us to find the ones which best suit us and our lifestyles. She certainly challenges us, but leaves us ready to talk confidently with God.

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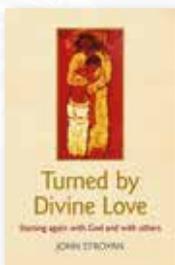
## Journey to Contentment

SALLY WELCH

Using the metaphor of pilgrimage, Sally Welch walks alongside her reader as leader and guide, but also

fellow traveller, to explore how we can understand this biblical principle and make it our own. She begins with the preparations necessary before setting out, exploring the obstacles which might be put in our path and sharing ways in which the journey can be more productive.

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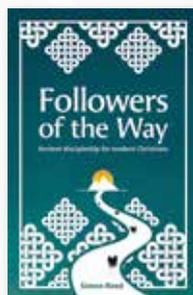
## Turned by Divine Love

JOHN STROYAN

This book, the fruit of prayer, theological reflection and rich human experience, evokes fresh praying

and thinking about all the key relationships in our lives, beginning with God. Drawing on the rich Christian traditions of both east and west, it speaks of theology and spirituality, to the head and the heart. In this unique bringing together of the riches of the Christian east and west is the call to hear God's gracious voice today.

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## Followers of the Way

SIMON REED

Simon Reed says discipleship is a lifelong process that requires long-term skills rather than short-term courses.

The Celtic and Desert Christians, drawing on Old and New Testament practices, modelled how to do this through the practice of living by a Way of Life. In this updated edition, *Followers of the Way* explores how Celtic Christianity can inspire authentic Christian discipleship today.

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# Leadership



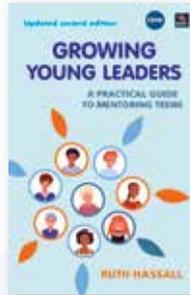
## Working from a Place of Rest

TONY HORSFALL

Exhaustion, burnout, tiredness, even breakdown – sadly, such conditions are all too common these days, not least

among those involved in some kind of Christian ministry. Drawing on extensive experience of training and mentoring across the world, Tony Horsfall reflects on the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman to draw out practical guidance for sustainable Christian life and work.

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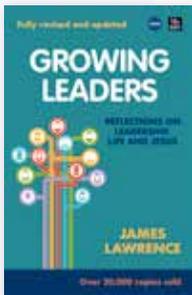
## Growing Young Leaders

RUTH HASSALL

This fully updated second edition of *Growing Young Leaders* offers practical guidance for all those mentoring

13- to 18-year-olds in a faith context, with a view to nurturing them towards leadership roles. Linked to the CPAS Growing Leaders–Youth Edition course, it also works as a stand-alone resource.

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## Growing Leaders

JAMES LAWRENCE

How do we keep growing as a leader? And how do we ensure others around us grow in their leadership? These twin themes run throughout this book, exploring the joys and challenges of leading at a time when we need Christians to lead well wherever they are. This book offers practical ideas and insights into how to grow as this sort of leader.

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## The Contemplative Minister

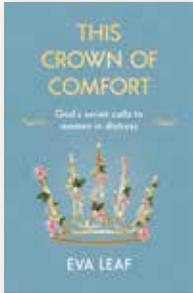
IAN COWLEY

Ian Cowley offers direction for contemplative leaders in the 21st century, drawing on

his South African roots, parish ministry in both South Africa and the UK, and the influence of leaders such as Desmond Tutu. He explains practically how to prioritise a relationship with God and lead others into that relationship, amid the hectic life that is ministry today.

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# Christian life



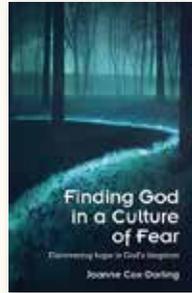
## This Crown of Comfort

EVA LEAF

God deeply cares for women who are broken and hurt. And just as God helped his beloved Jerusalem find healing in her

brokenness, he does the same for us. As he cried out seven double imperatives to Jerusalem in the book of Isaiah, seven steps to restore her to wholeness, so he cries out the same to us. His first double imperative is 'Comfort, comfort', despite what has happened in our lives.

