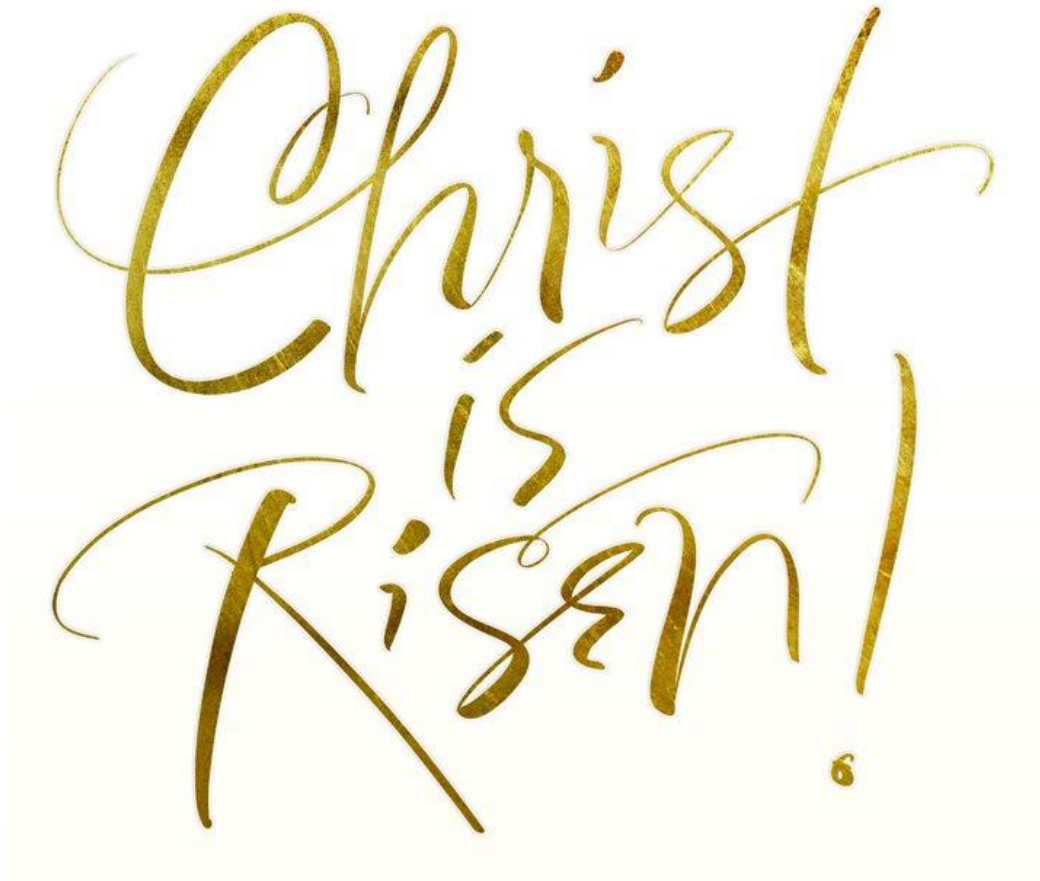


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REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Friends

Cold, wet, dreary, drizzly, dismal, windy March – where has all the sun disappeared to? But at Dunsden in January there were two beautiful daffodils flowering their hearts out at the bottom of a hedge to remind us all that Spring was really coming, and then a magnificent display of Snowdrops in all three church yards during February – what a blessing.

2019 will see many changes in the church and especially in the world – Brexit to name one, but I am not going to talk about that!! When I look at change in the world, and the church, I am reminded of a poem that one of my congregation members shared with me when she was moving away from the parish to pastures new

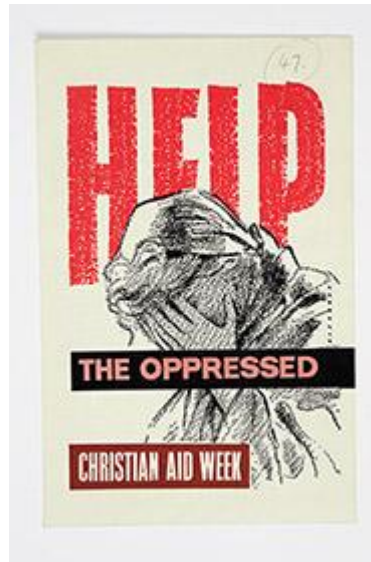
The Indispensable Man (or woman) ...by Saxon White Kessinger

Sometime, when you're feeling important
Sometime, when your ego's in bloom
Sometime, when you take it for granted
That you're the best qualified in the room
Sometime, when you feel that your going
would leave an unfillable hole
Just follow these simple instructions
And see how it humbles your soul

Take a bucket and fill it with water
Put your hand in it up to the wrist
Pull it out and the hole that's remaining
Is the measure of how you'll be missed.
The moral in this quaint example
Is do just the best that you can
Be proud of yourself but remember
There's no INDISPENSABLE MAN. (or WOMAN)

The poem does make you think. None of us are indispensable, none of us are irreplaceable – we are all in this together and we cannot build God's Kingdom on our own. We need the support of everybody so that we can truly become a Compassionate, Courageous and Contemplative Church in this lovely part of England.

