

GOD IS ON THE MOVE AND YOU'RE PART OF IT



MISSION REPORT

Year ended 31 March 2026



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ISAIAH 54:2 [NIV]



INTRODUCTION

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These words from Isaiah feel especially fitting as we reflect on this past year. Across England and Wales, we have seen God opening up new opportunities – in the growing openness of children and young people, in the courage of churches stepping into mission, and in the increasing number of volunteers choosing to play their part.

This has been a year of stretching. Widening our reach. Creating more space for children and young people to explore faith. Strengthening the way churches respond to the opportunities in front of them.

More young people are encountering Jesus. More churches are stepping forward with confidence to reveal Jesus to the next generation. More relationships are forming – where faith can be explored and lives are being changed over time.

And, through it all, God has continued to provide through the generosity and prayers of you, our wonderful supporters. Thank you.



Your partnership is helping make space for this mission to grow, creating more opportunities for children and young people to explore the Bible, respond to Jesus and grow in faith.

As we look ahead, we do so with faith and expectation. Please join us in praying that God will continue to stretch us, so that many more children and young people can discover the hope of Jesus in the year ahead.

Dave Newton
National Director,
Scripture Union
England and Wales



61,200 children and young people engaged with local Revealing Jesus activity

25% RISE on last year

5,100 attendances across holidays, missions, events and festivals

GROWING THE MOVEMENT

Faith Guides are everyday Christians in local churches who are stepping into mission with children and young people in their communities. With coaching, practical tools and encouragement from SU, they are building genuine faith-building relationships.

This year we have seen continued growth. More churches are stepping into mission with confidence. More Faith Guides are emerging. And more Grow Communities are taking shape as places where faith can be nurtured over time.

BY THE END OF THE YEAR...

661 Faith Guides

Up **17%** from last year

515 churches with Faith Guides

Up **20%** from last year.

79 Grow Communities

Up **32%** from last year. Grow Communities are peer-shaped, worshipping communities that enable faith to flourish.

54 Local Mission Partners

Multiplying mission through trusted organisations and networks

At the heart of our work is the Revealing Jesus mission framework – a structured yet flexible four-step approach to helping children and young people find and grow in faith. [Discover more at su.org.uk/revealingjesus](https://su.org.uk/revealingjesus)



CONNECT

Building trust and relationship



EXPLORE

Opening the Bible and big questions



RESPOND

Helping young people take steps of faith



GROW

Nurturing discipleship and belonging over time

ALL AROUND THE WORLD

Scripture Union is part of a worldwide family, active in around **120** countries

MISSION WHERE LIFE HAPPENS

Across beaches, sports pitches, schools, churches and community spaces, children and young people are encountering Jesus in ways that feel welcoming, relevant and real. These are often the places where questions begin – and where faith starts to feel personal.

Residential and missions remain a vital part of this. This year also saw flexible models

such as Mission in a Day, Faith Guide holidays and festival-based opportunities widen access and create more entry points for children and young people to explore faith.

These experiences included opportunities designed to widen participation for children and young people with additional needs and for those from fostering, kinship or adoptive families.



31 residential events, attended by over **1,000** children and young people

6 missions, reaching around **1,500** children and young people

5 Faith Guide holidays
(dedicated events for Faith Guides to bring their groups to)

Additional events and activities
– attendance exceeded **2,600**

5,100 attendances across holidays, missions, events and festivals

1,000+ amazing volunteers helped deliver this work!



MISSION THROUGH SPORT

Our sports work has grown, with the shared language of sport helping to build relationships and create open conversations about faith. We're supporting a growing number of churches, helping them connect with children and young people in familiar spaces – from parks to sports pitches – creating consistent opportunities to connect, explore, respond and grow.

su.org.uk/sport



Mission where
life happens.



Places where faith
becomes real.



LIVES CHANGED

Behind every number in this report is a story. Again and again this year, we heard of children and young people taking steps of faith – sometimes quietly and steadily, sometimes dramatically, but always through trusted relationships, repeated opportunities and the faithful witness of local Christians.

This is what our supporters make possible: not just moments of activity, but real journeys of faith.

“

A YOUNG PERSON CAME FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THEIR OWN... AND ASKED HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN.”

