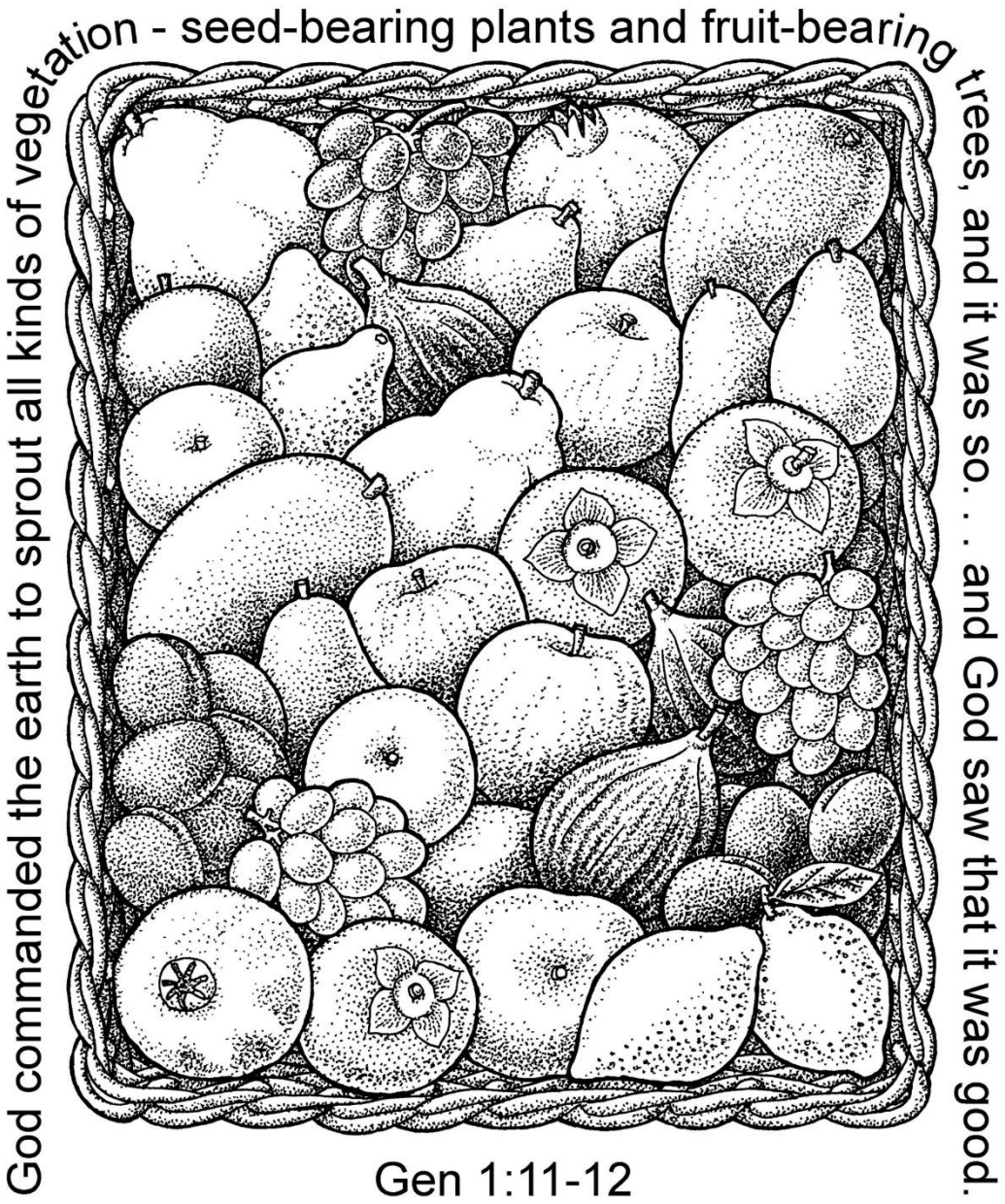
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Sunday (10am)
Holy Communion: 4th October, 25th October
Morning Prayer: 11th October, 18th October, 1st November

Wednesday (10am, unless otherwise stated)
Morning Prayer or Holy Communion

For later dates, please check the website: *www.stjohncrossens.co.uk*

A Letter from the Brenda Jagger



Dear friends,

2026 marks the 500th anniversary of the arrival in England of William Tyndale's English translation of the New Testament.

