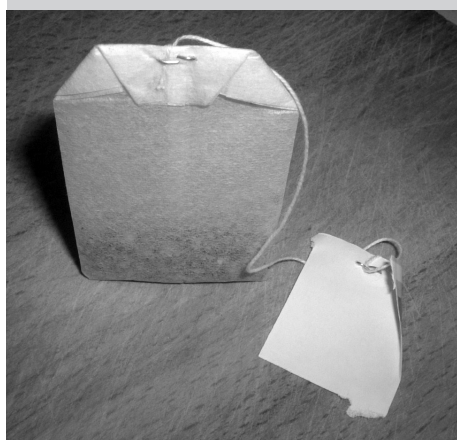


# Unlock

**Unlock**  
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## Mary's Moments



A story of a group of Urban Mums, their lives, and how they connect with the Bible. A journey from relationship to discipleship and an example of Unlock work in action in a real life context. Mary's Moments gives a remarkable insight into the way in which Unlock's approach has worked, with real people, in a real place. In it you will hear of; renewed connections between members of a Church toddler group and the rest of the faith community, Christian renewal and conversion, growing local leadership, and real people growing in faith and confidence.

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## From Joanne Morris Liverpool

(quoted in the Liverpool Echo, June 2010)

'I normally hate standing in front of people and speaking, but leading a (Unlock) session myself was a much more laid back experience. We are just a group of people talking about our own lives and experiences and exploring this book (the Bible) together. It is really enjoyable to hear other people's experiences and how they relate to the (bible) stories. I remember one session in particular where we explored the story of Jesus in the temple. As a mother; I found the story really interesting, as it shows that we can't all be perfect parents all of the time!'



## Experience The Bible

**From Major Paul McNally,  
The Salvation Army, Halifax**



'I've been using your "Experience The Bible" series with a small group of people who attend our free 'community meal' for people on low income.

Today has been the 4th week, and I just wanted to let you know how helpful I find the format and the introductory questions.

It really is an excellent resource, and I'm very grateful to you for compiling it, and making it available free through the internet.

The people who attend do not have a church background, so I spent some time looking for just the right material to use in this new group;

"Experience The Bible" has proved very quickly to be exactly the right material!

Praise God and thank you!

Paul



## Don't forget to keep an eye on the Unlock website for new resources

New resources from Unlock Local projects in England should be available soon at...

[www.unlock-urban.org.uk](http://www.unlock-urban.org.uk)

There is a regular stream of new resources from Unlock Glasgow at

[www.unlockglasgow.org.uk](http://www.unlockglasgow.org.uk)



# Unlock

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Unlock, is a charity established to equip Christians in inner city and outer housing estates to be more effective as they share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their own areas.

Unlock employs six paid staff including a network of workers placed in inner city locations across the UK. The charity is overseen by its National Council that meets three times each year. The legal document of the charity is its trust deed, dated 25th March 1972.

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## Mess, Mistakes, & Muddling Through



Six sessions looking at our experience as parents, and comparing it to messes and mistakes of parents in the Bible using Unlock's reflective cycle.

1. Even good parents make mistakes
2. What's in a name
3. Celebration
4. New beginnings
5. Saying it how it is
6. Family likeness

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## Unlock DIY



A course in Unlock approaches for small group facilitators

- Experience Unlock reflective theological cycle
- Develop and try out your own Unlock style sessions

The way Unlock works is not a trade secret. Unlock's approach to Bible engagement has been developed and refined over almost 40 years. As far as we are concerned the more people who can know about it and use it for themselves in their own context the better.

Unlock DIY is an introduction to Unlock's way of working with small groups. If you would like to know when and where it will be running, or would like any support or guidance as you use it yourself, please contact the Unlock Chief Officer, dawn@unlock-urban.org.uk

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## Unlocking Baptism Preparation

Suggestions and sessions that apply Unlock's relational, learner centred method of Bible Engagement to Baptism preparations.

