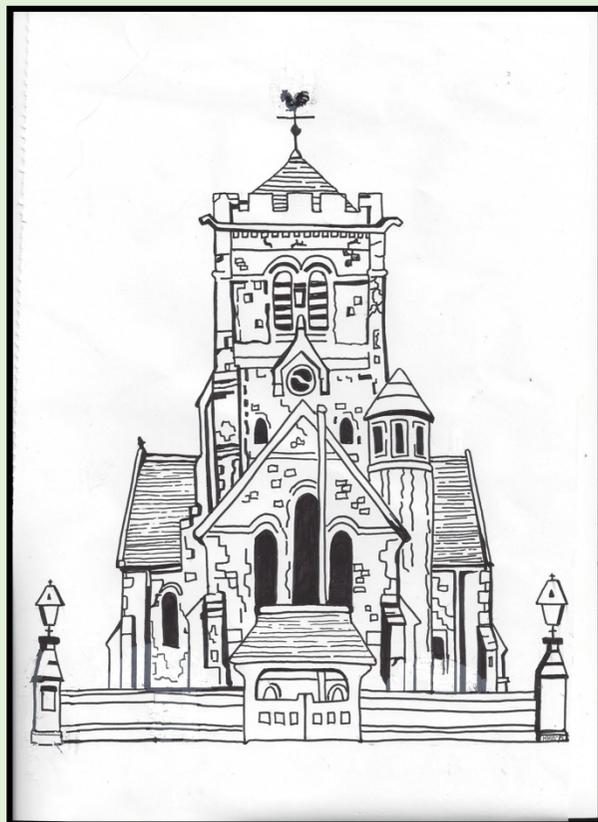


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**PARISH DIARY – MAY 2021**

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.

*St Giles Shipbourne is open for organ practice and private prayer daily except Mondays from 9.00am to 3.00pm <http://shipbourne.com/st-giles-church/>*

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> of Easter</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
		11.00am	Family Service with Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Acts 8: 26-end; 1 John 4: 7-end; John 15 1-8
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9-10-15am</b>	<b>On-line/drive through Farmers' Market at Shipbourne Village Hall</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> of Easter</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Matins at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Acts 10: 44-end; John 15: 9-17
<b>Thursday</b> <b>ASCENSION DAY</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9-10.15am</b>	<b>On-line/drive through Farmers' Market at Shipbourne Village Hall</b>
		8.00pm	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> of Easter</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Community@11 at Plaxtol Church</b>
		Readings:	Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end; 1 John 5: 9-13; John 17: 6-19
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9-10.15am</b>	<b>On-line/drive through Farmers' Market at Shipbourne Village Hall</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>PENTECOST</b> <b>WHIT</b> <b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Acts 2: 1-21; Romans 8: 22-27; John 16: 4b-15
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9-10.15am</b>	<b>On-line/drive through Farmers' Market at Shipbourne Village Hall</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>TRINITY</b> <b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
		11.00am	Morning Worship at Plaxtol Church
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Joint Choral Evensong at Plaxtol Church (provisional)</b>
		Readings:	Isaiah 6: 1-8; Romans 8: 12-17; John 3: 1-17



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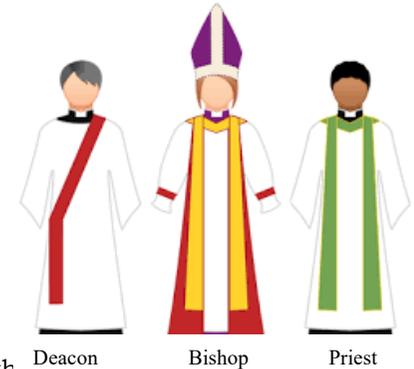
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**PASTORAL LETTER**

**NEWS IN MINISTRY**

In the busyness of Holy Week and Easter we were pleased to make a special announcement – one that was strictly synchronized with the parish of Hildenborough. The news is this: that the Bishop of Rochester has confirmed the appointment of Mark Packer to be Assistant Curate in the United Benefice of Shipbourne with Plaxtol from late summer this year.



Mark's ordination is due to take place at 3pm on Sat 26<sup>th</sup> September in Rochester Cathedral. This is the first and foundational order within the historical 'Threefold Order of Ministry' – the ministry of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. I will become a 'training incumbent' and Mark will begin learning 'on the job' the practices of parish ministry. These include leading worship and preaching on a regular basis, baptisms, weddings and funerals, pastoral care and all the other things that make us the church.

Mark is offering himself for what is now called 'Self-Supporting Ministry' (SSM); this used to be known as Non-Stipendiary Ministry (NSM). So Mark will be with us on a part-time basis, while continuing to live in his own house in Hildenborough and working in his day-job as an IT-for-Medical Education leader. Mark is married to Susan. They first met as members of the Brethren Church and have journeyed together in faith through the Baptist tradition towards Anglicanism over many years. So, they bring a very rich experience with them. As we look forward to welcoming them, please keep them in your prayers.

