



St Michael's Church
Stoke Gifford



Mission Partner of the Month - July 2025

Epaphras Trust - Supporting El-Shaddai Bible College India

It was with some sadness but also great joy that EBC celebrated their 27th graduation with thirteen of their students on 20 May. We pray that each will continue to grow in faith and serve others wherever God leads them, as change makers for His Kingdom. Following a short break EBC will begin the next academic year on 27 June with a new intake of 1st year students.



The college is benefitting hugely from the new assembly hall which has been partially funded by St Michael's HOTC tithe. They are able to host events in addition to accommodating a Church each Sunday.



About EBC

Established in June 1998, El-Shaddai Bible College trains underprivileged young people for ministry. Their vision has always been to provide this free of charge to those who are seeking to serve the Lord, but who are unable to pay fees.



Theology Courses available

Diploma in Theology - 1 yr course

Certificate in Theology - 2 yr course

Bachelors in Theology - 3 yr course



Vocational Courses

Tailoring, I.T. and English Language. (These courses will help students become self-sufficient if needed)

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As part of their training, students are expected to participate in practical activities. This may involve maintaining the campus or assisting at the children's home located on the campus.

For many years other ministries have served generously including St Michael's Church. The college is also very grateful to Derek Prince ministries who annually donate study materials in Hindi to expand the college library.

We are grateful to all faculty and support staff who faithfully serve EBC and to Mary Cottrell who is our St Michael's link person.

Prayer requests:

1. **For the library (for more resources)**
2. **For the girls' accommodation renovation (funding is needed)**
3. **For the new session (started on 27 June)**



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Other St Michael's Mission News

- Continue to pray for peace and for justice in the Middle East especially for Iran & Israel & Gaza. Take a look at the Open Doors website to see what the Iran/Israel conflict means for vulnerable Iranian Christians [What the Iran/Israel conflict means for vulnerable Christians: please pray - Open Doors UK & Ireland](#)
- Mary Cottrell is in Moldova from 2-9 July visiting our mission partners Ruslan and Larisa & making arrangements for the team trip in September, when 7 from St Michael's will be going to Moldova.
- Pray for the Diocese of Morobo, one of three Dioceses in South Sudan that The Brickworks works with. Last Friday the town was attacked by rebel forces who looted the hospital and destroyed two ambulances. Many people are now displaced and are sheltering in the cathedral.
- Luke and the OM Ship, after a 7 day voyage, should have arrived by now in Labuan, Malaysia, to start their work there.
- Would you consider joining the St Michael's Mission Trip to UniVida in Brazil in summer of 2026? Speak with Trevor or Liz Grant for more information.