The date is October 6th, 1536. A man stands, tied to a stake in the town of Vilvoorde, Belgium. Mercifully, he is strangled to death before the fire is lit.

His name is William Tyndale and his crime, heresy.

Born in the 1490s in Gloucestershire, Tyndale was educated at Oxford University before becoming a teacher at Cambridge.

In 1521, he joined a group of humanist scholars, meeting at the White Horse Inn. Tyndale became convinced that the Bible alone should determine the practices and doctrines of the church and that all believers should be able to read the Bible in their own language.

He famously said, to a priest who challenged him,

"If God spares my life, I will cause the boy, who driveth the plough to know more of the Scriptures than thou dost."

In 1523, because of the influence of the printing press and the demand for scripture, Tyndale began working on a New Testament translation, directly from the Greek. Church authorities in England prevented him from doing this so he went to Germany, financed by wealthy London merchants.

He completed the translation of the New Testament in 1525, and it was smuggled into England in 1526, where it was immediately proscribed.

Tyndale began working on the Old Testament, but he was betrayed and captured in Antwerp before it was completed.

By the time of his death, 18,000 copies of the New Testament had been printed. Today only two complete copies and a fragment have survived and are housed in the British Library.

Tyndale's New Testament translation was the first New Testament ever to be printed in English.

It was edited and absorbed into the Geneva Bible, Henry XIII's Great Bible and the King James' Version

Today, revised forms of Tyndale are the basis for The Revised Standard Version, The New Revised Standard Version and the English Standard Version.

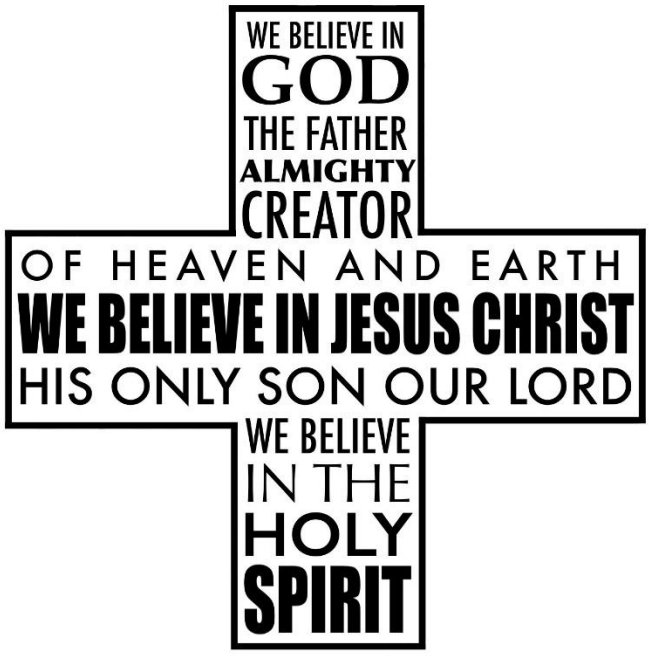
2026 marks the 500th anniversary of Tyndale's New Testament arriving on these shores. Thankfully, God did spare him for long enough to complete most of his work, but in the end, he paid the ultimate price.

Today, on my bookshelves, I have over ten different versions of the Bible, ranging from a beautifully illustrated Children's Bible to the King James Bible in traditional language.

We must never take the possession of a bible for granted and thank God for men like William Tyndale, through whose courage and determination the Bible, either in full or in part has been translated into over 4, 000 languages.

Best wishes,

Brenda



ROTAS

Sunday Coffee Rota



4th Oct Louise J & Heather
11th Oct Kath & Jane
18th Oct Nicola & Andrew
25th Oct Brenda & Jane
1st Nov Louise J & Heather

Help is urgently needed to maintain a weekly rota. If you are willing to volunteer, please see me. Chris Jowett

Wednesday Coffee Rota

7th Oct Brenda & June
14th Oct Jean & Chrissy
21st Oct Chris
28th Oct Eileen & Trish
4th Nov Brenda & June

