

# Resources for Ministry in the UK

*How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? (Romans 10: 14)*

As Christians, we believe in welcoming all, building friendships and sensitively sharing our Faith, in obedience to Christ's command in Matthew 28:19. The materials below have been recommended by Christians from various UK networks and denominations and we hope they will help you to relate to other people of different faiths and cultures. The inclusion of materials in this list does not necessarily imply that they have been read by Global Connections or endorsed by Global Connections. Where prices are given, please note that we cannot guarantee that they are correct and postage and packing costs may be added to any order.

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## Selected Resources for work amongst Buddhists

### [Asians /Buddhists /Hindus /Muslims /Sikhs: Looking at beliefs and culture](#)

***Buddhism in the Light of Christ: A Former Buddhist Nun's Reflections, with Some Helpful Suggestions on How to Reach Out to Your Buddhist Friends*** Esther Baker

Published by Wipf and Stock (USA), possibly <http://wipfandstock.com>  
Amazon

***Christ and the Tao (Faith to Faith Study Course)*** Wilma Davies

Study course helping Christians to understand Chinese religions and share the Gospel as a friend. Free download from GC website

Global Connections [www.globalconnections.org.uk](http://www.globalconnections.org.uk)

free

***Christian's pocket guide to the Japanese***

Useful introduction to ministering to Japanese.

OMF International (UK) <https://ukshop.omf.org/>

***Cross and Lotus (Faith to Faith study course)*** David Burnett

Study course, helping Christians in the UK to understand Buddhism, to relate to Buddhists and share the Gospel as a friend. Free download from GC website.

Global Connections [www.globalconnections.org.uk](http://www.globalconnections.org.uk)

free

***Distinctly welcoming - Christian presence in a multifaith society***

Richard Sudworth

Help for all who lack confidence in reaching out to those of different backgrounds

Scripture Union [www.scriptureunion.org.uk](http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk)

£9.99

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### ***Faith to Faith study courses***

Available on Buddhism, Chinese Religions, Islam and Sikhism. Free download from website.

*Global Connections*

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

free

### ***Friends, Strangers, Citizens? Life in Britain post 7/7***

DVD based resource in the Masala Bridgebuilder series, including five short sections with comments from community leaders, young people and street vox pops.

*Intyerverse GBI*

<https://www.kitab.org.uk/>

£10

### ***Kairos - a nine-session, interactive course on world Christian mission***

Introduction to world mission, from Kairos whose aim is to see the whole Church mobilized for cross-cultural mission to the world's least-reached peoples.

*Kairos*

[www.kairoscourse.org](http://www.kairoscourse.org)

### ***Lost for Words***

Course to help Christians to share their faith - well used including amongst Asians

*CPAS*

[www.cpas.org.uk/shop](http://www.cpas.org.uk/shop)

### ***The Bible***

### ***The Christ we Share***

Project pack including DVD, to explore people's notions of Christ and culture

*Church Mission Society*

[www.cms-shop.co.uk](http://www.cms-shop.co.uk)

£15.00 + p&p

### ***Top Tips: Welcoming Children of Other Faiths***

A 32 page A5 sized booklet full of helpful ideas

*Scripture Union*

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

£3.50

Gill Marchant and Andrew Smith

## **Books**

### ***Buddhist Priest Meets Jesus***

Hirokazu Matsuoka, translated by Roger Stevens, OMF

Story of son of a Japanese Buddhist priest, who studied himself to become a priest but who met Jesus through the kindness of Korean Christians.

*Loxwood Press, 50 Loxwood Avenue, Worthing,  
BN14 7RA*

## Selected Resources for work amongst Buddhists

*COCM Bookroom, selling Chinese books on Christian faith*

COCM

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

### ***Communicating Christ Through Story and Song - Orality in Buddhist Contexts***

Paul H. De Neui (Editor)

Models and case studies of communication of the Gospel through orality in Southeast Asia. Exploring the Biblical foundations – and the cultural imperative – of employing oral tradition to effectively communicate in Buddhist contexts.

*William Carey Library, ISBN: 9780878085118*

### ***I once was a Buddhist Nun***

Esther Baker

Inspiring story of Esther's journey from Buddhism to a vibrant Christian faith

IVP

[www.ivpbooks.com](http://www.ivpbooks.com)

£7.99

### ***The One-Stop Guide to World Religions***

Dr Hugh Kemp

A very readable dip-in book giving a good background to each faith - origins, beliefs and practice.

