

## Resources for Post-modern Evangelism (as at 4 February 2011)

*These resources are those that have been found helpful by those working with:*

- *People who have no past or present connection to Christ;*
- *People who live very far away from you whose culture, religious, and historical background is completely different from yours;*
- *People who live next door to you but whose culture, religious, and historical background is completely different from yours;*
- *People you may initially not feel at all at home with;*
- *A context with some similarities to the evangelism to the 'Roman world', or 'the ends of the earth' in the Acts of the Apostles.*

*The Anglican Communion Office can take no responsibility for the appropriateness of the content of these resources, but the following have been recommended by Anglicans who are involved in evangelism and church growth*

1. **Street Pastors or Angels-** *Similar to 'Noise' but much more specific and now a growing phenomenon in Britain is the training and deployment of Street Pastors or as they are called in some towns 'Angels'. The centres of many western European towns and cities become very lively places in the evenings, particularly at weekends, between 10pm and 4am. Young people fill the nightclubs and pubs and many are tempted to drink too much, use illegal 'recreational' drugs and put themselves at risk in other ways. Street pastors seek to be a Christian, caring, presence on the streets – not to judge behaviour but rather to listen, to assist and to represent Jesus amongst these people. In practical terms they may provide water, flip-flops for girls unable to walk in high heels, counselling, a friendly chat, or advice on detox, STD, relationships etc. There are training schemes for street pastors and they always have a prayer team working in parallel with them. They do not preach but theirs is a strong witness to Jesus' love when the party turns to tears – or even when the party is still going well. More information at <http://www.streetpastors.co.uk/>*
2. **Perspectives** - *Originally developed by the US Centre for World Mission, the Perspectives course is being taught in Bible Schools, Seminaries, and churches around the world and can now be taken online. Covering Biblical, Historical, Cultural, and Strategic perspectives of Christian discipleship, the course challenges every believer to understand and commit to fulfilling God's mission mandate. The authors believe that all Christians are called to, and therefore need to be equipped for, mission whether that be in their own neighbourhood or the other side of the world. More details at <http://www.icmusa.org/perspectives.php>*
3. **The Jesus Film** - *has been used in almost every country in the world and is now available in hundreds of languages. In addition to the original film there are now a couple of other versions, one specifically for children telling the story of Jesus from the viewpoint of children. <http://www.jesusteam.org>*
4. **The Stranger On The Road To Emmaus** by John R Cross - *This book has now been translated into dozens of languages and brought many people of a Muslim background*

to discipleship of Jesus. Several mission agencies have undertaken the production of specific editions for a particular people group, e.g. the Chechen people of the North Caucasus. There are reviews of the book at <http://www.goodseed.com/products/str-eng-book> which can be purchased at <http://www.amazon.co.uk/Stranger-Road-Emmaus-John-Cross/dp/1890082147> or downloaded as a PDF at <http://www.goodseed.com/products/str-eng-book-ebook> It is also available as a set of DVDs with workbook at <http://www.the-tabernacle-place.com/bible-study-resources-tools-dvd.aspx>

5. **Just walk across the room , CD** - Is a course/book/DVD by Bill Hybels, it is centred around building relationship with people, not to push a God agenda but to demonstrate God's love by building relationship with people.

My experience of evangelism of the past was to the "lets go to the pub for evangelism" when actually we found evangelism much more effective when we just "went to the pub" and spent time with people. [www.justwalkacrosstheroom.com/](http://www.justwalkacrosstheroom.com/)

6. **Christians Against Poverty** - This is a national debt counselling charity in England working through a network of centres based in local churches. CAP offers hope and a solution to anyone in debt through its unique, in-depth service. CAP aims to show God's love in action by providing sustainable poverty relief through debt counselling, advice and practical help. CAP's unique 'hands on' approach empowers people to help themselves out of poverty and be released from the fear, oppression and worry generated by overwhelming debts. We are providing sustainable poverty relief as our service teaches clients vital budgeting skills that will last a lifetime [www.capuk.org/](http://www.capuk.org/)

7. **Missional Map-Making: Skills for Leading in Times of Transition (J-B Leadership Network Series)** by Alan Roxburgh - Currently, churches are seeking to become less focused on programmes for members and more oriented toward outreach to people who are not already in church. This fundamental shift in what a congregation is and does and thinks is challenging for leaders and congregants. Using the metaphor of map-making, the book explains the perspective and skills needed to lead congregations and denominations in a time of radical change over unfamiliar terrain as churches change their focus from internal to external [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

8. **The Shaping of Things to Come** - Michael Frost and Alan Hirsch  
Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson Publishers, 2003 - This book is a gripping exegesis of culture, church and history, with some careful theological reflection along the way, Frost and Hirsch contribute to the dialogue on innovation and mission and end up with re-imagining ecclesiology against the backdrop of emerging culture.  
[www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com)

9. **Introducing The Missional Church** Alan Roxburgh and Scott Boren, Baker Books, Grand Rapids, MI, 2009. - Alan identifies the issues when a church faces a society of rapid change, spiritual and psychological, and points to ways of riding the waves and getting back in touch with God's mission in this changing culture.