Readings Rota

4-Oct-2026	Simon	18th after Trinity	Philippians 3.4b-14
11-Oct-2026	Chris J	Harvest	2 Corinthians9.6-end
18-Oct-2026	Maggie	Luke the Evangelist	2 Timothy 4.5-17
25-Oct-2026	Louise J	Last after Trinity	1 Thessalonians 2.1-8
1-Nov-2026	Chris L	All Saints Day	1 John 3.1-3
8-Nov-2026	Sylvia	3rd before Advent	1 Thessalonians 4.13-end
15-Nov-2026	Hayden	2nd before Advent	1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
22-Nov-2026	Roisin	Christ the King	Ephesians 1.15-end
29-Nov-2026	Joan	1st of Advent	1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Intercessions

4-Oct	18th after Trinity	Chris
11-Oct	Harvest	Margaret
18-Oct	Luke the Evangelist	Karen
25-Oct	Last after Trinity	Andrew
1-Nov	All Saints Day	Simon

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HARVEST







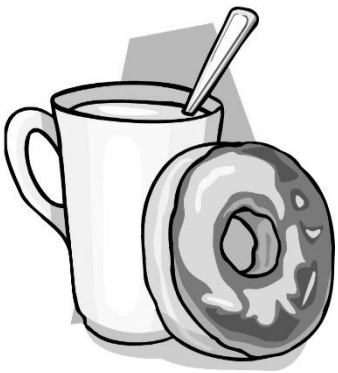
COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 3rd October

10am-12.00







Cakes, Raffle, toasted teacakes

On our YouTube Channel every Wednesday…

You are invited each week to take a…

Mid-Week Pause

A time for God in maybe a busy week

with hymns – a Bible Reflection - prayers

NORTH MEOLS TEAM MINISTRY SOUTHPORT

St, Cuthbert's Charity of the Year
Motor Neurone Disease
Presents

A FILM EVENING
On Friday 30th October 7.00pm
in St. Cuthbert's Church Hall

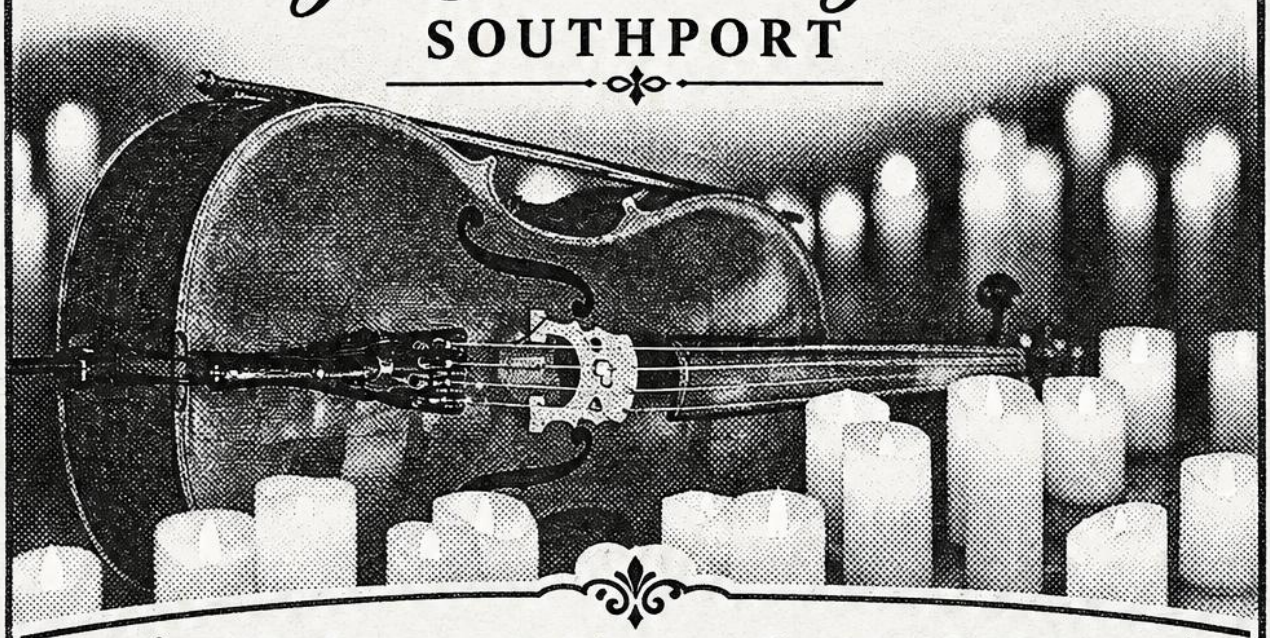


"Where we Live –
Then and Now"
[A delve into the archives]

Tickets £5 *includes Refreshments*
or pay at the door

A TRIBUTE TO BRIDGERTON *by Candlelight*

SOUTHPORT



A Tribute to Bridgerton by Candlelight comes to Southport!

