

## Theme Prayer for the Day

Here is the Collect for this Sunday's Bible reading and message:

**Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside You renewed Your call to Your disciples:  
help Your Church to obey Your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of Your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

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### S.S.S.I.s – “Sites of Special Spiritual Interest”

Inspired by the idea of ‘Sites of Special Scientific Interest’ plus the USA's famous Route 66, we'll visit Scripture book by book



#### ROOT 66: A Bible Treasure Trail

##### Site 2: EXODUS

*Can you find which chapter starts with this?*

“Then Moses and the Israelites sang a song  
to the Lord . . .”

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#### \* Items for the next edition \*

to reach the **Administrator**  
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Parish of The Lye and Stambermill

**From Paul Newton**

### Wycliffe Bible Translators

It was way back in the 1980s that I first heard about Wycliffe through a work colleague called Jean, and I did some linguistics training at their base near High Wycombe. But it wasn't to be until 2002 that, together with my wife Elsa, we set out for West Africa to serve with Wycliffe for a few years.

Wycliffe's goal is for the wisdom and hope and salvation found in the Bible to be available to everyone in the language they understand best. There are over 7,000 languages in the world and translation work is accelerating – last year each week two more New Testaments or full Bibles were completed, yet for 1 in 5 people in the world, the Bible remains locked in a language they do not understand.

Part of my role now is to support translation work in Mauritania and Western Sahara, where it is still illegal for people to convert to Christianity. We pray that as the Scriptures are translated, they will make a big difference there.

Thank you to everyone at Christ Church and your PCC for being a part of this through your partnership! Every prayer and every gift helps unlock the message of the good news of Jesus. If you would like to learn more, visit <https://wycliffe.org.uk/> or talk to me.



Thanks!  
*Paul*



## PREVIEWS, POINTERS & PRAYER

Items for this page to the Administrator by Thursday morning please

### Previews

**Today 6.30pm: Evening Fellowship Video:** “Transfiguration”

**Monday 8.00pm: PCC Meeting:** Pray for this first new session

**Wednesday 10.00am: Lion Club** Toddler Group

**Thursday 2.00pm: Discovery Group**

**Friday 11.00–1.00pm Open Door** + Midday service

**Monday 26th:** Start of schools Half Term week

### Pointers

#### Extended Childcare Hours

From September, childcare during term time for working families with children will expand to 30 hours for children aged 9 months to school age, Apply online now via [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) for your childcare code (which will need to be reconfirmed every three months) or search ‘Childcare Choices’ online to see what help you could get

Here to help  
you juggle  
family life

### Prayer

#### Parochial Church Council (P.C.C.)

Pray for the new year, meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month.

#### Wycliffe Bible Translators



Pray for Paul Newton, his colleagues and for translation teams around the world – many of whom face opposition to their work – that God will give them courage and strength so that this work is done and the translation reaches the hands of the people for whom it is meant.’

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| <b>Today</b><br>18 <sup>th</sup> May       | 10.30am Holy Communion + A.G.M.<br>11.00am Zimbabwean Church<br>12.00pm Romanian Church<br><br>6.30pm Evening Fellowship Video<br>6.30pm Youth Group<br><br><b>Pray for</b> newcomers and visitors to church |
| <b>Monday</b>                              | 10am–12pm OM Women’s Refugee Project<br>7.00pm Online Prayer Group<br>8.00pm PCC Meeting<br><br><b>Pray for</b> members of the PCC   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                             | <b>Pray for</b> our Administrator and volunteers   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                           | 10.00am Lion Club<br><br><b>Pray for</b> leaders and our church groups   |
| <b>Thursday</b>                            | 2.00pm–3.30pm Discovery Group<br><br><b>Pray for</b> external Groups using the Church  |
| <b>Friday</b>                              | 11am–2pm Open Door<br>12.00pm Midday Worship<br><br><b>Pray for</b> our Diocese seeking a new Bishop   |
| <b>Saturday</b>                            | <b>Pray for</b> our new vicar Glen, wife Angela and their baby daughter Hazel.   |
| <b>Next Sunday</b><br>25 <sup>th</sup> May | 10.30am Service of the Word<br>11.00am Zimbabwean Church<br>12.00pm Romanian Church<br><br>6.30pm Evening Worship Video<br>6.30pm Youth Group  |

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