Includes sessions on the following themes:

- Somewhere Over the Rainbow (promises)
- Shine a Light
- Blessing
- Clean as a Whistle
- Belonging
- Water
- Taking a Stand

Plus discussion starters, and creative approaches to other aspects of Baptism preparation.

Comments on Unlocking Baptism from Canon Sue Sheriff, Tadcaster:

- Gone through it a couple of times and think it's really good. I love the presentation - pictures activities and the use of music, video etc.
- Love the way it respects peoples' stories, experiences and beliefs rather than foisting ours on them.
- The important bits are brill - the sessions - when it got to the questions of what different bits of the building made them feel, I loved it and just found it better and better as I went through.
- The sessions themselves are excellent and I can imagine it really helps a group to explore and grow together.
- Accessible, interesting, engaging, informative... brill.
- I've sent it to my baptism preparation team.
- A nightmare area to produce something for and I can't think of anything better on the market at the moment or in fact ever!!!!
- Well done Unlock. Reckon you're on to a real winner... thank you thank you thank you...

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## From Unlock Bristol

Having started in mid-July, Unlock Bristol is still in its early stages. We have been working hard over the last month and a half to make ourselves known in and around the inner city areas of Bristol, and I have been greatly encouraged by the excitement and enthusiasm with which Unlock has been received by many people.

August has proved to be a little bit more of a quiet month, with many people away on holiday, but it has allowed me time to think and pray, and begin to really get to grips with a lot of Unlock material; including running a few one-off sessions with those who have expressed some interest in Unlock methodology.

As we move into September and summer holidays draw to a close things will certainly begin to get busier again. I am very excited to continue to share the Unlock vision and I hope over the next few months to be able to meet new people and make new contacts across Bristol, as well as continuing to build relationships with those groups I have already met.



The launch of Unlock Bristol has given all of us involved an amazing opportunity and a great resource to impact in the lives of people in our inner-city areas. I think we all feel the need for prayer over the next few years; that we would use our time and resources with wisdom and discernment, and most of all that we would be sensitive to the movement of God in our city and have the courage to move with him.

Andy Pears, Unlock Bristol

## From Unlock Sheffield

This August saw the passing of Jimmy Reid; brilliant platform orator, trade union leader, Communist Party official and Christian; whose Christian faith was embedded into his ideology of social justice. He was a hero of mine on my Christian journey in the late nineteen sixties and early seventies. More of my heroes were mentioned as I celebrated Communion on Easter Sunday (April 4th) this year.



Martin Luther-King Junior

On April the 4th 1968 Martin Luther King was shot in Memphis Tennessee. King was inspired, thirteen years earlier by Rosa Parks, who refused to give up her seat on the bus to a white man. That act of defiance led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the start of the Civil Rights Movement of the 50's and 60's and beyond. Following Jesus, for Rosa Parks, included refusing to give up her seat, and later for Martin Luther King, giving up his life.

Another who followed Jesus in a costly way was ordained as Priest in the Roman Catholic Church on April 4th, 1942. His name was Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador. Thirty years ago, on 30th of March 1980, 250,000 people attended his funeral after he was assassinated. A month after he became Bishop, Rutilio Grande, who had been helping create self help groups among the poor campesinos (farmers) in the area, was killed by the authorities. His death had a profound impact on Oscar Romero and he later stated, "When I looked at Rutilio lying there dead, I thought, 'If they have killed him for doing what he did, then I too have to walk the same path'. He walked the path of Jesus. He was shot by an M16 assault rifle, while celebrating Mass at a small chapel located in a hospital called "La Divina Providencia", after a sermon where he had called on Salvadoran soldiers, as Christians, to obey God's higher order and to stop carrying out the government's repression and violations of basic human rights. As he raised the chalice during the Eucharistic Prayer, immediately after the words, 'This is my blood, shed for you all'; a shot rang out and blood spilled onto the white cloth of the table, followed by silence.

