



Parish of Christchurch

We welcome you to St George's church  
this Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019,  
**BIBLE SUNDAY**

We welcome our President for today's service,  
Rev David Lund

A COLLECT FOR BIBLE SUNDAY:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN.

TODAY'S READINGS:

Old Testament:                      Isaiah 45; 22-25  
New Testament:                     Romans 15; 1-6  
Gospel:                                    Luke 4; 16-24

TODAY'S HYMNS

551	When morning gilds the skies
318	Lord, thy word abideth
81	Christ triumphant, ever reigning
166	God be in my head
312	Lord Jesus, think on me
198	Hark the glad sound, the Saviour comes

**WHAT WE KNOW (OR DON'T KNOW)**  
**ABOUT THE BIBLE**

Around the world  
246,000,000 people  
do not possess even a single book of  
the Bible in their own language

411,000,000 people  
have only a portion of Scripture in their  
own language

There are 7,350  
languages in the world;  
Only 692 languages have translations of  
the whole bible.

Only 1,547 have translations of the New  
Testament.

Only 1,123 have translations of portions  
of the bible.

**That means 3,988 languages have NO**  
**TRANSLATION OF SCRIPTURE - That's**  
**OVER HALF of the world's languages!!**

Yesterday the Church celebrated the life and work of Alfred the Great. Born in the year 849, Alfred was the king of the West Saxons who effectively brought to an end the constant threat of Danish domination in the British Isles. He came to the throne at the age of twenty-two and, after establishing peace, set about bringing stability to both church and state. He gave half of his income to founding religious houses which themselves acted as Christian centres for education, care of the sick and poor, and respite for travellers. He was a daily attender at mass and himself translated many works into the vernacular. He evolved a legal code based on common sense and Christian mercy. His whole life was marked by the compassion of Christ. He died on 26<sup>th</sup> October in the year 899.

And I thought he was only famous for burning the cakes!!!

Next Sunday at the 9.30 service Imran (Beau's dad) will be baptised into the Christian faith here at St George's. Unfortunately, Maroulla and I will be away, but I'm sure you will give him a resounding welcome into the faith.

The prayers this morning are those set for Bible Sunday by the Bible Society. They are different to our usual intercessions and the response will be different. **When I say, "Lord, hear us" the response is "Lord, graciously hear us"**

St George's was well-represented at Iris's funeral on Friday. David presided and the family brought sandwiches and cake to go with the tea and coffee that we supplied after the service. Judging from the chit-chat going on, even though it was a solemn occasion, a good time was had by all. The singing was great with one traditional and two modern hymns of Iris's choice.

DID YOU KNOW that the readings in church are taken from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), which is a revision of the Revised

Standard Version which, in turn, is an update of the American Standard Version. The NRSV was originally published for the American Church, but our version has been 'Anglicised' to use British spelling and grammar. Occasionally at All-Age Services, the NIV (New International Version) is used as it is a little easier for youngsters to understand..

A SUNDAY SMILE:



**Any articles for inclusion in next week's St George's News  
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