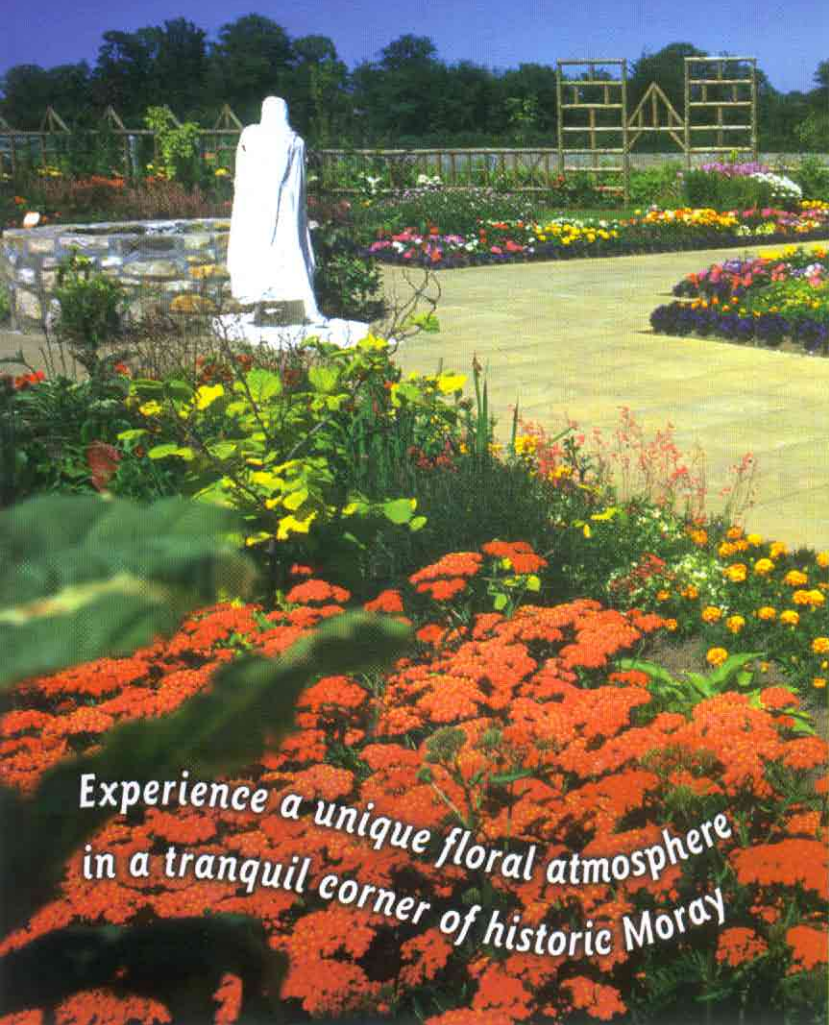




THE
**BIBLICAL
GARDEN**
ELGIN • SCOTLAND



*Experience a unique floral atmosphere
in a tranquil corner of historic Moray*

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estling in a quiet corner of Cooper Park, close to the centre of Elgin and adjacent to the Cathedral, lies a piece of ground, some three acres in size, upon which has been established a biblical garden.



The creation of the garden, the first of its kind in Scotland, is particularly appropriate on this site, as Moray has for over fourteen centuries played an important role in the development and changing fortunes of the church, similarly, its close proximity to Elgin's historic cathedral, literally just over the wall! made this site the obvious choice.

Whilst using the Bible as its reference point and including all one hundred and ten plants mentioned therein, together with sculptures depicting the parables, it is clearly intended that this garden as well as being of considerable interest to those who study the scriptures, will also encourage anyone who enjoys gardens and gardening, to visit.



Obviously, gardens being living things constantly change, not only throughout the season, but also develop and grow through the years, thus sustaining an attraction which may be different upon every visit and thus should encourage one to return time after time, providing the original project captures the imagination.

Made possible by and reliant upon the generosity and goodwill of the people of Moray and its many visitors, the Biblical Garden provides a haven and we believe an enjoyable visit for everyone.



Some ninety trees and shrubs, donated by school groups throughout Moray, have been planted within the Garden.