“

CHILDREN ARE WANTING TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD FOR LONGER, AND WRITING BEAUTIFUL PRAYERS.”

“

AFTER A SCHOOL RE WORKSHOP, A TEACHER TOLD US ONE CHILD SAID THEY NOW BELIEVE IN GOD.”

125

YOUNG PEOPLE WERE EQUIPPED TO LEAD THROUGH OUR YOUNG LEADER DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.



STORY SNAPSHOT

Teenager Jasper attended Amplify (The Young Evangelist's Academy), then launched an Alpha course at his school. He expected a handful of friends.

Around **100** young people turned up, and **60** went on to follow Jesus. He used our *So, What Next?* resource to help those new Christians take their next steps.

RESOURCES FOR MISSION

This year, we strengthened our resources work with new leadership and expertise – leading to the development of many new resources:

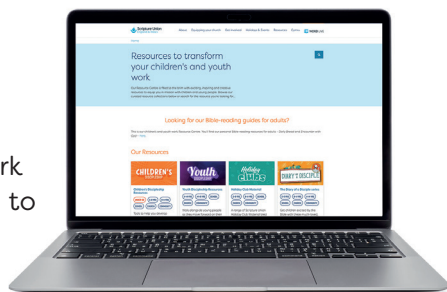
Over **31** resources available through our Resource Centre



5 new resources launched – including two new sports mission resources

12 curated collections covering key areas of mission

2 new Bible reading apps designed and launched



The Mission Sparks podcast launched in January with **893** downloads across the first 6 episodes



These practical, engaging resources are empowering churches to reveal Jesus to the next generation.



Scan QR code to access the SU resource centre

Over **10,000** supporters finding prayer inspiration through *Connecting You* magazine

Over **1,000** donations from first-time givers

Just under **40%** of last year's first-time donors became regular donors

Average gift per donor rose by **30%**

THANK YOU!

Everything in this report is made possible through the prayer, generosity and encouragement of supporters.

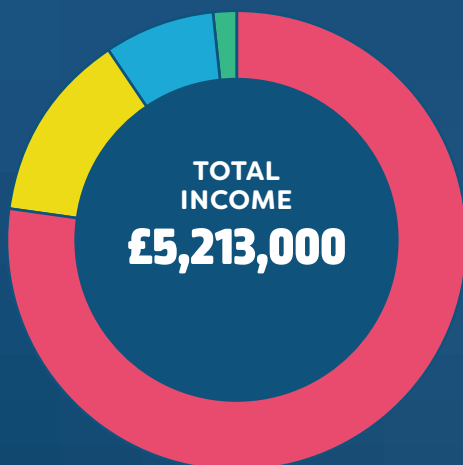
Your partnership helps churches step into mission with confidence and creates more opportunities for children and young people to explore faith.



FINANCES

As a charity, we are deeply thankful for every gift we receive. The generosity of our supporters makes this mission possible – creating opportunities for more children and young people to explore the Bible, respond to Jesus and grow in faith. Thank you so much for your continued partnership.

Below is an overview of the money we received during the 2025/26 financial year, including your gifts, and the ways it was spent:



£4,022,000

Donations and legacies

£396,000

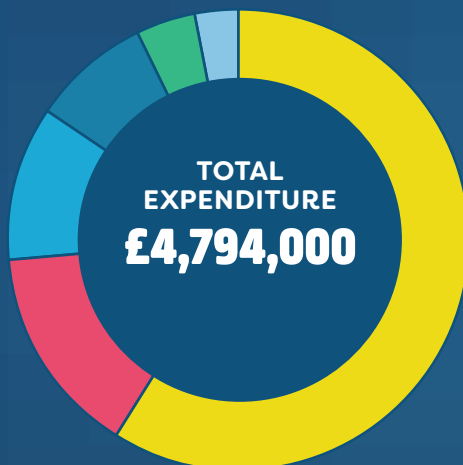
Holidays and missions

£708,000

Publishing sales and royalties

£87,000

Other, including investments



£2,831,000

Face-to-face mission in England and Wales

£393,000

Content creation

£705,000

Commercial publishing

£206,000

International activities

£520,000

Cost of raising funds

£139,000

Advocacy

This is a summary of Scripture Union's financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2026, extracted from the full Trustees' Annual 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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