

Sunday morning text and Sermon

"Lost – Part 2"

Luke 15: 11-32

To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: A man had two sons. The younger son told his father, "I want my share of your estate now before you die." So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living.

About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything. When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, "At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! I will go home to my father and say, Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant." So he returned home to his father.

While he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. His son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son." But his father said to the servants, "Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found." So the party began.

Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, and he asked one of the servants what was going on. "Your brother is back," he was told, "and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return." The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him, but he replied, "All these years I've slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!" His father said to him, "Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!"

We can find our way "home" to God

We should mirror the welcome we've received to others

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

Feedback/comments/prayer requests



Sun 27th June

Welcome to Testwood Baptist Church

This morning

Welcome ... we're glad you can be here today. Gordon Tuck will be speaking this morning. 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

At 6 p.m ... Ray King will be speaking on Psalm 139 "Being known by God".

Baptism

We have a baptismal service planned for July 11th.

If you have committed your life to be a follower of Jesus, getting baptised is an important part of making that commitment public – as well as obeying what Jesus says.

Please see one of the pastoral staff if you would like to talk about being baptised.

Thank you

....to everyone who helped with the Youth and Families Matter Fashion Show last Friday. We had a fantastic evening and we raised £972. All of this will go towards the work of YFM in our local community.

Many thanks - Jacqueline James

Jean and Peter Maulini would like to welcome you all to their service of Marriage Blessing on Sat 3rd July 2010 at 12.30pm and after for Tea, Coffee and Cakes in the Hub

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2010 WORLD CUP SCREENINGS @ TBC

This afternoon at 3 p.m. Germany v ENGLAND,
15:00 Kick off MAIN HALL

Parking Sunday Mornings....

Just a reminder about our parking policy here at TBC for Sunday mornings. We aim to keep the church car park and that next door at F N T C free for new visitors, the disabled and those with very young children. We would ask that everyone else please use the industrial estate. A map showing the location of the industrial estate can be obtained from reception. Although it seems a little way to drive the walkway is just a little way down the road and not much further than from the back of the church car park.

Church Camping Weekend

Next week is the church camping weekend. There are still places if anyone would like to join us. If you would like to come for just a day or part of a day you would be welcome. The camp is taking place at Lockerly Water Farm, East Tytherley Road, Lockerly, Nr Romsey, Hants. SO51 OLW. This is a private site, we have exclusive use. Look for the TBC markers opposite the entrance along East Tytherley Road. The site will be open from midday on Friday the 2nd July. We need to be off the site and packed away, cleared up etc by 5.30pm on Sunday 4th July. Cost for the full weekend stay is £25 per unit.

For further details please see Simon or Fiona Cowlard or Steve Reynolds on reception.

Lift from Calmore

There is a lady who lives in Honeydew Close in Calmore who has walking difficulties who would love a lift to Church on a Sunday Morning.

If you can help please see Steve Reynolds on Reception

Church picnic

Today after this morning's service we are planning to go for a picnic at Whitefield Moor. Maps are available from the welcome desk in the reception area. Do join us there or ask at the welcome desk about shared lifts (if it is raining we will stay in the Church)

Picnic location.

Take the A35 out of Lyndhurst. Turn left onto Rhinefield Road (The Ornamental Drive). The car park is the one we have been to for a number of years for church picnics – on the left after leaving the wooded area, just before Brockenhurst - OSGrid SU 2702.

Dates for your diary

July
 Fri 2nd Church Camping week end
 Sat 3rd Prayer breakfast
 Sun 11th Baptism Service
 Tues 13th Church Members meeting
 Sat 17th Women's Ministry Prayer Lunch
 Mon 19th Women's Ministry FLAG film night

August
 Sun 1st New Wine
 Mon 16th Women's Ministry FLAG family walk

Sept
 Tues 14th Men's curry night
 Fri 17th Phatfish live in Concert
 Sat 18th YFM sponsored walk
 Mon 20th Women's Ministry Bar B Q
 Sat 25th Worn again

Ladies prayer lunch – Sat July 17th

12:00 – 2:00 in The Hub.

Lunch is provided. There's a sign up sheet at the Welcome Desk so we know numbers to cater for. See Megan Murray, Hev Brider, Fi Plummer, Rachel Lyon or Janice Tuck for more information.

Streetwise

YFM have now purchased their new vehicle for the Streetwise project. We now need to design the outside to make it 'funky' for the young people and make alterations to the inside. If you have any skills in design or can offer any practical help then please come along to a meeting in the Hub on 7th July at 7pm. Any questions please speak to Kelly Price or Brigitte Kemish.

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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.

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| Address | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's or youth activities |
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| Telephone | <input type="checkbox"/> Courses that explore the Christian faith |
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