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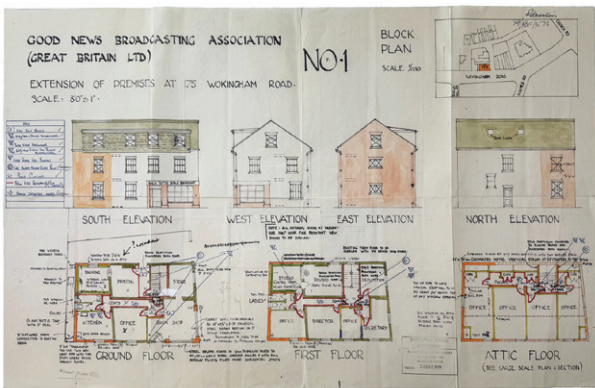
to the Summer 2025 edition of Sounding Out!

## Onwards and upwards

It's seven years ago to the month that we moved into Unit 27 of Wilsons Park. This space has served us well. We've had board meetings, Sounding Out packing mornings, staff meetings and multiple preachers in to record programmes, along with the daily work of ministry.

I've particularly enjoyed the unexpected visitors who have just turned up. Like the supporter who travelled up from Chelmsford to Salford with his wife one day and decided to pop in. Or just last week, the man who was looking for a different office but ended up seeing our GNB banner through the door and knocked on. He is the pastor of a local church and had never heard of us before. He had a nice chat with Eamonn and was so encouraged to hear about our work that he gave us a £100 donation then and there.

I'm grateful for this space but with rent increases and the space being bigger than we need, I have decided it's time to downsize and cut back costs. We aren't moving far - in fact it's only 100 metres down through the business park to the main building. We have secured a smaller office on the fourth floor - I can see its windows from our current office! So it's onwards and upwards for us!



By the time you read this we will actually be in the process of moving. Please pray for a smooth transition, particularly with phones, internet access and other essentials so that we can continue to create content that will bless many people in the UK and around the world.

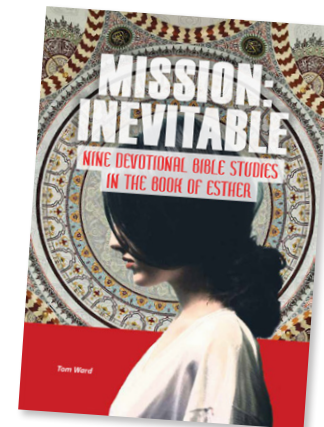
Part of relocating has meant sorting through lots of documents from the past. It is humbling to look over board minutes and even building work plans from many years ago. The picture above is of an extension plan from when we were based in Reading!

I was actually in Reading in June for the funeral of Ninian Lewis, a GNB board member and the son of another Ninian Lewis who was the director of GNB in our early days. Whether in Reading, Bawtry, Ranskill or Manchester, our mission remains to teach the Bible through media - thank you for partnering with us to achieve this!

**In other news...** I'm excited to announce *Mission Inevitable*. It's a new booklet I've written on the Old Testament book of Esther. It started life as a series on *Word Alive*, but I've rewritten and reworked it into nine devotionals that can be used as a Bible study by individuals or groups.

On the face of it, an account from the 5<sup>th</sup> Century BC of the origins of the Jewish festival, Purim, might not sound like it has much to speak into to our culture in 2025, but it is actually incredibly challenging and helpful for Christians today.

If you are already a Ministry Partner then you should have received a copy as a gift. If you aren't a Ministry Partner but would like a copy of *Mission Inevitable* please send an email to [info@gnba.net](mailto:info@gnba.net).



Tom

## HELP US TO SOUNDPROOF THE NEW STUDIO!

As we relocate, one of the things we'll be leaving behind is our 'sound booth' recording studio. We have used it to record hundreds of hours of content for *Bible Focus*, *Word Alive* and our various podcasts, as well as social media posts. But the new office space has a side room that will be the ideal size for a recording studio. However, it will need to be thoroughly soundproofed ...

