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The EBA have a small Public Address System comprising of couple of speakers, a microphone and stand, multi-core cable and a small mixer that may be borrowed for weekends, special events etc.



There will be a small charge payable on borrowing this.

Friendship First



There is no quick solution when discussing the Gospel with Muslim people. However, it is possible to make fewer mistakes. This manual shows how. It is as jargon-free and non-technical as possible. Written in a colourful A4 magazine format (84 pages) by Steve Bell, it is a lively user friendly tool, designed to get the reader to the 'first base' of friendship with a Muslim.

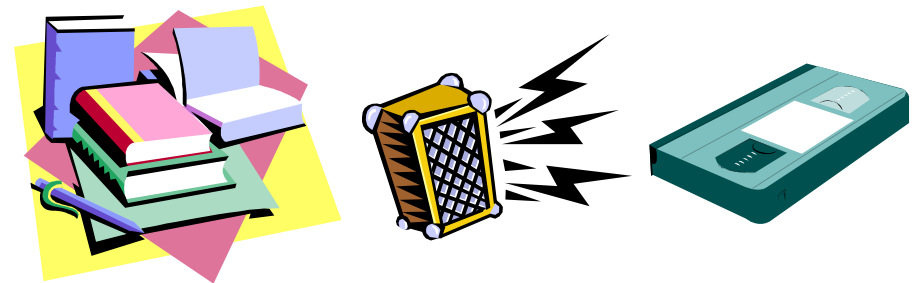
The manual is about how to relate to Muslims as people and is written for Christians who have little or no knowledge of the subject. It is designed to make it easy to retrieve information when you need it. This is a groundbreaking attempt at helping 'ordinary' Christians to relate positively to 'ordinary' Muslims.

Steve Bell is recognised as a communicator and Bible teacher. From a British Afro-Caribbean background he was born in 1955 and converted at the West Bridgford Assemblies of God (AoG) Church in Nottingham England in 1969. He began Christian work as a youth leader and saw a depleted youth group grow from a hand full to a thriving group of over sixty strong.

For further information on any of these resources please contact Vikki Bunce on 01362 691692 or email her on vikki.bunce@easternbaptist.org.uk



EBA Resources available for loan by churches



Study materials, evangelistic tools, practical resources and so much more...

Journeys

Journeys is a five week odyssey, exploring the Christian faith through real people, amazing stories and changed lives, created by Rob Harley, author of The Power of Story.

Rob Harley has invested his professional TV and journalistic experience to produce an excellent video course designed to assist churches in their evangelistic ministry.



Asked to review the course, John Kearns, Pastor of Old Roan Baptist Church, Aintree, says: "I have now run through the "Journeys" course. I think that it is excellent and is exactly what we have been looking for as a church.

The good thing about the course is it's informality...its short five-week length...it's starting point (where people are, not where we would like them to be)..it's visual approach (the video clips are superb),...and the logical sequence of subjects.

As I did the course, I could really see how these subjects would cause people to think and potentially open them up to the claims of Christ. In the visually-stimulating world that we live in, this course is tailor made for the 21st century."

WHAT IS JOURNEYS?

- It's a course designed to introduce interested 'spectators' to Christianity.
- It's a unique blend of stories about faith, told by regular people whose lives have been impacted by God.
- It features powerful interviews about spiritual encounters, and shows how the Christian faith works at 'street level'.

WHAT DOES JOURNEYS COVER?

- Week 1: Is there a Spiritual Side to Me?
- Week 2: If God and Heaven exist, what are they like?
- Week 3: Does this Faith Thing work in Real Life?
- Week 4: Does God have Real Power to Change things?

Track 8
PURPOSE

To explore our relationship with our own selves in the light of God's love for us.

Track 9
PURPOSE

To think about our relationship to God's creation by planting seeds.

Track 10
PURPOSE

To reflect on our relationship with other people and to pray for them by lighting a candle.

Track 11
PURPOSE

To think about how our own lives affect the world around us and leave a footprint to show the legacy we are leaving with our lives.



THE VISITORS' BOOK

PURPOSE

A chance for participants to make a final response to God for all that has happened in the labyrinth.

There is a charge for hiring this. Please contact Vikki to find out more or download the leaflets on the EBA website on the downloads page.

Church Community and Change

This handbook is based on the feedback of over 20 churches with whom Tearfund worked over a two year period in response to many churches wanting to get involved in their communities but unsure on how to do so. Alongside that is the realisation that many church-run initiatives were struggling due to a lack of church ownership and church member involvement, a failure to listen to the community when developing the initiative and a lack of basic planning and monitoring.



