

~~ THANK YOU ~~

- ♦ to everyone who helped to make our Advent and Christmas celebrations so special.
- ♦ to our Ministry Team and 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 all those who helped with the Ludlow Schools' services.
- ♦ to everyone who made use of our Parish Christmas Card, which raised £50 for the Countess Mountbatten Hospice.
  - ♦ to all those who helped with the making of the Christingles.
  - ♦ to Jim and Jean Inglis 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 Spencer-Fleet and her helpers who arranged the flowers in the church.

~~ DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ~~

**Saturday 13th January ....** Jumble Sale, 10.30 a.m. in the Church Hall. Volunteers needed from 9.00 a.m.

**Sunday 14th January ....** AGM of Churches Together in Itchen at St. Patrick's Church Hall at 5.00 p.m. All welcome.

**Friday 19th January ....** Family Fun Night, 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 music. Light refreshments provided. Free entry. No unaccompanied children. All welcome.

**SUNDAY THOUGHT**

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9



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**  
**31st**  
**DECEMBER**  
**2017**

**1st Sunday**  
**of Christmas**

Priest-in-Charge - Revd Miles Newton, 117 Swift Road, Woolston SO19 9ER  
☎ 023 80441124

**10.00 a.m. WORSHIP TOGETHER with St. Mark's Church**  
**- Revd John Hodgson**

**Hymns: BBC 116, 66, 58, 63**

**Communion: BBC 62**

**Reading: Luke 2:15-21**

**See overleaf**

**INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE**

*The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. (Luke 2:20)*

**COLLECT**

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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



**Luke 2:15-21**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

~~ TODAY ~~

We extend a warm welcome to our friends from St. Mark's Church as they join us at 10.00 a.m. for our Worship Together service.

**PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE**

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Wharncliffe Road and Wodehouse Road; St. Mark's Church; all members of our Ministry Team.



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.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**TUE 2 JAN** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome  
7.30 p.m. Order of Night Service (Compline) in the Church - all welcome

**SUN 7 JAN** **1ST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**  
**The Baptism of Christ**  
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion  
11.15 a.m. Mission Table in the Church Hall

You are invited to join us for our monthly **ORDER OF NIGHT SERVICE (COMPLINE)** to be held in the Church at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 2nd January. This is a short 30 minute service for the end of the day, including a hymn, psalm and prayer. All are welcome.

Don't forget to visit the **MISSION TABLE** in the Church Hall next Sunday after the 10.00 a.m. service, when cakes, books, DVDs, bric-a-brac, etc., will be on sale. **Donations of items to sale would be appreciated.**

**PARISH MAGAZINE**

The deadline for our February/March issue is Sunday 7th 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 2017 contributions to Doris Pratt as soon as possible. Thank you.

**READERS/INTERCESSORS**

For those not on e-mail, the new rota is now available on the table.