



Feast on the Bible's big meal –
to draw strength for today and tomorrow

Parish magazine article **OUR CHURCH IS GOING LARGE**

Life is challenging and most of us know what it means to live under pressure. Just getting by can take all our energy. So where can we find the strength for today and hope for tomorrow that we sing about in church but don't always feel we have?

The answer is on the way – when our church celebrates Bible Sunday on (insert date) at (time). The theme this year is *Going Large* – which points to the big picture of Scripture as having the answer we need.

So get ready for an exciting and creative event – thanks to the brilliant resources provided by Bible Society. At the heart of it all is Paul's message in Romans 15.1–6, to feed on 'everything written in the Scriptures.' And that's what is going to be unpacked through the talk, special prayers, drama and more.

Bible Sunday's *Going Large* theme will offer spiritual nourishment to those of us drained by life's stress and struggles. And point the way to not just nibbling around the edges but feasting on everything the Bible has to offer.

Of course this is only for those who get a bit stressed from time to time. Or who don't always manage to keep God in focus no matter what. But if that's you – and others that you know – don't miss it.

But Bible Sunday is about more than getting. It's also about giving. It is our opportunity to use our gifts to bring the Bible and its life-changing message to people who don't have it for themselves.

The vision of Bible Society is to see the Bible shaping lives and communities everywhere. And we can be part of it. This year our gifts will go to bring the Bible to poor communities who don't read and who need the Bible in audio. These oral communities, some of the poorest people on earth, 'read with their ears' and come alive when given the opportunity to listen to the Bible.

Our gifts will reach people like Jose who joined a Bible listening group in his small village. He said, 'Every time I listen, I picture the scenes in my mind. I picture Jesus teaching and I am hopeful because I am becoming a new man. But I feel a pain in my heart when I remember other villages who cannot hear God's message.'

Whatever you do, don't miss this year's Bible Sunday – to experience *Going Large* on God's Word and the opportunity to help others on the other side of the world do the same.

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