

ABOUT BILC: Who was involved in helping to compile the tool-box?

The Bible in the Life of the Church [BILC] initiative would not have been possible without the invaluable contribution of a large number of people, groups and organisations across the Anglican Communion and beyond. The list that follows attempts to name those who helped in one way or another but I know that it is not and never can be complete. Those not on the list are either missing because I have simply lost track of all those involved and so neglected to name them or because they were part of a group whose names I never collected. In both case please accept my apologies for leaving you off these lists and also my sincere thanks for your contribution. The names that do appear illustrate that BILC is truly a Communion-wide initiative and as Coordinator of the work I offer my heart-felt and deep thanks for the part each one played in getting the work to this point.

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From Phase 1

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Bible Society

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Lent Groups

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