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Know Your Bible

Transforming women's lives by the power of God's Word

Are you Plugged in and Fully Charged?

My daughter and her husband are now the proud owners of a hybrid electric car, whilst my sister and her husband have bought a fully electric car. I wondered what the difference was.

A hybrid car is charged when it is driven and when you brake. The disadvantage is that the battery is never fully charged. It has much to recommend it, but hybrid Christians are a different matter. As Christians we need to be fully charged at all times by the Holy Spirit, just like a fully electric car needs to be plugged in to be fully charged.

I wonder if you have come across people who only attend church at Christmas, Easter, Harvest Festival, weddings and funerals? Others may even attend weekly, but that is as far as their faith goes. We might say they are hybrid believers as they have some association with church, but it does not necessarily affect their everyday lives. It is hybrid, mixing some belief with living their own way, with no reference to God at other times.

Judas was a disciple of Jesus who heard his teaching, saw the signs and wonders he did and on the outside seemed a true believer. Even the other disciples did not suspect that he was any different to them. But, in the end, he showed his true colours. We are told in John 12 that he criticised Mary of Bethany for pouring expensive perfume on Jesus' feet when it could have been used to help the poor. For Mary, it was an act of love; Jesus called it an anointing for his burial.

John 12:6 'He (Judas) did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to

what was put in it.' He was motivated by his love of money. He was double-minded; he had a hybrid faith. His betrayal of Jesus for 30 pieces of silver proves the point.

We all need to take care that we are not hybrid Christians but fully committed to living God's way in a secular world. This is not always easy, but God has given us his Holy Spirit to help us. *1 Corinthians 3:16 'Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?'* Filled with the Holy Spirit, we are fully charged like a fully electric car. Romans 8 tells us that when we don't know how to pray the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, *'... with groans that words cannot express.'* Most of us have been there at times, I am sure.

KYB helps us to know how we should live as we read his Word and put it into practice.

2 Corinthians 5:17 'Therefore if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation, the old has gone and the new has come.' Our lives should show that we have a new focus which is different to the world we live in.

Do you recall when you first became a Christian? The joy and peace that was a real experience. The desire to tell everyone what Jesus had done in your life. For me, it was as if a burden had been lifted from my shoulders. We read in Acts 2 the experience of the early believers:

Acts 2:42 ff 'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.'

It goes on to say that they had everything in common, they met for communion and provided for the needs of others. They were definitely on fire for the Lord. Is our fire burning less brightly today? Let's rekindle it as we see afresh what the Lord has done for us.



1 John 4:9&10 reminds us, 'This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his only begotten Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.'

What a glorious Saviour we have and what a wonderful message we have to share.

Let's not be Hybrid Believers but Fully Charged Christians.

1 Corinthians 15:58 'Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.'

Tina Stevens
KYB UK President



KYB Newslink Team

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Brixham Ladies Keen To Study God's Word!



A new KYB group started meeting in September at Brixham Baptist Church in South Devon. Twelve ladies gather twice a month and are presently studying the book of Nehemiah. God is certainly blessing our times together.

We have enjoyed lively and thought-provoking discussions as we have read of how Nehemiah used his privileged position in the court of Artaxerxes to be instrumental in the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem. He was a brilliant leader, yet he remained humble and passionately concerned for the welfare of the Jewish people.

We have felt challenged to reflect on our own prayer lives and whether we truly have a heart for our communities. Nehemiah

always spent time in prayer first, but then took action. Do we follow this example, or are we tempted to rush into situations thinking we have the answers? When faced with opposition, Nehemiah remained faithful and led the people wisely, ensuring that they were provided for and protected. When the walls were completed, there was much rejoicing. However, it was also a time of repentance, as they read from the scriptures, acknowledged their past sins and sought forgiveness. May we all take to heart the challenges and encouragements of Nehemiah. May God open our eyes to see the needs that surround us and give us a heart like Nehemiah's to pray earnestly and to act.

**Jill Opie
Torquay**

Thanks for the Feedback!

