

Sunday morning text and Sermon

'Letting go and moving on'

Jonah 4:1 But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry. 2 He prayed to the LORD, "O LORD, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. 3 Now, O LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

Jonah 4:4 But the LORD replied, "Have you any right to be angry?"

Jonah 4:5 Jonah went out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. 6 Then the LORD God provided a vine and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the vine. 7 But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the vine so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

Jonah 4:9 But God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?"

"I do," he said. "I am angry enough to die."

Jonah 4:10 But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. 11 But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

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



Summer edition

Welcome to Testwood Baptist Church

This morning

Welcome ... we're glad you can be here today. Leigh Barnard will be giving the last talk in our current series from Jonah this morning. We are pleased to also welcome the friends and family of Eleanor Grace Annells for her dedication. There is crèche provision for 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

John Ellkins will bring us God's Word and Clive Chance will be leading worship.

August

Throughout August the Sunday morning services continue as usual at 10:30, however there will not be any Evening services. The idea is that time 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. Please check with your group leader if you are unsure if you are affected. Throughout 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 are available from the welcome desk.

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.

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Keep Safe during Summer

During the month of August there will be a lot of work going on in the building. The new Bleachers are being installed and all the carpets will be cleaned, there will be work going on 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.

Summer Gardening Activity

Come & join the Gardening & Clear-up evening. 7:00 p.m. onwards. Wednesday 11th August. Everyone WELCOME
Please bring tools & gloves. Refreshments provided at dusk!
For more information contact:
Bruce & Elisabeth

Balcony prayer meeting

The Thursday night 'balcony' prayer meetings will resume this Thursday, 29 July, starting at 8pm. Because of the work being done on the balcony, the first three meetings – 29th July, 5th & 12th August – will take place in the Hub, and the next two on 19th & 26th August will be at Phil & Jane Villiers' house, 39 School Road, Eling.

All are welcome. If you have a heart for prayer, do come along and join us for an exciting and inspiring time of prayerful praise, intercession and worship.
Phil & Jane Villiers

"A NIGHT TO REMEMBER" 7.30pm Sat 31st July in the Sports Hall
Please come and help Diane and Danni Pratt raise funds for Naomi House Childrens Hospice, Rainbow Trust (helping terminally ill children) and the Childrens Heart Ward in Southampton.
For £5 only, you get a ploughman's and entertainment by some of Totton's great new singers (with a surprise guest appearance).
Contact Diane Pratt for tickets or further details. 02380675363.

Hospitality Team

Seeking the Lord for some way to serve Him and His people here at Testwood? Here's a suggestion. We urgently need some more people to join our hospitality team. (Posh name for the team that serves teas and coffees after the Sunday meetings!)

I am in the process of making out the rota for the remainder of this year, and there are several gaps which need to be filled, if the present team members are not to be run off their feet!

The team would like to serve about every six weeks, but that will not be possible unless you and your friends are willing to put your names forward for inclusion on the new rota, which will commence in mid-August. If you wish to work with a particular friend or your spouse, that can be arranged, but even if you have no partner, give in your name and you will be paired up with someone.

Please state whether you can serve morning, evening, either, or both. Please see Sheila Bevin, or email me, at <thelmamills@yahoo.co.uk>, or leave your name, phone no. or e mail address at reception today or during this coming week.

Thank you. Thelma"

Dates for your diary

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 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.

24/7 prayer

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

Wedding shower

Ladies, you are invited to celebrate the wedding of Di Wheeler by attending her wedding shower on Monday, Aug 9th in The Hub at 7:30 pm. Please bring along a small anonymous gift and a small amount of food for a light supper. All welcome.

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 marriage@testwoodbaptist.org e-mail address 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

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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)