One other highlight for May is that at 7pm on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> May, the Bishop of Rochester will be with us in Plaxtol to lead a service of Holy Communion prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 8pm. This is part of Bishop James' visitation to our Deanery and, in turn, part of his farewell tour of the Diocese prior to his retirement in July. The Bishop of Tonbridge will continue to lead the diocese while the 'Vacancy in See' process plays out until such times as a new diocesan bishop is appointed.

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### PARISH MEETINGS FROM JUNE 2021

The Parish Council will resume face to face meetings from June 2021. Our meetings take place on the second Monday of each month at 7pm and the agenda will be posted a few days beforehand on the noticeboard in the bus shelter opposite The Chaser and on the Parish website. If you have anything that you would like to raise or would like to join the meeting, please email the Parish Clerk [shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com). Please visit our website [www.shipbourne.com](http://www.shipbourne.com) for further details and for the 2021 meeting schedule.

### SHED BREAK-INS

There has been a spate of shed burglaries within the Tonbridge and Malling District recently. Please take extra precautions to secure sheds and any other out-building and to stay vigilant. Please report any suspicious activity to Kent Police <https://www.kent.police.uk/> or via 101 for non-emergencies.

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### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There are new guidelines on responding to planning applications. The Parish Council now has 21 days to respond to applications which means that the deadline for some applications may fall between Parish meetings. You can view planning applications and decisions for Shipbourne via the TMBC website: <https://publicaccess2.tmbc.gov.uk/online-applications/>

If you would have wished to have commented on an application at a Parish meeting or would like to discuss any applications with the Parish Council please contact the Clerk as soon as possible after viewing the application.

### **NOTICE OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN**

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council has published the Pre-Submission version of its Local Plan, which sets out proposed planning policies for development in the borough up to 2038.

It can be viewed, together with its Sustainability Appraisal, Statement of Representations Procedure, and other supporting documents, on the Council's website at <https://tunbridgewells.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan>

It is also available for public inspection, by prior appointment only (by phoning 01892 554056), at Tunbridge Wells Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, TN1 2AB. The Gateway is open from 9am-5pm (Monday to Friday).

There is a ten-week period during which time representations may be made. Only representations made in writing using the standard representation form (including electronically) and received within this period, which runs **from 9.00am on 26 March to 5.00pm on 4 June 2021**, will be considered.

Representations can be submitted as follows:

- Online at <https://consult.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/kse/>
- Watch a video showing you how to make representations online by clicking [here](#)
- By e-mail to [localplan@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@tunbridgewells.gov.uk) (a downloadable form is available)
- By post to Planning Policy, Planning Services, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS

Further details are available on the Local Plan pages of the Council's website, as above. If you have any queries or are seeking assistance, please email [localplan@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@tunbridgewells.gov.uk) or telephone 01892 554056.

### **PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS**

There are 3 defibrillators in the village: one on the rear wall of The Chaser Inn, one on the side wall of Shipbourne Village Hall and one in The Kentish Rifleman. The one at The Chaser is in a locked cabinet and the code will be released on calling 999. Once Covid restrictions are lifted we will start planning another training session. The defibrillators are checked regularly, at least once a month by The Parish Clerk and Community First Responders and the battery and pads changed on their expiry dates. It is important to note that there are still shocks left in the defibrillators when the battery is running low.

Defibrillation involves the use of an AED, which shocks the casualty with the aim of restoring their normal heart rhythm, allowing oxygen to flow through their body again. AEDs are available in some public places, such as train stations and shopping centres, and some workplaces.

An AED is designed to be easy to use, including by untrained people. The AED issues clear voice instructions and will assess the casualty's heart rhythm to see if they should be shocked. An AED will not shock someone who does not need it, and cannot cause harm. As it's impossible to tell if a casualty's heart condition is shockable or non-shockable, an AED should always be used when someone has suffered cardiac arrest. Some AEDs work completely automatically, others may require a person to press a button to issue a shock.

*If someone does not need a shock, or if their condition is non-shockable, then the AED will not shock them.*

### **CLIMATE CHANGE**

Shipbourne Parish Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and are working towards net Zero by 2030. The Parish Council will shortly be putting together an audit and strategy for how we will achieve net zero. If there are any members of the community that are interested in becoming involved, please email the Parish Clerk on [shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com)



Every Thursday 9-11am

## MAY AT SHIPBOURNE FARMERS' MARKET

Although we were hoping to open the market in April, we found there were still too many Covid related regulations which held us back, so we decided to continue the on-line market for yet another month and wait to see what happens in the way of loosening up restrictions.. Hopefully with vaccinations playing a major role in helping us all live in safety, we shall try again after the May deadline. Following our survey of shoppers using the On-line market it also became apparent that most of you thought April was still too early to open. However, even when we return back to the market, we believe there are benefits to keep a version of the on-line system running.

