

HARPSDEN PARISH NEWS

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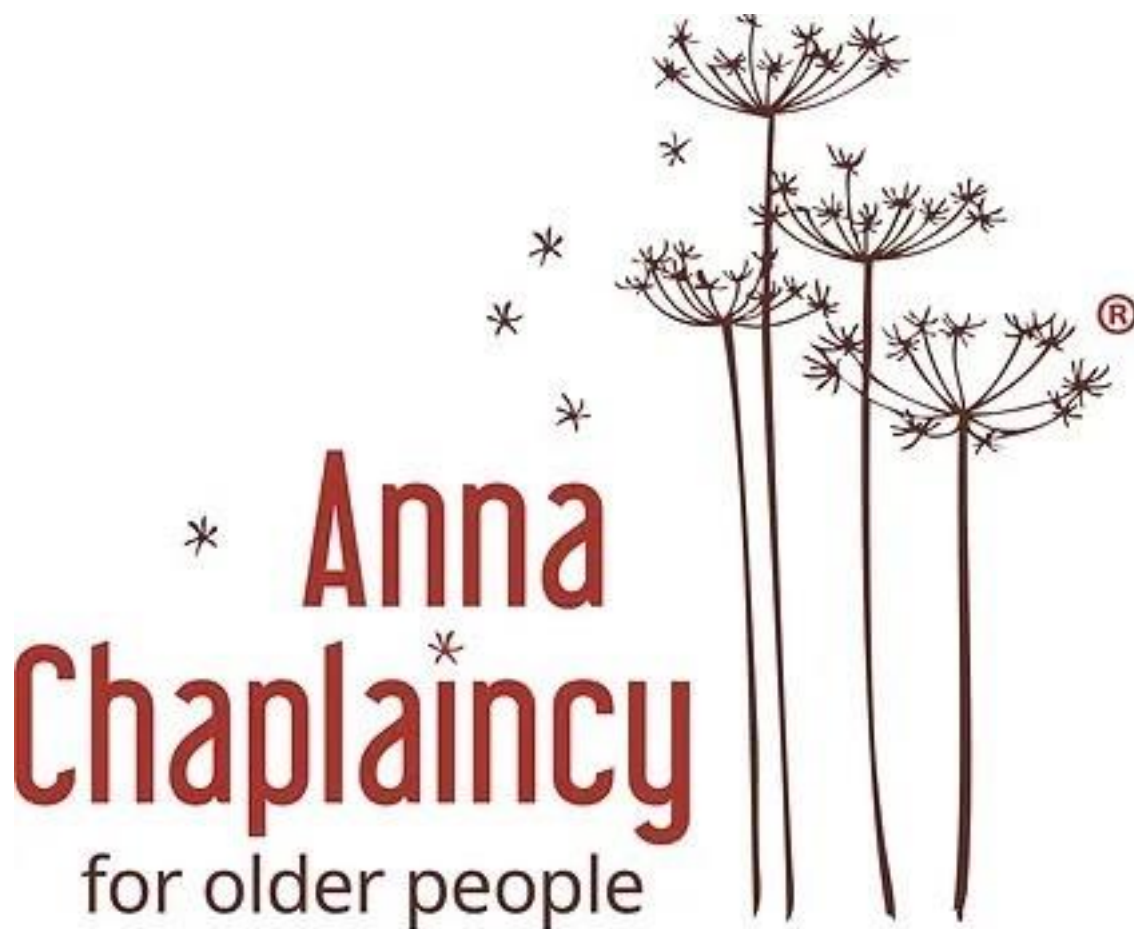
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Anna Chaplaincyso called for those who minister to those in maturity of life, regardless of faith or none.

Anna Chaplains are named after the widow, Anna, who appears with Simeon in Luke's gospel; both being good role models of faithful older people. Anna Chaplains are there for people of strong, little or no faith at all.



Being of that era myself I have felt God was calling me to engage with you, many of you being my peers, in a more all-embracing of mind, body and spirit oversight of the Autumn of our lives. Contrary to modern trends which so often devalues what we have to offer ...we need to be able to celebrate our life, God given gifts.

Having spoken to Revds Robert, Sarah and Pam, I was encouraged to pursue another chapter in my life. I started my training in September, and will be commissioned on the 4th of February in Dunsden church, at Candlemas.

I will still be Revd Heather, just more knowledgeable (hopefully) of all that can beset this chapter of our lives. Continuing to embrace all that ministry offers including conducting worship, taking the sacrament to our residential homes and pastoral engagement with all I meet on my pilgrim path.

The latter I will need your help with. Will you be Christ's envoys in signposting those who I might be able to enhance their well-being, please?

Heather

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Flip flops for Zimbabwean children

My contact in Zimbabwe relayed to me how grateful she and beneficiaries of the previous items she took a month ago were. With tears in her eyes she spoke of the need of the children for some form of shoes ...either flip flops or light weight canvas shoes (weight of items going out there is important) ... all sizes being acceptable. Please can you help me to help them ? Please either contact me or send me email and leave then in church.

Many thanks, Revd Heather

Icons from Robert

Some of you will be aware that I am currently on a three-year course to learn how to paint Icons. This follow being on four Icon painting retreats when at the end of a week you come home with an Icon that you have painted. However, after four sessions I decided that I needed to know more, and my tutor agreed. So....I am now at the end of year one, of a three year course, and have created eight Icons over the last eight months. The final stage of creating an Icon is to have it blessed, therefore on some Wednesday Eucharists the priest at Harpsden has blessed the icons for me, and this last Sunday (22nd October) Sarah blessed my latest two Icons: St Michael and Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Sue has taken a picture of these and they are here for you. But what do they mean?



