

## Sunday morning

### Bible reading Psalm 46

- <sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
- <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.<sup>[c]</sup>
- <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
- <sup>5</sup> God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.
- <sup>6</sup> Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- <sup>8</sup> Come and see what the LORD has done,  
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
- <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease  
to the ends of the earth.  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields<sup>[d]</sup> with fire.
- <sup>10</sup> He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."
- <sup>11</sup> The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

*For your notes...*

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

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10<sup>th</sup> Sept '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** – Matt Huckle will be speaking at the 9:30am & 11:15am services on "Finding a refuge in God" - Psalm 46.

**This evening** - In "Refuel" at 7pm, come and join us for an extended time of praise and worship. We've called the evening "The Pursuit". This is a great opportunity to spend time waiting and listening in God's presence.

**Sept 17th** – Gordon Tuck will be speaking at the 9:30am & 11:15am services on God's promise of renewed strength - Isaiah 40:27-31. We'll be taking communion in the early service. In the later service, Natalie & Simon Wilson will be dedicating their daughter, Louisa. In 'Refuel' at 7pm, we have a prayer evening with different prompts for personal prayer.

**Sept 24th** – Gordon Tuck will be speaking at the 9:30am & 11:15am services on God's promise of unfailing love & provision – 2 Cor 8:6-11. This will be our Harvest Thanksgiving service. During the service we'll be donating tinned & dried food for the Basics Bank.

**Harvest Supper** – On 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm, we'll be having a Harvest Supper. There's a signup sheet at the Welcome Desk so we have an idea of numbers. Contributions of £3 per person would be appreciated, payable on the evening. Dave & Becky Waterman will be speaking after the meal on their new roles with the Mission Aviation Fellowship.

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**Oct 1<sup>st</sup>** - Janice Tuck will be speaking at the 9:30am & 11:15am services on God's promise of spiritual resilience – 2 Cor 4:16-18. In the communion service at 7pm, Colin Clark will be speaking on Jesus, the Bread of Life - John 6:35

**Ability Sunday** - Today is Ability Sunday, which is an inclusive day for churches for people with learning disabilities, to celebrate the gifts & strengths that each person brings. Our Prospects Group, for people with learning disabilities, is very glad to be able to meet here on alternate Mondays. For more information please contact Jane Munts.

**Alpha** – We're looking forward to running the Alpha course here over the autumn term on Tuesday evenings starting on September 19<sup>th</sup>. If you wouldn't yet call yourself a committed Christian and want to explore the core messages of the Christian faith, then this course is for you! You can add your name to the list at the Welcome Desk, or email [tbc.alpha@testwoodbaptist.org](mailto:tbc.alpha@testwoodbaptist.org)

**Commitment Course** – If you're a committed Christian and a regular worshipper here at TBC, but not yet a church member, then this course is for you. There are five sessions where you can find out more about what we believe and what we do. If you think you might be interested, please sign up at the Welcome Desk. The first session will be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm. Please speak to Katrina if you would like more details.

**Ray's Leaving** – Ray will be working part-time in the youth ministry until the end of October. Please make a note of these plans:- Ray's launch evening – Sun, Oct 8th at 7:00pm (with details of Ray's new ministry); Farewell service – Sunday, October 22nd; Party – Sat Dec 9th.

**Boys Club and Girls Brigade** - Boys Club begins the new term on Monday September 11th, and Girls Brigade starts on Thursday 14th September. Both groups run at 6:15pm and cater for ages 5-11. Speak to Sarah John or Claire Waters for more details.

**'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 first two Sessions are being held on September 12<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:30pm - 9:30pm (further dates will be published for next year soon).

**Leaders Gathering Saturday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup>** – 10:00am – 3:00pm. Megan's looking forward to hearing back from leaders of ministries in the church who've received an invitation to this event.

**Christmas Craft Evening** – This year's event will be on Sat Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, with the tickets going on sale on Oct 8<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to be part of the team organizing this, please come to a meeting on **Mon Sept 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30pm in The Hub.

**Only the Brave Tour** – This Spring Harvest event will take place here at TBC on Wednesday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Cathy Madavan and Gavin Calver will be speaking, with worship led by Lou Fellingham. Tickets are available only from the Spring Harvest website - [www.springharvest.org/local](http://www.springharvest.org/local) For more details, pick up a leaflet in Reception.

**A NEW mums group for those with young children** - We are starting a new group for Christian mums with young children. The aim of the group is to encourage and support mums in their unique, amazing and often challenging role of motherhood in a secular world. Do come along for a taster session on 14th September 7.30pm (for a 7.45pm start) - 9.30pm in The Hub. This will be the first of hopefully many monthly gatherings. Hot drinks and cake will be provided. :-) Speak to Anwen if you'd like to know more.

**Holy Land Trip** - There will be a trip going out to Israel in October 2018 arranged by L A S travel in partnership with Intrepid Travel. This will be a wonderful opportunity to visit the Holy Land sites. For further information please speak to David Featch or Linda Smith or email [info@lstravel.co.uk](mailto:info@lstravel.co.uk). There are up to 26 places on the tour.

**17th Sep @ 11 Forest Mews – Open House Sale – Get Dave & Becky to Uganda!** Dave and Becky Waterman are leaving for Uganda with MAF at the end of November, and they need to get rid of most of their things. Pop in to 11 Forest Mews (it's the road right next to church) after first and second service on Sunday the 17th of September to purchase some bits and bobs: DVDs, books, ornaments, artwork and even a 2-person inflatable kayak! And much more besides. All proceeds will help the Watermans on their journey to Africa.

**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](mailto:notices@testwoodbaptist.org) or [katrina@testwoodbaptist.org](mailto:katrina@testwoodbaptist.org) by midday on Thursday. Please put the word 'newsletter' in the subject line.

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