

# CONNECT

## CHURCH UPDATE

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**MAY EDITION**

**CHRYSTON**  
**PARISH CHURCH**



# Welcome

Welcome to Connect — our magazine designed to keep you up to date with all that's happening in and around our church community. Connect is available online through our website, and printed copies can be picked up in the church building at our poster points. We also provide easy-read copies and can arrange delivery for anyone who doesn't have digital access or who may have mobility difficulties. If you, or someone you know, would appreciate a delivered copy, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Our church building is a busy and vibrant place, used by a wide variety of groups throughout the week — from fitness classes to music and movement sessions for little ones. There's something for everyone! To find out more about what's on and how you can get involved, visit our website at [www.chrystonparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.chrystonparishchurch.co.uk). You can also connect with us on Facebook and Instagram.

Our Sunday services are at the heart of all that we do. We gather as a church family, young and old, to worship God together. Whether you're looking for a new church home or simply exploring Christianity for the first time, joining us on a Sunday is a wonderful place to begin.

Our friendly Welcome Team will be there to greet you as you arrive and will be happy to answer any questions you may have. As a church family, we love to spend time together — chatting, catching up, and encouraging one another before and after the service.

If you're visiting for the first time, we'd really love to get to know you. Please do stay afterwards for refreshments and a good conversation.

If you're unable to join us in person, our services are also available online via our YouTube channel and Facebook Live. Our website has further details, including how to watch or listen again to previous services using video or MP3. If there's anything we can help with, please get in touch — we'd love to hear from you.

The church is a place where a warm welcome awaits — not just on Sundays, but every day of the week.

# WHAT'S ON

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| F | 1  | Work Party 9.30am-11.30am   | F | 15 | Work Party 9.30am-11.30am<br>Coming Alive 7pm-8.30pm                          |
| S | 2  |   | S | 16 |   |
| S | 3  | Morning Worship 10.30am<br>X-Groups & Creche<br>Evening Worship 6.30pm                      | S | 17 | Morning Worship 10.30am<br>X-Groups & Creche<br>Evening Worship 6.30pm        |
| M | 4  | Family Tennis 1pm   | M | 18 | A passion for life 1pm-2.30pm<br>A passion for life 7pm-8.30pm                |
| T | 5  | Silver Surfers: 10am-12pm<br>Kirk Session: 7pm  | T | 19 | Silver Surfers: 10am-12pm   |
| W | 6  | The Hub Cafe 10am-12pm<br>Praying Together 10.30am<br>Praying Together 7.30pm               | W | 20 | The Hub Cafe 10am-12pm<br>Praying Together 10.30am<br>Praying Together 7.30pm |
| T | 7  |   | T | 21 |   |
| F | 8  | Work Party 9.30am-11.30am   | F | 22 | Work Party 9.30am-11.30am   |
| S | 9  |   | S | 23 |   |
| S | 10 | Morning Worship 10.30am<br>X-Groups & Creche<br>Evening Worship 6.30pm                      | S | 24 | Morning Worship 10.30am<br>X-Groups & Creche<br>Evening Worship 6.30pm        |
| M | 11 | Tiny Tunes 9.30am-11.30am<br>A passion for life 1pm-2.30pm<br>A passion for life 7pm-8.30pm | M | 25 | A passion for life 1pm-2.30pm<br>A passion for life 7pm-8.30pm                |
| T | 12 | Silver Surfers: 10am-12pm<br>The Hub P7+ 3pm-5pm  | T | 26 | Silver Surfers: 10am-12pm<br>The Hub P7+ 3pm-5pm                              |
| W | 13 | The Hub Cafe 10am-12pm  | W | 27 | The Hub Cafe 10am-12pm  |
| T | 14 |   | T | 28 |   |
|   |    |   | F | 29 | Work Party 9.30am-11.30am   |
|   |    |   | S | 30 |   |
|   |    |   | S | 31 | Morning Worship 10.30am<br>X-Groups & Creche<br>Evening Worship 6.30pm        |

# Church Lunch

At the end of the morning service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of June there will be a light lunch served to which everyone is welcome. As usual if you are able to help please do make yourself known.