10. **A New Kind of Christian** Brian McLaren, Jossey Bass, San Francisco, 2001 - *The book uses a fictional friendship between a pastor and a teacher to bring out the extent in which the Christian faith is embedded in the modern culture, its limitations, and some new ways to thinking about a variety of issues.*
11. **Generous Orthodoxy** Brian McLaren, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI, 2004 - *A systematic explanation of an orthodox but new way of approaching many topics, usually by putting together previous polarities. This is the theology for a new generation of Christians.*
12. **The Great Emergence** Phyllis Tickle, Baker Books, Grand Rapids, MI, 2008 - *As a student of emerging Christianity, she both tracks and reflects upon the values and thinking of Christians who no longer find existing church life authentic or nourishing for them. She believes the church goes through a major reformation every 500 years and this is now the time for the next one.*
13. **Open Houses** – *In Malaysia, this is a common phenomenon for all religions. Each religion will have their open houses hosted by their religious leaders or community leaders. This is an occasion where the whole community will be invited to a feast and celebrate the festive season such as Muslim Aidil Fitri, Hindu Deepavali, Chinese New Year, Christmas, Buddhist Wesak, etc.*
14. **Economic Empowerment and Micro Credit Enterprises** – *I have discovered that this is a necessary tool for the underprivileged and poor. In the AVM, we have goat, fish, chicken, duck and vegetable farms.*
15. **Social Concern Activities or Centres** – *Quite a bit of people came to the church through Social Concern activities or Centres organised by the churches.*
16. **Community Nights** – *A once a month Community night programme organized in church hall for the public where community related/interested topics or issues are presented or discussed. This opens a platform for contact and to connect. It can be a forum to speak for the community.*
17. **Carolling** – *Each year during Christmastide, churches will send out teams of carollers to homes of parishioners, non-church goers, and supermarkets and shopping malls to bring good tidings and joy, and to sing carols and distribute tracts & gifts. These are done with Christian messages.*
18. **Breaking News**, J. John - *A friendly course in evangelism*  
[http://www.eden.co.uk/shop/search.php?site\\_id=3015&keyword=breaking%20news%20j%20john&gclid=CPXztsjvr6cCFchO4QodAC7KQA](http://www.eden.co.uk/shop/search.php?site_id=3015&keyword=breaking%20news%20j%20john&gclid=CPXztsjvr6cCFchO4QodAC7KQA)
19. **The 10 Commandments” J. John** - *A series of talks by J. John based on the Ten Commandments which has led thousands of people to Christ. He is the “Billy Graham” of the U.K.* <http://just10.org/>
20. **Questions of Life** Nicky Gumbel (2001 – Reprint) <http://www.alpha.org/resources>

21. **The Post Christendom website** - [www.postchristendom.com](http://www.postchristendom.com) - has information about **Post-Christendom: church and mission in a strange new world** (2004) and **Church after Christendom** (2005), both written by Stuart Murray, as well as other titles written by others in this series. The Post Christendom website does have an Anabaptist emphasis but the material is helpful for understanding post Christendom and mission in a post Christendom and post modernity context.
22. **Cross Cultural Christian** – Stuart Buchanan - St Johns Extension Studies (2010) - is a workbook written particularly for those preparing to go as Christians into a different culture. It also shows how our understanding of Christ and his mission is enriched by entering into the perspectives of other Christians. It includes sections on Culture, Living, Faith, Church and Mission as well as an exercise to help in debriefing from cross cultural mission experiences. Available from <http://www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk/the-cross-cultural-christian/> or <http://shop.anglicancommunion.org/Details.cfm?ProdID=61&category=5>
23. **Post-modern Evangelism** - A reflection presented by Stuart Buchanan on 16 February 2011 at the Anglican Communion **Evangelism and Church Growth Initiative (ECGI)** Core Group meeting in Kuala Lumpur, based upon Acts 11. 1 – 18 & John 13. 1 – 14. This includes the reflection and points arising from the subsequent discussion and a response by the presenter to the question of what a 'post-modern god-fearer' might look like. Available on <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/ministry/mission/ecgi/resources/index.cfm>
24. **The Ven Bob Jackson's PowerPoint presentation** - Although some of this is related to a specific Archdeaconry, in Lichfield Diocese England, much of it makes the point powerfully about action that can lead to both decline and growth see <http://www.elmdon-parish.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2007/06/bob-jackson-solihull-deanery-synod-june-2007.pdf> The final slide refers to his books, these can be found on <http://www.amazon.co.uk/bob-jackson-Books/s?ie=UTF8&keywords=Bob+Jackson&rh=n%3A266239%2Ck%3ABob+Jackson&page=1>
25. **Cross and Crescent** - Colin Chapman IVP 2007 - This revised and updated edition incorporates brand new material on 'Islamic Terrorism', 'What is Islam?', 'The Qur'anic View of Christians' and 'Explaining Christian Beliefs About Jesus'. It will equip Christians to better understand Muslims and Islam in a rapidly changing world. <http://www.ivpbooks.com/9781844741922>
26. **Perspective on the World Christian Movement**, (Revised Edition 1992) by Ralph D. Winter, Steven C. Hawthorne. - It is a Multi-faceted collection of readings on the biblical, historical, cultural and strategic dimensions of the task of world evangelization. It spells out the complexity, the scope and yet the obligation and the emergency of the task of evangelism to which all who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord are called. <http://www.amazon.com/Perspectives-World-Christian-Movement-Reader/dp/0878082891>
27. **Knowing God** by J.I. Packer. - It has profound and basic spiritual truths put down in a practical way. <http://www.amazon.co.uk/Knowing-God-J-I-Packer/dp/083081650X>

