

## Sunday morning text and Sermon

New teaching series: "The Message unveiled"

This series on Sunday mornings, starting today, will track through "themes" that run through the length of the Bible. These themes act like keys that unlock our understanding of the Bible. As well as helping us understand the Bible's message, this series will challenge us to stay "on message" by living these truths & sharing them with others.

Oct 18	<u>Can we know God?</u>	Jesus	(Gordon)
Oct 25	<u>Can we find security?</u>	Covenant	(Leigh)
Nov 1	<u>Is there anybody there?</u>	Presence	(Janice)
Nov 8	<u>What's the bigger picture?</u>	Kingdom	(Gordon)
Nov 15	<u>Is there more than this?</u>	Worship	(Leigh)
Nov 22	<u>Is rescue possible?</u>	Salvation	(Gordon)

Sunday morning:

"The message unveiled"  
"Can we know God?"

John 5:39,40

You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

JESUS

Let's

→ Trace the clues

→ Recognize God's planning

→ Appreciate the Father-heart of God

Questions for further study on this passage are on the church 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

Address

Telephone

Email

- More about what this church is all about
- Children's or youth activities
- Small groups that meet midweek
- Courses that explore the Christian faith (Alpha/Journeys)



Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Oct

Welcome to Testwood Baptist Church

This morning

It's good to welcome you to Testwood as we come to meet with God & with each other. Gordon Tuck will be starting a new teaching series later in the service, and we will also be taking communion together. There is crèche provision & children & young people's groups for 3 – 14s. Please stay for a coffee after the service. 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 to answer any questions. There will be sports for adults & young people, year 4 and above, in the Sports Hall after the service.

Tonight at 6pm

This evening at 6p.m. Leigh Barnard will be speaking on 2 Peter 1:5-8  
"Never stop growing."

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal

Its shoebox time again. If you would like to fill a shoebox with small gifts for a child in a 3<sup>rd</sup> world country there are leaflets at the back of the church explaining exactly what to do. There are also a few shoeboxes if you do not have one.

If you are unable to fill a box but would like to help you could either put a gift in the basket at the back of the church or make a donation to help with transporting the boxes abroad. Please speak to Sandy Chance if you need any help.

02380 866798 [sandy@chance31.freereserve.co.uk](mailto:sandy@chance31.freereserve.co.uk)

New for this year....

This year for the first time we are to be a drop off point for the shoe boxes so we may receive them from members of the public, schools etc.

[www.testwoodbaptist.org](http://www.testwoodbaptist.org)

023 80860320

## YELLOW MOON CATALOGUES

Help raise money for YFM

New catalogues are available at the Welcome Desk. Packed full of kids arts and crafts stuff, educational toys and games, all at reasonable prices. Great for keeping the kids busy, for parties and for Christmas. For every purchase you make YFM receive up to 25% cash-back. Please pick up a copy and help raise money for your community.

Thank you. The YFM Team.

The Creche Rota for November to January has recently been circulated to those who receive it by E-mail. If you have not received this, please contact me (02380 865669 or [geandan@care4free.net](mailto:geandan@care4free.net))

Thank-you Ann Friend

Worship Team Meeting Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October @ 7.30 – this will be our first meeting with Leigh – one not to miss.  
Any questions or apologies please send to Clive.

### Men's video Games Night

Saturday Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm @ the church

Including: - 8 player football,  
Golf competition,  
Fastest lap competition  
& many more.

Cost £2 (includes drinks & all-you-can-eat chip buttie buffet)

See Paul John or Rob Oag for more details.

### Message from Jeff Knight

In terms of GIFT AID, would No 2 please contact Jeff Knight? Telephone number in Church Directory. Thank You.

### Wanted!

Someone to join the happy team who serve tea and coffee on Sundays (mornings or evenings). You would be working in a team and it can be initiated to suit you! Please contact Barbara Sharp 02380861431 or email [withinreach@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:withinreach@tiscali.co.uk). If you have recently offered but not yet on the rota, could you remind me too! Thank you

### "GET BACK IN THE GAME"

Men's Day Conference at TBC Saturday 7th November, from 8.00am AM session + Hot Lunch + PM session, or just either session with lunch, you decide!!!

Speaker: Ian Hayes- Anderson

Just £5 for all or part of the day including hot lunch

Names and £5 to Men's Ministry team asap. Don't delay!!

## Dates for your diary

### October

Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Church annual general meeting  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Card making night  
Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Men's Ministry Video Games Night  
Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Highlights (an alternative to Halloween)

### November

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Men's day conference at TBC "Get back in the game"  
Sat 7<sup>th</sup> The regular monthly prayer breakfast is cancelled.  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Men United - An evening of worship for men!!  
Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas Craft night

For church members ... the Church AGM will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Coffee served from 7:00 for a 7:30 start to the meeting.

### Christmas craft evening: Sat Nov 21st

Tickets – at £5 each are available now at the Welcome Desk. Only 100 available, so to save disappointment get those for yourself & your friends fairly soon!

We need 120 small glass jars. If you have any mustard / mint sauce / small jam jars could you put them in the labelled box in the church kitchen please? Thank you!

Jellytots have invited Halletts Photography to take individual / group photographs on Saturday morning, 31st Oct, in Room 2. Excellent quality photographs at reasonable prices. Great for Christmas presents. If you would like to book an appointment please sign up at reception.

### Highlights .... Sat Oct 31

(An alternative to Halloween parties for years 1 to 6.)

6 – 7:45 pm. If you'd like to join the team for this great event, please let Ray King know.

Advance Notice .. Saltmine theatre company are putting on the pantomime Robin Hood here at the church, January 10<sup>th</sup> 2010. Demand for the limited number of tickets will be high and TBC will have a limited exclusive period of time to secure a ticket. Cost £5 per ticket or £15 for a family ticket. There will be no reserving of tickets.

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(For regular attenders at church)

Please update the directory with the following details

Feedback/comments/prayer requests