



PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Defender Walk and Drummond Court; our Carol Singers as they visit local Residential Homes; further afield we also pray for the ongoing troubled situations in Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan, Zimbabwe, the food crisis in East Africa and the migrant crisis in Europe.

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, 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 Jean Cochlin and Mrs Emily Felton, whose funerals will be held in the Church during the coming week, and for the family of Mrs Janet Wetherell (sister-in-law of Jenny Wetherell), who passed into God's keeping on 5th December..

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).



2018 DIARIES

are now available on the table, price £1.

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.

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.**

Light the Advent candle, two;
Think of humble shepherds, who
Filled with wonder at the sight
Of the child on Christmas night.



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
10th
DECEMBER
2017

2nd Sunday
of Advent

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

Hymns: BBC 32, 125, 33, 39
Readings: 2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8
See overleaf



4.00 p.m. Carols by Candlelight
5.00 p.m. CTI Carol Service at the Salvation Army Hall, NE Road

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie." (Mark 1:7)

COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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



2 Peter 3:8-15a

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not

wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation.

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way,
a voice of one calling in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.'"

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- MON 11 DEC**
 - 12.00 p.m. Funeral of Mrs Jean Cochlin in the Church
 - 6.15 p.m. Carol Singing at Pear Tree House, PT Avenue
 - 7.15 p.m. Carol Singing at Buttercup House, Radstock Road
- TUE 12 DEC**
 - 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
 - 6.15 p.m. Carol Singing at Oak Lodge, Freemantle Common Road
 - 7.15 p.m. Carol Singing at Leslie Loader House, PT Avenue
- WED 13 DEC**
 - 11.00 a.m. Funeral of Mrs Emily Felton in the Church
- THU 14 DEC**
 - 6.15 p.m. Carol Singing at The Hawthorns, St. Annes Road
 - 7.15 p.m. Carol Singing at Lavender House, 166 Newtown Rd
- SUN 17 DEC** **3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
 - 10.00 a.m. Worship Together at Pear Tree with Nativity
 - 6.30 p.m. Christmas Carol Service at St. Mark's Church

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.

NEXT SUNDAY ...

we will be joined by our friends from St. Mark's Church for our monthly Worship Together service at 10.00 a.m., which will also include the Nativity. This will be followed at 6.30 p.m. by a Christmas Carol Service at St. Mark's Church. All welcome.

A reminder that there is a church incident book in the right hand drawer of the desk in the vestry by the war memorial. If anything happens to you which could affect your safety or the safety of someone with you, please write the details in this book so they can be reviewed by the safeguarding team.

Also, by law, any accidents happening in the Church or Hall must be recorded.

Accident books are now on the large table in the Church, and with the first aid box in the Hall kitchen. If anyone has an accident in either building they must, please, fill in an accident form in the book. Help is available from the Churchwarden (or ask any member of the clergy) to complete the form.



PARISH MAGAZINE

The December/January Christmas edition is now available on the church table. Please help yourself to a copy.