

PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Freemantle Common Road and Gainsford Road; St. Mark's Church; all Prayer Groups.



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, baby Leo, Ian Fry and Aimee.

Please also pray for the family and friends of Mr John Kitcher, whose ashes will be interred into the Garden of Remembrance on 24th November.

CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS

An advance notice to our faithful band of helpers that these will be available for delivery at the beginning of December. **If there is anyone on our present list of helpers who is not able to help on this occasion, would they please contact Jim or Jean Inglis (80252292) as soon as possible.**

Also, there are one or two streets which are not covered at the moment. If you can spare an hour or two to help, please contact Jim or Jean.

THANK YOU

♦ to those who supported the Mission Table last Sunday, when £153.60 was raised for our friends in Mawundo.

♦ to Peter and Liz Spencer-Fleet, who organised such an enjoyable Quiz Night in the Hall last evening.

2018 DIARIES

This year, for the first time, a joint Pear Tree/St. Mark's diary is being produced. These will be available shortly, price £1.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday 18th November 2.00 p.m. in the Church Hall

Don't forget to come along to the Hall with your friends and family for our annual Christmas Bazaar. There will be lots of stalls and raffles and a special children's craft area.

Interested in helping? Then please contact Pat Hawkins (80438103) or Doreen Carter (80443520).

As usual, contributions of all kinds of handicrafts, toys, books, puzzles, games, cakes, plants, bric-a-brac, toiletries, raffle prizes would be appreciated. Tombola and bottle stall items are also needed.

Please leave in the church.

Posters are now available. Please take one for your window.



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



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

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SUNDAY
12th
NOVEMBER
2017

Remembrance
Sunday

10.00 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION
- Revd John Hodgson

Hymns: MP 501, 624, 16, 428
Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-

Matthew 25:1-13
See overleaf



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INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

*"But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'
"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."
(Matthew 25:12)*

COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25:1-13

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

"Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

"'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

"But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

"Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'

"But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.



Today, on Remembrance Sunday, we extend a warm welcome to Sergeant Richard Spencer-Fleet and his family. Richard is stationed with REME {Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers} at Tidworth.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUE 14 NOV 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome

SAT 18 NOV 2.00 p.m. Pear Tree Christmas Bazaar in the Hall

SUN 19 NOV **2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

10.00 a.m. **NO SERVICE AT PEAR TREE**

11.00 a.m. Worship Together at St. Mark's Church, followed by lunch in Woolston Community Centre

MON 20 NOV 10.00 a.m. Crafty Coffee Morning in the Church Hall - all welcome

TUE 21 NOV 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
7.30 p.m. PCC meeting in the Hall Committee Room

FRI 24 NOV 2.00 p.m. Interment of the ashes of Mr John Kitcher in the Garden of Remembrance
7.00 p.m. Pear Tree Quilting and Crafts Group in the Hall

SAT 25 NOV 10.30 a.m. St. Mark's Christmas Bazaar in St. Mark's Institute, Victoria Road

SUN 26 NOV **SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT**
CHRIST THE KING

10.00 a.m. Parish Worship and Toy Service

2.00 p.m. Baptism in the Church

3.00 p.m. Baptisms in the Church

NEXT SUNDAY ...

Please note that there will be **NO** 10.00 a.m. service at Pear Tree. Instead, we are invited to Worship Together with our friends at St. Mark's Church at their Dedication Service at **11.00 a.m.**, followed by lunch in Woolston Community Centre - **please sign up on the board if you would like to attend the lunch.**

Also, it would be appreciated if those with cars would be aware of those without transport and offer lifts to St. Mark's. Alternatively, contact Stephen Boulain-Gerrey, our Transport Co-ordinator. Thank you.

TOY SERVICE - SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

We will be collecting donations of **unwrapped** toys suitable for girls and toys aged 0-17 at our Toy Service on Sunday 26th November in aid of the SCRATCH Christmas Complete project. Full details can be found on page 5 of our current parish magazine.