



PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Braeside Close and Braeside Crescent; Oasis Academy, Mayfield; the young people of the parish.

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, Jenna Harmer, Jim Inglis, Bill Kerr, Lewis Joy, Vivienne Marston, Christine and Pauline Hodgson.

Please also pray for the family and friends of Mrs Iris Homer, who funeral will be held in the church on Wednesday.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

£154 was raised at our Jumble Sale on 28th January. Thank you again to all those who supported us.

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. Thank you.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Parent and Toddler Group who meet 9.45-11.30 a.m. each Tuesday in the Church Hall are looking for volunteers to help with the preparation of children's snacks, tea/coffee, etc. If you can help, please contact Jessie Williams (07507502256).

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 (80560055).



CHURCH STEWARDSHIP

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

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.



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
5th
FEBRUARY
2017

4th Sunday
before Lent

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

Hymns: BBC 121, 253, 274, 179
Readings: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Matthew 5:13-20
See overleaf

11.15 a.m. Mawundo Mission Table in the Church Hall

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

COLLECT

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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



1 Corinthians 2:1-16

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written:

"What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived", the things God has prepared for those who love him, these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Matthew 5:13-20

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practises and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven."

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Don't forget to visit the Mission Table in the Church Hall after the 10.00 a.m. service, when cakes, books, craft items, etc., will be on sale in aid of our friends in Mawundo.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- MON 6 FEB** 10.00 a.m. Crafty Coffee Morning in the Church Hall - all welcome
- TUE 7 FEB** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
7.30 p.m. Order of Night Service (Compline) in the Church - all welcome
- WED 8 FEB** 12.45 p.m. Funeral of Mrs Iris Homer in the Church
- THU 9 FEB** 9.00 a.m. Visit of Ludlow Junior School to the Church
- SAT 11 FEB** 7.30 p.m. Quiz Night in the Church Hall
- SUN 12 FEB** **3RD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion

You are invited to join us for our monthly **ORDER OF NIGHT SERVICE (COMPLINE)** to be held in the Church at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 7th February. This is a short 30 minute service for the end of the day, including a hymn, psalm and prayer. All are welcome.

Quiz Night
Saturday 11th February
Pear Tree Church Hall
Doors open 7 pm for 7.30 pm start
£2 per person Teams of 2-6
Tea and coffee available or bring



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