

HARPSDEN PARISH NEWS

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

It's that time of year again when we prepare for our APCMs (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) and I thought that it would be a good idea to publish the dates and times here so that more people in our parishes know when these meetings are taking place.

This year, as last year, we are holding both meetings on the same day, 24th March.

Harpsden starts at 9.30am followed by a shortened Eucharist. Shiplake and Dunsden follow on from a joint service at Dunsden Church (service is at 11am) – the meeting will be preceded by a 'bring and share' meal to which all are invited.

May I also kindly request that those people who are preparing reports to be included in the APCM papers have them with your PCC secretary as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Another year is upon us and it really does seem that time is speeding up. I really don't know where the years seem to go; as I get older the years seem to go by much more quickly than they did when I was a child. If only they did go slower then perhaps, I might get more work done. Rebecca told me yesterday (26th January) that Christmas was over a month ago, and there were only 11 months left to this Christmas!!!

I thought that as it was the start of the year, I would share some Christian jokes that I have been sent – enjoy....

Moses, Jesus and an old man are golfing. Moses steps up to the tee and hits the ball. It goes sailing over the fairway and lands in the water trap. Moses parts the water and chips the ball onto the green. Jesus steps up to the tee and hits the ball. It goes sailing over the fairway and lands in the water trap. Jesus just walks on the water and chips the ball onto the green. The old man steps up to the tee and hits the ball. It goes sailing over the fairway and heads for the water trap. But just before it falls into the water, a fish jumps up and grabs the ball in its mouth. As the fish is falling back down into the water, an eagle swoops down and grabs the fish in its claws. The eagle flies over the green where a lightning bolt shoots from the sky and barely misses it. Startled, the eagle drops the fish. When the fish hits the ground, the ball pops out of its mouth and rolls into the hole for a hole-in-one. Jesus then turns to the old man and says, "Dad, if you don't stop fooling around, we won't bring you next time."

A Jewish lady named Mrs. Rosenberg many years ago was stranded late one night at a fashionable resort - one that did not admit Jews. The desk clerk looked down at his book and said, "Sorry, no room. The hotel is full."
The Jewish lady said, "But your sign says that you have vacancies."

The desk clerk stammered and then said curtly, "You know that we do not admit Jews. Now if you will try the other side of town..."

Mrs. Rosenberg stiffened noticeably and said, "I'll have you know I converted to your religion."

The desk clerk said, "Oh, yeah, let me give you a little test.

How was Jesus born?"

Mrs. Rosenberg replied, "He was born to a virgin named Mary in a little town called Bethlehem."

"Very good," replied the hotel clerk. "Tell me more."

Mrs. Rosenberg replied, "He was born in a manger."

"That's right," said the hotel clerk.

"And why was he born in a manger?"

Mrs. Rosenberg said loudly, "Because a jerk like you in the hotel wouldn't give a Jewish lady a room for the night!"

A man called Jacob finds himself in dire trouble. His business has gone bust and he's in serious financial trouble. He's so desperate that he decides to ask God for help. He goes into the church and begins to pray: "God, please help me, I've lost my business and if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well, please let me win the lotto". Lottery night comes and somebody else wins it. Jacob goes back to the church. "God, please let me win the lottery, I've lost my business, my house and I'm going to lose my car as well". Lottery night comes again and Jacob still has no luck!! Back to the church. "My God, why have you forsaken me?? I've lost my business, my house, my car and my wife and children are starving. I don't often ask you for help and I have always been a good servant to you. Why won't you just let me win the lottery this one time so I can get my life back in order????". Suddenly there is a blinding flash of light as the heavens open and Jacob is confronted by the voice of GOD himself:

"JACOB, MEET ME HALF WAY ON THIS ONE, BUY A TICKET"

Happy New Year to you all

Robert

SIDESMEN FOR FEBRUARY

3 rd	Kester and Pippa George
10 th	Susan Hunt and Jo Pavey
17 th	Rob and Carol Lewis
24 th	James and Elsie Frost

READERS FOR FEBRUARY

3rd Ben Watson
10th Sarah Bevan
17th Pat Needham
24th Kester George

PRAYER LEADERS FOR FEBRUARY

3rd Brenda Wright
10th Pat Needham
17th Jane Burt
24th May Mosawi



WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP

The Tuesday Prayer Group meets every week.
If you would like someone held in prayer
please contact