Many thanks to all the KYB group leaders who have let us know how their groups are getting on, updating contact information and encouraging us in response to the survey sent out at the end of 2024. May God continue to bless all our groups with lively discussion, heartfelt prayer for one another, and an increased faith and trust in our Lord God. Amen

Facebook is another way to keep up with KYB news. New to Facebook? Go to www.knowyourbible.org.uk and click on the Facebook link. Remember to click 'Follow' to see our updates, devotions and messages.

The Best Kept Secret

My husband and I moved to Clevedon in December 2023. I was 63 and had just retired from my role as an Assistant Rector in Cheltenham. On our first Sunday there I went along to my daughter's church in nearby Portishead and met Christine, who also lives in Clevedon. Christine kindly invited me round for coffee the following week - retirement was getting off to a good start! During my visit, Christine mentioned that she was part of a Bible study group in Portishead called KYB. "KYB, whatever is that?" I said. "Know Your Bible", replied Christine, "Do you want to come along?". "Oh, yes please!", I said, "I love God's Word, especially studying it alongside others".

Christine took me along to Pam's house who was hosting, and I met Sue who was leading the study. There were about seven other ladies in Pam's lounge, with at least five different churches represented. I was handed the study book, 'Finding Treasure: Christ in the Old Testament'.

I was totally intrigued. I had never come across KYB and I had so many questions: Who was behind it? Where did it come from? How long has KYB been going? And, most importantly, why had I never heard of it? I have run and been involved with countless Bible groups over the years, yet I had never heard of KYB! I thought the study was amazing, I was hooked!

I shared with Christine that I felt we needed to get this known and to start a group in Clevedon; that this was too

good not to share with others and that more people should be benefiting from these excellent studies.

Christine, bless her, offered to host a group in Clevedon and I began inviting a few ladies from my local church and from other churches in the area. Christine and I met regularly to pray for God to bring the group together and on Thursday 18th April 2024 we started; six ladies studying 'Five Lives: Women who encountered God'. This group has now grown to eleven and we are on our third study. I have subsequently started a second KYB group for six ladies in my house on a Tuesday morning and I'm praying that God will open a door for me to start a third group with young mums. Please pray for this to take root.

I joined the Bristol KYB Team last year. They are a dedicated group of ladies who carry the aroma of Jesus and I feel privileged to be part of the team. KYB brings such a sense of unity, regardless of which church we attend. Being part of KYB I feel part of the bigger picture; part of the worldwide community of believers in Jesus Christ. When we study the living Word together it feels like we are building family.

I wonder if KYB is the best kept secret? Perhaps it's time to let the secret out of the bag!!

Sharon Walker
KYB Bristol



Digging for Nuggets of Gold



The poster for a ladies' conference in Helston said there'd be a creche! How delightful to relax, listening to God's Word and not be distracted by my young son! It was a wonderful day of fellowship and teaching, and my first encounter with CWCI, later known as Know Your Bible.

My husband had become an elder of a local church, where there was no ladies' work at that time. An Australian missionary came to Cornwall and organised a meeting to discuss setting up KYB study groups. A day conference was held to introduce the KYB concept of interactive Bible study for us to try. This was women's work our church could be involved in, and my husband encouraged me to pursue it. We always believed that studying the Bible was the way to grow in the Lord. Groups were planned and in 1998, on Tuesday afternoons from 1.30pm to 3pm, ladies from different churches met in our home weekly and I learnt how to lead a group.

Many ladies have blessed me with their frank sharing through difficulties, joys and sadnesses. Where we could, we supported one another practically and in prayer, but never making KYB more important than our service to our churches.

A leader does not have to be a great teacher - we meet to learn together and the study books are tools helping us dig for nuggets of gold in the Bible.

In 2020 our studies ended for a few months, until all of us could use Zoom. It was not easy at first; it was awkward talking on screen, although being online did make us very focussed on the Bible study. Then we began 'The Problem of Pain,' a study we had avoided! For some reason I found the ladies were sharing again, helped by reinforcing the truth of God's Word and hearing others' experiences.

