

# HARPSDEN PARISH NEWS

## JULY AND AUGUST 2019



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# REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

Dear friends

I have just returned from Dorchester Abbey and the Priesting of Sarah Nesbitt. What a wonderful service, what an amazing atmosphere, what a spiritual event, and what an amazing turn out from the entire Benefice to support Sarah as she continues on her vocational journey.

I am really looking forward to next Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> June, 11am at Shiplake Church) where we gather as a Benefice to be with Sarah as she presides for the first time on a Sunday morning. I do hope that many of you will come along to support her at that service as well as you did today (23<sup>rd</sup> June). Thank you in advance.

A Priesting is always an emotional time, it is a time that many people think about their own vocation and 'what if', or 'if only,' thinking that they have somehow missed the boat and that they could not possibly fulfil their vocation in their life - but discovering your vocation comes at any, and all stages in peoples' lives, and can, and does change throughout a person's life. It is NEVER too late to answer God's call and find out what it is that God has planned for you. It could simply be that now is the time to volunteer to clean the church on a regular basis, to read a lesson, write intercessions - or it could be that God is indeed calling you to do more in the church. Be it Reader minister, Local Worship Leader, Priesthood, the list can, and does go on and on and on. As one of my friends recently said to me who has been avoiding his vocational call for over 30 years - 'I thought that it was about time that I did something. I really do not want to go before the Pearly Gates and be asked why I did not answer God's call!'

But what is a vocation? Well the dictionary states (actually Wikipedia states): A vocation (from Latin *vocātiō*, meaning 'a call, summons') is an occupation to which a person is specially drawn or for which they are suited, trained, or qualified. Though now often used in non-religious contexts, the meanings of the term originated in Christianity.

So you see from the definition that when we acknowledge our vocation, and act on it, we are answering God's call to carry out God's work in the world. To be God's hands, eyes, ears, mouth, feet - to do His will and to make this world a better place.

As you continue to pray for Sarah as a new priest, please also pray for all those who are seeking to find their own vocation and to answer God's call to do God's work in the world. And perhaps also pray that you too will discover what God's call is in your own life.

With all God's Blessings and we continue our vocational journey together.

Robert



## FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Please note that the next two Fellowship Lunches  
will be on

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August  
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\*\*](mailto:hazelcooke01@gmail.com)  
if you would like to attend.

## PLEASE SEE BELOW AN EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF THANKS FROM CHRISTIAN AID TO PAT NEEDHAM



Dear Patricia,

Your Form A has been received in our office and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you and all the members of your group for all the time and effort you have put into making Christian Aid Week happen in your area this year. Your Form A states the total jointly raised by St Margaret's Church, Harpsden (OR134206), All Saint's Church, Dunsden (OR91233) and St Peter and St Paul's Church, Shiplake (OR276895) during Christian Aid Week 2019 is £1,244.89 – please do pass on our sincere thanks to everyone who helped in any way to raise funds for us.

This year for Christian Aid Week we have focused on improving maternal healthcare in Sierra Leone. Nurse Judith Lassie works hard to care for the women of Sawula village. She is full of compassion and helps women face their fears in childbirth. Since she arrived she has dramatically improved maternal healthcare in the village. Yet Judith is working in difficult conditions. The health clinic in Sawula is not enough to meet people's needs and there are often not enough vital medicines. The size of a small bedroom, the clinic has only two delivery beds. Operations, deliveries, baby check-ups – everything happens in one single room. When women come to the clinic at night, there's no light for Judith to use, which makes giving birth so much more dangerous. 'I know it is very, very heart-breaking when somebody delivers and the child dies,' she says. 'I need help. Women are dying from childbirth, children under five are dying, because of poverty.'

Together with our Sierra Leonean partner RADA, and with the help of our supporters, we are providing starter kits for community health workers and healthcare training so that nurses can give mums in need urgent care. We are training nurses and volunteers in hygiene and sanitation to stop infection from spreading. Healthcare workers now encourage mums to go to healthcare centres when they're pregnant. We're also working with faith leaders to spread the message of maternal and infant health. Our partners are also now looking to build a bigger, better healthcare centre in Sawula, with solar panel lighting so that women will no longer have to give birth in the dark. Nurse Judith is hopeful for the future; 'I'll be so proud because we've come together. I know that for women here, thanks to Christian Aid and by the grace of God, our situation is going to change.'

