

**Pew Sheet for Shiplake-with-Dunsden**  
**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Readings Today:**

**Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18**

<sup>15</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, ‘O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, ‘I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.’ <sup>8</sup>But he said, ‘O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?’ <sup>9</sup>He said to him, ‘Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.’ <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, ‘To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.’

## **Philippians 3.17-4.1**

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4</sup><sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

## **Luke 13.31-end**

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ <sup>32</sup>He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.”’ <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”’

## **Next Week’s Readings:**

**Isaiah 55.1-9 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 Luke 13.1-9**

## **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, Peter Saint, Jamie Hayward, Eileen Gough, June Smyth, Rebecca Griffiths, Mandy Tomkinson, Mike and Angela Aires.

# Diary:

## March 17<sup>th</sup>

9.30am  
11.00am  
11.00am

## Lent 2

Harpsden Sung Eucharist with Sunday School  
Dunsden Sung Eucharist  
Shiplake Sung Eucharist

## 18<sup>th</sup>

10.00am

## Monday

Shiplake Eucharist

## 20<sup>th</sup>

9.30am

## Wednesday

Harpsden Eucharist

## 24<sup>th</sup>

9.30am

## Lent 3

Harpsden APCM  
followed by Sung Eucharist  
Dunsden Parish Sung Eucharist  
followed by bring & share meal &  
APCM for Shiplake and Dunsden

## 25<sup>th</sup>

10.00am

## Monday – The Annunciation

Shiplake Eucharist

## 27<sup>th</sup>

9.30am

## Wednesday

Harpsden Eucharist

## BRITISH SUMMER TIME: CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR THIS WEEKEND

## 31<sup>st</sup>

9.30am  
11.00am  
11.00am

## Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday

Harpsden Family Service – Non Eucharistic  
Dunsden Sung Eucharist  
Shiplake Family Mothers' Day Service, with Posies

## April 1<sup>st</sup>

10.00am  
12.30pm

## Monday

Shiplake Morning Prayers  
Shiplake, Light Lunch  
The Ark

## 2<sup>nd</sup>

10.00am

## Tuesday

Harpsden Prayer Group  
St Peters Vestry

## 3<sup>rd</sup>

9.30am

## Wednesday

Harpsden Eucharist with Wholeness and Healing

## 4<sup>th</sup>

2.00pm

## Thursday

For venue, Prayer Group  
phone 0118 940 1580

## 5<sup>th</sup>

10.00am

## Friday

Shiplake Primary School Easter Service

## **Parish Notice:**

### **Benefice Lent Course**

Through the season of Lent and continuing after Easter we hope you will join us to think about how we can be fruitful on our frontlines, how we can show and share Christ's wisdom and love with the people we meet in the places we usually find ourselves - the shops, the school run, the dog walks. There are daytime and evening sessions, both preceded by refreshments, with film, bible study, prayer and discussion. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please see the website for details: [www.shiplakedunsdenharpsden.org.uk](http://www.shiplakedunsdenharpsden.org.uk)

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