

Sunday morning

Bible reading

Matthew 25:14-30

Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹ After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more."

²¹ His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

²² The man with two bags of gold also came. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with two bags of gold: see, I have gained two more."

²³ His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

²⁴ Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. "Master," he said, "I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you."

²⁶ His master replied, "You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

²⁸ "So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.

²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

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15th Oct '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 – We have a guest speaker today – Reuben Martin – who spoke yesterday at our Leaders Gathering. Reuben is Senior Pastor of West Croydon Baptist Church. Before moving to West Croydon, he spent 13 years church planting on mainland Europe – 7 years in Croatia and 6 years in France.

We'll be taking communion together this morning.

Each term we have one morning when we give out sticky name labels – so we can all learn a few more names. Hope this helps you today!

Please note there's no evening service today.

Next Sunday morning – In both the 9:30am & 11:15am services we'll be saying "farewell" to Ray King, as he comes to the end of his time as Youth Pastor here, and praying for God's rich blessing on a new chapter of ministry with Global Youth Development.

Next Sunday evening – 7pm. The 1st of 5 sessions on whole-life worship – led by Jim & Matt.

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Sunday Oct 29th – Matt Huckle will be speaking in the 9:30am & 11:15am services, introducing a teaching series based in Jeremiah.

Alpha – Please continue to pray for the course that continues on Tuesday evenings through this term. Janice will be doing the presentation this week on "What about suffering?"

Church AGM – If you are a church member, please note the AGM is **this Wednesday 18th October at 7:30pm**. Coffee will be served from 7:15pm. Minutes of the last meeting are on the Members' Area of the church website and copies of the agenda are available at reception if you have not received yours by email.

Welcome evening – Each term we host a supper for those who've recently joined us here at T.B.C. If that applies to you, please pick up an invite from the Welcome Desk for the Welcome Evening on Friday, November 17th at 7:30pm.

Ray's end of an era party is on Sat Dec 9th 4:30pm-7:00pm. All welcome. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome desk.

ChurchSuite Training - On Monday the 16th and Monday the 23rd October 2017, Jim and the ChurchSuite team will be providing some informal training and support for those who are keen to begin using the application. The training will start at 7:30pm and end at 8:30pm and cover the following key areas; Logging in, updating your information, viewing and working with rotas and signing up to events. Please note that at present this training is only available to those who are 18+. Please speak with Jim Shepherd or a member of Church Staff / Leadership if you have any questions. No need to book – just turn up!

Highlight Welly Walk - As an alternative to Halloween we will again be running a family Welly Walk on Tuesday 31st October, leaving from Deerleap car park at 6:30pm, having some fun in the dark, and returning there for chips and hot chocolate at 7:30pm. Tickets are £1 per person from reception, and there will be a prize for the most luminous family!

Thank You - To all who helped in any way to make Wednesday's Spring Harvest event so successful. Lots of positive comments on how "at home" and "welcomed" and "well fed" the team felt. The evening event was brilliant. Another fine example of "Team Testwood"

Ladies Bible Study - If you would like information about doing an in-depth Ladies Bible study this Autumn, please contact:

Barbara – 01794 518326/07500 742753

Sheila – 02380 284275/07539 205239

We are just starting a new study on Thursday afternoons in Romsey but we would be willing to do it at another time if we have enough ladies interested.

Please pray for Dave Parry and the team as they lead services at The Laurels Nursing Home and Winfrid House on Tuesday 17th October.

'Sessions' – Sessions is for anyone in the church that has a gifting in musical, technical or performing arts. Perhaps you can play an instrument, sing, act, dance, create a piece of film or capture an important moment using a camera, then we'd love for you to join us and share your gifting (maybe you're an excellent painter or designer). You don't have to be the best or have attained a particular level, this is about sharing where you're at and having an opportunity to gain advice and support. If you're interested in attending 'Sessions' then please speak to Jim Shepherd for more information. The next Sessions will be on November 13th from 7:30pm - 9:30pm.

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.

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.

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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