

Sunday morning text and Sermon

God's unbreakable promises
The presence of God

"The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Exodus 33:14

"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:7-9

"Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I." Isaiah 58:9

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matt 28:18-20

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Heb 13:5

God promises us His presence

God encourages us to actively seek Him

- What makes us more aware / less aware of God?
- How can we become more aware of Him?

God's presence will transform our lives

(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 9th May

Welcome to Testwood Baptist Church

This morning

Welcome ... we're glad you can be here today. Gordon Tuck, our Senior Pastor, will be speaking this morning about God's promised presence. There is crèche provision later on in the service. This morning, all the groups in the children's department will be meeting together for Activ8. 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

At 6 p.m. Gordon will be continuing the "Restoration Agents" series, speaking about Jesus' ascension. The next session of the Commitment Course will run in parallel with this service, meeting in room 6.

Future Sunday events Next Sunday evening there's an Ignite event, organized by the 14-18s in Headway. On the following Sunday evening, May 23rd others from local churches will join us for our Pentecost service.

Making marriages stronger Sat June 5th 7:30

We'll be showing the film "Fireproof" here at TBC. This heartfelt movie tells the story of a couple who rediscover their love for each other. This is an opportunity to invest in your relationship. Please pick up your free tickets for the film at the Reception so that we can have an indication of numbers for the evening. for further details please contact Stuart & Nicky Bassham or John & Debbie Cunningham

Welcome Evening

Each term, we have "Welcome Evenings" for those who have recently started coming to church. If this applies to you, invitations are at the Welcome Desk. We hope you can join us. The next Welcome Evening is on Friday, June 25th at 7:30 p.m. in The Hub.

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Dates for your diary

An evening with Fiona Castle

Here at TBC. Fiona will be talking about "Living simply ... de-cluttering your heart & your home". Monday 7th June 7:30 p.m. Tickets £5 from the Welcome Desk.

Tomorrow Evening 'The River'

An invitation to come and worship: some planned, some spontaneous, interspersed with readings from the bible that people are free to come and give as the Lord leads. This is a great opportunity to give God glory and to listen to what he is saying to us. This will take place in the auditorium at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. See Leigh Barnard for more details.

Need to talk with someone?

Come for a coffee and a chat in The Hub on Wednesdays from 11am - 1pm for free, confidential listening to any everyday worries or more serious concerns.

Patio Tables and Chairs

If you haven't yet signed up for Fun Day (12th June) please do so at the Welcome desk in reception. We need approximately 150 volunteers to make this work. A great way to serve the community.

As usual we are need of the loan of your patio tables and chairs for the refreshment areas. If you can lend us yours for the weekend please see Joy in the Reception area after the service. We are also looking to distribute the advertising cards soon. If you can help deliver to your area please see Ray Beare.

Congratulations

To Rich French & Fi Cope who will be getting married here next Saturday. You are all welcome to come to the service at 1 p.m.

Youth and Children's Department

Our Youth and Children's department are growing. Please pray for the many local families we are in touch with each week. If you would like to find out how you can get involved please see Ray King or Andy Evans.

A Singles Group for TBC - Testwood Solos

In response to the previous notice in the newsletter, we had about 10 interested people meeting on 29th April. The Singles Ministry will be known as "Testwood Solos" and is intended to provide friendship and fellowship for single people at TBC.

The first event planned is a 5 mile country walk on Saturday 5th June, more details will be published soon for those wishing to come along.

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May

Mon 10th The River
Sun 16th Ignite service 6.00pm
Mon 17th Women's ministry F.L.A.G.
Fri 21st Craft night
Sat 22nd Men's clay pigeon shooting

June

Sat 5th Prayer Breakfast
Sat 5th "Fireproof" Film Show
Mon 7th An evening with Fiona Castle
Sat 12th Family Fun Day
Sun 13th Church in the Park
Fri 18th YFM Fashion Show
Mon 21st Women's ministry F.L.A.G.
Wed 23rd Men's Golf Day
Sun 26th Church Picnic

YFM FASHION SHOW - TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Friday 18th June. Tickets £5 each, to include one free drink on entry. Available at the Welcome Desk now.

Travelling Trends are a professional company who are going to put on a great show for us with fabulous high street ladies fashions at bargain prices. Members of our church will be modelling the clothes, come and support them! There will be the opportunity for you to try on clothes after the show and then purchase and take home on the night. Bring your friends and family along for a fun ladies night out that will raise funds for Youth and Families Matter, the church's community project.

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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)