

Pew Sheet for Shiplake-with-Dunsden
Sunday 24th February 2019
2nd Before Lent

Readings Today:

Genesis 2.4b-9,15-25

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—⁷then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. **15** The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’ ¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, ‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.’ ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Revelation 4

⁴After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.’ ²At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! ³And the one seated there

looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. ⁴Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; ⁶and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. ⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' ⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, ¹¹ 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

Luke 8.22-25

²² One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, ²³and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

Next Week's Readings:

Exodus: 34.29-end 2 Corinthians: 3.12-4.2 Luke 9.28-36(37-43a)

Prayers this week:

Amongst our friends, and in this united Benefice we pray for Karen Drakeford – Lewis, Philip Bowcock, Irene Howard, Bill Willatt, Pam Bessell, Jamie Hayward, Christine Harvey, Peter Saint, Mike and Angela Aires, Eileen Gough, Mandy Tomkinson.

We give thanks for the life of Rev'd Brenda Gibson who died recently. We pray for her family and friends.

Diary for February to March:

February

24th	2nd Before Lent	
9.30am	Harpsden	Sung Eucharist
11.00am	Dunsden	Sung Eucharist
11.00am	Shiplake	Sung Eucharist with Baptism

25th	Monday	
10.00am	Shiplake	Morning Prayers

27th	Wednesday	
9.30am	Harpsden	Eucharist

March

3rd	Sunday Next Before Lent	
9.30am	Harpsden	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School
11.00am	Dunsden	Sung Eucharist
11.00am	Shiplake	Sung Eucharist

4th	Monday	
10.00am	Shiplake	Morning Prayers
10.30am – 12noon	The Ark, Shiplake	Boys' Brunch
6.00pm	Harpsden	PCC

5th	Tuesday	
10.00am	Harpsden – St Peters Vestry	Prayer Group

6th	Ash Wednesday	
9.30am	Harpsden	Eucharist with imposition of Ashes with Wholeness and Healing
7.30pm	Shiplake	Eucharist with imposition of Ashes

7th	Thursday	
2.00pm	Phone 0118 940 1580 for venue	Prayer Group

10th	Lent 1	
9.30am	Harpsden	Sung Eucharist
11.00am	Dunsden	Sung Eucharist
11.00am	Shiplake	Sung Eucharist

11th 10.00am	Monday Shiplake	Morning Prayers
13th 9.30am	Wednesday Harpsden	Eucharist

Parish Notices:

On Thursday 28th February, the gravestones at Dunsden Church will be subject to a health-and-safety 'topple-test'. Those found to be unsafe will be laid flat for the safety of those visiting our beautiful churchyard.

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