

**Sunday morning
Bible reading**

John 20:24-31

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

²⁸ Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

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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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8th April '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 the 9:30am & 11:15am services, Gordon Tuck will be speaking on "Encountering Jesus" – Thomas' experience in John 20:24-31.

This evening – At 7:00pm, Colin Clarke will be speaking on "Encountering Jesus" – Peter's experience in John 21:1-14.

Next Sunday morning – Ethan & Kim will be getting baptised in the 9:30am service, Sarah & Ben in the 11:15am service and Gordon will be speaking.

Next Sunday evening – Chris will be getting baptised in the 7:00pm service with Matt Huckle speaking.

Sunday, April 22nd morning – In the 9:30am & 11:15am services, Gordon will be starting a new teaching series called "The Pursuit" – looking at different ways of encountering God. We'll be studying the example of Ruth, in how she encountered God by loving others.

Sunday, April 22nd evening – At 7pm we'll setting aside time for worship and word. Those in the Alpha team will be spending some of this time together. For those who serve in the Youth & Children's teams there's a team meeting from 7:00pm in the Sports Hall.

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The Hub & Basics Bank – Please note that the Hub coffee shop is closed during the school holidays, but the church will be open from 9-11am each day for Basics Bank.

Spring Harvest – Please pray for TBC staff serving on the team at week 2 of Spring Harvest from this afternoon ... Sarah leading the sessions in the Prayer Space, Matt the 20s & 30s ministry, and Gordon & Janice the “Just Looking” stream for those investigating the Christian faith.

Alpha – We’re looking forward to running the Alpha course here next term on Tuesday evenings starting on April 24th. Invitations are now available at the Welcome Desk. Invitations are now available at the Welcome Desk. 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

Young at Heart - Will meet here at the church on Monday 9th April at 2pm. Mark Warner will be speaking about the work of the Sailors' Society. All over 50's are welcome!

Church Meeting – The next Members Meeting is on Tuesday 17th April at 7.30pm. This will include elections as Hugh’s term of office as an elder is due for renewal and he is willing to stand again.

24/7 Prayer Change of Date – The 24/7 Prayer Room will now be starting on Sunday 13th May.

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.

The Hub – The church’s coffee shop re-opens after the Easter break on Monday, April 16th at 9:00am.

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!

Prayer Request – Please pray for Dave Parry & team as they take services at: Woodlands Ridge nursing home on Tuesday 10th April and Springdale Court on Thursday 12th April.

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!

Newsletter and Welcome PowerPoint– Notices 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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