

Sunday morning text and Sermon

“Restoration work” Continuing with discernment ...
Nehemiah 6.

v 8 – 13 I sent him this reply: "Nothing like what you are saying is happening; you are just making it up out of your head." They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, "Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed." But I prayed, "Now strengthen my hands." One day I went to the house of Shemaiah son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was shut in at his home. He said, "Let us meet in the house of God, inside the temple, and let us close the temple doors, because men are coming to kill you--by night they are coming to kill you." But I said, "Should a man like me run away? Or should one like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go!" I realized that God had not sent him, but that he had prophesied against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. He had been hired to intimidate me so that I would commit a sin by doing this, and then they would give me a bad name to discredit me.

V 15 – 16 So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realised that this work had been done with the help of our God.

Rely on God for discernment v1-14

Rejoice in what God enables us to do v15,16

Remember to stay on your guard v17-19

(Questions for further study on this passage are on the church website www.testwoodbaptist.org)

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

Feedback/comments/prayer requests



Sun 21st 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 Gordon Tuck will be speaking from Nehemiah 6. We will also be taking communion together. There is crèche provision & children & young people's groups for 3 – 14s. 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
This evening, in our service at 6 p.m, Gordon Tuck will continuing the series we're following through on Sunday evening – “Uncovering truth” – “Christ alone”.

Communion
Taking bread & wine is a special time when we come together to remember and celebrate what Jesus has done for us. We do this because he told us to 1 Corinthians 11:24 says, "And when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." We are remembering Jesus and all that He has done for us in his life, death and resurrection. All who love the Lord Jesus are welcome to share in taking communion together.

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.

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.

The Story So Far

On 27th March at 7pm Jim Green, Animal Rescue Specialist presents "The Story So Far", how a small team of firefighters from Hampshire have revolutionised the response to thousands of animal rescues attended by UK Fire and Rescue Services and Vets each year.

From horses in cattle grids and cows in slurry lagoons to pythons in cars and dogs in railings, Jim will tell tales of an often unknown aspect of emergency service life that has taken him to places as diverse as the Turkish / Syrian border.

During the evening we will be supporting the work of Farm Crisis Network. Sarah Brown, Executive Director of FCN will be speaking about the work that goes on daily to support Britain's farmers during everyday issues or major catastrophes such as floods or disease outbreak.

Please support Jim by coming along and if anyone would be prepared to make cakes to share during refreshments please see Jim Green or Anne Smithson. Thanks very much, Jim

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. . 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)

Churches together in Totton, Lent Course

Thursday evenings 23rd Feb and 2nd, 16th and 23rd March at Totton Christian Centre, 7.00 – 9.00 pm, John Oliver leading, entitled "Healing in all Senses"

An evening with Jeff Lucas and Saltmine Theatre Company

Mon 1st of March 7.30pm at Above Bar Church, Southampton (Reported last week as Central Baptist Church in error)

Community Liaison

We have been pleased to note that the local Community Police have been visiting the Hub from time to time during the week as part of their community liaison. Last Sunday they also dropped into the morning service. Please do welcome/chat to them as they may well drop in from time to time in the future.

Dates for your diary

February

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

Sat 27th "The Story So Far" – Jim Green

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

Soup Lunch

We would like to invite you to a soup lunch on Sunday 7th March 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! From; Thursday Women's Homegroup. Any questions see Sue Mansbridge/Hev Brider

'The River' --- Monday 9th March, 7.30-9.00pm

An evening of worship, some planned, some spontaneous, interspersed with readings from the Bible and video presentations. This is an exciting opportunity to come and worship God and respond either by reading, praying, writing, singing or simply reflecting. For more details see Leigh or email leigh@testwoodbaptist.org

Romsey Rapids Wednesdays: "Swimmin' Women"

Would you like to join a small group for an "Over 50s" swim from 9:15ish on Wednesdays. Good coffee and company afterwards optional. Talk to Jenny Boam.

Good Neighbour

We have an older couple who are without a car for 5 weeks. They live in Hammonds Green. If you can help give a lift to Church on a Sunday morning for any of the next five weeks please contact Leigh Barnard or Steve Reynolds for further details.

Your response

If you are a guest 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.

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- 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)