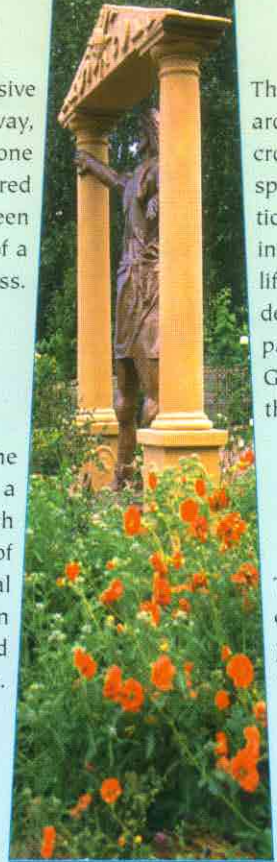
A desert area has been created depicting Mount Sinai and the cave of the resurrection and a marsh area has been included within the garden.



An impressive central walkway, requiring over one thousand textured paving slabs, has been laid in the shape of a Celtic Cross.



The backdrop to the garden features a striking trellis which mirrors the design of the nearby cathedral and is covered in yellow, white and red roses.

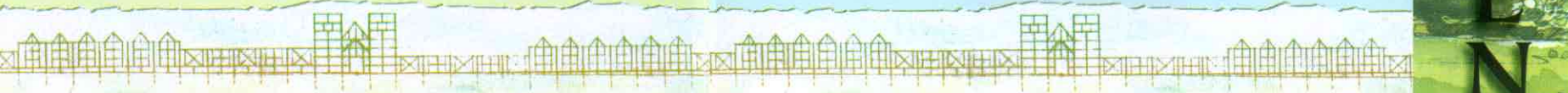


The garden, planted around the central cross with every species of plant mentioned in the Bible, also includes a number of life-size sculptures depicting various parables including the Good Shepherd and the Prodigal Son.



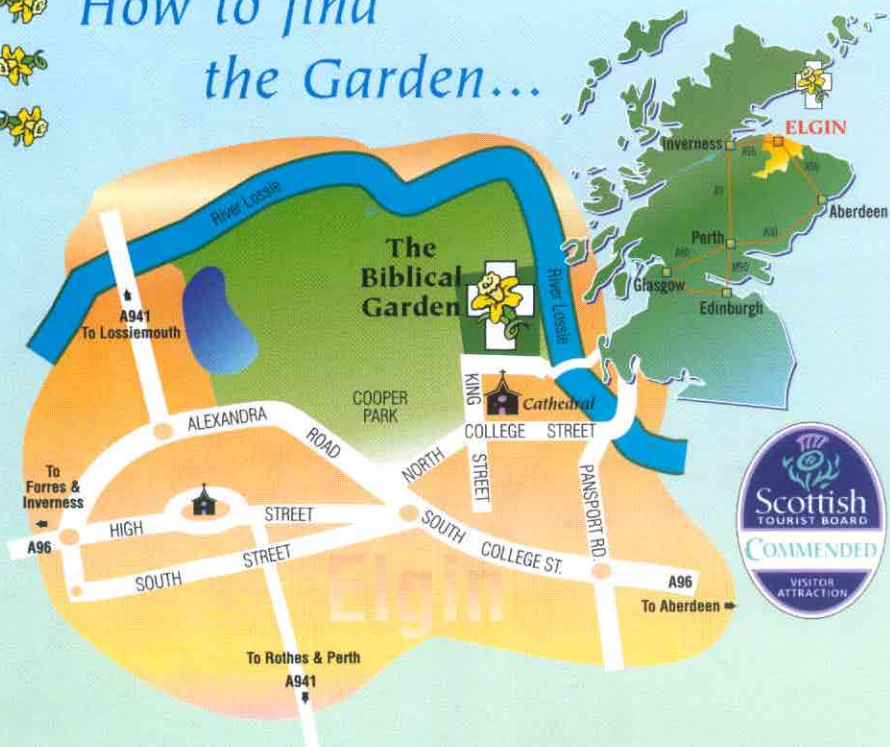
The plants are all cross-referenced to a particular passage in the Bible and an indication of their use in biblical times.

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How to find the Garden...



Situated on King Street, Elgin, just around the corner from the entrance to the Cathedral, the garden is open from May to September, between the hours of 10am and 7.30pm, daily and admission is free.



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