

### PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Ludlow Road and Magnolia Road; Crafty Coffee Morning; Ludlow Junior School.



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, Ron and Billie Smith, John Allen, David Stovell, Jim Inglis, Lucas, Gordon Jewell, Dave Anderson, Diana Firmin and Ebo.

Please also pray for the family and friends of Joyce Holland whose funeral will be held at Wessex Vale on Tuesday 17th December, followed by a Service of Remembrance at 2.30 p.m. at Pear Tree Church.

### CAROL SINGING

Please try and support the choirs of Pear Tree and St. Mark's on 17th December with carol singing at Hawthorns Care Home and Leslie Loader House. Contact Colin Sandford for more information.

### CAROLS AROUND THE CRIB

**10.00 a.m. Sunday 29th December**  
Do you have a favourite carol? Please put your choice on the list on the table.

### 2020 CHURCH DIARIES

... are now available on the table, price £1.

### ~~ DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ~~

**Sunday 12th** ... **January** ...  
Churches Together in Itchen AGM in St. Patrick's Church Hall at 5.00 p.m.

**Friday 17th January** ... Family Fun Disco Evening, 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.

**Friday 24th/Saturday 25th January** ... Players' Theatre production of "Dick Whittington", 7.00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Adults £6.50, children £4.50, Family £19 (2A,2C). Box office 07719 25920 or www.playerstheatre.weebly.com.

### 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, 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.**

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



### 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  
15th  
DECEMBER  
2019**

**3rd Sunday  
of Advent**

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

**10.00 a.m.**

**WORSHIP TOGETHER with Nativity  
- Revd Miles Newton**

**Hymns:** BBC 39, 65, 60, 69  
**Communion:** BBC 52  
**Reading:** Matthew 11:2-11  
**See overleaf**



**2.00-4.00 p.m.  
6.30 p.m.**

**St. Mark's Christmas Tree Festival  
Christmas Carol Service at St. Mark's Church**

### 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**



**Matthew 11:2-11**

When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

~~~ 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 St. Mark's Christmas Tree Festival will be held from 2.00 - 4.00 p.m., followed at 6.30 p.m. by their Christmas Carol Service.  
*Transport would be appreciated for those without cars.*

~~~ THANK YOU ~~~

... to those who supported the Delicious Sounds Choir concert in the Church last Saturday when £544 was raised for the Southampton Talking Echo charity.

... to those who supported the Churches Together in Itchen Carol Service at the Salvation Army Hall last Sunday.

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

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- MON 16 DEC** 10.00 a.m. Crafty Coffee Morning Christmas Party in the Church Hall - all welcome
- TUE 17 DEC** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome  
2.30 p.m. Service of Remembrance for Mrs Joyce Holland in the Church  
6.30 p.m. Carol Singing at Hawthorns Care Home, St. Anne's Road, Woolston  
7.15 p.m. Carol Singing at Leslie Loader House, Pear Tree Avenue
- THU 19 DEC** 9.30 a.m. Ludlow Junior School Carol Service in the Church
- FRI 20 DEC** 9.30 a.m. Ludlow Junior School Carol Service in the Church
- SUN 22 DEC** **4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**NO 10.00 a.m. SERVICE**  
4.00 p.m. Community Carols by Candlelight in the Church



Please join us for  
**COMMUNITY CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**  
*An evening of traditional carols, reflections, Bible reading and prayers*  
4.00 p.m. Sunday 22nd December  
in the Church, followed by refreshments

**CHURCH 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 Church Card and put the money you would have spent on buying cards for each other 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 (80560055).



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**PARISH MAGAZINE**

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