



John 6:56-69

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you, they are full of the Spirit and life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

“You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Sea Road and Seaward Gardens; St. Mary’s Church, Sholing; the young people of the parish.



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, Win Stead, Mary Stone, Aimee, Fred and Edith, Kelly Packer, Emily Thomas, Sylvia and Gerry Drake.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- TUE 28 AUG** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
11.00 a.m. Messy Church Picnic - Church Hall
- WED 29 AUG** 1.00-4.00 pm OPEN CHURCH
- SUN 2 SEPT** 14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion with Baptism



**MESSY CHURCH/
FAMILY FUN PICNIC**
11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
Tuesday 28th August
Pear Tree Church Hall



Please ring Anne Gerrard (80433820) to book
All welcome

PARISH MAGAZINE

The deadline for the October/November edition is Sunday 2nd September. Please leave any items on the table or e-mail Doris Pratt at dmpratt@btoopenworld.com.

FOR INFORMATION

Anne Gerrard and members of her family are taking part in the Memory Walk in aid of the Alzheimer’s Society on Southampton Common on Sunday 9th September. If you would like to sponsor Anne please telephone 023 80433820 for further details.

CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation towards flowers in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion, please contact Liz Spencer-Fleet (80560055).

