



PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Maldon Road and Manor Road North; Ludlow Junior School; our Church Carol Singers.

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 families and friends of Mrs Beryl Ravenscroft and Mr John Gould, whose funerals will be held in the church this week, and of Mr Thomas Hall, whose ashes will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance on Wednesday.

Please also pray for James Phillips and Katie Large, who are to be married in our church on Saturday.

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.

2019 DIARIES

are now available on the table, price £1.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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



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.



Light the Advent candle, three:
Think of heavenly harmony;
Angels singing "Peace on earth"
At the blessed Saviour's birth.

**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
16th
DECEMBER
2018**

**3rd Sunday
of Advent**

Priest-in-Charge - Revd Miles Newton, 117 Swift Road, Woolston SO19 9ER
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10.00 a.m.

WORSHIP TOGETHER with Nativity
- Revd Miles Newton

Hymns: MP 496, 538, 575, 708
Communion: MP 420, 162
Reading: Luke 3:7-18
See overleaf



2.00-5.00 p.m.
5.00 p.m.

St. Mark's Christmas Tree Festival
Community Carol Service supported by Churches Together in Itchen at the Salvation Army Hall, NE Road
Christmas Carol Service at St. Mark's Church

6.30 p.m.

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. (Luke 3:16)

COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**



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



Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

"What should we do then?" the crowd asked.

John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."

Even tax collectors came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?"

"Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them.

Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?"

He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely, be content with your pay."

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

~~ TODAY ~~

We extend a warm welcome to our friends from St. Mark's Church, Woolston, who are worshipping with us today at our 10.00 a.m. service.

Also a reminder that the Churches Together in Itchen Community Carol Service will be held at 5.00 p.m. at the Salvation Army Hall, North East Road, followed at 6.30 p.m. by a Christmas Carol Service at St. Mark's Church.
Transport would be appreciated for those without cars.

~~ THANK YOU ~~

.... to those who supported the Carols by Candlelight in Pear Tree Church last Sunday.

.... to those who organised and supported the Christmas Messy Church in the Church Hall yesterday.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- MON 17 DEC** 10.00 a.m. Crafty Coffee Morning in the Church Hall - all welcome
- TUE 18 DEC** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
1.30 p.m. Funeral of Mrs Beryl Ravenscroft in the Church
6.00 p.m. Carol Singing at Hawthorns Care Home, St. Anne's Road, Woolston
6.45 p.m. Carol Singing at Rosewood Care Home, 131A Swift Road, Woolston
- WED 19 DEC** 12.00 p.m. Interment of the ashes of Mr Thomas Hall in the Garden of Remembrance
6.30 p.m. Carol Singing at Pear Tree House, Pear Tree Avenue
7.15 p.m. Carol Singing at Leslie Loader House, Pear Tree Avenue
- THU 20 DEC** 9.30-11.30 am Ludlow Junior School Carol Services in the Church
1.15 p.m. Funeral of Mr John Gould in the Church
- SAT 22 DEC** 2.30 p.m. Wedding in the Church
- SUN 23 DEC** **4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion

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 are on the notice board.

NEXT SUNDAY

Revd John Hodgson will be leaving us at the end of the year. There will be a special Parish Communion service at 10.00 a.m. next Sunday in place of our normal Parish Worship. At this service, there will be a presentation to John in appreciation of his ministry with us in Pear Tree over the past few years.

If you would like to make a donation, please give your contribution to Pat Hawkins.