Yours in Christ,
Robert



Christian Aid Week: 'All mums should live'

Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. Every day 10 women die from giving birth. In Sawula district, the community struggle with a clinic which has no electricity and only two delivery beds.

Jebbeh is heavily pregnant but as her baby grows, it's not joy that fills her heart, but fear. When Jebbeh's sister Fatmata went in to labour, there were so few ambulances that Fatmata had no choice but to walk for three hours under the baking sun, to the nearest hospital. The journey was long and with every step Fatmata struggled to keep walking.



Jebbeh told us: 'My sister was crying out with hunger. She died on the side of the road. She never gave birth.'

This Christian Aid Week, together, we can make childbirth safe for mums and babies. Through our gifts and prayers, we can help give the world's poorest mums a chance to live.



Tenneh's story

Tenneh plays with her precious baby Ansumana. She blows raspberries on his belly. Lifting her baby up high she beams with joy. Tenneh gave birth to Ansumana three months ago. Thankfully, he's a happy, bouncy baby. But Tenneh has lost and loved another baby before.

When Tenneh's labour started during her first pregnancy, there was no health centre in the village. Her mum took her to a traditional birth attendant. For the two days of her labour, Tenneh was in agony. She fell unconscious and was bleeding heavily. With very little medical training, the birth attendant was way out of her depth.

In the days and months after her labour, Tenneh felt very weak and her baby wouldn't breastfeed. Tragically, her baby died when he was three months old. 'That day I will never forget,' she recalls. 'I felt sick like I've never been sick before. If God would not have saved me, I would not be alive today.'

New hope

Through our partner RADA (Rehabilitation and Development Agency), Christian Aid saw how difficult the situation in Sawula village was and began working to ensure that mums and babies have fullness of life.

RADA has been working locally to help vulnerable women access healthcare, improve hygiene with simple interventions like handwashing and, with your support, build a bigger, better health care centre.

Thankfully, when Tenneh was pregnant a second time, things had changed for good. This time, she had nurse Judith by her side. With her expert love and care, Judith helped Tenneh deliver her baby safely.



Tenneh said: 'During my second labour, I was scared. But nurse Judith was with me, assuring me of everything. When I delivered, I felt so good.' 'With the coming of Judith, so many lives have changed,' Tenneh continued. 'We know that with Judith,

as long as we see the light at the end of the tunnel, we'll be OK.'

Thanks to nurse Judith and the medical training you helped provide, Tenneh could hold her beautiful baby boy in her arms.

A health centre for all

The community in Sawula dream of having a health centre that can meet their needs. The current health centre is the size of a small bedroom. Operations, deliveries and baby check-ups all happen in one single room with only two delivery beds.

Nurse Judith works around the clock to meet the needs of mums and young children who come to the clinic. But the need is great, and sometimes she's forced to send people away.

When women come to the clinic at night, there's no light for Judith to use. So she has to ask her patients to bring a torch to see by. In addition to this, there are often not enough drugs at the clinic. Judith sees diseases like malaria and typhoid, especially in children. She has to go on a motorbike or sometimes walk for three hours to collect drugs.

'I need help,' nurse Judith says. 'Women are dying from childbirth, children under five are dying, because of poverty. Please help us.'

For Tenneh, and many mums like her, a new health centre would be like a dream come true:

'We'll dance for three days when we have the new health centre,' she says. With your support today, we could work alongside Judith's community to build a bigger, better health centre to help more mums like Tenneh give birth safely. Christian Aid Week brings Christians together with a common purpose to achieve something incredible. Can your church come together to raise £300 this Christian Aid Week?

A gift of £300 could provide a delivery bed for a new health centre giving mums a safe place to deliver their babies. We need your support.

Stand with mums

This Christian Aid Week is 12-18 May. Will you be a partner for change? If our church raised £300, it could help provide a new delivery bed so more mums like Jebbeh can deliver their babies safely.

COFFEE ROTA

April
7th Angela Liveing
14th Benefice Service at Shiplake
21st Jane Burt
28th Leonie Brown

May
5th Bex Day
12th Jo Taylor
19th Pam Quinette
26th Sue Wright



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

**Please note that the next Fellowship Lunch will be on the
3rdth April at 12.30 pm
at The Maltsters**

**Please contact Hazel Cooke by the week before
by phone (01491 575876) or by email:
hazelcooke01@gmail.com
if you would like to attend.**

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP



The Tuesday Prayer Group meets every week.
If you would like someone held in prayer
please contact

Brenda Wright (01491 573266)

Editor's Note – these two pictures brought a smile to my face: I hope you enjoy them...





