

# MORPETH PARISH

St Aidan + St Mary + St James



# FEAST

## THE BOOK OF *Daniel*

### Title and Background

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

**Introduction**  
The book  
is divided  
into  
12  
chapters  
and  
is  
written  
in  
Hebrew  
and  
Aramaic.

**Author**  
The author  
is  
Daniel,  
a  
Jewish  
prophet  
and  
statesman.

**Setting**  
The book  
is  
set  
in  
the  
Babylonian  
captivity.

**Structure**  
The book  
is  
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chapters.

**Key Themes**  
The book  
explores  
faith,  
loyalty,  
and  
the  
power  
of  
God.

**Key Verses**  
Daniel 1:1-6  
Daniel 3:1-18  
Daniel 6:1-28  
Daniel 7:1-28  
Daniel 8:1-40  
Daniel 9:1-19  
Daniel 10:1-21  
Daniel 11:1-45  
Daniel 12:1-13

**Key Figures**  
Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

**Key Symbols**  
The book  
uses  
various  
symbols  
to  
represent  
different  
concepts.

**Key Events**  
The book  
describes  
several  
key  
events  
in  
the  
life  
of  
Daniel.

**Key Messages**  
The book  
conveys  
several  
key  
messages  
about  
faith  
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**Key Questions**  
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### The Chosen Young Men

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Then the king's steward was given authority over them, and he brought them to the house of his god, and he brought the steward of the house of the king to the house of the king.

The king appointed for them a daily ration from the king's choice food and from the wine which he drank, and appointed that they should be educated three years, at the end of which they were to enter the king's personal service, chosen among them from the sons of Judah who were taken into captivity to Babylon. Then the commander of the officials assigned new names to them, and to Daniel he assigned the name 'Belshazzar', to Hananiah 'Shadrach', to Mishael 'Meshach', and to Azariah 'Abednego'.

Daniel's Resolve  
But Daniel made up his mind that he would not 'defile

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himself with the king's choice food or with the wine which he drank, so he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself. When God granted Daniel's prayer and visions appeared in the sight of the commander of the officials, and the commander of the officials said to Daniel, 'I am afraid of my lord the king, who has appointed me over these men, for they are eating the king's choice food and drink with their servants according to what you see.' Also he listened to them in the matter and tested them for ten days. At the end of ten days their appearance seemed better and they were fatter than all the youths who had been eating the king's choice food. So the commander continued to withhold their choice food and the wine they were to drink, and kept giving them vegetables.

And for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and skill in all the sciences of literature and wisdom, and Daniel even understood all kinds of visions and dreams.

### Daniel 1:1-17

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One Family Three Churches

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](mailto:office.morpethparish@gmail.com) or one of the Ministry Team.

### In 2026 we will meet on

February 13: Rev Beth Rookwood and "the Roost Community"

March 13: Dr Chris Ferguson FSA "The Spirit of Northumberland & Ad Gefrin"

April 10: Les Smith, "Faith & Teaching in a faraway land"

May 8: Revd. Robert Lawrence "St Francise and the Third order"

June 8: Great Big Green Week Feast "The world we live in and care for"

June 12: David Smith MP : "Special envoy for freedom of religion and belief"

July 10: Revd. Emma Duff LGBTQ+ Chaplain. "Caring for all God's Children"

September 11: Jo Murgatroyd "A Creative and spiritual way to connect with God"

October 9: Dennis Fancett "My journeys with Trains & Faith"

November 13: Rev Cathrine Askew Northumbria Community "Living together"

December 11: Christmas Celebration.



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