

Pew Sheet for Shiplake-with-Dunsden
Sunday 19th May 2019
Easter 5

Readings today:

Acts 11.1-18

11¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” ⁷But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” ⁸But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” ⁹This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹⁰At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹¹The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹²He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹³he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” ¹⁴And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁵And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁶If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ ¹⁷When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’”

Revelation 21.1-6

21¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;’ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’⁶ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

John 13.31-35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.’³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.”³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

Next week’s readings:

Ezekiel 37.1-14 Acts 16.9-15 John 14.23-29

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, Mike and Angela Aires, and Pat Needham. We also give thanks for the lives of those who have recently died, including Mrs Jean Fischer, whose funeral is on Friday 24th May and Mac Hiscock, who died on 13th May. We pray for their families and friends.

Benefice Notices:

Easter Study Group

As a continuation of our Lent course, our ‘Fruitful on the frontline’ Easter study groups will run for their final week this week. There are daytime and evening sessions, both preceded by refreshments, with film, bible study, prayer and discussion. New participants are welcome to come along. 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. We hope to see you there.

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 (01491) 575126, Paul Barrett (01491) 578051, Jo Taylor (07985) 703126 or Sue Wright (07762) 872208.

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:

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
5.30pm	Dunsden	Compline
20th	Monday	
10.00am	Shiplake	Morning Prayers
7.30pm	Shiplake	PCC
22nd	Wednesday	
9.30am	Harpsden	Eucharist
10.30am	Harpsden	Lent Course
23rd	Thursday	
7.30pm	Ipsden Village Hall	Deanery Synod
25th	Saturday	
	Shiplake	Wedding
26th	Easter 6	
9.30am	Harpsden	Sung Eucharist
11.00am	Dunsden	Sung Eucharist
11.00am	Shiplake	Sung Eucharist & Baptism
27th	Monday - Bank Holiday	
No Morning Prayer		

28th 7.30pm	Tuesday Dorchester Abbey	Archdeacon's Visitation
29th 9.30am	Wednesday Harpsden	Eucharist
30th 12 Noon 7.30pm	Thursday - Ascension Day Shiplake Shiplake	Shiplake College Service Eucharist

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