

Audio and Video Bibles

Audio Bibles allow you to listen to the Bible when you are walking, driving, cooking or reading the verses yourself.

Biblica - free Online Audio Bible
<https://tinyurl.com/4b3entke>

YouVersion - free online Audio Bible
<https://tinyurl.com/35hcsuaa>

Free videos on different Bible books and themes are available from the Bible Project
<https://bibleproject.com/explore/>

Bible Week

Every year at the end of August and start of September the Diocese hosts an annual Bible Week with teaching, worship and ministry.

Diocesan Bible Course

Josh Hooker brings the Word alive in the Diocesan Bible Course which provides an overview of the Bible in three 10-week modules.

Find this leaflet online at:
www.downanddromore.org



Online Bibles

Online Bibles provide you with different translations in the one place, Bible study tools, search facilities and reading plans.

Bible Gateway - free online Bible
<https://www.biblegateway.com/about/>

Biblica - free online Bible
<https://www.biblica.com/online-bible/>

Bible Society - free online Bible
<https://tinyurl.com/bddaxwh6>

Bible and Worship Apps

Smartphone Apps enable you to read the Bible anywhere.

You can make notes and access:

- Different translations
- Devotions and commentaries
- Prayers, prayer prompts and liturgies
- Maps, photos and historical context
- Audio versions

YouVersion - free App
<https://www.youversion.com/the-bible-app/>

Bible in 1 Year - free App
<https://bibleinoneyear.org/en/>

Church of Ireland Daily Worship App-free
<https://tinyurl.com/4kd7x7sz>

Reading the Bible for ourselves

*“Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.”*

MATTHEW 4:4

*“All Scripture is God-breathed and
is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting
and training in righteousness, so that
the man of God may be thoroughly
equipped for every good work.”*

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17



Why?

The Bible is God's very word to us.

Reading the Bible for ourselves shows us life from God's perspective.

In the Bible, we hear God speak and are helped to grow in our faith.

The Bible reveals to us:

- God's character
- God's love for us
- God's plan to rescue us at the Cross
- God's direction for our lives
- God's intention to renew the world

How?

1. Establish a daily routine
 - same time
 - same place
2. Choose a helpful Bible version
3. Pray before you read
4. Read carefully
5. Think about its meaning
6. Ask - what does this tell me about God?
7. Ask - what do I need to do or believe?

What version?

Use a modern version that uses contemporary English e.g.

- *New International Version*
- *English Standard Version*
- *New King James Version*

A paraphrase (e.g. The Message) can aid understanding of difficult passages.

A Reader's Bible (e.g. Immerse) has no chapters or verses, reducing distractions so that the Bible reads more like a book.

Where to start?

A good place to start is Mark's Gospel - the shortest Gospel account. This introduces who Jesus is and what it means to follow him.

Another is 1 Peter which is all about hope and holiness in a hostile world.

We can read the Bible in lots of ways:

- *Meditate on a few verses (Lectio Divina)*
<https://tinyurl.com/3fd75axz>
- *Read a Bible book, a chapter at a time*
- *Use Bible reading notes*
- *Follow a reading plan*

Bible Reading Notes

Reading notes share experts' key insights connecting Bible passages with everyday life.

Waverley Abbey - free Bible reading notes
<https://tinyurl.com/2p829j2s>

Our Daily Bread - free online or emailed daily devotions <https://odb.org/subscription/uk/>

Bible Reading Plans

Reading plans help you to systematically read through the whole Bible so that you:

- *Grasp its overarching story*
- *Improve your understanding of Scripture*
- *See how the whole Bible points us to Jesus*

You can start a plan at any time during a year. Remember the most important thing is to read the Bible carefully and devotionally.

There are different kinds of plan:

- *Chronological - reading the Bible in the order of its historical events*
- *Classic - reading 3 passages a day - 2 Old Testament and 1 New Testament*
- *Beginning to End - from Genesis to Revelation*

Bible Society - free Bible Reading Guide
<https://biblesocietyni.co.uk/resources/>

Robert Murray M'Cheyne 1-year plan
<https://tinyurl.com/44u9ube7>

