

## PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Merridale Road and Merry Oak Green; St. Mark's Church; our Buildings Committee.



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 Mr Reg Bartlett, a former member of our congregation, whose funeral will be held in the church on Monday.

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

2.00 p.m.

Friday 2nd March  
Woolston Methodist Church  
Manor Road North

This service has been prepared by the women of Suriname in South America with the theme:

"All God's creation is very good"  
All welcome

## FOR INFORMATION ...

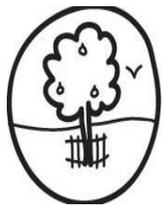
The latest news letter received from Revd Hasna Khatun, our Pioneer Minister in Centenary Quay is on the notice board.

## DON'T FORGET ....

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.

## NEWS FROM THE

### FRIENDS OF PEAR TREE GREEN



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

## FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT BAPTISMS IN PEAR TREE CHURCH

please contact Pam West (80448256) or e-mail [thepamelawest@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thepamelawest@yahoo.co.uk).

## FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT WEDDINGS AND PUBLICATION OF BANNES OF MARRIAGE AT ST MARK'S CHURCH AND PEAR TREE CHURCH:

please contact Pat Hawkins (80438103) or e-mail [kpcherrytop@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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**  
**18th**  
**FEBRUARY**  
**2018**

**1st Sunday**  
**of Lent**

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

**10.00 a.m. WORSHIP TOGETHER with St. Mark's Church**  
**- Revd Miles Newton**

**Hymns:** BBC 151, 181, 325, 72

**Communion:** BBC 136

**Reading:** Mark 1:9-15

**See overleaf**

LENT

## INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

***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. (Mark 1:10)***

## COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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



**Mark 1:9-15**

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."

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"



**~~ TODAY ~~**

We extend a warm welcome to our friends from St. Mark's Church, who are joining us for our Worship Together service at 10.00 a.m.



**SUNDAY THOUGHT**

Before the service, speak to God.  
During the service, let God speak to you.  
After the service, speak to one another.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- MON 19 FEB** 10.00 a.m. Crafty Coffee Morning in the Church Hall - all welcome  
11.15 a.m. Funeral of Mr Reg Bartlett in the Church
- TUE 20 FEB** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
- WED 21 FEB** 7.30 p.m. Joint Lent Course in Woolston Community Centre - all welcome
- FRI 23 FEB** 7.00 p.m. Pear Tree Quilters in the Church Hall
- SUN 25 FEB** **2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
10.00 a.m. Parish Worship  
12.30 p.m. Baptisms in the Church  
3.00 p.m. Baptism in the Church

**PEAR TREE QUILTING and CRAFTS GROUP** will meet again, 7.00-9.00 p.m. on Friday 23rd February in the Church Hall. All level of abilities welcome. For further information contact Liz Spencer-Fleet (02380 560055).

**LENT 2018**  
During Lent, a joint five week Lent Course will be held on Wednesday evenings, 7.30-9.00 p.m., commencing on Wednesday 21st February in Woolston Community Centre, Weston Grove Road. This will be led by Revd John Hodgson and will follow the Diocesan course "Sharing God's Life". Bibles will be available, or bring your own copy. 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.



**LENT**

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.