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From the Chief Executive Officer,
Dr Russell Farnworth.



For many months now we've had to live with the devastating impact of the coronavirus pandemic. But now that vaccines are being rolled out we can begin to see light at the end of the tunnel. It set me to wondering what TWR will look in a post-pandemic world.

I don't, of course, know exactly – but there are a couple of things I am absolutely sure of:

- TWR will be a Christ-centred, Bible-based ministry that reaches the entire globe with the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- TWR will be an innovative media ministry utilising current and emerging technology to deliver spiritual content to every digital device on the planet. This will consist of materials and programming that are sources of encouragement in the many, many heart languages of many, many people. TWR transmitters will cover the globe with Gospel programming that enables people to meet Jesus Christ and grow in that relationship.
- TWR will be led by an energetic group of young leaders intent on seeing the Good News of Jesus Christ advanced in the cultures of the world.

In short, the future will exhibit an “ever-growing,” “culture-penetrating” movement aimed at reaching every person on earth with the Good News of Jesus.

Thank you for the way you have stood alongside us throughout the pandemic and thank you for partnering with us to embrace the opportunities of the post-pandemic world.

Yours in Christ,

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Speaking Hope in 275+ Languages

Do you speak Bhadrawahi or Tok Pisin? Have you ever heard of these languages?

TWR can speak them and is now sharing the Gospel with people in India and Papua New Guinea, respectively, who process information most thoroughly in these their mother tongues. With the addition of Bhadrawahi, Tok Pisin and several others, TWR's complement of languages and dialects has grown once again, this time to a total of more than 275.

Ever since its first broadcasts in French, Spanish and English more than 65 years ago, TWR has worked to fulfil Christ's mandate to make disciples of all nations by sharing the Gospel in the listeners' own languages. Lots of feedback like this 2019 text message from a listener in Romania, once locked behind the Iron Curtain, attests to the importance of Bible study in one's heart language.

"I have not heard the Bible explained in my native language until now," he texted. "I am glad that we can listen to the Word of God in our Gypsy dialect. God bless you, TWR, for

your ministry."

This is why TWR places so much importance on continuing to expand the ministry into more languages. It is crucial to TWR's calling: to reach the world for Christ by mass media so that lasting fruit is produced.

Jesus said to go to the whole world with his good news, and that means every tribe, tongue and country. With half the world under some kind of lockdown order because of Covid-19, people in every culture need hope, they need assurance and they need God more than ever. TWR is positioned with the media and languages to meet those needs.

Although a majority of the 275 languages are broadcast over TWR's global network of high-powered transmitters and arrangements with local stations, some are used only in online programming or for audio recordings played on digital devices.

TWR India has been a leader in the latter category, organising more than 4,000 Radio

Home Groups in which neighbours gather to hear and discuss *Thru the Bible* (TTB) recordings. In fact, many of the recently added languages have been new translations of the late J.Vernon McGee's Bible-teaching series, which is the foundation of TWR's nearly 50-year strategic partnership with TTB.

As for TWR's online programming, at its heart is the state-of-the-art web portal TWR360. Offering a wealth of Bible-based audio, video and text content for streaming and downloading, TWR360 has recently added its 89th language.

"I recently entered your [TWR360] site, and I was surprised by so much information about the Word of God, especially in my language," a listener wrote about the Spanish content. "... I was lost, but now I know that God loves me very much. Thank you very much for bringing to my life my dream of being able to hear the Word clearly and in my native language."

In response to the global turmoil caused by the coronavirus, TWR360.org has gathered a number of audio resources, much of it prepared especially for this crisis, for easy access by users. Speakers address topics like "Coronavirus: What You Need to Know" and "Hope Through Suffering."

God is on the move, and now more than ever we need to give hope to a world that has been thrust into a seemingly hopeless situation.



TWR Can Reach More Cultures for Christ

If you've been a supporter of TWR or have just kept up with the ministry during the past several years, you'll recognise this phrase – "more than 233." That's how many languages and dialects TWR has been using to proclaim the Gospel around the world.