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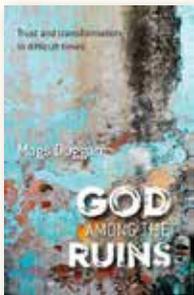
## Finding God in a Culture of Fear

JOANNE COX-DARLING

How can we live a little more hopefully each day? Now more than ever, society needs hope in order to survive and flourish.

Focusing on God's intervention in biblical history, God's presence in contemporary contexts and God's promised hope for the future, Joanne Cox-Darling encourages us to live more confidently, noticing more of the Spirit in our daily lives, and with more compassion and – ultimately – hope in God.

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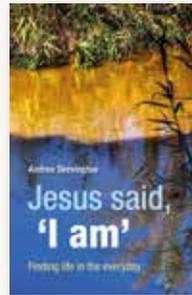
## God among the Ruins

MAGS DUGGAN

Where do we turn when our world is falling apart? It takes courage to hope; to stand in our confusion and grief and still to

believe that 'God is not helpless among the ruins'. Guided by Habakkuk, Mags Duggan draws us on a reflective journey through the tangled landscape of bewildered faith, and waiting, and on into the growth space of deepened trust and transformation.

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## Jesus Said 'I Am'

ANDREA SKEVINGTON

Drawing on the imagery of the Hebrew scriptures, Jesus identifies himself as the 'I am' of Israel's narrative. Through

sensitive retelling, thoughtful discussion and creative exercises, Andrea Skevington shows the transforming power of Jesus' words. *Jesus Said, 'I Am'* integrates faith and imagination, story and study, helping the reader towards a well-grounded and more profound faith.

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# Holy Habits

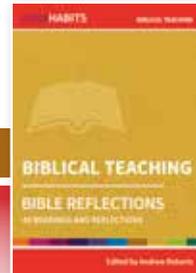
Holy Habits is a way of life based on Luke's portrait of the community of followers of Jesus that we see in Acts 2:42–47 and in particular the ten key habits or practices which shaped the earliest Christian community.



The habits are: Biblical Teaching, Fellowship, Breaking Bread, Prayer, Sharing Resources, Serving, Eating Together, Gladness and Generosity, Worship, and Making More Disciples. With over 200 contributors from a wide range of backgrounds, traditions and ages, these resources are full of fresh and imaginative ideas for groups and churches to adapt to local priorities and needs.

To find out more, including videos, case studies, blogs and the full range of resources available go to [holyhabs.org.uk](http://holyhabs.org.uk)

In addition to a general introduction to the resources, for each of the ten habits there is a church handbook, a booklet of group studies and a booklet of Bible reflections for individual use.



## Church handbooks

These resources are designed to help churches explore the habits creatively in a range of contexts and live them out in whole-life, intergenerational, missional discipleship.

[holyhabs.org.uk/  
church-handbooks](http://holyhabs.org.uk/church-handbooks)

## Group studies

This group study material has been developed to help churches and individuals explore the Holy Habits through prayerful engagement with the Bible and live them out in whole-life, missional discipleship.

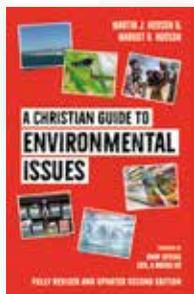
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## Bible reflections

As with the group studies, these Bible reading notes have been developed to help churches and individuals explore the Holy Habits through prayerful engagement with the Bible and live them out in whole-life, missional discipleship.

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# Environment



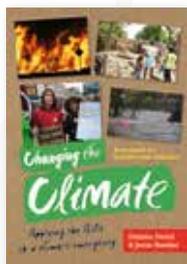
## A Christian Guide to Environmental Issues

MARTIN AND MARGOT HODSON

In this extensively updated edition, Martin and Margot Hodson consider eight of the key current

environmental problems, giving the biblical basis for looking after the environment and helping to integrate environmental thinking into the reader's understanding of Christian faith. This accessible guide includes ethical reflections, Bible studies focusing on a different biblical doctrine for each chapter, and eco-tips to enable practical response.

