

Sunday morning text and Sermon

Jonah 3

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city--a visit required three days. On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned." The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

Follow God wholeheartedly

Recognize where things have gone wrong

Be ready to give new beginnings

Alpha

We're planning an Alpha course next term on Friday mornings (10:00 – 11:45) under the balcony. The course will start 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 18th July

Welcome to Testwood Baptist Church

This morning

Welcome ... we're glad you can be here today. Gordon Tuck will be speaking later in the service, and we will also be sharing communion. 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 is an IGNITE service, lead by the Headway group. Our guests from South Korea will also be taking part. Please come along to support them.

August

The Sunday morning services continue as usual at 10:30, however, the time in the evening is freed up for getting together as friends & families to enjoy some sunshine (!) and the opportunity to deepen relationships. Many regular church activities take a break over August. Next Sunday's newsletter will give detailed information. If you lead an activity and want details published, please email notices@testwoodbaptist.org by 12 noon on Thursday 22nd July. This will be the last Newsletter before the summer break, although there will be a weekly information sheet available. Newsletter will resume normal publication from 29th August. Through August we'll also be letting you know specific people to pray for who are away on missions.

Reminder

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

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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)

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.

Testwood Solos Eling walk

Saturday the 24th of July we will be meeting at Sunnyfields Farmers Market, Jacob's Gutter Lane SO40 9FX, at 10.00 am, meet there in the car park. (Please note this is NOT the old Somerfield car park off Salisbury road!) If you're thinking about buying anything to take home, consider whether you need to bring a cold bag.

From there we will go for a walk around the nature reserve, there is a car park at Eling Hill near the toll bridge.

After this, on to the Village Bells for lunch, where there is also parking. If you still haven't had enough of Eling, the Tide Mill should be open on Saturday, and according to their web site, it will actually be working that Saturday afternoon.

Any questions please contact Adrian Orchard, 02380 669085

Fireproof Film and the Love Dare

Of those folk who attended the Fireproof Film Night on 5th June, many chose to buy the Love Dare book and do the challenge as a couple for 40 days.

By our calculations, the 40 days is now coming to an end and we would love to hear your feedback. Please use the e-mail address

marriage@testwoodbaptist.org to tell us about your experiences. Also indicate whether you would like to catch up for a social during the summer.

God bless, Stuart & Nicky

F.L.A.G.

Calling all FUN LOVING AND GORGEOUS ladies.... join us tomorrow on Monday 19th July - 7.30pm 'til 10.00pm in the Sports Hall to watch Sandra Bullock's Oscar-winning film: "The Blind Side". If your social conscience needs a stir, then this is a "must see", a fantastic film that will not disappoint. Tickets £1.00 (including popcorn) from: Debbie Cunningham, Sandy Chance, Liz Maher or Mary Reeves. Come along - we'd love to see you.

Baptism

We're thrilled that there are more people wanting to get baptized ... we've set the date for Sun Sept 12th. If you have made a commitment to follow Jesus and would like to talk about getting baptized, please talk to Gordon, Ray, Leigh or Janice.

Dates for your diary

July

Mon 19th

Women's Ministry FLAG film night

Sat 24th

Testwood Solos - Eling walk

Tues 27th

Testwood Solos - Planning meeting

August

Sun 1st

New Wine

Mon 16th

Women's Ministry FLAG family walk

Sat 21st

Testwood Solos - Day out - TBA

Sept

Sat 4th

Testwood Solos - Visit to Street + East Somerset railway

Tues 14th

Men's curry night

Fri 17th

Phatfish live in Concert

Sun 19th

24/7 prayer starts

Mon 20th

Women's Ministry FLAG Bar B Q

Fri 24th

Alpha starts

Sat 25th

Worn again

Worn Again

If you're clearing things out this summer, remember to save clothes, household textiles, etc for the next Worn Again - Sat Sept 25th. (Though please store them at home until the day!) There's a sign up sheet 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.

Decorators wanted

Is there anyone with decorating skills who could help to strip wallpaper and paint walls on Saturday 24th July and/or do odd jobs that day or over that weekend please phone Hannah Leigh on 07783961713 who would be VERY grateful. Thank you.

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.

24/7 prayer

Please make a note in your diaries ... we're planning another week of 24/7 prayer ... starting Sun Sept 19th.

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
Address

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)