# Communion

We celebrate communion on the evening of the 10<sup>th</sup> of May and the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup> of June

# Holiday Cub

This years holiday club called showstoppers will be running from 4-7<sup>th</sup> of Aug. To help cover the costs of holiday club there will be an opportunity to give through a retiral offering after communion on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> of June.

## 68 FITNESS COMMUNITY CLASS TIMETABLE

| MON  | TUE  | WED   | THU   | FRI  | SAT   |
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| <br><b>Sweat Build</b><br>0600-0700 | <br><b>Lift Burn</b><br>0930-1030 | <br><b>Conditioning</b><br>0600-0700 | <br><b>Lift Burn</b><br>0930-1030 | <br><b>Sweat Build</b><br>0600-0700 | <br><b>Super Saturday</b><br>0800-0900 |
| <br><b>Sweat Build</b><br>1730-1830 | <br><b>SeniorFit</b><br>1100-1145 | <br><b>KidFit</b><br>1530-1615       | <br><b>SeniorFit</b><br>1100-1145  | <br><b>MiniFit</b><br>0930-1015     |   |
|  |  | <br><b>Conditioning</b><br>1730-1830 |   | <br><b>Sweat Build</b><br>1245-1345 |   |

Fitness classes are organised by 68 Fitness and Martin Carr

# **A Song for May**

## **Song For The Waiting**

### **Sandra McCracken**

There is a song in the night  
Like bells on a hill still ringing  
You are the song in the night  
I cannot keep from singing

For the longing, for the aching  
For the looking, anticipating  
For the healing, for the breaking  
This is a song for the waiting

There is a song in the night  
Like bells on a hill still ringing  
You are the song in the night  
I cannot keep from singing

For the lonely, for the stranded  
Restless, ruined and empty handed  
In every season and every station  
We live in hopeful desperation

You are the song in the night  
Like bells on a hill still ringing  
You are the song in the night  
I cannot keep from singing

What a blessedness, what a joy divine  
I'll sing your story and you'll sing mine  
Through the sands of time under ancient stars  
We are leaning on the everlasting arms

You are my song in the night  
Like bells on a hill still ringing  
You are the song in the night  
I cannot keep from singing  
I cannot keep from singing  
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A link to the song can be found on the church website



