

**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.



**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Friday 16th March  
6.00-7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall.  
A family fun night for parents and children up to 12 years with activities, games, and music. Light refreshments provided.  
Free entry.  
No unaccompanied children.  
All welcome.

~~ 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.

**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.

**Saturday 31st March ....** Messy Church Easter Outreach, 10.30 a.m. in St. Mark's Institute, Victoria Road, Woolston. Contact Anne Gerrard (80433820) for further information.



**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  
MARCH  
2018**

**4th 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 John Hodgson

**Hymns:** MP 77, 400, 465, 445  
**Readings:** Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21  
See overleaf

**INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE**

***Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. (John 3:14)***

**COLLECT**

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, 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, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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



**Ephesians 2:1-10**

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions, it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**John 3:14-21**

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

**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; St. James' Shelter; Family Fun Night.



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, Dylan Hunt and Joan Dunnings.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- TUE 13 MAR** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome  
7.00 p.m. Standing Committee meeting in the Hall Committee Room  
8.00 p.m. Joint Standing Committee meeting in the Hall Committee Room
- WED 14 MAR** 7.30 p.m. Joint Lent Course in Woolston Community Centre - all welcome
- FRI 16 MAR** 6.00 p.m. Family Fun Night in the Church Hall
- SUN 18 MAR** **5TH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
10.00 a.m. Worship Together at St. Mark's Church  
**NO SERVICE AT PEAR TREE**  
12.30 p.m. Baptism in the Church
- MON 19 MAR** 10.00 a.m. Crafty Coffee Morning in the Church Hall - all welcome
- TUE 20 MAR** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome  
7.30 p.m. PCC meeting in the Hall Committee Room
- WED 21 MAR** 7.30 p.m. Joint Lent Course in Woolston Community Centre - all welcome
- FRI 23 MAR** 7.00 p.m. Pear Tree Quilters in the Church Hall
- SUN 25 MAR** **PALM SUNDAY**  
10.00 a.m. Parish Worship



**NEXT SUNDAY ....**

Please note that there will be **NO** 10.00 a.m. service at Pear Tree. Instead, we are invited to Worship Together with our friends at St. Mark's Church, Woolston. It would be appreciated if those with cars would be aware of those without transport and offer lifts to St. Mark's. Alternatively, contact Stephen Boulain-Gerrey, our Transport Co-ordinator. Thank you.