

# The Bible in the Life of the Church

Preliminary bibliography



**Introduction:** Inevitably this has a somewhat eclectic nature – but hopefully it will cover at least most of the texts and issues that are ‘essential’ to be aware of. I have placed an asterisk in front of 10 items that I feel are the ‘top 10’ to be aware of. This is of course even more of a subjective judgement than the list as a whole! Clare Amos

### ***Official Anglican Communion documents***

The Thirty-Nine articles. Articles 6, 7, 19, 20, and 21

The ordinal of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer

The Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral.

The 1888 Lambeth Conference Resolution 11.

<http://www.lambethconference.org/resolutions/1988/>

The 1920 Lambeth Conference Resolution 9 (vi)

<http://www.lambethconference.org/resolutions/1920/>

The 1930 Lambeth Conference Resolution 3.

<http://www.lambethconference.org/resolutions/1930/>

\* The 1958 Lambeth Conference passed 12 resolutions about the Bible.

These can be viewed on the Anglican Communion website at

<http://www.lambethconference.org/resolutions/1958/>

There is also a linked section headed ‘The Holy Bible: its authority and message’ in the 1958 Lambeth Conference Report (not available online).

The Virginia Report 1997, especially sections 35-3.11

<http://www.lambethconference.org/1998/documents/report-1.pdf>

The 1998 Lambeth Conference passed two resolutions about the Bible.

Resolution III.1 and III.5. These can be viewed on the Communion

website at <http://www.lambethconference.org/resolutions/1998/>

The Windsor Report 2004 has some paragraphs on the authority of Scripture, and Scripture and interpretation.. Section B paras 53-63. This can be viewed online at

[http://www.anglicancommunion.org/windsor2004/section\\_b/index.cfm](http://www.anglicancommunion.org/windsor2004/section_b/index.cfm)

The ‘Signposts’ statement, ‘The Anglican Way: Signposts on a Common Journey’ produced by the Working Party Theological Education in the Anglican Communion in 2007. This can be viewed online at

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/ministry/theological/signposts/english.cfm>

The 2008 Lambeth Conference did not pass Resolutions. However a Section of the Indaba Reflections document Section I) is devoted to 'The Scriptures'. This is available at <http://www.lambethconference.org/resolutions/2008/>

***Official or semi-official documents from Anglican Provinces***

*(I am sure that this is incomplete – it may be a task before the meeting in December to fill in some of the gaps)*

*Doctrine in the Church of England: The Report of the Commission on Christian Doctrine appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 1922. SPCK. 1938.*

*Christian Believing: The Nature of the Christian Faith and its Expression in Holy Scripture and Creeds. The Doctrine Commission of the Church of England (1976).*

*Believing in the Church: the Corporate Nature of Faith. The Doctrine Commission of the Church of England. 1981. (Especially article by Anthony Harvey, 'Attending to Scripture')*

Barnabas Lindars: *The Use of Scripture*. Paper prepared for C of E General Synod. GS 525. 1981.

\* *The Authority of Scripture. A Report of the Church of Ireland Bishops' Advisory Commission on Doctrine. (2006)*

Frederick Houk Borsch ed. *The Bible's Authority in Today's Church: Papers on the Authority of Scripture Presented to the Episcopal House of Bishops*, Trinity Press International, 1993.

\* Papers from the pilot Bible project in New Zealand.

***Books /articles written by Anglicans overtly seeking to give an Anglican view of Scripture***

\* Christopher Bryan: *And God Spoke – The Authority of the Bible for the Church Today*. 2002 Cowley publications. (French translation – Ecrit pour notre instruction)

*Bishops on the Bible* (John V Taylor, Alec Graham, Peter Selby, David Jenkins, David Hope, Philip Goodrich, Hugh Montefiore, John Oliver). Triangle. 1994

Reginald H Fuller, 'Authority and Method: Scripture', in *The Study of Anglicanism* ed Stephen Sykes and John Booty. SPCK, 1998.

\* Rowan A Greer: *Anglican Approaches to Scripture – from the Reformation to the Present*. Crossroad Publishing Company, 2006.

Christopher Hill and Edward Yarnold: *Anglicans and Roman Catholics: The Search for Unity*. SPCK. 1994

Leslie Houlden (ed), *Interpretation of the Bible in the Church* 1995. This is a response to the Pontifical Biblical Commission publication of 1993 (listed below).

Michael Johnston: *Engaging the Word*. The New Church's Teaching Series. Cowley 1998

Charles Sherlock: 'Reading the Scriptures decently – and in order' (unpublished paper)

Charles Sherlock: 'The Food of the Soul: Thomas Cranmer and Holy Scripture' (unpublished paper)

Sewanee Theological Review, Christmas 2006, *Biblical Imagination: Scripture and the Life of Faith*

**Books/articles written by Anglicans (but not necessarily seeking to explore an overtly Anglican perspective) – in the case of joint authorship at least one of the authors is Anglican.**

Paul Ballard and Steven Holmes: *The Bible in Pastoral Practice: Readings in the Place and Function of Scripture in the Church*. Using the Bible in Pastoral Practice Series. DLT 2005.