*Published by [www.lionhudson.com](http://www.lionhudson.com)*

£12.99

### ***The Spirit of Buddhism: a Christian perspective on Buddhist thought***

Dr David Burnett

A clear and thorough description of Buddhism around the world in all its variety of expression, written in text book style with glossary and helpful references.

*OM (was originally published by Monarch Books)*

### ***The Unexpected Way - on converting from Buddhism to Catholicism***

Paul M Williams

Testimony

*Published by Catholic Truth Society, 2002, T&T*

Clark

### ***Three theories of Everything***

Ellis Potter

A fascinating summary of the thinking behind religions including Buddhism. Writer was a Zen Buddhist who became a Christian

*Published by Destinee Media & available on Kindle*

## Books: Christian Approaches

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### *Looking for Directions: Towards an Asian Spirituality*

Sonal Davda, Suneel Shivdasani, Robin Thomson, Margaret Wardell

Offers a perspective on some of life's 'big questions', taking into account the concerns young diaspora Asians may have. Readers can form their own judgment and response.

South Asian Concern, 2006

<https://www.kitab.org.uk/>

£5.00 + p&p

## Books: General Cultural Understanding

### *Growing Leaders from Diverse Cultures: Leadership in a Multicultural Church*

Andy Jolley

The author has wide experience of work in multicultural (and deprived) areas. Now Archdeacon of Bradford, he was previously vicar of Aston Parish in Birmingham and is also Head of Urban Ministry for New Wine.

Grove Book number L21

[www.grovebooks.co.uk](http://www.grovebooks.co.uk)

£3.95

### *In Love but Worlds Apart*

G. Shelling and J. Fraser-Smith

Helps couples to look at "cultural values, beliefs, heart connections, tastes, languages, goals and practices."

Boekencentrum

£9.00

### *Refugee Stories*

Dave Smith

Seven personal stories behind the headlines. How do we respond?

Interserve

<http://kitab.org.uk/>

£9.99

### *The British and how to deal with them*

Ram Gidoomal, Deepak Mahtani, David Porter

South Asian Concern

<https://www.kitab.org.uk/>

£10

## Books: Introductions to Hindus and Hinduism

### *Astrology*

Vishal Mangalwadi

South Asian Concern

<https://www.kitab.org.uk/>

### *In search of self*

Vishal Mangalwadi

South Asian Concern

<https://www.kitab.org.uk/>

## Bridgebuilding resources

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### *Friends, Strangers, Citizens DVD*

Includes discussion resources and worksheets

South Asian Concern <https://www.kitab.org.uk/>

### *Masala Bridgebuilders*

South Asian Concern <https://www.kitab.org.uk/>

### *May I call you Friend?*

Studies on Dialogue and Evangelism for small groups and individuals

Methodist Publishing [www.mph.org.uk](http://www.mph.org.uk)

£3.50

## Bridgebuilding work examples

### *CACO, Cardiff*

Interserve / Urban Vision [www.interserve.org.uk](http://www.interserve.org.uk)

### *Galeed House, Sheffield*

Interserve / Urban Vision [www.interserve.org.uk](http://www.interserve.org.uk)

### *Narthex Project*

St Johns Sparkhill, Birmingham [www.narthex.org.uk](http://www.narthex.org.uk)

### *Springfield Centre*

St Christophers, Moseley, Birmingham [www.springfieldproject.org.uk](http://www.springfieldproject.org.uk)

### *The Well, Glasgow*

Church Mission Society [www.cms-uk.org](http://www.cms-uk.org)

## Christian Living materials for the East Asian Diaspora

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### *East Asian Diaspora materials list*

List on Global Connections website on behalf of east Asia Diaspora Forum

Global Connections

[www.globalconnections.org.uk/forums/East+Asia+Diaspora+Forum/forumpapers](http://www.globalconnections.org.uk/forums/East+Asia+Diaspora+Forum/forumpapers)

### Discipleship material for new believers

#### ***Back to Basics (formerly Firm Foundations)***

Dave Thurston, Steve Cree

A seven-week course in basic Christian belief and living (Out of print but second hand copies available)

The Good Book Company

[www.thegoodbook.co.uk](http://www.thegoodbook.co.uk)

£3.19

#### ***Notes for the Journey: Following Jesus, staying South Asian***

South Asian Concern

<https://www.kitab.org.uk/>

### For seekers from Asian/Buddhist/Hindu/Muslim/Sikh backgrounds

#### ***A Christian's pocket guide to Buddhism***

Alex Smith

A book to help you to understand and communicate effectively with your Buddhist friends.

