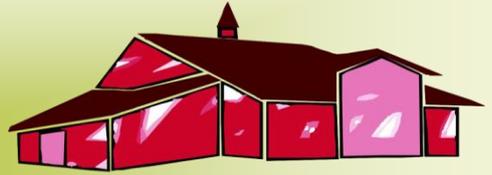


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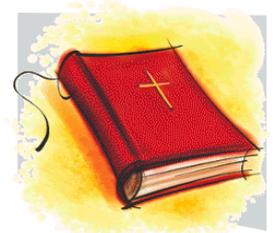
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Window on the Bible

Daniel

Imagine living in a country ruled by an absolute despot. Imagine being told you will be thrown into a blazing furnace if you don't bow down to a golden statue of said despotic ruler. Imagine risking your life by continuing to pray to the Living God (there is only one - accept no substitutes).



This was the lot of Daniel and his fellow exiles from Judah.

Their story is one of heroic obedience and loyalty to their God, with once well known narratives involving the interpretation of dreams, a fiery furnace, a lion's den, and disembodied fingers writing on the wall at a feast.

Daniel lived through the reigns of Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Darius the Mede and Cyrus the Persian, and the later chapters of Daniel deal with divine revelation and sometimes terrifying dreams and visions including prophecy for the end "when things are about to be wrapped up" (Chapter 12 verse 9 – The Message).

For a 21st century example of despotism, read the article about North Korea on the next page.



Those who live wisely and well understand what's going on

Daniel 12:10 (The Message)



Bernard's Gardening Tips



for February

- Spring is in sight!
- Time to prepare vegetable seed beds and sow some vegetables under cover e.g. broad beans.
- Potato tubers can be chitted ready to plant out in March.
- Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous shrubs.
- When snowdrops have finished flowering they can be divided and replanted while still "in the green".
- Sweet peas can be sown in pots and placed under cloches or in a cold frame.
- Dahlia tubers stored over winter can be started into growth. Put them in a light warm place to sprout and mist occasionally to prevent drying out.
- Continue dead heading winter pansies and they will carry on flowering into Spring.
- Pots and containers will benefit from topping up with fresh John Innes compost.

North Korea



Although North Korea is often in the news, everyday life in that country remains a mystery to most of us. However, the January edition of the Open Doors magazine cast some light on what it is like to live in this society which is so tightly controlled by the state.

Imagine what it is like living in a country ruled with an iron fist, where total dedication to the leader and his regime is demanded (see the front page), and any perceived deviation is ruthlessly crushed. It is a country where people bow in reverence to statues of the Kim dynasty (now in its third generation). In North Korea, these are the first words that parents are to teach their children: "Thank you, Father Kim Il-sung". Schoolchildren are taught that Christians are evil spies who kidnap, torture and kill children and sell their organs and blood.

It is a country with university courses where students are trained to discover and expose anyone who seems to be religious. Graduates acting as spies may set up fake prayer meetings and use their knowledge of the Bible to deceive and trap Christians.

For the 16th year running, North Korea tops Open Doors' World Watch List as the most dangerous country to be a Christian. The Open Doors report states that, due to constant indoctrination, neighbours and family members - including children - act as spies and informers. If Christians are discovered they are deported to brutal labour camps as political criminals, or killed on the spot. Their families share the same fate. Despite this, one of Open Doors' contacts has reported that many more North Koreans than they have ever previously known are becoming believers in the Lord Jesus Christ!

Hymn Time



This hymn (Ein Feste Burg) was written by Martin Luther (1483–1546), whose faith and actions kick-started the movement known as the Reformation. As part of this movement Luther translated the Bible into his native German.

This hymn was translated into English by Thomas Carlyle (1795 –1881).

A safe stronghold our God is still,
A trusty shield and weapon.
He'll keep us clear from all the ill
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The ancient prince of hell
Hath risen with purpose fell.
Strong mail of craft and power
He weareth in this hour;
On earth is not his fellow.

And were this world all devils o'er
And watching to devour us,
We lay it not to heart so sore;
They cannot overpower us.
And let the prince of ill
Look grim as e'er he will,
He harms us not a whit.
For why? his doom is writ;
A word shall quickly slay him.

With force of arms we nothing can,
Full soon were we down-ridden;
But for us fights the proper Man
Whom God himself hath bidden.
Ask ye who is this same?
Christ Jesus is his name,
The Lord Sabaoth's Son.
He, and no other one,
Shall conquer in the battle.

God's word, for all their craft and force
One moment will not linger,
But, spite of hell, shall have its course;
'Tis written by his finger.
And though they take our life,
Goods, honour, children, wife,
Yet is their profit small;
These things shall vanish all,
The city of God remaineth.

Missionary Connection

Tim and Elena Glasscock are missionaries serving the Lord in Spain. I first met Tim when he lived at Wadhurst and was helping with a tent mission at Punnetts Town in about 1969/70.

He went to Spain in 1972 and married Elena in 1976. They are now based in Pontevedra after being involved in various areas around Spain with evangelism, Bible teaching, pastoral care and writing. Tim works with a teaching programme named "Project Ephesus". This is described as "three years of six intensive weekend studies helping mainly younger people gain a deeper knowledge of the scriptures and be better prepared to serve".

During the first few months of 2018 they are holding preachers' workshops. People from local churches all over Galicia will be attending.

They are now described in the Echoes International Missionary magazine as senior workers, but it seems that they are still doing a great work.

~ Marion



What's Going On This Month?

Sundays
10.30am Morning Service
including Communion

Mondays*
2pm Toddler Group

Wednesdays
(not the 21st)
7.30pm Prayer and Bible Study
at 9 Millbrook Close

Thursdays*
7pm to 9.30pm



Fridays*
9am Bible Study

6pm Treasure Seekers
(Reception to Year 4)

7.15pm BiF
(Years 5 to 7)

(*Term-time only)

Sunday Speakers & Themes

4th February
Engage 2: 1 Peter 2:11- 3:7
Chris Roche

11th February
CAP (Christians Against Poverty)
~ followed by prayer

18th February
Engage 3: Romans 12:9-21
Julian Delves

25th February
Engage 4: Daniel Chapters 1 & 4
Chris Roche

Life, death and
everything inbetween...



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ask God, what would it be?

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collection boxes and cards at
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Also ...

Monday 19th @ 7.30pm
Horam Prayer Group



BRAINBOX

The further a society drifts from the truth, the more it will hate those that speak it.

George Orwell (author of 1984 and Animal Farm)