



PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Osterley Road and Pear Tree Avenue; St. Patrick's Church; the homeless people of Southampton.

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, Mary Hallerton, John Burrows, Bethany Mullen, Jackie and Mike, Jenna Harmer, Sylvia Drake, Jim Inglis, Bill Kerr, Lewis Joy and Vivienne Marston.

Please also pray for the family and friends of Mr Kenneth Casey, whose funeral was held in the church on Friday.

SIDESPERSIONS

For those not on e-mail, the new rota is now available on the table.

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP

If you would like to join our envelope or Gift Aid Scheme, please contact Pam West (80448256) for further details.

BASICS BANK

Don't forget that tinned goods for Basics Bank are always needed and appreciated. Please leave your donations in the special box on the table.

CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation towards flowers in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion, please contact Liz Spencer-Fleet 

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 BANNS OF MARRIAGE AT ST MARK'S CHURCH AND PEAR TREE CHURCH:

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

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9



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
22nd
JANUARY
2017

3rd Sunday
of Epiphany

Priest-in-Charge - Revd Miles Newton, 117 Swift Road, Woolston SO19 9ER
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10.00 a.m.

PARISH WORSHIP
- Carolyn Jennings

Hymns: BBC 140, 224, 168,
385, 352

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23
See overleaf

HOMELESS



SUNDAY

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. (Matthew 4:23)

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.**

A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR HOMELESS SUNDAY

Loving God, in your house there is room for everyone. Help us as we strive for a world where everyone has a home that truly meets their needs. Give us the grace to welcome strangers and refugees. Give us the insight to see where inequality hurts. Fill us with the courage to do our part. Save us from being overwhelmed by the scale of the housing crisis, and show us, O Lord, where to begin. **Amen.**



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



1 Corinthians 1:10-18

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. My

brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? I thank God that I did not baptise any of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptised in my name. (Yes, I also baptised the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptised anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali, to fulfil what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

"Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

~ ~ ~ TODAY ~ ~ ~

We extend a warm welcome to Trevor Pickup from the Society of St. James, who will be joining us for Homeless Sunday.

Through prayer and reflection, Homeless Sunday offers an opportunity to listen to what God has to say about homelessness, and to consider what action we are being called to take.

Homeless Sunday brings together thousands of churches from across the whole of the UK. It has the support of all the main denominations and is celebrated in a wide range of congregations taking part.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUE 24 JAN 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome

SAT 28 JAN 10.30 a.m. Jumble Sale in the Church Hall

SUN 29 JAN 4TH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

10.00 a.m. Parish Communion

11.15 a.m. PCC meeting in the Church Hall



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 clear away afterwards.

Please take a poster for your window or any friendly shopkeeper.

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.... to all those who organised and supported the Family Fun Night in the Church Hall on Friday.