

PARISH MAGAZINE

The deadline for our June/July edition is today, **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.



INTERESTED IN THIS?

The Salvation Army are holding a concert with the Wellstead Community Choir and the Sholing Salvation Army Band at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 20th May at the Salvation Army Hall in North East Road. This is in aid of their homelessness work in the UK. Entry is free.

Also Woolston Methodist Church, Manor Road North, are holding a Plant Sale, 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. on Saturday 13th May. Lunches available. To book a table call 80448981.



Christian Aid Week commences on Sunday 14th May and you are invited to join us for our

CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH 12.30 p.m.

**Sunday 21st May
in the Church Hall**

All proceeds to Christian Aid
**Please sign up on the notice board
if you would like to attend**

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

6.00 - 7.30 p.m.

Friday 19th May in the Church Hall

A family fun night for parents and children up to 11-12 years with activities, games, music. Light refreshments provided.

FREE ENTRY

No unaccompanied children

All welcome

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 BANNES 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
7th
MAY
2017**

**4th Sunday
of Easter**

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

10.00 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION - Revd Miles Newton

Hymns: BBC 210, 146, 25, 2
Communion: BBC 311
Readings: Acts 2:42-47
John 10:1-10
See overleaf

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

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. (John 10:9)

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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



Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

John 10:1-10

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

~~ TODAY ~~

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 8 MAY** 10.00 a.m. Crafty Coffee Morning in the Church Hall - all welcome
- TUE 9 MAY** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
7.00 p.m. Standing Committee meeting in Woolston Community Centre
8.00 p.m. Joint Standing Committee meeting in Woolston Community Centre
- WED 10 MAY** 1.00-4.00 pm OPEN CHURCH
- SUN 14 MAY** **5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Christian Aid Week**
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion



PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Bronte Way and Bryanston Road; all Residential Care Homes; our Choir and Organist.

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, Bill Kerr, Lewis Joy, John and Pauline Hodgson, Alan and Margaret Harding, Jenny Wetherell, and Teri Delves.

~~ THANK YOU ~~

... to all those who attended the Annual Parochial Church Meeting last Sunday. The election results are available on the notice board. If you would like to be co-opted on to one of the sub-committees of the PCC, please see the list on the notice board and sign up.

Also ... if you haven't done so, please pick up a copy of the Annual Report from the church table.

Thank you to all those who organised and supported our Jumble Sale in the Church Hall yesterday.