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NEWSLETTER



September 2019

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Except where indicated below, the main morning service at ST GILES SHIPBOURNE is at 9.30am.

Every weekday at 8.00am Morning Prayer will be said at Plaxtol Church and every weekday evening (except Friday and Saturday) at 4.30pm Evening Prayer will be said at St Giles Shipbourne.

SUNDAY	1st	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Family Service with Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Jeremiah 2 vv 4-13; Hebrews 13 vv 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14 vv 1, 7-14
Wednesday	4th	10.40 for 11am	Lent Plus course (contact Rector for venue)
		7.40 for 8pm	Lent Plus Course (contact Rector for venue)
Thursday	5th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
SUNDAY	8th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		9.30am	Matins at St Giles Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Jeremiah 18 vv 1-11; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14 vv 25-33
Monday	9th	7.30pm	Shipbourne Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall
Thursday	12th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
SUNDAY	15th	8.00am	Holy Communion Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Benefice Community@11 at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Jeremiah 4 vv 11-12, 22-28; 1 Timothy 1 vv 12-17; Luke 5 vv 1-10
Thursday	19th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
SUNDAY	22nd	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Taizé Service at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Jeremiah 8.18-9.1; 1 Timothy 2 vv 1-7; Luke 16 vv 1-13
Thursday	26th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Benefice Playchurch at St Giles, Shipbourne
Saturday	28 th	9.30-11.30am	Community Breadbasket at Plaxtol Church
SUNDAY	29th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Harvest Festival Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Morning Worship at Plaxtol Church
		6.00pm	Benefice Choral Evensong at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Jeremiah 32 vv 1-3a, 6-15; 1 Timothy 6 vv 6-19; Luke 16 vv 19-end
Monday	30th	8.00pm	St Giles' PCC meeting at the Village Hall

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Next Date and Locations

Thursday 26 September 2019

9.30am

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Wednesday 4th Sept – “Bring your favourite Psalm”

Morning Group: 1040hrs coffee for 1100hrs start at The Rectory

Evening Group: 1940hrs coffee for 20:00hrs start at
the home of Peter Webb

Community

Bread

Basket



Saturday 28th September 2019

9:30-11:30am Plaxtol Parish Church

Café style Breakfast

All welcome

Including Food Bank Collection and Book Sale/Swap

PASTORAL LETTER

LOOKING FORWARDS... WHILE REFLECTING BACKWARDS

I enjoyed a nice little project over the school summer holidays: making a new handle for a school bell from. I've got a small lathe and some turning tools, and I had a nice piece of walnut wood that was just the right size, but it's a long time since I've done any turning and my skills were rather rusty – a bit like the lathe! But this little project was always pointing me forward to September and the beginning of the new school year. I shall have to deliver the bell promptly so that's it's there in time for the very first day.

September is generally the season in which schools, colleges and even universities beginning their academic year. For teachers and pupils alike, it's a time of new beginnings: new classes, new registers, new books, new pencils... but particularly for those moving on to a new and normally larger school, with new travel arrangements, new timetables and routines, new friends to make, and new subjects to study. So we particularly remember those from our villages who have just left their Junior, Primary or Prep' schools, and those who are moving on after GCSEs and A-levels to sixth-form or university. At every stage there are new challenges, both social and academic, and these years are so important, pointing us, as they do, ever forward.

However, there is also the sense that if we only ever think forward or are only prepared to live in the present moment, the value of our previous experiences may be lost. Whilst we can't un-happen our pasts, we can ignore them and refuse to learn from them. There is much wisdom to be had from the realms of our past experiences, but there's a real art in taking time to reflect on things; to ask what went well, and what might have been better. We can learn what is excellent, what makes for progress... traditionally these things have been called virtues; and we can what is unhelpful, or what slows us down or makes us miserable... these things are traditionally called vices.

So I'm commending the idea of reflective practice – which is actually not so very different from prayer. Prayer may be as simple as doing our reflection while acknowledging the love, presence and power of God. All walks of life, not just schooling, can benefit from reflective practice. We all from have to forge our way forward day by day, facing new challenges, but we can all draw wisdom from reflecting on past experiences.

