

Sunday morning

John 19:26-27

When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing near by, he said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

For your notes...

Notes for further study can be found on the church website (www.testwoodbaptist.org) under "Downloads".

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If you are a visitor and would like to know more please fill in, tick as appropriate, tear off & place in the offering bags or take to the Welcome Desk.

- Name More about what this church is all about
- Address Children's or youth activities
- Small groups that meet midweek
- Telephone Courses that explore the Christian faith
- Email (Lifelines / Alpha)



26th March '17

Welcome to Testwood Baptist Church
We want to reach people for Jesus,
and help His followers grow to be like Him.

Welcome to church today! May God bless you as you come here to meet with Him today. Please ask at the Welcome Desk, or check the church website, for any information you may require. There are groups for children up to Year 9. Please ask if you are not sure which group your child is in. Tea & coffee will be served after the service. There will also be an opportunity to ask for prayer at the end of the service.

This morning – In the 9:30am & 11:15am services, Matt Huckle will be continuing our Sunday morning teaching series called "Dying to tell you" – exploring the powerful messages from Jesus' last words from the cross. Today we'll be looking at "Care for others."

This evening – At 7pm, we have a "River" worship event. This is an opportunity to spend an extended time in worship enjoying God's presence & hearing from Him.

Next Sunday morning, April 2nd – In the 9:30am & 11:15am services Gordon Tuck will be speaking on "Express your heart to God".

Next Sunday evening – At 7pm we have our monthly evening communion service when there's also opportunity to receive prayer for healing. Janice Tuck will be speaking about Jesus "the Author & Finisher of faith" – Hebrews 12:2.

Easter services

Good Friday – 10:30am, coffee and hot cross buns to follow the service.

Easter Sunday – all-age services at 9:30am & 11:15am.

7pm – We'll be screening the film "Risen" (12)

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Alpha – Please continue to pray for those attending the Alpha course. This week we'll be talking about the Holy Spirit, and Janice is doing the presentations.

Discipleship Course – This 10 week course on Tuesday evenings next term is designed for new Christians to explore together about how to live the Christian life. It starts on May 9th, 7:30 coffee for a 7:45pm start. You can sign up at the Welcome Desk, or see Gordon & Janice.

Baptism – Next term, on May 21st, we're planning to have a baptismal service. We're thrilled at the number of people who've already asked about getting baptised. If you have committed your life to following Jesus and have not yet been baptised, we'd love to talk about this with you. See one of the pastoral staff.

The Marriage Course - A series of seven sessions, designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage.
What can we expect? On The Marriage Course, you are seated at your own table for two. Each session consists of food and/or drink, a practical talk and a time for private discussion between you and your partner. Background music ensures that you can chat in complete privacy. You never share anything about your relationship with anyone other than your partner. Starting on Tuesday 2nd May 2017, 7.15pm to 9.30pm at Testwood Baptist Church. To sign up, or for more details, email mikeandtrishhall@btinternet.com or speak to us after a morning service. £10 per couple to include refreshments and individual course handbooks.

Westbrook - Only two months until our annual Isle of Wight adventure! This year our Jedi Training Academy theme will help us consider the story of Gideon and how he prepared himself to carry out a seemingly impossible task using God's strength rather than his own. We'll be asking how we can choose to rely on that same strength, so that we too can live extraordinary lives. In amongst all that we'll squeeze in swimming, beach, crafts, lovely food and lots of fun. Check out the Urban Saints centre at <http://www.westbrookcentre.org.uk> and go to reception or testwoodbaptist.org/westbrook for more details and a booking form. This trip is open to all our children and young people - if you would like to help a family who might struggle with the cost (£80) then please chat with us!

Young At Heart - Our next 'Young at Heart' meeting will be on the 3rd April at 2pm, in the room next to the Hub. The speaker will be Annie Clewlow on the subject of Communicare. For more information, speak to Eileen Swieton.

Pie and Pint - The next men's ministry Pie and Pint is at 8.30pm on Sunday 2nd of April at the Testwood Pub after the evening service. Any questions please see John Murray. Thank you.

The tiniest act of kindness still has the potential to make a positive change for others and will help you feel great! (#Iwill)

Why not join the coffee team to help out just once a month? You will get to meet many lovely people from our church community and work in a team of two. We are still very short of helpers to serve after the first service. If you want to make a difference, please sign up as we need YOU! You can contact reception or speak to Sue Bennett directly.

Help wanted on the Welcome desk! – We're currently short of volunteers to help out on the Welcome desk on a Sunday morning. If you think this might be something you can do, please speak to Fiona Cowlard who can tell you more about what's required. Or ask at the Welcome desk!!

The Praizin' Hands puppet team based at Cornerstone URC Church, Hythe, have a long-standing ministry to infant and junior schools, as well as special needs groups, using puppets to bring them Christian message of (eg) Christmas and Easter via musical presentations, as well as curriculum-based material for schools, dealing with such topics as cyber-bullying, road safety, "stranger danger", etc. The team currently has vacancies for both puppeteers and stage crew and would love to hear from potential team members. If you are interested and could work with the team (they're a friendly bunch) please contact Beverly Eyres for more information, beverly@praizinhands.org.uk or see their website here: <http://www.praizinhands.org.uk/>

Pastoral Support - If anyone has any pastoral needs then please speak to your Small Group leader in the first instance or telephone 023 8086 0320 or 07555 984530 to speak to one of the Pastoral Team.

Any queries? - If you require any assistance please ask at the Welcome Desk. The duty deacons are on hand to help, in the Hub or Reception.

Car Parking Reminder – Parking spaces at the church are limited and we want to give priority to those who have difficulty walking, and leave some spaces for visitors. If you are able, please park on Calmore Industrial estate. Details are available at the Welcome Desk. Thank you!

Items for Newsletter and Welcome PowerPoint - Can be emailed to notices@testwoodbaptist.org or katrina@testwoodbaptist.org by midday on Thursday. Please put the word 'newsletter' in the subject line.

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