# A Book for May

## A Church That Cares

A Biblical Guide to Loving one Another Well

Helen Thorne-Allenson

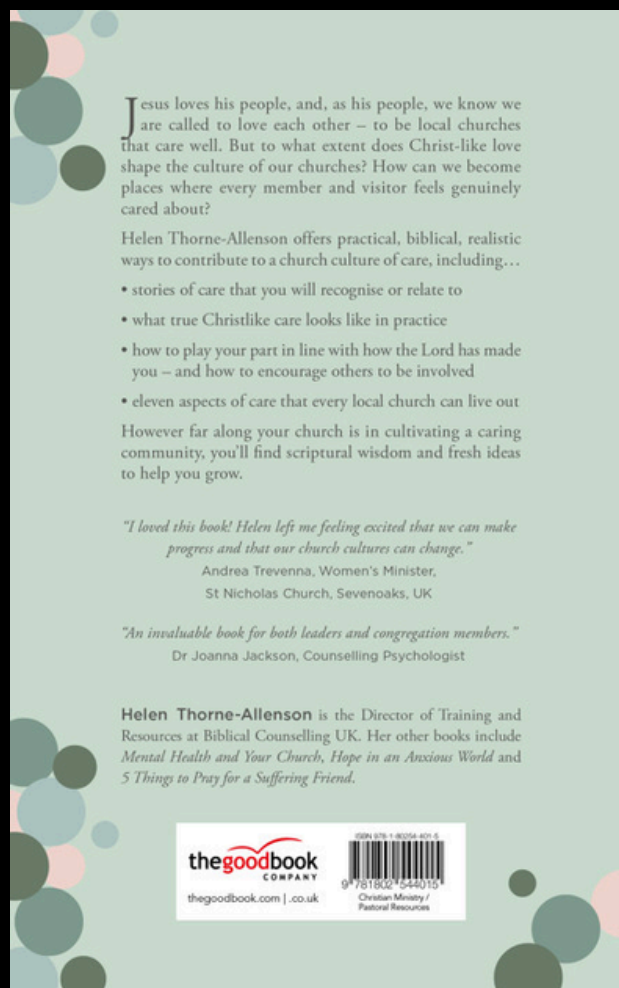
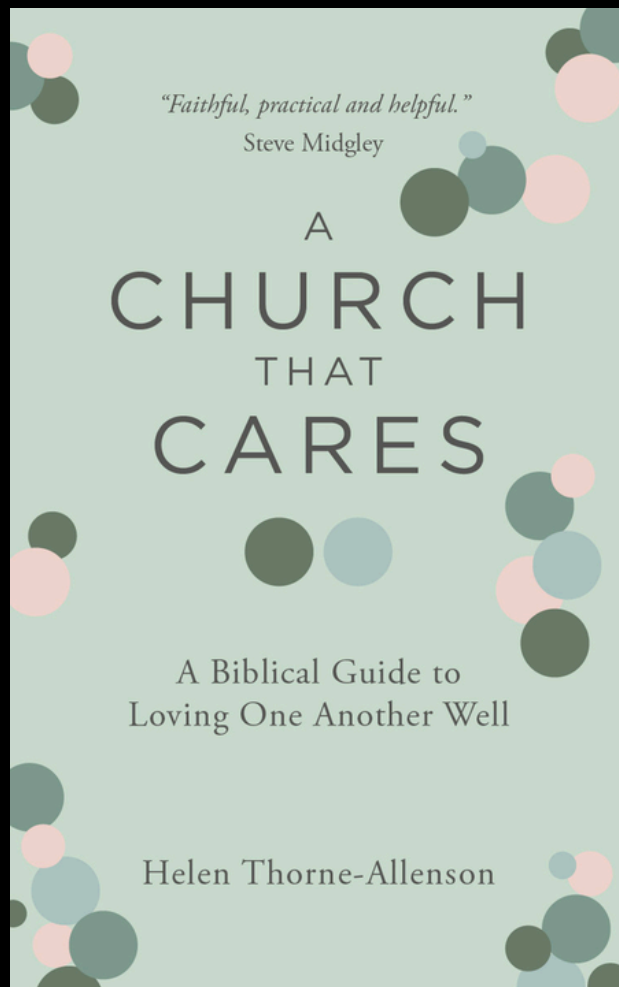
You believe in the love of Christ, but does love for one another shape your church's current culture—or the culture your church hopes to build? Coming alongside you as a fellow church member and a biblical counsellor, Helen Thorne-Allenson offers practical, realistic insight into contributing to a church culture of care.

You'll consider...

- Stories of care and of care needs that you recognise or relate to
- Why care matters, what it looks like and why it's difficult
- How to encourage others to get involved and share the load
- 11 building blocks for you and your church

Reflection questions at the end of each chapter will help you practise the principles shared.

However far along your church is in cultivating a caring community, you'll find clarifying questions, fresh ideas and biblical wisdom in A Church That Cares.



# A Passion For Life-Essentials

a basic six-week series covering the bare essentials of personal witness

Many Christians long to share their faith but feel held back by anxiety, uncertainty, or the fear of saying the wrong thing. This six-week course is designed with you in mind. Rather than focusing on pressure or performance, it gently invites you to rediscover the heart of the gospel—good news that naturally overflows into everyday life. Together, we'll explore how Jesus meets people through ordinary moments, and how your home, your conversations, and your presence can become places where others encounter His love and grace.

Starting on Monday 11th May, this course offers a warm, supportive space to grow in confidence and faith at your own pace. You'll be encouraged to take simple, authentic steps, rooted not in striving but in abiding in Christ. There are two opportunities to connect each Monday—at 1:00pm or 7:00pm—so you can choose what works best for you. Whether you feel hesitant or hopeful, you're invited to come as you are and discover how God can work through your life in ways that feel natural, freeing, and deeply rooted in the gospel.

