

the : word

Judges 6:1-24

¹ Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, and for seven years he gave them into the hands of the Midianites. ² Because the power of Midian was so oppressive, the Israelites prepared shelters for themselves in mountain clefts, caves and strongholds. ³ Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples invaded the country. ⁴ They camped on the land and ruined the crops all the way to Gaza and did not spare a living thing for Israel, neither sheep nor cattle nor donkeys. ⁵ They came up with their livestock and their tents like swarms of locusts. It was impossible to count the men and their camels; they invaded the land to ravage it. ⁶ Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the LORD for help. ⁷ When the Israelites cried to the LORD because of Midian, ⁸ he sent them a prophet, who said, This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ⁹ I snatched you from the power of Egypt and from the hand of all your oppressors. I drove them from before you and gave you their land. ¹⁰ I said to you, 'I am the LORD your God; do not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live.' But you have not listened to me. ¹¹ The angel of the LORD came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. ¹² When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, The LORD is with you, mighty warrior. ¹³ But sir, Gideon replied, if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, 'Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian. ¹⁴ The LORD turned to him and said, Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you? ¹⁵ But Lord, Gideon asked, how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family. ¹⁶ The LORD answered, I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together. ¹⁷ Gideon replied, If now I have found favour in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me. ¹⁸ Please do not go away until I come back and bring my offering and set it before you. And the LORD said, I will wait until you return. ¹⁹ Gideon went in, prepared a young goat, and from an ephah of flour he made bread without yeast. Putting the meat in a basket and its broth in a pot, he brought them out and offered them to him under the oak. ²⁰ The angel of God said to him, Take the meat and the unleavened bread, place them on this rock, and pour out the broth. And Gideon did so. ²¹ With the tip of the staff that was in his hand, the angel of the LORD touched the meat and the unleavened bread. Fire flared from the rock, consuming the meat and the bread. And the angel of the LORD disappeared. ²² When Gideon realised that it was the angel of the LORD, he exclaimed, Ah, Sovereign LORD! I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face! ²³ But the LORD said to him, Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die. ²⁴ So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it The LORD is Peace. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Sermon Recording/CD

Sermons are downloadable from the web site.
If you would prefer to purchase a CD, see Graham at the AV desk.

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

sunday 5th february 2012

today's services

10.30 am – Family Time – Love one another

6.00 pm – Gideon's call - Judges 6:1-24

mid –week

Monday

7.30 pm: Prayer Meeting

Wednesday

9.30 am: Communion

thought for the week

Go in the strength you have...

Am I not sending you?

Judges 6:14

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what's : on

SUNDAY

- 10.30 am Family Time – Love one another
6.00 pm Pastor Roger and Gemma Humphreys -
Communion will be celebrated

Why not join us for tea/coffee after the services?

- 8.00 pm The House Thing (Conference Room)

MONDAY– Pastor Roger's Day Off (this week only)

- 9.00 am Maintenance team meet
9.00 am TWAM Cymru team at Bute Lane unit
9.15 am Playgroup (Mon - Fri)
2.45 pm Women's Hour – Auriel Knapp
7.30 pm Prayer Meeting
7.30 pm Small Group Leaders' meeting

TUESDAY

- 9.00 am TWAM Cymru team at Bute Lane unit
9.30 am Centre Prayers
6.00 pm JAFFA Club (school yrs Reception – 2)
6.15 pm Cytûn Worship at Salvation Army led by
Salvation Army
7.30 pm Small Groups meet
7.45 pm Ladies' Evening Fellowship
7.45 pm Men's Christian Club

WEDNESDAY

- 9.30 am Communion led by Gwyneth Jones
followed by coffee
7.30 pm Leadership Council
7.30 pm Tabs' Choir Practice
7.30 pm Alpha course at 40 King Street

THURSDAY

- 9.00 am TWAM Cymru team at Bute Lane unit
7.30 pm Small Groups meet
7.30 pm Music Group Practice

FRIDAY

- 9.00 am Maintenance team meet
9.30 am Toddlers
6.00 pm Xtreme (school yrs 3-6)
7.45 pm Beyond Xtreme (school yrs 7-9)
9.00 pm After 9 (school yrs 10+)

NEXT SUNDAY

- 10.30 am Pastor Roger and Will Roberts
6.00 pm Julian Haines and Nikki Lacey

Congratulations

To **Peter Blake** from Tabs and **Charis** from City Temple who announced their engagement this week. At this point they are planning to marry at Tabs in October of this year. Please pray for them and for their wedding preparations.