More recently, and very much linking the stories above, is a brief quote from Bishop Laurie Green's book, 'Let's do Theology'. In the book he is arguing for a theology that is inclusive to all types of people, including those who can read but don't. "No longer will it be implied that books are the only carriers of spiritual wisdom, but now stories, films, popular music, spirituals, poetry, handicrafts, computer-gaming, dress, dance and so much more may turn out to be carrying people's expression of spiritual and profound experience, and may be doing so on behalf of that part of our culture that is especially enamoured neither of the classroom nor of the chapel." Unlock's vision is the same as Laurie's.



Rosa Parks

In Unlock Sheffield this year there will be Unlock DIY training courses to encourage local churches to develop their own Unlock resources for their own particular contexts. Each location is different and the stories of each location are unique. Rather than imposing courses on them, there will be opportunities for them to develop their own. We are planning to use some input on the Unlock principles, combined with Open Space Technology, whereby the group(s) learn the art of decision making in a facilitation environment. Hopefully the sessions will be fruitful and fun.

Steve Millwood, Unlock Sheffield

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# World Wide Scripture Engagement Consultation

## Malacca, Malaysia October 2009

In October 2009 two Unlock staff received funding to attend this overseas conference and lead an Unlock workshop there.

### A different world

One of the first things we had to grasp was the sensitivity around being Christians in Malaysia, where it is actually illegal to attempt to convert either Muslims or native Malays to Christianity (other ethnic groups and religions are fair game apparently). For this reason we had been instructed to dress modestly (in spite of the heat) and to avoid letting on that we were attending a Christian conference. We were strictly warned not to leave any conference or Christian documentation visible in our rooms, because that could be interpreted as a subversive attempt to convert the cleaning staff. This sensitivity was primarily for the benefit of Malaysian Christians. Conference participants would return to their own countries, but if our actions caused offense it would be Malaysian Christians who would pay the price. News coverage about interfaith tensions in Malaysia, over use of the term ‘Allah’ in publications, in the months following the conference illustrates something of the difficulties and sensitivities of the situation for local Christians.

### Bible engagements in emerging cultures:

Part of the conference involved considering what would be appropriate approaches to Bible engagement in contexts where Bible access and ownership are high but real engagement is minimal. Research in this area is relatively new, but studies in the USA have shown that those who are ‘nominal’ Christians (i.e. call themselves Christians but do not engage routinely with the Bible), actually have worse moral behavioural patterns than those who identify themselves as non-believers. Significant behavioural changes (i.e. behaviour that is distinctively Christian) are only evident in those who engage with the Bible four or more times per week. Type of church, style of worship, theology etc. made no discernable difference; just the actual amount of Bible engagement.

Evidence was presented to suggest that there is a ‘crisis’ in Bible engagement, at least in ‘the West’. To date the church and Bible agencies have responded to this using marketing and product based approaches; young people are not reading the Bible, so they produce a ‘youth’ Bible. There are plenty of sales (possibly not so much to young

people as to their parents, grandparents and pastors buying them for young people), but there is little evidence that sales = engagement. The suggestion was made that even many church leaders are not really sure what to do with the Bible anymore.

After days of input and discussion we concluded that, in order to engage effectively with emerging global cultures, approaches to Bible engagement and faith sharing would have to move (see table below).

To me it seemed that the approaches that Unlock has been using and developing for almost 40 years are exactly what are needed to promote faith sharing and Bible engagement in the current and coming cultures.