OMF

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

£2.99

#### ***Discovering Jesus through Asian eyes – 16 frequently asked questions***

Available as a booklet for any individuals and also as a course for groups. Training provided by South Asian Concern, [www.southasianconcern.org](http://www.southasianconcern.org)

South Asian Forum of Evangelical Alliance

[www.eauk.org/saf](http://www.eauk.org/saf)

#### ***Discovering Jesus through Asian Eyes - an eight week discussion course***

South Asian Forum of the Evangelical Alliance, Clive Thorne and others

This material, developed through the South Asian Forum, includes input and backing from numerous Christian organisations. It is a relaxing opportunity for Asians to ask common questions and delve into what it means to be an Asian Christian.

Published by the Good Book Company,  
[orders@thegoodbook.co.uk](mailto:orders@thegoodbook.co.uk)

[www.discovering-jesus.com](http://www.discovering-jesus.com)

#### ***Easy Bibles***

EasyBibles.com

[www.easyBibles.com](http://www.easyBibles.com), then click on over 190 projects and required level to see languages available. This is a developing project to provide easily read Scripture in many languages.

Easy Bibles

[www.easyBibles.com](http://www.easyBibles.com)

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### **EasyEnglish Bible**

Bible stories written in English for people with learning difficulties or little English

MissionAssist [www.easyEnglish.info](http://www.easyEnglish.info)

### **Filthy Rich - The property tycoon who struck real gold!**

Manoj Raitathatha

The story of Manoj's conversion to the spirit-filled Christian whom many of us know!

Kitab <http://kitab.org.uk/filthy-rich>

### **Mahayana Buddhism - The doctrinal foundations. Second edition**

Paul M Williams

A very academic book.

Published by Routledge

### **Spiritual Discovery Groups**

Hard copies to purchase or download from website

South Asian Concern [www.southasianconcern.org](http://www.southasianconcern.org)

### **Start (introducing Christianity)**

For small groups with little or no knowledge of the Christian Faith

CPAS [www.start-cpas.org.uk](http://www.start-cpas.org.uk)

### **Visa Course**

The Visa Course is a 10 week course that introduces Christianity in simple English. (72 Pages / paperback)

Friends International [https://www.google.co.uk/webhp?gws\\_rd=ssl#q=friends+international+visa+course](https://www.google.co.uk/webhp?gws_rd=ssl#q=friends+international+visa+course)

## General background publications from various viewpoints

### **Buddhism from a Catholic perspective**

Paul M Williams

A simple introduction to Buddhism

Published by Catholic Truth Society, 2006

### **Buddhism: a very short introduction**

Damien Keown

Lucis clear account of Buddhist teaching (highly recommended by David Burnett)

Oxford: OUP 2000

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*Buddhist Thought: 2nd edition - a complete introduction to the Indian tradition*

Paul M Williams with Anthony Tribe and Alexander Wynne

Published by Routledge

### **Friendship and Exchange with People of Other Faiths**

Celia Blackden

A context for Witness and Dialogue'

Grove Book

[www.grovebooks.co.uk](http://www.grovebooks.co.uk)

£3.95

### **Meeting God in Friend and Stranger**

Downloadable pdf

Catholic Church

[www.catholic-ew.org.uk/Catholic-Church/Publications](http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk/Catholic-Church/Publications)

### **The Buddha**

Michael Pye

Study of the Buddha as a person, focussing on legends of his enlightenment

London: Duckworth 1979

### **The Catholic Church and World Religions: Chapter 5 - Catholicism and Buddhism**

Edited by Gavin D'Costa, 2011, T&T Clark

### **The Path to Enlightenment**

John David

OUT OF PRINT. Useful summary of main aspects of Buddhism, written by a Christian missionary to Thailand

London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1997

### **What Buddhists believe**

Elizabeth J Harris

Interviews with Buddhists living in both Asia and Britain - contains many personal insights.

