

Sunday morning text and Sermon
Restoration work
Studies in the book of Nehemiah

Nehemiah 5:9-13

9- So I continued, "What you are doing is not right. Shouldn't you walk in the fear of our God to avoid the reproach of our Gentile enemies?"

10- I and my brothers and my men are also lending the people money and grain. But let the exacting of usury stop!

11- Give back to them immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses, and also the usury you are charging them--the hundredth part of the money, grain, new wine and oil."

12- "We will give it back," they said. "And we will not demand anything more from them. We will do as you say." Then I summoned the priests and made the nobles and officials take an oath to do what they had promised.

13- I also shook out the folds of my robe and said, "In this way may God shake out of his house and possessions every man who does not keep this promise. So may such a man be shaken out and emptied!"

At this the whole assembly said, "Amen," and praised the LORD. And the people did as they had promised.

He heard the cry
He confronted the issue
He led by example

(Questions for further study on this passage are on the church website

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24/7 prayer week

We're thrilled to be having another prayer week when the church will be open for prayer 24/7 March 7th to 13th. Sheets will be available soon to sign up for hour slots. If you would like to be involved in planning & setting up the prayer area on the balcony, come along this Friday (19th) at 11:30. Any questions? See Paula Oag.

God's promise ... "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

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We value your feedback – please use this tear off slip.

Feedback/comments/prayer requests



Sun 14th Feb

Welcome to Testwood Baptist Church

This morning

Welcome to Testwood as we meet to worship God today. Refreshments will be served after both services. This morning Chris Davis (from Southampton City Mission), will be speaking from Nehemiah 5. The Children's Department groups meet together today for Activ8 – in the Sports Hall, the crèche for 2 year olds will therefore be in room 2. Encounter will meet as usual. Please let us know if 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.

This evening

Dave Parry will be speaking on "Scripture Alone" in our series on "Uncovering truth".

Next Sunday

Gordon will be speaking in the morning on Nehemiah 6 and in the evening on "Christ alone".

Church growth conference

We look forward to welcoming back Gordon, Leigh, Jeff & Hugh who return this morning from the conference they've attended over the last week.

Baptism service

There will be a baptism service on March 28th in the evening. If you would like to join the two people who have already said they would like to be baptized, please let any of the pastoral staff know.

Discovering the DNA of Testwood Baptist Church

We will be running our pre-church membership course soon. This Commitment Course will be held on 5 Sunday evenings, spread out over several months, the first one being on March 7th. It will give opportunity to discover what our mission & values are and to ask any questions. For information about the course please see John or Katrina Elkins.

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Journeys Course

This is a five week course examining the Christian faith, through real people, amazing stories and changed lives. If you would like to attend please register at the welcome desk or if you would like to invite someone else please take a card from the welcome desk. The course starts on Tuesday 2nd March 8-9.30pm.

An Evening with Jeff Lucas & Saltmine Theatre Company
Mon 1st March 7.30pm ant Central Baptist Church – further details from the Welcome Desk.

Churches Together in Totton Lent Course

Tuesday Evenings 23rd Feb and 2nd, 16th, and 23rd March at Totton Christian Centre. John Oliver leading, title Healing in All Senses.

Thursday Prayer

This group will not meet during Half Term but we are encouraged to pray at home. This week's focus for Prayer "the protection of marriages."

What a picture

There will be an opportunity for Church Members to have your photo taken for the church directory. Also if you head up any of the church activities we would also like your picture. Please see Nathan in reception after this morning service.

Bob Pearce Concert

Last opportunity to get you advance tickets from the welcome desk. Do not miss this excellent event. Have you invited your neighbour and friends yet?



Dates for your diary

February

Sat 20th Bob Pearce concert
Fri 26th Card making night

March

Tues 2nd Journeys course starts
Sat 6th Prayer breakfast
Sun 7th Women's Homegroup soup lunch
Fri 26th Women's Ministry movie and meal
Tues 30th Church members meeting

Also

- Fun Day on the Testwood Rec – Saturday, June 12th (see Dave Brider or Steve Reynolds)
- Church picnic – Sun June 27th after church
- Men's Golf Day June 30th- details to follow or see Steve Brider
- Church camping weekend - July 2nd – 4th (see Fiona & Simon Cowlard) (new site this year)

Soup Lunch

We would like to invite you to a soup lunch on Sunday 7/3 at 1p.m. Tickets £1 from Welcome Desk, Proceeds to Christian Aid. We provide soup and bread, with some information about Christian Aid, and an opportunity to donate again!
Many Thanks from the Thursday Women's Homegroup. Any questions see Sue Mansbridge/Hev Brider

Half term

As it's the school half term this week, many regular mid-week activities here take a break. Please check with the leader of your group/activity if you're unsure if that applies to the groups you're part of.

Student placement

Jenny Howard, a theology student from Moorlands College, will be placed with us here at TBC for 5 weeks starting Mon 15th Feb.

..... Your response

If you are a visitor and would like to know more please fill in, tick as appropriate, tear off & place in the offering bags or take to the Welcome Desk.

Name
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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)