Cynthia Briggs Kittredge, Ellen Bradshaw Aitken, Jonathan A Draper (eds): *The Bible in the Public Square: Reading the Signs*. Fortress, 2008

\* Ellen Davis and Richard Hayes (ed) *The Art of Reading Scripture* Eerdmans 2003.

Jonathan Draper (ed): *Liberating Texts?: Sacred Scriptures in Public Life*, SPCK 2008 (Contributors include David F. Ford, John Sentamu)

John Goldingay: *Models for Scripture*. Eerdmans, 1994.

\* John Goldingay: *Models for Interpretation of Scripture*. Clements Publishing. 1995

David Holgate and Rachel Starr, *Biblical Hermeneutics*. SCM Studyguide. SCM 2006.

Alexander S Jensen: *Theological Hermeneutics*. SCM. 2007

Gordon Oliver: *Holy Bible, Human Bible*. Using the Bible in Pastoral Practice Series. DLT 2006.

Stephen Pattison, Margaret Cooling, Trevor Cooling: *Using the Bible in Christian Ministry: A Workbook*. Using the Bible in Pastoral Practice Series. DLT. 2007.

Kwok Pui-Lan: *Discovering the Bible in the Non-biblical world*. Orbis. 1995.

A M Ramsey 'The Authority of the Bible' in *Peake's Commentary on the Bible* edited Matthew Black and HH Rowley. Thomas Nelson. 1962.

Anthony C Thiselton: *New Horizons in Hermeneutics*. Zondervan. 1992.

Anthony C Thiselton: *The Hermeneutics of Doctrine*. Eerdmans 2007.

Gerald West: *The Academy of the Poor: Towards a Dialogical Reading of the Bible*. Sheffield. 1999.

Gerald West and Musa W Dube: *The Bible in Africa: Transactions, Trajectories and Trends*. Brill . 1998

Rowan Williams. *Open to Judgment* (article within the book). DLT 1994

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Paul J Achtemeier: *Inspiration and Authority : Nature and Function of Christian Scripture*. Peabody 1999.

Walter Brueggemann: *The Bible makes sense*. John Knox. 1977.

\* Walter Brueggemann: *Redescribing Reality: What We Do When We Read the Bible*. Fortress/SCM 2009.

Charles Cosgrave: *Appealing to Scripture in Moral Debate*. Eerdmans 2002.

\* Philip Jenkins: *The New Faces of Christianity: Believing the Bible in the Global South*. OUP 2006.

Daniel Patte: *The Ethics of Biblical Interpretation: A Re-evaluation*. Westminster/John Knox 1995

Daniel Patte (ed): *Global Bible Commentary*. Abingdon. 2004

Sandra M Schneiders, *The Revelatory Text: Interpreting the New Testament as Sacred Scripture*. Liturgical Press, Collegeville. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 1999.

RS Sugirtharajah: *Voices from the Margins: Interpreting the Bible in the Third World*. SPCK. 1991. (Also other books by the same author eg *The Postcolonial Bible*; *Asian Biblical Hermeneutics and Postcolonialism*; *The Bible and the Third World*; *Postcolonial Criticism and Bible Interpretation*; *The Postcolonial Bible Reader*).

**Books/articles/documents produced either by other churches or from an overt ecumenical or inter faith perspective.**

### **Key Roman Catholic documents**

*Dei Verbum – Vatican II statement.*

[http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist\\_councils/ii\\_vatican\\_council/documents/vat-ii\\_const\\_19651118\\_dei-verbum\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_const_19651118_dei-verbum_en.html)

*\* The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church – Pontifical Biblical Commission 1993*

[http://catholic-resources.org/ChurchDocs/PBC\\_Interp.htm](http://catholic-resources.org/ChurchDocs/PBC_Interp.htm)

*The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church - Discussion of the synod of bishops 2008*

Preliminary paper

[http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/synod/documents/rc\\_synod\\_doc\\_20080511\\_instrlabor-xii-assembly\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/synod/documents/rc_synod_doc_20080511_instrlabor-xii-assembly_en.html)

Final statement

[http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/synod/documents/rc\\_synod\\_doc\\_20070427\\_lineamenta-xii-assembly\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/synod/documents/rc_synod_doc_20070427_lineamenta-xii-assembly_en.html)

### **WCC documents**

*A Treasure in Earthen Vessels: An Instrument for an Ecumenical Reflection on Hermeneutics*

<http://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/wcc-commissions/faith-and-order-commission/iv-interpretation-the-meaning-of-our-words-and-symbols/a-treasure-in-earthen-vessels-an-instrument-for-an-ecumenical-reflection-on-hermeneutics.html>

*The Bible Crisis and Catastrophe*, document produced by 2008 Global Theological Platform

[http://www.oikoumene.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/GP2008\\_meeting\\_report.doc](http://www.oikoumene.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/GP2008_meeting_report.doc)

### **Scripture in world faiths**

Given the increasing interest in the role of scripture in world faiths particularly in relation to Christianity, Judaism and Islam, it is worth noting the 'Scriptural Reasoning' network, about which more details are available at [www.scripturalreasoning.org](http://www.scripturalreasoning.org)

