

10 ways your church can use the **Gospel for Glasgow**

The Gospel for Glasgow is a specially designed Luke-Acts resource, produced by Scottish Bible Society with Glasgow City Mission, for churches across the city to share with their communities. Priced at just £0.50 per copy, it is simple to order, straightforward to use, and ready to fit into the rhythms of church life.

Here are ten practical ways your church can begin putting Scripture into people's hands.

Your Welcome Programme

All year round

Let The Gospel for Glasgow be the gift visitors take home with them.

- Place copies at your entrance as a free take-home resource
- Invite visitors to take a copy for a friend or neighbour
- Use a simple tabletop sign: 'Take, read and share the Gospel for Glasgow'
- Offer copies alongside tea and coffee at welcome events
- Include a copy in new-attender welcome packs

Tip: Order 50-250 copies for a Starter or Neighbourhood bundle – enough to provide a warm welcome throughout the year.

Community Café, Warm Space and Food Bank Outreach

All year round

Where people gather for practical support, Scripture offered with kindness is rarely refused.

- Leave a stack on the table alongside food provisions or café menus
- Offer a copy to guests – never push, always offer
- Train volunteers to say: 'We also have this free Gospel for Glasgow – would you like one?'
- Use Luke's opening chapters as a starting point in conversation

Tip: This makes use of the hospitality opportunities around existing community outreach and support services.

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Holiday and Summer Clubs for Children and Families

Summer Holidays

Holiday clubs are a natural moment to put Scripture in the hands of children, young people and their families.

- Give a copy to every child or young person at the start of the club week
- Use it as a take-home resource on the final day with a note for parents
- Send a copy home with a simple family with an invitation to a follow-up activity
- Offer copies to parents at the gate during drop-off and pick-up
- Display copies at the family registration table alongside other church information

Tip: Pair with a simple reading plan card ('Read Luke this August') to turn distribution into Bible engagement.

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Christmas Outreach and Carol Services

Advent and Christmas

Christmas is the most natural season for churches to put Luke's Gospel into people's hands – the story is already there.

- Offer copies at the door as people arrive for carol services or Christmas Eve services
- Include a copy in Christmas gift bags or hampers for community members
- Ask the congregation to take extra copies as gifts for friends and family
- Leave stacks in community locations with a simple Christmas card attached

Tip: Luke's birth narrative makes this a natural fit. The whole of Luke-Acts as a single volume gives people far more than a Christmas reading – it invites continued engagement into the new year.

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Easter and Holy Week Services

Lent and Easter

Holy Week draws people to church who may not come at any other time. Be ready with a resource they can take away.

- Offer copies at Good Friday services and Easter Sunday celebrations
- Use Luke's passion and resurrection narrative as the central text for a Holy Week series
- Invite the congregation to give copies to anyone they invite to Easter services
- Include a copy in Easter gift bags for community events and egg hunts
- Leave stacks in church porches and community venues during Easter week

Tip: Combine with a simple card: 'The story doesn't end here – read on in Acts to see what happened next.'

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Neighbourhood Door-to-Door and Street Engagement

Spring and Summer

For churches with a culture of regular outreach, The Gospel for Glasgow is a focused, local and affordable resource for direct distribution.

- Organise a team to deliver copies to every home in a defined area
- Use it alongside prayer walking – pray for each street, then deliver a copy
- Equip every team member with 10–20 copies to give to personal contacts
- Coordinate with neighbouring churches to cover different streets without duplication

Tip: The Glasgow-specific design makes this feel genuinely local rather than generic. Attach a personalised church invitation card to each copy.

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Commonwealth Games

Summer and Autumn

Make The Gospel for Glasgow part of the city's welcome during the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

- Set up a church stall at a community fête, sports day or local festival
- Offer copies to participants, families and spectators at church-run sporting events
- Include copies in goody bags or prize packs at youth sports tournaments
- Use arts and drama groups as a bridge to offering copies to new contacts
- Partner with local leisure centres or sports clubs to leave copies in public areas

Tip: Major sporting events – including the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2026 – bring visitors and heightened community spirit. Plan ahead so you have copies ready for the key weekends.

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Small Groups, Home Groups and Bible Studies

All Year Round

Equip your congregation members to become distributors themselves by giving them copies through your regular small groups.

- Give every small group member two or three copies to give to friends, family or neighbours
- Run a short Luke-Acts reading series using the booklet as the group's shared text
- Use the Acts narrative as the basis for discussing what local mission could look like
- Encourage group members to pray weekly for one person they will offer a copy to
- Report back as a group: who have you given a copy to this month and how can you pray for them?

Tip: This approach multiplies distribution through relationships – often the most effective way for Scripture to travel.

Hospital, Care Home and Chaplaincy Visits

All Year Round

Chaplains, pastoral visitors and church visiting teams have a natural opportunity to offer copies in places where people have time and space to read.

- Carry copies on all pastoral hospital visits and leave one where welcome
- Partner with care home chaplains to place copies in common rooms and bedrooms
- Offer copies to residents and relatives during care home services and visits
- Include copies in care parcels or bags prepared for those in hospital
- Liaise with hospital chaplaincy teams to supply copies for their common areas

Tip: Always offer — never impose. A simple ‘Would you like something to read?’ is often all that’s needed.

New Resident Welcome and Neighbourhood Hospitality

All Year Round

Many people are most open to community connection when they are new to an area. Church members can be the first to welcome them.

- Ask congregation members to give a copy to new neighbours when they move in
- Create a simple welcome pack: a church card, a local guide and a Gospel for Glasgow
- Equip your welcome team to identify and serve new families in the area
- Use local social media groups to let people know your church offers a free Glasgow Scripture resource
- Connect distribution to an invitation to a community meal or welcome event

Tip: This model works year-round and requires no special programme — just willing church members and a box of copies.

Ready to order?

Choose the bundle that fits in with your churches plans

Bundle	Bundle	Best for	Cost
Starter	50 copies	Welcome desk, small congregation, first-time testing	£25
Neighborhood	250 copies	Community events, cafés, local mission	£125
Summer Mission	500 copies	Holiday clubs, outreach weeks, seasonal events	£250
City Outreach	1000+ copies	Larger churches, networks, venue-area partnerships	£500+

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