

Pew Sheet for Shiplake-with-Dunsden

Sunday 27th January 2019

Epiphany 4

Readings Today:

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem

to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Luke 4.14-21

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’ ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

Next Week’s Readings:

Malachi 3.1-5 Hebrews 2.14-end Luke 2.22-40

Prayers:

Amongst our friends, and in this united Benefice we pray this week for Irene Howard, Bill Willatt, Pam Bessell, Julie Needham, Jamie Hayward, Christine Harvey, Peter Saint, Mike and Angela Aires, Mark, Michael.

We give thanks for the life of Ellen Newberry who died recently. We continue to pray for her family and friends.

Diary for January/February

28th 10.00am 7.30pm	Monday Shiplake Shiplake	Morning Prayers PCC
30th 9.30am	Wednesday Harpsden	Eucharist
February 3rd 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Candlemas Harpsden Dunsden Shiplake	Sung Eucharist & Sunday School Sung Eucharist Sung Eucharist
4th 10.00am 3.00pm to 4.30pm	Monday Shiplake Shiplake, The Ark	Morning Prayers A Cuppa, Cake and Catch up
5th 10.00am	Tuesday Harpsden, St Peters Vestry	Prayer Group
6th 9.30am	Wednesday Harpsden	Eucharist with Wholeness and Healing
7th 2.00pm	Thursday Prayer Group	(phone 0118 940 1580 for venue)
10th 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	4th Before Lent Harpsden Dunsden Shiplake	Sung Eucharist Sung Eucharist Sung Eucharist
11th 10.00am	Monday Shiplake	Morning Prayers
12th 7.30pm	Tuesday Shiplake, The Ark	Deanery Synod
13th 9.30am	Wednesday Harpsden	Eucharist

Parish Notices:

Robert and Rebecca Thewsey have 'upcycled' their Christmas cards into Christmas gift tags, available in bundles of 10 at both Shiplake and Dunsden churches – please donate to buy these, get your Christmas 2019 preparations off to a good start, and help us raise money towards the ongoing redecoration of Dunsden church!

Please don't forget the growing Christian lending library in the choir vestry at Shiplake – all appropriate donations of interesting Christian books very welcome!

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