**Could you help us by making a one-off donation to cover the cost?**

We have been quoted between £2000 - £4000 to have this work done but are confident we can achieve a professional setup ourselves with a budget of £1000. If you feel able to help with this cost it would be greatly appreciated. If 100 of our supporters could each give £10 our target would be easily met!





According to the International Labour Organisation the three most dangerous jobs in the world are logging, deep-sea fishing and mining. It's probably not surprising that preaching didn't feature on the list at all - but don't be fooled. It might look harmless and maybe even boring at times but preaching is actually a dangerous job too. In fact it isn't just dangerous for the preacher, it's also dangerous for the listener, just ask Eutychus!

### The preacher

Preaching is a solemn and serious responsibility. When someone stands up to preach, they are speaking on behalf of God to His people. This carries immense responsibility and so it should not be undertaken lightly. The preacher will be held accountable by God for what is said and how it's said. That's why the book of James warns, 'Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness' (James 3:1).

Although each Christian is responsible for their own growth in the faith, preachers often play a big role in this. Preaching has the potential to shape people's beliefs and doctrines and also their actions.

Preaching is also a task that requires that the preacher's life matches up to their words. We know preachers aren't perfect but there is a genuine occupational requirement for their actions to back up their words. This requires deep reverence and humility.

There are also times when preachers need to speak unpopular truths and confront sin in ways that may provoke backlash. They often need 'foreheads like flint', as Ezekiel the prophet did (Ezekiel 3:9), as they continue to share God's word in the face of criticism or even hostility.

As someone who teaches the Bible through media I have to be wary of all of this. I must stay faithful to the 'old gospel' and not be tempted to give in to clickbait topics, or popular hobbyhorses or to water down the truth in search of more listeners.

### The listener

It's very easy to just wander into church on a Sunday or turn on the radio in the kitchen or listen to a preaching podcast in the car without considering the danger.

The word of God is 'living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword... discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart' (Hebrews 4:12). Because of this we need to 'consider carefully

how we listen' (Luke 8:18). Faithful preaching not only comforts us but it also confronts us. It challenges us to lay down the idols of the world and turn to Christ again and again. Revelation brings responsibility.

When we hear the truth of the gospel we become accountable to respond. We can't just listen and walk away - we must be 'doers of the word, and not hearers only' (James 1:22).

Every time we hear a sermon we have a choice to humbly submit and be instructed or our hearts will be hardened. Listening to preaching should be an active, not a passive thing. Christopher Ash helpfully says:

*"Preaching is a two-way thing. The preacher prays and preaches, but there's a spiritual discipline to hearing well. We live in a culture of entertainment and we judge preachers by whether they amuse us and entertain us and hold our interest. But I wonder how often we come to preaching prayerfully, expecting God to speak so that we will listen, admitting that God knows better than us, and really seeking prayerfully and saying Lord, speak to me this day so that I may be strengthened in faith or challenged or rebuked or encouraged or whatever it is I need'.*

So preaching and listening to sermons is dangerous but both are essential. Our society is 'preaching' at us constantly. We must prioritise actively listening to the pure truth of God's word, applying it to our lives.

Tom Ward

# STREAMS

**The average person in the UK spends around four hours a day watching TV shows and films. With streaming services like Netflix, Prime Video and BBC iPlayer offering over 200,000 hours of content, the choices seem endless!**

That's why we've launched *Streams*. It's a podcast dedicated to reviewing popular TV shows and movies (secular and Christian) through a Christian lens and offering a faith-based perspective.

We hope *Streams* will help Christians decide what is safe and uplifting for them and their families and to make wise viewing choices. Philippians 4:8 reminds us:

*"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things."*

The podcast host is Eamonn Maloney and a guest. In the first episode, Eamonn and Tom looked at *Adolescence* - one of the most talked-about TV



shows of 2025. This series tackles real-life issues that young people face today, making it important viewing for parents, mentors and anyone involved in a church community. They discussed what the Bible has to say on these issues, especially masculinity.

Subsequent episodes have featured *The Chosen*, *Inside Out 2* and *Heretic*, among others.

Whether you're curious about the latest releases or searching for uplifting, faith-affirming content, *Streams* is here to help you watch with wisdom and discernment.

