



PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Sea Road and Seaward Gardens; St. Mary's Church, Sholing; our Worship Leaders.

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, John and Pauline Hodgson, Alan and Margaret Harding..

PARISH MAGAZINE

The deadline for our April/May (Easter) edition is Sunday 5th March. If you have any items you would like to include, please leave on the church table or e-mail Doris Pratt at dmpratt@btoopenworld.com.

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.

INTERESTED IN THIS?

It is hoped to hold a special joint worship Fathers' Day service on June 18th, possibly aimed at being accessible to people who may not come to Church regularly. If you are interested in taking part in making this happen, there will be a planning meeting after Compline, which is at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday March 7th in Pear Tree Church. Please contact Vanessa Wilkinson (80441442) if you are interested in helping but cannot come to the planning meeting.



SUNDAY THOUGHT



Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise. Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

Proverbs 19:20, 21

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
26th
FEBRUARY
2017**

**Sunday next
before Lent**

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

Hymns: BBC 323, 31, 149, 54
Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9
See overleaf

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" (Matthew 17:5)

COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



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



2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 17:1-9

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."



THE WEEK AHEAD

- TUE 28 FEB** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
- WED 1 MAR** **ASH WEDNESDAY**
7.30 p.m. Worship Together at St. Mark's Church, Woolston - including the Imposition of Ashes
- THU 2 MAR** 7.30 p.m. CTI Forum meeting in Woolston Community Centre
- FRI 3 MAR** 2.00 p.m. Women's World Day of Prayer
- SUN 5 MAR** **1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion
11.15 a.m. Mawundo Mission Table in the Church Hall
11.30 a.m. Buildings Committee meeting in the Hall

LENT 2017



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 1st March, with a joint service at St. Mark's Church, Weston Grove Road, Woolston.

During Lent, a joint five week Lent Course will be held on Wednesday evenings commencing at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 8th March in Woolston Community Centre, Weston Grove Road. This will be led by Carolyn Jennings and will follow a course entitled "Decisions, Decisions!" Please try and join us.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY ..

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.
Donations would be appreciated.