

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- MON 3 FEB** 10.00 a.m. Crafty Coffee Morning in the Church Hall - all welcome
- TUE 4 FEB** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome  
7.30 p.m. Compline in the Church - all welcome
- THU 6 FEB** 7.30 p.m. Pear Tree 400 in the Hall Committee Room
- SUN 9 FEB** **3RD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**  
10.00 a.m. Worship Together at St. Mark's Church  
**NO SERVICE IN PEAR TREE**
- TUE 11 FEB** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
- SAT 15 FEB** 10.30 a.m. Jumble Sale in the Church Hall  
7.30 p.m. Woolston Community Association Quiz Night in Woolston Community Centre - see current magazine for details
- SUN 16 FEB** **2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**  
10.00 a.m. Worship Together Service at Pear Tree  
12.30 p.m. Baptism in the Church

### NEXT SUNDAY - 9th February

Please note that there will be **NO** 10.00 a.m. service at Pear Tree. Instead we are invited to join our friends at St. Mark's Church, Weston Grove Road, Woolston for a Worship Together service at 10.00 a.m. It would be appreciated if those with cars would be aware of those without transport and offer lifts to St. Mark's.

**Friday 21st February ...** 10th Birthday Messy Church, 10.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Light lunch provided - free entry, but donations appreciated. Please ring Anne Gerrard (80433820) for details.

**Friday 28th February ...** St. Mark's Church Pound-a-Bag Jumble, 10.30 a.m., St. Mark's Institute, Victoria Road, Woolston.

Pear Tree Church

### JUMBLE SALE

10.30 a.m.  
Saturday 15th February in the Hall  
*Admission 30p*  
Volunteers would be appreciated from 9.00 a.m.  
*Please take a poster from the table for your window*



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**  
2nd  
**FEBRUARY**  
2020

**4th Sunday**  
**before Lent/**  
**Candlemas**

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 262, 362, 220, 304  
**Communion:** BBC 390  
**Readings:** Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40  
See overleaf

**11.15 a.m. Mission Table in the Church Hall**  
**1.30 p.m. Friends of Pear Tree Green Winter Tree Walk**  
(see current magazine for details)

### COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he 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**



**Hebrews 2:14-18**

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery

by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**Luke 2:22-40**

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”, and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

~~ TODAY ~~

We are pleased to announce the return of the Mission Table, available in the Church Hall after the 10.00 a.m. service.  
Thanks to Jim and Jean Inglis, a considerable amount of money has been raised for mission over the years but, due to Jim’s ill-health, they have been forced to retire and have handed over the management to Liz Spencer-Fleet and Doreen Carter.  
The table will be available on the first and third Sundays of the month. All proceeds will go towards the cost of a defibrillator which we hope to install in the Church Hall.

**PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE**

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Acacia Road and Ailsa Lane;  
the Emergency Services: Fire, Police and Ambulance;  
the Busoga Trust.



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, Aimee, Edith, Ron and Billie Smith, John Allen, David Stovell, Jim Inglis, Lucas, Gordon Jewell, Dave Anderson, Diana Firmin and Ebo.

**FOR INFORMATION ....**

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held earlier than usual this year - on Sunday 5th April, 11.30 a.m. in the Church Hall, and our Electoral Roll will be revised with names added or removed as necessary.

Every person whose name is on the Electoral Roll is entitled to attend, speak, vote or stand for nomination to the PCC.

If you are not already on the Electoral Roll and would like to be included, please contact Jean Inglis (80252292), our Electoral Roll Officer, for further information.

**LOOKING AHEAD ...**

Our Pear Tree 400 Flower Festival will be held in the Church in May. Contributions towards the cost of flowers would be appreciated and window displays in memory of a loved one can also be arranged. Volunteers will be needed to help with displays. For further information, contact Liz Spencer-Fleet (80560055).

**ST. JAMES’ SHELTER** - thank you for all your donations of toiletries. This is an ongoing appeal and further donations would be appreciated. Please leave in the special box.

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