Even after we could meet again in person, we decided to continue online, but occasionally get together for special birthdays or for tea in a local café. These are always fun occasions - we may feel we have fewer grey cells, but we still have legs!

It has always been a privilege to lead a group. The Word unites us as we try to not just acquire head knowledge, but put it into practice, caring and praying for one another. It is not just another Bible study!

Ann Chapple
Redruth, Cornwall



Vision Statement

1. To bring women to a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ as Saviour.
2. To deepen and enrich the spiritual lives of women.
3. To equip women for life's challenges so they might be a positive influence in their homes, work and communities.
4. To enable them to play a more effective role in their own churches and in all their service for the Lord.



Where we come from

Know Your Bible (KYB) started from a group of women meeting for Bible Study in Sydney, Australia in 1957.

The spiritual hunger of that group led to a weekend away just for Bible teaching! The work spread - soon weekend Bible teaching conventions for women were being held all over Australia and CWCI (Christian Women Communicating International) was born. The Bible study groups became known as KYB groups. CWCI operates mainly in Australia, New Zealand and the UK. In 2007 the decision was taken to be known in the UK as Know Your Bible. KYB in the UK is led by a National Leadership Team (NLT) and is overseen by a group of Trustees.

KYB studies are written by women in Australia, with each study taking about 4 years to produce. Studies do not have a 'denominational emphasis'; they focus on what unites Christians.

The production of the studies and translation work are the responsibility of the International Board (IB). The studies have been translated into many languages, and more recently into Easy English.

KYB groups are spread across the UK, mostly groups of women, however, there are now mixed groups and some men's groups. It is so encouraging to hear what God is doing within the KYB groups. Prayer is vital and we look to God to guide and use KYB in people's lives.

Why is it so good?!

The Know Your Bible Method of Study

The KYB method of study is a process of discovery and exploration rather than an intellectual exercise. It combines individual preparation with group discussion - both are important.

The study books provide some background information, and are divided into units. Every unit has passages of Scripture to read and a series of questions to answer. At the end there is a summary of what has been covered in that session.

The group can be made up of people of any age or denomination who desire to explore the Bible and who can find a time to meet together. The KYB method ensures that we focus on what unites us as Christians, rather than the things that divide.

'THE GROUP PROVIDES THE INCENTIVE FOR ME TO KEEP AT IT.'

KYB studies certainly live up to their name! They provide a regular, systematic and thorough means of learning and applying the truth of God's Word. As we open ourselves to the Word of God it often brings life-changing results. A few quotes below illustrate the benefits of the KYB method:

'I'VE ENJOYED LEARNING FROM BOOKS OF THE BIBLE THAT I WOULD NEVER HAVE TACKLED ON MY OWN.'

'THE STUDIES HAVE GIVEN ME THE CONFIDENCE TO ANSWER WHEN ASKED ABOUT MY FAITH.'

'KYB HAS HELPED ME TO SEE THE BIBLE AS A COMPLETE WHOLE.'

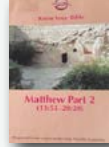
'IT WAS THROUGH MY KYB GROUP THAT I FIRST MET JESUS.'

Know Your Bible Studies

Here are our current available titles; they have 9 units, unless stated otherwise.
Please remember KYB studies should not be photocopied or reproduced in any way.



Ancient Prayers for Modern People: £4.15
Prayers of the Old Testament



Matthew Part 2 £4.00
(chapters 14-28)



Finding Treasure £4.15
Christ in the Old Testament



Gospel of John Part 1 £4.00
(chapters 1-10)



Gospel of John Part 2 £4.15
(chapters 11-21)



Acts Part 1 £4.00
(chapters 1-12)
Gospel & Growth



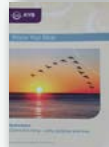
Acts Part 2 £4.15
Message & Mission
(chapters 13-28)



1 Corinthians £4.00
Maturing in Unity & Love



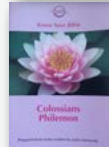
Nehemiah £4.15
Faith & Perseverance Under Pressure



Ephesians £4.00
Unity, Purpose & Love



Galatians £4.15
Grace & Freedom
(5 Units)



Colossians & Philemon £4.00
A Life Worthy of God



Genesis Part 2 £4.15
The Lord Said to Abraham
(chapters 12-25)



Timothy & Titus £4.00
Holding Fast to the Gospel



Revelation £4.15
Christ's Final Victory



Hebrews £4.00
Celebrating Jesus!



