

Pew Sheet for Shiplake-with-Dunsden
Sunday 16th December 2018
Third Sunday of Advent

Readings Today:

Zephaniah 3.14-20

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸ as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. ¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰ At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Philippians 4.4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Luke 3.7-18

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?’ ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’

10 And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ ¹¹In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ ¹²Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ ¹³He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’ ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’ ¹⁷His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’ ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Next Week’s Readings:

Micah 5.2-5a
Hebrews 10.5-10
Luke 1.39-45, (46-55)

Diary for December:

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
11.00am	Dunsden	Carol Service
11.00am	Shiplake	Sung Eucharist
6.00pm	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

Diary for January

1st	Tuesday	
10.00am	Harpsden St Peters Vestry	Prayer Group
2nd	Wednesday	
9.30am	Harpsden	Eucharist with Wholeness and Healing
3rd	Thursday	
2.00pm	Prayer Group	Phone 0118 940 1580 for venue
6th	The Epiphany	Benefice Service (With Incense)
11.00am	Dunsden	Sung Eucharist
7th	Monday	
10.00am	Shiplake	Morning Prayers
12.30pm	Shiplake, The Ark	Light Lunch
8th	Tuesday	
10.00am	Harpsden St Peters Vestry	Prayer Group
9th	Wednesday	
9.30am	Harpsden	Eucharist

Prayers:

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

We give thanks for the lives of those who have recently died, including Ellen Newberry and Michael Rowlett. Michael's funeral is at Reading Crematorium on Monday 17th December at 11.30am. We pray for their families and friends.

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