

## the : word

**Daniel 6:1-24 – (NIV UK)**  
**Daniel in the den of lions**

It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom,<sup>2</sup> with three chief ministers over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss.<sup>3</sup> Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the chief ministers and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.<sup>4</sup> At this, the chief ministers and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.<sup>5</sup> Finally these men said, 'We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.'<sup>6</sup> So these chief ministers and satraps went as a group to the king and said: 'May King Darius live for ever!<sup>7</sup> The royal ministers, prefects, satraps, advisors and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions' den.'<sup>8</sup> Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered – in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.'<sup>9</sup> So King Darius put the decree in writing.<sup>10</sup> Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened towards Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.<sup>11</sup> Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.<sup>12</sup> So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: 'Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions' den?' The king answered, 'The decree stands – in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.'<sup>13</sup> Then they said to the king, 'Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day.'<sup>14</sup> When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sunset to save him.<sup>15</sup> Then the men went as a group to King Darius and said to him, 'Remember, Your Majesty, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed.'<sup>16</sup> So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, 'May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!'<sup>17</sup> A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed.<sup>18</sup> Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.<sup>19</sup> At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den.<sup>20</sup> When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, 'Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?'<sup>21</sup> Daniel answered, 'May the king live for ever!<sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.'<sup>23</sup> The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.<sup>24</sup> At the king's command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

## tabernacle : penarth

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

**sunday 14<sup>th</sup> october 2018**

### today's services

10.30 am – The lions' den - Daniel 6:1-24

6.00 pm – Looking towards heaven  
Luke 12:16-21

### thought for the week

When Daniel was lifted from the lions' den,  
no wound was found on him,  
because he had trusted in his God.

Daniel 6:23

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## what's : on at tabernacle

### CAP SUNDAY

10.30 am Margaret Griffiths and Matthew Baird  
6.00 pm Tim Hackett and Simon Pedwell  
7.30 pm @23 in Conference Room  
Why not join us for tea/coffee after the services?

### MONDAY

9.30 am Maintenance team meet  
2.30 pm Women's Hour – members' 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 Owen James  
1.00 pm CAP Job Club  
7.30 pm Prayer Ministry Training Course - Part II

### 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

9.30 am Maintenance team meet  
10.00 am Victoria School Harvest at Tabs led by Roger  
6.00 pm Xtreme (school yrs 3-6)  
7.30 pm Beyond Xtreme (school yrs 7-9)

### SATURDAY – Pastor Owen's Day off

7.00 pm Dangerous Worship Youth Event

### NEXT SUNDAY

10.30 am Roger Grafton and Peter Robertson - communion will be celebrated  
6.00 pm Roger Grafton and Will Roberts

### Advance Notice

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30 am - Dementia Awareness Session. Details to follow

### 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

**Today** Rev'd Phyl Fanning is to be inducted as Chair of Penarth Cytûn and council of churches at Trinity Methodist Church at 6.00 pm. All welcome

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

## family : news

**Jo Lockyer** remains in The Heath UHW after several complications to her surgery and the placement of a drain in each lung. Please pray for a speedy recovery and return home.

We continue to pray for **Claire Hollinshead, Jadwiga Polewski**, and one other woman in our church receiving treatment for cancer.

**Elizabeth Curle**, who remains in Llandough Hospital.

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

The funeral service for **John Haggitt** will be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October at Tabs at 10.30 am.

### Preaching Engagements:

Pastor Roger is on duty at Newport Barracks  
Julian Haines is at Ebenezer, Grangetown am  
Anne Morse is at Summerhill BC Newport am and Mt Pleasant Barry pm

Please remember to let Graham know if you are out preaching so that the details can be included in the news sheet

**Readers.** Would you like to be added to the list of Bible Readers during our services? Please speak to Roger Grafton to have your name added to the rota.

**Welcome Team.** Following the training session last week, we would like to add a few more people to the welcome team. This is probably the most important ministry in the church with regards church growth! Are you willing to serve? Please speak to Pastor Roger or Cath Bourne

### Tearfund Big Quiz Night

Join us and Eden church on 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm for a curry and quiz at Tabs as part of Tearfund's Big Quiz Night. Make a team of 6 with family and friends or team up with others on the night. £10 entrance charge at the door. Sign up your team at the back of church from 28<sup>th</sup> October.

### November 4<sup>th</sup> MAF World Prayer Day.

"Own choice competition" entries welcome models, pictures, stories, poems, a MAF song! More info and inspiration from MAF website and ALSO FROM Jeanette Minns.

### Youth Event

**THIS** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 7.00 pm onwards Saturday Night Live an event for Young people from across South Wales. This is the third event of its kind with increasing numbers attending. The worship, teaching and general 'atmosphere' is aimed at young people and so may not be to your liking if you're not very young at heart. Please pray for the event and encourage your young persons to come along.

### Penarth Christmas Lights

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November is the turning on of the Penarth Christmas Lights! We'll have our usual living nativity scene, and our free Teas and Coffees stall. We really need volunteers to help with this great outreach event. Please speak to Tim or Ann Hackett to sign up and please pray for this event.

### Mince Pies

Please bring your donations of **mince pies** in the coming weeks in readiness for the **Penarth turning on of lights** held on 18<sup>th</sup> November. (Do check best before dates, the later the better!)

### Refined Women's Day

Will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November at Tabs. Tickets cost just £12.00 and include lunch, book on line at [www.tabs.church/refined](http://www.tabs.church/refined) or call 07773 994 074 or speak to Claire Grafton.