

What is The People's Bible?

This year marks the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible – and, to celebrate the occasion, Bible Society of England & Wales and Scottish Bible Society want to give people the chance to make their mark in history and be part of the world's first digitally handwritten edition of the Bible. The aim of the project is to engage people that have never read the Bible before - to do this effectively we need an appropriate public facing venue, maybe if a large event or a location that will have high visibility for large numbers of the general public. This is why we'll be taking our ScribePods to public venues around the country (festivals, shows, shopping centres,



beaches etc), where anyone can turn up and hand write two verses of the Bible, personalised with a comment, doodle or signature. The verses will be displayed to each writer on our specially-built iPad writing stations, and then written out with a digital pen and paper – creating a searchable online archive of everyone's contribution. Submissions have already been coming in, and you can see these here:

<http://www.thepeoplesbible.org/view-a-verse/latest-verses-written>.

As well as being a fantastic cultural event, with a great community spirit, we anticipate The People's Bible roadshow generating a substantial amount of press interest and coverage. We'll also be running our own promotion around the events, with local connections, celebrity endorsements etc.

Prince Charles has written the first two verses (which you can see here:

<http://www.thepeoplesbible.org/view-a-verse/browse-the-bible/kjv/genesis/1/1/>), and the

whole tour will wrap up with an event in Westminster Abbey, where we'll be presenting a bound copy of some of the handwritten verses. Other celebrity contributions can be viewed here:

<http://www.thepeoplesbible.org/view-a-verse/celebrity-verses/>.

Assistance needed!



One thing that's become very clear from our events so far is the need for volunteers. Volunteers will be needed to help set up and take down the road show. We'll need 6 able bodied people to set up and take down (some items are quite heavy), and ideally need 4-6 volunteers at any one point - more volunteers if available are useful as they can talk to passers by about the project (and people do like to talk about what we're doing!) Volunteers can sign up at www.thepeoplesbible.org.

On site will be our road show manager, who will be familiar with all the equipment, and a Bible Society member of staff to help - these will both be with the tour all day, so there's no direct responsibility involved, but we do ask that one volunteer co-ordinator puts themselves forward to assist in ensuring we have volunteer cover for the whole day.

Another key activity is the promotion of the event - both to raise awareness, and recruit volunteers. I can send you a DVD to play to people if you want to promote it to other groups of people - please provide a postal address if you would like this.

Setting up and taking down may involve some heavy lifting if we put up the full tent (pictures attached of the road show). We'll need to set up from about 08:00-08:30 am, and take down will be about 4:30-5:00pm.

If anyone can assist with hospitality, our Road Manager is a gentleman called Craig. Overnight accommodation for the night of the 25th July would be ideal if possible.

If you have further queries, please do not hesitate to call. My direct line is 01793 418259.

Kind regards,

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