



### PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Pear Tree Close and Pear Tree Road;  
Crafty Coffee Morning;  
all Prayer 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, Les Beard, Dave and Joanne Isaacs, Win Stead, Mary Stone, Rosemary Nutburn, Arthur Collins, Mary Hallerton, John Burrows, Bethany Mullen, Jenna Harmer, Bill Kerr, Lewis Joy, John and Pauline Hodgson, Alan and Margaret Harding, Jenny Wetherell, Teri Delves and Janet Wetherell.

Pear Tree Church

### JUMBLE SALE

10.30 a.m.

Saturday 6th May  
Pear Tree Church Hall

Offers of help from 9.00 a.m.  
would be appreciated

### OPEN CHURCH

.... will commence again  
1.00 - 4.00 p.m. every  
Wednesday from the  
beginning of May.  
If you would like to join the  
rota, please contact Jim or  
Jean Inglis (80252292).

### PARISH MAGAZINE

The deadline for our June/July edition is **Sunday 7th May**. If you have any items you would like included, please leave on the Church table or e-mail Doris Pratt at [dmpratt@btopenworld.com](mailto:dmpratt@btopenworld.com).



### FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT BAPTISMS IN PEAR TREE CHURCH

please contact Pam West (80448256) or e-mail [thepamelawest@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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**  
**23rd**  
**APRIL**  
**2017**

*2nd Sunday  
of Easter/  
St. George's Day*

Priest-in-Charge - Revd Miles Newton, 117 Swift Road, Woolston SO19 9ER  
☎ 023 80441124

### 10.00 a.m. PARISH WORSHIP - Pat Hawkins

*Hymns:* BBC 114, 133, 134, 375  
*Readings:* Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
John 20:19-31  
See overleaf



### INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

*Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (John 20:29)*

### COLLECT

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, 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**



**Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which

God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

“David said about him: ‘I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.”

**John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

.... to Sylvia and Gerry Drake, who are celebrating their 45th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. They were married in 1972 in St. Mark’s Church.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- MON 24 APR** 10.00 a.m. Crafty Coffee Morning in the Church Hall - all welcome
- TUE 25 APR** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
- WED 26 APR** 7.15 p.m. Pastoral Prayer meeting in the Church - see separate leaflet - all welcome
- SAT 29 APR** 7.30 p.m. Quiz with Fish and Chip Supper in the Church Hall
- SUN 30 APR** **3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
  - 10.00 a.m. Parish Communion
  - 11.30 a.m. Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Hall
  - 2.00 p.m. Baptism in the Church
  - 4.00 p.m. Baptism in the Church



**QUIZ NIGHT**

**with Fish and Chip Supper**

**7.30 p.m.**

**Saturday 29th April in the Church Hall**

Tickets £5 available from  
Liz and Peter Spencer-Fleet (80560055)

Tea and coffee available or bring your own refreshments  
*Remember to book your Fish and Chip Supper before the Quiz*

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**11.30 a.m. Sunday 30th April in the Church Hall**

At this meeting officers and a new Parochial Church Council will be elected for the coming year. The PCC needs people who are willing to become involved in the day to day running of the Church. A nomination form is available on the Church notice board.

Please sign up if you would like to stand for election.

**Please note - to stand (or to vote at the meeting), you must be on the Electoral Roll of the Church. For further information, please speak to Jean Inglis, our Electoral Roll Officer (tel. 80252292).**