Week 1: God's great plan

Week 2: What is the gospel?

Week 3: Telling your story

Week 4: Explaining the gospel

Week 5: Inviting to church

Week 6: Keeping going

If you are interest in coming please do speak to Mark.

Together, we're training for mission.

The course material is produced by A Passion for life and you can discover more by having a look on their website.

<https://www.apassionforlife.org.uk>



# The Book of Daniel-A New Series

## faithfulness in a fallen land

The last of the major prophets is Daniel. Daniel served the Lord for seventy years, from the age of seventeen until he was about ninety.

### Chapter 1-6 History

- a) Daniel under Nebuchadnezzar (1-4)
- b) Daniel under Belshazzar (5)
- c) Daniel under Darius (6)

### Chapters 7-12 Prophetic

- a) In the time of Belshazzar (7-8)
- b) In the time of Darius (9)
- c) In the time of Cyrus (10-12)

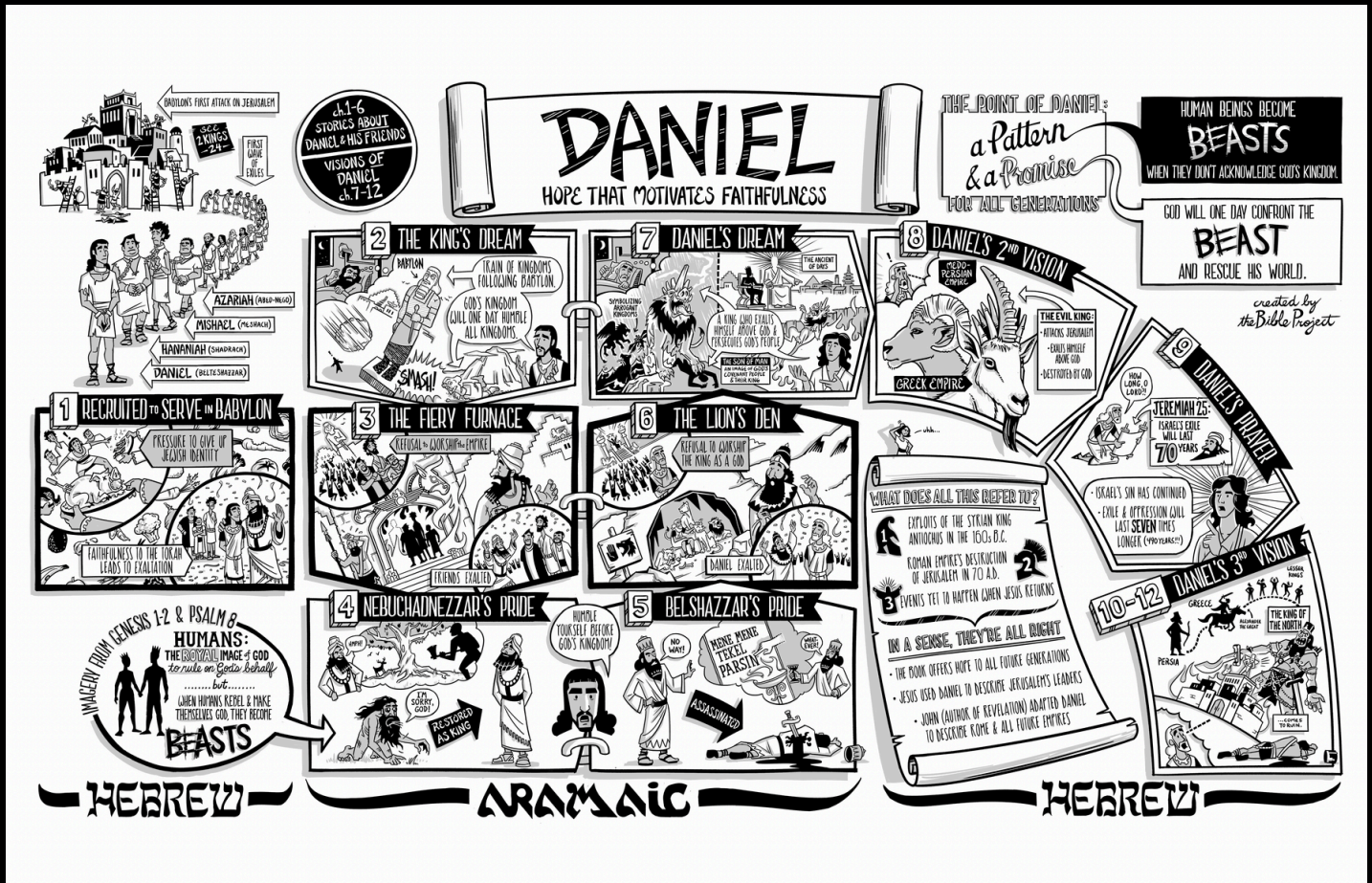
Daniel went into exile when he was teenager, and entered the lions den nearer the age of ninety! He saw kings and empires come and go. Serving under Nebuchadnezzar in the Babylonian empire he remained in high office in the Medo-Persian empire and finally in the Persian empire.