The critical importance of listening was, I think, the primary new insight for most of those present. Our track facilitator, Stephen Opie (New Zealand Bible Society), summed it up thus:

*‘Listening first is the most revolutionary aspect that must shape all Bible engagement practices with the Emerging Generation. This is a radical departure from current practices where people are encouraged to open the Bible first and then determine life application.’*

### Unlock workshop

We ran three mini Unlock workshops. These included a variation on the Unlock version of pass the parcel, ‘Something From Nothing’ from ‘Cooking the Book’, and a new session we had developed for the occasion called

Bible engagement and faith sharing would have to move from:

Telling	TO	Listening	<i>Your right to share what matters to you has to be earned by being prepared to listen genuinely and openly to what matters to me <b>first</b>.</i>
Ethical codes		Narrative	<i>Everyone’s story (even mine) is important as part of the big story.</i>
Hierarchy		Relationship	<i>I won’t care what you believe unless or until I believe that you care.</i>
Tradition		Relevance	<i>Things are done because they work, not because they have always been done that way.</i>
Didactic		Open	<i>Truth and meaning has to be discovered anew by each individual and generation, rather than passed on.</i>
Respectability		Authenticity	<i>Don’t tell me; show me.</i>
Inherited		Experienced	<i>I only believe in what I have experienced.</i>
Cerebral		Creative/active	<i>Engaging the whole person, heart and body as well as head.</i>

‘I don’t believe it!’ All of these are now available on the Unlock website.

As people dispersed at the end of the session, one person who worked in Africa, explained to me that in the cultures where he works, comparing parts of our own stories with the story of Jesus would be regarded as almost sacrilegious. Unlock’s approach has been developed for a particular context, and I don’t think anyone involved would argue that it will always be appropriate for everyone everywhere. So it isn’t surprising that there are contexts where it is not particularly appropriate. I guess the questions then are; what do different contexts have to learn from each other, and how can the range of different approaches enrich one another?

### Insights and implications for Unlock

The fact that what Unlock has been doing for almost 40 years in the UK was seen as radical and cutting edge in the context of world mission.

The fact that when the Post-Christian Think Tank developed its ideas, about how Bible engagement would have to be shaped to be effective within emerging cultures, Unlocks existing approach already ticked all of the boxes.

An acceptance that there will always be some people who do not like (or trust) what

we do, and contexts where our approaches are not appropriate.

A reminder that stepping outside one’s own culture is always challenging and uncomfortable.

Dawn Lonsdale, Chief Officer

### Further information

[tp://www.scripture-engagement.org/content/unlocking-scripture-urban-oral-communicators](http://www.scripture-engagement.org/content/unlocking-scripture-urban-oral-communicators)

<http://www.scripture-engagement.org/content/scripture-engagement-emerging-generation>

<http://www.unlock-urban.org.uk/resources.php>

## Learning Without Books (1985 – re-issued in 2010)

A workbook of 12 exercises outlining the Unlock principles of Christian Education.

*“Our task is to design a learning programme for people who ‘can read but don’t’. All adults have vast amounts of stored materials and experience. This is the main information source from which we learn. Working people have not been given appropriate opportunities to release their ‘data’, their energy. Our task is to create an environment in which things can be said and things heard. Energy will not be released unless you lead, teach, enable and minister to the group very sensitively.”*

Jim Hart

## Chair’s Annual Report



It is always tempting, when I’m writing something like this, for me to assume that I am ‘in conversation’ with you, as if you can remember what I said a year ago and I can just add to it. Life is however, complicated and there are many voices, many calls on our time and our prayers, but I hope that you feel in touch with Unlock. This annual report will give you a good flavour of what ‘we’ have been doing. The website is an excellent way of keeping up with Unlock, and the resources on it, that have been generated by the face to face work around various cities, will repay your time.

I say this because we need you, our regular supporters, and we want you to feel engaged in this enterprise. It is a source of some surprise, year after year, that there are some people who go on the London Walk who seem to know very little about Unlock. We are pleased to have the support.... but we want to draw people into the story. So if there is more you want to know, please be in touch. And please, wherever you are, use the resources available. They are of real quality and even if you aren’t in a particularly deprived situation, or you are with the most bookish of people, starting with our life experience, enabling the sharing of each-

other’s stories, can be a liberating place for us all to (re)start as we explore faith together.

