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UK BISHOP SAYS BEATLES SONGS ARE MORE ACCESSIBLE THAN BIBLE

In the week when from The Beatles catalogue has been re-mastered and re-released, a leading UK bishop has urged churches to use their hits in church services.

The Rt Rev Nick Baines - who's the Bishop of Croydon - says that pop music writers often convey deep theological concepts in a way that is more accessible to young people.

He cites Bruce Cockburn, Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan and John Lennon (who incidentally famously claimed the Beatles were bigger than Jesus) as exploring Christian themes in their music.

Baines says that for many the language of the Bible has become "inaccessible" and pop songwriters can make a connection with people because their language is fresh.

"Songwriters are able to open our imagination to a way of thinking about God that we've become deaf to in church language," he explains.

Bishop Baines says that music is influential in challenging young people to think of some of life's big questions.

He says that just as the Wesleys took pop and folk tunes and put a Christian story to the music, we must be more creative and adventurous in our day.

AUSSIE SINGER RAISES AWARENESS OF POST ABORTION SYNDROME

Melbourne singer Amy K this week releases *Silent Cry*, a new song that raises awareness of post abortion syndrome and the work of the Providence Foundation.

The foundation is a non-profit organisation set up to provide "balanced information" and/or assistance for women who are facing, or have faced, life changing pregnancy decisions.

Amy is one of the singers in the Melbourne Gospel Choir which has backed Delta Goodrem, Westlife, and Guy Sebastian.

Amy says she recorded the song after being approached to sing it by songwriter Jud Field who is also in the choir.

Silent Cry will be released to radio and TV next week, with a DVD and CD single available in stores and online.

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Alabaster Box launches its six-week national tour in Sydney on October 23.

PC3 bassist Grant **Norsworthy** performs at Blackstump next month.

Aussie legend **James Morrison** has released an instrumental collection of gospel favorites drawn from his Gospel Collections Vol 1 and 2.

Kiwi singer **Edwin Derricutt** is recording a new album in New Zealand with acclaimed producer Nick Manders.

Relient K is touring Australia this week for Youth Alive.