Jo Taylor (07985 703126)

FEBRUARY SERVICES

SUNDAY 3RD FEBRUARY	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School	Harpsden
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Shiplake
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Dunsden
MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY	10.00 am	Morning Prayers	Shiplake
TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY	10.00 am	Prayer Group	St Peter's Vestry Harpsden
WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY	9.30 am	Eucharist with Wholeness and Healing	Harpsden
THURSDAY 7TH FEBRUARY	2.00 pm	Prayer Group	Phone 0118 9401580 For Venue
SUNDAY 10TH FEBRUARY	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Harpsden
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Shiplake
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Dunsden
MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY	10.00 am	Morning Prayers	Shiplake
WEDNESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY	9.30 am	Eucharist	Shiplake

SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School	Harpsden
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Shiplake
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Dunsden
MONDAY 18TH FEBRUARY	10.00 am	Morning Prayers	Shiplake
WEDNESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY	9.30 am	Eucharist	Harpsden
SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Harpsden
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Shiplake
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Dunsden

It's amazing what they get up to at Choir Practice!



The Choir from St Margaret's took part in the 10th Henley Choir Festival at St Mary's, Henley, on Saturday 26th January, singing "Hail Holy Queen" from the musical "Sister Act". Here are two of the "sisters" getting ready to rehearse!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 4 th February 3.00 – 4.30 pm	A Cuppa, Cake and Catch-up The Ark, Shiplake
Wednesday 6 th February 12.30 pm	Fellowship Lunch The Maltsters
Sunday 17 th February 11.00 am – 5.00 pm	Snowdrop Sunday All Saints, Dunsden
Tuesday 5 th March 7.00 pm	Pancake Supper Dunsden Village Hall

COFFEE ROTA

February	March
3 rd Sue Wright	3 rd Hazel West-Manning
19 th Elsie & James Frost	10 th Jo Pavey
17 th Lyn Goodwin	17 th Kay Moris
24 th May Mosawi	24 th Suzanna Rose
	31 st Florence Phillips



Benefice Fellowship:

The benefice pastoral team will be hosting a series of get togethers over the coming year to enable our congregations & community share fellowship with old friends and new friends alike.

We hope you will be able to attend the events offered on a rolling 3-month rota, on the first Monday of each month, in the Ark behind Shiplake Church.

There is no cost to attend any of the meetings, but if you would like to make a nominal donation of £2 to cover the beverages/food it would be most welcome.

“Boys Brunch”..... March 4th and June 3rd

Inviting all the gentlemen in our community to enjoy each other's company over a leisurely brunch from 10.30 – noon in the Ark. Please let Paul Barrett know if you can attend on 01491 578051.



‘Light Lunch’..... April 1st and July 1st

All are welcome to enjoy a light lunch and share fellowship at 12.30 pm in the Ark. So we can plan the catering accordingly please let Jo Taylor know if you are able to attend on 0798 570316 or email jotaylor28@aol.co.uk and also if you have any special dietary requirements.



‘A Cuppa, Cake and Catch up’ February 4th and May 6th

All are welcome to join us for afternoon tea from 3pm – 4.30pm in the Ark. No need to book..... just turn up!!





FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Please contact Hazel Cooke

by phone (01491 575876) or by email: hazelcooke01@gmail.com

**if you would like to join in the Fellowship Lunch on
Wednesday 6th February at 12.30 pm**



The New Church of England Electoral Roll

Every 6 years the Church Electoral Roll is completely revised and this is the sixth year. Every person who wants to continue as a member of the Church of England must re-apply. An Application for Enrolment Form is attached, Forms will also be available in church and from the Electoral Roll Officer, Julian Burt (email j.burt@virgin.net or telephone 01491 575126).

We also are required to hold GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) forms (copy attached) for each member of the church. If you have not already completed one of these please submit one with your Electoral Roll form.