The handbook seeks to give you background, overview, training frameworks and creative ideas for your work with the church as well as providing guidelines and forms for evaluation.

and the Labyrinth can be a powerful tool for spiritual transformation as well as bringing around healing.

The journey through the labyrinth takes about an hour.

The journey

Inward journey

The walker listens to most of the track which paints a theological backdrop for the journey ahead, emphasising themes of journey, relationship, letting go, centering, creation, the Trinity, Incarnation and encounter with God.

Track 2
PURPOSE

To quieten people down so that they can concentrate on the labyrinth and get into a thoughtful, prayerful frame of mind through visual images.

Track 3
PURPOSE

To help people let go of concerns and worries to God and offering them to God by dropping a stone into a pool of water.

Track 4
PURPOSE

This section helps people confess and repent of hurts they have caused others and receive God's forgiveness; it helps people to express the hurts others have done to them, and to forgive them with God's help.

Track 5
PURPOSE

To prepare people to focus on God by trying to remove our distractions.

Holy Space – in the centre

PURPOSE

A space where people can relax, be quiet and pray. The walker takes time to be and to receive from God.



LABYRINTH OUTWARD JOURNEY

As the walker leaves the centre, the track prepares them for going back into the world, taking their encounter with God with them and passing on what they have received.

- Week 5: Crossing the Line—what's that like?

Rob Harley

Rob Harley has more than 25 years experience in TV current affairs and documentary-making in New Zealand. He's pioneered a series of programmes about the role of faith in everyday life. Rob lectures widely on spoken communication, especially for Christian teachers.

The Journeys Kit contains:

- 1 x Leaders Guide
- 5 x Participants Guides
- 2 x Video Cassettes
- 1 Box Container

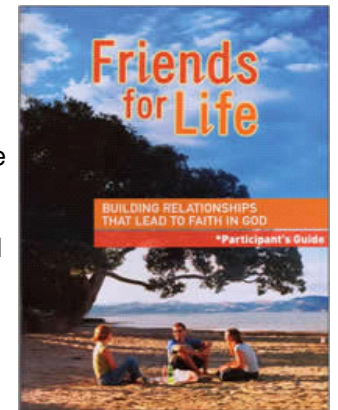
Friends for Life

Friends for Life is a four week video course designed to teach Christians how to build great relationships and lead their friends to faith.

It provides inspiring real-life stories of how people became Christians through the love and perseverance of friends, and simple but effective ideas for sharing your beliefs in a world that's still searching for genuine faith.

What does the course cover?

- Week 1 Learning how to be real
- Week 2 The language of genuine friendship
- Week 3 Expert advice on building relationships
- Week 4 A friend at the finish line



Friends for Life kit contains:

- Leaders Guide
- 8 participants guides
- 2 videos

Celebrate Recovery

The course material is put together by Rick Warren and John Baker and is from the Purpose Driven Church. The course is a Christ-Centred, group programme to help hurting people in your Community.



Alcoholism, sexual abuse and drug addiction: these are all issues that seriously affect many people in your church and community that a sermon or a Bible Study alone won't solve. However, there is hope and a way that the church can help the hurting move beyond their wounds to experience the healing liberty of Christ.

Rick Warren and John Baker ten years ago developed a programme called Celebrate Recovery. This programme implements a Christ-centred recovery ministry in your church based on eight principles from the Beatitudes.

Celebrate Recovery help resolve their pain in the context of the church as a whole. This programme is fellowship based, and is the celebration of Christ in the life of your church and its members (and non-members).

Included in this kit:

- 20 minute videotaped introductory guide for leaders
- Leaders Guide that goes through 25 lessons based around the eight principles of the Beatitudes.
- Set of Participant Guides (Lessons 1-4)
- Road to Recovery Series taught by Rick Warren
- 8 tape audio cassette series
- Full printed Sermon Transcripts
- Full Reproducible Transcript on 3.5" diskette

Bible matters



Today in the UK, many people have very little knowledge of God and may never have read the Bible. How can we encourage people to open the covers of this book?

This project is designed to present the Bible as a book worth reading that is relevant to the society of today. We also believe that as people open up God's Word so they will meet with God for themselves.

The centre-piece of this project is a colourful poster exhibition that introduces people to the Bible. Each book of the Bible will be presented in an attractive and informative manner. The whole pack will include 70 full colour posters, plus display banners.

The Eastern Baptist Association has a full set of these posters laminated that can be loaned to churches for special occasions or mission events.

A Christian labyrinth



Unlike a maze, the Labyrinth has only one path to the centre and back again. The idea is for people to journey towards God, learning about the distractions that cause them to not listen to God's voice and on the outward journey to take the chance to think about the choices we make and the way we look at the world in which we live.