Peter Hayler, Rector
RectorSwP@gmail.com



Each month we collect food and small household items to give to our link parish – All Saints’ Chatham. I recently asked them about the project and how our food donations have helped.

Their administrator, Diane Hatcher writes,

Here at the Magpie Centre we offer lots of things, all with the aim of bringing people together. We offer a community café, a computer suite for people to learn computing skills, weekly groups such as craft, knit-and-natter, fortnightly lunch clubs and a support group for depression and anxiety. All our groups seek to reduce isolation and loneliness. There is an active After School Club during term time and the Magpie Growers tend a local allotment. In the office we have advisors who help with benefit, job application, passports, and much more. We also give out foodbank vouchers, utilities assistance and, if we can, we help to source furniture.

Your lovely donations of food have helped enormously. We have families who arrive hungry, who have not eaten for a day or two and, because the nearest food bank does not open every day, we use your donations to help give them something to eat. We also have a Pay-It-Forward scheme here, where people donate into this scheme and when someone arrive hungry but having no money, the café will give them something to eat. The two systems together work well. Any donations of clothes or small items, we willingly give to those in need. Donations of money can be used in other areas. We hear many different stories, and deal with a wide range of crises and challenging circumstances.

I hope this shows how your support of food, small items and money helps us to help so many others. Many thanks and wishes to you all.

Diane Hatcher, Administrator.

***Our next food bank collection dates are:
28/29 September and 26/27 October
Boxes are placed in Plaxtol Church and St. Giles’, Shipbourne.***

The United Benefice of Shipbourne with Plaxtol

Harvest Supper 2019



Friday 11th October at 7.30pm

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SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

There was no meeting in August. The Parish Council Report will return in the next Newsletter.

SHIPBOURNE WI

Saturday 20th July, 2019 will long be a day to remember in the history of Shipbourne WI. The preparations for our special Centenary Birthday Event had been taking place for a few months and the hard work certainly paid off.

By 2.00 pm everything was in place thanks to members and 'honorary' members for the day, whose help was invaluable. It was a marvellous event and even the weather complied. Thank you to all the people who came and supported us, and made the day such a resounding success.

The month of August is relatively quiet on the WI front, before the Committee meets again on Wednesday 4th September to begin planning a Quiz Night for 12th October.

The main meeting will be on 11th September to hear Stuart Robinson speak about The Plague City and the Plague Village - London and Eyam in 1665.

Book Club will reconvene on Monday 16th September.

Glynis Coates



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 19 October 2019

Shipbourne Village Hall

QUIZ NIGHT WITH BINGO!

Details will follow in the next Newsletter

BIRDWATCH

September usually finds me “en vacances”. Usually the west coast of Scotland or the French Alps register in my favourite haunts, but this year the dense, steeply wooded valleys of the southern Auvergne in southern central France at the start of the Midi, the staggeringly beautiful Lot Valley. Ancient oak and chestnut woodland stretches to a horizon of distant blue-tinged hills with cliff hanging villages and isolated farmsteads dotted along its course. This is true rural France with virtually no English or German spoken, perhaps one of the last areas free of an ex-pat fraternity.

Bird watching from the garden of our farmhouse, and here is the Shipbourne connection (as owned for many years by a Shipbourne resident), similar species flit from the fruit trees as in my own garden, parties of Long-Tailed Tits, Great Tits, Fly-Catchers, Swallows and Martins, the unmistakable Wren, but then other species not seen here start to appear. Crested Tits rarely seen in the south of the UK were numerous, a large black beetle impaled on a spike of a barbed wire fence, the sign of a Red Backed Shrike, Redstarts and the haunting call of a Hoopoe. However my beloved birds of prey were to me the highlight of this trip. With late summer sunshine, a mid-morning coffee and armagnac and watching numerous Rough-Legged Buzzards and Short-Toed Eagles, and all this effortlessly from the garden, oh la la!