This has been another good year for our work as I’ve implied above. Our strategy as I said last year, is really paying off. Except financially. We have set a deficit budget for three years, so as to invest in growth, and it has happened. But next year we need to balance our books and we are therefore working and praying for a major trust fund donor, or some generous benefactors amongst you, or a collaboration with one or more other organisations.... or all of these, so as to maintain the level of activity. Please be in prayer for and with us.



One last thing: Jim Hart. The best part of a year ago now, Jim Hart felled himself with a huge quantity of paracetamol taken over days. Jim was Unlock Chief Officer from 1983 to 1991. I didn’t know him until afterwards but we became friends, him showing great interest in Hull and our family life here until his death. Jim was a most remarkable person; he had a profound affect on our lives. Christian community can hardly do without him; he was a very rare: an utterly fearless speaker of the truth, unafraid of his emotions, breaker of any pharisaic rule, generator of deep loyalty, capable of really feeling God’s voice and Jesus’ person in the bible and connecting with our history and the now. He was never going to allow Parkinson’s to so debilitate him; he knew what was coming and he made his choice. Whilst I remain terribly sad at his loss, I’m so pleased that we can republish his work on the website and if you come across ‘The Urban Christian’ by Ray Bakke, but put together by Jim Hart, buy it; you’ll find no more prophetic read.

Andrew Dorton.



# Unlock Finance

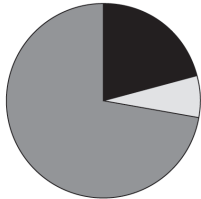
## HIGHS & LOWS

Following 2 years of appreciating a surplus, unfortunately 2009 saw a return to a deficit position with a shortfall of £8,800 in income over expenditure. This was largely due to the current economic climate meaning that we were unable to secure any general donations from charitable trusts during the year, on which we have been very dependant for our overall running costs in previous years. However we were very grateful for a donation from Laing Trust, specifically for IT equipment, enabling us to purchase a new laptop for the Chief Officer to replace the one which had done a very sterling service throughout her 5 years in post. We were also pleased to receive a request from World Wide Scripture Engagement Congress in Malaysia for 2 people to attend a conference with underlying sponsorship from Slavanka Trust, which Dawn Lonsdale as C O & Sonya Doragh as a worker representative were able to attend.

Sadly walk income was down by a further 9% on 2008 which, in addition to the reduction of 10% on the previous year, means a

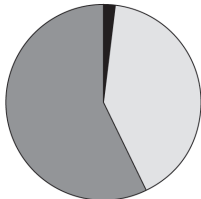
### EXPENDITURE 2009 Total = £65,274

■ Management & Admin	£14,335	22%
■ Fundraising	£5,116	8%
■ Direct Charitable Work	£45,823	70%



### INCOME 2009 Total = £56,477

■ Investments	£1,259	2%
■ Sponsored Walk	£23,260	41%
■ Donations	£31,958	57%



significant decrease in the income we so heavily rely on. Thankfully we were able to reclaim £3,468 in Gift Aid, mainly on walk income, but again this was considerably lower than the previous year's figure of £4,895. For the 2nd year running our donations, together with a total of £13,500 direct sponsorship for projects, exceeded walk income, reflecting the emphasis sponsors are placing on our front line work. We were able to fund the annual gathering of council members, workers and staff, this time held in Liverpool, which proves a very important and beneficial 24 hours get together, for what is otherwise a very diverse and scattered group of people.

As a result of the deficit and the ongoing difficult financial situation, we have had to have serious discussions about the sustainability of the work in the future. Having said that, the work is continuing in Birmingham & Sheffield with a new worker having recently been appointed in Bristol, so the need is certainly great. Can I urge you all to think and pray with us for the way forward for the work of Unlock and your part in it in these currently challenging economic times. We do, as ever, appreciate your support in whatever way you are able to give it – whether it is by joining the sponsored walk, direct donations either as a result of your appreciation of the excellent resources available on the website, or for other reasons, but most of all your prayerful support as we weather this difficult financial climate together. Thank you to each one of you who plays a part, large or small, in the life of Unlock.

