



PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Bronte Way and Bryanston Road; all Residential Care Homes; all our Servers and Sidespersons.

We also 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, Aimee, Fred and Edith, Goochie Diaper.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The deadline for our February/March issue is today, Sunday 7th January. If you have any items of interest you would like publicised, Christmas memories, family news, etc., then please leave on the table or e-mail Doris Pratt at dmpratt@btopenworld.com.



ALSO many of you pick up your copy of the magazine from the table and leave your money in the special box. However, if this has slipped your mind or if you prefer to pay on a yearly basis, it would be appreciated if you could give your 2017 contributions to Doris Pratt as soon as possible. Thank you.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Friday 19th January

6.00-7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall. A family fun night for parents and children up to 11-12 years with activities, games and music. Light refreshments provided.

Free entry.

No unaccompanied children. All welcome.



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 BANNIS 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
7th
JANUARY
2017**

**1st Sunday
of Epiphany**

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

10.00 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION - Revd Miles Newton

Hymns: MP 35, 65, 728, 714
Communion: MP 613 x 3
Readings: Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11
See overleaf

11.15 a.m. Mission Table in the Church Hall
11.30 a.m. Buildings Committee meeting in the Hall



INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:11)

COLLECT

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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



Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied.

Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.

Mark 1:4-11

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."



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Don't forget to visit the Mission Table in the Church Hall after the 10.00 a.m. service, when cakes, books, DVDs, bric-a-brac, etc., will be on sale.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- MON 8 JAN** 10.00 a.m. Crafty Coffee Morning in the Church Hall - all welcome
- TUE 9 JAN** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
7.00 p.m. Standing Committee meeting in Woolston Community Centre
8.00 p.m. Joint Standing Committee meeting in Woolston Community Centre
- FRI 12 JAN** 7.00 p.m. Pear Tree Quilters in the Church Hall
- SAT 13 JAN** 10.30 a.m. Jumble Sale in the Church Hall
- SUN 14 JAN** **2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion
5.00 p.m. AGM of Churches Together in Itchen at St. Patrick's Church Hall, Woolston

PEAR TREE QUILTING and CRAFTS GROUP
will meet again, 7.00 - 9.00 p.m., on Friday 12th January in the Church Hall. All level of abilities welcome.
For further information contact Liz Spencer-Fleet (02380 560055).

JUMBLE SALE

10.30 a.m.
Saturday 13th January
in the Church Hall

Volunteers would be appreciated from 9.00 a.m. to help set up and clear away afterwards

Please take a poster for your window

NEXT SUNDAY

the AGM of Churches Together in Itchen will be held at 5.00 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church Hall, Woolston.

All are welcome

~~ THANK YOU ~~

.... to all those who helped with all our Christmas activities and to those who made use of our Parish Christmas Card, which raised £50 for the Countess Mountbatten Hospice.