

Pew Sheet for Shiplake-with-Dunsden
Sunday 6th January 2019
The Epiphany – Benefice Service at Dunsden

Readings Today:

Isaiah 60.1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Ephesians 3.1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you,³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power.⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ,⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’ ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Next Week’s Readings:

Isaiah 43.1-7 Acts 8.14-17 Luke 3.15-17,21-22

Diary for January

6 th 11.00am	The Epiphany Dunsden	Benefice Service (With Incense) Sung Eucharist
7 th 10.00am 12.30pm	Monday Shiplake Shiplake, The Ark	Morning Prayers Light Lunch
8 th 10.00am	Tuesday Harpsden St Peters Vestry	Prayer Group

9th	Wednesday	
9.30am	Harpsden	Eucharist
13th	The Baptism of Christ	
9.30am	Harpsden	Sung Eucharist
11.00am	Dunsden	Sung Eucharist
11.00am	Shiplake	Sung Eucharist
14th	Monday	
10.00am	Shiplake	Morning Prayers
6.00pm	Harpsden PCC	
16th	Wednesday	
9.30am	Harpsden	Eucharist
20th	Epiphany 3	
9.30am	Harpsden	Sung Eucharist, with Sunday School
11.00am	Dunsden	Sung Eucharist
11.00am	Shiplake	Sung Eucharist
21st	Monday	
10.00am	Shiplake	Morning Prayers
23rd	Wednesday	
9.30am	Harpsden	Eucharist
27th	Epiphany 4	
9.30am	Harpsden	Sung Eucharist
11.00am	Dunsden	Sung Eucharist
11.00am	Shiplake	Sung Eucharist
28th	Monday	
10.00am	Shiplake	Morning Prayers
7.30pm	Shiplake	PCC
30th	Wednesday	
9.30am	Harpsden	Eucharist

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