We will no longer be citing that very substantial number. Why? Because God has enabled the ministry, fuelled by your prayers and financial gifts, to grow the number even larger. Today TWR is reaching out via multiple media to fulfil the Great Commission in more than 275 languages and dialects.

Of course, TWR distributes content in languages that have the most native speakers in the world – Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, English, Hindi and Arabic – but it also shares Bible teaching in lesser-known languages like Kumarbhag Paharia (India), Jula (West Africa) and Tok Pisin (Papua New Guinea).

To place the 275-language total in context, consider these fast facts: The BBC, often called the world's leading public broadcaster, and the Voice of America each distribute programming in more than 40 languages. At its height during the Soviet era, Radio Moscow had programming in over 70 languages.

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Sunday on TWR

TWR BIBLE

Midnight to 6am

00.00 Max McLean reads the Bible - pure and simple!



TWR INSPIRE

6am to 12noon

Holly Cook hosts inspirational Bible teaching to edify you in your faith and prepare you for the week ahead.

- 6.00 Treasured Truth Weekend
- 6.25 The Verdict
- 6.50 Search for Truth
- 7.05 TWR Gold
- 7.30 IFL Weekend with Chuck Swindoll
- 8.00 The Inside Story
- 8.30 The Bible for Today
- 9.00 All Souls Langham Place
- 9.30 Renewing You Mind with R. C. Sproul
- 9.56 The Sermon
- 10.10 Every Last Word
- 10.35 Living a Legacy
- 11.00 Steve Brown Etc.

TWR LIFE

12noon to 6pm

Join Dave Piper for programmes with encouragement and challenge for the whole family!

- 12.00 Building Relationships
- 1.00 Viewpoint with Jim Lyon
- 1.30 Commission
- 1.45 A Visit with Mrs G
- 2.00 Paws and Tales
- 2.30 Treasure Chest
- 2.35 Adventures in Odyssey
- 3.00 HomeWord Weekend
- 4.00 Truth for Life Weekend
- 4.25 In Touch Weekend with Charles Stanley
- 4.50 Truth for Today
- 5.20 First Person
- 5.45 Stories of Great Christians

TWR FOCUS

6pm to Midnight

James Maidment-Fullard guides you through programmes that help you gain a Christian understanding of the world around you - including news and current affairs from our Manchester studios.

- 6.00 Word Alive from GNBA
- 6.28 Christianity Works with Berni Dymet
- 6.55 TWR Wavelength
- 7.00 NewsDesk Briefing
- 7.30 The Capernwray Programme
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- 6.30 Insight for Living with Chuck Swindoll
- 7.00 Focal Point with Mike Fabarez
- 7.25 A Different Perspective with Berni Dymet
- 7.35 In Touch with Charles Stanley
- 8.00 Renewing Your Mind with R. C. Sproul
- 8.30 Unlocking the Bible with Colin Smith
- 9.00 Know the Truth with Philip De Courcy
- 9.30 Turning Point with David Jeremiah
- 10.00 Today's News Review from our Manchester Studios
- 10.15 Thru the Bible with Dr. J. Vernon McGee
- 10.45 The Verdict with Pastor John Munro
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TWR WORD

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- 12.30 Insight for Living with Chuck Swindoll
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- 3.00 Know the Truth with Philip De Courcy
- 3.30 Turning Point with David Jeremiah
- 4.00 Discover the Word hosted by Mart De Haan
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TWR CHOICE

6pm to Midnight

Dave Piper presents TWR favourites to help you in your daily walk with God.

