

Tyndale Society 2026 Conference

Tyndale to TikTok

The Bible's Translation, Distribution, and Impact

28–29 October 2026 | Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Oxford

Theme

Ripon College Cuddesdon and The Tyndale Society are pleased to announce a conference which will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the publication in 1526 of William Tyndale's translation of the New Testament from Greek into English. Dangerous for him to do, Tyndale's skilful and courageous work proved to be a watershed moment in the history of the Bible in English. Today, we read the Bible in translation in a range of formats and media – including online: a powerful forum for global distribution and impact, much like the printing press of Tyndale's times. Tyndale's vision was that everyone should be able to read the Bible anywhere, for themselves, in their own language. Tyndale's effective turns of phrase – "let there be light", "the spirit is willing", "signs of the times" – made their way into later translations, especially the King James Version, and thereby into common parlance. This conference will also be an occasion to bring together scholars, clergy, and laypeople to learn and reflect critically and imaginatively about the Bible in general. Special attention to the Bible's translation, distribution, and impact – past, present, and future.

The following will be considered:

- William Tyndale's life, work, and legacy;
- Translation: motivations, theories, histories, challenges, and possibilities;
- Distribution: formats and media, past and present, by which people encounter the Bible.
- Impact: how the Bible is related to the religious, political, and social contexts of its interpreters.

The conference will be generous in scope, with space for any/all of these topics during the last 500 years, and beyond, with reference to Tyndale and other key personalities and activities.

Call for Papers

To respond to this Call for Papers with a proposal, please send a title and an abstract (c. 150 words) to tyndale2026@rcc.ac.uk by **15 July 2026**.

Include your name, titles, and institutional affiliations. The conference schedule will be shaped by the responses. The organisers will consider finding a publisher for conference proceedings.

Accommodation

For all attendees, conference booking is essential. Follow this link to make your booking: www.rcc.ac.uk. Conference attendance will be residential, non-residential, or online. The prices per person are as follows:

Online	2 days	£25.00
In-person	2 days	£80.00
Residential	1 night (Wed)	£120.00 standard room £150.00 <i>en suite</i>
Residential	2 nights (Tue / Wed)	£195.00 standard room £225.00 <i>en suite</i>
Residential	3 nights (Tue / Wed / Thu)	£270.00 standard room £300.00 <i>en suite</i>
Oxford tour	Friday morning	£40

To inquire about the availability of B&B accommodation before and/or after the conference, please email: hospitality@rcc.ac.uk

The conference will run from 10.00am to 5.00pm on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th October.

There will be an extra Tyndale-themed tour in nearby Oxford on the morning of Friday 30th October.

In-person attendees will be welcome to join in daily worship at the college through the conference.

The event will be hosted at Ripon College Cuddesdon, a Church of England college founded by Bishop Samuel Wilberforce, son of the abolitionist William Wilberforce MP. Situated 7 miles from Oxford in the beautiful and peaceful Oxfordshire countryside in southern England, the college is an ideal venue for study and reflection.



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