



# SHARE THE LIGHT

Unlocking  
God's Word



As part of the ecumenical call to pray for Surrey in 2005 you are invited to join Christians all over the UK in praying that an ever-increasing number of people will come to realise the importance and benefits that come from reading the Bible regularly.

The Scripture Union prayer initiative – Share the Light – is in response to an alarming decline in the use of God's word during the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Just 16 per cent of regular churchgoers surveyed in the Bible Society Survey of 1997 read the Bible daily, and almost a third admitted they didn't read the Bible outside of church services.

*Prayer is the  
key to  
unlocking God's  
Word for this  
generation.*

The result... Christians miss out on clarity of direction, spiritual vitality and a deeper relationship with God. What's more the consequence for church life, and a church's impact on its local community is far-reaching.

Share the Light calls Christians to commit to pray during 2004 once a month for 12 months, individually or in groups, that an ever-increasing number of people will realise the importance of reading the Bible regularly if they are to grow in faith as God desires.



## What can you do?

- 1.** If you are holding a special period of prayer why not obtain a Share the Light launch pack, and use the resources it contains to prepare for this by holding an interesting and challenging Sunday service.
- 2.** Part of the pack includes an audio visual presentation lasting just 6 minutes, which states the problem, highlights the benefits of regular Bible reading, and challenges listeners to make a commitment to pray. Why not use this as a starter for one of your prayer sessions? It also contains an invitation for individuals to commit to monthly prayer. Commitment cards are available, and anyone who completes one of these will receive a prayer update each month, helping them on their prayer journey through the year.
- 3.** You may simply want to make the commitment to pray. Fantastic. Please let us know, so that we can support you each month through the coming year as you do this.



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