

### PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Wharncliffe Road and Wodehouse Road; Churches Together in Itchen; Messy Church.



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, John and Pauline Hodgson, Alan and Margaret Harding, Jenny Wetherell, and baby Leo.

Please also pray for the family and friends of Mr Harry Reed, whose funeral will be held in the Church on Tuesday.

#### THANK YOU ....

- ◆ Pat Hawkins, Angela Harvey and Fiona Funnell, leader of the Delicious Sounds Choir, would like to thank everyone for their wonderful support of the Charity Come-Unity Tea and Concert held in the Church Hall last Sunday, when the magnificent sum of £670.65 was raised for WaterAid. Thank you to all those who worked so hard setting up the Hall and clearing away afterwards.
- ◆ Thank you to all those who organised the Jumble Sale in the Church Hall yesterday and those who supported us.

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 4th August**  
**in the Church Hall**

Refreshments provided, free entry, but donations appreciated.

Contact Anne Gerrard  
(80433820) to book

#### PARISH MAGAZINE

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

Your views are needed on proposed changes to the children's area in the church. Please pick up an information sheet from the table; this also gives details of the repainting work.



### 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**  
**30th**  
**JULY**  
**2017**

**7th Sunday**  
**after Trinity**

Priest-in-Charge - Revd Miles Newton, 117 Swift Road, Woolston SO19 9ER  
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**10.00 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION by Extension**  
**- Carolyn Jennings**

**Hymns:** BBC 8, 23, 330, 168  
**Readings:** Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52  
**See overleaf**

**2.00 p.m. Baptism in the Church**  
**3.00 p.m. CTI Open Air Service on Pear Tree Green**

#### INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

*"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field." (Matthew 13:44)*

#### COLLECT

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### POST COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he 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**



**Romans 8:26-39**

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died, more than that, who was raised to life, is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.

He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

"Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

"Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked.

"Yes," they replied.

He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

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We extend a warm welcome to the family and friends of Bella Grace Tinney, who is to be baptised in our church this afternoon.

**Also ....** you are invited to join Churches Together in Itchen for their open air service at 3.00 p.m. on Pear Tree Green, followed by refreshments in Pear Tree Green United Reformed Church Hall. If wet, the service will be held in Pear Tree Green URC. All welcome.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- TUE 1 AUG**                    9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome  
   12.00 p.m. Funeral of Mr Harry Reed in the Church  
   7.30 p.m. Compline in the Church
- WED 2 AUG**                    1.00-4.00 pm OPEN CHURCH
- FRI 4 AUG**                    10.30 a.m. Messy Church in the Church Hall
- SUN 6 AUG**                    **8TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - Transfiguration**  
   10.00 a.m. Parish Communion by Extension  
   11.15 a.m. Mawundo Mission Table in the Hall

You are invited to join us for our monthly **ORDER OF NIGHT SERVICE (COMPLINE)** to be held in the Church at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 1st August. This is a short 30 minute service for the end of the day, including a hymn, psalm and prayer. All are welcome.

Don't forget to visit the **MAWUNDO MISSION TABLE** in the Church Hall after the 10.00 a.m. service next Sunday, when cakes, books, craft items, etc., will be on sale in aid of our friends in Mawundo. **Donations would be appreciated.**