

Pew Sheet for Shiplake-with-Dunsden

Sunday 31st March 2019

Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday

Readings Today:

Exodus 2.1-10

¹Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So, the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So, the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Luke 2.33-35

³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 43.16-21 Philippians 3.4b-14 John 12.1-8

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, Eileen Gough, June Smyth, Rebecca Griffiths, Mandy Tomkinson, Simon, Penny and family and Mike and Angela Aires. We give thanks for healing for Jamie Hayward.

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

Diary:

BRITISH SUMMER TIME: CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR THIS WEEKEND

March 31st

9.30am

11.00am

11.00am

Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday

Harpsden

Dunsden

Shiplake

Family Service – Non-Eucharistic

Sung Eucharist

Family Mothers' Day Service, with Posies

April 1st

10.00am

12.30pm

Monday

Shiplake

Shiplake,

The Ark

Morning Prayers

Light Lunch

2nd

10.00am

Tuesday

Harpsden

St Peters Vestry

Prayer Group

3rd

9.30am

Wednesday

Harpsden

Eucharist with Wholeness and Healing

4th

2.00pm

Thursday

For venue,

phone 0118 940 1580

Prayer Group

5th 10.00am	Friday Shiplake Primary School Easter Service
7th 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Passion Sunday Harpsden Sung Eucharist with Sunday School Dunsden Sung Eucharist Shiplake Sung Eucharist Harpsden Evensong
8th 10.00am	Monday Shiplake Morning Prayers
10th 9.30am	Wednesday Harpsden Eucharist
14th 11.00am	Palm Sunday Benefice Service Dramatic reading from Matthew Shiplake Sung Eucharist with procession of palms; with soup, cheese and bread lunch afterwards. – donations to the Disaster Relief Fund
15th 10.00am 7.00pm	Monday of Holy Week Shiplake Morning Prayers Shiplake Seder Meal
16th 7.00pm	Tuesday of Holy Week Dunsden Compline
17th 9.30am 7.00pm	Wednesday of Holy Week Harpsden Eucharist, including Wholeness and Healing Harpsden Taizé – Churches Together Event, Jo Taylor
18th 11.00am 7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Dorchester Abbey The Chrism Service Dunsden The Watch, Stripping of the Altar and the washing of feet
19th 9.30am-11.00am 11.00am – Noon Noon	Good Friday Harpsden Children's Activities Harpsden Hot Cross buns and Tea/Coffee Harpsden An hour by the cross
20th	Holy Saturday

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