St Michael - is shown with folded wings, holding a sceptre in his right hand to signify authority, and in his left hand he is holding a globe - this represents the Cosmos as Michael is the chief of all the Archangels and is given responsibility to keep humanity in order! Quite a tough job!



Our Lady of Perpetual Help shows Mary holding Jesus in her arms. Jesus is looking a bit alarmed as he has just spotted two Archangels who are holding up symbols of his Passion, so this is showing us that Jesus already knows what is ahead of him. But his earthly Mother, Mary is holding him tenderly in her arms and keeping him safe for as long as she can.

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP



‘ANOTHER’ CHANGE TO PRAYER GROUP

🙏The Prayer Group will revert back to every **TUESDAY**🙏

🙏at St. Margaret's from 2pm – 3.15 pm.🙏

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

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 🙏 🙏 🙏

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1 st November	10.00 am	Benefice Eucharist with Wholeness & Healing	Harpsden
Thursday 2 nd November	7.00 pm	All Souls Service	Shiplake
Saturday 4 th November	3.00 pm	Dedication of the Owen Window and Concert	Dunsden
Sunday 5 th November	10.00 am	Benefice Sung Eucharist for All Saints	Dunsden
Monday 6 th November	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday 8 th November	10.00 am	Benefice Eucharist	Harpsden
Sunday 12 th November	9.00 am	Service of Remembrance	Dunsden
	10.15 am	Act of Remembrance	Dunsden Green
	10.15 am	Service of Remembrance	Harpsden
	10.50 am	Service of Remembrance	Shiplake
	12 noon	Service of Remembrance	Shiplake War Memorial
Monday 13 th November	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom

Wednesday 15 th November	10.00 am	Benefice Eucharist	Harpsden
Sunday 19 th November	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 & Benefice Family Service	Shiplake
Monday 20 th November	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday 22 nd November	10.00 am	Benefice Eucharist	Harpsden
Sunday 26 th November	10.00 am	Benefice Eucharist with Wholeness & Healing	Harpsden
Monday 27 th November	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday 29 th November	10.00 am	Benefice Eucharist	Harpsden

INTERCESSIONS – NOVEMBER

5th Benefice Service at Dunsden
12th Remembrance Service
19th Tilden McKean
26th Jo Taylor

COFFEE ROTA FOR NOVEMBER

12th Leonie Brown
19th Jane Burt
26th Karen Drakeford-Lewis

READERS – NOVEMBER

5th (at Dunsden) Caroline Fulton (OT Reading)
12th Paul Barrett and Josie Peddie
19th David Ward and May Mosawi
26th Paul or Wendy Robinson and Yvonne Watson

SIDESMENS ROTA FOR NOVEMBER

12th Paul Barrett and Karen Henderson
19th Annabel Blackwell and Hazel Cooke
26th Tony and Sue Wright



Sunday October 1st marked the beginning of a new Sunday school at St, Margaret's Church for the use of the whole Benefice. Shannon Masawi, who has agreed to help me two Sundays in the month, my daughter Rose, who is going to do Juice and biscuits and help generally, and I were very excited at the prospect of a new beginning, a fresh start. It has been a great many years since I ran the Sunday school along with Jo Taylor but now my Children have grown up and I am on the last months of homeschooling my last two children, and after learning that there were people asking for a Sunday school, am back in the most delightful job in the world; working with small children doing God's work. We have started quite small but I know we shall grow as we did before. Thirty-six children were on the Sunday school roll then.

The first week was about setting up getting to know each other and talking about, how as Christians, we should let our light shine and a discussion of what that means. The Children were given Attendance sticker books, with the incentive of a gift for the most regular attendance. We are keeping a Sunday School attendance register. We sang hymns and Choruses and now have our own Sunday school prayer which we will start every gathering with.

The following week was the 8th October. We spent time talking about what God was like. It is very difficult for small children to pray to someone who is their Father in Heaven when they can't see Him. We talked about what Jesus said to His disciples when they asked him what God was like and He said "If you see me, you see the Father". We discussed this and talked about what we knew about Jesus. The children were given work books and stuck handouts in the books and drew and illustrated the things in the world around them that they saw God in.

This week 15th of October we looked at our Baptism and its significance. Most children have no memory of their Baptism let alone its significance. The following week there is a Baptism in Church: hopefully they can see it and understand more of what the sacrament means. Thereafter, onwards and upwards. I warmly invite any children in our Benefice to Join us. We are having lots of fun, singing with the guitar, art and craft work and just being together in fellowship, so do come along from 9.30 onwards every Sunday.

Shelagh Stanbridge- Bennett.



The Nativity 'Journey'

Sunday 17th December

**Meet at 2.30pm in the
Great Hall at Shiplake
College**

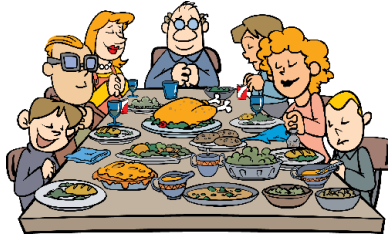
**Please come in costume
or visit our wardrobe department on
arrival**

**– nibbles and drinks by the fire – carols by the
Christmas tree**

'The Journey'

2.00pm 'Wardrobe department' in The Ark opens

2.30pm Gather around the Christmas Tree for



HARPSDEN LUNCH

The Next Harpsden lunch will be at the Maltsters Arms at 12.30 for 1.00 pm on Wednesday 1st November. Please contact Hazel Cooke
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<http://www.shiplakedunsdenharpsden.org.uk>

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This Shining Night

Praetorius - In dulci Jubilo

Heinrich Schütz - Christmas Story

Buxtehude - Magnificat



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Charity 1186548

18 November 2023 - 7pm

St Mary's Church – Henley on Thames

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