

~~~ THANK YOU ~~~

- ♦ to everyone who helped in any what whatsoever to make our Advent and Christmas celebrations so special.
- ♦ *to all those who supported or helped with our Christmas services and those who cleaned and tidied the church between services.*
- ♦ to the choir for all their singing in the church and those who took part in the carol singing at Residential Homes in and around the parish.
  - ♦ *to the Music Group for their musical contribution over the Christmas period.*
  - ♦ to all those who helped with the Ludlow Schools' services.
  - ♦ *to everyone who made use of our Parish Christmas Card, which raised £30 for the Countess Mountbatten Hospice.*
  - ♦ to all those who helped with the making of the Christingles.
- ♦ *to Jim and Jean who organised the distribution of the Parish Christmas Cards and to those who delivered them throughout the parish.*
- ♦ to those who made donations towards the cost of Christmas flowers and to Liz and her helpers who arranged the flowers in the church.

~~ DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ~~

**Saturday 7th January** - Skittle and Supper Evening at Woolston Methodist Church, Manor Road North. Cost: £6. Call Helen (80446857) to book.

**Sunday 15 January** - AGM of Churches Together in Itchen at St. Patrick's Church Hall at 5.00 p.m. All welcome.

**Friday 20th January** - Family Fun Night and Disco, 6.00-7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall. A family fun night for parents and children up to 11-12 years with activities, games, and disco music. Light refreshments provided. Free entry. No unaccompanied children. All welcome.

**Saturday 28th January** - Jumble Sale in the Church Hall at 10.30 a.m. Volunteers needed from 9.00 a.m.



SUNDAY THOUGHT

You received without paying, now give without being paid  
- Matthew 10:8



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  
1st  
JANUARY  
2017

2nd Sunday  
of Christmas

Priest-in-Charge - Revd Miles Newton, 117 Swift Road, Woolston SO19 9ER  
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10.00 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION  
- Revd John Hodgson

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Hymns: MP 13, 35, 420,

Communion: MP 588  
Readings: Hebrews 2:10-18  
Matthew 2:13-23



INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

*Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth.*  
(Matthew 2:22)

COLLECT

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

All praise to you, almighty God and heavenly king, who sent your Son into the world to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin: grant that, as we are born again in him, so he may continually dwell in us and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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



**Hebrews 2:10-18**

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy

and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises."

And again, "I will put my trust in him."

And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me."

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.

**Matthew 2:13-23**

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

"A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead."

So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**TUE 3 JAN** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome  
**NOTE - no Compline this month**

**SUN 8 JAN 1ST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY - the Baptism of Christ**  
10.00 am Parish Communion  
11.30 am Buildings Committee meeting in the Church Hall



**PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE**

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live outside the parish; the City of Southampton, Mayor and Mayoress; our link parish of Mawundo.

In your prayers today, please 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, Marie Warr, Les Beard, Dave and Joanne Isaacs, Win Stead, Mary Stone, Rosemary Nutburn, Arthur Collins, Yvette and Christine Bennett, Mary Hallerton, John Burrows, Bethany Mullen, Jackie and Mike, Emily Thomas, Alan and Michele Cahill, Jenna Harmer, Sylvia Drake and Jim Inglis.

*Please also pray for the families and friends of Barbara Beard and Gwen Southam, whose funerals were held last week.*

**PARISH MAGAZINE**

The deadline for our February/March issue is Sunday 8th January. If you have any items of interest you would like publicised, Christmas memories, family news, etc., then please leave on the table or e-mail Doris Pratt at [dmpratt@btopenworld.com](mailto:dmpratt@btopenworld.com).



**ALSO ....** many of you pick up your copy of the magazine from the table and leave your money in the special box. However, if this has slipped your mind or if you prefer to pay on a yearly basis, it would be appreciated if you could give your 2016 contributions to Doris Pratt as soon as possible. Thank you.