No circumstances take God by surprise. God uses kings and nations to further his perfect will. The key word here is providence.



and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.  
Daniel 7 v 13-14

The book of Daniel neatly divides into two parts, the first half containing the stories that many know. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego face the fiery furnace bravely. There is the writing in the wall during Belshazzar's feast, and then Daniel and the lions den when Darius ruled. The first six chapters read more like history than prophecy.



The second half is much harder to get into. One of the most moving parts is Daniel's great prayer in chapter 9 on behalf of the nation. Interestingly, chapters 2-7 are written in Aramaic while the rest is in Hebrew. Before Daniel's time many people did not understand Aramaic. After him many did not understand Hebrew. During his time people understood both.

The central affirmation is that the most high God rules. Daniel's book and his prophecies demonstrate this clearly.

The bible project has a helpful overview video which can be found at:

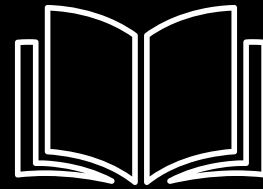
<https://bibleproject.com/videos/daniel/>

Evening services are at 6.30pm on a Sunday and all are welcome.

# DAILY READINGS PRAYING THE BIBLE

“In listening to his voice we find our own”

Each day there is a short passage to read.  
As you read ask yourself these three questions.  
What in the passage is there something to...



ADORE- What did you learn about God for which you should praise or thank him?

ADMIT- What did you learn about yourself for which you could repent?

ASPIRE- What did you learn about life that you could aspire to ask for

Don't close your Bible yet because in listening to His voice we find our own.

