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From the Minister – *Rev Dr Allan Vint*

The recent election here in the UK was dramatic and decisive in favour of the Labour Party. On the evening of the election and into the small hours of the morning I was captivated by the unfolding sequence of results, managing to stay awake until about 4 a.m. – just as well I was on holiday!

In the days that followed we all witnessed the smooth transition of democratic authority from one group to another – just as it should be. Regardless of whether the election outcome was our preference or not, our Christian duty is always to bring all those in positions of authority before God. We should pray for wisdom, care, integrity, and humility in all our elected representatives. It seems a strange thing to say within our multi faith and multi ethnic context but let's also pray that the kind of true Christian values which gave rise to modern democracy are also upheld – honesty, compassion, fairness, and empathy. We need all our leaders to fulfill their roles effectively. May God help, sustain, and guide them all.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV) states:

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, and thanksgiving be made for all people, for kings, and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."

As we watch elections in other parts of the world let's also remember these sometime volatile situations. We might in particular pray for our American neighbours – whose election takes place under the shadow of an assassination attempt on Donald Trump and the stepping back of the current president Joe Biden.





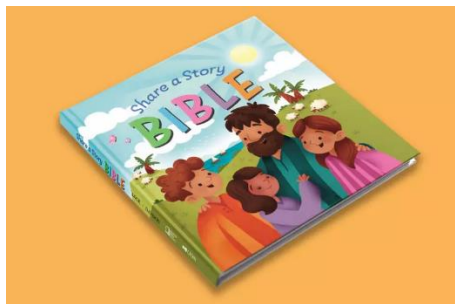
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Scottish Bible Society - Bibles for Bairns



The Scottish Bible Society are offering to give the gift of Bible Stories to families with a new baby at no cost. Over 400 babies were registered in 2023 and now registration is open for babies born in Scotland in 2024. If you are a parent or a carer or known to the parent or carer and with their

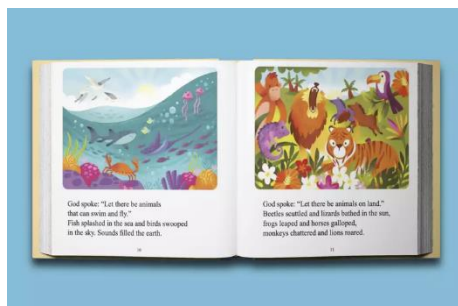
permission, you can register online.

<https://www.scottishbiblesociety.org/resources/bibles-for-bairns>

How it works -

- * Once a child has been signed up they'll receive the Share a Story Bible on their 1st birthday.
- * On their 2nd, 3rd and 4th birthdays they'll have a birthday card and fun resources to encourage the whole family to keep engaging with the Bible.
- * On their 5th birthday they'll be given a children's Bible to start to read themselves and to explore with the adults in the family.

For more information and to register go to www.scottishbiblesociety.org
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Aline is pushing
back **against**
the inhumanity
of poverty

We raised

£600

A big thank you to everyone who donated to this very worthwhile cause. Total collected this year was £600.00, which was amazing.

This money will go to help people like Aline from Burundi. Aline was pushed to the brink of survival. She was abused, homeless and hungry. Christian Aid supported her. This means people like her can save for their future and borrow money to start small rural businesses. With your donations, you made this possible, so thank you all. *Elizabeth Morris*



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Website and Livestream

Please remember Mauchline and Sorn congregations are there for you. We have been part of the life of these villages for many hundreds of years – indeed Mauchline was initially founded by church people. Through the centuries men and woman have discovered that at the heart of the community there has been a sacred space to discover peace, hope, joy and love. We invite you to come and discover that for yourself. We meet each Sunday at 11:15am in the church building. However, we also livestream our church services each week and make these available via our Facebook and YouTube channels. Why not check them out?

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The screenshot displays a grid of 15 thumbnail images representing different church services. The thumbnails include:

- A large top thumbnail of a man smiling in front of a church tower.
- Smaller thumbnails for services such as 'Services begin in...', 'Mauchline Parish Church', 'Holy Pair 2024', and various weekly services.
- Text overlays on some thumbnails, such as 'Behold Him there! The risen Lord, my perfect, spotless righteousness, the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!'.

 Navigation elements at the bottom of the screenshot include '1 / 14 Next >', 'Next Page - Minister information', and 'Home'.

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