

### PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Cypress Avenue and Defender Road; Pear Tree House Rehabilitation Centre; our Family Fun Evening.



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, Emily Thomas and Sabrina Fernandez.

Please also pray for the family and friends of Miss Janet McGrath, whose ashes will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance on Friday.

**A REMINDER ...** that a Vision Morning will be held on Saturday 6th October, 9.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. at South Stoneham Church. This is an opportunity to come along and have your say in our Church development plans. The morning will include Communion, discussion and conclude with a light lunch. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the list on the board and remember to add any dietary or transport needs.

## ~ ~ DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ~ ~

**Friday 14th September ...** St. Mark's Church Mini Market, 10.30 a.m. in St. Mark's Institute, Victoria Road, Woolston.

**Sunday 16th September ....** Join us for our annual Dedication Celebration Service at **11.00 a.m.** in the Church, followed by lunch in the Church Hall. **If you would like to attend the lunch, please sign up on the notice board.**

**Saturday 22nd September ....** Southampton Beekeepers' Honey Show at Mayfield Nurseries, 12.00-4.00 p.m. See the notice board for full information.

**Saturday 22nd September ....** Please note that the publicised Jumble Sale has been **CANCELLED**.

**Tuesday 25th - Saturday 29th September ...** Autumn Early Bird Week at Mayfield Nurseries with 10% off all purchases. See the notice board for full information.

**Saturday 29th September ...** Churches Together in Itchen Harvest Celebration, 2.30 p.m. in Woolston Millennium Garden. All welcome.

**Saturday 6th October ....** Quiz Night with Fish and Chip Supper, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tickets £6, available soon from Peter and Liz Spencer-Fleet.

### 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**  
**9th**  
**SEPTEMBER**  
**2018**

**15th Sunday**  
**after Trinity**

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**10.00 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION**  
**- Revd John Hodgson**

**Hymns:** BBC 385, 285, 267, 346  
**Readings:** James 2:1-17  
Mark 7:24-37  
**See overleaf**

**11.30 a.m. Buildings Committee meeting in the Hall**

### **INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE**

*People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mark 7:37)*

### **COLLECT**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **POST COMMUNION**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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



**James 2:1-17**

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing right. But if you show favouritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

**Mark 7:24-37**

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

"First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

"Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter."

She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

~~ THANK YOU ~~

.... to Nesta Stocks and her family for including us all in the celebrations (and the wonderful buffet) in the Church Hall following the baptism of her granddaughter, Charlotte, last Sunday

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- TUE 11 SEPT**      9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome  
7.00 p.m. Standing Committee meeting in Woolston Community Centre  
8.00 p.m. Joint Standing Committee meeting in Woolston Community Centre
- WED 12 SEPT**    1.00-4.00 pm OPEN CHURCH
- FRI 14 SEPT**      3.00 p.m. Interment of the ashes of Miss Janet McGrath in the Garden of Remembrance  
6.00 p.m. Family Fun Evening in the Church Hall
- SUN 16 SEPT**      **16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - DEDICATION SUNDAY**  
11.00 a.m. Dedication Celebration Service at Pear Tree with our friends from St. Mark's Church, followed by lunch in the Church Hall

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

**Friday 14th September  
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*

Next Sunday is

**DEDICATION SUNDAY**

when we celebrate the 398th birthday of Pear Tree Church.

There will be a special Dedication Celebration Service at **11.00 a.m. (note change of time)**, when we will be joined by our friends from St. Mark's Church. The service will be followed by lunch in the Church Hall. **For catering purposes, please sign up on the list on the notice board if you would like to attend.**