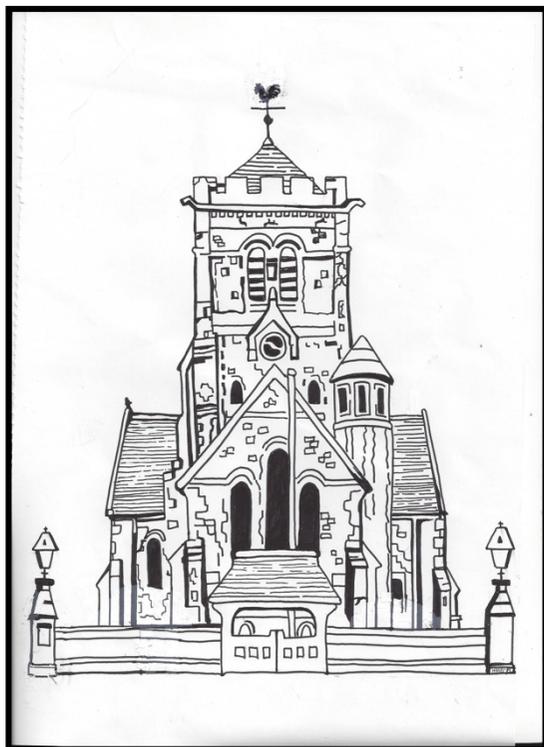


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SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL COVID-19 RESPONSE

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My contact details are: Telephone: 01732 886402
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If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 or in need of help at this time, **local help is available.**

- * Picking up groceries
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- * General assistance
- * Farmers' Market produce
- * A friendly phone call

Just call or email and we will respond.

Please keep this card in case you need assistance in the future. Please also refer to the Shipbourne Newsletter for updates.

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PARISH DIARY – AUGUST 2020

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 and every weekday evening (except Friday and Saturday) at 4.30pm Evening Prayer will be said at St Giles, Shipbourne.

SUNDAY	2nd	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:	Genesis 32 vv 22-31; Romans 9 vv 1-5; Matthew 14 vv 13-21
Thursday	6th	9-10.15am	On-line/drive through Farmers' Market at Shipbourne Village Hall
SUNDAY	9th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Matins at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	1 Kings 19 vv 9-18; Romans 10 vv 5-8; Matthew 14 vv 1-9, 22-33
Thursday	13th	9-10.15am	On-line/drive through Farmers' Market at Shipbourne Village Hall
SUNDAY	16th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Community@11 at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Isaiah 56 vv 1, 6-8; Romans 11 vv 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15 vv 21-28
Thursday	20th	9-10.15am	On-line/drive through Farmers' Market at Shipbourne Village Hall
SUNDAY	23rd	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Isaiah 51 vv 1-6; Romans 12 vv 1-8; Matthew 16 vv 13-20
Thursday	27th	9-10.15am	On-line/drive through Farmers' Market at Shipbourne Village Hall
SUNDAY	30th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Morning Worship with metrical canticles at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Jeremiah 15 vv 15-21; Romans 12 vv 9-end; Matthew 16 vv 21-end

PASTORAL LETTER

THE NEW NORMAL

I first heard this phrase a few years ago in connection with my father who has Parkinson's disease. The phrase is being used much more in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the case of my father, it is always about some form of diminishment – what less he can do, simply because Parkinson's is a degenerative disorder. With the pandemic it's much more complex, a veritable roller-coaster ride of ups and downs and round-about: mask not necessary, masks strongly advised, masks mandatory; churches closed, now open; saying Communion in isolation, becoming a YouTube video-star (!), and now back in church,... but only bread, only in a covered vessel, and from behind a mask. Each newly issued guideline has spelled out a new normal.

One thing that carries on, whether or not we have a pandemic on our hands, is the need to maintain our church buildings and, nowadays, because of the pandemic, the need to keep them sanitised too. Both our churches have maintenance works 'in the pipe-line'. At Shipbourne, it is quite literally 'in the pipeline' – to do with the rather complex but aged drainage system. The spring rains caused the crypt to flood, and now, having found where and what caused this, we are looking to fit a new sump-pump and soak-away in time for the next monsoon. At Plaxtol, roof gullies, valleys and drains all need renewing to keep the building dry. The new normal for church maintenance includes the specification and oversight of all works by a heritage-trained architect. This inevitably makes the work more expensive and so our new normal must include raising and putting aside more funds year by year. Thank you to those who work in organising all this, to those who have supported fundraising for the general running of the church during the lockdown period, and to those that help us remain open and clean for both private prayer and corporate worship, day by day and week by week. Theologians are always ready to make the point that the church is essentially the people, rather than the building, but we do recognise that our lovely buildings are one of our major assets, and we are grateful to members of the wider community who think this, too, and are willing to help.

