

# HARPSDEN PARISH NEWS

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# MINISTRY IN LOCKDOWN

Dear friends

Some people during the recent pandemic have assumed that the work of the church has stopped as our 'live' worship has ceased, and our buildings are closed. As we are slowly coming out of lockdown several people have asked exactly what it is that I do during the week so.....here is a snap shot of last week.

## SUNDAY

8.45am arrived at Shiplake church to set up all the technology for live streaming and also to set up the Altar/church for the live service.

10am Live service at Shiplake at which I presided and preached.

11am service ended and I talked to members of the congregation and to a prospective, Harpsden, wedding couple (all outside and all socially distanced)

12.15pm started dismantling the recording technology

1pm back home

Afternoon spent catching up on emails, setting up the recording You Tube links for the coming week and then emailing the Parish and others with the service links.

Finished work at about 5.30pm

## MONDAY

8.30am set up computer in the study to live stream morning prayers and found all the relevant information that I needed for the service - including a quick look at emails to see if anything had happened that needed praying for

9am Broadcast morning prayer

10am staff meeting via Zoom

11am started dealing with the day's emails

noon - lunch followed by more emails and letters that had arrived

2.30pm AGM for the Graveyard at Shiplake Church - face to face meeting - all Covid restrictions observed

4pm onwards emails, phone calls, writing services for Wednesday and Sunday so that they can be photocopied by Leigh, my PA

Finished work at about 9pm

## **TUESDAY**

Actually today is the fourth anniversary of my arriving here - can you believe that I am now in my 5th year!!

8.30am Morning prayer followed by emails

9.45am Funeral visit at Harpsden Church - all Covid regulations adhered to.

2.30pm Flu Jab at Henley!

Afternoon spent dealing with emails - I should say that I receive between 45 and 75 emails a day! Many of which require some sort of input.

In the afternoon I also spoke to Ecclesiastical Insurance about the damage to the wall at Shiplake Church

Meeting at Shiplake with my PA

7.30pm Zoom evensong with +Colin, which I had written a few weeks ago - I lead the worship for both this Deanery and Aston and Cuddesdon Deanery. This is to replace the lovely farewell service that +Colin was to have in October.

Finished work at 9pm

## **WEDNESDAY**

8.45am Arrived at Harpsden to set up for the service

10am Service broadcast at which I lead. After the service I chatted to a few people then put away all the technology and rushed home to host the Zoom Bible study - should have started at 11am but I did not get home till 11.15. This lasted 40 minutes

1pm Funeral at Reading Crematorium

Afternoon spend doing emails and starting to write sermon.

5pm meeting with decorator and carpenter at Shiplake

Finished work at 6.30pm

## **THURSDAY**

**8.30am Morning prayers**

**Morning spend dealing with emails - in particular with Harvest and Deanery matters**

**2pm Training for Sides people at Harpsden Church so that they know what to do about Covid 19, track and trace etc.**

**Afterwards - Spoke to undertakers several times via phone and email regarding two funerals that I am taking next week.**

**Dealt with graveyard monument requests for here and another parish in the Deanery.**

**Banking for Shiplake and Dunsden - ie paying bills etc. Sorting out fees for funerals**

**Finished work at 6pm**

## **FRIDAY**

**Actually I had a day off - did not even open the computer - first proper day off in 3 weeks - worked on my mum's Christmas present - if I manage to complete it in time.**

## **SATURDAY**

**9am morning prayers**

**9.30am started dealing with the email backlog from the day before!**

**10.30am Walk and talk with a parishioner**

**12.30 lunch**

**Afternoon - completing sermon for Sunday, packing up technology from study ready to take to church in the morning. Writing Wednesday's Eucharist so that it can be photocopied in the morning to enable Pam to have it after the morning service as I need to be at home on Wednesday morning this next week.**

**Writing article for parish magazine. (now 3.30pm)**

**Will probably finish today at 5pm as I do try and keep Saturday evenings clear.**

**Total hours worked in the week - 44 hours - this by the way was a quiet week as I did manage to take a day off.**

**Robert**





## **'Drive-in' Harvest Festival\***

At: All Saints Church car park,  
Church Lane, Dunsden RG4 9PH

Starts at 10am, so come early to park

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Collection for the Food Bank

Everyone welcome,  
please book to attend:  
Email: [benefice.sdh@gmail.com](mailto:benefice.sdh@gmail.com)

Scan the QR  
code to generate  
the email



United Benefice of Shiplake with Dunsden and Harpsden cum Bolney

\* To meet COVID-19 requirements, you will not be able to leave your car.  
All plans subject to alteration at short notice if Government guidance changes

## **'Drive-in' Harvest Festival: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 10am\***

This year, we are holding our harvest festival in the car park at All Saints Church, Dunsden. It will be a 'drive-in' service to enable everyone to come and sing harvest songs and worship with joy from the safety of their car. Please book to attend by emailing [benefice.sdh@gmail.com](mailto:benefice.sdh@gmail.com)

Scan the QR code and it should generate the email for you.



