

Sunday morning

Bible reading

Ephesians 2:4-10,17-18 (NLT)

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!) ⁶ For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. ⁷ So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰ For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

... ¹⁷ He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near. ¹⁸ Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.

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)



22nd 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 – 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. Gordon Tuck will be speaking this morning.

This evening – at 7:30pm will be the 1st of 5 Sunday evening sessions on “Whole life worship” – this week led by Jim

Next Sunday morning – Matt Huckle will be speaking in the 9:30am & 11:15am services, introducing a teaching series based in the Old Testament book of Jeremiah.

Next Sunday evening – 7pm. The 2nd of 5 sessions on whole-life worship – led by Jim & Matt.

Sunday Nov 5th – In the 9:30am & 11:15am services we have a guest speaker – Dr Paul Nyquist - who is the president of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois, United States. In the evening at 7pm we have our monthly evening communion service with opportunity to receive prayer for healing. Brian Coward will be preaching on “Jesus: Lord of all.”

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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.

Craft evening – There are 8 tickets left for the Christmas Craft Evening on Sat Nov 25th. They're at the Welcome Desk.

Baptism – We're planning a baptismal service for the 10:30am service on Sunday, Dec 31st – a great way to end the year! If you have committed your life to following Jesus and would like to get baptised – please talk to one of the pastoral staff.

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

ChurchSuite Training - On Monday 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!

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.

Alpha – Please continue to pray for the course on Tuesday evenings.

Half Term Sleep-Over - Just a reminder to sign up at reception for the sleep-over's. Ventures and Impact Monday night. Encounter and Life groups Tuesday night.

'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 Thursday November 23rd from 7:30pm - 9:30pm.**

Mission Focus - SCRATCH (Southampton City and Region Action to Combat Hardship) provides services which relieve the effects of hardship, disadvantage and poverty for individuals and families living in Southampton and the surrounding area. Praise God for Annette's successful Firewalk and the money she raised doing this. Please pray for SCRATCH as they seek God's guidance for future projects and for warehouse space that will become available in January. There are many ways they could use this area to help their clients. Pray that God will shine a light on the right way to use the warehouse. Please also pray for successful outcomes of tenders and funding bids recently submitted. If you want to find out more have a chat with Annette Davis.

Two exciting workshops are coming up at "The Greenhouse Christian Centre" in Poole: "Stress Recovery" and "Sing to the Lord" will run on the weekend of 3rd-5th Nov '17. (www.the-greenhouse.org) More information is available at the Welcome desk, or contact Gillie Houghton on gillie.houghton@btconnect.com

Shoe Boxes – Please consider filling a shoe box for the Samaritans Purse Appeal. Empty boxes are available. Please note that the deadline for filled boxes to be returned to church is Sunday 5th November.

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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Feedback/comments/prayer requests.