

Thank you for all your support throughout 2019. But now it's a new year, a new decade and there are a lot of new books!

These days it's not uncommon for us to take books out to various events around the district. Between now and Easter we have been invited to provide bookstalls to the Harrogate School of Theology and Mission, an Anglican Education conference, Anglican and URC synods and a Methodist Bible Month training event. Sometimes staffing the bookstalls can be an issue, so if you are interested in helping us out by running an occasional bookstall then please get in touch. It would involve a certain amount of box-carrying, but you do get into the events for free! They are usually on Saturdays, but occasionally might be on weekdays or evenings. If this isn't your thing, but you might be available to help out in the shop for a couple of hours from time to time we would also be really pleased to hear from you. We would like to compile a list of volunteers whom we can contact to give the staff some extra support on the days that we find ourselves on our own or in need of an extra pair of hands. Could this be you?



Speaking Volumes is a charity that provides grants to put Christian books into libraries. Are you involved at a church, school, hospital, hospice or care home that could benefit from this? Their next round of funding begins on 14th February. Grants are now being awarded on a first come basis, so get in quick to get some free books! Go to speakingvolumes.org.uk and select us as your preferred supplier. It's so easy!



We value your support whether it is practical or financial, but we would also appreciate it if you would remember the work we do in your prayers. We pray that we will be able to meet the needs of our customers, and we pray that churches will come to us for their books and resources. And if you hear of anyone talking of buying a book on the internet, you could remind them that they would get a better service, and sometimes a better price from us. Your support enables us to continue our ministry.



The Meaningful Chocolate Company specialise in products that meet the expectation of seasonal chocolate but also include the real story of the festival. Towards the end of 2019 we sold a record number of Real Advent Calendars, and so we're really hoping that we have a similar response to the Real Easter Eggs. The 2020 edition not only has an Easter story activity book, but is made of Fairtrade chocolate and the packaging is plastic-free. At only £3.99 it is a really good price. If you think your church might be interested in buying a quantity for your Junior Church or local school, please let us know asap so that we may order sufficient stock.



Many thanks to those who took part in our Advent Bookshop In A Box scheme. We sent boxes out to 22 churches and sold over 450 books! This year Easter Sunday is on April 12th, so in order to fit in our Bookshop In A Box scheme in time for the beginning of Lent, we will be issuing books during the first week of February. There are a number of new books being published for Lent, including *Walking the Way of the Cross* by Paula Gooder, Philip North and Stephen Cottrell, who has recently been announced as the next Archbishop of York. If you're interested in taking a box of books for your church then please send us an email or give us a call. If you're not sure how it works and would like some more information then just get in touch.



As we approach Easter there are many churches that will be looking to buy Palm Crosses and Paschal candles. We are happy to be able to supply both of these for you. We stock the transfers that attach to an plain candle and we can provide you with that candle. We can also supply any candle with a wax relief, available through Hayes and Finch. We will match their price but will also benefit if you buy through us. We'll be attending the Diocesan Synod in Harrogate in March, so if you order in time, we can bring them along to that and save you a carriage charge! Or collect from the shop later if that's easier.