Back home in Shipbourne and reality, our Swallows and Martins have been gathering before the long push to their winter quarters. Upwards of two hundred birds, mainly Martins have been seen swooping low over the garden and then flitting to the top of the tall conifer and trees on the Green and then as quickly as they appear, disappearing to another area of the village. I assume they will consist of the first brood of this year's young, their numbers swelled by northern birds coming south. This will continue into October when the last of the second broods will be gone. I remember two years ago into late October a single Swallow at full speed over the garden with a Hobby hot on its tail, both birds of the year and presumably only one of them to continue its long journey south.

Ian Bowles

As you know we are repeating some of Ian's wildlife musings from past years and this was written by him a good 15 years ago. Oh to see a similar number of Swallows and Martins in the village nowadays. What a loss.

Susan Bowles



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So far this year the numbers visiting the market have been the highest for over 6 years. The first half footfall was over 15% higher than the previous best in 2012. The market certainly seems to retain its popularity even though we can't pretend we offer 'convenient shopping'. However, we can offer fresh local produce which includes varieties that you would never find in a supermarket, a good cup of coffee and a relaxing way to shop.

As the nights start to draw in, the shorter days signal the changing season and with it comes the bounty of a good harvest. Vegetarians and meat eaters alike can go wild this month with the wealth of produce on offer. **Tomatoes, courgettes, sweetcorn, peas, cauliflowers, runner beans, cabbages and onions** are all plentiful and cheap right now, making this the month to try making your own chutneys and pickles. **Winter squashes and pumpkins** are starting to arrive and come in an amazing array of shapes and sizes, all with different flavours and textures – try in soups, curries, gratins and risottos. It is also the season for **local cobnuts and walnuts** to use in cereals, salads, cakes and breads .

Raspberries and strawberries are still available but soft tree fruit are at their best and juiciest now so don't miss **plums, damsons and greengages..** They are wonderful for eating (not damsons, which need to be cooked with plenty of sugar!) and using in preserves, ice creams, pies. The blackberry season is also in full swing ideal for crumbles, jellies and jams and you will also find early apple varieties so you have both soft and hard fruit all this month

Fish and seafood are plentiful this month and very reasonably priced. **Mackerel, grey mullet, sea bass** are plentiful. Wash down with a glass of award-winning local fizz – English wines, especially those of Kent and Sussex, are winning plaudits worldwide. Mussels are also wonderful now.

Make this the year to eat more local game, particularly **venison**. It's the perfect free-range meat – minimum food miles, low in cholesterol and full of useful vitamins. Game is lean and tender and is best cooked for a short time either fried or grilled. Serve a venison steak flash fried with a thyme and mustard butter or marinade pheasant breasts in olive oil, lemon, garlic and chilli and cook on a griddle.

If watching budgets remember that cheaper cuts of meat such as **belly pork, shin of beef and lamb shank** all taste particularly good and tend to be easier to find at the market, where meat producers use their skills to ensure the entire animal is prepared for home

cooks to enjoy at its best with no waste. For lighter meat, try **guinea fowl**. Cook in the same way as a small chicken roast, wrapped in streaky bacon, and enjoy the flavour, which is richer than chicken and subtly gamey.

For more information about Shipbourne Farmers Markets go to www.shipbournefm.co.uk

COOKERY CORNER

SPANISH CHICKEN WITH CHORIZO

A real family favourite at any time of the year but lovely now with a locally reared chicken cut into joints. Use lots of ripe tomatoes but you can use tinned chopped instead.

Serves 4

Prepare 20 minutes

Cook 1 hour and 15 minutes

- 1 large free-range chicken, cut into eight pieces or 8 large chicken thighs
 - 2 tbsp olive oil
 - 100g (4oz) small cooking chorizo style sausage, cubed
 - 1 medium onion, finely chopped
 - 2 cloves garlic, chopped
 - 3 red and yellow peppers, seeded and thinly sliced
 - 400g ripe tomatoes, skinned, seeded and chopped (or 200g can chopped tomatoes)
 - 2 fresh bay leaves
 - 150ml (1/4 pint) dry white wine
 - salt and freshly ground black pepper
 - chopped parsley to garnish
1. Preheat the oven to 190C/fan oven 170C/Gas Mark 5. Season the chicken pieces. Heat the oil in a large flameproof casserole and cook the chicken thighs on a high heat in two batches on all sides until golden brown. Drain on kitchen paper.
 2. Add the chorizo to the pan and cook for a minute then add the onion, garlic and peppers. Stir over a medium heat for 5 minutes until starting to brown then add the tomatoes, bay leaves, wine and seasoning to the pan. Return the chicken pieces to the pan and bring to the boil. Cover the pan and transfer to the oven for an hour until the chicken is completely cooked through. Garnish with parsley and serve.

