

~~ 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 the area.
 - ◆ to all those who helped with the Ludlow Schools' services.
- ◆ to everyone who made use of our Parish Christmas Card, which raised £25 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 Card 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.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The deadline for our February/March issue is today, Sunday 6th January. If you have any items of interest you would like publicised, Christmas memories, family news, etc., please give to Doris Pratt or e-mail 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 2018 contributions to Doris Pratt as soon as possible, together with any outstanding money distributors may have collected. Thank you.

ELECTORAL ROLL

In 2019 every church in the Church of England will be required to prepare a new Electoral Roll - the existing Roll will be discarded and new application forms must be completed. If you wish to stand for the PCC or vote at the AGM (to be held this year on 7th April), you must be on the Electoral Roll. If you wish to be included on the new Roll, please complete an application form and leave on the table by **Sunday 3rd March**.

For further information, please contact Jean Inglis, our Electoral Roll Officer, (tel. 80252292).



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
6th
JANUARY
2019

The
Epiphany

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

10.00 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION
- Revd Miles Newton



Hymns: MP 35, 65, 337, 204
Communion: MP 728
Readings: Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12
See overleaf

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.
(Matthew 2:11)

COLLECT

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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



Ephesians 3:1-12

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles, pray to God.

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all of the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.


THE WEEK AHEAD

- MON 7 JAN** 10.00 a.m. Crafty Coffee Morning in the Church Hall - all welcome
- TUE 8 JAN** 9.30 p.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
- WED 9 JAN** 7.00 p.m. PCC meeting in the Hall Committee Room
- FRI 11 JAN** 6.00 p.m. Family Fun Disco Evening in the Church Hall
- SUN 13 JAN** **2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY - the Baptism of Christ**
10.00 a.m. Service of the Word
5.00 p.m. Churches Together in Itchen AGM in St. Patrick's Church Hall - all welcome

★ **Family Fun** ★
Disco Evening
Friday 11th January, 6.00-7.30 p.m.
in the Church Hall
with disco music provided by Sladey's Entertainment. Cost: £5 per family, including refreshments.
Contact Pat Hawkins (80438103) to book.

NEXT SUNDAY
With the retirement of Revd John Hodgson, there have been some changes to our Sunday services and next Sunday you are warmly invited to join us for
SERVICE OF THE WORD
which will be led by Carolyn Jennings and Maurice Keys.

PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE
Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Braeside Road and Bridge Road; all Residential Care Homes; all our PCC members.



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, Pamela Clayton and Rosemary Nutburn.

DON'T FORGET
2019 diaries are now available on the table, price £1.

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