

PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live outside the parish; the City of Southampton, Mayor and Mayoress; our link parish of Mawundo.



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.



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 27th OCTOBER
in Pear Tree Church Hall

Light lunch provided - free
entry, but donations appreciated

Please ring Anne Gerrard
(80433820) to book

CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation towards flowers in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion, please contact Liz Spencer-Fleet (80560055).

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP

If you would like to join our envelope or Gift Aid schemes, please contact Pam West (80448256) for further details.

DON'T FORGET that Jan Sydenham is still collecting used stamps in aid of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. Please leave any donations on the church table or give to Keith Sydenham.

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 BANNS OF MARRIAGE AT ST MARK'S CHURCH AND PEAR TREE CHURCH:
please contact Pat Hawkins (80438103) or e-mail kpcherrytop@yahoo.co.uk.



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
1st
OCTOBER
2017

**16th 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**
- Revd Miles Newton

Hymns: MP 732, 152, 106, 7
Communion: MP 506
Readings: Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32
See overleaf

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



INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

"For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did." (Matthew 21:32)

COLLECT FOR HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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



Philippians 2:1-13

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition

or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence, continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose.

Matthew 21:23-32

Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?"

Jesus replied, "I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. John's baptism, where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?"

They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin', we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet."

So they answered Jesus, "We don't know."

Then he said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'

"I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

"Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go.

"Which of the two did what his father wanted?"

"The first," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him."

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Thank you to those who have brought tinned goods for our Harvest Appeal for Basics Bank, a Christian Mission who provide food for those in need in Southampton.

**Also ...** don't forget to visit the Mission Table in the Church Hall after the service (manned today by Doreen Carter in the absence of Jim and Jean Inglis), when cakes, books, craft items, etc., will be on sale in aid of our friends in Mawundo.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- MON 2 OCT** 10.00 a.m. Crafty Coffee Morning in the Church Hall - all welcome
- TUE 3 OCT** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome  
7.30 p.m. Order of Night Service (Compline) in the Church - all welcome
- THU 5 OCT** 7.30 p.m. CTI Forum meeting in Woolston Community Centre - all welcome
- FRI 6 OCT** 10.30 a.m. Macmillan Coffee Morning in St. Mark's Institute, Victoria Road, Woolston
- SUN 8 OCT** **17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion

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 3rd October. This is a short 30 minute service for the end of the day, including a hymn, psalm and prayer. All are welcome.



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