The Good News £4.00
A Foundational
Look at Jesus



Genesis Part 1 £4.00
(chapters 1-11)
In the Beginning



Matthew Part 1 £4.00
(chapters 1-13)



1 Samuel £4.00
A Kingdom in the
Making



2 Samuel £4.00
The House that
God Built



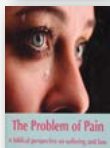
**The Life of
Solomon** £4.00
Kingdom & Worship
Christ's Final Victory



**Haggai &
Zechariah** £4.00
Challenged, Empowered,
Restored



Five Lives £4.00
Women Who Encountered
God (5 units)



The Problem of Pain £2.50
A Biblical Perspective on
Suffering & Loss (5 units)
*An excellent study, finding hope
and courage in God, with many
opportunities to share our stories.*

IMPORTANT! KYB Studies Distributor

Pam Vivian now deals with all study book orders, apart from those in Devon, Cornwall & Scotland.

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or 07450 949987 (preferably by text)

Please order books for your groups well in advance.

Pam is unavailable from June 22nd to August 6th, so orders in by June 10th, or contact Sue Edgeler.

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How to pay:

An invoice will be included with your study books.

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We love hearing your news!

We have so enjoyed receiving your contributions to this issue of Newslink. Thank you for sharing your news, events and testimonies, please keep them coming! We would love to include a photo of your group or event, a review of a KYB study you've just finished, or news of God at work in the next edition. Please send items to Nicky or Tina by the end of June (contact details on page 3, articles as word documents and photos as separate jpg or png files).



Mary Wray: the ideal person for the role!

Much work goes on behind the scenes to ensure the smooth preparation and delivery of our KYB studies. Mary always has her finger on the pulse when it comes to knowing the needs of each group in her area. This was especially apparent when the opportunity arose to provide KYB studies in Welsh following the translation work of Menna Green.

Many of you will have met Mary Wray at various KYB conferences and events over the years. She could always be found staffing the KYB studies book stand and encouraging everyone to be part of a study group.

Mary is passionate about the importance and blessings of knowing God's word personally. She was therefore the ideal person to take on the role of National KYB distributor, a position she has fulfilled for over 20 years. It has been a real joy and privilege to work alongside Mary.

The role has meant so much more than storing boxes and boxes of books, wrapping up many hundreds of book orders and trips to the post office. It's been about the people who write or phone to order their books, and about prayerfully wrapping and sending out orders, knowing that God was at work across the UK and beyond.

She has always enjoyed participating in numerous meetings, both in person and online.

One of Mary's hobbies is photography and when a book cover was needed for the 1 Samuel study, Mary's own sheep became the 'cover girls!' We are thankful to the Lord for Mary's willingness to use her gifting in the ministry of KYB.

So, thank you Mary, for giving so generously of your time and energy. Thank you, Mike, for all your support over the years, and for sharing your home with our KYB studies!

Praying you enjoy your well-earned retirement!

(I wonder what you will do with all that space?)

Sue Edgeler
South West Distributor

What an Opportunity!



What a privilege it is to take over the distribution of KYB Study books from Mary Wray, after so many years. Big shoes to fill indeed! We owe Mary a great debt of thanks. I would like to thank her for the help she has given me in preparing for this role.

So, something about me. I live in Portishead, North Somerset. I am married to John and we have two children and two grandchildren who are the apples of our eyes.

