

September

SUN 04
11.15am **Service & lunch**

Come and hear Lionel Clargo speak at our 'All Age Service' before enjoying a delicious lunch and good company!

Lionel is a Counties Evangelist, who is always worth listening to.

Please join us!

September

THUR 15
7.30pm **QUIZ NIGHT**

Please join us for a fun evening. Come with friends, who make up a team, or come on your own & join a team for the evening.

For more information call John & Terri on 01483 570388

Please join us!

Manor Road Evangelical Church

Come and enjoy two Tuesday night talks by Dr Peter Mead On 'His Passion, Our Passion'

13th & 20th September at 7.30pm

Sunday

All Age Service (including children's activities)
11:15am-12:15pm
Contact: 01483 570388 or 850237

Tuesday

Little Sunbeams (Parent & Toddler Group)
9:00 - 10:45am
Contact: 01483 570388
Bible Teaching & Prayer Meeting
7:45 - 9:15pm
(Except first Tuesday each month - Discussion Group)

Friday

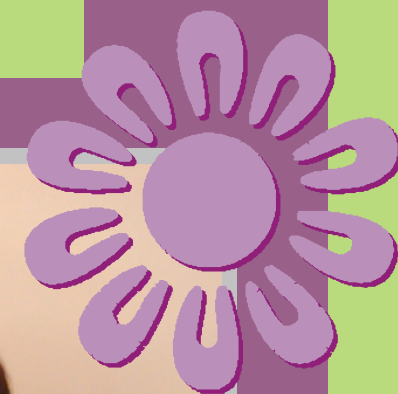
Friday Bible Club 6:00-7:00pm
(School years 1-6)
Contact: 01483 850237 or 233554
Youth Group 7:30-9:15pm
(School years 7-11)
Contact: 07944 573884

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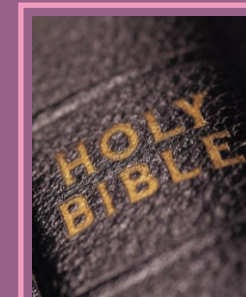
As I walked into hospital for routine surgery to remove a disc from my thoracic spine I had no idea it was going to change the rest of my life. I woke to find that the surgery had not gone to plan and that I was totally paralysed from the level of my bra strap down. I was told that I would have to go into a specialist spinal rehab unit in North London. I was there for 16 weeks, away from my husband Marc and our 4 children, the youngest of whom was only nine months. It was very distressing and I cried out to God who at times seemed distant. How could He have allowed this to happen? I found it hard to concentrate, to pray or read my Bible. However, I was conscious that hundreds of people around the world, many of whom I did not know, were praying for me. I was aware of God just holding on to me and helping me to stay positive. I was very frank with God about how I felt; after all He knew what I was thinking!

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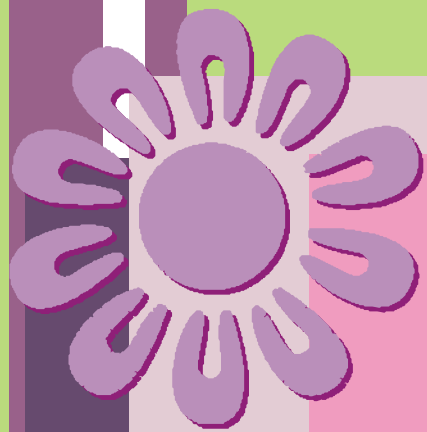
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Continuing story of Liz Raisbeck



The King James Bible "400 Year Anniversary"



Liz Raisbeck

*Married to Marc
Mother of four
Lives in Stoughton*



Can God be trusted?

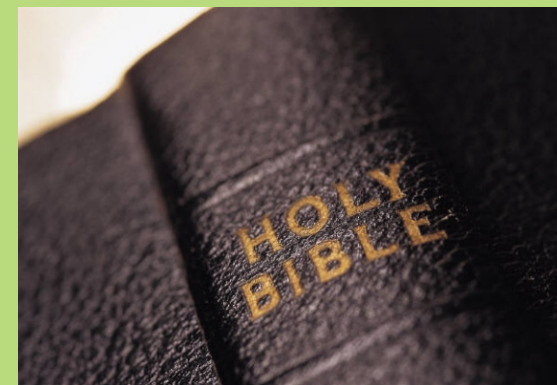
Four weeks after the operation I was told that the scan showed irrevocable damage to the spinal cord and I would never walk again. It was a very difficult thing to hear, but I knew that I had to just hang on to God and He would help me through. There was nothing else I could do. I knew I needed His help. I don't believe that God is a crutch for the weak minded; He is so big that He can help anyone through anything. I have seen God do amazing things in the past. The Bible promises that God is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13 v 8). That promise helped me to see that He could do miraculous things for me. There is also a verse which talks about God doing immeasurably more than all we could ask or imagine (Ephesians 3 v 20). I have seen that.

Two years on I can walk with two sticks and I have regained my continence. This is unexpected as I still have very poor sensation from the site of the surgery down. The staff did not believe me at first when I told them that my bladder and bowel function was returning. Even now it should not have returned fully. We prayed specifically for this to happen and God answered our prayers. The progress I have made has been miraculous. I have worked very hard to regain my mobility. My faith has kept me going in my dark days.

I have never felt angry about what happened, or said "Why me?" Why shouldn't it be me? Do I like the way I am now with the difficulties I have? Of course not, but God has shown me that I am still special by giving me the strength to get through every single day. I am beyond the time where natural healing might occur but I trust God and know that He may choose to heal me totally in a miraculous way.

Can God be trusted?

My answer is definitely YES.



The King James Bible "400 Year Anniversary"

At her coronation in 1953, Queen Elizabeth II was presented with a copy of the Bible. As the Archbishop handed the Holy Scriptures to her he said: 'Your Majesty, this is the greatest treasure this world affords'. We at Manor Road Evangelical Church would wholeheartedly endorse that statement. We believe that the Bible is God's inspired word to all humanity and it gives us marvellous insights into God's love and truth.

The original Bible was written on three different continents (Asia, Africa and Europe) and in three different languages (Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek). It has 66 books written by about 40 different authors over a period of 1500 years, yet it has complete harmony and relevance in its message to us.

The Bible has been translated into significantly more languages than any other book. It is still the world's best seller, with about 50 Bibles being sold every minute. Sadly in many homes it is just on a shelf gathering dust. It is not a stuffy old history book full of rules, but a book that is full of fascinating stories and it has changed the lives of millions of people. Why don't you find your copy and read it for yourself?

The central theme of the Bible is Jesus and His love. Napoleon Bonaparte, who was the Emperor of France in the early nineteenth century said: "The Bible is no mere book, but a Living Creature, with a power that conquers all that oppose it. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and I myself have founded empires, but upon what do these creations of our genius depend? Upon force! Jesus alone founded His Empire upon love and to this very day millions would die for Him."

Many of those who translated the Bible into English for us, prior to the King James 'Authorised Version' of 1611, were martyred for doing so. But their work enabled ordinary people to own and read God's Word for themselves. If you have a Bible why not read the short Gospel by Mark, who writes about the amazing life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As you read you could ask God to help you understand His Word.

If you do not have a Bible of your own, please contact us (or Gideon's International) and we will be pleased to provide you with a copy. If you have any questions about the Bible please contact us or visit us for our All Age Service any Sunday morning.