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## Changing the Climate

DEBBIE, DAVID AND JAMIE HAWKER

A series of Bible passages unpacked to show the Bible's relevance to environmentalism, and

how we can all play our part in limiting the negative effects of climate change. Each of the twelve chapters looks at a particular Bible passage, connects it with climate action, poses questions and suggests practical steps that can be taken.

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## Green Reflections

MARTIN AND MARGOT HODSON. ARTWORK BY MARTIN BEEK

How should we look after

the world we inhabit? Martin and Margot Hodson bring together scientific and theological wisdom to offer 62 reflections inspired by passages from the Bible in a thoughtful exploration that encourages both reflection and response.

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## Outdoor Church

SALLY WELCH

Helping churches to reconnect and value their environment. A creative worship and activity resource for churches to use outside the church

building, *Outdoor Church* functions in any green space and is suitable for churches in urban, suburban and rural contexts.

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For Messy Church Goes Wild resources, see pages 9 and 10.

# The Christian seasons



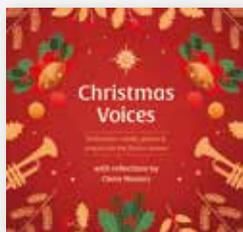
## An Advent Manifesto

MARTYN PERCY

The message of the kingdom of God: an ecology of equality and peace, and an economy of justice. Hope from

beyond, sent to the present, is what Advent asks us to reckon with. How can the light of Christ illuminate this present darkness? This book engages with two great Christmas hymns: the Magnificat and Benedictus. It is also rooted in poets, prophets and the theology and devotional writing of Howard Thurman, theologian and mentor to Martin Luther King, Jr.

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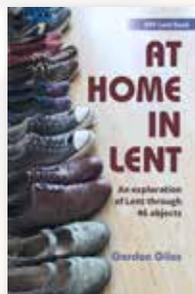
## Christmas Voices

CLAIRE MUSTERS

A collection of beautifully illustrated Christmas-

themed reflections. Claire Musters takes readers on a journey through promise and preparation to joy, peace and finally love. Along the way we encounter a choir of diverse voices sharing their favourite carols, poems and prayers.

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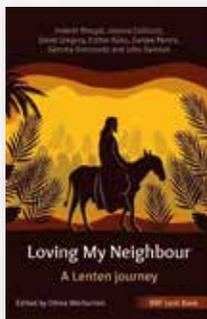
## At Home in Lent

GORDON GILES

Inspired by Neil MacGregor's Radio 4 programme, 'A History of the World in 100 Objects', Gordon Giles spends each week in a different room gleaning spiritual lessons from

everyday household objects. Running as a thread through it all are the seven Rs of Lent: regret, repentance, resolution, recognition, reconciliation, renewal and resurrection.

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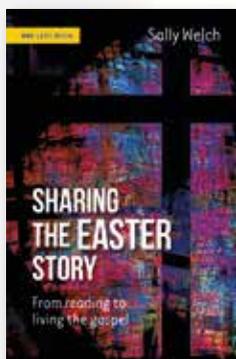
## Loving My Neighbour

EDITED BY OLIVIA  
WARBURTON

Our 2024 Lent book, *Loving My Neighbour* takes us on a journey through the challenging terrain of how we can truly

love one another, individually and in our communities. Daily Bible readings and reflections from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day explore how we can love in truth, love the vulnerable and the suffering, embrace difference, care for our world, and love ourselves as God loves us. With reflections by Inderjit Bhogal, Joanna Collicutt, David Gregory, Esther Kuku, Sanjee Perera, Gemma Simmonds and John Swinton.

