

**Sunday morning
Bible reading**

Mark 15:25-37

⁵ It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ The written notice of the charge against him read: the king of the Jews.

²⁷ They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, 'So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰ come down from the cross and save yourself!' ³¹ In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. 'He saved others,' they said, 'but he can't save himself! ³² Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.' Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

³³ At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' (which means 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?').

³⁵ When some of those standing near heard this, they said, 'Listen, he's calling Elijah.'

³⁶ Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. 'Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down,' he said. ³⁷ With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

Notes for further study can be found on the church website (www.testwoodbaptist.org) under "Downloads".

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11th March '18

Welcome to Testwood Baptist Church
We want to reach people for Jesus,
and help His followers grow to be like Him.

Welcome to church today! May God bless you as you come here to meet with Him. Please ask at the Welcome Desk, or check the church website, for any information you may require. There are groups for children up to Year 9. Please ask if you are not sure which group your child is in. Tea & coffee will be served after the service. There will also be an opportunity to ask for prayer at the end of the service.

This morning – In our "Epic Explorers" series, which we're following through as a whole church, Gordon Tuck will be speaking on the fact that Jesus died in our place and makes a way for us to be forgiven children of God. Being Mothers Day we look forward to giving out a small gift to all ladies.

This evening – For the next 3 Sunday evenings, in a new series called "Equip" we'll be looking at how to answer questions about our faith. Gordon & Janice will be leading this evening.

Next Sunday morning, March 18th – In our "Epic Explorers" series Matt will be speaking on the fact that Jesus really did rise again, and offers us new life in him. We'll be taking communion together in both the 9:30am & 11:15am services.

Next Sunday evening – At 7pm, we'll be looking at answering the question "Does God exist?" Neil Tuck will be speaking.

Remember - Clocks go forward on the 25th.

March 25th – In our "Epic Explorers" series Gordon Tuck will be speaking on the fact that we can live with the help of the Holy Spirit. In the evening at 7pm we'll be looking at answering the question "What does God say about who we are?"

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Good Friday – Please make sure you take note that our Good Friday service this year will be 30 mins earlier than usual – now at 10:00am. This is to allow time for us to get to the Passion Re-visited that starts at 11:30am in Guildhall Square, Southampton. Gordon has been asked to do the talk at the end of this production this year. As part of this, a film clip is being prepared with brief comments from a number of people about the difference that knowing Jesus makes in our lives.

Billy Graham – Millions of people’s lives have been impacted by the life & preaching of Billy Graham who died at the age of 99 on Wednesday, Feb 21st. After Easter we’re planning a Sunday evening when we can celebrate his life and look at what we can learn from his example of faith & obedience to God’s call. We’d love to hear from you if Billy Graham’s preaching has been part of your faith journey. Please chat to Janice – or email janice@testwoodbaptist.org

Baptism – We’ve set aside Sunday, April 15th for baptisms in both the 9:30am 11:15am services, and possibly the evening too. Have you committed your life to following Jesus and want to take the next step of getting baptised? Any of the pastoral staff would love to talk this through with you, or email gordon@testwoodbaptist.org

Tuesday Group - are having a prayer meeting to pray for the work among the over 60’s in Totton on Tuesday March 20th at 2pm under the balcony. All are welcome to join them.

Alpha – We’re looking forward to running the Alpha course here next term on Tuesday evenings starting on April 24th. If you wouldn’t yet call yourself a committed Christian and want to explore the core messages of the Christian faith, then this course is for you! You can add your name to the list at the Welcome Desk, or email tbc.alpha@testwoodbaptist.org We’d also love to hear from anyone who would like to serve in the team that makes Alpha happen. There’s a signup sheet at the Welcome Desk, or speak to Janice.

Westbrook 2018 - the annual Youth and Children's Department Isle of Wight residential is now open for booking! In amongst all the usual games, crafts, sports, swimming and seaside fun, we will be spending time together as a group to worship and to tackle the dramatic story of Elijah who, in wild times and in wild places, relied totally on God's powerful provision. Westbrook info is available from reception and on the church website, and the dates are Venturers and Impact Weds: May 30th - Fri June 1st, Encounter and Lifegroups: Fri June 1st - Sun June 3rd. The cost is £85 (Please speak to Sarah or Naomi if cost would be a barrier) and you can check out the Westbrook facilities at <https://westbrook.urbansaints.org>. Roll on the end of May!

Been on the church camping weekend? If you’ve appreciated the facilities at the Lockerley campsite, you might be interested in helping the Hampshire Christian Trust with their deep clean on Sat 7th April. Contact andrew.sullivan4@ntlworld.com if you can help or speak to Phil Rhodes.

Keeping up-to-date with what’s going on here at TBC - ChurchSuite is an app (for your phone or computer) that offers a great way to keep connected with what’s going on here at TBC. You will receive regular notices about TBC events, and if you’re on a rota, you’ll receive reminders about that too. You can sign up in the Hub or speak to Jim Shepherd or John Elkins for more information.

Update on Dave and Becky - Three months have flown by since Becky and Dave Waterman left Totton for Kampala in Uganda, to work for Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). It has been an exciting, busy, exhausting time for them, but they are starting to settle into their new life there. They have managed to obtain a car, and last week their container finally arrived - so, after 3 months, they now have a few home comforts to make life a little easier. Since arriving, they have visited a number of different churches, spent Christmas by the Nile, been to a Ugandan wedding, learnt how to navigate the crazy roads of Kampala, and met countless new people. Dave has been enjoying his role as an avionics engineer on the MAF team, but will need to pass 9 more exams to convert his UK license and be allowed to sign out aircraft in Uganda. Becky has been busy helping with various MAF administrative tasks, but her role is still developing. They would be grateful for prayers for Dave's exams, and also for energy and good health as they continue to develop friendships and get used to everything. They also wanted to let us know that the new MAF floatplane, which will be in service in Bangladesh, is visiting Calshot on 20th March - why not support MAF by coming to see the plane and hearing more about the work of the charity around the world. Details can be found at www.maf-uk.org/event/a-flying-visit-to-southern-england

Pastoral Support - If anyone has any pastoral needs then please speak to your Small Group leader in the first instance or telephone 023 8086 0320 or 07555 984530 to speak to one of the Pastoral Team.

Car parking - Just a reminder to those who attend TBC regularly to leave as many spaces as possible for visitors and for those who are disabled or have difficulty walking. If this isn’t you, please park on Calmore Industrial Estate where there’s loads of room!

Items for Newsletter and Welcome PowerPoint - Can be emailed to notices@testwoodbaptist.org or katrina@testwoodbaptist.org by midday on Thursday. Please put the word ‘newsletter’ in the subject line.

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