

~~ THANK YOU ~~

.... to everyone who worked so hard in the organisation of the Christmas Bazaar on 17th November. Special thanks to Doreen and Pat and all their helpers, to those who made donations of any kind, those who helped to set up the stalls the previous evening and cleared away afterwards and those who came along and supported us all. The amount raised was £861.80. Thank you to everyone for making the day such a success.

Please join us for

### **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

4.00 p.m.  
Sunday 9th December  
in the Church  
followed by refreshments

#### **CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS**

An advance notice to our faithful band of helpers that these will be available for delivery at the beginning of December. There are one or two streets which are not covered at the moment. If you can spare an hour or two to help, please contact Jim or Jean Inglis (80252292).

#### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

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



#### **FOR INFORMATION ....**

For those not on e-mail, the new Sidespersons and Service Rotas are now available on the table.

St. Mark's and Pear Tree Church invite you and your family to a morning of fun, friendship and MESS, with craft, song and celebration



**10.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.**  
**SATURDAY**  
**15TH DECEMBER**  
in Pear Tree Church  
Hall

Light lunch provided - free entry,  
but donations appreciated

Please ring Anne Gerrard  
(80433820) for details

#### **PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD**

This will shortly be 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 into the collection tin. All proceeds to the Countess Mountbatten Hospice.

Would you like to sponsor a light on the  
**COMMUNICARE TREE OF LIGHT**  
at Woolston Christmas Festival  
on Saturday 1st December?  
Full details can be found on the  
notice board.



**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  
25th  
NOVEMBER  
2018**

**Sunday next  
before Advent/  
Christ the King**

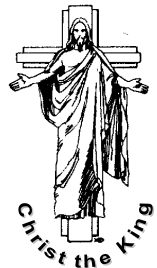
Priest-in-Charge - Revd Miles Newton, 117 Swift Road, Woolston SO19 9ER  
☎ 023 80441124

**10.00 a.m. PARISH WORSHIP and TOY SERVICE  
- Carolyn Jennings**

**Hymns: BBC 128, 313, 385, 327, 360**  
**Reading: Matthew 25:31-40**  
**See overleaf**

**3.00 p.m. Baptism in the Church**

**6.30 p.m. Evensong at St. Mark's Church**



#### **INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE**

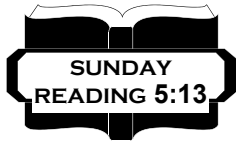
**"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"**  
**(Matthew 25:40)**

#### **COLLECT**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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



**Matthew 25:31-40**

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate

the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”



~~ TODAY ~~

We extend a warm welcome to 2nd Pear Tree Guides, who are joining us today for our Toy Service. Thank you to all those who have brought toys in aid of the SCRATCH Christmas Complete project.

We also welcome the family and friends of Bea’u Zanellotti, who is to be baptised in our church this afternoon.

**Also ...** we are invited to join St. Mark’s Church for a special Evensong service at 6.30 p.m. this evening, followed by a reception, to mark the end of the ministry of Revd John Hodgson with us all.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- MON 26 NOV** 12.00 p.m. Funeral of Mrs Mary Stone in the Church
- TUE 27 NOV** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
- THU 29 NOV** 12.00 p.m. Interment of the ashes of Mrs Jean Wallace in the Garden of Remembrance
- SUN 2 DEC** **ADVENT SUNDAY**  
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion  
11.15 a.m. Mawundo Mission Table in the Church Hall

**NEXT SUNDAY ....**  
Don't forget to visit the Mission Table in the Church after the 10.00 a.m. service, when cakes, books, DVDs, craft items, etc. will be on sale.  
Donations of items to sell would be appreciated.

**PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE**

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Poplar Road and Radstock Road; 2nd Pear Tree Guides and SCRATCH.



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, Win Stead, Aimee, Edith, Emily Thomas, Joan Dunnings, Jenna and Rosemary Nutburn.

Please also pray for the family and friends of Mrs Mary Stone, one of our church members, whose funeral will be held in the Church at 12.00 p.m. on Monday, and Mrs Jean Wallace, whose ashes will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance on Thursday.



**PARISH MAGAZINE**

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