

## Notices Extra – Nov. 2018

This is our monthly update highlighting one group or activity from our church and one group / organisation that we support as a church. Please use the information as a focus for your prayers.

### Sunday School & Kings Club

We currently have two groups, one for children aged from 3 to 7 (Sunday School) and one for children aged between 7 and 11 (Kings Club). Both groups use various activities to help the children to learn more about God and what it means to be a friend of Jesus.

Sunday school and King's Club have joined together this term (while the church hall has been out of action) to learn about Gideon in parallel with the rest of the church. This is being followed with the stories of Boaz and Ruth, and their great grandson David, as we see God's provision of a godly king for Israel who points to The King, Jesus. We have enjoyed seeing how God can work in the lives of ordinary people who trust Him.

While the number of children varies, both groups can have up to six or seven children. In terms of the adults who are involved we have a core team who are involved most weeks, we have some occasional helps, plus those who help out during the summer holidays.

In your prayers please remember

- To give thanks for each child
- Give thanks for some new children who've started coming along regularly, and to pray they will settle in and be drawn to Jesus as they learn about Him.
- To give thanks for the adults who serve God and the church in this important ministry
- To pray for growth including provision for under 3s





We live in a world where too many people don't engage with the Bible.

In some parts of the world, the Scriptures are difficult to access or are simply unavailable. In this country, the Bible is readily available but has lost its significance and its value is unrecognised by millions. The Bible Society is working hard here at home and in key areas across the world to change this. They take the Bible and find ways to translate and distribute it, create digital formats, advocate for its place in society and help people relate to and make sense of it in their everyday lives. All their efforts are driven by one conviction: **we believe that when people engage with the Bible, lives can change – for good.**

They are committed to offering the Bible to the world and they have won the admiration of royalty, from Edward VII through to our current monarch, Elizabeth II. Their work has survived, even thrived, through the unfolding events of two World Wars. They persevered to find openings in Communist Russia and the Cultural Revolution of China. They have established local Bible Societies in 146 countries of the world, to undertake their work in these locations.

Our church has supported the work of the Bible Society for many years by making an annual donation and we are committed to help them as they faithfully live out their belief that the Bible should be made available to every man, woman and child in the world in a language that they understand and at a price that they can afford.

How can you help?

- You can help by praying for those who translate and distribute the word.
- You can give a donation to be sent with the annual church donation or send direct (see Steve Dunkerley) You can join the Bible A Month Club - £5.00 a month will help those unable to buy a Bible for themselves to receive a free or subsidised copy. Bibles can be translated to reach more people with the word of God and literacy classes, audio and braille Bibles can be given to those for whom the Bible is an inaccessible book, and bibles can be brought to life and advocated for here in England and Wales.