

# From “*the salt of the earth*” to “*the powers that be*”: The impact of biblical language in contemporary culture

*Third symposium of the British and Irish Association of Practical Theology (BIAPT) Bible special interest group, partnering with Bible Society and The Tyndale Society.*

**Dates:** 4-5 December 2025, lunch to lunch

**Location:** Launde Abbey, Leicestershire, UK

**Cost:** Approx. £160 pp including all meals and accommodation

**Capacity:** 37 residential spaces altogether, so 32 places for delegates allowing for symposium team of 5

**Finance:** £250 holding fee required; looking for further subsidy to reduce cost per person.

**Admin:** via BIAPT using their booking system (as per last time, but need to confirm again) Look to identify someone in the network to help with admin.

**Organisers and partners:** Andrew Rogers (BIAPT group convenor), Helen Cameron (BIAPT group convenor), Mary Clow (The Tyndale Society), and Neil Rees (Bible Society).

## Event features:

- Exploring the interface between history, literature, biblical language and contemporary practice on the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of the Tyndale New Testament.
- Investigating whether Third edition of Tyndale Bible could be on loan for the symposium at Launde Abbey.
- Readings from Tyndale translation.
- Keynote address by Professor Paul Fiddes on how Tyndale through the Geneva Bible influenced Shakespeare.
- A display of the ‘family tree’ of English translations reaching back to Tyndale with Neil Rees from Bible Society as a living document helping people look at the lineage of the translations they use.
- Tyndale inspired liturgies – Paul Fiddes has recently developed a liturgy based upon the Tempest which he would be willing to work with people to perform in the chapel at Launde Abbey.
- Show and tell session: participants invited to bring a bible passage that has shaped an episode or season of their life, how they have interpreted it, as a way of showing the impact of biblical language.
- Parallel short papers session with a call for papers that encourages people to look at the relationship between a Tyndale phrase and an example of contemporary culture (e.g. novel, film, artwork) or ecclesial practice.

The BIAPT Bible special interest group, with Bible Society and The Tyndale Society, invite you to a 25 hour symposium at Launde Abbey 500 years after the publication of the Tyndale New Testament. The BIAPT Bible group comprises those who are interested in the working out of the Bible in practice in a wide range of contemporary contexts. For our third symposium we would like to explore biblical language, in English translation, and its impact both in Tyndale’s time and now.

## Outline programme (draft):

<i>Thursday 4 December 2025</i>	<i>Friday 5 December 2025</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 noon arrival</li> <li>• 1pm Lunch</li> <li>• 2pm Welcome and introductions and plan</li> <li>• 2.30pm Session A</li> <li>• 4pm Refreshments</li> <li>• 4.30pm Session B</li> <li>• 6.30pm Dinner</li> <li>• 8pm Session C – Paul Fiddes on Shakespeare and Tyndale</li> <li>• 9.30pm Social time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7.30am Morning prayer</li> <li>• 8am Breakfast</li> <li>• 9am Session D</li> <li>• 10.30am Refreshments</li> <li>• 11am Session E</li> <li>• 1pm Lunch</li> <li>• 2pm Close</li> </ul>