Experience all your favourite songs from the Bridgerton soundtrack performed live by professional string quartet "What The Pluck"

Hear over 15 songs from Bridgerton Seasons 1-4 including:

- Wildest Dreams
- Girls Like You
- Spring 1
- Material Girl
- Yellow

Saturday 21st November @ 7:30pm

St John's Church, Crossens, Southport

Tickets: £20

Tea/coffee and soft drinks will be available to purchase before the concert and during the interval

Doors open at 7pm and the concert finishes at approx. 9:15pm

Puzzles – Sudoku

EASY

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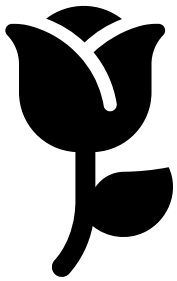
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Sanctuary Flowers

October 4th In memory of Yvonne Sandiford
October 11th In memory of Betty Empson
October 18th ——————
October 25th In memory of Sheila Harding.



Thank you to all our donors. ECB.

"SCHOOL - RESCUE ME!

As part of their work to support charities, school are supporting an animal rescue centre called "Rescue Me". The children have been asked to collect postage stamps from envelopes, unwanted foreign currency and any pre-decimal or pre-euro currency people may have hidden in old socks!!!

If you have any such items, please can you pass them to Karen Corbett and she will take them into school.

NEXUS

(Churches together in North Meols)

Tuesday, 13th October 2026

7.30 p.m.

at St Patrick's R.C. Church

Everyone is very welcome!



"Now this is His command; that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another as He commanded us."

[1 John 3:23]

WORDSEARCH

To St Luke, whose feast-day is 18th October, we owe a beautifully written gospel as well as the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician and faithful travelling companion to St Paul. Under house arrest near the end of his life Paul noted, 'only Luke is with me'. Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ, and offers us moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than in any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner. His gospel also features more poor people, more lepers, more 'sinners', who are all shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. In Acts, Luke skilfully links sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. He tells of how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

Luke
Feast
Day
Written
Gospel

Acts
Greek
Physician
Travelling
Faithful

Paul
Compassion
Parables
Prodigal
Son

Good
Samaritan
Women
Poor
Lepers

Sinners
Jerusalem
Pagan
Rome
Early
Christians

L P F Y A A M P O P G I M Y
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

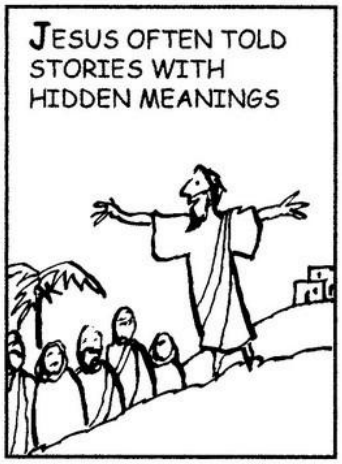
It can be read in the Bible in Matthew 24:44-51, Luke 12:40-46

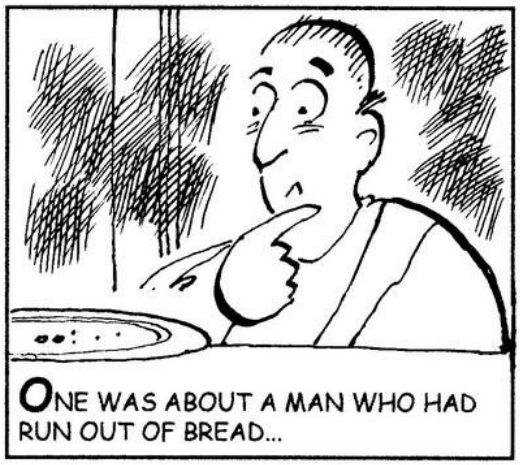
Jesus warned his disciples to be always ready for his return at the end of time by telling the story of two servants



