

Sunday morning text and Sermon

"Prepare the way for the Lord"
Isaiah 40: 1-5

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Make ready by

- Catching the vision
- Preparing our hearts

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 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 3rd Jan '10

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 (our Senior Pastor) will be introducing our theme for the year "Restoration", and during the service there will be opportunity for us all to renew our promises to God. There will be crèches for under 3s, 3-11s meet for "Activate", and Encounter for 11-14s. Please stay for a coffee after the service, and then join in a shared lunch together. (If you've brought food, please take it as soon as possible through to the kitchen.) 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.

These are the promises we will make together ...

With God's help ...

- I promise to worship God by the way I live.
- I promise to be a friend to others in the church family.
- I promise to look for ways I can serve God and help others.
- I promise to read the Bible and to pray, and meet with others to learn about You.
- I promise to take opportunities that come my way to tell other people that God loves them.

Lord, we choose to follow You with willing hearts.

This evening at 6.00pm

Brian Coward will be speaking on "Trusting God with the future" at the communion & healing service.
There will be opportunity for prayer for healing.

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Pantomime – Robin Hood - Salt Mine Theatre Company
Next Sunday 10th January 2010. 5.00pm Doors open at 4.30pm.
Please leave plenty of time to drop off passengers and park away from church site. People have invited many family and friends and we look forward to a great family fun time together. Please arrive early for a prompt start. There will be no evening service on the 10th. A few tickets still available from the Welcome desk today. There will be no tickets available on the day.

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

Baptism

A baptism service is being planned for Sunday January 24th 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.

Leigh's new CD

Copies are available at the Welcome desk in reception.

Prayer on Thursdays

The next meeting will be 14th January at 8 p.m. on the balcony.

Prayer lunch for ladies

Saturday, January 23rd 12.00-2.00 pm in The Hub

Card making night Fri 22nd

Church members meeting Tues 26th

Worn Again – Sat Feb 6th

We regularly hold these events where clothes & household textiles that are no longer needed can find new homes with people who

need them. So start clearing out ... however, it would help if you didn't bring the goods to the church yet! There's a list at the Welcome Desk to sign up if you can help on the day. It's always great to be part of this team!

Any questions? ask Brigitte Kemish or Janice Tuck

Christmas quiz

Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas story quiz - Jonathan & Rebekah Rhodes and Ann Guy.

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.

Leadership Team Vacancies

Bruce Dugmore is 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.

Churches Together in Totton A G M

Tuesday 7.00pm at Totton Christian Centre.

Short presentations on the Fun Day and Healing On The Streets

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(For regular attenders at church)

Please update the directory with the following details

Feedback/comments/prayer requests