# JULY AND AUGUST SERVICES

<b>MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY</b>	10.00 am	Morning Prayers	Shiplake
<b>TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY</b>	10.00 am	Prayer Group	St Peter's Vestry
<b>WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY</b>	9.30 am	Eucharist with Wholeness & Healing	Harpsden
<b>THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	2.00 pm	Prayer Group	Phone 0118 940 1580 for venue
<b>SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School	Harpsden
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Shiplake
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Dunsden
<b>MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	10.00 am	Morning Prayers	Shiplake
<b>WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	9.30 am	Eucharist	Harpsden
<b>SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Harpsden
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Shiplake
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Dunsden
<b>MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	10.00 am	Morning Prayers	Shiplake

<b>WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	9.30 am	Eucharist	Harpsden
<b>SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY</b>	9.30 am	Patronal Festival Benefice Sung Eucharist and Confirmation	Harpsden
<b>MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY</b>	10.00 am	Eucharist	Shiplake
<b>WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	9.30 am	Eucharist	Harpsden
<b>SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Harpsden
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Shiplake
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Dunsden
<b>MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	10.00 am	Morning Prayers	Shiplake
<b>WEDNESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY</b>	9.30 am	Eucharist	Harpsden
<b>SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b>	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School	Harpsden
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Shiplake
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Dunsden
<b>MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b>	10.00 am	Morning Prayers	Shiplake
<b>TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b>	10.00 am	Prayer Group	St Peter's Vestry
<b>WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b>	9.30 am	Eucharist With Wholeness and Healing	Harpsden

<b>THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b>	2.00 pm	Prayer Group	Phone 0118 940 1580 for venue
<b>SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b>	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Harpsden
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Shiplake
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Dunsden
<b>MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b>	10.00 am	Morning Prayers	Shiplake
<b>WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b>	9.30 am	Eucharist	Harpsden
<b>SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b>	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School	Harpsden
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Shiplake
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Dunsden
<b>MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b>	10.00 am	Morning Prayers	Shiplake
<b>WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST</b>	9.30 am	Eucharist	Harpsden
<b>SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b>	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Harpsden
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Shiplake
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Dunsden
<b>WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b>	9.30 am	Eucharist	Harpsden



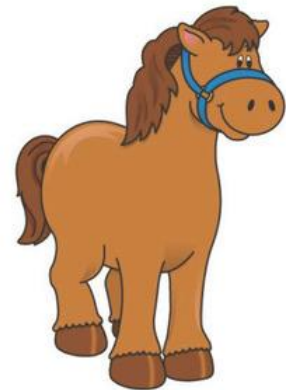


# Pet Service and picnic

3pm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July

All Saints Church, Dunsden

Bring along your pooch,  
horse, hamster, snail, etc. to  
celebrate their life as one of  
God's wonderful creatures



Please bring animals in carriers as  
appropriate – and if your pet  
would be too stressed, bring  
a picture instead



Bring along a picnic for  
after the service



United Benefice of Shiplake with Dunsden and Harpsden cum Bolney

Find us on Facebook or contact Rev Sarah on 07770 930756 for more information



## COFFEE ROTA

### July

7<sup>th</sup> Brenda Wright  
14<sup>th</sup> Jo Pavey  
21<sup>st</sup> Sue Wright  
28<sup>th</sup> Karen Drakeford-Lewis

### August

4<sup>th</sup> Angela Liveing  
11<sup>th</sup> Bex Day  
18<sup>th</sup> Lyn Goodwin  
25<sup>th</sup> Kay Morris



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

Susan Vimpany (01491 572081) in July and  
May Mosawi (01491 824015) in August

## SIDESMEN FOR JULY AND AUGUST

### July

7<sup>th</sup> Paul Barrett and Jo Pavey  
14<sup>th</sup> David and Kay Morris  
21<sup>st</sup> Tony and Sue Wright  
28<sup>th</sup> Kester and Pippa George

### August

4<sup>th</sup> Bruce Brown and Susan Hunt  
11<sup>th</sup> Rob and Carol Lewis  
18<sup>th</sup> Roger and Jenny Griffiths  
25<sup>th</sup> James and Elsie Frost

# READERS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Kester George</b>	<b>Gal. 6. (1 – 6), 7 – 16</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Paul Barrett</b>	<b>Col. 1. 1 – 14</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Valerie Nicholson</b>	<b>Col. 1. 15 – 28</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Martyn Read</b>	<b>Col. 2. 6 – 16 (16 – 19)</b>

**Readings in August are done by the Clergy**

# PRAYER LEADERS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

## **July**

<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jo Taylor</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Brenda Wright</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Pat Needham</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jo Taylor</b>