Do please remember our two village schools as they return to another new normal in September. Teachers have worked really hard to keep schooling as normal as it can be for our little ones, and

we wish them every blessing for truly restful holidays and much courage for the new academic year. Stay safe in each new normal!

Peter Hayler, Rector

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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Subject to any changes in Government advice, we plan to revert to printed and distributed copies for the September issue of the newsletter. A digital version will also continue to be posted on the www.shipbourne.com website.

Please send any articles and adverts for the September newsletter by **20 August 2020**. Please email articles to lindsay_miles@btinternet.com or call 01732 810439.



Shipbourne Village Hall
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During lockdown, the hall has had a makeover and now boasts two very lovely cloakrooms and freshly painted kitchen. That's the good news! The not so good news is that the Trustees of the hall have taken the decision to keep the hall closed to hires for the time being.

We are, however, hiring out the garden at very reasonable rates and are happy to report a very healthy response from the pet shop at York Parade who are training puppies that have developed some undesirable habits over the last few months as fast as they can!

Helen Leach

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FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

In my previous column I spoke about some of the benefits we have seen over the past few difficult months. The fact that Tonbridge and Malling has the lowest infection rate in Kent is testament to the hard work and adherence with the social distancing measures we have all abided by and is a credit to the support of community groups and the councils.

But we couldn't have done this without the support of our wonderful NHS staff. Our GPs to the acute nurses on the front line at Maidstone and Pembury, and everyone else who works in our health service - thank you for all you have done to keep us safe.

The scale of our response was impressive and shows how much we can achieve when we work together. By the end of March Tonbridge School was operational as one of the first Coronavirus Assessment Centres in the whole country. I was pleased to help get emergency supplies from Taiwan to keep us all safe at the very start of the pandemic too. We all did what we can to help those in need.

I wanted to take some time in this column to reflect not only on what our medical staff have achieved, but also on what we have achieved as a community. The Coronavirus Community Hub, run by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, and Kent Growth Hub, run by the County Council, have enabled everyone affected to be able to access the support they need. Whether it be getting access to generous grants for your business, being successfully supported through the Job Retention scheme, or simply having food delivered to your home, we've all relied on each other to keep us safe during this difficult time.

In the past few months I've been helping many more people than usual. I've heard some heartbreaking stories of people being separated from family and friends, and for those abroad when the virus hit in March this was particularly concerning. From New Zealand, to Cambodia and Columbia, people from our community needed repatriation and I was delighted that, eventually, we managed to get everyone home. Holidays of a lifetime turned into arduous journeys home under the most difficult conditions.

But it's not just travelling from abroad which has seen transport options change. Here in Tonbridge we've seen the opportunity to invest in our local infrastructure, capitalising on the increase in the

number of people cycling and walking. I'm grateful to everyone who completed my Walking, Cycling and Safer Roads survey last month. It builds on the multi-million-pound investment made by the Government in sustainable transport measures, and Kent County Council's willingness to invest this funding locally.

Some of the changes over the past few months, such as more cycling and walking, I hope will be permanent. Others, such as the need for so much emergency medical care, we hope to see the back of. But we can look back with pride at the role our communities have played in countering the pandemic. Thank you to all who have played their part.

Tom Tugenhat
Member of Parliament for Tonbridge and Malling

SHIPBOURNE WI

The WI managed to have its first Committee Meeting for three months, on 10th July in the garden at Ambleside. We were all very pleased to see each other, and there was a really positive atmosphere.

Provisional bookings for speakers for the next nine or ten months were put together, as was a provisional programme of events.

Book Club took place on Monday 13th, when we discussed Emma by Jane Austen. Our next book is Hell Bay by Kate Rhodes. A very different story!