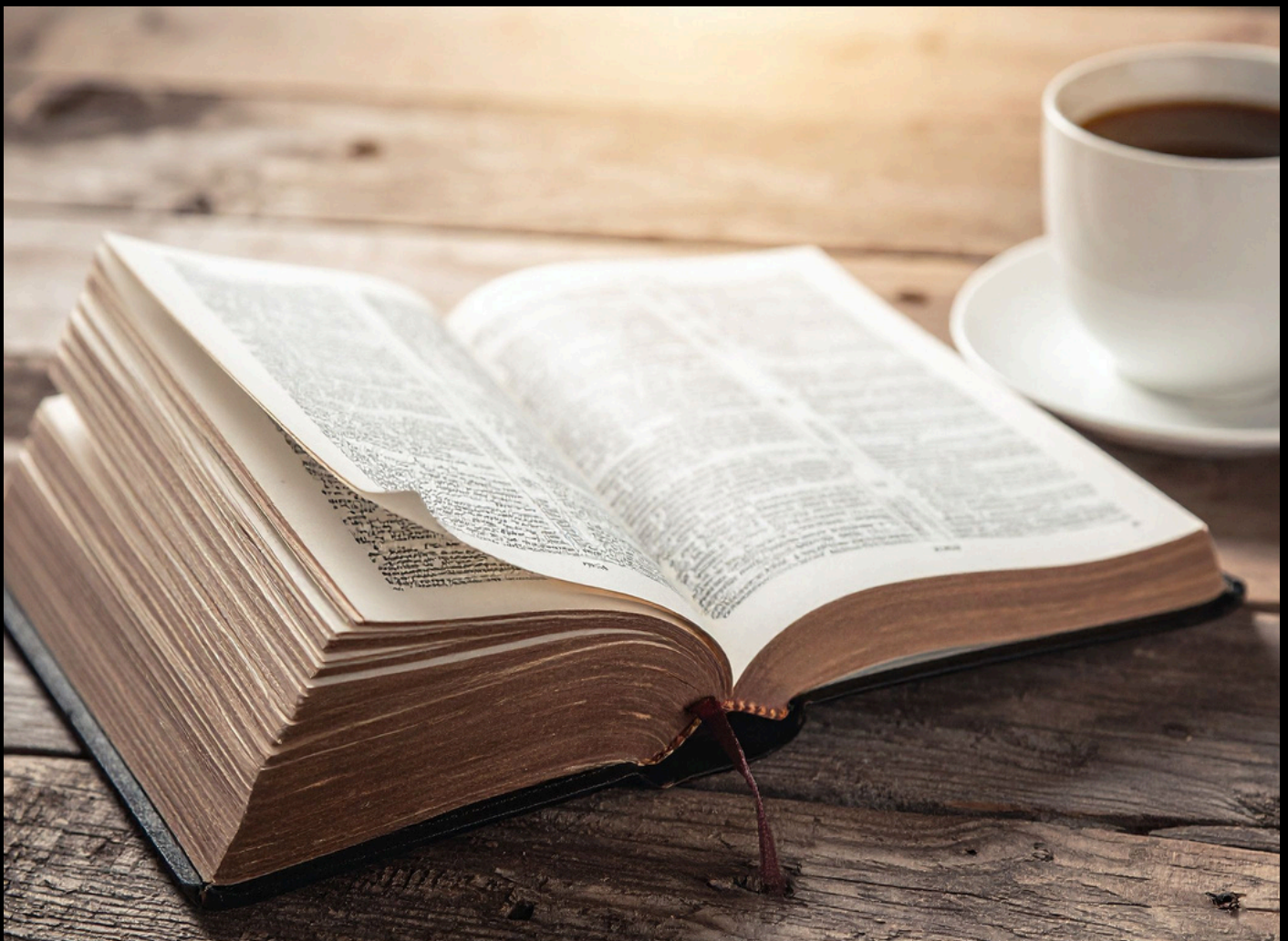
Take the things you have learned from the reading and then use them to help you pray.

What does God want you to ADORE him for?

What do you need to ADMIT to him?

What could you ASPIRE to and ask for?

Each day try and pray for something national, something local, something in your family, something in the church and something in your own life.



# DAILY READINGS

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| S | 2 | Matthew 7 v 1-6 | S | 16 | Ezra 8 v 1-20 |
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| S | 3 | Matthew 6 v 7-11 | S | 17 | Ezra 8 v 21-36 |
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| M | 4 | Matthew 7 v 12-13 | M | 18 | Ezra 9 v 1-15 |
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| T | 5 | Matthew 7 v 15-20 | T | 19 | Ezra 10 v 1-8 |
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| W | 6 | Matthew 7 v 21-23 | W | 20 | Ezra 10 v 9-44 |
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| T | 7 | Matthew 7 v 24-29 | T | 21 | Psalms 42 |
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| F | 8 | Ezra 1 v 1-10 | F | 22 | Psalms 43 |
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| S | 9 | Ezra 3 v 1-13 | S | 23 | Psalms 44 |
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| S | 10 | Ezra 4 v 1-6 | S | 24 | Psalms 45 |
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| M | 11 | Ezra 4 v 7-24 | M | 25 | Psalms 46 |
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| T | 12 | Ezra 5 v 1-17 | T | 26 | Psalms 47 |
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| W | 13 | Ezra 6 v 1-12 | W | 27 | Psalms 48 |
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| T | 14 | Ezra 6 v 13-22 | T | 28 | Psalms 49 |
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