The Tale of The Friend at Midnight

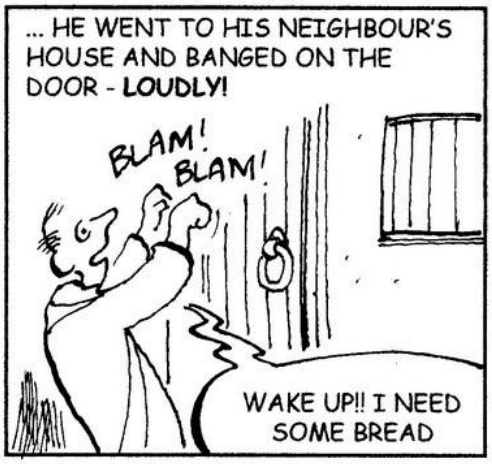








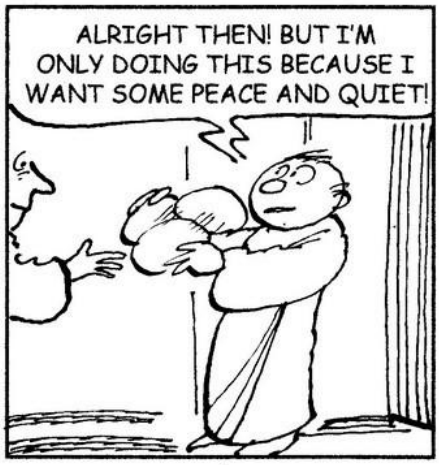


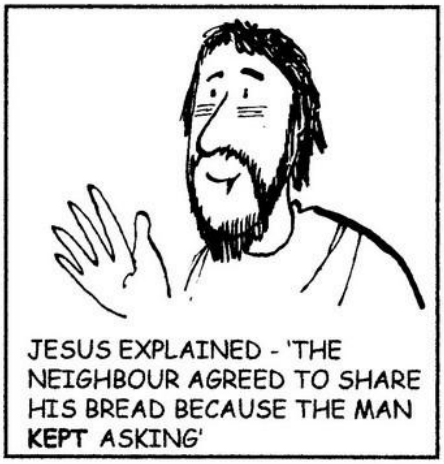




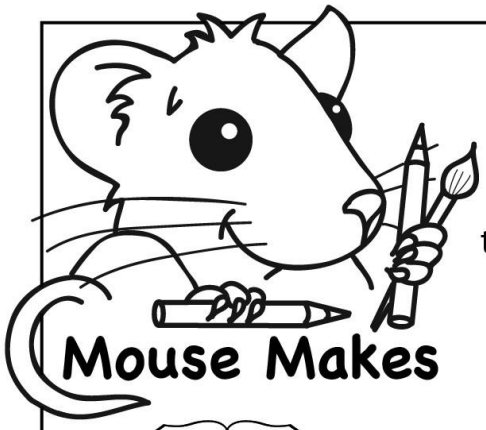












The **Bible** is a collection of books, written by many different people who were helped and inspired by God. The **Bible** includes books of history, law, poetry and songs, wisdom, testimony, letters and prophecy.

The **Bible** encourages us, corrects us and teaches us about God and how we can be friends with Him.





1. How many books are there in the New Testament?



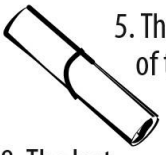
2. Which book of the Bible has the shortest title?



3. The Word of God is sharper than a two edged _ _ _ _ _
Hebrews 4:12

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4. He was an Old Testament prophet that has a book named after him.



5. The first book of the Bible.



6. God's word is like?
A _ _ _ _
and a _ _ _ _ _
Psalm 119:105

8. The last book in the Bible.

9. The Old Testament book of poetry and songs.





11. The last book in the Old Testament.

10. Who wrote the third book of the New Testament?

7. What are the first four books of the New Testament known as?

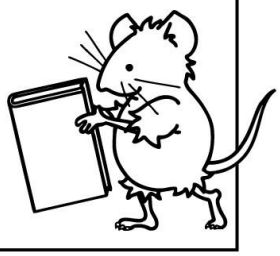
12. Which book tells the story of the spread of Christianity?



