

### PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Tankerville Road and Thruxton Court; the work of SCRATCH; 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, Emily Thomas, and Joan Dunnings.

Please also pray for Aaron Hampton and Janine Adamson, who are to be married in our Church on Saturday.



You are invited to join us for our

### CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH

12.00 p.m.  
Sunday 20th May  
in Woolston Community Centre  
£5 pp, £2.50 children  
All proceeds to Christian Aid  
Contact Elizabeth Cleverley  
(80440242 to book your place)



### RIGHT ROYAL TEA PARTY

to celebrate  
Harry and Meghan's wedding  
3.30 p.m. Sunday 20th May  
on Pear Tree Green or in the  
Church Hall if wet  
**Bring a cake to share**  
**Come dressed as a prince or princess - all welcome**

A reminder that there is a church incident book in the right hand drawer of the desk in the vestry by the war memorial. If anything happens to you which could affect your safety or the safety of someone with you, please write the details in this book so they can be reviewed by the safeguarding team.

Also, by law, any accidents happening in the Church or Hall must be recorded. Accident books are now on the large table in the Church, and with the first aid box in the Hall kitchen. If anyone has an accident in either building they must, please, fill in an accident form in the book. Help is available from the Churchwarden (or ask any member of the clergy) to complete the form. Thank you.

### 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**  
**29th**  
**APRIL**  
**2018**

**5th Sunday**  
**of Easter**

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, 140, 112, 330**  
**Readings: Acts 8:26-40**  
**John 15:1-8**  
**See overleaf**

**11.30 a.m. Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Church Hall**  
**6.30 p.m. Southampton Deanery Choir Evensong at Christ Church, Freemantle**

### INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)*

### COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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



**Acts 8:26-40**

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road, the desert road, that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.  
Who can speak of his descendants?  
For his life was taken from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

**John 15:1-8**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

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You are invited to join us for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Church Hall following the 10.00 a.m. service.  
Annual Reports are now available on the table.  
Please help yourself to a copy.

**Also ....** you are invited to the Southampton Deanery Choir Evensong at 6.30 p.m. today in Christ Church, Freemantle.  
Rehearsal at 5.30 p.m. for those who would like to be part of the choir.  
Full information on the notice board. All welcome.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- MON 30 APR** 10.00 a.m. Crafty Coffee Morning in the Church Hall - all welcome
- TUE 1 MAY** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome  
7.30 p.m. Compline in the Church - all welcome
- WED 2 MAY** 1.00 - 4.00 p.m. OPEN CHURCH
- FRI 4 MAY** 7.00 p.m. Pear Tree Quilters in the Church Hall
- SAT 5 MAY** 1.00 p.m. Wedding in the Church
- SUN 6 MAY** **6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion  
11.15 a.m. Mission Table in the Church Hall  
**POSTPONED to 13th May**

**PARISH MAGAZINE**

A reminder that the deadline for the June/July edition of the Parish Magazine is **Sunday 6th May**. If you have any items you would like publicised, please leave on the Church table or e-mail Doris Pratt at [dmpratt@btopenworld.com](mailto:dmpratt@btopenworld.com).