I claimed Jesus as my Lord and Saviour in 1970, through the local church that I attended in Birmingham. My spiritual journey has had its ups and downs, but Jesus has been with me through it all. We arrived in Portishead in 1987 after five years in a spiritual wilderness, and in 1990 John gave his life to the Lord. We now both serve our local church on the Financial Team. I am also the Treasurer to the Bristol Area KYB team.

My working life has had many twists and turns. I began working in pathology in 1972; after training, job changes, moving abroad and getting married, I ended up in Portishead. After working in Public Health, I moved into teaching, eventually working with pupils with severe physical and

cognitive impairments. My faith has upheld me through many difficult times during these years.

I first came across KYB in 2007 when my good friend, Sue Hoyles, invited me to a KYB weekend at Willersley Castle in Derbyshire. So, a couple of us from our church in Portishead hitched a lift with Sue and had a brilliant time! Following on from this I went to every residential weekend at Brunel Manor in Devon, including the one where we were snowed in!

Although I had this contact with KYB, and I was getting to know many ladies, I had never been to a local KYB meeting or taken part in a KYB Bible study. This was rectified in 2019 when I retired. Sue was just setting up a daytime KYB group which I joined and have been benefiting from the studies, fellowship and prayer support ever since.

I am thrilled to be serving you all as KYB distributor and look forward to getting to know you and your groups as I provide your study books.

Pam Vivian
National KYB Studies Distributor

Looking for a KYB group?

For anyone without a KYB group, there may be a suitable online group for you to join ... or why not invite two or three friends to join you and start your own KYB group? We can provide information and support for new groups, and the Leader's Guide gives excellent introductions and summaries for each study unit. Do get in touch to see how we can help. admin@knowyourbible.org.uk

KYB EVENTS CALENDAR

West Cornwall

'Hope for the Church – a study in Ephesians'

Saturday 22nd March 9.45-2.15

Speaker: Abi Willetts

Venue: Central Methodist Church, Coinagehall St, Helston TR13 8EQ

Cost: £10

Bring a packed lunch; refreshments provided.

Contact: email kybevents985@gmail.com

Torbay, Devon

'Abide'

Saturday June 14th 10.30 – 3.00

Speaker: Emily Twigg

Venue: St Mary Magdalene Church, Union St, Torquay TQ1 4BX

Cost: £10 to include tea, coffee & cake

Please bring a packed lunch

Contact: book your place by emailing kybtorquay@gmail.com
or by phoning Mary Walton

Bristol Spring Gathering

'No Ordinary Child ... Five Extraordinary Women'

Led by the KYB Bristol Team

Saturday 29th March 9.30am for 10am - 12.30pm

Venue: Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church, BS32 8BH

Suggested donation £7.50 (including refreshments)

Contact Sue Hoyles -

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'Eat Cake, Drink Coffee, Explore Scripture, Discover KYB'

National Leadership Meetings

March 10-13th and October 6-9th at Hill House, Bridgewater, Somerset.

A twice-yearly review of how things are going in Know Your Bible. Please pray for us as we seek God's guidance and wisdom for the future of Know Your Bible.

Know Your Bible National Conference at The Hayes, Derbyshire May 16-18th

Our speaker is Tricia Marnham on the theme of 'Hope'.

A time of refreshment & challenge, with teaching, worship and fellowship.

Please make outstanding payments by April 30th. Thank you.

KYB Week 2025 June 8-14th

A great opportunity to celebrate your KYB group, invite friends along to experience KYB for themselves, and maybe even join up with other groups in your local area. You could pray for growth, share what you've been learning, spread the gospel and publicise Know Your Bible. Groups may wish to send a donation to support the ministry.

We'd love to hear how you celebrate KYB week and photos are always welcome!



Prayer diary

"Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are mine."

Isaiah 43:1 KYB Bible verse for 2025

DAY 1 Fear not! ... appears 365 times in Scripture

Thank God He gives us strong confidence to go boldly into all that lies ahead. Whatever circumstances crop up, the Lord our God goes with us; he will never leave or forsake us (Deut 31:6)

Pray that KYB will courageously step into all God wants to do in and through us in 2025.