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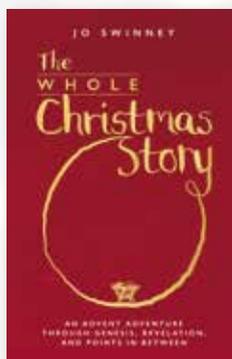
## Sharing the Easter Story

SALLY WELCH

In BRF Ministries' 2022 Lent book Sally Welch explores two questions: what is the Easter story really about, and how do we share

it? Through each week of Lent, a different aspect of the Easter story is examined: repenting, forgiving, hoping, trusting, sacrificing, loving and changing.

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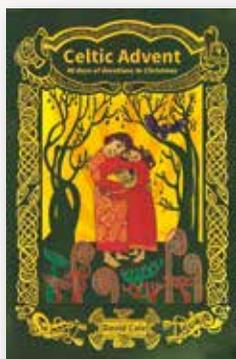
## The Whole Christmas Story

JO SWINNEY

Advent is a time to remember and reflect on the Christmas story and the baby at its heart. But the virgin birth, the

manger, the mysterious eastern visitors and their portentous gifts – all these hint at a much grander narrative. Come and explore the whole Christmas story, and find your place within it.

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## Celtic Advent

DAVID COLE

This inspirational book takes the reader through Advent to the celebration of Christmas through the eyes and beliefs of Celtic Christianity. See also the whole

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## Sharing the Christmas Story

SALLY WELCH

In BRF Ministries' Advent book for 2022, Sally Welch explores two questions: what is the Christmas story really

about, and how do we share it? Through each week of Advent, a different aspect of the Christmas story is examined: light, promise, mystery, love, peace and hope.

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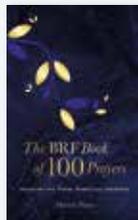


## The BRF Book of 365 Bible Reflections

EDITED BY KAREN LAISTER  
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The Bible is at the heart of BRF Ministries' work, and this special collection is a celebration of the Bible for our centenary year. Bringing together a fantastically wide-ranging writing team of authors, supporters and well-wishers from all areas of our work, it is designed to help us go deeper into the story of the Bible and reflect on how we can share it in our everyday lives.

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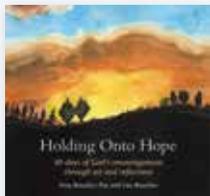


## The BRF Book of 100 Prayers

MARTYN PAYNE

Prayer is at the heart of BRF Ministries' work, and this special illustrated collection is a celebration of prayer for our centenary year. It can be used in a range of different settings, from individual devotions to corporate worship. Including seasonal prayers, and themed prayers for special times and hard times, it is the perfect daily companion to resource your spiritual journey.

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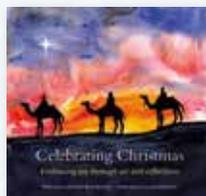
## Holding Onto Hope

AMY BOUCHER PYE  
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Amy Boucher Pye and her father Leo take the reader on

a 40-day journey exploring the themes of hope and new life through vivid biblical images and offering gentle encouragement and clear application. *Holding Onto Hope* can be used through Lent or during any 40-day period and is an attractive hardback gift for family, friends and godchildren.

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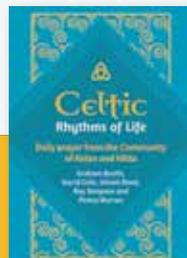
## Celebrating Christmas

AMY BOUCHER PYE  
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Amy Boucher Pye and her father Leo lead readers into

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A beautiful foiled hardback gift edition of *Celtic Rhythms of Life*. For details, see page 25.

