

Mighty Warrior

"The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." Judges 6:12

Diet Eman was an ordinary, shy young woman in the Netherlands—in love, working, and enjoying time with family and friends—when the Germans invaded in 1940. As Diet (pronounced Deet) later wrote, "When there is danger on your doorstep, you want to act almost like an ostrich burying its head in the sand." Yet Diet felt God calling her to resist the German oppressors, which included risking her life to find hiding places for Jews and other pursued people. This unassuming young woman became a warrior for God.

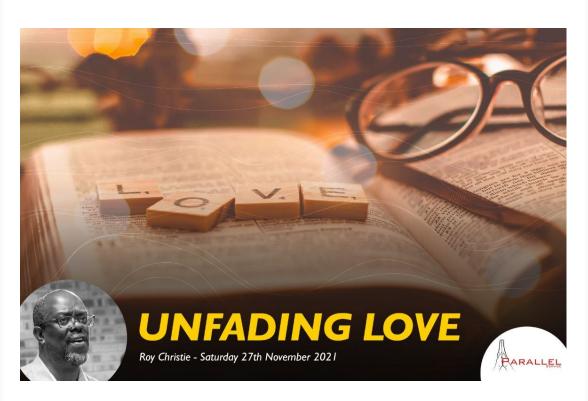
We find many stories in the Bible similar to Diet's, stories of God using seemingly unlikely characters to serve Him. For instance, when the angel of the Lord approached Gideon, he proclaimed, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior" (Judges 6:12). Yet Gideon seemed anything but mighty. He'd been secretly threshing wheat away from the prying eyes of the Midianites, who oppressively controlled Israel at the time (vv. 1–6, 11). He was from the weakest clan of Israel (Manasseh) and the "least" in his family (v. 15). He didn't feel up to God's calling and even requested several signs. Yet God used him to defeat the cruel Midianites (see ch. 7).

God saw Gideon as "mighty." And just as God was with and equipped Gideon, so He's with us, His "dearly loved children" (Ephesians 5:1)—supplying all we need to live for and serve Him in little and big ways.

By: Alyson Kieda - Taken from odb.org



Watch the **Traditional Service** online with Daniel Duda



Watch the Parallel Service online with Roy

Announcements / News

■ We will celebrate the 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOY SERVICE on Sabbath 11th December at 11a.m. We are hoping to make the 60th anniversary of our Toy Service as 'normal' as possible, but in order to keep everyone as safe as possible we are making the

following suggestions, if you plan to attend the service on December 11.

- 1)Please wear a mask unless you cannot do so for medical reasons.
- 2) Please take a lateral flow test that morning and if positive or if you show symptoms of COVID we ask that you stay away in order to protect others.
- 3) If you wish to socially distance, please sit in the centre section of the church.
- 4) If you do not wish to socially distance please sit in the other designated areas.
- 5) The service will be relayed to the Cedar/Sycamore room and this room will be used once the number of those seated in the church reaches 200.
- 6) The children will be asked to come forward with their toys but in a socially distanced way. Details will be given next week.

Times, when gifts for children, teens, mothers and fathers may be brought to the church, will be published next week. We look forward to being able to share the 'Love which came down at Christmas' with those in our community through this very special service. Thank you in anticipation of your help.

Prayer Meeting on Wednesday at 7pm. Zoom Meeting ID: 863 32812854 Password: 063944. LINK

SOUP RUN – every Friday the soup run goes into London to assist the rough sleepers who are in need of men's winter clothes especially warm jumpers, jeans, warm jackets, socks underwear, sleeping bags and toiletries. If you wish to donate these items please contact Pat Walton on 07788311097 to arrange when to bring the items to the welfare centre.

