



Scripture Union

Mission Report

YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025



LET'S CELEBRATE
SOME OF THE
WONDERFUL THINGS
GOD IS DOING THROUGH
SCRIPTURE UNION

'See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?'

Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

What a fantastic time to be alive and joining in with God on his mission.

There have been times this year when keeping up with what God has been doing has been a challenge – but a hugely exciting one! We've been increasingly hearing stories of young lives transformed and a growing desire among young people to read God's Word. What an encouragement! And to that end, the team here have worked tirelessly to develop and pilot new resources, recruit, train and release more Faith Guides and partner with even more churches – all to ensure churches are ready to join us on this mission to *Reveal Jesus* to the next generation.

Online and in person, on the sports field and in schools (and anywhere the 95 are!), we have once again sought to help churches make relevant connections that enable children and young people to explore the Bible, respond to Jesus and grow in faith. Some of the tried and tested methods continue to work (we celebrate the 25th anniversary of our popular *It's your Move* resource this year!), and we've also invested in new activities and initiatives – such as our new online Mission Resource Centre. And through it all, God has continued to provide through the generosity of you, our supporters. Your prayers and gifts are what fuels our mission. Thank you!

Please join me in praying that God will continue to work in the lives of all the children and young people who've benefited from the activities shown here, and the many more besides.

Dave Newton, National Director



Revealing Jesus together

Our *Revealing Jesus* strategy continues to be central to all we do. Year on year we have seen an increase in churches partnering with us, with volunteer Faith Guide numbers continuing to grow. Thank you for your support that enables us to coach and equip these Faith Guides, helping them *Reveal Jesus* to the children and young people in their communities.

Find out more at su.org.uk/revealingjesus

FAITH GUIDES

Anyone can be a Faith Guide, whatever their experience in children's and youth work. We equip a wide variety of Faith Guides from many different types of churches, right across England and Wales – all of them passionate about building long-term faith-nurturing relationships with 'the 95'.



At the end of March 2025, there were **566** Faith Guides making an impact across England and Wales; this is a **22%** increase on last year.

These Faith Guides represent **430** churches across England and Wales, with **92** of those coming on board this year.

During each quarter of the year, groups led by Faith Guides regularly connected with over **15,000** children and young people in the **Connect**, **Explore**, **Respond** and **Grow** stages of the Revealing Jesus mission framework.



MISSION SUPPORT

Our Mission Support emails were received by nearly **2,600** individuals every month, providing **FREE** *Revealing Jesus* resources and 'Mission Sparks' inspiration. Through these emails we're able to support a wider range of churches than just those with Faith Guides in them. Please pray for the communities represented, and that recipients will be inspired to become fully-fledged Faith Guides soon.

Find out more about Mission Support at su.org.uk/missionsupport



GROW COMMUNITIES

Grow Communities are a key part of the Revealing Jesus strategy, with Faith Guides supporting children and young people from 'the 95' with culturally appropriate worshipping communities.

By the end of the year there were **60** established or emerging Grow Communities serving almost **700** children and young people.





Mission Through Sport

Our mission through sport work reached almost 4,000 young people this year!

Our teams were also involved in developing innovative new sports outreach resources:

HALF TIME

A new video series combining interviews and animations with fun games to connect with young people and introduce them to Jesus.



HOLY GROUND

A downloadable resource, providing everything needed to organise and run regular faith-building sports activities in a familiar and safe local space (such as a Multi-Use Games Area or even just a patch of grass).

We also piloted mission event days and sports-focused discipleship events in communities across England and Wales.

Holidays and missions

Scripture Union holidays and mission have made a lasting impact over many, many years. This year was no different!

This year we introduced **4** new Faith Guide holidays, giving Faith Guides the opportunity to provide a Christian residential experience for the children and young people they are journeying with.

We saw more than **1,500** children and young people join us on **46** different residential holidays at venues across England and Wales.

7 missions also took place, with an estimated **2,000** children and young people benefitting. Our beach mission at Sutton-on-Sea in Lincolnshire has been running since 1866.



POWERED BY VOLUNTEERS

We couldn't run our events without our **SU**perhero volunteers. There were **1,428** known opportunities for volunteer involvement during the year, equivalent to **5,536** working weeks, or **118** full-time staff! Wow!

FOLLOW US for photos and videos from our events, and much more besides. **@scriptureunionEW** on Instagram and Facebook



Together in mission

We love working with our amazing partners, joining together to maximise mission opportunities.



MISSION PARTNERS

We're connected to **54** Local Mission Partners (separate charitable trusts that share our vision) to extend reach and impact. They employ over **100** workers between them, alongside many hundreds of volunteers. We also joined forces with **2** National Mission Partners during the year.

We built on our recent partnership with the New Wine network of churches, supporting their Raising Generations youth strategy. Our teams provided sessions for their leaders at the New Wine Leadership Conference in January and supported the Luminosity youth provision at the New Wine Festival over the summer.

This work impacted thousands of 11- to 18-year-olds at the festival who enjoyed connecting with our sports teams and chilling out in the Rooted tent.

Another new partnership was formed between us and **24/7 Prayer Spaces in School**, with a view to enabling school children to explore the Bible and respond to Jesus. Hundreds of volunteers all over England and Wales (including many of our Faith Guides) regularly host prayer spaces in schools, creatively inspiring children and young people to connect with God and respond in prayer.



