

HARPSDEN PARISH NEWS

MARCH 2019



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REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

Dear friends

An Appeal.....

Our church buildings here in this benefice are all beautiful, and are greatly loved by our local community. Shiplake and Harpsden Churches are both Grade II listed which shows their importance to the local history. I am not too sure why Dunsden is not listed as it is a magnificent example of a simple Victorian Church with lots of lovely details.



Both Shiplake and Harpsden churches are open as a village asset every day, with Dunsden being open at weekends during the Summer months, for anybody to come along and have a moment of quiet. However, at present it is only the regular congregation who bear the maintenance costs for these lovely sites. Contrary to popular belief, we, as a local church, receive no income from

the government – the only help we can get is that we may reclaim the VAT on some repairs to the fabric of the building.

Each of our churches is inspected once every five years – this is called a Quinquennial Inspection, and is carried out by an architect. This report gives the Church a list of what maintenance tasks need to be undertaken, and then kindly prioritises them over a five-year period. This list can sometimes be very daunting for our congregations as upkeep on these lovely old buildings is something like the painting of the Forth Rail Bridge.



In line with many churches around the country our regular congregation give money to the church on a weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual basis, and we have just adopted the 'Parish Giving Scheme' across all three churches to help

with this task; as the 'Parish Giving Scheme' claims back the Gift Aid on our behalf (currently 25p for every pound). This generosity pays for the ministry and mission of the church, but leaves very little to put towards the necessary buildings' maintenance programme.



We are aware that many villagers support the churches, and that the buildings mean a tremendous amount to local people, and those who have moved away. Local people support the church and wish for it to be available for when they might need it. For example at a family wedding, funeral, baptism, School service, concert, Christmas and Easter. So on behalf of our

congregation members I extend an invitation to all our local people to express their support for the church financially - even a very small amount is greatly appreciated. I would encourage you to give on a regular basis, and if you are a tax payer then to use the 'Parish Giving Scheme'. Please do look at the following website which explains how the system works:

www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk/for-donors/ and if you would like to sign up to this scheme then please contact either myself for Shiplake and Dunsden at robert.thewsey@btinternet.com or for Harpsden please contact paulandmarybarrett@tiscali.co.uk

From my own point of view I find it slightly and sadly ironic that we all now pay an insurance company to protect us from the historic 'Chancel Tax' when moving house, when a similar amount given regularly to the local church would contribute directly to the upkeep of what are certainly the oldest buildings in our local communities.

I hope, and pray, that you will feel able to support the church financially so that we can all ensure that these magnificent buildings are maintained in good order for future generations to enjoy and cherish.

With all God's Blessings

Robert



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

**Please note that because Wednesday 6th March is
Ash Wednesday the next Fellowship Lunch will be on the
second Wednesday of the month,**

13th March at 12.30 pm

**Please contact Hazel Cooke by 11th March
by phone (01491 575876) or by email: hazelcooke01@gmail.com
if you would like to attend.**

St MARGARET'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

**Remember that the APCM will be held
on Sunday 24th March
at 9.30 am
followed by Sung Eucharist**



Lent Course

Film
Discussion
Fellowship

United Benefice of
Shiplake with Dunsden
and Harpsden cum
Bolney

Bible Study

Prayer
Refreshments

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

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



SIDESMEN FOR MARCH

3rd	Tony and Sue Wright
10th	Bruce Brown and Jo Pavey
17th	Roger and Jennie Griffiths
24th	Kester and Pippa George
31st	Kester and Pippa George

READERS FOR MARCH

3rd	Valerie Nicholson
10th	Martyn Read
17th	Bruce Brown
24th	Jo Pavey
31st	Brenda Wright

PRAYER LEADERS FOR FEBRUARY

3rd	Tilden McKean
10th	Jo Taylor
17th	Paul Barrett
24th	Brenda Wright
31st	Pat Needham

MARCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 3RD MARCH	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School	Harpsden
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Shiplake
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Dunsden
MONDAY 4TH MARCH	10.00 am	Morning Prayers	Shiplake
TUESDAY 5TH MARCH	10.00 am	Prayer Group	St Peter's Vestry Harpsden
WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH	9.30 am	Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes with Wholeness and Healing	Harpsden
	7.30 pm	Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes	Shiplake
THURSDAY 7TH MARCH	2.00 pm	Prayer Group	Phone 0118 9401580 For Venue
SUNDAY 10TH MARCH	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Harpsden
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Shiplake
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Dunsden
MONDAY 11TH MARCH	10.00 am	Morning Prayers	Shiplake
WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH	9.30 am	Eucharist	Shiplake

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School	Harpsden
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Shiplake
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Dunsden
MONDAY 18TH MARCH	10.00 am	Eucharist	Shiplake
WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH	9.30 am	Eucharist	Harpsden
SUNDAY 24TH MARCH	9.30 am	APCM followed by Sung Eucharist	Harpsden
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist Followed by bring and Share meal and APCM for Shiplake and Dunsden	Dunsden
MONDAY 25TH MARCH	10.00 am	Euccharist	Shiplake
WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH	9.30 am	Eucharist	Harpsden
SUNDAY 31ST MARCH	9.30 am	Family Service – non Eucharistic	Harpsden
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Shiplake
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Dunsden

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 4 th March 10.30 am – noon	Boys' Brunch The Ark, Shiplake
Monday 4 th March 6.00 pm	Harpsden PCC Meeting St Peter's Vestry
Tuesday 5 th March 7.00 pm	Pancake Supper Dunsden Village Hall
Wednesday 13, 20 and 27 March 10.30 am	Lent Course Harpsden
Wednesday 13 th March 12.30 pm	Fellowship Lunch The Maltsters
Sunday 24 th March 9.30 am	APCM St Margaret's, Harpsden

COFFEE ROTA

March

3rd Hazel West-Manning
10th Jo Pavey
17th Kay Morris
24th Suzanna Rose
31st Florence Phillips

April

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

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP



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

May Mosawi (01491 824015)

DATA PROTECTION

We are required to hold GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) forms (copy attached) for each member of the church. If you have not already completed one of these please submit one. Thank you.

