

**Pew Sheet for Shiplake-with-Dunsden**  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Readings Today:**

**Baruch            5.1-9**

5 Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.<sup>2</sup> Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;<sup>3</sup> for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.<sup>4</sup> For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.<sup>5</sup> Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them.<sup>6</sup> For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne.<sup>7</sup> For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.<sup>8</sup> The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command.<sup>9</sup> For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

**Philippians    1.3-11**

3 I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

3In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;<sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' '

**Next Week's Readings:**

**Zephaniah 3.14-20**

**Philippians 4.4-7**

**Luke 3.7-18**

**Diary for December:**

**9<sup>th</sup> Advent 2**  
 9.30am Harpsden Sung Eucharist  
 11.00am Dunsden Sung Eucharist  
 11.00am Shiplake Sung Eucharist

**10<sup>th</sup> Monday**  
 10.00am Shiplake Morning Prayers

**12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**  
 9.30am Harpsden Eucharist  
**Followed by Advent Course**

**15<sup>th</sup> Saturday**  
 11.00am Shiplake Church Live Nativity  
 4.00pm Shiplake Church Live Nativity

**16<sup>th</sup> Advent 3**  
 9.30am Harpsden Sung Eucharist with Sunday School  
 11.00am Dunsden Sung Eucharist  
 11.00am Shiplake Sung Eucharist

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| <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Monday</b>                                |                             |
| 10.00am                | Shiplake                                     | Morning Prayers             |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Wednesday</b>                             |                             |
| 9.30am                 | Harpsden                                     | Eucharist                   |
|                        | <b>Followed by Advent Course</b>             |                             |
| <b>23<sup>d</sup></b>  | <b>Advent 4</b>                              |                             |
| 9.30am                 | Harpsden                                     | Said Eucharist              |
| 11am                   | Dunsden                                      | Carol Service               |
| 11am                   | Shiplake                                     | Sung Eucharist              |
| 6pm                    | Harpsden                                     | Nine Lessons and Carols     |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Christmas Eve</b>                         |                             |
| 4pm                    | Harpsden                                     | Christingle                 |
| 11.30pm                | Harpsden                                     | Midnight Mass               |
| 11.30pm                | Dunsden                                      | Midnight Mass               |
| 11.30pm                | Shiplake                                     | Midnight Mass               |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Christmas Day</b>                         |                             |
| 10am                   | Harpsden                                     | Sung Eucharist              |
| 10am                   | Dunsden                                      | Sung Eucharist              |
| 11am                   | Shiplake                                     | Family Service              |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Wednesday</b>                             | <b>NO MIDWEEK EUCHARIST</b> |
| <b>30<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Christmas</b> | <b>Benefice Service</b>     |
| 11am                   | Shiplake                                     | Sung Eucharist              |

## Benefice Nativity:

The Shiplake Nativity will take place this year on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 please email Marina at [marina.hart@virgin.net](mailto:marina.hart@virgin.net) or email Wendy at [trendywendy262@icloud.com](mailto:trendywendy262@icloud.com) or call her on 0118 947 8622.

## **Prayers:**

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

We give thanks for the lives of those who have recently died, including Mary Ferreira and we pray for her family and friends

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