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..... to those who supported our service for Homeless Sunday last Sunday, with special thanks to Cathy Brear and members of 2nd Pear Tree Guides who presented our speaker, Mr Trevor Pickup from The Society of St. James with a pile of hand-knitted blankets, hats and scarves, together with a cheque for £200 raised from a special show written, produced and acted by the Guides.

..... to those who organised and supported the Jumble Sale held in the Church Hall yesterday.

SIDESPERSIONS

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

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 (80560055).



CHURCH STEWARDSHIP

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



Quiz Night

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 your own refreshments

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
29th
JANUARY
2017**

**4th Sunday
of Epiphany**

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 287, 337, 267, 281
Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 2:1-11
See overleaf

11.15 a.m. PCC meeting in the Church Hall

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." (John 2:10)

COLLECT

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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

Generous Lord, in word and Eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**



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



1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things, and the things that are not, to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God, that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

John 2:1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUE 31 JAN 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome

WED 1 FEB 7.30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in Woolston Community Centre

SUN 5 FEB 4TH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion
11.15 a.m. Mawundo Mission Table in the Church Hall

Don't forget to come along to the **MAWUNDO MISSION TABLE** in the Church Hall next Sunday after the 10.00 a.m. service, when cakes, books, craft items, etc., will be on sale in aid of our friends in Mawundo. **Donations would be appreciated.**

PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Tankerville Road and Thruxton Court; **SCRATCH**; members of our Worship Committee.



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



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