

Pew Sheet for Shiplake-with-Dunsden
Sunday 12th May 2019
Easter 4

Readings today:

Genesis 7.1-5, 11-18; 8.6-18, 9.8-13

⁷Then the LORD said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. ²Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; ³and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. ⁴For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.' ⁵And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him. ¹¹In the six-hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. ¹²The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights. ¹³On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark, ¹⁴they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. ¹⁵They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. ¹⁶And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in. ¹⁷The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. ¹⁸The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

⁶ At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; ⁹but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. ¹⁰He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; ¹¹and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. ¹²Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. ¹³In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. ¹⁴In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. ¹⁵Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals

and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.’¹⁸ So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. ⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ ‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ ¹² God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Acts 9.36-end

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, ‘Please come to us without delay.’ ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, ‘Tabitha, get up.’ Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

John 10.22-30

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, ‘How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.’ ²⁵ Jesus answered, ‘I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.’

Prayers this week:

Amongst our friends, and in this united Benefice we pray for Irene Howard, Bill Willatt, Karen Drakeford-Lewis, Pam Bessell, Peter Saint, Eileen Gough, June Smyth, Rebecca Griffiths, Mandy Tomkinson, and Mike and Angela Aires.

Benefice Notices:

Easter Study Group

As a continuation of our Lent course, our 'Fruitful on the frontline' Easter study groups will continue for the next 2 weeks. There are daytime and evening sessions, both preceded by refreshments, with film, bible study, prayer and discussion. New participants are welcome to join the course at any time. Please see the website for details: www.shiplakedunsdenharpsden.org.uk The first will take place at Dunsden this afternoon. Tea, coffee & cake will be served from 4.00pm, with the study group commencing at 4.30pm. Compline will follow at 5.30pm. Please do come along.

Sat 18th May 7.30pm Aliquando Concert - "Spring Serenade" at Christ Church Centre, Henley. For tickets call 01491 578238 or 01491 577733

Sun 26th May 3.30-5.00pm Tea in the Garden at Harpsden Court Farmhouse to raise funds for St Margaret's Church. Tickets £10 by advance purchase only, from Jane B zsurtt 01491 575126, Paul Barrett 01491 578051, Jo Taylor 0798 5703126 or Sue Wright 0776 2872208

Sat 1st June 7.30pm Gratis Choir concert "Poetry in Music" at St Peter & St Paul, Shiplake. Entry free, retiring collection in aid of Dunsden Church's re-decoration

Diary for May:

12th	Easter 4	
9.30am	Harpsden	Sung Eucharist, with Baptism
11.00am	Dunsden	Sung Eucharist
11.00am	Shiplake	Sung Eucharist
4.00pm	Dunsden	Tea/Coffee and Cake
4.30pm	Dunsden	Lent Course
5.30pm	Dunsden	Compline
13th	Monday	
10.00am	Shiplake	Morning Prayers
6.00pm	Harpsden	PCC
15th	Wednesday	
9.30am	Harpsden	Eucharist
19th	Easter 5	
9.30am	Harpsden	Sung Eucharist, with Sunday School
11.00am	Dunsden	Sung Eucharist
11.00am	Shiplake	Sung Eucharist
4.00pm	Dunsden	Tea, Coffee and Cake
4.30pm	Dunsden	Lent Course
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20th 10.00am 7.30pm	Monday Shiplake Shiplake	Morning Prayers PCC
22nd 9.30am 10.30am	Wednesday Harpsden Harpsden	Eucharist Lent Course
23rd 7.30pm	Thursday Ipsden Village Hall	Deanery Synod
25th	Saturday Shiplake	Wedding

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