13. The Bible is also known as the
_ _ _ _ _
of God.
Hebrews 4:12

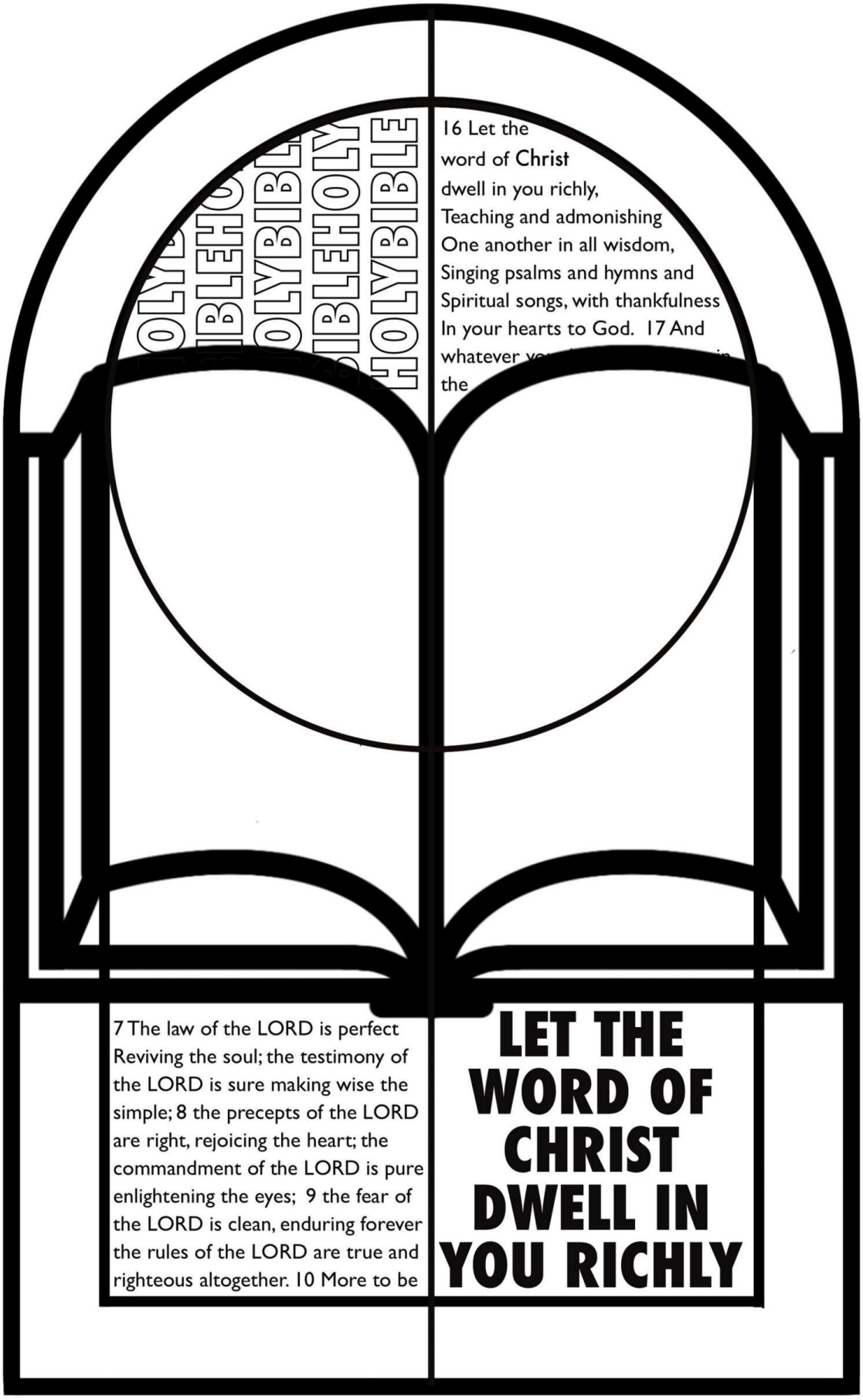
14. A book of the Bible named after a woman





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