Taken from The Busy Mum's Cookbook by Mary Gwynn published by Simon & Schuster

THE WEATHER IN JULY

The average day temp. was 28.4^oc, the average night temp was 11.4^oc, this is the highest day temp. since July 1995 when it last hit 40^oc, with only 8 days in that month when the day temp. was under 30^oc, (average day temp. was 31^oc) in comparison this July had 23 days with temps. below 30^oc, the highest day temp. being 40^oc (Thurs 25th) and the lowest night being 7^oc, (Tue. 16th), the total rainfall was 74_{mm} with 33_{mm} falling in one day (Fri. 19th), the average over the last 25 years was 48.1_{mm} with the highest month being July 2007 with 106_{mm}, and the lowest month being July 2010 with 17_{mm}.

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Saturday 28 September 2019

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THE GARDEN SHED

September is still a wonderful month in your garden; the chance for extreme heat has passed and the air feels fresher, as the first hints of fall meet the late-summer weather. We may even be fortunate enough to enjoy an Indian summer with clear sunny days and often-colder nights. This is the season to harvest apples, pears and a wide range of vegetables. And after a lazy summer with time to lie back in your garden with no great list of chores, we now begin our gardening chores in earnest.

Many asters are now making a stunning show in the autumn flowering border. Some of them are prone to mildew so keep vigilant and spray in plenty of time with a fungicide. Better still, lift and divide the plants every other year to make sure the stems don't become overcrowded and keep them young and vigorous.

By September, most summer bedding plants are nearly finished flowering so you can start planting your spring flowering plants and bulbs. The sooner they are in the ground and settled, the better they will stand up to the winter and flower in spring.

It is very important to add plenty of organic matter to the soil as plants remove a lot of richness from the earth. Making your own compost is the ideal way to do this, so why not construct your own compost bin for all your autumn debris. It's compact and easy to do.

Some parts of our region have a lot of clay soil, which can be difficult to cultivate. Now, while the soil is still reasonably dry, is a good time to dig it and make it ready for your flower beds. Roughly dig the soil, incorporate plenty of organic matter and leave it rough for the winter. To improve drainage, dig in some pea shingle. Autumn is also the right time to plant container-grown trees and shrubs as the soil is still quite warm and moist, allowing the roots to become established before winter sets in.

Spike over-established lawns to aerate them and top-dress them with a mixture of compost and sand. Use a selective lawn weed-killer now to treat patches of broad-leaved weeds. Cut down and divide perennials that have finished flowering. Clumps that need dividing can be lifted with a fork and placed on a plastic sheet on the lawn. Use two forks back-to-back and push them into the centre of the clump, then pull them apart. Revitalise the soil with organic matter and re-plant the smaller pieces.

Stop feeding your permanent plants in pots, as they will now produce soft growth that will be damaged in winter. One final feed

with sulphate of potash will benefit them by ripening the wood. If you have a garden pond, do clear any rotting leaves of iris and water lilies from the water. Thin out oxygenating and floating plants, as they grow so well they risk taking over the pond completely. Cover your ponds with netting to avoid falling leaves rotting in the water; as they decompose they give off gases that can be lethal to fish and other wildlife.

And, keep in mind that the few hours you put into your garden each week are one of the most reliable investments you can still make these days!

Anne-Marie Klain-Verdegem

Anne Marie, whose garden design work is based in the Plaxtol/ Shipbourne area, can be reached at amverdegem@aol.com or on 07711 932015. (Please note corrected email address)



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