

~~ 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.

CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS

These are now available on the table for delivery.

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 into the collection tin. All proceeds to the Countess Mountbatten Hospice.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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



2018 DIARIES

will shortly be on sale, price £1.

~~ DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ~~

Saturday/Sunday 15th/16th December ... St. Mark's Christmas Tree Festival. Full details on page 18 of the parish magazine.

Sunday 16th December ... 5.00 p.m. Community Carol Service at the Salvation Army Hall, North East Road. All welcome.

Sunday 16th December 6.30 p.m. Christmas Carol Service at St. Mark's Church. All welcome.

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

CAROL SINGING AROUND THE PARISH

Please try and support the choirs of Pear Tree and St. Mark's on 18th and 19th December with carol singing at various Residential Homes in the area. Full details on the board and in the magazine.



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

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SUNDAY
2nd
DECEMBER
2018

Advent
Sunday

10.00 a.m.

PARISH COMMUNION
- Revd Miles Newton

Hymns: BBC 34, 362, 38, 35
Communion: BBC 30
Readings: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36
See overleaf

11.15 a.m.

Mission Table in the Church Hall



INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. (Luke 21:27)

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 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Luke 21:25-36

“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

“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.

“Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

~~ 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 3 DEC** 10.00 a.m. Crafty Coffee Morning in the Church Hall - all welcome
- TUE 4 DEC** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
7.30 p.m. Compline in the Church - all welcome
- FRI 7 DEC** 7.00 p.m. Pear Tree Quilters’ Christmas Party in the Church Hall
- SUN 9 DEC** **2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion
4.00 p.m. Carols by Candlelight in the Church



Please join us for

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

An evening of traditional carols, reflections, Bible reading and prayers

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

PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Acacia Road and Ailsa Lane, the Emergency Services, Fire, Police, Ambulance; the Mission Table.



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.



PARISH MAGAZINE

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