Jenny Blake, Treasurer

## New ways to give

### About Everyclick [www.everyclick.com](http://www.everyclick.com)

Everyclick is a search engine with a difference. It works just like any other major search engine but the difference is that, once you have registered your wish to support Unlock through Everyclick, a small donation is made to Unlock for every search you make using Everyclick.

### Giving via Everyclick

Search for Unlock on the Everyclick webpage and follow the simple process to make an online donation using a credit or debit card via their secure server.

Your donation will be collected and distributed to Unlock by Charities Trust, including a 28%

Gift Aid on qualifying donations. 100% of your donation through Everyclick will go to Unlock. Donations made through Everyclick are processed in real time by their payment partner Charities Trust (Charity Reg No 327489). Funds will be transferred by Charities Trust to Unlock at the end of every month. Charities Trust automatically reclaim Gift Aid on all qualifying donations made by UK taxpayers which means that an additional 28% will go to Unlock. This is a safe and convenient way for you to make donations to Unlock and it saves Unlock costly staff time processing donations and Gift Aid claims too! If you want to talk to someone about this contact Lois at the Unlock National office on Mondays or Tuesdays.

## giftaid it but what is giftaid?

Simply, for those of you who have not yet heard of 'Gift aid', it is a system that enables charities to claim an extra 28p from the Inland Revenue for every £1 donated to them by a UK taxpayer.

9 in every 10 donations received by Unlock are NOT made under gift-aid.

If you pay tax then please consider whether you can tick the gift-aid box on the registration form when you make your donation.

Gift aid will not cost YOU anything!

All it means is that we can apply to the Inland Revenue for an extra 28p for every £1 that you give towards our work.

To qualify for Gift aid, you must pay enough tax to cover the amount that will be claimed back by the charity/charities that you give to – so if you give £10 you must have paid £2.80 in tax!

# Unlock Diary 2009/2010

### September 2009

Unlock DIY sessions running in Liverpool.

Unlock workshop event in Liverpool Cathedral.

### October 2009

Unlock National Gathering at All Saints Church Stoneycroft, Liverpool, with guest speaker, Fran Lovett from Mission in the Economy. This includes reflection, worship, activities, sharing news from scattered Unlock projects and a reflective theological urban walk around the local area.

The hospitality at Stoneycroft was very much appreciated by all.

Dawn Lonsdale (CO) and Sonya Doragh (Unlock Liverpool) run an Unlock workshop at the Worldwide Scripture Engagement Congress in Melaka, Malaysia. See page 4 for more details.

Unlock Liverpool accountability group meeting.

Unlock Training provided for church leaders in Liverpool Diocese.

### November 2009

Unlock policies reviewed.

CO & Unlock Liverpool worker attend National Estate Churches Network 2009 Conference in Birmingham.

'Mess, Mistakes, and Muddling Through' published on the Unlock website.

### December 2009

Annual reports published and distributed.

### January 2010

Unlock Liverpool accountability group meeting.

National Council meet.

2010 London Walk brochure mailed.

Unlock Birmingham workers begin running Unlock sessions in Nechells.

Unlock taster session provided for students at Queen's College, Birmingham.

'Mary Moments' group, in Anfield, Liverpool, chooses a name and achieves independence.

### February 2010

Annual reviews for Unlock office staff.

Christian Coalition for Urban Mission Working Group meeting.

Unlock Training provided for CPAS Falcon Camp leaders.

### March 2010

CO attends Jesus in the City Congress in Belfast.

Christian Coalition for Urban Mission Working Group meeting.

'Unlocking Baptism' toolkit published on the Unlock website.

Paid Discipleship Development Worker post in Liverpool ends.

Unlock Bristol Partnership Development meeting.

Unlock Birmingham workers meet with local Urban Expression members.

### April 2010

The 27th Unlock London Walk-Twin Stories-Newham and Tower Hamlets. Pete and Sam Taylor (Unlock Birmingham) run a workshop with an Olympic theme using Mark 10:43-45. Participants were invited to think of someone they know who deserves a medal and to make medals from gold card and ribbon.

