

## Sunday morning text and Sermon

The message unveiled. Is rescue possible?

### SALVATION

Romans 5: 1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### Salvation ....

.... pictured in the Old Testament  
deliverance  
sacrifice

.... won by Jesus' death on the cross

... experienced in our lives each day and into eternity

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

### A request from YFM:

We will soon be putting together Christmas Food Hampers for some of our clients. With this in mind, we would be really grateful for donations of any special Christmas food items (non perishable) that could be included in the hampers. Could any such donations please be left in reception clearly marked for YFM and if you have any queries, please speak to Kelly or Trish. Thank you!

### Job Vacancy

Testwood Baptist Church Pre-School have a vacancy for a Deputy Supervisor. This post is for a minimum of 14 hours per week (sessional) and demands NVQ Level 3 in Child Care. For an application form and further information, please contact Allison Wosley on 023 8086 0320 or email: [dale.alli@googlemail.com](mailto:dale.alli@googlemail.com). Closing date for applications : Friday 4th December 2009.

### Your response

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

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



Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov

## 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 concluding the series "The message unveiled", speaking about salvation. 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 6.00pm At our evening service at 6 p.m. Katrina Elkins will be speaking about "God's word & the world".

### Mission trip to the Philippines

Please pray for Ray King, our youth & children's pastor, who is in the Philippines until Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ray will be involved in youth worker training with 2 other people from the UK. This is a great opportunity to action one of our values, that we want our church to be a resource for others. Pray for his family here in the UK, too!

### Discipleship Course

We regularly run this 9 week course – looking at how to live the Christian life. It's ideal for those who have recently decided to become a committed Christian, or for those wanting to revisit the basics of the Christian life. The next course starts on Mon Jan 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.45 for an 8 pm start. (There'll be 2 Mondays – and then the course continues on Tuesday evenings.) Please chat to either Gordon or Janice Tuck to sign up for the course, or if you want to find out more information.

### Baptism

A baptism service is being planned for Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> in the evening. Believing & being baptised are linked together in the Bible. If you're a committed Christian and haven't yet been baptised, do speak to one of the pastoral staff about this.

### Thanksgiving service

We want to express our love & sympathy to Sheila Dobson, on the death of her husband Ron. There will be a service of thanksgiving for his life here at TBC on Friday at 12:15.

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### Pantomime - Robin Hood

Saltmine Theatre Company are putting on the pantomime Robin Hood here, at the church, on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Tickets can now be obtained from the welcome desk in reception. Cost £5 or £15 for a family. There are a limited number of tickets and these are selling very fast. Please get your tickets before 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. as they will then be offered to local schools etc. Act early or miss out!

### A Celebration of Christmas:

A fun packed evening for all the family on Saturday 5th December 6:30–8:30pm.

Individual singing & playing items, quiz, dancing, carols and much more. After a busy day shopping for Christmas presents come and join us. Don't forget to bring your Mums & Dads, your Grandma and Granddad! There will be some surprise items on the programme – you cannot afford to miss it.



### Churches Together in Totton and the Forest Edge

Sharing the REAL CHRISTMAS SPIRIT in the Totton precinct ON SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER 10AM—2PM - Let's Sing, offer Prayer, wrap presents & give out birthday cake with Jesus' Love to the local community. Please sign up at the welcome desk if you would like to help

### Christmas Complete 2009

The SCRATCH toy project will be bigger and better this year thanks to a new partnership with Wave FM which will mean that parcels will be delivered across most of Hampshire and Dorset. We are, therefore, looking for volunteers to help sort and package the toys during the week commencing 14 December 2009. This year we will be working from shop premises in the East Street Centre. The Shirley Home Group will be starting the sorting process on the evening of Thursday 10 December – would any other group like to join us? Donations of new toys and gifts suitable for babies up to 17 year olds would also be very much appreciated. Please leave at reception by Sunday 13 December. Further details regarding items we would like and volunteering times can be found on our website – [www.scratchcharity.co.uk](http://www.scratchcharity.co.uk) or by e-mailing me at [annette@scratchcharity.co.uk](mailto:annette@scratchcharity.co.uk). Many thanks - Annette Davis

### The Created

The Created (re-brand of Tearcraft) stall is in church this morning. Please come and have a look and also take away a brochure. You can either buy from the stall today, or complete the order form in the brochure, and return it to Kelly Price within the next couple of weeks.

### Helpers needed

Could you help contribute to the life of the church by helping with the cleaning? If you could give some time, whether weekly or monthly, please see Sheila Bevin. It would be greatly appreciated. Thank you."

Shoebboxes A big thank you for the Shoebboxes. Over 250 boxes were collected on Tuesday.

Reminder that our Church Members Meeting is on Tue 1<sup>st</sup> December

### Dates for your diary

#### December

Tue 1 <sup>st</sup>	Church Meeting
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer breakfast
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm. A Celebration of Christmas.
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	Leadership shared lunch in the Sports hall.
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	!0.30am All age carol service. 6pm Carols by candlelight
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.15pm Midnight carol service
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Christmas Day service

Can you bake a cake for the Care For the Family Bereavement conference they are holding here on the 28th November. At other events homemade cakes have been a great blessing. Please contact Steve Reynolds our Operations Manager via the Welcome desk in reception 02380860320 if you can help.

### Card-making nights:

The next card-making night is Friday 22nd January, from 7.30pm in the Hub and all are welcome - feel free to join us if you want to bring along another craft to do, such as needlecrafts, as our main aim is to find the time to do our craft and get to know other folk with similar interests. It will be a great way to banish the January blues after Christmas!

Refreshments are provided and just bring your materials along. The second card night of the year will be on 26th February so put it in your diary! Kate Fry, tel:023 80873137

### Welcome Team.

We are in the process of compiling a new rota for the welcome team for 2010. This is such an important part of the ministry at Testwood as we welcome newcomers to the services. If you feel you could be part of this to welcome people on the door about three times a year and would like to be included, please contact Liz or Ray on 01794 324704 or [ray\\_liz@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ray_liz@hotmail.co.uk) (its Ray underscore Liz!) If you are already on the rota, we will assume you wish to be included for next year unless you advise us otherwise.

### Wednesday mornings.

For anyone who cannot get to an evening Home Group but would like to share in some simple, straightforward bible study with a few friends, Wednesday mornings are just right for you.

We meet at 9.30 for coffee in The Hub, and from 10 - 11 we read, ask questions and discuss short parts of the bible. All are welcome and we would love to see you. Brian Coward.

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(For regular attenders at church)

Please update the directory with the following details

Feedback/comments/prayer requests