

## Sunday morning text and Sermon

Living spiritually productive lives  
"Be on your guard"

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

V 18 "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When people hear the message about the kingdom and do not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their hearts. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to people who hear the word and at once receive it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to people who hear the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to people who hear the word and understand it. They produce a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

- Let's be ready to hear God's word
- Let's make the word understandable to others
- Let's guard against being robbed of God's word

(Questions for further study are on the website – [www.testwoodbaptist.org](http://www.testwoodbaptist.org))

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Your response

Please fill in, tick as appropriate, tear off & place in the offering bags or take to the Welcome Desk.

Name	<input type="checkbox"/> More about what this church is all about
Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Children's or youth activities
	<input type="checkbox"/> Small groups that meet midweek
Telephone	<input type="checkbox"/> Courses that explore the Christian faith
Email	<input type="checkbox"/> (Alpha/Journeys)



Sun 5<sup>th</sup> July

## Welcome to Testwood Baptist Church

### This morning

It's good to welcome you to Testwood as we come to meet with God & each other. Gordon Tuck will be introducing a new series called "Living spiritually productive lives". There is crèche provision & children & young people's groups for 3 – 14s. Please stay for a coffee after the service. There are sports in the Sports Hall for school years 4 and above. Please let us know whether there are specific needs we can help with (e.g. a large print version of this newsletter.) A Welcome Pack is available at the Welcome Desk if you're new to church, and someone will be there

### Tonight at 6pm

This evening at 6 p.m. Andrew Hemmens will be speaking at our monthly communion & healing service. There will be opportunity to receive prayer for healing.

Running parallel to this is the 4<sup>th</sup> session of the Commitment Course in Room 11.

Please pray for:-

- Those on the church camping weekend as they finish off their time together
- Gordon & Andrew as they meet with leaders from St Winfrid's and New Forest Community Church, on Monday lunch time.
- The Journeys session on Monday evening (session 4 of 5) and all those taking part
- The Special Church Meeting on Tuesday as the church members seek the will of God over appointing Leigh as pastor at Testwood
- For Ray and the team with all their preparations in the countdown to the trip to South Korea (Depart Weds 15<sup>th</sup> July)

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### Church meeting

Please make a note that there's a meeting for church members this Tuesday July 7th at 7:30 p.m. to consider the appointment of Leigh Barnard as Associate Pastor. Thank you for your feedback and prayers as we've sought to discover God's will regarding this.

### Women's Ministry

You are invited to a Prayer Lunch\*  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009  
12 – 2pm @ TBC  
\* Lunch is provided free!

### South Korean mission trip

Next Sunday morning we'll be praying for the team going to South Korea on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Saying "thank you"

Next Sunday evening (12<sup>th</sup>) from 5 – 7 p.m. we'll be spending time celebrating what Andrew & Lorraine have brought to us as a church over their 9 years of ministry here. We'll start with a shared tea, and then move into a time of saying "thank you" and worshipping God as a church family.

### Andrew's induction

Andrews induction service will be held at Christchurch Baptist Church Welwyn Garden City. AT 2.00PM on Sat Oct 3rd.  
Steve has arranged a coach for anyone who would like to attend.  
Cost £15 per head.  
Please sign up at the welcome desk

### Discipleship group

The next session is on Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup> in The Hub.

A note for your diary .... Sunday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> - we have a Bible teaching day here and Ian Coffey will be the speaker. There will be plenty of activity through the day for all ages.

### Worship Team

A reminder that the next Worship Team meeting is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July

### Tuesday Bible Study Group

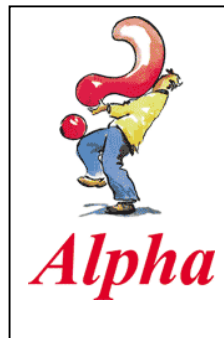
A reminder that Andrew will be with us this Tuesday afternoon 2-3pm.

### Forthcoming Events

#### July

Fri 3 <sup>th</sup>	Church Camping Week-end (Until Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> )
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer breakfast
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Special Church Meeting
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Worship team meeting
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Women's ministry prayer lunch

#### Alpha



This course explores the meaning of life and the basics of the Christian faith. Each evening includes a meal, a presentation on a particular subject and discussion in small groups. There is no charge for this course.

If you are exploring the Christian faith, or would like to bring a friend, you are invited to come to the Alpha Supper on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 for 7:30 pm. On that evening you'll find out more about the course, which continues on the following Tuesday evenings until Nov 24<sup>th</sup>.

To find out more, or sign up for the supper, sign up at the Welcome Desk, phone the church office on 023 8086 0320 or email [tbc.alpha@testwoodbaptist.org](mailto:tbc.alpha@testwoodbaptist.org)  
If you would like to be part of the team that makes Alpha happen please let Janice Tuck know (or email [janice@testwoodbaptist.org](mailto:janice@testwoodbaptist.org))

#### Showing our community we care

Churches Together in Totton are arranging a "Prayer and Litter Pick" on Sat 11th July from 10am to 3.00pm.  
Meet at the Christian Centre Ringwood Road Totton.  
There are two slots to sign up for from 10.am to 12.00noon and from 1.00pm to 3.00pm.  
More details on the community notice board.

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(For regular attenders at church)

Please update the directory with the following details

Feedback/comments/prayer requests