

# HARPSDEN PARISH NEWS

## SEPTEMBER 2023



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## A September Pondering from Pam

The teacher, parent and grandmother in me sees September as a time for new beginnings. This September it is also an opportunity to renew our church offering of the chalice at Holy Communion.

All 3 churches will return to the practice of everyone being offered intincted wafers and then the opportunity to receive from a chalice away from the central distribution.

This arrangement is obviously optional. Not everyone wants to share the common cup, especially as recent events have highlighted Covid's activity.

For such an arrangement to be possible we need to enlarge the ministry team for distribution of bread and wine. It is a long time since we had chalice ministers. Offering the chalice is a ministry, a service not a job. Such responsibility requires training and understanding of the whole sacramental aspects of worship.

Rev Sarah will be arranging preparation for all who will be involved. Previous experience is not required, nor is it an entitlement to continue. Within church discipline, all ordained ministers have to continue with reviews and training [My next course starts in September]. We are not asking or expecting anything that we clergy are not prepared to do ourselves.

It will be our delight to increase the ministry team for Holy Communion, because 'team' is at the core of being church.

As a benefice, we have shared wonderful examples of teams in action – from our musicians we have had choral support regardless of which church was involved, to the impromptu need to cover for an organist and choral teacher at very short notice – life and Covid happen. We have seen money raised for church and charity by mega teamwork, many hands have made a significant impact on the loved looks of our 3 buildings, new leaders are emerging to form lay ministers and new voices are joining the teams of readers and intercessors.

**We are indebted to the contributions being made with love and generosity – those involved all had to do it for the first time at some point. We hope to encourage more participation. We commit to train, prepare and support anyone who is drawn to a fuller, or different, involvement in the life of the Benefice.**

**Does this nudge you?**

**If so, talk to one of us clergy and you talk to the team. We are here to enable and support whatever renewal September brings.**

**May grace fill your days wherever they are spent.**

**Pam**

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**Benefice days Mondays, Wednesdays and Sundays – others by arrangement.**

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## **SIDESMEN – SEPTEMBER**

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Barrett and Karin Henderson
10 <sup>th</sup>	Hazel Cooke and Annabel Blackwell
17 <sup>th</sup>	Tony and Sue Wright

## **COFFEE ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER**

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jo Taylor
10 <sup>th</sup>	Suzanna Rose
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Wright



# WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP



## CHANGE TO PRAYER GROUP

*NEW Day and NEW structure*

The Tuesday Prayer Group will now meet every **MONDAY** from September at St. Margaret's at **2pm – 3pm.**

**If you would like to join us on a 'one-off' or regular basis**

🙏 😊 🙏 😊 **you would be most welcome** 🙏 😊 🙏 😊

*Or, if you would like us to hold someone, or a situation in prayer, please email*

[jotaylor@aol.co.uk](mailto:jotaylor@aol.co.uk)

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Tea and Cake served before or afterwards

(or both!!) 🍰 🍰 🍰 🍰 🍰 🍰

One Chapter of Bible Reading 📖 📖 📖

Hymn 🎵 🎵 🎵

Praise and Thanksgiving 🎉 🎉 🎉

Quiet meditation before prayer begins

Prayers for Creation / Peace / Justice / The Church / For Healing  
& Personal petitions 🙏 🙏 🙏

Taize chant 🎵 🎵 🎵

Close with the Lord's Prayer or the General Thanksgiving and  
The Grace 🙏 🙏 🙏

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## SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Harpsden
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Shiplake
	11.00 am	Lay-Led Morning Praise	Dunsden
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00 am	Benefice Eucharist with Wholeness & Healing	Harpsden
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am	Lay-Led Morning Praise	Harpsden
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist with Baptism	Shiplake
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Dunsden
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00 am	Benefice Eucharist	Harpsden
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	Shiplake
	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Harpsden
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Dunsden

	4.00 pm	Tea with God and Benefice Family Service	Shiplake
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00 am	Benefice Eucharist	Harpsden
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00 am	Benefice Eucharist with Wholeness & Healing	Shiplake
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00 am	Benefice Eucharist	Harpsden

## READERS – SEPTEMBER

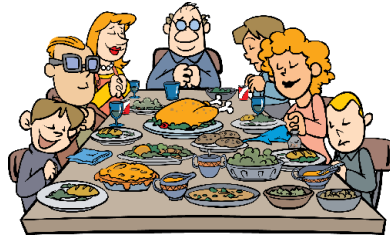
3rd Tilden McKean and Valerie Nicholson  
 10th Sue Wright and Annabel Blackwell  
 17th Josie Peddie and Tony Wright  
 24th (Benefice at Shiplake) OT Reading – Nigel Smith

## INTERCESSIONS ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Barrett  
 10<sup>th</sup> May Mosawi  
 17<sup>th</sup> Tilden McKean

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10<sup>th</sup> Suzanna Rose  
17<sup>th</sup> Sue Wright



## HARPSDEN LUNCH

The Next Harpsden lunch will be at the Maltsters Arms at 12.30 for 1.00 pm on Wednesday 6th September. Please contact Hazel Cooke  
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<http://www.shiplakedunsdenharpsden.org.uk>



# VARIETY CONCERT & TEAS



**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**



**Variety Concert 3 – 4pm**      **free admission**

**Teas from 4 – 5pm**      **donations welcome**



**St. Margaret's Church, Harpsden RG9 4AX**

*Please come and enjoy being entertained by various performers in the beautiful and historic church of St. Margaret's at 3pm*

**ALL AGES and EVERYONE WELCOME – please bring family and friends to spend a wonderful afternoon together!**



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**United Benefice of Shiplake with Dunsden and Harpsden cum Bolney**