Glynis Coates



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SHIPBOURNE FARMERS MARKET

These are very strange times. Normally we would expect quite a few foreign visitors stopping at the market as they drove past. Now they would not even find us hidden away by Shipbourne Village Hall and then only be able to buy anything if it is pre ordered !!. If you haven't tried the on line market go to www.shipbournefm.co.uk

We have been looking into options for re-opening the market taking social distancing into account. Those markets which have managed to re-open first determine the maximum number of customers permitted to enter the market at one time and then impose a strict one way system, as well as leaving sufficient space for queues to be formed at stalls (and again social distancing must be adhered to). We not only have very limited space but as the Church Approach is a public right of way we have to allow for walkers to pass through the area !! So at present we have not found a practical way of ensuring everyone can be kept safe.

Another alternative is to set up the market close to and in the Village Hall. This solution has more potential especially if we could continue with the Drive Thru concept (which would reduce the numbers actually browsing the stalls). If anyone else has any ideas please contact bob@lodgeoast.co.uk

August is peak harvest time so make the most of the abundance of goodies. Plan some preserving time so that you can continue to enjoy great ingredients though the colder months. Make your own jams, chutneys and pickles now and then leave them to mature in a cool dark place to allow the flavours to meld and develop. They will be at their best just in time for Christmas and make perfect presents.

Tomatoes, in all kinds of varieties, are in abundance and taste superb right now, as do **shallots, onions, French and runner beans, courgettes, aubergine, peppers, cucumber. Corn on the cob** is an August highlight and should be cooked and eaten as fresh as possible before the natural sugars turn to starch – cook the cobs protected by their leaves directly on the barbecue and serve with a lime and chilli butter. Early **marrows and squashes** should also be available, along with main crop potatoes.

The soft fruit season is still in full swing for **raspberries, plums, blueberries and blackberries**, and cherries will be still available.

Convert soft fruit into jams, ice cream, or store in the freezer to bring a taste of the summer to the winter months. Better still, preserve the best quality fruit in alcohol such as eau de vie, or brandy (which we also have at the market !!).

Summer fish is plentiful this month. **Salmon** and **sea trout** are always a treat. Cook as simply as possible to preserve their flavour. **Sole, sea bass and plaice** are also excellent now. Continue to enjoy mackerel and sardines on the barbecue where their oily flesh keeps its wonderful texture so well.

A barbecue is the perfect way to make the most of many of the meat products that you can find at the market. Try a butterflied leg of lamb, cooked whole on the barbecue. Marinate overnight in yogurt and spices then barbecue and served piled into flat bread with barbecued vegetables. You will find some interesting sausage recipe combinations too – try wild boar and apple, venison, and the many pork flavoured ones. Finish off with local cheese board and good sour dough bread.

And finally don't forget that the Glorious 12th marks the start of the new game season so look out for **venison, wild duck, wood pigeon and rabbit** later in the month

To find out more about our Farmers Markets go to www.shipbourne.co.uk

COOKERY CORNER

BBQ STEAK AND SALAD

Serves 4 / Prep 10 minutes / Cook 15 minutes

- 4 rump or sirloin or venison steaks
 - 1 tsp black peppercorns, lightly crushed
 - 3 - 4 tbsp garlic flavoured rape seed oil
 - 4 plum tomatoes, halved
 - 450g new potatoes, cooked and halved
 - 1 large bunch watercress, washed
 - 1 red onion, thinly sliced
 - ½ cucumber, peeled and sliced
 - 1 tbsp red wine vinegar
 - salt
1. Rub the black pepper into the steaks and season with salt. If cooking over charcoal it is essential that the coals are just right i.e. turned grey with minimum flame and that you have a resting area away from the heat.
 2. Cook the steaks over a high heat on both sides for 4 - 8 minutes (depending on how you like your steak cooked), turning once until well browned on the outside but still very pink in the middle. Cook the tomatoes alongside the steak cut sides at the same time. Remove the steak and tomatoes and leave to rest for 5 minutes.
 3. Cut the potatoes into chunks if large. Add to a pan and fry over a medium high heat for 5 minutes until crisp and golden.
 4. Arrange the watercress in a salad bowl and add the onion, cucumber and tomatoes with juices, and potato.
 5. Whisk the remaining oil with the vinegar and seasoning.
 6. Slice the steak on the diagonal and add to the salad. Pour over the dressing and toss together. Serve.

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