□ Adult Sabbath School has started meeting in person at church with two classes currently in the Maple Room and Oak Room from 10am to 11am. The lessons will

also be accessible via Zoom with the following links: Oak Room class: LINK Meeting Meeting ID: 860 1737 0058 || Passcode: 7tEiC6 Maple Class: LINK Meeting ID: 757 070 1887 || Passcode: 111000 (Or by phone: +44 203 481 5240) □ ADRA ANNUAL APPEAL - If you would like to join this endeavour by acknowledging a birthday or to give thanks to God by donating to ADRA - please go to https:justgiving.com/fundraising/Audrey-Balderstone1 Thank you. □ Welfare Department - Operates every week – usually two mornings. If you wish to make donations please contact Pat on 07788311097 to arrange when to bring the donations to the welfare centre. The donations MUST NOT BE LEFT ON THE CHURCH/CENTRE PREMISES. ☐ The flowers at church have been given in thanks to God for the life of Miyuki Ishida and to celebrate her 14th birthday. We pray that God will lead and guide her throughout her life. We would also like to thank the church members for their many prayers on behalf of our family. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23 ADRA VIRTUAL GIFT BOX APPEAL 2021: Last year we raised £10,000 to help children in the UK that were affected by the pandemic. This year our Virtual Gift Box campaign will benefit children in rural Chad. We would like to provide them with a basic school kit, a hygiene pack and a toy. What a difference this will make. We ask you to donate £10 per child on our JustGiving website: donate as much as you can e.g. a £50 donation will benefit 5 children. ☐ With our local partner, ADRA Chad, the gifts are handpicked for every group of children making sure the gifts they receive will fit their specific needs. Whether pens, crayons, soap, a toothbrush and of course a toy, please know that you have given them a reason to smile!

This year we have kept it simple: make a donation on our <u>JustGiving page</u> or, alternatively, send us a cheque.

John Arthur's funeral is on Monday, 29th November at 12 noon at Crieff church. They hope to <u>Livestream</u> the service. Continue to pray for the family.

☐ Please keep praying for all those who need God's healing touch.

Family Service - 27th November

Welcome and announcements – Michael Dragoyevich
Jesus the Very Thought of Thee
Invocation – Michael Dragoyevich
Hymn NAH 6 - Praise to the Lord
Tithes and offering– Michael Dragoyevich
Scripture Reading – Luke 1:46-55 - Andrew Moyo
Children's Story – Vanesa Pizzuto
Family Prayer – Yetunde and Jackson Bright
Hymn NAH 71- Join All the Glorious Names
Sermon – Are you singing with Mary? - Daniel Duda
Hymn NAH 616 - O Jesus I have Promised
Benediction – Daniel Duda
Postlude – Tell Out, My Soul' Not Tell my Soul

Sabbath School from 9:45am

Welcome & Opening Prayer - Massimo Molteni Opening Hymn: NAH 149 - We are living Facilitator: Chris Levy

Panel: Bheki T. Moyo, Erna Herteliu, Ioan Herteliu, 4th panelist TBC

First Partial Report of the Nominating Committee

Eldership: Florence Allen, Audrey
Balderstone, David Burgess, Bernell
Bussue, Louis Guenin, Steven Moser, Bheki
Moyo, Roger Murphy

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Barham, Joy Bussey, Harriet Cudjoe, Denise
Cuthbert, Doreen Gayle, Barbara Hankin,

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Elder, Treasurer, Centre Manager, Head Deacon,
Head Deaconess, Health & Safety, Kitchen
Manager

Geraldine Hankin, Joan Maxwell, Jean Menkens, Bharathi Nalli, Vanesa Pizzuto, Becky Quarshie, Sharon Sinclair, Patricia Worrell

Children's Sabbath School Superintendent:

Paolo Carillo

Adult Sabbath School Superintendent:

Massimo Molteni Team: Nitish Khetavath, Volker

Herkner

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Roberts, Carl Swain

Health & Safety: Faith Allen

Welfare: Pat Walton, Norma Machicado

Seniors' Club Leader: Amanda Powell
Assistant Leader: Roslyn Guenin

Toddler Club Leader: Alessandra Ferraz,

Team: Student Volunteers

ADRA Fundraising: Audrey Balderstone

These names will be left with you for the week and will be voted on next Sabbath 27 November 2021. Should you wish to clarify a name, please contact Pst Geert Tap or Dave Burgess.









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