The walk raised £26,012.83 towards the work of Unlock.

The next London walk will be the 16th April 2011.

Pete and Sam Taylor (Unlock Birmingham), promoted Unlock at a Building Vision Methodist event.

Christian Coalition for Urban Mission Working Group meeting.

### May 2010

CO hosts staff retreat in Derbyshire.

Erica Dunmow, Development Worker for the Christian Coalition for Urban Mission, moves into the Unlock office.

National Council meet.

Christian Coalition for Urban Mission Working Group meeting.

'Learning Without Books' re-published on the Unlock website in memory of former Unlock Chief Officer, Jim Hart, who died in 2009.

### June 2010

Unlock Bristol project worker interviews take place. Andy Pears is appointed.

Unlock DIY runs in Birmingham.

### July 2010

CO attends Anglican Adult Education Network conference in Hertfordshire.

Pete & Sam Taylor leave Birmingham to begin their new Methodist Ministries in South Wales.

Debs Marsh takes over from Pete and Sam Taylor as Unlock Project Worker for Birmingham.

Andy Pears begins work for Unlock Bristol.

Christian Coalition for Urban Mission Working Group meeting.

'Mary Moments', (a story of a group of urban mums, their lives and how they connect with the Bible), published on the Unlock website.

### August 2010

Unlock Office moves to new rooms in Handsworth Parish Centre.

'Unlock DIY', Unlock training materials, published on the Unlock website.

### September 2010

Unlock National Council meet.

Unlock National Gathering, Bawtry Hall, South Yorkshire on the theme of 'Changing Places' – Letting the Bible Change Our Neighbourhoods and us.

# Unlock

# 2011 Unlock Walk

The Next London Walk: 2011 is the anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible. It put into majestic English the Old and New Testaments, after more than a hundred years of deadly conflict about whether people should be able to read such a dangerous message! The Bible Society recently made a dramatic move (in the 'Poverty and Justice Bible') of highlighting many of the verses which are about God's concern for justice, and they number in thousands! No wonder so many rulers did not want people to read it. Our 28th London walk will seek out those bits of Central London which remind us of the bitter struggle to get an English Bible, culminating in the Authorised Version. At the same time, we will continue to seek out the kind of housing estate which reveals so sharply the persistence of poverty and injustice. That has always been a motive for our walks, because the people who live in such places are the focus of Unlock's work. It will be harder to find them in Walk no. 28, because estates have been largely tidied up, or put somewhere else altogether, away from view in Central London.

## Unlock Training Available

Unlock provide training in 'Working with the Bible in Non-book Culture', for those preparing for, or engaged in, urban mission. If you would like to know more about this, please request our training brochure from the National Office.

## T-shirts just £6

Unlock T-shirts, which were on sale at the recent Unlock London Walks, in a range of sizes and colours, are now available from the National Office for £6 plus P&P.

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**When you request *Unlock* materials from the *Unlock* national office we do appreciate a donation to cover the costs of copying and postage.**

## The 2011 Unlock London walk will be on Saturday 16th April

**The brochures will be circulated from January as usual, and further details will appear on the Unlock website as soon as they are available.**

If you would like to encourage your church to support Unlock, either through the London walk, or as part of their missionary giving, you can find Unlock promotional resources on the Unlock website, next to the information about the next Unlock walk.

**If you would like someone from Unlock to come and talk at your church, or speak at a church event then please contact us and we will see what we can arrange.**

## Unlock CHECKPOINT VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to support Unlock through the London walk, but are finding the walking a bit much these

days, why not volunteer to represent Unlock at one of the churches on the walk route. Unlock checkpoint volunteers help everything to run smoothly. They are provided with clear instructions and an Unlock staff T-shirt, so that they can be easily identified. If you are interested in helping in this way please contact the Unlock Office.

**Contact the National Office for details of the next Unlock Sponsored Walk**

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