GIDEONS CONTINUE CENTURY OLD TRADITION IN A NEW ERA

Trafford Gideons came to St. Ambrose College to continue their traditional work of donating miniature bibles to young people in the Borough.

Founded in 1899 in Wisconsin, the International Gideons have now donated over two billion bibles worldwide and volunteers are continuing the work across Trafford.

Retired teacher and now passionate Gideon member Sara Golamhosser, who is pictured with her husband John, a retired nurse and care worker and fellow Gideon, said: “We visit around 12 schools in the Borough each year to give bibles to the Year Seven pupils and are always received warmly. The children are under no obligation to accept a bible but we do find that people of others faiths are often very glad to accept our gift.” She said: “We believe it is now more important than ever to spread our Christian message; fewer and fewer families are going to Church and we want young people to hear our voice.”

They are pictured with William Tutty, 11, from Urmston, and Astin Saju, 12, from Levenshulme, who said: “I have a big bible at home, but this means I can carry a bible with me in my back pack.”
Matthew O”Neill, Head of Religious Education at St. Ambrose College, said: “
I welcome the opportunity given to our boys to understand the work of Gideons and to consider the importance of the scriptures in their own lives. Sara and John offer a powerful witness of faith.”