Published by Oxford: Oneworld: 1998

### **What the Buddha Taught**

Walpola Rahula

Still widely recommended by Western Buddhists as a good introduction to the Theravada tradition

Oxford: Oneworld 1998

## Information about Asian Christians



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### *Belonging, Believing, Behaving*

South Asian Concern

<https://www.kitab.org.uk/>

## Music

### ***Aaraadhanaa Ho - We worship You***

Double CD with songs in Hindi, Gujarati, Punjabi, Tamil, English

South Asian Concern

<https://www.kitab.org.uk/>

### ***Aradhna CDs***

South Asian Concern

<https://www.kitab.org.uk/>

### ***Celebrating Together***

South Asian Concern

<https://www.kitab.org.uk/>

### ***Music from Lighthouse International Church bands***

Naujavan

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

## Sharing our faith

### ***A Christian's pocket guide to the Chinese***

Useful introduction to ministering to Chinese.

OMF International (UK)

<https://ukshop.omf.org/>

### ***Evangelising Hindus and Buddhists***

Ian E Benson

The Missionary Training Service

<http://www.missionarytraining.org/main/orderuk.htm>

£2.75 (plus 75 p,  
P&P)

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***Faith Values (Eight complete teaching sessions for 14-18s on the Bible, Christians and other faiths, including Islam, Sikhism, Hinduism, Buddhism and New Age spiritualities.)***

Richard Sudworth, Andrew Smith and Gill Marchant

Designed to help young people to be confident and engaged Christians, able to relate to a wide range of people, speaking to them and serving them as followers of Christ. Downloadable pdf.

CPAS [www.cpas.org.uk](http://www.cpas.org.uk)

### ***From Buddha to Jesus: An Insider's View of Buddhism & Christianity***

Steve Cioccolanti

A true story, full of information and recommended to Faith to Faith as a good tool for evangelism.

Pub: Monarch Books (19 Feb 2010) <http://www.buddhabook.org/>

### ***Sharing Faith the Jesus Way***

Jim Currin

Christ-filled insights plus practical and spiritual stimulus to get us naturally introducing our friends to Jesus

BRF [www.brfonline.org.uk](http://www.brfonline.org.uk)

£7.99

### ***Storytelling: sharing the Gospel with Passion and Power***

Martin Goldsmith

One of the best ways of communicating the Gospel is through storytelling – not preaching or giving a sermon – especially in places where evangelism is illegal, but also in the west where ‘religion’ is often frowned upon.

IVP <http://www.ivpbooks.com/9781783591558>

8.99

### ***The Bible and Other Faiths***

Ida Glaser

Draws out Biblical patterns for relating to those of different faiths. Review: [www.globalconnections.org.uk/resources/resourcereviews](http://www.globalconnections.org.uk/resources/resourcereviews)

IVP [www.ivpbooks.com](http://www.ivpbooks.com)

£7.99

### ***Top Tips on Welcoming Children of Other Faiths***

Gill Marchant & Andrew Smith

A short, readable guide to explore what the Bible says about those of other faiths and how we should live out our faith amongst them. It's packed with practical fun ideas to strengthen or even kick-start a ministry among those of other faiths.

Scripture Union <http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/9190.id#.U-yQ3ctOzIU>

£3.50

### ***Train and Multiply***

George Patterson and SEAN team

Church multiplication through pastoral training: certificate level training curriculum available in 15 languages used effectively world-wide

Train and Multiply [www.trainandmultiply.com](http://www.trainandmultiply.com)

### ***What is a Christian?***

Robin Asgher

A Christian is not what many people think, e.g being christened and raised in a Christian home. In Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu and Telegu with an English parallel this is an excellent tool for cross-cultural work with Asians, A5 stapled tract.

Kitab Books, Interserve <http://kitab.org.uk/>

£0.30

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### Suppliers of literature

#### **Kitab**

Supplier of literature, media and scriptures for cross cultural evangelists in English and Muslim majority languages, e.g. Arabic, Farsi, Urdu, Turkish, etc.

Interserve [www.kitab.org.uk](http://www.kitab.org.uk)

#### **South Asian Concern**

South Asian Concern [www.southasianconcern.org](http://www.southasianconcern.org)

### Websites

#### **Aradhna**

Indian style worship music

[www.aradhnamusic.com](http://www.aradhnamusic.com)

#### **South Asian Concern**

South Asian Concern [www.southasianconcern.org](http://www.southasianconcern.org)

#### **The Evangelical Training Directory**

The Evangelical Training Directory

Information on training from 850 evangelical colleges and organizations world-wide. Project endorsed by the World Evangelical Alliance.

*The Evangelical Training Directory*

*Free*