

23rd June 2024

We all have to face our giants!

Robert Pershing Wadlow, was the tallest man in the world born on February 22, 1918, and still remains the World's Tallest Man at 8ft.11 in.

The World's tallest living man is Sultan Kosen, who is a mere 8ft.3in!

The sight of Goliath who is reported to be 9ft 8in tall, caused terror to rip through the Israelites.

We all have those times when we do not know what to do as life crushes us. What did David have that gave him the faith and strength to attack Goliath when no one else would? What set him apart so that he was a person after God's own heart?

David looked to the past

When Saul pulls David aside and tells him that he is not able to go up against Goliath, David relied upon what God had done in the past to know that God would help him now. Too often we forget to think back to how God has been with us through our previous trial. David looked back at how God protected him from lions and bears.

David made God's glory his priority.

David decided to go to battle against Goliath not for his own personal glory but God's. David was not trying to garner the attention of Israel; he was concerned about the glory of God.

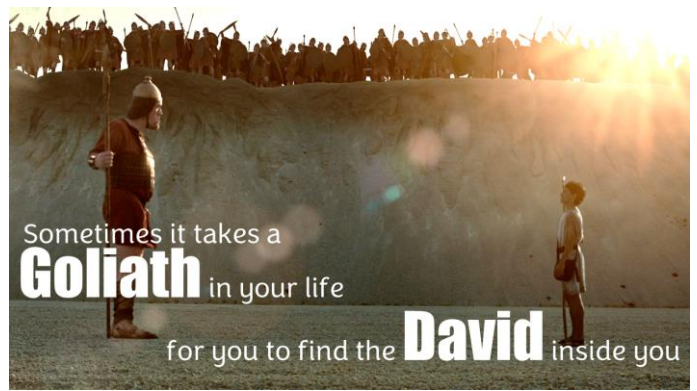
Perseverance when facing our giant.

David did not try to run away from the challenge. He ran toward Goliath to engage him in battle. He took with him five smooth stones. Why five stones? Why not one stone? At a guess I would say that if David missed, he was ready to take another shot at Goliath. David took his stand, and he was going to sling his stones until he hit Goliath. David was ready to persevere. What our giant is supposed to teach us is perseverance.

All of us must face our giants in life. All of us will have challenges and trials that appear insurmountable.

We cannot give up when trials come. We need to be ready to reload and fight through our circumstances and rely totally on God.

Peter



Please pray for...

David Leach, David Lucas, Colin Smith, David Halford and David Smith

Please pray for those who have been bereaved, particularly the families and friends of Helen Smith, Philip Leonard-Johnson, Jack Bloomer, Mick Vernon and Pat Currell.

Please let the Church Office know if you would like your name to be added or removed from this list.

Funerals

Sadly, we've had a number of deaths recently of those well known to our church family. Last week we also lost Pat Currell, whom many of you knew. Here are details of the various funerals and memorial services you may want to attend. Please pray for the families of Philip, Helen and Pat:

Philip Leonard Johnson's thanksgiving service will take place at St Peter's, Stoke on Tern, on Tuesday 2nd July at 3pm.

Helen Smith's funeral will take place here at St Mary's on Wednesday 3rd July at 11.00am.

Pat Currell's funeral will be at St Mary's on Tuesday 9th July at 3.00pm.

Messy Church



We are still looking for one or two more to join our Messy Church catering team. Please talk to Catherine McBride or David Lake if you can help.

Songs of Praise

Sunday 23rd June 3.30pm – 4.45pm

at the Methodist Church Hall.

Choose and sing your favourite hymns and enjoy fellowship, coffee, tea and cake!



Services

Services are in St Mary's Church unless otherwise indicated.

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion CW

Readings: 1 Sam 17 [1a, 4-11, 19-23] 32-49 Mark 4.35-end

This service will also be on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRM R2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888



6.30pm Iona Communion Reading: Psalm 71

Wednesday Morning Prayer 9.00am ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3Rm OG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09>

Meeting ID: 899 4327 8704 Password: 730701

Thursday 10.00am BCP Holy Communion

Welcoming Visitors

Our church building is a blessing to us. We would like to ensure that it is a blessing to visitors too: both those who wish to pray privately and those who want to have a look round or a chat.



We have a dedicated team of volunteers who open up and look after our visitors on Wednesdays and Saturdays (11am - 1pm) but now need a few more, either for a regular slot (one or two hours) or to cover for others on occasion. Would you like to help keep St Mary's open for visitors? It involves meeting and greeting our visitors, giving them information about the church building, services, groups etc, and ensuring there is a quiet place for those who wish to come in for private prayer or contemplation. Of course, the more people who volunteer the less often you will be on the rota. If you would like more information or think you can help, please contact Barry Salter or the church office

Tearfund Appeal

Tearfund have announced that all monies donated between 17th June and 11th August will be matched, meaning **for every £1 you give they will receive £2**. If you could spare any money, this may be a good time to give to them.

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Celtic Prayer Services

Celtic prayer services will be held at St Margaret's Moreton Say on Wednesdays 10 July and 14 August, starting at 7pm. All Welcome

Foodbank Items Needed

Stock Items urgently required.

Long-life Fruit Juice; Soup; Sanitary Towels.

We have plenty of—Cereals; Pasta; Rice; Tea; Baked Beans; Tinned Tomatoes.

If you need to contact the Foodbank, please call **01630 654007** (not the one in the church directory). The trolley at the back of church is now in use and donations are gratefully received.



The Filling Station

Monday 24 June 7.15pm for 7.30pm start at Roddington Village Hall, SY4 4QS. Main speaker is Olivia Haines, Curate in the Benefice of Haughmond and Wrekin.

Shropshire Hope Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 20th July 8.30am Telford Minster, Meeting Point House, Southwater Square, Telford TF3 4HS
Tickets cost £10 and can be booked via Eventbrite Shropshire

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/shropshire-hope-prayer-breakfast-tickets-883946396467>

PCC Contact

There is now a new email address for contacting Kathryn Slater, the PCC Secretary. She can be reached with any matters for the PCC at pccofstmarys@gmail.com

Staying in Touch

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