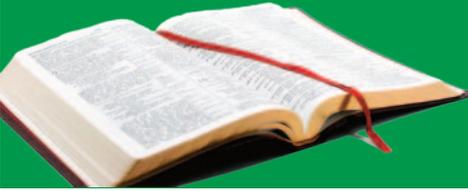
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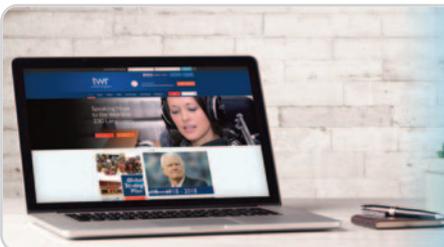
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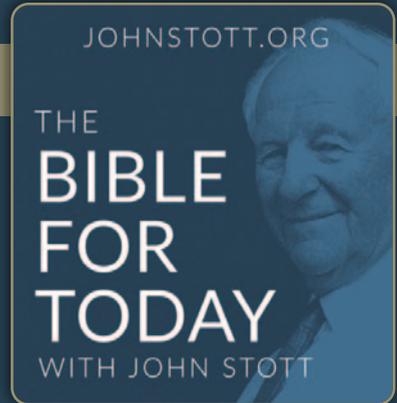
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In Your Listening Guide

The Bible for Today with John Stott

This year marks the centenary of one of the greatest evangelical preachers of the 20th century. Billy Graham described him as “the most respected clergyman in the world” and in 2005, Time magazine ranked him among the 100 most influential people in the world. The man is John Stott. In the Anglican Church, which was dear to his heart, he faced off clericalism and set the church on a new trajectory – to follow Scripture above tradition through evangelism.



Stott was a prolific writer of over 50 highly influential books. His most famous, ‘Basic Christianity’, has sold over 2.5 million copies and has been translated into over 60 languages. Many of his books were based on sermons he preached at All Souls Langham Place, London, who have kindly made the sermons available for the first time ever for broadcast.

Being the son of a Harley Street doctor, educated at Rugby and Cambridge, would set any man up for greatness. But not John Stott. Preferring to be known as Uncle John, he lived a simple life as a single man in a small apartment above a garage in London’s West End, where anyone would be welcome to share the Scriptures with him.

When Stott preached at All Souls the place was packed and people would even sit on the stairs. But what made his preaching so powerful? It was Biblical and balanced. He would not polarise if he could avoid it, neither would he take the docile middle ground. He wanted what he called ‘BBC’ – Balanced, Biblical Christianity – “by combining truths which complement each other” Stott said “and not separating what God has joined.” He exemplified a deep involvement in the world for the sake of mission, combined with an uncompromising commitment to God’s Word.

Tune in Saturday at 8.30pm or listen to the repeat on Sunday at 8.30am

“*What struck me about listening to John Stott preach was that immediately after the sermon you seemed almost to completely forget the preacher. John was a consummate and compelling preacher and his sermons led you through scripture with logic and clarity and passion. But one went away so taken with the Saviour, so focused on the Gospel, that the person of the preacher faded into the background. As John had hoped, and prayed, would be the case.*”

Bob Wismer, Study assistant 1980 – 82
Currently a School Chaplain in Houston, Texas

What is God doing in

By Julia Fisher, Director of *The Olive Tree Reconciliation Fund* and presenter of *The Olive Tree*

“But what about the politics?” my friend asked as I told her about believers (both Jews and Arabs) I’d met in Israel and the stories of reconciliation I’d seen and heard.

“Are you saying there is genuine peace between Jews and Palestinians?” she asked.

“I have seen it,” I replied and described the effect it has when Jewish and Arab believers understand the words of Paul when he explained the power of the cross to destroy enmity between Jew and Gentile; what he called “the dividing wall of hostility.” (Ephesians 2)

And that’s why, after 20 years of travelling to Israel gathering these stories, the only question I ask is, “What is God doing there today?” You might think that’s naïve but I have come to realise that nothing else matters because, despite the politics of the ‘Holy Land’, injustice, the wall dividing Israel and the West Bank, despite lack of trust and international pressure, it appears God is doing exactly what He said He would do.

If all this is new to you, ‘What’, you may be asking, ‘did God say He would do regarding the Jewish people and Israel in these days?’ When I put this question to Jewish believers in Israel they usually start by referring to the number of times the prophets in the Old Testament wrote ‘in the last days’ or in ‘those days’ God would bring significant numbers of Jewish people back from the four corners of the earth to live in their historic homeland. And after 2000 years of exile this is happening.

