

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUE 31 DEC 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church
- all welcome

SUN 5 JAN **2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion

~~ 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.



During the coming week we will celebrate the beginning of another new year.

As we enter 2020, we would like to wish all our friends in St. Mark's and Pear Tree Church a very Happy and Blessed New Year.

Here, in Pear Tree, we will be celebrating 400 years of worship in this church.

We would like to thank all those who have worked so hard during the past year on the planning of all our 2020 events and we would ask for all your prayers that God will bless the coming year and all our celebrations.



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
29th
DECEMBER
2019**

**1st Sunday
of Christmas**

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

Hymns: To be advised
Reading: Matthew 2:13-23
See overleaf

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead." (Matthew 2:20)

COLLECT

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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



Matthew 2:13-23

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

"A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

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So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.



~~~~ 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.

- ~~~~ 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 £42 for the Countess Mountbatten Hospice.
    - ◆ to all those who helped with the making of the Christingles.
  - ◆ to those who delivered Christmas Cards 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.

**PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE**  
Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Tankerville Road and Thruyton Court; the Salvation Army Booth Centre.



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.

**PARISH MAGAZINE**  
The deadline for our February/March issue is Sunday 5th January. If you have any items of interest you would like publicised, Christmas memories, family news, etc., please give to Doris Pratt or email [dmpratt@bopenworld.com](mailto:dmpratt@bopenworld.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 2019 contributions to Doris Pratt as soon as possible, together with any outstanding money distributors may have collected. Thank you.