

Information sheet: Videos

Videos provide an easy way to draw on the insights and experiences of others in an easily accessible way. The BILC tool-box has both commissioned a number of videos but also identified a number, produced by others, that address issues close to the heart of what the BILC initiative is trying to accomplish.

[Dr Ellen Davis](#) – Ellen was a member of the original Steering Group for BILC and also headed up the work in Phase 2 on engaging with Scripture together across the Communion. In this video, part of a series of short videos entitled Tracts for our Time, Ellen speaks about the importance of scripture for the life of Episcopalians in North America and beyond. In it Ellen talks about Scripture as a ‘meeting ground’ for explorations of some of the most vital and fundamental questions we face. She also places Scripture at the very heart of the myriad of relationships we have as Episcopalians and Anglicans with our sister and brothers across the world.

[Archbishop Rowan Williams](#) – during the first phase of the BILC work Archbishop Rowan recorded this video exploring the place that the Bible has in the life of the Church and the importance of engaging with Scripture as a means of nurturing that life.

[Archbishop Justin Welby](#) – As part of the BILC work Archbishop Justin and Stephen Lyon recorded a short course of videos under the title Do we need to do the Bible better? These are four 5-7 minute videos that might provide a good discussion starter for a short study course encouraging a deeper engagement with Scripture. The four videos are entitled:

- i. [Why might we need to read the Bible better?](#)
- ii. [The challenge of Biblical Illiteracy](#)
- iii. [Making more of the Bible in worship](#)
- iv. [How can we ‘do the Bible better’?](#)

[Willow Creek](#) – a seemingly very successful church, renowned globally for their approaches to evangelism and discipleship, took a long hard look at what they were doing and came to the conclusion that they had got it wrong when it came to the way they encouraged their congregation to engage with Scripture.

In two remarkably honest and frank videos, two of their staff, Bill Hybels and Greg Hawkins outline what they released had gone wrong and how they went about re-focusing the life of the church.

[Willow Creek says the Church is failing](#) – Greg Hawkins
[We made a mistake](#) – Bill Hybels



Two videos from the 2001 Trinity Wall Street Conference entitled Reading Scripture through other eyes

[Walter Brueggemann](#) has written that the biblical text that has guided his life was inscribed by his father in his Bible at confirmation: "Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). Following this calling, he has come to be widely regarded as one of the preeminent contemporary Bible scholars. After earning degrees at Eden Theological Seminary and Union Theological Seminary in New York City, he pursued a long and distinguished teaching career. He is the author of over sixty books.

[Gerald West](#) led the team that designed the Bible studies that were an integral and transformative element of the global Anglican Communion's Lambeth Conference 2008. He is Professor in the School of Theology, University of Kwazulu-Natal and Director of the Ujamaa Center for Biblical and Theological Community Development and Research in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. At the same conference at Trinity Wall Street in 2011 Gerald offered a presentation, "Do Two Walk Together?". A Bible Study not only for those present in person but also to other groups 'attending' via web links.

Other videos

[Three Anglican Church leaders](#) in the Anglican Church of Tanzania speak about why the BILC initiative is important both for their ministries and the work of the Province. -

[Biblical stories that most impact maritime ministry](#). Ken Hawkins – a coordinator for maritime ministries in the USA – speaks about the biblical stories that, for him, impact on his understanding of maritime ministry.

