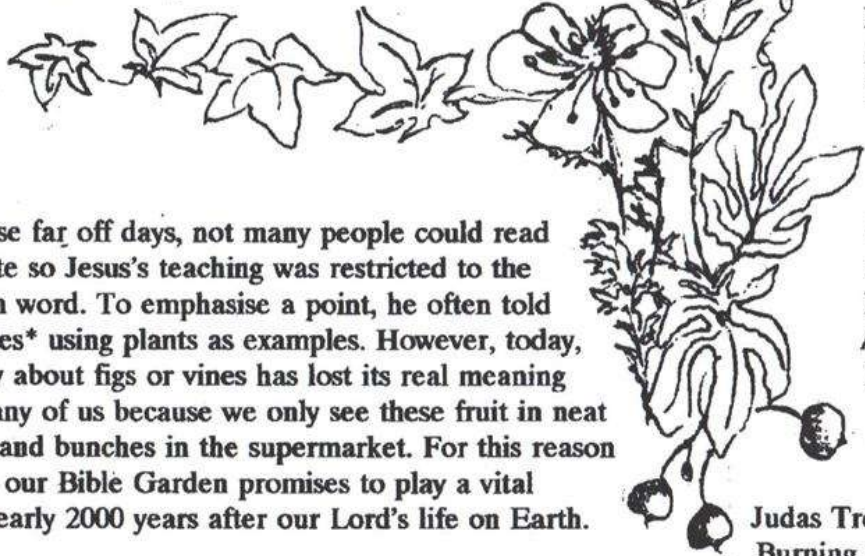


Why a Bible Garden?

“Consider the lilies of the field: they toil not, neither do they spin. Yet even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.”
(Matthew 6: 28-29)

Our Bible Garden was created for the year 2000 to celebrate the second millennium of the birth of Jesus Christ.

The idea was to grow only plants mentioned in the Bible. Of course, the rules were broken almost immediately so that we could include such plants as Jacob’s Ladder, Solomon’s Seal and the Christmas and Lenten Roses. But, these plants remind us of stories in the Bible and have a right to be included.



In those far off days, not many people could read or write so Jesus’s teaching was restricted to the spoken word. To emphasise a point, he often told parables* using plants as examples. However, today, a story about figs or vines has lost its real meaning for many of us because we only see these fruit in neat boxes and bunches in the supermarket. For this reason alone, our Bible Garden promises to play a vital role nearly 2000 years after our Lord’s life on Earth.

* Parable - a story using everyday familiar objects to illustrate a difficult point.

PLANTS to look out for

Christ Thorn - *Paliurus spina-christa*
(Thought to have been used to make the Crown of Thorns)



Cistus - Myrrh Genesis 37 : 25
Fig Tree Luke 21 : 29
Acanthus Job 30 : 7
Bulrush Exodus

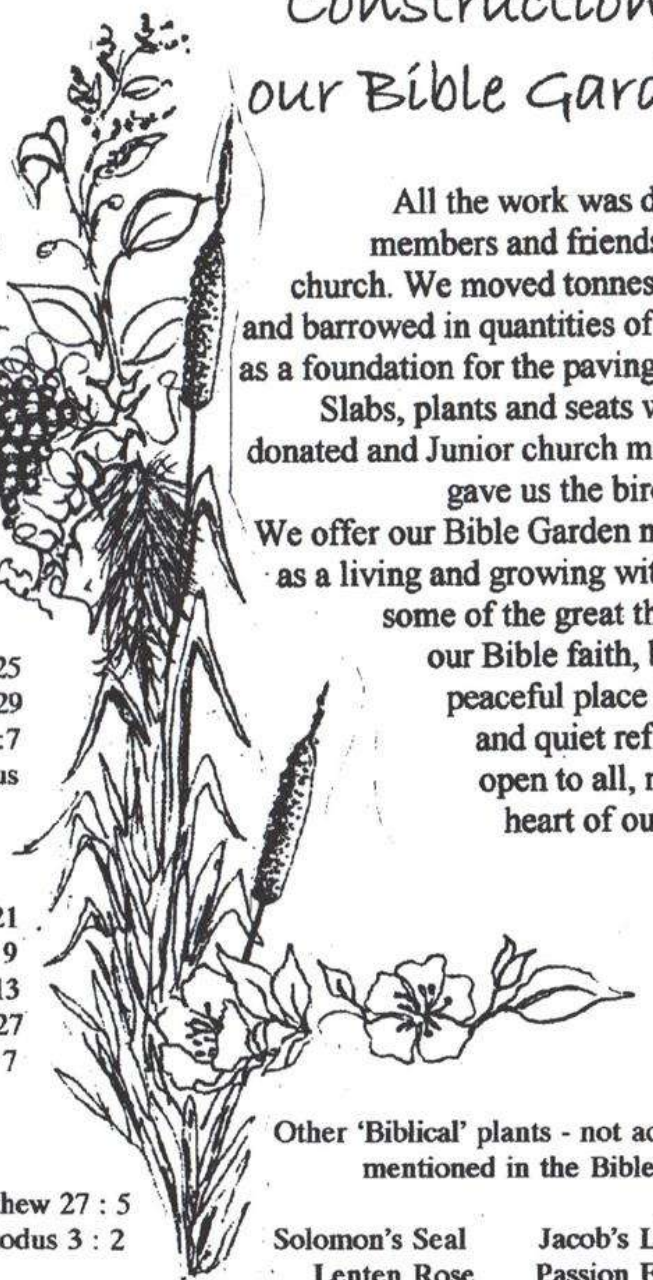
Grapevine Genesis 9 : 20 -21
Broad Bean Ezekiel 4 : 9
Flax Proverbs 31 : 13
Anemone Luke 12 : 27
Ivy 2 Maccabees 6 : 7

Judas Tree - *Cercis siliquastrum* Matthew 27 : 5
Burning Bush - *Dictamnus* Exodus 3 : 2
Bay Tree
Apple Tree

Construction of our Bible Garden

All the work was done by members and friends of the church. We moved tonnes of soil and barrowed in quantities of ballast as a foundation for the paving slabs.

Slabs, plants and seats were all donated and Junior church members gave us the bird table. We offer our Bible Garden not only as a living and growing witness to some of the great things of our Bible faith, but as a peaceful place for rest and quiet reflection, open to all, near the heart of our town.



Other ‘Biblical’ plants - not actually mentioned in the Bible.

Solomon’s Seal	Jacob’s Ladder
Lenten Rose	Passion Flower
Madonna Lily	Christmas Rose

We hope you enjoy our Bible Garden. Please sit and experience its tranquillity-traffic permitting!