

PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Bronte Way and Bryanston Road; all Residential Care Homes; our Church Choir.



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, Aimee, Edith, Emily Thomas, Joan Dunnings, Pamela Clayton, Rosemary Nutburn, David Wellman, and Patsy Harrison.

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 14th April.



OPEN CHURCH

will commence again 1.00-4.00 p.m. every Wednesday from the beginning of May. If you would like to join the rota, please contact Jim or Jean Inglis (80252292).

PARISH MAGAZINE

The April/May Easter edition is now available on the table. Please help yourself to a copy.

THANK YOU

... to Pat and Carolyn who organised the flowers for our Mothering Day service last Sunday.

THANK YOU

... from Jan Sydenham to all those who have been knitting or crocheting animal blankets, which have been very much appreciated by the RSPCA.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

A dramatic staging by
The Merry Opera Company

7.00 p.m. Saturday 4th May
in the Church

Tickets: £10, available from Pat
or Doris, or contact
0333 666 4466.

Full details on the notice board.

~~ DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ~~

Friday 12th April ... Family Beetle Drive, 7.30 p.m., Woolston Methodist Church, Manor Road North. No need to book. All welcome.

Sunday 14th April Friends of Pear Tree Green Litter Pick, 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon. Meet at the children's play area.

Saturday 20th April Messy Church Easter Outreach, 10.00-11.30 a.m. at St. Mark's Institute, Victoria Road, Woolston.



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
7th
APRIL
2019**

**5th Sunday
of Lent**

Priest-in-Charge - Revd Miles Newton, 117 Swift Road, Woolston SO19 9ER
☎ 023 80441124

10.00 a.m.

PARISH COMMUNION
- Revd Miles Newton

Hymns: BBC 83 (omit *), 178, 283, 333
Communion: BBC 81
Readings: Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8
See overleaf

LENT 

11.30 a.m.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Church Hall

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

"You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me." (John 12:8)

COLLECT

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS IN THE
CHURCH HALL AFTER THE SERVICE**



Philippians 3:4b-14

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a

Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ, yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

"Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

~~ TODAY ~~

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- TUE 9 APR** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
- FRI 12 APR** 10.30 a.m. Messy Church in the Church Hall
- SAT 13 APR** 9.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. Easter Spring Clean of the Church - all welcome
7.30 p.m. Quiz Night with Fish and Chip Supper
- SUN 14 APR** **PALM SUNDAY**
10.00 a.m. Service of the Word



10.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
Friday 12th April
in the Church Hall

Join us for a morning of fun, friendship and mess, with craft, song and celebration.

Refreshments provided, free entry, but donations appreciated.

QUIZ NIGHT

with Fish and Chip Supper

7.00 p.m. for a 7.30 p.m. start
Saturday 13th April
in the Church Hall

Cost: £6 - contact
Liz and Peter Spencer-Fleet
(80560055) to book

Tea and Coffee available
or bring your own refreshments



LENT CHALLENGE

For our LENT CHALLENGE this year we are asking you to remember your Basic Bank donations, maybe increasing your giving as there is still a great need for all your contributions.

Also

You might have heard or use iPhones, iPads or iPods but we have iCans! Pear Tree, like most of us, has everyday bills to pay and we could do with a bit extra so turn out your loose change, check your bags and pockets, check the sofa and pop it in the iCan that you can either collect from the table in Church or make for yourself with a lid and label. We are only asking for pennies; bring your tin to the Parish Worship Service at the end of April.