

Sunday morning

Matthew 27:45-50

⁴⁵ From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶ About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' (which means 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'). [This is in Aramaic – the language of that region at that time.]

⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, 'He's calling Elijah.'

⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹ The rest said, 'Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him.'

⁵⁰ And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

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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2nd April '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, Gordon Tuck 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 "Expressing your heart to God".

This 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.

Next Sunday morning, April 9th – In the 9:30am & 11:15am services, Janice Tuck will be speaking on "Be thirsty for what can truly satisfy". The children will be joining us for communion. Anyone who loves Jesus is welcome to take communion – parents, please talk with your children about whether you feel this is appropriate for them.

Next Sunday evening, April 9th – At 7pm, there'll be an hour dedicated to prayer / quiet meditation about Jesus' sacrifice for us. As prompts for prayer, we'll be using the words from the cross that we've been studying on Sunday mornings.

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Prayer request – Gordon, Janice & Matt are on the team at Spring Harvest this week (Tues – Sat) and would appreciate our prayers. Gordon & Janice are leading the “Just Looking” ministry, and Matt the 20s/30s stream.

Alpha – Please continue to pray for those attending the Alpha course. This Tuesday is the last session. Neil will be talking about how we can be sure of our faith.

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, 7:30pm 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.

Sunday April 23rd – Please make a special effort to be here on that Sunday morning when we’ll be praying for Jim in his new role as worship pastor (in both morning services). Jim & Jess’s son Elijah will be dedicated in the later service.

Family films – In the Easter holidays we’ll be showing free, family films here – BFG on Tuesday, April 18th and Storks on Thursday 20th, both at 10:00am.

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.

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.

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!!

Easter services...

Thursday, Apr 13th – We’re invited to St Winfrid’s for their Maundy Thursday service at 7pm.

Good Friday – We’ll be joined by friends from St Winfrid’s for a service here at 10:30am followed by coffee & hot cross buns. Following this at midday, there will be a short service in the middle of Totton when representatives of the churches in our town get together.

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

7pm – We’ll be screening the film “Risen” (12).

Risen is the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection. Clavius, a powerful Roman military tribune, and his aide, Lucius, are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion, in order to disprove the rumours of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem.

Please note that this film, released last year, has a 12 certificate, and there are some graphic scenes at the start of the film. Teas & coffees will be served from 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start.

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.

Basics Bank -Thank you for your continued support. We are though running short of the following items... **Sauces** to go with pasta (we have plenty of pasta itself) and any **tinned fruit** but not pears as we have plenty of these. Thank you.

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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