

## What is Bible Extra?

Bible Extra began life over 20 years ago. Every year, Rev Paul Davies delivered two short Bible teaching series on a Monday evening - four Mondays in May and four in October, hosted most recently at Cherry Burton Church. The aim was to provide something "extra" and a little deeper than can normally be fitted into an average Sunday morning service. Over the years, Bible Extra has drawn Christians from a variety of different churches across Hull and the East Riding.

In 2016 we added a monthly Sunday evening - *Bible Extra Extra* - to complement the May and October Series. This has been delivered by Rev Richard Bentley at Bodmin Road Church on Bransholme and is now in its 5th year.

The May and October Monday Series stopped in 2018, and the Bible Extra baton passed entirely to the monthly Sunday night programme at Bodmin Road, which Richard has continued to deliver. Last year's series on Revelation drew between 50 and 60 people each month, from a dozen or more different churches.

Bible Extra continues to be overseen by a small committee. Please don't hesitate to make contact if you have any questions.

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## Bodmin Road Church

Bodmin Road Church was built on Bransholme in 1968 by people from the old Lee Smith Street Gospel Mission off Hedon Road. It is an independent church, affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance and with strong links to New Wine. Our partnership with Bible Extra springs from a shared commitment to make the Bible accessible to 21st Century Christians. As a Bransholme church we are also passionate about making church accessible and understandable to all those on our estate, and our new church planting vision for the HU7 post code is already bearing fruit at our new "Pennine" site on North Bransholme. For more information about any of our work please visit [www.bodminroadchurch.com](http://www.bodminroadchurch.com)

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## Strange Scriptures *Grappling with the Old Testament in the 21st Century*

Rev Richard Bentley has been Pastor of Bodmin Road Church for 24 years and has been a speaker at numerous New Wine Summer Conferences. He has a first in Maths & Physics from Leeds University and a Cambridge Diploma in Theology.

Richard is passionate about communicating a thoughtful Evangelical theology which avoids the sometimes clichéd and simplistic answers of our inherited evangelical culture.



## Bodmin Road Church

Padstow Close Bransholme HU7 4HE

**Sundays (Monthly) 6.30 – 8.15 pm**

(There is ample parking outside the church)

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## Dates and Topics

Many Christians struggle with the Old Testament. The God in the Old Testament sometimes appears to be a bit different from Jesus and we can wonder if it's really the same person. Some stories appear fantastical and unscientific - did the sun really stand still so that Joshua could have more daylight hours for killing Amorites? Other stories provide great ammunition for atheists - Dawkins makes a great deal of the story of God telling Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. And some stories just sound very strange to our ears and far removed from life in Hull on a Monday morning - how are we to understand Jacob wrestling with an angel? Often, the result is that we lose our confidence in Scripture. How can this possibly be God's Word?

This Series aims to tackle those difficulties head on. It will help us to hold on to our confidence in the inspired Word of God and get the best from it, without tying ourselves in knots over some of the stranger stories and expressions. If you have ever been asked how you can possibly believe the Old Testament, then this Series is for you.

### Week 1: 19 Jan

- (a) **A Book Full of Stories** - The Old Testament in Overview
- (b) **The Story of the Story** - The Making of the Old Testament

### Week 2: 16 Feb

- (a) **Would you Adam and Eve it?** - The Creation Stories
- (b) **Forbidden Fruit** - The Fall

### Week 3: 15 March

- (a) **Who Built the Ark?** - The Flood
- (b) **Je ne Comprends pas!** - The Tower of Babel

### Week 4: 19 April

- (a) **No Looking Back** - Sodom and Gomorrah
- (b) **No Laughing Matter** - The Sacrifice of Isaac

There are two seminars each evening with a break for coffee and cake in the middle.



### Week 5: 17 May

- (a) **Snakes and Ladders** - Jacob at Bethel
- (b) **No Holds Barred** - Jacob Wrestles an Angel

### Week 6: 21 June

- (a) **Word on the Street** - The Doctrine of Inspiration and its Implications
- (b) **The Day the Sun Stood Still** - Miracles in the Exodus and Conquest

### Week 7: 19 July

- (a) **Fit for a King!** - Israelite Kingship and God's Choice of Saul
- (b) **Meaningless, Meaningless!** - Understanding Ecclesiastes

### Week 8: 20 Sept

- (a) **Look Away Now** - Moses Meeting God
- (b) **Prophet at a Loss** - Elijah and the Still Small Voice

### Week 9: 18 Oct

- (a) **Big Fish!** - Jonah and the Whale
- (b) **Behind You!** - The Story of Job

### Week 10: 15 Nov

- (a) **Is God a Monster?** - God and Genocide in the Old Testament
- (b) **Director of Lightening Bolts?** - The OT Theology of Causation and Providence

## What people said about previous series

*"The Bodmin Road series is life-changing for us at this point in our walk with God."*

*"A fantastic opportunity to dig deeper into the big picture of the Bible."*

*"Inspiring, feeding, challenging and uplifting."*