We will be collecting gifts for the Food Bank, they tell us that they are short of the following items, but all gifts are gratefully received.

- Multi bags of crisps
- Biscuits
- Small bags sugar
- Spreads
- Child friendly cereals
- Tuna
- Pasta sauce
- Shower gel
- Shampoo
- Washing powder

The service starts at 10am on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October, but we recommend that you come along early to park. We apologise that you will not be allowed to leave your car while at the service if we are to comply with Government guidance relating to COVID-19.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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<http://www.shiplakedunsdenharpsden.org.uk>

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# SERVICES IN OCTOBER

**REMEMBER ALL COULD CHANGE IF  
GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE ALTERS!**

<b>FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER</b>	9.00 am	Morning Prayers	On-Line
<b>SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00 am	Harvest Festival	Dunsden car park and on-line
<b>MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	9.00 am	Morning Prayers	On-line
<b>WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00 am	Eucharist followed by Bible Study	Harpsden and on-line
<b>FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	9.30 am	Morning Prayers	On-Line
<b>SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00 am	Eucharist	Shiplake and on-line
<b>MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	9.00 am	Morning Prayers	On-line
<b>WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00 am	Eucharist followed by Bible Study	Harpsden and on-line
<b>FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	9.00 am	Morning Prayers	Online
<b>SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Shiplake and on-line
<b>MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	9.00 am	Morning Prayers	On-line

<b>WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00 am	Eucharist followed by Bible Study	Harpsden and on-line
<b>FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER</b>	9.00 am	Morning Prayers	On-line
<b>SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00 am	Eucharist	Shiplake and on-line
<b>MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	9.00 am	Morning Prayers	On-line
<b>WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	10.00 am	Eucharist followed by Bible Study	Harpsden and on-line
<b>FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	9.00 am	Morning Prayers	On-line

**REMEMBER YOU NEED TO CONTACT LEIGH IN THE BENEFICE OFFICE IN ADVANCE IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND ANY OF THE LIVE SERVICES!**



A free phone line of hymns,  
reflections and prayers





## Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you so much for all your support for this year's Ride & Stride. I had a wonderful day out in the sunshine, visiting 22 churches in the Henley area (the last two were in the Wallingford Deanery as I made my way home). I cycled over 36 miles, up 1500 feet of elevation including the hill to Bix (up the Old Bix Road, not the dual carriageway, don't worry!). Phew! I discarded my pink jacket halfway up that hill.

We have raised a phenomenal £3375\* before gift aid so far, but my fundraising page is still open and I can still accept cheques (made payable to 'OHCT Ride & Stride' please) or cash. Everyone has been so generous. Photos of all the churches I visited are on our Facebook page (@shiplakedunsdenharpsden).

Thank you for keeping the pedals turning, for your generosity and for helping to support our churches and the work of the OHCT. You are amazing!

Rev. Sarah





## **GOLF DAY**

**We are repeating last year's successful fund-raising golf day to generate much-needed income for St Margaret's**

**SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**Golf at approximately 12.30 pm  
followed by a simple supper**

**Teams of 4**

**(Enter as a team or individually)**

**Cost £65.00 per person**

**Please contact Sue Wright for entry forms  
[susanpwright@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susanpwright@hotmail.co.uk)  
or 07762 872208**

**We are also looking for prizes for a Raffle and Promises that we can Auction. Do please contact Sue if you can help with this. Not everyone plays golf but you could all participate in this bit!**

# **SAVE THE DATE!**



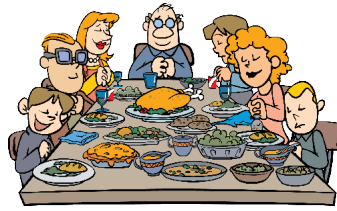
**SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021**  
**2.30 – 4.30**

**A fundraiser for St Margaret's Church**

**A garden party with cream teas, cakes and jams, pitch and putt, music, two tree houses connected by a rope bridge, and 8 acres of beauty to stroll around.**

**Situated at the end of a lane off Woodlands Road, courtesy of Jeff and Tracy Ellis to whom we are all so grateful.**

**More information nearer the time  
from Paul Barrett, Jo Taylor  
or Karen Drakeford-Lewis**



## FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

**Fellowship lunches will return once we are out of Lockdown!**

## WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP



**The Tuesday Prayer Group is unable to meet at the moment, but if you would like someone held in prayer please contact  
Pat Needham (01491 576961)**

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