Find *Streams* through our website at [gnba.net](http://gnba.net), on Spotify, YouTube or your usual podcast app.

Look out for our advert on Bible Gateway!



SUNDAY

AUGUST

Give thanks to God for all the Bible teaching programmes.

SEPTEMBER

Pray for more contact from listeners in Africa.

OCTOBER

Please pray for more participants for *Sermonise*.

NOVEMBER

Please pray for the preparation of Christmas programmes.

MONDAY

Please pray for Tom as he studies for Word Alive teaching.

Please pray for new contributors to *Bible Focus*.

Pray for Tom as he considers future GNB projects.

Pray for Mel producing *Sounding Out* this month.

TUESDAY

Pray for a seamless move to the new office.

Pray for Eamonn working on GNB's social media.

Pray for more *Word Alive* listeners.

Pray for God-given wisdom for the Board of Directors.

WEDNESDAY

Please pray for more listeners to the *Streams* podcast.

Pray for Mel as she maintains the GNB website.

Please pray for Camila in the day to day finance work.

Pray for Eamonn as he prepares *Bible Focus* programmes.

THURSDAY

Please pray for successful soundproofing of the studio.

Give thanks for GNB Ministry Partners.

Pray that the book *Mission Inevitable* would be a blessing.

Please pray more stations would take our programmes.

FRIDAY

Pray for Camila with the extra 'moving' admin.

Please pray for more listeners to discover *Convicted*.

Please pray for direction in considering new projects.

Please pray that more listeners would become GNB supporters.

SATURDAY

Pray for more listeners to *Bible Focus*.

Pray for more listeners to *Word Alive* on TWR today.

Pray that listeners would be blessed this weekend.

Thank God for His gracious provision for GNB.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2



# RADIO GUIDE

## Premier Christian Radio

Digital Radio: DAB Premier  
TV: Freeview 725 or Sky 0123  
Radio: MW 1305, 1332, 1413, 1566  
**Word Alive:** Sunday 6.30am

## Trans World Radio

TV: Freeview HD Channel 733,  
Sky 0138 or Freesat 790  
**Word Alive:** Saturday 6.00am,  
Sunday 6.00pm

## Branch FM

Radio: 101.8 FM  
**Word Alive:** Sunday 6.00pm  
**Bible Focus:** Weekdays from 12 noon

## Hope FM

Radio: 90.1 FM  
**Word Alive:** Sunday 7.30am

## Gospel 4 Grampian

Internet: [www.g4g.org.uk](http://www.g4g.org.uk)

## Blessed Radio

Internet: [www.zeno.fm/radio/blessed-radio-uk](http://www.zeno.fm/radio/blessed-radio-uk)  
**Word Alive:** Sunday 6.00pm

## Radio North

Radio: 846 AM  
**Bible Focus:** Weekdays 8.45am

## Radio Star Country

Radio: MW 981  
**Word Alive:** Wednesday 5.30pm

## Konnect Radio

Radio: 846 AM  
**The Everlasting Way**

## Flame CCR

Radio: MW 1521 or Internet DAB  
GNBA Show: Weekdays 10.35am

## C.O.G. Grand Radio

Internet: [www.coggrandradiouk.org](http://www.coggrandradiouk.org)  
**Word Alive:** Wednesday 8.00pm  
**Bible Focus:** Weekdays 7.00pm

## Cross Rhythms

Radio: 101.8 FM (Stoke),  
and 96.3 FM (Plymouth)  
**The Everlasting Way:** Saturday and  
Sunday breakfast shows from 7.00am

## Genesis Christian Radio

Internet: [www.genesischristianradio.org](http://www.genesischristianradio.org)  
**Word Alive:** Weekdays 6.32am, 1.31pm  
**Bible Focus:** Weekdays 4.00am,  
9.15am and 4.00pm

**Tune in on your radio or TV or listen any time at [gnba.net](http://gnba.net).**  
**You can also find *Word Alive*, *Bible Focus*, *Sermonise*, *Streams***  
**and *The Bible OverBrew* on Spotify or your podcast app.**



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