

PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Elstree Road and Forsythia Road; the Sunday Lunch Project; Messy Church.



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.

Please also pray for the family and friends of Mrs Jane McGill (mother of Carolyn Jennings), who has been on our prayer list and has now passed into God's keeping; and also the family and friends of Mr Reg Bartlett, a former member of our congregation, whose funeral will be held in the church on 19th February.



PARISH MAGAZINE

The February/March edition covering all our Lent and Easter services is now available on the table. Please help yourself to a copy.

FOR INFORMATION ...

The latest news letter received from Revd Hasna Khatun, our Pioneer Minister in Centenary Quay is on the notice board.

~ ~ COMING SOON ~ ~

Friday 23rd February ... Skiffle Night with The Bernie Boozle Band, 7.30 p.m., Woolston Methodist Church, Manor Road North. Tickets £7.50, including supper. Contact 80738997.

Friday 2nd March Women's World Day of Prayer Service, 2.00 p.m., Woolston Methodist Church, Manor Road North, with the theme "All God's Creation is very good", prepared by the women of Suriname in South America. All welcome.

Saturday 3rd March as part of The Great British Spring Clean being held across the country 2nd-4th March, the Friends of Pear Tree Green will be holding a litter pick, 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. Meet at the children's playground. Refreshments and equipment provided.

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Don't grumble about each other or you will be judged, and the judge is right outside the door.

James 5:9



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
11th
FEBRUARY
2018

Sunday next
before Lent

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

10.00 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION
- Revd John Hodgson

Hymns: MP 708, 31, 18, 79
Readings: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9
See overleaf

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

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COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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



2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Mark 9:2-9

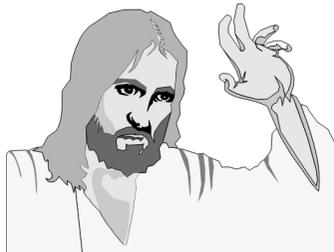
After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.



THE WEEK AHEAD

- TUE 13 FEB** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
10.30 a.m. Messy Church in the Church Hall
- WED 14 FEB** **ASH WEDNESDAY**
7.30 p.m. Worship Together at St. Mark's Church, Woolston - including the Imposition of Ashes
- SUN 18 FEB** **1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**
10.00 a.m. Worship Together with St. Mark's Church at Pear Tree Church

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. TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY
in the Church Hall
 Refreshments provided, free entry, but donations appreciated.
Contact Anne Gerrard (80433820) to book



LENT **LENT 2018**
 Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 14th February, with a joint service at St. Mark's Church, Weston Grove Road, Woolston. It would be appreciated if those with cars would be aware of those without transport and offer lifts to St. Mark's. Thank you.
During Lent, a joint five week Lent Course led by Revd John Hodgson will be held on Wednesday evenings commencing at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 21st February in Woolston Community Centre, Weston Grove Road. Please try and join us.

A LENT CHALLENGE
 Recently, we welcomed Major Mike Smith from the Salvation Army, who gave us a very disturbing insight into human trafficking and modern slavery both throughout the country and here in Southampton.
 Once the victims have been rescued they are taken to a safe house and Major Mike mentioned the need for toiletries, toothpaste, soap, etc., for use in these safe houses, so during Lent we will make a special collection of toiletries for delivery to the Salvation Army. If you would like to make a contribution, please bring your donation along to the church and leave in the special box.