

## Information Sheet: What the Bible in the Life of the Church (BILC) might offer.

### ***The hopes for the work***

In 2010 just as work on the *Bible in the Life of the Church* project was getting underway, Rowan Williams, then Archbishop of Canterbury, recorded a short video commending this work as “having enormous potential for our Anglican family”. He goes on to map out the relationship between God, the Bible and the Church and reminds us that “the God we meet in the Bible is the God we meet now”. To [watch the video](#) [Folder H2]

### ***The questions it raises for the Church***

A question that Rowan Williams alludes to in his video, filmed as this work began, was “Do we need to do the Bible better?” A short series of four further videos, three given by his successor, Archbishop Justin Welby, explores this question through four presentations. [Folder H3]

1. *Why might we need to read the Bible better?*
2. *The challenge of Biblical Illiteracy*
3. *Making more of the Bible in worship*
4. *How can we ‘do the Bible better’?*

### ***The issues it raises***

The BILC project began in 2009. But what are the important points that have come out of this work? In March 2014, the Coordinator of the project, Stephen Lyon, gave a talk at Virginia Theological Seminary in the USA outlining how the project could help us, as a Communion, ‘do Bible better’ in our churches. In it he outlined 5 ways that this might happen:

1. *Know your Biblical heritage*
2. *Challenge Biblical illiteracy*
3. *Focus on the Bible in worship*
4. *Learn from other parts of the world*
5. *Model your processes of interpretation in preaching and teaching*

For the [full report](#) on the talk

