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Daniel 3:1-25 – (NIV UK)

King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, sixty cubits high and six cubits wide, and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. ² He then summoned the satraps, prefects, governors, advisors, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials to come to the dedication of the image he had set up. ³ So the satraps, prefects, governors, advisors, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials assembled for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up, and they stood before it. ⁴ Then the herald loudly proclaimed, 'Nations and peoples of every language, this is what you are commanded to do: ⁵ as soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. ⁶ Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.'

⁷ Therefore, as soon as they heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp and all kinds of music, all the nations and peoples of every language fell down and worshipped the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ⁸ At this time some astrologers came forward and denounced the Jews. ⁹ They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, 'May the king live for ever! ¹⁰ Your Majesty has issued a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music must fall down and worship the image of gold, ¹¹ and that whoever does not fall down and worship will be thrown into a blazing furnace. ¹² But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon – Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego – who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up.'

¹³ Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, ¹⁴ and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, 'Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? ¹⁵ Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?' ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, 'King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. ¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.' ¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude towards them changed. He ordered the furnace to be heated seven times hotter than usual ²⁰ and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. ²¹ So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. ²² The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, ²³ and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace. ²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisors, 'Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?' They replied, 'Certainly, Your Majesty.' ²⁵ He said, 'Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.'

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purpose : to reflect God's love in
our church, community and world

sunday 23rd September 2018

today's services

10.30 am – Bow or burn - Daniel 3:1-25

6.00 pm – Living in the world
Matthew 5:1-12

thought for the week

The God we serve is able to deliver us
from any power... but even if he does not,
we will not serve any foreign gods
or worship any idol.

Daniel 3:17-18

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what's : on at tabernacle

SUNDAY

10.30 am Claire Grafton and Pastor Roger
6.00 pm Pastor Roger and Elspeth Robertson
7.30 pm @23 in room 23
Why not join us for tea/coffee after the services?

MONDAY

9.30 am Maintenance team meet
2.30 pm Women's Hour – Faith Perry
7.30 pm Church Meeting

TUESDAY

9.30 am Small Group
3.00 pm The Keep Drop-In at Arcot House
6.00 pm JAFFA (school yrs 1-2)
7.30 pm Small Groups meet

WEDNESDAY

9.30 am - 11.30 Foodbank Breakfast club at Arcot House
10.00 am Communion led by Anne Morse
6.00 pm Elders' meeting

THURSDAY

1.00 pm Recovery Cymru at Arcot House
2.30 pm Small Groups meet at Tabs
7.30 pm Music Group Practice
7.30 pm Small Groups meet

FRIDAY – Pastor Roger's Day Off

9.30 am Maintenance team meet
6.00 pm Xtreme (school yrs 3-6)
7.30 pm Beyond Xtreme (school yrs 7-9)

SATURDAY – Pastor Owen's Day Off

10.00 am – 1.00 pm Safeguarding training

HARVEST SUNDAY

10.30 am Family Communion: Pastor Roger and Simon Pedwell
12.00 Soup lunch in aid of Tearfund
6.00 pm Pastor Owen and Matthew Baird

Advance Notices

Wednesday 10th October - **Prayer Ministry Training Course** at 7.30 pm. If you would like to be involved in the prayer ministry team, please speak to Pastor Roger or fill in an enrolment form at the back of church.

The following groups also meet at the church

Monday at 7.00 pm Penarth Community Choir
Tuesday at 7.30 pm Cavatina Choir (Sanctuary)
Wednesday at 8.00 pm Spectrum Singers (Sanct)

what's : on elsewhere

TWAM Cymru team meet at Bute Lane unit at 9.00 am on Tuesdays & Thursdays

Please see notice board at the top of the stairs for details of other local events.

family : news

We continue to pray for Claire Hollinshead, Jo Lockyer, Jadwiga Polewski, and a fourth, anonymous woman in our church receiving treatment for cancer. We also remember James Mulenga who has been on our prayer chain recently, and remains in hospital at this time. Elizabeth Curle is in Llandough Hospital, and increasingly frail after another fall.

Please also remember in your prayers those members who are housebound or living in a nursing home and are unable to attend worship or meetings regularly.

Preaching Engagements

Anne Morse is at Calfaria Nelson

Flat

A flat is available for rent in Westbourne Road. The rent is £600 pm plus bills and is one decent sized bedroom and one other rather small room as well as large lounge and kitchen/sitting area, plus bathroom. It's a middle tier (first floor) flat. Contact Mark Frost markfrost1962@gmail.com or 07886 225836

Small Group Studies

This is the last week for small groups to finish off the Bible Course series. If your group had completed the course and needs material for the coming week, please remember to pick up a sheet from Cedric or Helen. The new study booklet for October - December will be available shortly.

Harvest and Tearfund lunch

Our Harvest celebrations in the morning service on 30th September will be followed by a soup lunch in aid of Tearfund. Please do join us. There is no charge for the lunch but donations to Tearfund would be welcome.

Mid-week Coffee Morning

Join us on Wednesday 3rd October for a Coffee Morning at 10:30 am, straight after our midweek communion (at 10 am). Following the great success of our mid-week gatherings over the summer, these Coffee Mornings will continue on a **monthly** basis, on the first Wednesday of each month - All Welcome.

Association day

The Association Day will be on the 6th October 2018 at Bethel Pontyclun. The Eden Bus will be there for the youth and there will be activities for primary school aged children. The cost this year is £5 per person (under 11s go free). See poster for more details and Pastor Owen to book your place. Booking essential!

Welcome and Duty Stewards:

Sunday 7th October: straight after the morning service there will be a 30 minute good practice session for all those who are on the Welcomers and Duty Stewards rota and for anyone who would like to join them.

Safeguarding training

The safeguarding training is THIS SATURDAY (29th) 10-13.00, all trustees and those involved in children's work are to attend. Please see Gaynor Haldenby for further information.

Refined Women's Day

Will be held on Saturday 24th November at Tabs. Tickets cost £12.00 and include lunch, book on line at www.tabs.church/refined or call 07773 994 074 or speak to Claire Grafton.

Financial Giving

There are a number of ways you can financially support the work here at Tabs. Standing Order forms for direct giving are available from the Treasurer, Jon Morse. Envelopes for the envelope scheme are available from Graham Niblett. Loose cash can be put into the offering bags during the collection, or you can give via your mobile phone. Text TABS01 followed by the amount to 70070. You can give £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £10. i.e. text TABS01 £10 to give £10.00 to the church. See Jon Morse for more information about giving or how you can maximise your gift with Gift Aid.