Shiplake with Dunsden and Harpsden cum Bolney



Your privacy is important to us, and we want to communicate with church members in a way which has their consent, and which is in line with UK law on data protection. As a result of a change in UK law, we now need your consent to how we contact you. Please fill in the contact details you want us to use to communicate with you:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

By signing this form you are confirming that you are consenting to the PCC's of St Peter and St Paul Shiplake, All Saints Dunsden and St Margaret of Antioch Harpsden holding and processing your personal data for the following purposes (please tick the boxes where you grant consent):-

I consent to the church contacting me by ☐ post ☐ phone or ☐ email.

☐ To keep me informed about news, events, activities and services at St Peter and St Paul Shiplake, All Saints Dunsden and St Margaret of Antioch Harpsden (*note you can unsubscribe from the church e-bulletin at any time*);

☐ To including my details in the 'Church Directory' which is circulated to Church Staff Team.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

You can grant consent to all the purposes; one of the purposes or none of the purposes. Where you do not grant consent we will not be able to use your personal data; (so for example we may not be able to let you know about forthcoming services and events); except in certain limited situations, such as where required to do so by law or to protect members of the public from serious harm. You can find out more about how we use your data from our "Privacy Notice" which is available from our website or from the Parish Office.

You can withdraw or change your consent at any time by contacting the Parish Administrator at St Peter and St Paul Shiplake, All Saints Dunsden and St Margaret of Antioch Harpsden C/O The Rectory, Church Lane, Shiplake, Henley on Thames. RG9 4BS or email: robert.thewsey@btinternet.com Please note that all processing of your personal data will cease once you have withdrawn consent, other than where this is required by law, but this will not affect any personal data that has already been processed prior to this point.

St Peter and St Paul Shiplake, All Saints Dunsden is a registered charity, No. 1138065
St Margaret of Antioch Harpsden is not a separately registered charity



Christian Aid
New Road Baptist Church
Oxford
OX1 1LQ

Monday 28th January 2019

Dear Peter,

We are writing to thank you and all the members of the Henley Christian Aid Group (OR141531) for organising a collection for Christian Aid at the Henley-on-Thames Tesco Superstore on Thursday 24th January which raised £327.90. We'd like to say a big thank you to anyone who helped in any way, whether that be from organising the collection or standing with a collecting bucket on the day; we're very grateful for your hard work and support!

I'd like to tell you a story about a man named Theodor Davidovic¹. Theodore was born in Serbia and orphaned at the age of eight. When civil war broke out, he fled the country as a refugee, and spent two and a half years in refugee camps, where he and other refugees received food parcels from Christian Aid. 'In the camps it was Christian Aid who sent the parcels,' Theodore recalls. 'They were feeding us for two and a half years and I never forgot... I vowed there and then to do my best as long as I live.'

Sixty years later, Theodore is now in his 90s, but he still continues to collect for Christian Aid. 'Your Christianity is not only to come and pray and sing hymns,' he says. 'It is to put your beliefs into action, helping somebody that needs your help.' For over 70 years, Christian Aid has relied on volunteers, like Theodore, and like yourselves, to raise funds for us so that we can help our global neighbours in need. We're extremely thankful to you all for putting your beliefs into action. Without you, Christian Aid's work helping those in need in some of the world's poorest areas would not be possible.

With renewed thanks for your continued support and best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Saskia Hoskins".

Saskia Hoskins
Regional Office Coordinator
Christian Aid Oxford

¹ You can watch Theodore's story here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HmU-OIL5h4&list=PLYcDc2s179jsCFVr8ulSNjQuQ3iLxjLds>.

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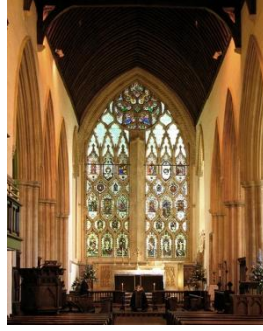
PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday 5th March 2019

**DUNSDEN VILLAGE HALL
7.30 p.m.**

**Home-made soup and pancakes
followed by a Beetle Drive**

Tickets price £8



Dear All

Did you know that Dorchester Archdeaconry has its own Facebook page?
<https://www.facebook.com/Dorchester-Archdeaconry-1678580215758617/>

Our plan is to increase our **social media presence** within the Archdeaconry but really need your help with this! There are a few things which would be extremely helpful:

- **Like** our page!
- Does your church/parish/benefice have its own Facebook page? Let us know and **we can Like each other's pages**.
- We want to keep our page updated with **news and information from around the Archdeaconry** and would welcome news from your church/parish/benefice. This could be good news or bad news; e.g., licensing of a new priest, re-ordering/building work, lead thefts, church schools' Ofsted success etc. Photos would be great but must have the permission of those who can be identified in them.
- **Promote our page to your congregations**; perhaps you could publicise the page on your website or church/parish newsletter?

With your help I'm sure we can have a flourishing Facebook page, keeping supporters up to date with news from around the Archdeaconry. Please send any news/photos with a description to

Sarah.Brennan@oxford.anglican.org

With many thanks and best wishes

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SPONSORSHIP OF THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will be sponsored from

March 3rd – 9th

by Tony Wright in memory of his mother, Joan Elizabeth Wright

March 17th to 30th

by Libby Allen in memory of her husband Peter Allen

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