



PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Langbar Close and Laurel Close; all Christian Aid workers; our new PCC.

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.

Please also pray for Aaron Hampton and Janine Adamson, who are to be married in our church on Saturday.

INTERESTED IN THIS?

A new class for Mums is starting in Pear Tree Church Hall - "Fitness for Mums". Every Monday 1.45-2.30 p.m. This involves a 45 minute training session to improve your fitness and increase your energy. Babies and toddlers in buggies are welcome. Try the class **FREE** on **Monday 15th May**, after which each session will be £5 each.

INTERESTED IN THIS?

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 already done so, please pick up a copy of the Annual Report from the church table.

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 BANNERS OF MARRIAGE AT ST MARK'S CHURCH AND PEAR TREE CHURCH:

please contact Pat Hawkins (80438103) or e-mail kpcherrytop@yahoo.co.uk.

~~ COMING SOON ~~

Saturday 17th June, 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. - THE GREAT GET TOGETHER, a free fun family event at Woolston Community Centre, with children's craft, henna, goal scoring competition and bacon rolls! This event is part of a nationwide campaign for stronger communities initiated by Brendan Cox after the death of his wife, Jo Cox MP.



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
14th
MAY
2017**

**5th Sunday
of Easter**

Priest-in-Charge - Revd Miles Newton, 117 Swift Road, Woolston SO19 9ER
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10.00 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION
- Revd John Hodgson

Hymns: BBC 176 (omit v.3), 332, 149, 259
Readings: Acts 7:55-60
John 14:1-14
See overleaf

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)

COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who 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



Acts 7:55-60

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."

THE WEEK AHEAD

- TUE 16 MAY** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
7.00 p.m. Holy Communion in the Church for the new PCC
7.30 p.m. PCC meeting in the Hall Committee Room
- WED 17 MAY** 1.00-4.00 pm OPEN CHURCH
- FRI 19 MAY** 6.00 p.m. Family Fun Night in the Church Hall
- SAT 20 MAY** 2.00 p.m. Wedding in the Church
- SUN 21 MAY** **6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
11.00 a.m. Worship Together with St. Mark's Church at Pear Tree Church, followed by Christian Aid Lunch in the Church Hall
3.00 p.m. Baptisms in the Church

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



~~ TODAY ~~

Today marks the beginning of Christian Aid Week. If you would like to make a donation, please help yourself to an envelope and leave on the table.
Thank you.

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.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE
Our Jumble Sale on 6th May raised £192 for church funds. Thank you again to all who helped on the day and those who supported us.