

Sunday morning text and Sermon

God's renewal plan

Revelation 1:9-20 "I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea." I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. "Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches."

For God to renew us ...

- Ask that we might be aware of Jesus each day
- Live in awe of Him
- Receive His strength

(Questions for further study are on the church website)

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

Feedback/comments/prayer requests



Sun 5th Sept

Welcome to Testwood Baptist Church

This morning

Welcome to church today! Gordon Tuck will be starting a new series today called "God's renewal plan". Crèches & groups for 3-14s will take place during this time, and we'd love you to join us for coffee or tea after the service. Please ask at the Welcome Desk or check the church website for further information.

This Evening at 6pm

Brian Coward will be speaking at our communion & healing service.

Next Sunday

We're having baptisms in the morning & evening services. 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.

24/7 prayer week

This starts on Sunday Sept 19th, and during that week Leigh will be leading one of our regular worship evenings – "The River" – on Thurs Sept 23rd.

Harvest Service – Sept 26th

We'll be donating goods for Basics Bank again. This is a vital part of the help we can give to those in our community who need essential supplies. Tinned or dried foods for basic meals & toiletries will be most appreciated.

YFM / Youth Worker

Can you please pray for us as we seek the way forward.

Anna Priestly will not now be joining us as she has decided to join the mission field in Uganda.

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Alpha

The next Alpha course starts 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.

Worn Again

If you're clearing things out 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

The Wednesday morning bible study group starts again this week, 8th Sept at 9.30 'til 11.00am. We will continue to look at St John's gospel and new members will be welcome.

Brian Coward.

Jellytots toddler group:

Our church toddler group meets on Fridays in the sports hall, from 10am to 11.30am, £1 a family, and we provide play areas for the children, craft, snack time, coffee and cakes for the parents/carers, and songtime at the end. Our aim is to offer a warm welcome and friendly environment for families in our area, and it would be lovely to see more church families coming along. This is a great outreach and over the years we have seen many folk get more involved in church through this group. Our first week back this term will be Friday 17th September, and a copy of our newsletter is on the TBC website. If you need more information, contact Kate Fry, 023 80873137.

Accommodation request

We're going to have a student from Regents College on placement here from 12th – 26th September. He'll need accommodation. If you could offer this, please let Gordon know.

The Hub

There are currently opportunities to join the great team of volunteers who serve in the church's "coffee stop" during the week. If you could do a regular weekly shift (9:30-12:00, or 12:00-2:30), or could join the "reserve list, please see Janice Tuck – or leave your name at the Welcome Desk.

Today is the start of the new look **Children's Department:**

Discoverers	Last year of pre-school and year R	Sports Hall
Explorers	Years 1 and 2	Sports Hall
Venturers	Years 3 and 4	Room 5
Impact	Years 5 and 6	Room 6

Creche 1 is in its usual room and Creche 2 is in Room 2

If you are not sure where any of these rooms are please speak to Ray who will be on the door as you go out to the **Children's department** this morning.

Dates for your diary

Sept

Sun 12 th	Baptism service
Tues 14 th	Men's curry night
Fri 17 th	Phatfish live in Concert
Sat 18 th	YFM sponsored walk
Sun 19 th	24/7 prayer week commences
Mon 20 th	Women's Ministry Bar B Q
Thurs 23 rd	The River – Worship evening
Fri 24 th	Morning Alpha commences
Sat 25 th	Worn again

October

Sat 2 nd	Prayer breakfast
Fri 15 th	Craft night
Sat 16 th	Men's Video Games Night – 7:00pm @ the church.
Tues 19 th	Church members A.G.M.

PHATFISH CONCERT - Not long to take your seats!

Now we have the balcony completed we can sell seated tickets for the Phatfish concert. Now I know a number of you "less young" have requested these. Numbers are limited so please be quick. Same price of £10. You may not have realised that tickets sold so far are standing downstairs so if you wish to swap for seated ones on the balcony please ask at the Welcome desk in reception.

Christmas craft evening.

A planning meeting is planned at Kate's, 7:30 p.m Monday Sept 13th. Please let Kate or Janice know if you're interested in being part of this.

Thursday Prayer Group

Following the summer break the Thursday Prayer Group will meet again on the balcony from this week. Please do come and join them at 8.00pm.

Welcome..... this morning to Luke Aylen who is joining us this year as an INTERN under the wing of Ray King our Youth Pastor.

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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- 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)