

Sunday morning text and Sermon

Trusting in God's unbreakable promises
Resurrection ...

John 11:21-27, 38-43 (TNIV)

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

v38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

➔ Give yourselves fully to God's work
1 Corinthians 15:58

➔ Remind each other of this truth
1 Thess 4:18

(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 11th April

Welcome to Testwood Baptist Church

This morning

Welcome ... we're glad you can be here today. There is crèche provision & children & young people's groups for 3 – 14s. Gordon will be introducing a new series on the unbreakable promises of God. 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

In the service starting at 6 pm, Roger & Sally Green will be reflecting on the years they have spent serving God in Africa. Refreshments will be served after both morning & evening services.

Next Sunday

Leigh will be preaching in the morning on "Eternal life", and in the evening Jenny Biggs and Nat & Simon Walters will be feeding back from their recent mission trips.

Alpha

The Alpha Supper is on Tuesday, April 20th. This 10 week course is a great way to explore what the Christian faith says about the meaning of life. There's a sign up sheet at the Welcome Desk, along with invitations to give to family & friends. You can also sign up via the church website www.testwoodbaptist.org

If you would like to help (setting up, in the kitchen team, waiting at tables, praying, facilitating discussions, putting things away) please see Debbie or Al Trousdale or Janice Tuck as soon as possible, or write your name on the list at the Welcome Desk and we'll get in touch with you. There will be a brief meeting for the team next Sunday, April 18th after the evening service.

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Southampton Passion 2011 is just over a year away, and a launch event is being held on Thursday 22nd April 2010, at Central Hall. The launch event will start at 7.30pm with a time of worship, followed by a chance to hear about the vision and meet some of the team. We will then head to Hoglands Park (the venue for Southampton Passion) for a time of prayer. Please do join us if you can. For further information about Southampton Passion, and to sign up to receive our newsletter, please go to www.southamptonpassion.org.uk

Bank Holiday Planning

The Big Church Day Out is on May 31st 2010. It is a huge outdoor event at Wiston House, West Sussex with an amazing line up of Worship Bands. It will run from 2pm until 10pm.

Hillsong United, Tim Hughes, Israel Houghton, Lou Fellingham, Graham Kendrick, Saltmine Theatre Company, Toby Mac are all on the list which is simply a stunning line up.

The cost of an early bird booking is £13 which is great value for money. If you are interested, lets see if we can have a good day out together. Book your ticket at www.bigchurchdayout.com and let John Cunningham know if you are going. We can then arrange travel and picnic together.

The Creche Rota for May to July has recently been circulated to those who receive it by E-mail. If you have not received yours please contact me. Thanks. Ann Friend (Thanks for all you do Ann)

Men's Video Games Night

Saturday April 24th 2010, 6pm at the church.

Including;

8 & 7 player football Rockband & Guitar Hero

Fastest lap competition Rally Racing and many more...

Cost £2 (includes drinks & chip butties)

No need to book - just turn up!

Contact Paul John or Rob Oag for more details

Under 16's to be accompanied by an adult

6 to 9pm all ages

9pm onwards over 16's only



F.L.A.G.

Calling all the FUN LOVING AND GORGEOUS ladies out there - don't forget to join us on Monday 19th April at 8pm in the Sports Hall. Our first get together will be an informal coffee and chat with possibly a little 'calorie free' treat!!

Come along – we'd love to see you.

Dates for your diary

April

Fri 16th Craft night
 Mon 19th Women's ministry. F.L.A.G.
 Tue 20th Alpha Supper
 Sat 24th Men's Video games night
 Wed 28th Women's ministry retreat

May

Sat 1st Prayer Breakfast
 Evening of Music with Marketa 8pm
 Mon 17th Women's ministry F.L.A.G.
 Fri 21st Craft night
 Sat 22nd Men's clay pigeon shooting

Collins Bible Companions

There are a few copies of this book still waiting to be picked up by those who have ordered them.

Making marriages stronger --- Save the date Sat June 5th 7:30
 Whether you have been married recently or for much longer, we know that each individual marriage throws up its own set of challenges to face. We'll be showing the film "Fireproof" here at TBC. This heartfelt movie tells the story of a couple on the brink of divorce ... until they discover God's design for their relationship. This is an opportunity to invest in your relationship. For more information – see Nicky & Stuart Bassham or Debbie & John Cunningham.

Women's Retreat Day at Furzey house, Minstead

Wednesday 28th April 10.00 - 2.00 Lunch is provided. Donations on the day. Places are limited to 20 people, so please sign up soon at the welcome desk or speak to Megan

The YFM team would love you to come along to the evening service on 25th April to hear about the work of Youth and Families Matter. We will be sharing some stories and pictures of the type of work we are involved in, and give you chance to ask questions. Please come along and support this evening.

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.

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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)