Day 2: Redeemed! God has bought us with His own precious blood (Eph 1:7)

Please pray for many to realise the need to be redeemed. Also, for believers to remember all that Jesus has accomplished for them. Please pray for the many Bible studies up and down the country to expand and share the good news about redemption.

Day 3: Called!

Thank God for all who have responded to Jesus' call to serve him in KYB (Trustees, NLT, local teams, group leaders, intercessors).

Please pray for open hearts to receive the Word and obey it, and to make a difference in each area where KYB has a presence. (Matthew 4:19)

Day 4: You!

Yes you! God has things only you can do: pray, give financially to the work, lead a group, share your personal faith with others, or be prepared to serve in another way. Know how valuable you are to the ongoing work of KYB. (Luke 9:23)

Please pray for each one in your group to know how valued they are.

Day 5: Named!

Thank God that Jesus' name saves (Acts 4:12) and that KYB seeks to give him his rightful place in all we do.

May every woman in KYB come to see how relevant Jesus is in their everyday lives. Pray too that the influence and reputation of KYB will be more widely known and felt.

Day 6: Your name!

Thank God that he knows each of our names (Isaiah 49:16), for the security of his Word and for KYB's place in today's world. Thank God for our role in sharing the good news of gospel truth through KYB.

Day 7: Mine!

Belongingness is something many people struggle with. Jesus gives assurance that we are his. (Psalm 100:3)

Pray that KYB will reach out to those with questions, fears and insecurities with this hope. May new groups start up, and may many more join the KYB family, find they belong, and have purpose.

KYB residential conference

'Hope' is in short supply these days, with global conflicts, famine, and disease, situations without hope as well as our personal challenges and disappointments, which threaten to cut us off from hope.

Yet every Christian has been born anew to a living hope, and our Heavenly Father does not intend us to live in despair. Once we know the true meaning of biblical hope and the glorious future that awaits us, we will understand that whatever our circumstances it is possible to live a full, fruitful and yes, joyful, life to the glory of God.



Welcome to new KYB Trustees Ann and Andrew



Last year, Andrew and I were asked to be Trustees for KYB, and after praying, we felt it would be a privilege to serve KYB in this way.

Andrew is a Cornishman and I am from Wiltshire, both Christians at 18 whilst at Teacher Training College. Our churches, college Christian Union and The Navigators all taught us the importance of studying God's word for ourselves, but also in small groups.

Andrew & I married and had two boys; sadly our younger son had special care needs, and died in 2012.

Our eldest son continues to be a great support to us.

Andrew has been a Lay Pastor in St Ives and has now been an Elder for nearly 30 years in Redruth. We have welcomed KYB day conferences to our church building and I have led a Bible Study group for over 20 years, enjoying these studies written by women primarily for women. I have also been secretary for the local area team. We have always thought very highly of KYB and are delighted to be Trustees.

Andrew and Ann Chapple

Delighted

Last year, during KYB Week, many took the opportunity to consider the beautiful image found in Psalm 1 Verse 3:

*'That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.'*

Verse 2 tells us that this a description of one who
'delights in the law of the LORD'.

Here we are reminded that the experience of steadfastness, fruitfulness and vitality in Verse 3 does not come by way of a punitive, draining, dreary study of scripture.

Rather, such transformation comes to us by way of delighting, discovering, searching, wrestling, pondering, meditating, imagining, savouring, listening, yielding ...

Whatever Know Your Bible study you are currently using, it is simply a means to the end of delighting in God's word; one way of sending down a root into that stream of water, one way of seeing new shoots of life in our walk with Jesus, one way of becoming more fruitful in our witness for him.

How amazing that the simple activity of getting together with others, opening our Bibles, reading and sharing together, is a means of our transformation!

Take a moment to return to that picture painted for us in Psalm 1, and when you next open your Bible, when you gather with your group, when you choose your next study, do so with delight.



Know Your Bible

*transforming women's lives
through the power of God's Word*

