

Bromley Parish Church Monthly Alms:

The charity represented for the month of May is: **Bible Society**

On 7 December 1802 a meeting of the Religious Tract Society was held in London, and it was here that the Revd Joseph Hughes, on hearing the plans to provide Bibles for Welsh speaking people at reduced prices said "If for Wales, why not for the kingdom, and if for the kingdom, why not for the world?" Out of this vision the British and Foreign Bible Society (BFBS) was formed in 1804. By its centenary in 1904 the BFBS had distributed nearly 181 million copies of Scriptures worldwide. In 1946, the United Bible Societies (UBS) was formed to co-ordinate the work of many national Bible Societies including the BFBS.

Translators make use of a number of techniques in presenting the Word of God in such a form that people may hear it more clearly and respond to it more fully. The Bible Societies help by:

- Giving technical assistance to translators through over forty translation consultants and advisors at work around the world.
- Publishing books on translation and providing them free of charge to those engaged on recognised projects.
- Arranging seminars and other forms of training.
- Financing the production and distribution of completed Scriptures.
- Developing an alphabet that corresponds to the sounds of the language.
- Publishing two quarterly journals The Bible Translator and The Bible Distributor.

The aim of the Bible Society has always been to glorify God by increasing the number of people who own, use, value and share the Bible in a language they can understand and at a price they can afford. This very worthy cause requires all the assistance it can muster and deserves the continuing support and endeavours on its behalf that St Peter and St Paul gives it.

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