

The Faith, Integrity and Courage of William Tyndale and the Reformation in the West Country

House Church, High Church, Catholic Church, Evangelical Protestant Church? After the English Reformation 500 years ago a new word, “denomination” came into the vocabulary of Christian churches. After the 16th century Reformation Christianity has divided into *hundreds* of “denominations”. Ecumenical reconciliation is now an imperative. William Tyndale wanted Christianity to be Good News about the “Kingdom of God” which could come when:

- (1) No one lives in fear anymore,
- (2) When everyone has “enough”.



William Tyndale translated and published the Bible into English 500 years ago. He defied the church which only allowed Bible readings and services to be in Latin. It was an offence to translate and recite even the “Pater Nostra” (the Lord’s Prayer) into English. He escaped to work abroad, and 6,000 New Testaments were smuggled into England. Tyndale was eventually captured in Antwerp and suffered a martyr’s death. Only three of the 6,000 1526 New Testaments still survive; one is in St Paul’s Cathedral.

“I am ye good shepeheerd. The good shepeheerd gebeth his lyfe for ye shepe... I am that good shepeheerd and knowe myne and am knowe of myne. As my father knoweth me: even so knowe I my father. And I geve my lyfe for the shepe. And other shepe I have which are not of this folde. Them also must I bringe that they mape heare my voyce and that ther mape be one flocke and one shepeherde. My shepe heare my voyce and I knowe them and they folowe me and I geve vnto them eternall lyfe and they shall never perisshe nether shall eny man plucke them oute of my honde. I and my father are one”. John 10: 30 ff.

TYNDALE EVENTS THIS OCTOBER IN EXMOUTH

You are warmly invited to **free** Tyndale audio-visual presentations:

Choice A: In the evening at Holy Trinity Church;
Wednesday October 7th at 7pm until 8.30/45pm.

Part 1: Tyndale's first printed Bible in English and his martyr's death 500 years ago.

Part 2: The Reformation in England from Henry VIII to the 1549 Prayer Book rebellion and the Battle of Clyst St. Mary.

Or

Choice B: A morning at John in the Wilderness Church:
October 6th Tuesday:10am *first* 1549 Book of Common Prayer Communion, (short) followed at 1030 by **both audio-visuals Part 1 and 2, as above.**



The Prayer Book Rebellion and the Battle at Clyst St Mary:

The Kindle 2nd Edition Tyndale text: "William Tyndale New Testament" (Textus Receptus Bibles) **costs just**

£1.98 and is suitable for students from age 12. With large print, it keeps to the original spelling which youngsters will find amusing and learn to read as if they were living in England five hundred years ago, before spellings were widely agreed. (Tyndale did not use verse numbers, but the Kindle edition includes them to help us)

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