

Pew Sheet for Shiplake-with-Dunsden
Sunday 24th March 2019
3rd Sunday of Lent

Readings Today:

Isaiah 55.1-9

55 ¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

10 ¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three

thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Luke 13.1-9

¹³ ¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?’ ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?’ ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’ ⁶Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?”’ ⁸He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’

Next Week’s Readings:

Exodus 2.1-10 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 Luke 2.33-35

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 24th

9.30am

Lent 3

Harpsden

APCM

followed by Sung Eucharist

11.00am

Dunsden

Parish Sung Eucharist

followed by bring & share meal &

APCM for Shiplake and Dunsden

25th

10.00am

Monday – The Annunciation

Shiplake

Eucharist

27th

9.30am

Wednesday

Harpsden

Eucharist

BRITISH SUMMER TIME: CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR THIS WEEKEND

31st

9.30am

Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday

Harpsden

Family Service – Non-Eucharistic

11.00am

Dunsden

Sung Eucharist

11.00am

Shiplake

Family Mothers' Day Service, with Posies

April 1st

10.00am

Monday

Shiplake

Morning Prayers

12.30pm

Shiplake,
The Ark

Light Lunch

2nd

10.00am

Tuesday

Harpsden

Prayer Group

St Peters Vestry

3rd

9.30am

Wednesday

Harpsden

Eucharist with Wholeness and Healing

4th

2.00pm

Thursday

For venue,

Prayer Group

phone 0118 940 1580

5th

10.00am

Friday

Shiplake Primary School Easter Service

7th

9.30am

Passion Sunday

Harpsden

Sung Eucharist with Sunday School

11.00am

Dunsden

Sung Eucharist

11.00am

Shiplake

Sung Eucharist

6.00pm

Harpsden

Evensong

8th

10.00am

Monday

Shiplake

Morning Prayers

10th

9.30am

Wednesday

Harpsden

Eucharist

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.

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