# How BRF Ministries is funded

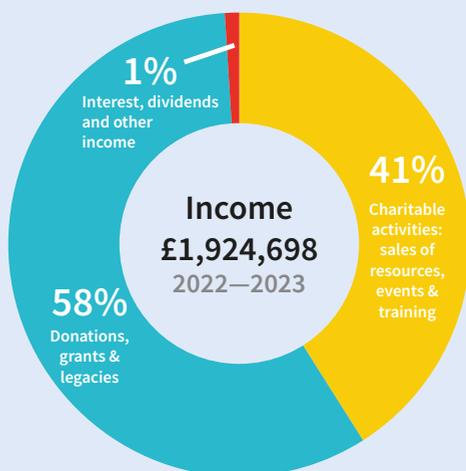
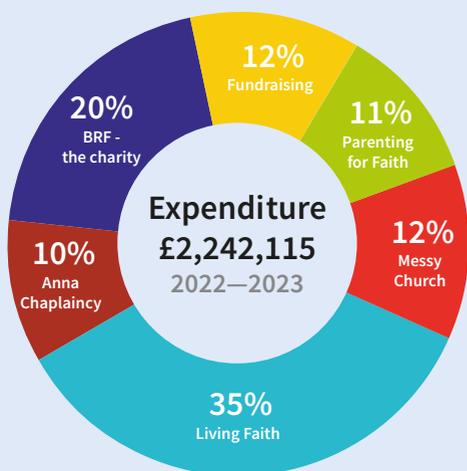
BRF Ministries' is funded by the income we generate through our charitable activities and by donations from individuals, churches and charitable trusts.

Sales of our books and resources, along with fees from events and training and our other charitable activities, generate less than half of our funding needs. Therefore, to provide all that we offer across BRF Ministries – Anna Chaplaincy, Messy Church, Parenting for Faith and Living Faith – we depend on the support of individuals, churches and trusts.

Much of what we offer churches and individuals is made available for free to maximise the reach and impact of our ministries.

Our work is only possible because of people who stand alongside us in ministry and care about what we do. In 2022–23, our thanks go to the 6,042 individuals, 176 churches and 57 charitable trusts who helped us to make a difference to thousands of individuals and churches. Hundreds of supporters also purchased our greetings cards.

If BRF Ministries' work has made a difference to your church and you would like to find out how you can support us, please go to [brf.org.uk/donate](https://brf.org.uk/donate) or contact our fundraising team via [giving@brf.org.uk](mailto:giving@brf.org.uk) or **01235 462305**.



# How to support us financially

## Give online

You can donate via [brf.org.uk/donate](https://brf.org.uk/donate) by credit card, debit card or Direct Debit. If you prefer you can donate by cheque payable to BRF Ministries or over the phone by calling **01235 462305**.

Churches and organisations can give by BACS transfer. Find out how at [brf.org.uk/get-involved/give](https://brf.org.uk/get-involved/give)

## Give regularly to support our ministry

As we look to the future and make plans, regular donations make a huge difference in ensuring we can start and finish projects well. By becoming a Friend of BRF Ministries and giving regularly to our ministry, you are partnering with us in the gospel and helping change lives. To find out more about becoming a Friend of BRF Ministries, go to [brf.org.uk/give/friends](https://brf.org.uk/give/friends) or call **01235 462305** and speak to a member of the team.

## Leave a legacy

Leaving a gift in your will is a wonderful way to support BRF Ministries. Making a will is something that many people avoid doing, but the process need not be complicated or expensive. We always recommend visiting a solicitor to ensure that your will represents your wishes. After you have made provision for your family, friends and church, maybe you would kindly consider a gift of one percent in your will to help BRF Ministries. All you need to take to your solicitor is our registered charity number, which is 233280.

## A message from our head of fundraising, Julie MacNaughton



Since 1922 BRF Ministries has been resourcing the spiritual journeys of people of all ages. Today, we continue in this mission through

our ministries: Anna Chaplaincy, Messy Church, Parenting for Faith and Living Faith. Fundraising activities, donations and gifts in wills are essential to enable us to carry out our work.

Thank you for thinking of us.

There are a number of different ways in which you can give financial support to the work of BRF Ministries. Find out about all of them at [brf.org.uk/give](https://brf.org.uk/give)

## Easy ways to give to BRF Ministries at no cost to you

Visit [brf.org.uk/easy-ways-to-support-brf-at-no-cost-to-you](https://brf.org.uk/easy-ways-to-support-brf-at-no-cost-to-you) to find out about Give As You Live, a brilliant way to benefit BRF Ministries at no cost to you.



