

My Bible-My Story

'The passage that is really important to me is Ephesians 3.16-19 which talks about God strengthening us, knowing his love and being "filled to the measure of all the fullness of God".

'I used to be in a wheelchair. I had a car accident in 2006. I was 23. It was a minor crash, just a shunt, but I tore a disc in my back and had some pretty major spinal surgery. I was in chronic pain. I was on every opiate going and most of my time was spent in bed.

'In that time, I picked up the Bible and started to read Ephesians. My cognitive function wasn't great, but I felt God's love. I continued to live in pain, but suddenly I had hope. I was strengthened by that love.

'In 2018 God began to heal me. It wasn't an overnight thing. But I felt him working in my body.

'I was always quite adventurous and travelled widely. I had been an air hostess and my husband is a pilot. We have been everywhere. He went away for work and I took the children on a trip in the van. They were aged just two and five.

I normally had them strapped to the wheelchair, but I felt God telling me not to take the wheelchair with me. Driving was my God time. The children had a cartoon on in the back and I went over these verses. It calmed me.

'One night I didn't know where I was going to park up and sleep. I continued to pray these verses. It felt like there was a real spiritual battle going on. I woke up in the morning and I was completely healed.

'It felt like freedom. I woke in the morning without the normal mental fog and without pain. I could walk. I could hold the children's hands.

'I always thought that if I got healed, I would get back on a horse, but I never told anyone that. I wasn't expecting to be healed. But, a couple of weeks later I got on a horse and rode down the beach. On that ride I felt so close to him.

'I have life in abundance that I never could have dreamed of. He gave me hope in these verses.'



Whitchurch Baptist Church

Sunday July 10th 2022



Worship led by

Rev Jack Walker

**Today we conclude our series on
*The Book of Romans through the lens of Romans 12***

No 5 'Assured faith' Romans 5 : 1-9

Minister: Rev Jack Walker.

Secretary: June McCaughren

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Leadership Team: Adam Stacey. John McCaughren. John Hadley.

What’s on this week:-

Monday 10.30am Ladies Meet
8pm Leaders meeting

Please note: Wed Mid week meeting now finished.

Sunday 17th A new series begins today from Proverbs

’A Dummies Guide to life!’

No 1 . ’A Dummies guide to finance’
Proverbs 30 v 8-9

Future Dates:

Sunday 24th July **No 2 Proverbsseries**
’A dummies guide to priorities’

Don’t forget June is looking for help in decorating and cleaning the Manse in time for the arrival of Robert and his family.

Aug 8th—12th are the dates set aside and any help will be valuable and appreciated. Talk to June

Prayer Requests for this week.

Pray for Margaret who is waiting for urgent scans and surgery on her foot.
Pray for wisdom for the surgeons and those caring for her.

Uphold Robert and his family as he prepares for the move from Coventry to WBC, for the preparations for his welcome and Induction here in September. We may well find that Robert would appreciate our help and support being a relative new-comer!
[A bit different from Jack who came with bags of experience!]

Look out for news and updates from BMS on a new ‘Church Resources Newsletter’ . The BMS are introducing a monthly publication with all kinds of information, news items and challenges all to do with Mission! Like how about supporting the Harvest Appeal for the people of Ghusel, Nepal called **’Good Land’** *[Videos are already available to watch!]* - stories from Ukraine etc and much more. You cn even watch the video of Lena and Nurali who never imagined they would be raising their family in Poland let alone welcoming their third baby there, and Lili never imagined she and her children would have to flee bombs falling on their village leaving her husband behind to fight.

[Videos available to watch by logging onto BMS website]

ANDOVER FOODBANK

Longlife fruit juice.	Biscuits
Tins Tice Pudding	Pasta Sauce
Tinned Potatoes	Soup
Tinned Fish	Tinned Fruit

General toiletries inc 2 in 1 shampoo/conditioner.

General cleaning and laundry products.

Place your contributions in the marked plastic box near the kitchen. Thankyou.

Galilee teenager tells how he was saved from suicide at Scripture workshop

A teenager in northern Israel who was bullied at school and abused by family members was on the verge of suicide until he found hope in Jesus at a Bible Society workshop for traumatised young people.

Amir (name changed to protect his identity) is from a large family in the Galilee region but his parents’ work took them away from home for long periods. During that time, Amir was severely disciplined by other family members.

As well as this physical and verbal abuse at home during the pandemic, he was bullied at school.

Amir, a promising musician, saw his grades plummet.

’I became lonely, angry and depressed,’ he said. ’I was praying very hard for God’s intervention in my life, to find hope and comfort. But I felt God was absent and he was not listening to me. I planned to end my life.’

Amir was introduced to a two-day Scripture-based workshop that was helping people deal with trauma during the pandemic. The workshops take place thanks to the kind giving of Bible Society supporters.

’In the workshop sessions I was surprised when, for the first time, I understood God’s love for me despite all the pain

I learned to face and deal with my pain and anxiety in a healthy way and how to forgive people who had hurt me, especially family members,’ he said.

’I realised my value in the eyes of my heavenly Father. In the past I expected that God would act on my behalf immediately and in accordance with my plans. I was angry when he didn’t answer my prayers but seemed to help others.’

Amir added that he is now reading the Bible in a ‘new way’ and ‘praying for the Lord’s will to be done’.

He said, ’I asked the Lord to forgive me for my suicidal thoughts. On the other hand, I am convinced that God wants me to surrender more of myself to him. I am hoping to learn more about wholeness in Christ – to accept myself as the Lord loves and accepts me.’

The hope that Amir, a gifted musician, has found in Jesus has also led him to put more effort into his music and songwriting.

He says that the Bible verse he particularly cherishes is Psalm 18.2: The LORD is my protector; he is my strong fortress. My God is my protection, and with him I am safe. He protects me like a shield; he defends me and keeps me safe.’ (GNB)

In the Galilee region, the Arab-Israeli Bible Society runs many Bible-based programmes to help young people deal with issues including conflict and discrimination. These programmes are made possible by the generosity of Bible Society supporters.