In a world where people are seeking new things in a 'new age', the Labyrinth is ideal for both believers and those who are searching. Their journeys will be different but so are our own journeys through life.

What is it and why do it?

The labyrinth is designed to offer us time to retreat, to open ourselves to the Holy Spirit as Jesus did in order to remain focused on God's presence and love. It is aimed at all those who are seeking a spiritual experience in a spiritual age

'Giving your testimony - telling your story.'

Our testimony is probably the most effective evangelistic tool that we have. In this workshop we look at what we should include in our testimony. How to tell someone your testimony.



'Wayne's world - the world view of our friends.'

In this presentation we look at what the contemporary world of our friends is like.

Evangelistic materials available.

A very brief talk on some of the evangelistic materials available.

'Missionary Congregations.'

To reach a missionary culture you need to be a missionary church. That said, what does a missionary church look like? Taking the church at Antioch as an example we look at what Acts 11+13 have to teach us.

'Holy Spirit Evangelism.'

What role does the Holy Spirit play in our evangelism?

'God's encouragement's to personally witness.'

Several truths that encourage us to share our faith with others.

"Telling our story has been significant in giving those within our fellowship who were either reluctant or reserved in sharing their faith with others; to have the confidence to talk with people in an everyday way about what and in whom they believe. I thoroughly recommend this course to all churches and all Christians no matter how long or short you have been on your journey of faith."



Most people today are not interested in religion or coming to church...

...they are interested in "real life" stories.

In company with ten other national evangelistic agencies, Viz-A-Viz has produced a new resource for Churches to help them reach their Fringe, their network and strangers.

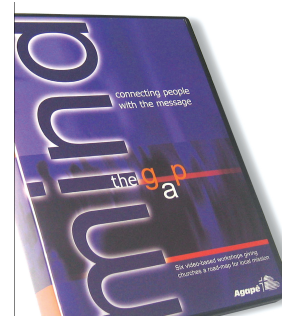
The "More to Life" Project Pack includes an envisioning and training video, a testimony video, a completely new glossy magazine with further stories and a Project Guide with all a Church needs to refresh its desire and then plan and deliver its own local strategy.



Mind the gap!

Agapé have recently produced a new resource which aims to help do just that.

Mind the Gap is a set of DVD-based workshops to help church leaders and their congregations think through their approach to evangelism among the unchurched. It's not a personal evangelism course, nor a blueprint on how to do it. Rather, it has lots of good, tried and tested ideas on how to build in good practice and some creativity, whilst gaining the enthusiastic involvement of church members.



Each workshop contains about 30 minutes of video content, but the real value is in the discussion group time that is interspersed throughout each session. Questions in the supporting material help participants get to grips with what this might mean for their own church.

The six sessions cover:-

- Making outreach a natural part of church life

- Helping every Christian to play their part
- Putting on cringe-free events for seekers
- Inviting the right people to the right event in the right way
- Discussing faith one-to-one and in small groups
- Reaching your whole community

The **Mind the Gap** DVD comes with reproducible materials on CD, including extensive facilitator's notes and resource sheets

Fan the Flame

"Fan into flame the gift of God which is in you" 2 Timothy 1:6

The Fan the Flame Resource booklet was launched officially at the Yorkshire Baptist Association's Family Day and Assembly in 2005. The question 'How can we burn more brightly for Christ?' was at the heart of the initiative and the resources are designed for small groups.

Built on the word **FLAME** the content unpacks material on:

- F**ellowship
- L**eadership
- A**ssociating
- M**ission
- E**quipping

All come under the inspiration of worship.

The material can be easily photocopied and there is a CD for those who wish to adapt it to their own situation. There is also a short PowerPoint Presentation.



Telling our Story

A faith-sharing training course that aims to encourage and equip you to tell your Christian story to your friends

Course contents:

'Communication exercise and reflection.'

A great group exercise that opens up the issues involved in communicating something to someone else.



'Motivation to witness - Stirring our hearts'

Looking at 2 Corinthians 5 this Bible study aims to stir the hearts of those on the course to involve themselves in personal faith-sharing. Not wanting to provoke action out of a guilty conscience, the talk seeks to stimulate us to action by looking at Jesus.



'Answering difficult questions.'

What are some of the difficult questions that people have about the Christian faith. What are the answers to these questions? What is the etiquette for answering difficult questions? This presentation addresses these questions.

'Friendship and faith-sharing.'

How do you share your faith with your friends?

'What is the Gospel?'

We look at a simple presentation of the Christian gospel. Through role play we encourage people to share the gospel with one of the other participants.

'Introducing a friend to God.'

