

PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Poplar Road and Radstock Road; the Women's World Day of Prayer; the Friends of Pear Tree Green.



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.

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.



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.

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.



~~ COMING SOON ~~

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.



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
25th
FEBRUARY
2018

2nd Sunday
of Lent

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

10.00 a.m. PARISH WORSHIP
- Carolyn Jennings

Hymns: BBC 134, 287, 93, 160, 118
Reading: Mark 8:31-38
See overleaf

12.30 p.m. Baptisms in the Church
3.00 p.m. Baptism in the Church



INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. (Mark 8:34)

COLLECT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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



Mark 8:31-38

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."



~~ TODAY ~~

We extend a warm welcome to the families and friends of Arthur and Elsie Currey and Daniella Denton, who are to be baptised in our Church this afternoon.

THE WEEK AHEAD

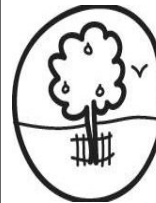
- TUE 27 FEB** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
- WED 28 FEB** 7.30 p.m. Joint Lent Course in Woolston Community Centre
- FRI 2 MAR** 2.00 p.m. Women's World Day of Prayer Service in Woolston Methodist Church - all welcome
- SAT 3 MAR** 10.30 a.m. Friends of Pear Tree Green Litter Pick
- SUN 4 MAR** **3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion
11.15 a.m. Mission Table in the Church Hall

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

LENT 2018

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". Bibles will be available, or bring your own copy. Please try and join us.



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.

PARISH MAGAZINE

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