

~ ~ COMING SOON ~ ~

ST. MARK'S CHURCH
£1 JUMBLE BAG and COFFEE MORNING
 10.30 a.m. Friday 17th February
 St. Mark's Institute, Victoria Road, Woolston

MESSY CHURCH
 10.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Tuesday 21st February
 in Pear Tree Church Hall

Refreshments provided, free entry, but donations appreciated
 Please ring Anne Gerrard (80433820) to book

BEETLE DRIVE
 7.30 p.m. Friday 24th February
 Woolston Methodist Church, Manor Road North
 Adults £3, children £1.50 - all welcome

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
 2.00 p.m. Friday 3rd March
 Pear Tree Green United Reformed Church, Pear Tree Road
(please note the change of venue to that published in the magazine)
 This service has been prepared by the women of the Philippines and
 the theme is "Am I Being Unfair to You". *All welcome.*

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).

FOR INFORMATION

By law, any accidents happening in the Church or Hall must be recorded. Accident books are now on the large table in the Church, and with the first aid box in the Hall kitchen. If anyone has an accident in either building they must fill in an accident form in the book. Help is available from the Churchwarden (or ask any member of the clergy) to complete the form.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The February/March edition is now available on the table.
 Please help yourself to a copy.



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
12th
FEBRUARY
2017

3rd Sunday
before Lent

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 324, 355, 192, 303
Readings: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
 Matthew 5:21-37
 See overleaf

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

"If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift." (Matthew 5:23)

COLLECT

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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



1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly, mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For

since there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere human beings?

What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe, as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

Matthew 5:21-37

"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

"Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfil to the Lord the vows you have made.' But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one."

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUE 14 FEB	9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
WED 15 FEB	1.00 p.m. Funeral of Mr Colin Lockhart in the Church
THU 16 FEB	11.30 a.m. Funeral of Mr Edward Jeram in the Church
SUN 19 FEB	2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT
	10.00 a.m. Worship Together with St. Mark's Church at Pear Tree Church
	3.00 p.m. Baptism in the Church
	4.00 p.m. Baptism in the Church



PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Freemantle Common Road and Gainsford Road; our Parish Office; all House Groups.

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, Christine, Vivienne Marston, and Pauline Hodgson.

Please also pray for the family and friends of Mr Colin Lockhart and Mr Edward Jeram, whose funerals will be held in the Church this week.

THANK YOU

- ♦ to those who supported the Mission Table in the Church Hall last Sunday when £157 was raised. This has now been sent out to our friends in Mawundo following their appeal for help after the failure of their crops.
- ♦ to Kath and Simon Cousens and all those who helped with and supported the Quiz Night in the Church Hall yesterday.