



**St Mark meets the Metalheads**

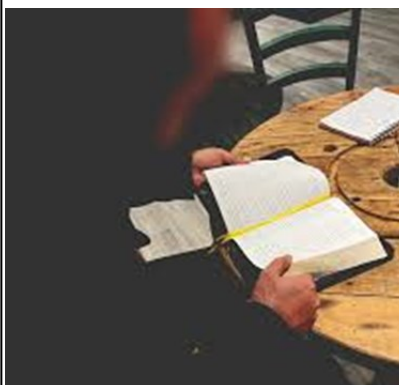
The Bible Society donated 11 boxes of Mark's gospel to help chaplains share the Bible at non-Christian festivals.



**Revd Tim Sudworth, part of the festival's chaplaincy team, describes what happened when Mark met the Metalheads:**

I physically met 'Jesus' twice this summer. At the very least, I met two people dressed as Jesus at Download Festival at Donington Park, just off the M1. Download is not for the fainthearted. Very loud heavy metal music and fancy dress of the most outrageous kind is commonplace, along with drink and drugs. Many attenders will tell you, 'It's the only place we feel like we can express ourselves and be accepted.'

I have been attending various festivals as a chaplain, and seeing God move in an amazing way. Lives have changed, thousands have been prayed for, and people have been linked to local churches back where they live. We've seen people healed and an amazing openness to hearing about Jesus (the real one, not someone in fancy dress).



**Darius shares his story**

A young man from Iran is seeking asylum in Britain. He became a Christian in his own country and he'd face persecution if he returned. Under Iranian law it's a capital offence to convert from Islam, and the authorities have been known to threaten converts overseas or their families back home. So we can't tell you this man's real name. You can call him Darius.

Your donations put the Bible in Darius' hands. Now he studies Scripture in Farsi, the language he grew up speaking, at his church in the South West of England. This is a freedom he doesn't take for granted. 'In Iran,' he said, 'If they see you holding a Bible like this, they kill you.'

**Open the Book**

Pray for our two teams

going into Southover and South Malling schools with Open the Book this new term.

Open the Book is an exciting storytelling project where Bible stories are shared with children in a way that is fun, interactive and memorable. As invited guests in school, storytelling teams use the Open the Book programme to prepare and present a 10-15-minute scripted Bible story to a school assembly, involving the children as much as possible.



**The Bible Course: Personal Edition**

Explore the BIG story at your own speed. The Bible Course: Personal Edition is a new way to explore the big story of the Bible, but at your own pace, in your own time, wherever you are – on your way to work in the morning, during lunch or when the kids are in bed.

Find out more at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course/personal-edition/>

**TRINITY Southover Churchyard Working Party**  
**Saturday 14th September**

Please join us any time in the morning. All welcome.



Tidying in the churchyard, planting borders, litter picking if necessary  
Refreshments provided.

**MEDICINE BLISTER PACKS**

You can now **recycle** used blister packs at our TRINITY sites; look out for the new labelled boxes.

**POEMS WRITTEN DURING TRINITY'S CREATION CARE SUNDAY CLUB**

Below are 2 poems on Creation written by children at St John's.

**I Notice**

I notice the trees making lovely sounds.  
I notice the graves of people that died in the past.  
I hear seagulls crying in the distance.  
I see dead leaves on the grassy ground and sticks on the ground waiting to be played with.  
I see the beauty of nature dancing.  
I hear the crickets chattering to each other and the birds tweeting to one another.

Sophia

When I'm outside it's more peaceful. It's quiet. I bask in the sun.

Luka

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MISSION PARTNERS



PF's Letter Link programme connects volunteers with over 450 men and women in 95 prisons in England & Wales. Thank God for the volunteers, and pray for understanding, hope and encouragement through these links for men and women who are lonely and may be locked up for many years.

Last year PF ran 144 Sycamore Tree courses in 58 prisons, almost 2000 prisoners having their lives changed as a result. A further 6 prisons are now asking for Sycamore Tree courses to be run – pray for the arrangements, funding and volunteers needed to meet the demand.



**LIFE IN ABUNDANCE**  
UNITED KINGDOM

Pray for our new LIA-UK Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Conrad Nevers, and the important role he will play in ensuring that the board effectively governs the charity, that trustees work together well and provide ongoing support and guidance to the LIA-UK Director. We are thankful for a smooth transition of leadership from our previous chair, Michael Stewart, to Conrad. Please also pray as we seek to identify new potential trustees to join and expand the board.



We have a Board meeting on 19th September when we will be welcoming several new Trustees and the new Chair, please pray for the new Trustees as they become more familiar with the work of FSW.

Please pray for the children in our families, as they start or return to school, as this time can be a burden on the finances within our families for their purchase of school uniforms.

Please pray for our teams, fund raisers, volunteers and practitioners who have creatively and enthusiastically supported fund raising and summer time events and activities for our families.



We are planning a concert of music, song, readings and poetry in October to celebrate our 25th anniversary. Please pray for this event, that people will attend and hear about the work of HOMELINK so that we might be able to assist more people who are struggling with homelessness.



This month we are praying for God's blessing and favour as the very first Leprosy Mission Nursing College opens in Salur, India. India is home to more than half of the world's leprosy cases, this college is vital now and for the future. The Leprosy Mission runs 14 hospitals in India all of which need specialist nurses.



We give thanks for our three new trainees, including Jacalyn Boyes from TRINITY, who will be starting our Volunteer Chaplain Training Course in September. The course covers all aspects of search, rescue and intervention techniques that are deployed at Beachy Head. Please pray for Jacalyn and the other trainee volunteers as they absorb, learn and develop a skill set that will allow them to become BHCT Chaplains later in the year and join the team.



Lisa Buyinza and Pearl of Grace Ministries: Lisa mentors 6 girls. Currently Lisa is trying to secure safe accommodation for one of them and get her set up for tailoring classes. She also joins Lisa attending a Bible training course in Charis Bible Training course.

Lisa is also hoping to set up a simple laundry business where the girls can fund their current needs.

### LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL

Would you like to help fill a Shoebox with gifts for a Family or an Elderly person? The filled boxes go to Eastern Europe in time for Christmas.

Further details, and leaflets explaining what can be included, available from Sue Clyde 812700 or Jenny Pigott 814607, or online from [www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk)



### CAFÉ 12/31

Tues to Sat  
9.30am - 2.00pm

Lunches are served daily 10.30am to 1.30pm

Breakfasts now served from 9.30am



### FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 9-22 SEP

. . may remind us to choose Fairtrade products when buying bananas, tea, coffee, chocolate, sugar, Christmas gifts . .

### GIVING TO TRINITY

You can give to support the ministry of TRINITY in a variety of ways. If you are a regular member or consider TRINITY your church, the best way to give is through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) TRINITY's parish code 100610471.

You can make direct internet payments to our bank account. Name: TRINITY Southover Church Council. Sortcode: 20 49 76. Account Number: 20775894. You can also give using our contactless systems at our sites.



If you are able to gift-aid your donation please email Bill our treasurer, and he will give you the relevant form: [finance@trinitylewes.org](mailto:finance@trinitylewes.org)

Our website has more details: <https://trinitylewes.org/about/giving/>

### HANNAH COLPUS TO 'GoMAD'!

As part of her gap year Hannah will be spending 10 weeks, from mid-January to the end of March 2025, serving with the Christian organisation GoMAD (Go Make A Difference) Tanzania, helping with community projects in Tanzania and briefly in Kenya.



TRINITY's Mission Advisory Body has agreed to make a financial contribution towards the costs, and encourages the church to support Hannah in prayer.

### TRINITY Southover is normally open for prayer

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