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## Bible Month 2026

This year's Bible Month book is Paul's letter to the Philippians. Written by Paul from prison, this short epistle overflows with warmth, hope, and practical wisdom for living a Christ-shaped life.

The themes across the four weeks are:

**Joy that endures** – Paul's call to rejoice, even in hardship, rooted in confidence in God's goodness.

**Christ-like humility** – the famous "Christ hymn" in chapter 2, showing Jesus' self-giving love as our model.

**Pressing on in faith** – discipleship as a lifelong journey of growth and perseverance.

**Grace and peace** – learning contentment and generosity in every circumstance.

The booklet contains material for both services and for house/cell groups and **we at EMC will be holding Bible month in our church services in June** (the first Sunday of June is week one, and so on)

Additionally, we want to take a deeper look at Philippians and we are planning a series of online sessions on Sunday nights in June, focusing on the Bible month passages but looking at different aspects from those being covered in services and in the small group material. These sessions are intended to be interactive and varied in style and not a replica church service online. As part of this, we would like to encourage people to gather at church buildings or in homes to join in the Zoom sessions. This might present a good opportunity to eat together first and make it an afternoon/ evening of fellowship.

**The zoom sessions will run on Sundays, 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th June, 7pm-8.30pm.** Subject to consent, the sessions will be recorded and an edited version made available online for those who cannot attend. Anyone interested in leading one of these sessions, please get in touch with Lois. No experience of Zoom is necessary as Rory will run the technical side. More information will be made available during May.

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