They explain that from their understanding of the Scriptures it would appear the Bible provides two reasons for this; the first is to

make the Jewish people a light to the nations (Gentiles) in these last days, and the second is for the honour of His name. You could also add to this a third reason – that Jesus’ impending return to earth, to the Mount of Olives situated to the East of Jerusalem, is to gather His church - a united body of Jewish and Gentile believers (the ‘One New Man’ mentioned in Ephesians 2.)

Visit Israel today and you’re struck by how many Jewish people live there! The return of millions of Jewish people from around the world to their ancient homeland is ongoing. A land that was largely emptied of Jewish people by the Romans in AD 70, has been gradually filling up again particularly since the Holocaust in the 1940’s.

Secondly, thousands of Jews now believe that Jesus (or Yeshua in Hebrew) is the Messiah; these numbers have increased rapidly especially in the last 12 years. When Israel became a State in 1948, there were hardly any Messianic believers in the land. During the 1970s a significant number of Jewish people, especially hippies living in the US, became believers through the Jesus Movement and many of the Messianic leaders in the land today came out of that movement, moved to Israel and established Messianic communities, frequently experiencing severe opposition from the Orthodox Jewish community. These groups have slowly taken root until today there are several thousand Jewish believers in Yeshua living in Israel. In addition there are growing numbers of evangelical Arab believers drawn from the historic orthodox Christian churches and from Islam. Their lives are not easy and I have heard many stories of persecution.

Perhaps one of the most remarkable experiences you can witness in Israel today is to

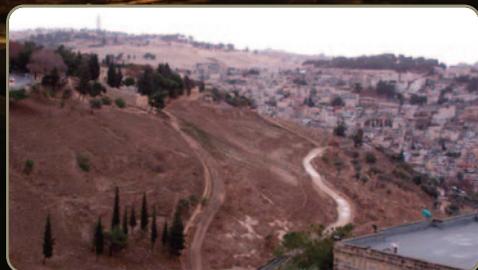
Israel today?...

visit a congregation where Jewish and Arab believers meet together. To witness first hand people who have every reason to hate each other yet who have forgiven and been reconciled through their common belief in the death and resurrection of Jesus is truly humbling.

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or Sundays at 11.45pm

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www.olivetreefund.org

There is something about hearing stories of how God has worked in a person's life. They are inspiring and the exact opposite of many stories we hear on secular news channels coming from the region. And it's the stories of Jewish and Arab believers living in Israel and the West Bank today that you can hear in *The Olive Tree*.



Looking towards the Mount of Olives from Mount Zion, Jerusalem



Tim Hartnell, Julia Fisher, Ann Pawson and Stuart Fisher in Jerusalem recently.

Prayer Matters

Speaking Hope

From April to June we invite you to join us in praying for TWR's ministry in different languages around the world and (at the weekends) in the UK.

PRAYER DIARY

MONDAYS

Please pray for the **Amazigh** ministry team in North Africa as they continue to produce content and respond to concerns and questions from listeners.

TUESDAYS

Please pray that God will use the **Women of Hope** broadcasts in the Hindi language to minister to, equip and strengthen women in India

WEDNESDAYS

Pray for the production schedule to be met as *TTB programmes* centred on six books of the Bible are translated and recorded for outreach to the **Wayana, Trio and Wai-Wai** people in the Suriname interior. May these programmes on media players bless the listeners.

THURSDAYS

Please pray for strength, courage and protection for TWR's new coordinator of the ministry to the **Persian-speaking** world.

FRIDAYS

Pray for the listeners of the 45-minute daily programmes in the **Kurdish-Kurmanji** language.

WEEKENDS

Please pray for TWR's ongoing work in the UK.

Pray for the **production team**, that they will have **wisdom** and **creativity** in bringing the Word to the World.

Join us in praying for our **listeners**, especially those who are isolated or housebound. Please pray that the Word will be **powerful and effective** in their lives.

Prayer is the backbone of TWR – and we are so grateful that **you** stand alongside us in intercession! God delights to change people's lives and we are amazed and humbled that He allows TWR to be a part of it all.