Lent Course

Film
Discussion
Fellowship

United Benefice of
Shiplake with Dunsden
and Harpsden cum
Bolney

Bible Study
Prayer
Refreshments

**FRUITFULNESS
ON THE FRONTLINE.**

Join us to explore the rich variety of ways in which God works in and through us in the places where we spend our time through the week. Each session is about an hour.

At All Saints, Dunsden
Sundays, 4.30pm
(followed by Compline at 5.30)

At St Margaret's, Harpsden
Wednesdays, 10.30am

10 th March	SESSION 1 THE BIG PICTURE	13 th March
17 th March	SESSION 2 MODELLING GODLY CHARACTER	20 th March
24 th March	SESSION 3 MAKING GOOD WORK	27 th March
31 st March	SESSION 4 MINISTERING GRACE AND LOVE	3 rd April
28 th April	SESSION 5 MOULDING CULTURE	1 st May
5 th May	SESSION 6 MOUTHPIECE FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE	8 th May
12 th May	SESSION 7 MESSENGER OF THE GOSPEL	15 th May
19 th May	SESSION 8 THE JOURNEY ON	22 nd May

For more information ask one of the clergy team
or go to www.shiplakedunsdenharpsden.org.uk



SIDESMEN FOR APRIL

7th	Rob and Carol Lewis
14th	Benefice Service at Shiplake
19th	Good Friday - Paul Barratt and Angela Liveing
21st	David and Kay Morris
28th	Tony and Sue Wright

READERS FOR APRIL

7th	Roger Griffiths	Phil. 3. 4b – 14
14th	Benefice Service at Shiplake	
21st	Caroline Goodier	Col. 3. 1 – 7
28th	Sue Wright	Acts 11. 1 - 18

PRAYER LEADERS FOR APRIL

7th	Jane Burt
14th	Benefice Service at Shiplake
21st	Tilden McKean
28th	Jo Taylor

APRIL SERVICES

MONDAY 1ST APRIL	10.00 am	Morning Prayers	Shiplake
TUESDAY 2ND APRIL	10.00 am	Prayer Group	St Peter's Vestry Harpsden
WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL	9.30 am	Eucharist with Wholeness and Healing	Harpsden
THURSDAY 4TH APRIL	2.00 pm	Prayer Group	Phone 0118 9401580 For Venue
SUNDAY 7TH APRIL	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist and Sunday School	Harpsden
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Shiplake
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Dunsden
	6.00 pm	Evensong	Harpsden
MONDAY 8TH APRIL	10.00 am	Morning Prayers	Shiplake
WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL	9.30 am	Eucharist	Shiplake
SUNDAY 14TH APRIL	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist with Procession of Palms	Shiplake
MONDAY 15TH APRIL	10.00 am	Morning Prayers	Shiplake

TUESDAY 16TH APRIL	7.00 pm	Compline	Dunsden
WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL	9.30 am	Eucharist with Wholeness and Healing	Harpsden
	7.00 pm	Taize	Harpsden
THURSDAY 18TH APRIL	11.00 am	The Chrism Service	Christ Church Cathedral Oxford
	7.00 pm	The Watch, Stripping of the Altar and The Washing of Feet	Dunsden
FRIDAY 19TH APRIL	9.30 am – 11.00 am	Children's Activities	Harpsden
	11.00 am – noon	Hot Cross buns and Tea/Coffee	Harpsden
	12 noon	An Hour by the Cross	Harpsden
SUNDAY 21ST APRIL	6.30 am	The Easter Vigil and the Holy Fire (followed by Breakfast in the Ark)	Shiplake
	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School	Harpsden
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Shiplake
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Dunsden
WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL	9.30 am	Eucharist	Harpsden
SUNDAY 28TH APRIL	9.30 am	Benefice Service	Harpsden
MONDAY 29TH APRIL	10.00 am	Eucharist	Shiplake

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 1 st April 12.30 pm	Light Lunch The Ark, Shiplake
Wednesday 3 rd April 10.30 am	Lent Course Harpsden
Wednesday 3 rd April 12.30 pm	Fellowship Lunch The Maltsters
Monday 15 th April 7.00 pm	Seder Meal Shiplake
Saturday 18 th May 7.30 pm	Aliquando Concert Christ Church, Henley
Saturday 28 th September 1.30 pm	Fundraising Golf Day Temple Golf Club



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Serenade*

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GOLF DAY



**Come and play golf at one of the
best local Golf Courses and raise money for
St Margaret's at the same time!**

SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

**Golf at approximately 1.30 pm
followed by a simple supper**

Teams of 4

(Enter as a team or individually)

Cost £60.00 per person

Non-playing guests are welcome to join us for supper

Please contact Sue Wright for entry forms

susanpwright@hotmail.co.uk

or 0118 9406220





SPONSORSHIP OF THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

**The Sanctuary Candle will be sponsored from
April 14th to 20th
in memory of Carole Willis- Fleming (Valerie Nicholson's sister)
and from
April 21st to 27th
in memory of Henry Farr (Pat Needham's father)**

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