

MORPETH PARISH

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FEAST

THE BOOK OF *Daniel*

Title and Background

Daniel records events that took place during Israel's captivity and encourages the

Introduction: 1.2-4
The book is written in Hebrew and Aramaic. It is one of the last books of the Bible to be written.

Structure: The book is divided into six chapters. Chapters 1-6 are in Hebrew and chapters 7-12 are in Aramaic.

Introduction: The Setting
The book is set in the sixth century BC, during the Babylonian captivity of the Jews.

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The Chosen Young Men

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Friday Evening And Spiritual Treasure is a monthly event where church members of all ages, from teens to seniors, come together to eat, worship, pray, and learn from Scripture and to help one another to grow as followers of Jesus. Between 7 pm -9.30 pm on Friday evenings we meet at St Aidan's, Stobhill, and we invite people of Faith to share their wisdom with us. There is a clear structure to each evening, but every session will be different, using a range of ways of learning, and led by different people. Do join us. More details from The Parish office Tel 01670 503326 email: office.morpethparish@gmail.com or one of the Ministry Team.

In 2025 we will meet on

January 10: Revd. Stephen Tranter "Misson Journeys"

February 14: Susan White, "Faith & Food"

March 14: Revd. Professor David Wilkinson, "The Universe & Everything"

April 11: Tara Russell "Youth, Children & Faith"

May 9: Revd. Dr David Bryan "Learning about Faith"

June 13: Canon Dr Ce Pacitti "Art and Faith"

July 11: Revd. Mairi Howell & Revd. John Vilaseca "Creeping up the Candle"

September 12: Revd Canon Simon White & Jane White "Marriage and Faith"

October 10: Kirstine & Arthur Davis "Farming, Faith & Family"

November 14: Dr Melody & Revd. Dr Richard Briggs "Theology & Faith"

December 12: Christmas Celebration.



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