



Three enduring principles from the book of Daniel for our emerging church.

In 587 BC most of the people of Judah, the southern of the two kingdoms of Israel, were taken into exile into Babylon. This turbulent time that involved loss of culture, identity, and land, was also a time of renewed faith and understanding of God.

Writers in the 20th and 21st century draw on the Babylonian Exile as an analogy for the current state of the church. Since the Emperor Constantine in 330 AD western European society has been shaped by Christianity. Yet in recent decades factors such as shifting immigration patterns, secularisation, technology, standards of living, increased leisure time and communication have changed society and the place of the church in society.

From the past, the church is freed to creatively discover new ways to emerge into our present society. Recording the words of God for the people in the Babylonian Exile the prophet Isaiah writes "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!" (Isaiah 43:18, 19)

Over the coming three weeks we are going to dive into the book of Daniel and discover three enduring principles that provide the church of the twenty-first century, including Southside, to express our mission in a setting that we are not accustomed to.

Sunday 7 June - God is with present in a world that in many ways fails to acknowledge him.

Sunday 14 June - We live as distinct people, engaged in the world around us.

Sunday 21 June - We find creative new ways to engage in God's mission.

Sunday 28 June - An online workshop as part of our regular 9 am online worship service

Wednesday 10, 17, 24 June from 7pm – 8:30 pm – Join other members of the congregation on Zoom to discuss, debate and discover more about each week's theme

Read through the book of Daniel

Monday, 8 June 2020	Daniel 1:1-21
Tuesday, 9 June 2020	Daniel 2:1-23
Wednesday, 10 June 2020	Daniel 2:24-45
Thursday, 11 June 2020	Daniel 2:46-49
Friday, 12 June 2020	Daniel 3:1-18
Saturday, 13 June 2020	Daniel 3:19-30
Sunday, 14 June 2020	Daniel 4:1 - 18
Monday, 15 June 2020	Daniel 4:19-27
Tuesday, 16 June 2020	Daniel 4:28-37
Wednesday, 17 June 2020	Daniel 5:1-30
Thursday, 18 June 2020	Daniel 6:1-9
Friday, 19 June 2020	Daniel 6:10-28
Saturday, 20 June 2020	Daniel 7:1-8
Sunday, 21 June 2020	Daniel 7:9-28
Monday, 22 June 2020	Daniel 8:1-14
Tuesday, 23 June 2020	Daniel 8:15-27
Wednesday, 24 June 2020	Daniel 9:1-19
Thursday, 25 June 2020	Daniel 9:20-27
Friday, 26 June 2020	Daniel 10:1-21
Saturday 27 June 2020	Daniel 11:1-19
Sunday 28 June 2020	Daniel 11:20-39
Monday 29 June 2020	Daniel 11:40 - 45
Tuesday 30 June 2020	Daniel 12:1 - 13

Want to know more about the book of Daniel, check out this overview.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cSC9uobtPM>