

## Sunday morning text and Sermon

### Jonah 2 - "I've got that sinking feeling..."

From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. He said:

"In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry. You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me.

I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.' The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD my God. "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.

"Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD." And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

### Recognize that God can rescue us

### Know God's restoration

#### Alpha

The Alpha course has now finished. We're grateful to all who have organized rotas, prayed, set tables, moved furniture, bought food and prepared meals, washed up, cleared up, done talks, facilitated discussions on the tables, etc, etc. It's been a great time!

We're planning an Alpha course next term – this time during the day. It'll run on Friday mornings (10:00 – 11:45) under the balcony starting on September 24th. There's a sign up sheet at the Welcome Desk if you'd like to join that course – it explores Jesus' claim to show us the meaning of life. If you'd like to talk to someone about this, please see Hayley Barnard, Fiona Jong or Janice Tuck.

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

Feedback/comments/prayer requests



Sun 11<sup>th</sup> July

## Welcome to Testwood Baptist Church

### This morning

Welcome ... we're glad you can be here today. Graham McClaren & John Sweetman are getting baptized this morning – and we welcome their families & friends. Gordon Tuck will be speaking later in the service. 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 Becky Longland and John & Laura Murray will be getting baptized. Please come along and support them.

### Church members meeting

This Tuesday 7:15pm for coffee for a 7:30 start. If you are a church member, please make every effort to be at this meeting to keep up to date with and contribute to how things are developing here at TBC.

### "The River", 12<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm

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 God 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 and all are welcome. If you would like to help with creative ideas or set up during the day on Monday please see Leigh Barnard for more details.

### Reminder

Phatfish live in concert. Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Tickets £10 a head, available from the welcome desk.

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### Africa evening – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Mark and Naomi Munts are hosting an African themed evening at TBC on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July to raise funds for their forthcoming mission trip to Nakuru, Kenya. The evening will run from 6pm and will include a two course meal and an African themed 'pub quiz'. Tickets are £7 for adults and £3 for children and these can be purchased from Mark Munts at the welcome desk today. If you would like to find out more please speak to Mark or contact him on 07833666247 or Naomi on 07518758303. Please support this event if you can. Thank you.

### Creche Rota.

The Rota for August to October has recently been circulated on E-mail. If you have not received yours, please contact me (Ann Friend) for a hard copy. Tel 02380865669 or E-mail [geandan@care4free.net](mailto:geandan@care4free.net)

### Green Fingered?

One of the members of the YFM Coffee morning/support group would like some help in her garden. She needs someone to help her get started with clearing it and making it look good. If anyone has a few hours to spare, and is a keen gardener, please speak to Kelly Price or Paula Oag. I know she would be most grateful.

### Football

Would you fancy playing football for the church team? Or would you just want to get to know some more guys in the church, or want to keep fit? Chat to Neil Tuck to find out more (you can also ask at the welcome desk).

Have you ever refereed and would like to play a part in a great church ministry? We are in need of some guys to ref for the church football team for the new season which starts in September. Chat to Neil Tuck to find out more (or ask at the welcome desk)

### Welcome

We're so pleased to welcome the group from South Korea who are with us for the next three weeks and the Youth Group from Langley Slough who are staying the weekend. Welcome.

### 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.

### AV Operators urgently wanted.

Do you have a heart for worship and some basic computer skills. We have immediate vacancies for AV Operators. You do not need to be a computer genius, training given. If you would like more information please see Leigh or Peter Pike.

### Dates for your diary

July	
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	The River – Worship and Praise evening
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Church Members meeting
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Ministry Prayer Lunch
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	Africa evening
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Ministry FLAG film night
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	Testwood Solos – Eling walk
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	Testwood Solos – Planning meeting
August	
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Wine
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Ministry FLAG family walk
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Testwood Solos – Day out - TBA
Sept	
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	Testwood Solos – Visit to Street + East Somerset railway
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Men's curry night
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Phatfish live in Concert
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Ministry Bar B Q
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	Worn again

### Ladies prayer lunch – Sat July 17<sup>th</sup>

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.

### Worn Again

If you're clearing things out this summer. remember to save clothes, household textiles, etc for the next Worn Again – Sat Sept 25<sup>th</sup>. (Though please store them at home until the day!) There's a sign up at the Welcome Desk if you'd like to be part of the team on the day. Further information from Brigitte Kemish or Janice Tuck.

### Keep Safe during Summer

During the months of August there will be much work going on in the building. The new Bleachers are being installed. All the carpets will be cleaned. Work in the Sports Hall etc.etc. Most activities including the Hub do not take place over August but if for any reason you do need to enter the building during August please exercise extreme care for your safety. The church office will be open throughout the whole of August.

### 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           |
|           | <input type="checkbox"/> Small groups that meet midweek           |
| Telephone | <input type="checkbox"/> Courses that explore the Christian faith |
| Email     | (Alpha/Journeys)  |