A GLOBAL MOVEMENT

Scripture Union England and Wales is part of a family of SU movements around the world. There are over **130** movements working in around **120** countries across the globe, with the shared aim of introducing children, young people and families to Jesus and helping them to meet God through the Bible and prayer.

We are privileged to have been able to support SU projects and other national SU movements around the world. Grants made during the year totalled **£71,000**. Projects we supported include:



- Enabling children from Ukraine to attend an SU residential camp in Hungary and distribution of Bibles and Christian literature in Ukraine
- Development of a Trauma Informed schools programme in South Africa
- Development of ministry for Roma children in Serbia.

Resources for mission

Resourcing the church is what we do – through our people and our amazing resources!

A NEW RESOURCE CENTRE

This year we launched our brand-new online Resource Centre – our ‘one-stop-shop’ for *Revealing Jesus* resources and everything churches need for effective mission to the 95. This was an enormous undertaking, and we are incredibly thankful to our teams for making it happen! Take a look at su.org.uk/resources



SO, WHAT NEXT?

We launched our brand-new resource to help young people discover more about Jesus after they've made a decision to follow him. Produced in association with New Wine, over **2,000** copies were given away through the New Wine festival in the summer. su.org.uk/sowhatnext



LIGHT PARTIES

In the autumn we had over **1,000** downloads of our most recent *Light Party Pack*, helping churches run a Christian alternative to Halloween celebrations.



A FOND FAREWELL

In the winter of 2024, we said goodbye to our *Light* range of Sunday school resources, after over **20** years of serving the church in this way. While it is sad to say goodbye, we believe God has clearly God commissioned us to focus on producing new and exciting resources for mission to the 95.

TRAINING

Alongside more traditional resources, we have also invested in people serving in ministry to children and young people. This year, we provided free online and in-person training for nearly **600** people, helping equip them in area such as schools ministry, connecting in the online world and using sports as a missional tool.



MORE TO COME

Rev. Mark Griffiths has recently been appointed as Director of Mission Resources, so you can expect even more first-class resources to help churches *Reveal Jesus* over the coming years.



Supporter power!

We run on the prayer and generosity of our amazing supporters, and we love keeping you up to date with the stories of God at work.

- Our prayer magazine, *Connecting You*, was sent to around **8,000** supporters each quarter by post, with around **8,000** supporters receiving the email version.
- A combined **10,000+** people follow us on Facebook and Instagram.
- More than **9,100** people receive our *Word Live* Bible engagement email every day.
- **Over 11,000** people subscribe to our monthly prayer update email, joining with us in prayer for SU's mission.



Thank you!

Thank you so much for the part you played in the activities shown in this report. This is your impact report, not ours! Whether you give or pray, or are involved practically, you have helped make a huge difference. We pray that God will richly bless you in your continued participation.

Thank you.

“We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.”

Psalms 78:4 (NIV)

On the back page there's an overview of the money we received during the 2024/25 financial year, including your gifts, and the ways in which it was spent.

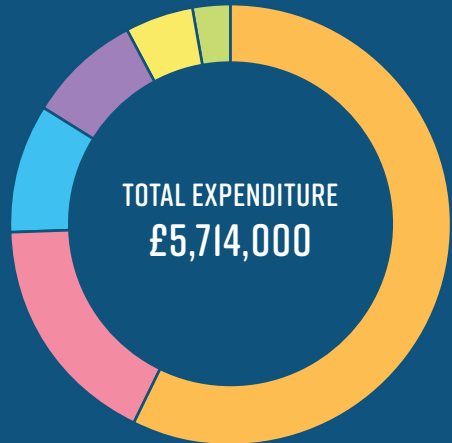
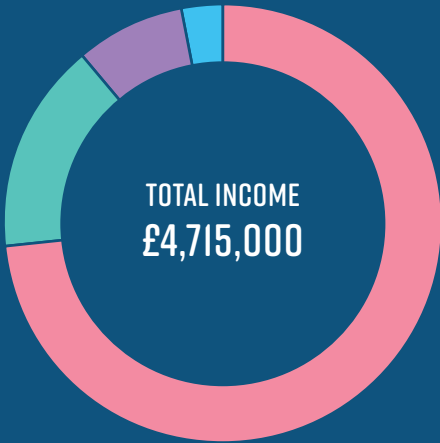


THANK YOU
SO MUCH FOR
EVERYTHING
YOU DO!

Finances

As a charity, we are so thankful for every penny we receive. Your gifts help us fund this vital mission that God has called us to, ensuring that many more children and young people have opportunities to explore the Bible, respond to Jesus and grow in faith. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Here's an overview of the money we received during the 2024/25 financial year, including your gifts, and the ways it was spent:



£3,467,000

Donations and legacies

£733,000

Publishing sales and royalties

£384,000

Holidays and missions

£131,000

Other, including investments

£3,280,000

Face-to-face mission (including holidays and missions)

£986,000

Commercial publishing

£535,000

Cost of raising funds

£480,000

Content creation

£281,000

International activities

£152,000

Advocacy

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None of the activity outlined in this report would have been possible without the generosity of our wonderful supporters. If you helped financially, prayed for the work or volunteered, thank you so much.

Could you give a gift to ensure even more is possible next year?

This is a summary of Scripture Union's financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2025, extracted from the full Trustee's Report and Financial Statements which have been audited. A full statement of our financial activities can be found in our Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements, a copy of which can be obtained by contacting us on 01908 856135.



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