

Sunday morning

"Start with GOD—the first step in learning is bowing down to GOD; only fools thumb their noses at such wisdom and learning. . . . Join the company of good men and women, keep your feet on the tried-and-true paths. . . . Don't lose your grip on Love and Loyalty. Tie them around your neck; carve their initials on your heart. Earn a reputation for living well in God's eyes and the eyes of the people. Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all. Run to GOD! . . . Dear friend, guard Clear Thinking and Common Sense with your life; don't for a minute lose sight of them. They'll keep your soul alive and well, they'll keep you fit and attractive. You'll travel safely, you'll neither tire nor trip. . . . The ways of right-living people glow with light; the longer they live, the brighter they shine. But the road of wrongdoing gets darker and darker—travellers can't see a thing; they fall flat on their faces. . . . "So, my dear friends, listen carefully"—[remember this is God talking]—"those who embrace these my ways are most blessed. Mark a life of discipline and live wisely; don't squander your precious life."

Proverbs 1:7; 2:20; 3:3-7; 3:21-23; 4:18-19; 8:32-33 The Message

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.

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26th Feb 2017

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, Gordon Tuck will be preaching in the "Simplify" series on "Strengthen your relationships".

This evening – At 7pm, Becky Waterman will be speaking on Gideon - "Living beyond the limits of fear".

Next Sunday morning, March 5th – Matt Huckle will be preaching in the 9:30am & 11:15am services concluding the "Simplify" series.

Next Sunday evening – At 7pm, Katrina Elkins will be preaching at our evening communion service. We've been studying some titles of Jesus, and this week we'll be finding out the blessings embedded in the title of Jesus - our "great high priest". There'll also be opportunity to receive prayer for healing.

Sunday, March 12th – Gordon will be introducing a new teaching series in the morning services called "Dying to tell you" – exploring the powerful messages from Jesus' last words from the cross. In the evening, Jim Shepherd will be starting a two part series on worship.

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Prayer breakfast – This Saturday is our monthly prayer breakfast to which all are welcome. 8:00am for breakfast in The Hub, followed by prayer.

Alpha – This Tuesday at Alpha, we'll be exploring the question of suffering. Janice will be speaking and would appreciate your prayers.

What Mums want (and what Dads need to know) – Sat, Mar 11th. We're privileged that Harry Benson, Research Director of the Marriage Foundation & author, will be speaking here at TBC at a session designed for couples with children. 10:15am – Arrive + tea / coffee & cake in The Hub. 10:45am – Talk + Q & A. 11:45 – Pick children up. Places for childcare are limited, so if you can make other arrangements please do so. You're welcome to keep babies with you during the presentation. Cost = £4 per couple. You'll need to register in advance – there's a list at the Welcome Desk in The Hub.

Philippines – Ray King leaves today on a youth work training trip to the Philippines. The trip will last until March 17th and will involve delivering 4 training courses in 3 separate locations. It's great that Lizi & Won Young (our interns) are accompanying him, to experience one of these trips and to take part, as participants, in the training. Do remember to pray for all 3 and also for Sarah who will be holding the fort in the youth & children's department whilst they are away.

Commitment Course – Please note the change of dates! - If you're a committed Christian and would like to find out more about becoming a member of this church, the commitment course will help you to find out more about us. We will meet on 3 evenings and be joined by some members of the leadership team. The next course will begin on Wednesday 1st March at 7:30pm under the balcony. Please leave your name and contact details at the Welcome desk. More details from Katrina.

Westbrook - Only three 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!

Worn Again – Thank you so much to all who donated clothes, and to the great team of people who helped. Team Testwood again!

Welcome evening – Each term we plan in an informal evening – food & conversation – for those who've recently started coming to church. This term's Welcome Evening is on Friday, March 17th. If you're fairly new to church here, please do pick up an invitation from the Welcome Desk. (You're welcome!)

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.

Daniel, Suzy, Ben and Beth Dugmore are coming back to the UK on Tuesday 7th March and returning to Malawi on Friday 21st July. If anyone knows of a car they could borrow for part or all of their stay please speak to Bruce and Elisabeth.

Young at Heart will meet on 6th March 2pm. Our speaker will be Sally Anne Belward who will be giving us an insight into sign language. For more information please contact Eileen Swieton.

Mothers Day – In preparation for Mothers Day, we're making some gifts to give out to ladies that day. If you would like to be part of this, please come along on Monday, March 6th from 7:15pm in The Hub.

Women's World Day of Prayer - This year's service is at 10.30am on Friday 3rd March 2017 at St. Theresa's Church. All are welcome to this ecumenical Service prepared by and praying for the people of the Philippines.

Do you have any old suitcases? Dentaid are in urgent need of old suitcases that can be used for carrying dental consumables, such as toothpaste and tooth brushes and dental instruments to its projects. Dentaid currently have several trips planned, helping in refugee camps in Greece and also trips to Cambodia, Morocco, Moldova, Kenya and Nepal. If you have any old suitcases (that only need to be able to make one more journey) then please let John Elkins know. Many thanks.

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.

Hospitality help needed! – If you are able to serve tea and coffee with a smile and would like to help, please speak to one of the team serving you today.

Pie and Pint - The next men's ministry Pie and Pint evening is on Sunday March 5th @ the Testwood Pub starting at 8.30pm.

Basics Bank - Are running low of Tins of Rice Pudding and Custard. They also are in need of tea bags. All donations gratefully received.

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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