

## PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Peveril Road and Poole Road; our baptism families; Churches Together in Itchen.



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, Alan and Margaret Harding, and baby Leo.

**A REMINDER ....** that there is a church incident book in the right hand drawer of the desk in the vestry by the war memorial. If anything happens to you which could affect your safety or the safety of someone with you, please write the details in this book so they can be reviewed by the safeguarding team.

Also, by law, any accidents happening in the Church or Hall must be recorded. Accident books are now on the large table in the Church, and with the first aid box in the Hall kitchen. If anyone has an accident in either building they must, please, fill in an accident form in the book. Help is available from the Churchwarden (or ask any member of the clergy) to complete the form. Thank you

## ~~ DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ~~

**Sunday 24th September ....** Open Day at the Salvation Army, North East Road, midday to 4.00 p.m. Refreshments, music, bouncy castle, face painting, etc.

**Friday 29th September ...** Sholing Salvation Army Charity Music Concert, 7.30 p.m. in the Salvation Army Hall, North East Road; with the Solent Fellowship Band and Ruth Unwin (Alto). Tickets £5, concessions £3.

**Friday 6th October ....** Macmillian Coffee Morning, 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. in St. Mark's Institute, Victoria Road, Woolston.

## ~~ THANK YOU ~~

... to all those who worked so hard to produce such an excellent meal in the Church Hall after the Dedication Service last Sunday.



## SUNDAY THOUGHT

Happy moments, praise God.  
Difficult moments, seek God.  
Quiet moments, worship God.  
Painful moments, trust God.  
Every moment, thank God.



## 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**  
**24th**  
**SEPTEMBER**  
**2017**

**15th Sunday**  
**after Trinity**

Priest-in-Charge - Revd Miles Newton, 117 Swift Road, Woolston SO19 9ER  
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## 10.00 a.m. PARISH WORSHIP - Pat Hawkins

**Hymns:** BBC 139, 342, 370, 304  
**Readings:** Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16  
**See overleaf**

**2.00 p.m. Baptism in the Church**  
**3.00 p.m. Baptism in the Church**  
**4.00 p.m. Baptism in the Church**

## INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

**"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."  
(Matthew 20:16)**

## COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon our Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.**



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



**Philippians 1:21-30**

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labour for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced

of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved, and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

**Matthew 20:1-16**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

“‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

~~~ TODAY ~~~

We extend a warm welcome to the families and friends of Rosalie Robinson, Lexie Barton and Amiah Webb, who are to be baptised in our Church this afternoon.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- TUE 26 SEPT** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
- WED 27 SEPT** 7.15 p.m. **CANCELLED** - Pastoral Prayer meeting
- THU 28 SEPT** 7.30 p.m. PCC meeting in the Hall Committee Room
- SAT 30 SEPT** 2.30 p.m. CTI Harvest Celebration in Woolston Millennium Garden - all welcome
- SUN 1 OCT** **16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - HARVEST SUNDAY**  
 10.00 a.m. Parish Communion  
 11.15 a.m. Mawundo Mission Table in the Church Hall



**HARVEST CELEBRATION SERVICE**

with Churches Together in Itchen

2.30 pm. Saturday 30th September in Woolston Millennium Garden led by Helen Edmonds from Woolston Methodist Church.

All welcome

**HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE**

10.00 a.m. Sunday 1st October in Pear Tree Church.

Our Harvest Appeal will be for donations of tinned goods for Basics Bank, a Christian Mission who provide food for those in need in Southampton.

This will be followed by our Mission Table in the Church Hall, when cakes, books, craft items, etc., will be on sale in aid of our friends in Mawundo. **Donations would be appreciated.**