

**Sunday morning
Bible reading**

2 Kings 23:1-3

Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. ² He went up to the temple of the Lord with the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests and the prophets – all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the Lord. ³ The king stood by the pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the Lord – to follow the Lord and keep his commands, statutes and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, thus confirming the words of the covenant written in this book. Then all the people pledged themselves to the covenant.

Psalms 119:33-35

- ³³ Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees,
that I may follow it to the end,
- ³⁴ Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law
and obey it with all my heart.
- ³⁵ Direct me in the path of your commands,
for there I find delight. Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees,
that I may follow it to the end.^[b]
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and obey it with all my heart.
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Notes for further study can be found on the church website
(www.testwoodbaptist.org) under "Downloads".

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29th April '18

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. 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, Janice Tuck will be continuing the new teaching series looking at different ways of encountering God. We'll be looking at the example of Josiah - encountering God with your mind.

This evening – There's a choice at 7pm. For those who serve in the Youth & Children's teams there's a team meeting (in the Sports Hall). In the Auditorium we're setting aside time for worship, and a message from God's word. Those serving on the Alpha team will be having a team meeting.

Next Sunday, May 6th morning – In the 9:30am & 11:15am services, Gordon will be continuing the teaching series looking at different ways of encountering God. We'll be looking at some examples in the Bible where people have encountered God by doing tasks.

Sunday, May 6th evening – At 7pm we have a communion service with opportunity to receive prayer for healing. Gordon will be speaking.

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Sunday, May 13th morning – Matt Huckle will be speaking in the 9:30am & 11:15am services on encountering God by fighting for a cause close to God's heart, looking at the example of Moses.

Sunday, May 13th evening at 7pm - Millions of people's lives have been impacted by the life & preaching of Billy Graham who died at the age of 99 in February. This evening we'll be celebrating his life and looking at what we can learn from his example of faith & obedience to God's call. We'd love to hear from you if Billy Graham's preaching has been part of your faith journey.

Alpha – If you're investigating the Christian faith, there's still time to sign up for the Alpha Course which started with the Alpha Supper last Tuesday. Please let Janice Tuck know.

Prayer breakfast – You're welcome to join us on May 5th at 8:00am in The Hub for our first-Saturday-of-the-month prayer breakfast.

Fun Day – We're calling today "sign up Sunday" to volunteer at the Fun Day that we, along with some other churches in Totton, will be running for our community on the Testwood Rec on Saturday, June 9th. You can also sign up on ChurchSuite. There are a huge number of roles that need to be filled and your help is really appreciated.

Church tent @ Fun Day – Instead of having a mini "Worn Again" as part of the church tent this year, we're planning to give away board games. Please set aside any you no longer need, and bring them to the church closer to the time.

The Chapel @ Fun Day – Last year The Chapel was able to give away nearly 1000 free children's books at Totton Family Fun Day. This year we would like to be able to offer children a free soft toy with a voucher for a free drink. Please can you help? If you have any soft toys you no longer need please can we have them. Please bring them to The Chapel or give them to Laura Murray or Debbie Lailey. We would be very grateful for your donations especially if you have washed them! Don't forget we are able to take donations of children's toys, books, clothes and baby equipment. We do also accept donations of adult clothes and books but please be aware that these will be sold as rags and for weight.

24/7 Prayer - The 24/7 Prayer room is opening on the balcony on the evening of Sunday 13th May. This involves transforming the church balcony into a creative place to meet with God, pray and worship. To book a slot, a sign-up is available at the reception desk.

To help set up the prayer room, we are currently in need of a cash till, some seating benches and a workshop bench. We also need a few more nightwatchmen to let people into the building overnight.

Please contact Rob Oag if you can help with any of the above (neville_pew@hotmail.com).

Church Camping Weekend - Church camp is taking place again at the end of June (22nd to 24th June) at Lockerley Water Farm as in previous years. Do keep the date free if you'd like to have a fun and relaxing weekend camping. The camp is open to any age even those without a tent as there is camping accommodation on site, a brilliant shower block and very large kitchen. Booking forms will be available on Sunday 29th April and booking will commence on that day. On site accommodation needs to be secured with full payment as there is limited availability. For more details please see Belinda and Phil Rhodes. Booking forms will be at reception.

Prayer Request – Please pray for Dave Parry and the team as they lead services on Tuesday 1st May at The Laurels Nursing Home and Oak Tree Lodge.

Mums of little ones - Our next meeting will be on Thursday 10th May at 7.30pm in the Hub (finishes 9.30pm). We begin an exciting new series from 'Parenting for Faith', exploring practical ways we can help our children in their everyday, heart-to-heart connection with God. Session 1 is 'Positioned for Influence'. Each session there will be a mixture of video content, individual reflection and group discussion. Tea, coffee and cake are provided! The group is a great opportunity for busy mums to take some time out to share and grow together with others in a relaxed, supportive environment.

Young At Heart – The next meeting is on 14th May at 2pm when Carolyn Chance will be speaking on the work of Youth and Families Matter. All over 60s welcome.

Retreat day – This will be at Canada Common on Wednesday 20th June. More details nearer the time or speak to Fiona Jong.

ChurchSuite – This is an app (for your phone or computer) that offers a great way to keep connected with what's going on here at TBC. You will receive regular notices about TBC events, and if you're on a rota, you'll receive reminders about that too. Speak to Jim Shepherd or John Elkins for more information.

Commitment Course – If you're a committed Christian and have been coming to TBC for a while, you might be thinking about church membership. To find out what this means, come along to the Commitment Course starting on 3rd June. For more details speak to Katrina or sign up at the Welcome Desk.

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.

Newsletter and Welcome PowerPoint– Notices can be emailed to katrina@testwoodbaptist.org by midday on Thursday. Please put the word 'newsletter' in the subject line.