

THE WEEK AHEAD

- TUE 7 MAY** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
7.30 p.m. Compline in the Church
- WED 8 MAY** 1.00-4.00 p.m. OPEN CHURCH
- FRI 10 MAY** 1.15 p.m. Funeral of Mrs Thelma Chalk in the Church
- SAT 11 MAY** 10.00 a.m. Friends of Pear Tree Green BioBlitz - meet at the children's play area
- SUN 12 MAY** **4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - start of Christian Aid Week**
11.00 a.m. Worship Together Service at St. Mark's Church, followed by Christian Aid Lunch in Woolston Community Centre
NO SERVICE IN PEAR TREE
- MON 13 MAY** 10.00 a.m. Crafty Coffee Morning in the Hall - all welcome
- TUE 14 MAY** 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 15 MAY** 1.00-4.00 p.m. OPEN CHURCH
- SUN 19 MAY** **5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
10.00 a.m. Worship Together service at Pear Tree Church
3.00 p.m. Baptism in the Church
4.00 p.m. Baptism in the Church



Christian Aid Week commences on Sunday 12th May and you are invited to join us for our **CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH** 12.00 p.m. Sunday 12th May in Woolston Community Centre with all proceeds to Christian Aid.

Please sign up on the board if you would like to attend

Please note that as there is no service in Pear Tree next Sunday, Christian Aid envelopes will be available from today. If you would like to make a donation, please help yourself to an envelope and leave on the table. Thank you.

Also please join us for Compline, which returns again at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday for informal prayers and quiet contemplation. All welcome.



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
5th
MAY
2019**

**3rd 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: TBA
Readings: Acts 9:1-20
John 21:1-19
See overleaf

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. (John 21:13)

COLLECT

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; 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 9:1-20

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or

women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

The men travelling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered.

The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

"Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord, Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here, has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

John 21:1-19

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed

in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Braeside Close and Braeside Crescent; Oasis Academy, Mayfield; 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, Aimee, Edith, Emily Thomas, Joan Dunning, Pamela Clayton, David Wellman, Patsy Harrison, Ron and Billie Smith, John Allen, Andy Hunt.

Please also pray for the family and friends of Mrs Thelma Chalk, whose funeral will be held in the church on Friday.

THANK YOU to all those who came along and supported the Merry Opera Company's production of "Handel's Messiah" in the church yesterday and to all those who helped with refreshments.