Support our exciting range of ministries and initiatives, including Messy Church Goes Wild!

# Get involved: Pray with us

Prayer is at the heart of BRF Ministries' work and has been from the charity's earliest days. So one of the most significant ways you can support our work is by praying for us. We're so grateful for all who do: to the people who have prayed for us for many, many years and for those who have only just begun to share in our ministry in this way. Because we value your prayers so much, we offer various ways to make praying with us and for our work enjoyable and fulfilling:



- our seasonal prayer diary is much more than just a list of needs. It offers an easy and inspiring way to pray for all our ministries. Each week there's:
  - a theme to focus on
  - practical points for prayer
  - a brief 'thought for the week'
  - a short set prayer
- our inspiring social media prayers are perfect for sending to friends or sharing in groups – you can tap into daily prayers, news and inspirational quotes on our social media channels: Facebook, Instagram and X.
- our weekly prayer email from Richard Fisher, chief executive of BRF Ministries, keeps you up to date with what our teams are doing and all our current activities, alongside prayer suggestions for the wider world.



## A new prayer for a new age

Martyn Payne, our prayer advocate, wrote a new prayer to mark this exciting new phase in the life of BRF Ministries, as we enter our second century.

*Faithful God,  
thank you for growing BRF  
from small beginnings  
into the worldwide family of BRF  
Ministries.*

*We rejoice as young and old  
discover you through your word  
and grow daily in faith and love.  
Keep us humble in your service,  
ambitious for your glory  
and open to new opportunities.  
For your name's sake,  
Amen.*

## Sign-up to our weekly email list

If you would like to keep in touch with all BRF Ministries' news and events, you can sign up for our weekly emails at

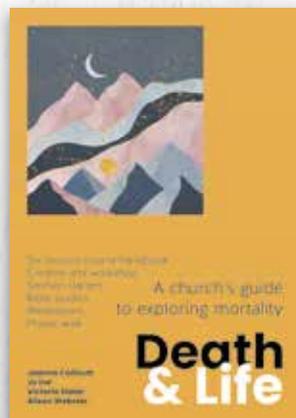
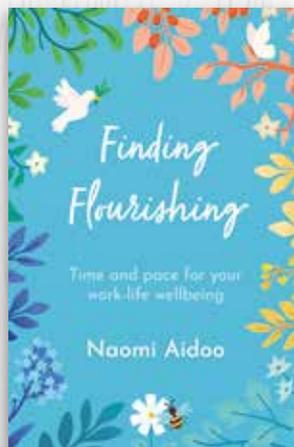
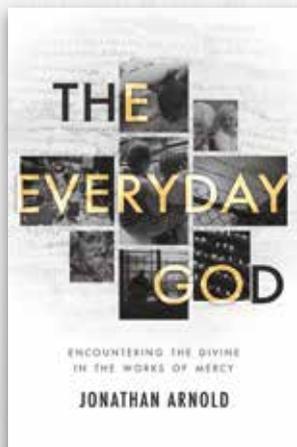
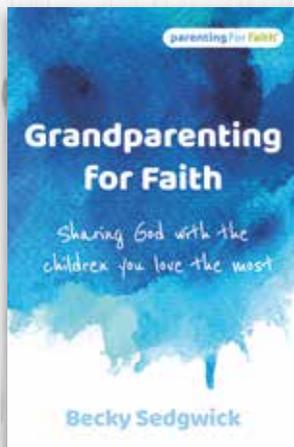
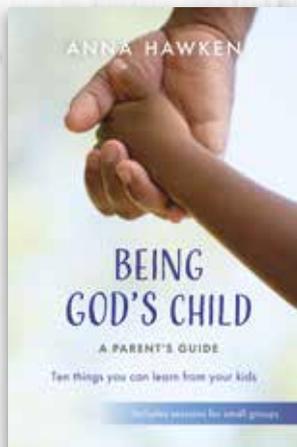
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