

Room in the Inn?

Are you able to provide a bed for the night for one or two of the Robin Hood cast for the evening of the Pantomime. This is for Sunday evening the 10th of January. The cast will meet up in the Church for breakfast together on Monday morning.

If you can help please contact Steve Reynolds
steve@testwoodbaptist.org

Pastoral Care ...

A reminder that the Pastoral Care Team, Brian Coward, Jeff Knight, Leigh Barnard, Megan Murray, Julie Orchard are available for any pastoral concerns. If you need a helping hand or a listening ear, then contact any one of us, or phone the church reception and a message will be passed to one of us.

Baptism

A baptism service is being planned for Sunday January 24th in the evening (please note change of date). 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.

Need a late minute Christmas Present ?

Well I have a possible solution. Why not get them a pair of tickets for the BOB PEARCE concert Saturday February 20th. Yes after a very successful concert here last year Bob has agreed to return to a venue he feels at home in. This is an excellent opportunity to invite friends to hear a professional blues musician and his band well known in the local music scene. Just ask the many people who enjoyed his concert last year. This will be a very popular event and I fully expect it to sell out. Tickets £7 each or £10 for a pair. See Steve Reynolds for details.

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



Sun 20th & 27th Dec

Welcome to Testwood Baptist Church

This morning

It's good to welcome you to Testwood as we come to celebrate Christmas together today. The Children's department are leading our carol service this morning, and this evening at 6 p.m. is the Carols by Candlelight Service. Refreshments will be served after both services. 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.

Christmas Eve

Carols in The Hub 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Enjoy mince pies & singing!
Midnight service starts at 11.15 p.m. Hot drinks will be served from 11.00 p.m.

Christmas morning

All-age service at 10.30 a.m. If children would like, they can bring a small present they've received to show during the service as we give thanks for God's gift to us. The offering will be shared between Southampton City Mission and Tearfund.

Sunday, December 27th

All-age service led by Leigh & Hayley at 10.30 a.m.
There will be no evening service.

Sunday, January 3rd

10.30 a.m. Covenant Service – an opportunity to renew our promises to God at the start of a new year. Children's groups & crèche as normal. This will be followed by a shared lunch.
Communion & healing service at 6 p.m.

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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 18th at 7.45 for an 8 pm start. (There'll be 2 Mondays – and then the course continues on Tuesday evenings.) Please chat to Janice Tuck to sign up for the course, or email janice@testwoodbaptist.org

Pantomime - Robin Hood

Sunday 10th January 2010. Tickets can be obtained from the welcome desk in reception. Cost £5 or £15 for a family. There are still a few tickets left.

Leadership Team Vacancies

Due to retirement from the eldership of Jeff Knight a vacancy has arisen for an elder. We're grateful to Jeff for 28 years of service on the leadership team. Bruce Dugmore is also retiring as a deacon, and Andy Price has indicated that he will not be standing for another term as a deacon. Please pray regarding nominations for these key positions, and see me if you wish to put forward names for consideration. John Elkins, Church Administrator.

Christmas Day offering

As is our usual custom we donate our Christmas Day offering to bless others. this year, it will be divided between Tearfund and Southampton City Mission.

Prayer lunch for ladies

There will be a prayer lunch for all women of the church. It will be held on Saturday 23rd January 12.00 - 2.00pm in The Hub. Lunch is provided. Lets start the New year with God, come and be blessed by the shared fellowship and also bless others. If you need any more info then please ask Megan, Hev, Janice or Carol

Prayer on Thursdays

Please note that the next meeting will be after the Christmas period on 14th January 2010.

Dates for your diary

December
 Thurs 24th 10.30 a.m. Carols in the Hub
 11.15pm Midnight carol service
 Fri 25th 10.30am Christmas Day service
 Sun 27th 10.30am Morning service only

January
 Sat 2nd The normal Prayer Breakfast is cancelled
 Sun 10th Pantomime - Robin Hood
 Fri 22nd Card making night
 Sat 23rd Women's Ministry prayer lunch
 Tues 26th Church Members Meeting

February

Sat 6th Prayer breakfast
 Sat 20th Bob Pearce concert
 Fri 26th Card making night

Church members

For your 2010 diary ... the dates of church members meetings next year: Jan 26th Mar 30th July 13th Oct 19th - AGM

Thanks

"Thank you so much for your prayers & concern for us since Gordon's op. Recovery is now well under way. Thank you, too, for all those who helped make our daughter's wedding so memorable. It's good to be part of this church family! Happy Christmas to you all!" Gordon & Janice

Card-making nights:

The second card-making night of the year will be on 26th February, 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, you are welcome as our main aim is to find the time to do our craft and get to know other folk with similar interests. Refreshments are provided and just bring your materials along. Kate Fry, tel: 023 80873137

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(For regular attenders at church)

Please update the directory with the following details

Feedback/comments/prayer requests