

Pew Sheet for Shiplake-with-Dunsden
Sunday 2nd December 2018
Advent Sunday

Readings Today:

Jeremiah 33.14-16

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21.25-36

²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' ²⁹ Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

³⁴ 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Next Week's Readings:

Baruch 5.1-9; **Philippians** 1.3-11; **Luke** 3.1-6

Diary for December:

2nd	Advent Sunday	Benefice Service
11.00am	Shiplake	Sung Eucharist
6.00pm	Harpsden	Evensong
3rd	Monday	
10.00am	Shiplake	Morning Prayers
5th	Wednesday	
9.30am	Harpsden	Eucharist with Wholeness and Healing
	Followed by Advent Course	
9th	Advent 2	
9.30am	Harpsden	Sung Eucharist
11.00am	Dunsden	Sung Eucharist
11.00am	Shiplake	Sung Eucharist
10th	Monday	
10.00am	Shiplake	Morning Prayers
12th	Wednesday	
9.30am	Harpsden	Eucharist
	Followed by Advent Course	
15th	Saturday	
11.00am	Shiplake Church	Live Nativity
4.00pm	Shiplake Church	Live Nativity
16th	Advent 3	
9.30am	Harpsden	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School
11.00am	Dunsden	Sung Eucharist
11.00am	Shiplake	Sung Eucharist
17th	Monday	
10.00am	Shiplake	Morning Prayers

19th **Wednesday**
9.30am Harpsden Eucharist
Followed by Advent Course

23rd **Advent 4**
9.30am Harpsden Said Eucharist
11am Dunsden Carol Service
11am Shiplake Sung Eucharist
6pm Harpsden Nine Lessons and Carols

24th **Christmas Eve**
4pm Harpsden Christingle
11.30pm Harpsden Midnight Mass
11.30pm Dunsden Midnight Mass
11.30pm Shiplake Midnight Mass

25th **Christmas Day**
10am Harpsden Sung Eucharist
10am Dunsden Sung Eucharist
11am Shiplake Family Service

26th **Wednesday** **NO MIDWEEK EUCHARIST**

30th **1st Sunday After Christmas** **Benefice Service**
11am Shiplake Sung Eucharist

Shiplake Corner Shop:

Calling all fans of glitter, cotton wool and Santa Claus. The Corner shop is holding a Children's Christmas Card competition to make an A5 size card. Age groups are 0-4, 5-7, and 8-11yrs. They will be displayed all over the shop, and the Rector will judge the best in each group to win a prize. The closing date for entries is Saturday 8th December. Please put your name, age, and telephone number on the back.

Prayers:

Across this united Benefice this week, we pray for Alan Mitchell, Irene Howard, Bill Willatt, Ellen Newberry, Jean Jones, Charmian Nevins, Christine Harvey, Mike & Angela Aires.

We give thanks for the lives of those who have recently died, including Christopher William Porter (Budgie), 1954-2018, whose funeral is on Wednesday at Reading Crematorium. He grew up in Shiplake, was an altar boy, sang in the choir and rang 8 quarter peals while here.

Benefice Nativity:

The Shiplake Nativity will take place this year on Saturday 15th December. It will be in Shiplake Church, and is a Nativity for the whole Benefice. Unfortunately the barn is in use again, so we need to ensure we can accommodate as many as possible. We will need the help of as many people as possible in order to run the event well, and to make it special and be sure to get across the true meaning of Christmas. Your offers of help, however small, will be greatly appreciated. As in previous years, there will be two Nativity performances: one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Help will be needed putting out and collecting in notices, lighting candles, serving refreshments, manning the car park and clearing up. If you can help in any way

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