

Sunday morning text and Sermon

“The Message unveiled”

Covenant- Can we know security?

(Ephesians 1: 3-8, The Message)

³⁻⁶How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He's the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him. Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son. ⁷⁻¹⁰Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah, his blood poured out on the altar of the Cross, we're a free people—free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. Abundantly free! (Ephesians 1: 3-8, The Message)

Notes...

Questions for further study on this passage are on the church website
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	(Alpha/Journeys)



Sun 25th 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. If you've arrived an hour early because you didn't realise the clocks were going back – we hope you've enjoyed a relaxed start to the morning! Leigh Barnard (our Associate Pastor) will be preaching this morning. 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

Lance Plummer will be speaking in our series “Make every effort” on Eph 4: 1-6 – being peacemakers.

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 3rd 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

Alpha

As its half term this week we're taking a break from the normal Alpha evening and having skittles & a meal at The Mortimers, Ower. There are a few spaces available - £12. If you would like to join us please see Debbie or Al Trousdale.

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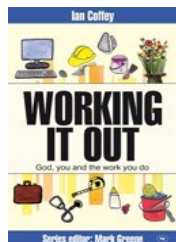
YELLOW MOON CATALOGUES Help raise money for YFM. New catalogues are available at the Welcome Desk. Packed full of kids arts and crafts stuff, educational toys and games, all at reasonable prices. Great for keeping the kids busy, for parties and for Christmas. For every purchase you make YFM receive up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

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. 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!!

Wedding shower For Kayleigh Bull (getting married on Nov 14th) & Lindsey Tuck (Dec 19th) This Friday, October 30th 7:30 – 9:00 in room 2 (pre-school room). Please bring a small anonymous gift for each bride and a small amount of finger food for a light supper. Any questions? Ask Janice Tuck.

Thank you Frank & Irene Sayers and all their family would like to thank everyone for their kind words, support, love and care over the past few days. It has meant so much to feel a part of the Testwood family and a great witness to visitors who came for the service. Thank you and God bless you.



Copies of Ian Coffey's book "Working it out" are on the bookstall.

There is a Voluntary Job Vacancy for someone to help man the Welcome desk in reception on a Thursday. 9.30am to 2.30pm preferred but other hours considered. Must be able to answer phone, be good with public and have a working knowledge of word and e-mail. Please see Steve Reynolds, Operations Manager steve@testwoodbaptist.org

Dates for your diary

October
 Sat 31st Highlights (an alternative to Halloween)

November
 Sat 7th Men's day conference at TBC "Get back in the game"
 Sat 7th Note. The regular monthly Prayer breakfast is cancelled
 Mon 16th Men United – worship event
 Sat 21st Christmas Craft night

Christmas craft evening: Sat Nov 21st - We regret all tickets are now sold. We do however still need about 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.

The TBC directory format is changing to enable individual photographs to be added. If you wish your photo to be added contact John Elkins. The photo will be cropped and resized to just over a cm big.
 Email JohnE@Testwoodbaptist.org

Men United - Monday 16th November, 7.30pm, at Testwood Baptist Church. Probably the most Spirit rising worship event this year. Come and enjoy a time of praise and worship with men from all denominations.

Pantomime - Robin Hood – Tickets can now be obtained at the welcome desk in reception. Cost £5 or £15 for a family. There are a limited number of tickets and this event will be very popular. Please get your tickets before 1st of December as they will then be offered to the local schools etc. Act early – do not miss out.

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 (For regular attenders at church)

Please update the directory with the following details

Feedback/comments/prayer requests