

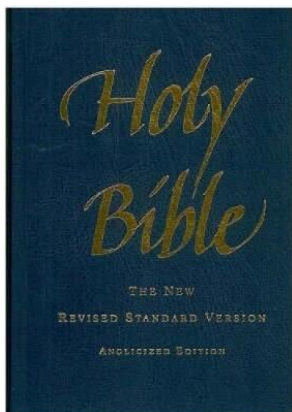


St Margaret's Church

Together we aim to:
Worship God, Proclaim Jesus,
Grow in the Spirit

In Contact

Know God Better 3—The Bible 2 Timothy 3: 10-17 25th October



Reading someone's life story can help you know them better. The Bible gives us God's life story and is a way of knowing Him better. St. Paul writes about this in his Second Letter to Timothy chapter 3 and verses 14 to 17. He writes about Knowledge of the Bible. Timothy had received this from his grandmother Lois and mother Eunice and from St. Paul. We may have been blessed with grandparents and parents or other Christians who taught us the Bible. Thank God for them.

He tells Timothy to "continue". Like him we need to build on the knowledge we have. Here are some ways to help:

1. **Get the big picture.** Some Bibles have charts at the back which show how everything fits together. Look at them.
2. **Get organised.** The leaflet 5 x 5 x 5 gives parts of the Bible to read in 5 minutes a day, 5 days a week. As you read ask two questions. What does this say about God? What does this say about people (therefore me)?
3. **Get help.** That leaflet suggests ways to dig deeper in understanding the Bible. Scripture Union notes of 'The Bible Speaks Today' series are helpful.

We need to do that because the Source of the Bible is God Himself. *"All Scripture is inspired by God"*. God gave to 40 different people words which they wrote down which has become our Bible today.

The Purpose of the Bible is to show *"salvation through Jesus Christ"*. It is a story about sin, Jesus' death for sinners and salvation by trusting Him. But it is also to teach us about Christian living. St. Paul lists 4 things - teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness. Teaching is about what we believe, sometimes summarised for us in church in a creed. Reproof is to check new ideas against Bible truth. Reading the Bible can bring correction in our behaviour and the Bible will train us in right living.

This is so that everyone will be *"equipped for every good work"*.

As the novelist Sir Walter Scott was dying in 1832 he asked his friend to read to him. "What shall I read?" said his friend looking round a library of 20,000 books. He replied "There is only one book".

That book, the Bible, will help us to "Know God Better".



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Bible Verse for 2020:

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. Ephesians 1: 17



Daily Hope is a free phone line which offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

Remember the clocks go back an hour this Saturday night (24th)



Following the APCM - These are St Margaret's Representatives:

Wardens: Mark Stansfield, Jane Franklin

Deanery Synod Representatives: Andrew Foulkes (places for 2 others).

PCC Members: Richard Baker, Sheila Brannen, Debbie Foulkes, Pearl Hardy, Catherine Iddin, Peter Miller, Ruth Miller, Angela Stansfield, Duncan Stansfield.

PCC Secretary: Susan Whittaker

We ask that you will pray for them, encourage and support them in the work that they do on our behalf.

Services at St Margaret's:

Today we continue with our sermon theme of 'Knowing God Better'. This week Rev Alan Pugmire will be looking at getting to know God better through the Bible.

Looking ahead:

Next week, 1st of November, All Saints Day: we will be welcoming Steph O'Hanlon as she joins us as our new Children and Families Worker.

8th November, Remembrance Sunday: we will take time to remember those who gave their lives so that we could live in peace.

October 25th to 31st **Please Pray for:**

- ♦ People living in Moorton Avenue, Moorton Park & Oakleigh Avenue.
- ♦ Ways to promote a Christian view of Halloween on Saturday without a Light Party.
- ♦ Arrangements at HMP M/c by Jo & others to allow gathered worship to resume.
- ♦ 14 IEM church construction projects to progress quickly.
- ♦ More people to be able to consider returning to church to worship.
- ♦ Barnabus teams to be able to help the homeless to find accommodation.
- ♦ Wisdom over how to restart regular weekly activities for adults and children.

Television & Radio this week:

BBC 1 10.30am: Sunday Morning Live

1.15 pm Songs of Praise, For Black History Month, guest presenter Mark De-Lisser visits the International Slavery Museum in Liverpool, and YolanDa Brown meets classical pianist and Christian Alexis Ffrench.

BBC Radio 4 - 8.10am Sunday Worship, Bible Sunday: Revd Dr Sam Wells explores the difference between reading the Bible and letting the Bible read us, allowing our idea of ourselves and the world to be turned upside-down.

Sunday Evening 8 o'clock:

Pray for our church family and join them in breaking of bread.

