



PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Chine Avenue and Cornel Road; Pear Tree House Rehabilitation Centre; all our Servers and Sidespersons.

In your prayers today, please remember the bereaved and the housebound, all those known to you who may be ill at home or in hospital and all those who care for them.

In particular, please continue to pray for the Ockelford family, Marie Warr, Les Beard, Dave and Joanne Isaacs, Win Stead, Mary Stone, Rosemary Nutburn, Arthur Collins, Yvette and Christine Bennett, Mary Hallerton, John Burrows, Bethany Mullen, Jackie and Mike, Emily Thomas, Alan and Michele Cahill, Jenna Harmer, Sylvia Drake, Jim Inglis and Bill Kerr.

Family Fun Night and Disco

Friday 20th January
6.00-7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall.
A family fun night for parents and children up to 11-12 years with activities, games, and disco music
Light refreshments provided.
Free entry.
No unaccompanied children.
All welcome.



JUMBLE SALE

10.30 a.m.
Saturday 28th January
in the Church Hall
Admission 30p
Volunteers would be appreciated from 9.00 a.m. to set up and

PARISH MAGAZINE

The deadline for our February/March issue is today, Sunday 8th January. If you have any items of interest you would like publicised, Christmas memories, family news, etc., then please leave on the table or e-mail Doris Pratt at dmpratt@btopenworld.com.



ALSO many of you pick up your copy of the magazine from the table and leave your money in the special box. However, if this has slipped your mind or if you prefer to pay on a yearly basis, it would be appreciated if you could give your 2016 contributions to Doris Pratt as soon as possible. Thank you.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT BAPTISMS IN PEAR TREE CHURCH

please contact Pam West (80448256) or e-mail thepamelawest@yahoo.co.uk.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT WEDDINGS AND PUBLICATION OF BANNERS OF MARRIAGE AT ST MARK'S CHURCH AND PEAR TREE CHURCH:

please contact Pat Hawkins (80438103) or e-mail kpcherrytop@yahoo.co.uk.



AT PEAR TREE CHURCH WE AIM TO LOVE GOD AND OUR NEIGHBOURS

The Purpose of the Church in Pear Tree is to provide a place of worship where all people are welcome and encouraged to experience God's love in faith and prayer; where we will reach out as witnesses to discover the needs of the local and wider communities using our gifts and resources and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit

**SUNDAY
8th
JANUARY
2017**

**1st Sunday
of Epiphany**

Priest-in-Charge - Revd Miles Newton, 117 Swift Road, Woolston SO19 9ER
☎ 023 80441124

10.00 a.m. **PARISH COMMUNION**
- Revd John Hodgson

Hymns: BBC 70, 68, 66, 182
Readings: Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17
See overleaf



11.30 a.m. Buildings Committee meeting in the Church Hall

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

COLLECT

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS IN THE CHURCH HALL AFTER THE 10.00 a.m. SERVICE



Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.

You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

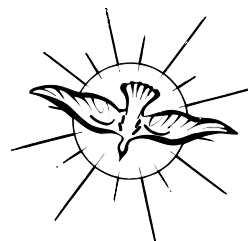
"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen, by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?"

Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness." Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."



THE WEEK AHEAD

- TUE 10 JAN** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
7.00 p.m. Standing Committee meeting in Woolston Community Centre
8.00 p.m. Joint Standing Committee meeting in Woolston Community Centre
- SUN 15 JAN** **2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**
10.00 a.m. Worship Together at St. Mark's Church, Woolston
NO SERVICE IN PEAR TREE
2.00 p.m. Baptism in the Church
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5.00 p.m. AGM of Churches Together in Itchen at St. Patrick's Church Hall, followed by bring-and-share refreshments. All welcome
- MON 16 JAN** 10.00 a.m. Crafty Coffee Morning in the Church Hall - all welcome
- TUE 17 JAN** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
7.30 p.m. PCC meeting in the **Church**
- WED 18 JAN** **Start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**
- FRI 20 JAN** 6.00 p.m. Family Fun Night and Disco in the Church Hall
- SUN 22 JAN** **3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY - Homelessness Sunday**
10.00 a.m. Parish Worship (non-Communion)

NEXT SUNDAY - 15th January

.... we are invited to Worship Together at St. Mark's Church, Woolston, and there will be **NO** 10.00 a.m. service in Pear Tree. It would be appreciated if those with cars would be aware of those without transport and offer lifts to St. Mark's. Alternatively, contact Stephen Boulain-Gerrey, our transport co-ordinator. Thank you.

Also you are invited to come along to the AGM of Churches Together in Itchen at 5.00 p.m. next Sunday at St. Patrick's Church Hall, followed by bring-and-share refreshments. All welcome.

THANK YOU

.... to all those who helped with all our Christmas activities and to those who made use of our Parish Christmas Card, which raised £30 for the Countess Mountbatten Hospice.