

A message from the Bishop of Basingstoke

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement which the Archbishop of Canterbury is inviting people around the world to join in. He is calling on Christians to pray that people might know Jesus Christ during a focussed time between Ascension and Pentecost from 25th May – 4th June 2017 - a period of nine days (a Novena of Prayer). Winchester was one of the Dioceses that caught the vision and was one of the original Beacon Cathedrals in 2016 and we want to build on this in 2017. The Cathedral Beacon Event will be held on Pentecost Sunday (4th June 2017) and will bring together all the prayers of the Novena in one celebration, which will itself launch a period of mission focus in parishes, pioneer communities and churches ecumenically.



I am delighted to announce that the Archbishop of Canterbury will be preaching at the Beacon Event in Winchester Cathedral on the evening of Pentecost (4th June 7-8.30pm)

Places are still available inside the Cathedral and there will be plenty of overflow space for your own seating in the Inner Close, with a high quality A/V link to the prayer concert.

I would enthusiastically encourage you to attend this event.

This will be the culmination to the Archbishop's call to prayer from Ascension Day to Pentecost – please see further details and book tickets on the Diocesan website (www.winchester.anglican.org).

THANK YOU to all those who worked so hard in the preparation of the very enjoyable Christian Aid Lunch in the Church Hall last Sunday. Thank you also to those who gave up their Sunday church to clean the Hall and car park following a very messy party booking the previous evening.

St Mark's and Pear Tree Churches invite you to take part in

**THE GREAT
GET TOGETHER**
Saturday 17th June
9.30 -11.30 a.m.



A free fun family event at Woolston Community Centre SO19 9FU 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

PARISH MAGAZINE

The June/July edition is now available on the table. Please help yourself to a copy.

SIDESPERSIONS

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

FOR INFORMATION

Details of the Bishop's Commission for Mission lay training programme are now available on the table. Please help yourself to a copy of the leaflet



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
28th
MAY
2017

**Sunday after
Ascension Day**

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

10.00 a.m. PARISH WORSHIP - Pat Hawkins

Hymns: MP 32, 162, 400, 743
Readings: Acts 1:6-14
John 17:1-11
See overleaf

2.00 p.m. Baptism in the Church

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

After Jesus finished saying this, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your Son, so that the Son may give glory to you. (John 17:1)

COLLECT

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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 1:6-14

When the apostles met together with Jesus, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time give the Kingdom back to Israel?" Jesus said to them, "The times and occasions are set by my Father's own authority, and it is not for you to know when they will be. But when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After saying this, he was taken up to heaven as they watched him, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They still had their eyes fixed on the sky as he went away, when two men dressed in white suddenly stood beside them and said, "Galileans, why are you standing there looking up at the sky? This Jesus, who was taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way that you saw him go to heaven." Then the apostles went back to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is about half a mile away from the city.

They entered the city and went up to the room where they were staying: Peter, John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Patriot, and Judas son of James.

They gathered frequently to pray as a group, together with the women and with Mary the mother of Jesus and with his brothers.

John 17:1-11

After Jesus finished saying this, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your Son, so that the Son may give glory to you. For you gave him authority over all people, so that he might give eternal life to all those you gave him. And eternal life means to know you, the only true God, and to know Jesus Christ, whom you sent. I have shown your glory on earth; I have finished the work you gave me to do. Father! Give me glory in your presence now, the same glory I had with you before the world was made.

"I have made you known to those you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me. They have obeyed your word, and now they know that everything you gave me comes from you. I gave them the message that you gave me, and they received it; they know that it is true that I came from you, and they believe that you sent me.

"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those you gave me, for they belong to you. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine; and my glory is shown through them. And now I am coming to you; I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world. Holy Father! Keep them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one just as you and I are one."

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We extend a very warm welcome to the family and friends of Jackson Eccleston, who is to be baptised in our church this afternoon.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- TUE 30 MAY** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
- WED 31 MAY** 1.00-4.00 pm OPEN CHURCH
- FRI 2 JUNE** 10.30 a.m. Messy Church in the Church Hall
- SUN 4 JUNE** **PENTECOST**
 - 10.00 a.m. Parish Communion
 - 11.15 a.m. Mawundo Mission Table in the Church Hall
 - 11.30 a.m. Meeting of Summer Fete planning group in the Church Hall

St. Mark's and Pear Tree Church invite you and your family to a morning of fun, friendship and MESS, with craft, song and celebration



10.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
FRIDAY 2nd JUNE
in Pear Tree Church Hall
Light lunch provided - free entry, but donations appreciated

Please ring Anne Gerrard (80433820) to book

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.**

PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Swanage Close, The Oaks; Messy Church; our Churchwarden and Treasurer.



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.