

CAN YOU HELP?

Jan Sydenham would like to thank all those who have been collecting used stamps for **HEARING DOGS FOR THE DEAF**. These are sold to collectors and sent to other collectors all over the world. It costs approximately £14,000 to train a hearing dog for the deaf and last year, through the sale of stamps, the charity raised nearly enough to pay for a dog's training for a year.

Also Jan would appreciate any knitted or crocheted blankets for the animals at the Blue Cross Animal Sanctuary - any colours, approximately 24" or more in size. These are needed by 21st April. Please leave in the Church.

A reminder that tinned goods for **BASICS BANK** are always needed and appreciated. Please leave your donations in the special box on the table.

Toiletries are also needed as part of our special **LENT CHALLENGE** on behalf of the Salvation Army for the victims of human trafficking and modern slavery. Please leave your donations in the special box.

Thank you to all those who always respond so generously to all our appeals, which is so much appreciated by all those in need.

EASTER LILIES

We would like to fill the church with lilies again at Easter. Would you like to sponsor a lily in memory of a relative or friend? Cost £2.50. Please put your payment in an envelope marked with your name and the name of your relative or friend and give to Liz Spencer-Fleet by Sunday 25th March.



PARISH MAGAZINE

The deadline for the April/May edition is today, **Sunday 4th March**. Please leave any items on the church table or e-mail Doris Pratt at dmpratt@btopenworld.com.

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP

If you would like to join our envelope or Gift Aid Scheme, or even pay by Standing Order, please contact Pam West (80448256) for further details.

~~ COMING SOON ~~

Tuesday 13th March Friends of Pear Tree Green Social Evening at 7.30 p.m. in the Pear Tree Inn, Pear Tree Road. Find out about future events and how you can get involved. All welcome.

Friday 16th March ... Family Fun Night, 6.00-7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall. A fun night for parents and children up to 12 years with activities, games and music. Light refreshments provided. Free entry.

Saturday 17th March Table Top Sale, 10.00 a.m.-12.30 p.m. in Woolston Methodist Church, Manor Road North. To book a table call 80448981.

Friday 23rd March St. Mark's Church Easter Market and Coffee Morning, 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. in St. Mark's Institute, Victoria Road, Woolston.



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
4th
MARCH
2018**

**3rd Sunday
of Lent**

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 16, 79, 731, 367
Communion: MP 1
Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22
See overleaf



11.15 a.m. Mission Table in the Church Hall

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken. (John 2:22)

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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



1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

John 2:13-22

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

~~ TODAY ~~

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

- MON 5 MAR** 10.00 a.m. Crafty Coffee Morning in the Church Hall - all welcome
- TUE 6 MAR** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
7.30 p.m. Compline in the Church - all welcome
- WED 7 MAR** 7.30 p.m. Joint Lent Course in Woolston Community Centre - all welcome
- SUN 11 MAR** **4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - MOTHERING SUNDAY**
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion

You are invited to join us for our monthly Compline to be held in the Church at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 6th March. This is a short 30 minute service for the end of the day, including a hymn, psalm and prayer. All are welcome.

Our Wednesday evening Lent Course has now commenced at 7.30 p.m. in Woolston Community Centre, Weston Grove Road. Led by Revd John Hodgson, this follows the Diocesan course “Sharing God’s Life”. Please try and join us.

PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Blackthorn Road and Blackthorn Close; Ludlow Junior School; our Ministry Team.



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, Ian Fry, Aimee, Fred and Edith, Emily Thomas.