



PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Cypress Avenue and Defender Road; Messy Church; Churches Together in Itchen.

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 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).

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.

PARISH MAGAZINE

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

2018 DIARIES

will shortly be on sale, price £1.

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.

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

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



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
9th
DECEMBER
2018**

**2nd Sunday
of Advent**

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

10.00 a.m.

**PARISH COMMUNION
- Revd John Hodgson**

**Hymns: BBC 32, 39, 348, 33
Readings: Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6
See overleaf**

4.00 p.m.

Carols by Candlelight in the Church



INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Luke 3:3)

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



Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good

work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.
And all people will see God's salvation.”

THE WEEK AHEAD

- TUE 11 DEC** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
- SAT 15 DEC** 10.30 a.m. Messy Church in the Church Hall
11.00-4.00 pm St. Mark's Christmas Tree Festival
- SUN 16 DEC** **3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
10.00 a.m. Worship Together Service at Pear Tree with Nativity
2.00-5.00 p.m. St. Mark's Christmas Tree Festival
5.00 p.m. Community Carol Service supported by Churches Together in Itchen at the Salvation Army Hall, North East Road
6.30 p.m. Christmas Carol Service at St. Mark's Church

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

NEXT SUNDAY

You are invited to join us for another Worship Together Service at 10.00 a.m.

This will include a scratch Nativity when you are encouraged to come along dressed as one of the characters - the choice is yours!

Join us also at 6.30 p.m. at St. Mark's Church for the Christmas Carol Service.
Transport would be appreciated for those without cars.

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Please join us at 4.00 p.m. this afternoon for

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

An evening of traditional carols, reflections, Bible reading and prayers, followed by refreshments.

All welcome



THE SNOWMAN

is being screened at Holy Saviour Church, Bitterne at 5.00 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. on Saturday 15th December with a soloist and live orchestra, conducted by Craig Lawton.

Tickets £10, under 16s £8, group (2A + 2C) £34 available in advance from bitterneparish.eventbrite.co.uk. Full details on the notice board.