28. **Basic Christianity** by John Stott

[http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Basic+Christianity+by+John+Stott&x=13&y=18](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Basic+Christianity+by+John+Stott&x=13&y=18)

29. **Mother's Union Parenting Program Worldwide** by Mary Sumner House – *This focuses on parenting and family life from conception to death.*

<http://www.themothersunion.org/>

30. **Whole Life Discipleship** - *Whole life discipleship is a discipleship programme/tool that is aimed at equipping Christians with a holistic understanding of Christian life, that which seriously takes into account that God is interested in every aspect of human life and experience as sum total, and that our faith ought to touch every aspect of our human experience.*

Resources:

London Institute for Contemporary Christianity: <http://www.licc.org.uk/>

*The Great Divide* (Mark Green) - LICC

*The Radical Discipleship* (John Stott) - LICC

<http://www.licc.org.uk/shop/books>

[http://scog.com/Portals/0/11\\_Stewardship.pdf](http://scog.com/Portals/0/11_Stewardship.pdf)

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31. **Kairos** - *Mark Carey explains, "Kairos is a Greek word of great significance for Christians as it speaks of the appointed time in the purpose of God. For Kairos Church this means a fresh expression of the Church of England, focusing on releasing communities of followers to live the mission of Jesus. For us this is being worked out through people who are good news in our workplaces, families and friendships. We gather together at various times and places and also operate in midsized/mission-shaped communities (MSCs)."*

*"MSCs are communities of our people each of which has a distinctive vision for mission. Examples are Outnumbered focused on families with children and Wanderers, meeting people in the park and the street."* <http://kairoschurch.net/>

32. **Home Group (Cell Groups or Small Christian Communities)** - *Sometimes operate as a home or bible study group but function as a community of believers from the same church or congregation, where members provide spiritual, moral and social support to one another and also reach out in love to the local community – such the elderly, prison, hospital, schools, etc. The number of home groups from one parish/congregation may depend on the size of the Church/congregation.*

*Home group members often invite friends to the meetings or any functions organised by the home group. Often home groups provide warm, hospitality and "safe" environment where even a "stranger" would be welcome and feels at home!*

*In countries like Zambia these home groups grow so big that they can develop into a congregation. Home groups have been important means for discipleship and church plant (and growth). They are very popular among most mainline churches in Zambia.*

*The same principle is used in the Diocese of West Malaysia where various resources have been developed.*

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**33. Public bible reading** – *The 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Bible is encouraging much interest in the bible and the beauty of the English prose within this translation; some congregations are running, sponsored reading of whole sections of the bible.*

- *Instead of approaching the celebration in this way, why not choose suitable narratives and passages that might touch people's lives and read these in public outside of your church or somewhere where people pass by on a Saturday?*
- *Instead of seeking sponsorship, why not have copies of a gospel to give out to those who are interested, and other biblical resource material that you can encourage people to take away, daily notes that you have already read, that people can take away and use?*
- *Why not consider other events that can be publicised, perhaps special services focusing on the bible that can be built upon this.*
- ***For some, the familiarity and beauty of the King James Version will attract them to your event and is a helpful resource;***
- *For others the KJV might be a reminder of the archaic language that first made them believe that the Christianity was irrelevant to them and will suggest that the church is still out of date and incomprehensible. The anniversary of the KJV is a reason for an event, but doesn't mean that it is the only version that you can use! Depending upon who your target audience; consider using modern versions that show that the message of the bible can be expressed in current language.*
- ***If you can attract young people why not use The Word on the street (previously known as The Street Bible) <http://www.eden.co.uk/en/the-word-on-the-street-bible-online> or another version that speaks to un-churched young people? Use your young people to read and dramatise selected narratives.***

**34. Generous Love** - *This significant report on the theology of inter faith relations, produced by the Anglican Communion Network for Inter Faith Concerns (NIFCON) with a Foreward by the Archbishop of Canterbury, sets out succinctly some key themes of Anglican inter faith engagement, rooting this engagement in the Christian understanding of God as Trinity. The report was presented to the 2008 Lambeth Conference and to the 2009 meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council. <http://shop.anglicancommunion.org/Details.cfm?ProdID=42&category=5>*