Shiplake with Dunsden and Harpsden cum Bolney



Your privacy is important to us, and we want to communicate with church members in a way which has their consent, and which is in line with UK law on data protection. As a result of a change in UK law, we now need your consent to how we contact you. Please fill in the contact details you want us to use to communicate with you:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

By signing this form you are confirming that you are consenting to the PCC's of St Peter and St Paul Shiplake, All Saints Dunsden and St Margaret of Antioch Harpsden holding and processing your personal data for the following purposes (please tick the boxes where you grant consent):-

I consent to the church contacting me by ☐ post ☐ phone or ☐ email.

☐ To keep me informed about news, events, activities and services at St Peter and St Paul Shiplake, All Saints Dunsden and St Margaret of Antioch Harpsden (*note you can unsubscribe from the church e-bulletin at any time*);

☐ To including my details in the 'Church Directory' which is circulated to Church Staff Team.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

You can grant consent to all the purposes; one of the purposes or none of the purposes. Where you do not grant consent we will not be able to use your personal data; (so for example we may not be able to let you know about forthcoming services and events); except in certain limited situations, such as where required to do so by law or to protect members of the public from serious harm. You can find out more about how we use your data from our "Privacy Notice" which is available from our website or from the Parish Office. You can withdraw or change your consent at any time by contacting the Parish Administrator at St Peter and St Paul Shiplake, All Saints Dunsden and St Margaret of Antioch Harpsden C/O The Rectory, Church Lane, Shiplake, Henley on Thames. RG9 4BS or email: robert.thewsey@btinternet.com Please note that all processing of your personal data will cease once you have withdrawn consent, other than where this is required by law, but this will not affect any personal data that has already been processed prior to this point.

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**APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT
ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**

Full name _____

Preferred title (if any) _____

Full address _____

_____ Postcode _____

1: I declare that (please tick only one box from options A or B)

1 I am baptised and am aged 16 or over

A

1 I am baptised and become 16* on _____

B

**Those who become 16 in the next twelve months may complete the form and become eligible to be entered on the roll on their sixteenth birthday.*

2: I declare that (please tick only one box from options A, B or C)

2 I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in
A communion with the Church of England) and am a resident in
the parish.

2 I am a member of the Church of England (or a Church in
B communion with the Church of England) and, not being resident
in the parish, I have habitually attended public worship in the
parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

2 I am a member in good standing of a Church (not in communion
C with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of
the Holy Trinity and also declare myself to be a member of the
Church of England and I have habitually attended public
worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to
enrolment.

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the church electoral roll of the parish.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Notes

1. The only churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign Churches.
2. Membership of the Electoral Roll is also open to members in good standing of a Church not in communion with the Church of England which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity where those members are also prepared to declare themselves to be members of the Church of England.
3. Every six years a new roll is prepared and those on the previous roll are informed so that they can re-apply. If you are not resident in the parish but were on the roll as an habitual worshipper and have been prevented by sickness or absence or other essential reason from worshipping for the past six months, you may write “would” before “have habitually attended” on the form and add “but was prevented from doing so because” and then state the reason.
4. If you have any problems over this form, please approach the clergy or lay people responsible for the parish, who will be pleased to help you.
5. In this form, “parish” means ecclesiastical parish.

CAROL SINGING



A group partly made up of members of the choir at St Margaret's, joined by several friends, sang Christmas Carols at Chilterns' Court and Tower House just before Christmas.

SNOWDROP SUNDAY



All Saints Church, Dunsden

Our Snowdrop Sunday will be 17th February 2019. Church open from 10.00 am until 5.00 pm. The Snowdrop service will be at 11.00 am; then follows an afternoon of free entertainment provided by musicians, singers, readers of poetry and narrative including the history of Snowdrops, local people talking about their extraordinary life experiences and favourite poems learnt years ago, talks about local institutions and the Wilfred Owen Trail. Refreshments available all day. Please support this event as the income will fund re-decoration of the Church.

PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday March 5th at Dunsden Village Hall
7.00 for 7.30pm



. Home- made soup and pancakes,
followed by traditional Family game of Beetle!

Tickets £8-00. Please ring 01189 473184 or 01189 477776.

Proceeds in aid of repairs and redecoration
of All Saints Church Dunsden.



SPONSORSHIP OF THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

**The Sanctuary Candle will be sponsored from
17th February to March 3rd
by Brenda Wright in Memory of John Wright**

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