Reminder

The Small Group Leaders are meeting at Tabs on Monday. All group leaders to attend please, or send a representative.

Penarth and District Lesotho Trust AGM will be held at All Saints on Wednesday at 7.30 pm

Concert of popular classics

Given by the City of Cardiff Symphony Orchestra this Tuesday (7th) at 8.00 pm in All Saints Church. The proceeds of the concert will go to the Penarth and District Lesotho Trust (PADLT). Tickets available at the door or Tel: 029 2030 6696

ACT FOR JUSTICE GROUP about human trafficking to be held on Wednesday 8th February at 7.30 pm at Clare's new home. For more info please call Clare on 07766 387 664

A bountiful earth for our grandchildren?

What will we leave for our children and grandchildren?

A talk given by Philip Kingston (Retired lecturer in social work) on Friday 17th February at 7.45 pm at St. Joseph's Church Hall, Wordsworth Ave.

family : news

We extend our love and sympathy to **Steve Perry** on the recent death of his mother. Please remember Helen, Steve and family in your prayers, especially at this time.

Please continue to pray for **Joan Richards** who is in Brazil for a further week.

We also remember those in the fellowship who are largely confined to their homes or continue to be in need of prayer and those who lovingly care for them. We remember especially **May Kennedy, Sylvia Sadler, Vaughan Shepherd, Elizabeth Curle, Marion Jones, Elsie & Denis Parry, Ron Soper, Beryl Murray Dickson, Cynthia Price, Margaret Morgans, Joan Kelland, Jack Gow** and Norma Williams brother, **Tom Heino**

We have been asked to pray for **Linda and David James**. Linda is suffering with a serious bout of arthritis, and David is undergoing tests for possible prostate cancer.

Please pray for a miracle of healing for Gurwin Marshallsea and strength for Denny and the family. Before Christmas, Gurwin was diagnosed as having a malignant brain tumour. The tumour has been removed and he now faces eight months of a radio/chemo therapy combination. He has been told that he has between two and five years to live.

Thanks

Pastor Nimal thanks Tabs for the gift sent to help him to study in the USA to help with his children's ministry back in Sri Lanka.

Andy, Sylvie, Jack and the rest of the **Gow** family would like to thank everyone at Tabs for their prayers and support over the last 9 months. To know that people have been holding them up during this period has been a great comfort to them all.

Preaching Engagements:

Julian Haines is at Rhoose Presbyterian am
Ann Niblett is at Church of the Nazarene
Anne Morse is at Sully CF am and Tuesday at Princes
St Ladies

Jonathan Bugg is at Merthyr Vale
Sam Hackett is at Moriah Abercynon

24-7 PRAYER IS COMING TO A CONFERENCE

ROOM NEAR YOU! Please join us during the week beginning 19th February as we seek God in our 24-7 prayer room. Put it in your diary. More info to follow soon.

On the Monday evening of 24/7 there will be a special "The Stand" prayer meeting focusing on the Big God Tent 2012. Please make every effort to attend this very important part of 24/7

We currently need about 10 new volunteers to work with children and young people on a Sunday morning across the whole range of groups. A number of people have dropped out in the last year and we are now desperately short of help. Some groups may not be able to continue meeting without extra help. No experience needed, just a sense of calling and a desire to serve the younger members of the congregation. Speak to Gaynor Haldenby or Gemma Humphreys