## **August**

<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>May Mosawi</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tilden McKean</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jo Taylor</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Paul Barrett</b>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 12.30 pm	Light Lunch The Ark
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 12.30 pm	Fellowship Lunch The Maltsters
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 3.00 pm	Pet Service and Picnic Dunsden
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 7.00 – 8.30 pm	Farewell for Sarah Seymour Harpsden Village Hall
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> August 3.00 - 4.30 pm	A Cuppa, a Cake and a Catch-Up The Ark
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August 12.30 pm	Fellowship Lunch The Maltsters
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 7.00 pm	Harpsden Quiz Harpsden Village Hall

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September  
1.30 pm

Fundraising Golf Day  
Temple Golf Club

## Local voluntary and community organisations are invited to apply for grants from The Anthony (Tony) Lane Foundation

Applications for grants from the Foundation in former mayor, Tony Lane's memory are now open. This year, the Foundation has chosen to support voluntary and community organisations which help adults and children with disabilities living in Henley or the surrounding area.

The Anthony (Tony) Lane Foundation was set up in 2016 following Tony's death when he left a bequest for this purpose. Every year the trustees of the Foundation choose a different theme to support. Previous years have included supporting new businesses in Henley and surrounding areas. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded grants totalling more than £90,000.

The Foundation is particularly keen to help grassroots community groups and small-to-medium-sized voluntary organisations. Applicants need not be registered charities but must have charitable purposes. Organisations applying must have a constitution or similar governing document and a bank account in the organisation's name.

This year, the Foundation will be awarding one or more grants totalling £20,000. Any organisations wishing to apply should provide a maximum 1,000-word explanation of its organisation and objectives, the amount being requested by way of grant and, if successful, how the grant would be put to use. Supporting evidence outside the word limit is allowed. Every application must include evidence of the organisation's bank account and a copy of its governing documents.

Applications should be sent to The Trustees of The Anthony (Tony) Lane Foundation, The Burnside Partnership, Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Combe, Oxfordshire, OX29 8ET or by email to [della.burnside@theburnsidepartnership.com](mailto:della.burnside@theburnsidepartnership.com). If you have any questions, please do email.

The closing date for applications is **30 September 2019**. Applicants will be informed whether their application has been successful by the end of October 2019.

# HARPSDEN FETE

Harpsden Fete was held on a rather blowy day with patchy sunshine. There were a few showers while the field was being set up but, possibly due to the prayers of the workers, no rain fell during the afternoon and a goodly number of people ignored the weather forecast and came out to enjoy the day.

Over £ 5,000 was raised for local causes.



The Hoopla was a very popular spot. Seemed as if a lot of people were keen to win the wine bottle in the middle.





**Harpsden Pre-School ran the face painting stall. Judging by the number of young people seen around the field with beautifully painted faces this was also a very popular stall.**



**Not quite sure what was going on here – it looked a bit like dodgems on two feet!**





**Stall holders at Accessories and the Cakes. Josie and Helen on the cake stall spent a lot of their time holding the gazebo up in the gusty wind.**



**Deep concentration at shove ha'penny!**



**Mrs Gavin's Sacred Heart Dad Band**



**Dancers and coconut shyers (is that a word?)**



**Dog show contestants**



**Who else but Mrs Harpsden Fete? Jane Burt running the Hoopla.**

**Thanks are due to Jon Moulds and his team who set up and took down all the gazebos, tables, chairs etc, to James Thomas for running the dog show, to all the Stall holders and of course to all those who gave donations of cakes, accessories, bottles and raffle prizes.**

**Thanks also, of course, to all those who came and spent freely!**





**Don't forget it is Harpsden Quiz Night on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September.  
How about getting together with friends and neighbours to put a  
table together for this fun evening?**



**FAREWELL PARTY  
for  
SARAH, OUR ORGANIST**

**ALL THREE CONGREGATIONS  
GET TOGETHER!**

**Harpsden Village Hall  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July  
7.00 -8.30 pm**

**Please bring a  
plate to share  
and a bottle**

# 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 28<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:susanpwright@hotmail.co.uk)**

**or 0118 9406220**





## **SPONSORSHIP OF THE SANCTUARY CANDLE**

**July 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> in memory of Bishop John Bone. Sponsored by Ruth Bone**

**July 28<sup>th</sup> to Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> in thanksgiving for the life of Adrienne Pratt on what would have been her 80th birthday. Sponsored by Caroline Kristoffersen.**

**August 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> in celebration of Eve's birthday.**

**August 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> in memory of Winnie Daniel. Sponsored by Jo Taylor**

**August 25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> in memory of Ginny Truelove, Jo Taylor's mother**

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