



PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Ashburnham Close and Bishop's Road; our Mission Table; the Diocese of Winchester.

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, Les Beard, Dave and Joanne Isaacs, Win Stead, Mary Stone, Rosemary Nutburn, Arthur Collins, Mary Hallerton, John Burrows, Bethany Mullen, Bill Kerr, Alan and Margaret Harding, baby Leo, Ian Fry, Aimee, Fred and Edith.

Please also pray for the family and friends of Mrs Barbara Horsfall, whose ashes will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance on Tuesday.

CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS

These are now available on the table. There are one or two streets which are not covered at the moment. Can you spare an hour or two to help?

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of Christmas flowers, please contact Liz Spencer-Fleet (80560055).



PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

This is now available on the notice board. **A reminder** ... the idea is to avoid having piles of Christmas cards on the table. Just write your Christmas greeting on our Parish Card and put the money you would have spent on buying cards for each other into the collection tin. All proceeds to the Countess Mountbatten Hospice.

2018 DIARIES

This year, for the first time, a joint Pear Tree/St. Mark's diary is being produced. These are now available on the table, price £1.

THANK YOU

... to all those who donated such a large amount of toys at our Toy Service last Sunday in aid of the SCRATCH Christmas Complete project for the children of Southampton.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The December/January Christmas edition is now available on the church table. Please help yourself to a copy. Do you have any friends, neighbours, relatives, who might be interested in receiving a regular copy? Contact Doris Pratt (80435602) to arrange delivery.



SUNDAY THOUGHT

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6-7



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
3rd
DECEMBER
2017

Advent
Sunday

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 34, 362, 30, 35
Communion: BBC 305
Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37
See overleaf



11.15 a.m. Mission Table in the Church Hall

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

"At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory." (Mark 13:26)

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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



1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way, with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge, God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 13:24-37

“But in those days, following that distress, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

“At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

“Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

~~ TODAY IS ADVENT SUNDAY ~~

Advent reminds us that our God brings light into the darkness.



“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.”
“Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.”

THE ADVENT CANDLE SONG

Light the Advent candle, one;
Now the waiting has begun;
We have started on our way,
Time to think of Christmas Day.

Candle, candle, burning bright,
Shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright,
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- MON 4 DEC** 10.00 a.m. Crafty Coffee Morning in the Church Hall - all welcome
- TUE 5 DEC** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
10.30 a.m. Interment of the ashes of Mrs Barbara Horsfall in the Garden of Remembrance
6.00 p.m. Uniform Organisations’ Christingle in the Church
6.15 p.m. Carol Singing at St. Elizabeth’s, 115 Swift Road, Woolston
7.15 p.m. Carol Singing at Rosewood, 131A Swift Road, Woolston
8.00 p.m. Order of Night Service (Compline) in the Church - all welcome
- THU 7 DEC** 6.15 p.m. Carol Singing at Starboard House, 105 Obelisk Road, Woolston
7.15 p.m. Carol Singing at Springfield House, 95-97 Portsmouth Road, Woolston
- FRI 8 DEC** 7.00 p.m. Pear Tree Quilting and Crafts Group in the Hall
- SUN 10 DEC** **2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion
4.00 p.m. Carols by Candlelight at Pear Tree Church
5.00 p.m. CTI Carol Service at the Salvation Army Hall, NE Rd

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

.... will be held throughout December. Join the choirs of Pear Tree and St. Mark’s Church at various Residential Homes in the area. Full information is on the notice board. All welcome.

You are invited to join us for our monthly ORDER OF NIGHT SERVICE (COMPLINE)

to be held in the Church at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 5th December. This is a short 30 minute service for the end of the day, including a hymn, psalm and prayer. All are welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY

Please join us at 4.00 p.m. for **Carols by Candlelight**, an evening of traditional carols, reflections, Bible reading and prayers. All welcome.

OR

Visit the Salvation Army Hall, North East Road, at 5.00 p.m. for Churches Together in Itchen Carol Service. All welcome.