This session answers the questions, "How do you lead someone to faith?" "What is it that they need to know and understand?" and "What are the steps that you lead a person through?" Having looked at the theory, again through role play, we ask the participants to practice leading each other to faith.

Conquering fear
Group planning
Prayer time
What happens next?

The Money Secret



If you're serious about making practical changes to your finances, this is the workbook for you.

Rob Parsons, bestselling author of *The Heart of Success*, takes us on a voyage of discovery, uncovering the realities of a world that has changed fundamentally since our parents first opened bank accounts or went shopping. Packed with insight and practical advice, this is a book that will change your life.

Designed for personal use or with a small group, this workbook will help you think more deeply about the money secret - and make practical changes in your life.

Written by solicitor and debt-counsellor Katie Clarke.

It is designed to help you take the concepts presented in the book 'The Money Secret' one step further. The workbook follows the chapters in the book and is full of helpful tips, supplementary material and practical self-assessments to get you thinking about your own finances.

The workbook is suitable for both individuals and small groups and includes a group leader's guide.

Presence

Saving the rural church - 1000s of countryside congregations to gain from new report



Villages around the country may have lost Post Offices and local shops as Britain's rural identity changes, but the Methodist Church is determined to reinforce Christian presence in rural communities.

Religious leaders and politicians have come together to support 'Presence', a new handbook that will shape the way the church will work over the next 10 years and outlines how an effective Christian presence can be sustained and promoted in rural areas.

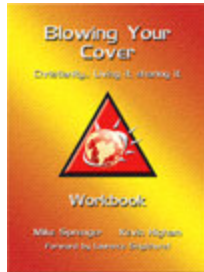
The series of group studies, well illustrated with stories, ideas and photographs, challenges rural Christians to deepened engagement in prayer, thought and action. The Church has a key role in helping people faced with poverty and social exclusion, which can be a special problem in scattered communities where those without transport – especially the young and the old – can be particularly isolated. As 'Presence' recognises, the churches need to work with other public service providers, local authorities and parish councils to develop an integrated approach to meeting the changing needs of rural people and communities. This means re-focusing the ways in which ordained ministers work, allowing them to move between churches and develop alternative patterns of presence.

While this is a document prepared for Methodists and therefore uses Methodist language, we offer it to all Christian communities, both rural and urban, for adaptation and use.

Presence consists of:

- A workbook to help promote and sustain an effective Christian presence in villages.
- Questions for group study and discussion
- Everyday stories from the rural Church.

“Blowing your cover”



"Blowing Your Cover" is an evangelism training package designed to equip and release people to confidently share their faith among their family and friends.

It consists of a series of six training sessions that will inspire and challenge the whole church. With accompanying workbooks, leader's guide and DVD with PowerPoint slideshows, the course can add a new dimension to the life of any church by:

- *Taking the mystery and guilt out of evangelism.*
- *Equipping the church to effectively share their faith with those around them.*
- *Releasing people into their style of evangelism.*
- *Enabling the church to work evangelistically as a team, rather than individuals.*

The course is *modular and flexible* and can be run in a variety of different ways to meet the church's needs. Whilst Blowing Your Cover can be run as a stand alone course, church leaders comment how well it complements courses such as Alpha, Christianity Explored, Freedom in Christ and others.

Accompanying the BYC Leader's Guide is a dynamic and powerful Workbook.

The Blowing Your Cover Workbook contains six dynamic and powerful sessions that will transform and inspire your small groups, making them more evangelistic. Focusing on the individual it allows Christians to explore their evangelism styles, examine the gospel implications, and develop and grow quality relationships thereby enhancing their ability to communicate the gospel with clarity and effectiveness among their family and friends.

The six sessions cover:

- **Session One - Communicating the Gospel**

The Gospel
The Great Commission
Presenting the Gospel
Taking that vital step
Discussion
Memory Verse



- **Session Two - Your Sphere of Influence**

Understanding our friends *Moving our friends along*
The friendship list 1
Discussion
Relational Evangelism
BYC Questionnaire
Memory Verse

- **Session Three - Connecting with Your Culture**

Understanding our culture
It's all about people
Take a break
The friendship list 2
Six steps to relationship building
Memory Verse

- **Session Four - The Impact of Your Life**

The Impact of Your Life
Lifestyle Evangelism
Learning to write your testimony
Practise telling your story
Prayer time
Writing Your Personal Tract
Memory Verse



- **Session Five - A Spirit-filled Lifestyle**

The Holy Spirit
The Holy Spirit and your friends
The Holy Spirit and you
Fruit of the Spirit
Power of the Spirit
Let your Glory Fall
Memory Verse

- **Session Six - Blowing Your Cover**

Making it happen
What should I do?