

A LENT CHALLENGE

Last Sunday 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.

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.



CHURCH STEWARDSHIP

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

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



~~ COMING SOON ~~

Friday 16th February ... Family Beetle Drive, 7.30 p.m. Woolston Methodist Church, Manor Road North. Adults £3, children £1. All welcome.

Friday 16th February ... St. Mark's Church £1 a bag Jumble, 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. in St. Mark's Institute, Victoria Road, Woolston. Entry 30p.

SUNDAY THOUGHT



Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

James 1:2-3



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
FEBRUARY
2018

2nd Sunday
before 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: BBC 1 (omit 4 & 5), 10, 177, 118
Communion: BBC 299
Readings: Colossians 1:15-20
John 1:1-14
See overleaf

11.15 a.m. Mission Table in the Church Hall

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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



Colossians 1:15-20

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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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 5 FEB** 10.00 a.m. Crafty Coffee Morning in the Church Hall - all welcome
- TUE 6 FEB** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
7.30 p.m. Order of Night Service (Compline) in the Church - all welcome
- FRI 9 FEB** 7.00 p.m. Pear Tree Quilters in the Church Hall
- SUN 11 FEB** **SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion

You are invited to join us for our monthly **ORDER OF NIGHT SERVICE (COMPLINE)** to be held in the Church at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 6th February. This is a short 30 minute service for the end of the day, including a hymn, psalm and prayer. All are welcome.

PEAR TREE QUILTING and CRAFTS GROUP will meet again, 7.00-9.00 p.m. on Friday 9th February in the Church Hall. All level of abilities welcome. For further information contact Liz Spencer-Fleet (02380 560055).

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, Googie Diaper and Jane McGill.