

Pew Sheet for Shiplake-with-Dunsden
Sunday 26th May 2019
Easter 6

Readings today:

Ezekiel 37.1-14

37 ¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' ⁴Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

Acts 16.9-15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.

¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

John 14.23-29

²³Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Next week's readings:

Ezekiel 36.24-28, Acts 16.16-34, John 17.20-end

Prayers this week:

Amongst our friends, and in this united Benefice we pray for Irene Howard, Bill Willatt, Karen Drakeford-Lewis, Rebecca Griffiths, Peter Saint, Eileen Gough, June Smyth, Pat, Mandy Tomkinson, and Mike and Angela Aires. We also give thanks for the lives of those who have recently died, including Mac Hiscock and Jean Fischer. We pray for Mac's husband, Pat and for the families and friends of them both. Please also pray for Ellerie Wren Butler Mason, and her parents and godparents. Ellerie is being baptised in Shiplake today. We give thanks that our prayers have been answered with the recovery of Pam Bessell.

Benefice Notices:

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 Sue Wright, (07762) 872208 or the Rector.

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

Diary:

May 26th

9.30am

11.00am

11.00am

Easter 6

Harpsden

Dunsden

Shiplake

Sung Eucharist

Sung Eucharist

Sung Eucharist & Baptism

27th

No Morning Prayer

Monday - Bank Holiday

28th

7.30pm

Tuesday

Dorchester Abbey

Archdeacon's Visitation

29th

9.30am

Wednesday

Harpsden

Eucharist

30th

12.00 noon

7.30pm

Thursday - Ascension Day

Shiplake

Shiplake

Shiplake College Service

Eucharist

June 1st

Evening

Saturday

Shiplake

Gratis Choir Concert

2nd

9.30am

Easter 7

Harpsden

Sung Eucharist

with Sunday School

11.00am

Dunsden

Sung Eucharist

11.00am

Shiplake

Sung Eucharist

3rd

10.00am

10.30am – 12.00 noon

Monday

Shiplake

The Ark, Shiplake

Morning Prayers

Boys' Brunch

4th

9.15am

Tuesday

Shiplake Church Rooms

Pilgrim Course

10.00am

Harpsden

St Peters Vestry

Prayer Group

5th

9.30am

Wednesday

Harpsden

Eucharist

with Wholeness and Healing

6th

2.00pm

Thursday

For venue, phone

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