After a very chilly April, spring is now really with us. Longer days and the warmer spring sunshine engender a sense of anticipation as May progresses. We can finally say goodbye to the long, long winter made worse by Lockdown. Once we see **asparagus at the market** we know we are on our way. However, a cool March and a really cold early April has kept the spears waiting in the ground, but they will be pushing through the earth now ready for harvesting. Asparagus is at its best when picked and cooked within hours, easily achievable when bought locally at the market. Make the most of the delicate **flavour** by serving them simply steamed with melted butter or hollandaise, or toss with crumbled local **goat's cheese**, some toasted pine nuts and a simple olive oil and lemon vinaigrette. As the season progresses use them in risottos, tarts, salads and soups.

Wild **sea trout** is one of the season's great treats – smaller fish make a lovely meal for one. Lemon sole, cod, halibut and sea bass are all good at this time of year.

This year eating out in the open will be the best way to socialise with friends so get the BBQ cleaned and ready to go. Now is the time

to splash out on steaks, chops and fillets and use them simply cooked – grilled, stir fried or griddle cooked for lighter meals. We also have a fantastic variety of sausages (from traditional, mixes, venison, even Cypriot) plus chicken breasts and wings, koftas and shish kebab). Local reared beef and pork will be at their most succulent as the grazing starts to green up.

Alongside asparagus other spring vegetables are also starting to appear after the cold of the winter. Look out for are tender little early English **new potatoes**. **Micro leaves** have been with us for over a month but now larger leaves are making an appearance such as **spinach, watercress, rocket** and **lettuces**. This year's main vegetable crop of purple sprouting broccoli, spring cabbage, cauliflower, spring greens, spring onions and radishes is producing well. The coming of **radishes and spring onions** mean that lighter eating is now an easy choice for the cook.

The wealth of summer berries is still ahead of us but you can make the most of green **outdoor rhubarb** this month in lighter dishes such as homemade ice creams and fools. Or try making your own rhubarb jams and chutneys – the tart flavour of the fruit makes a lovely preserve to spread on scones, fill sponge cakes and enjoy simply on buttered toast, particularly if you add ginger as a flavouring.

By the end of the month the earliest **gooseberries** should be available, ready to pair up with their perfect partner – delicate fragrant elderflowers. Just add a head or two of creamy white flowers to the gooseberries for a few minutes as they cook then lift out and discard. The distinctive flavour will remain for crumbles, cakes, fools or creamy desserts such as crème brûlées and panna cotta.

For more information about the market and to shop at the on line market go to [www.shipbourne.co.uk](http://www.shipbourne.co.uk)

## COOKERY CORNER

### GOOSEBERRY AND ELDERFLOWER CRUMBLE

Wonderful seasonal ingredients that work in perfect harmony cooked to enhance their flavour with no fuss. Serve with really good vanilla ice cream, hot or cold, and there really is no better way to round off a May meal. Pick the elderflowers on a dry day away from roadsides while the flowers are just coming out and creamy white. Shake out the sprigs to get rid of any bugs then rinse under cold water and lay on kitchen paper to dry.

*Serves 4/Prepare 10 minutes/Cook 30 minutes*

- 500g fresh gooseberries, topped and tailed
- 3 -4 sprigs elderflowers
- 150g caster sugar
- 125g plain flour
- 85g butter, cubed
- 50g ground almonds
- 25g flaked almonds to finish

1 Preheat the oven to 190C/fan oven170C/ Gas mark 5. Arrange the gooseberries in a 1.5 litre shallow ovenproof dish. Sprinkle with half the sugar.

2 Sift the flour into a mixing bowl and rub in the butter until the mixture looks like coarse breadcrumbs. (\*) Stir in the remaining sugar and ground almonds. Scatter over the fruit and top with the flaked almonds.

3 Cook in the oven for 40 – 45 minutes until the top is golden and the fruit tender. Serve warm or chilled with ice cream, custard or pouring cream.

*(\*) We even have a 2 crumble mixes available at the Market see Roughway Farm On- line)*

## THE WEATHER IN MARCH

The average day temp. was 15.1<sup>0</sup>c, the average night temp. was 3<sup>0</sup>c, the highest day was Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> with 25.5<sup>0</sup>c, the lowest night was Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> with -5.5<sup>0</sup>c, the total rainfall was 55mm, and the average over the last 30 years was 55.73mm, the highest month was March 2001 with 130.5mm and the lowest month was March 1997 with 17mm.

**Lionel Stielow**

### JUNE NEWSLETTER

Following the next planned easing of Covid restrictions on 17 May 2021, the June newsletter will return to printed format. Please send any articles and adverts for the June newsletter by **17 May 2021** to [lindsay\\_miles@btinternet.com](mailto:lindsay_miles@btinternet.com) or call 01732 810439.

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## **FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT**

Nearly eight years ago, one of my very first visits as a politician was to visit flooded homes in Tonbridge and Hildenborough. They had been devastated by the flooding at Christmas 2013 and into the New Year of 2014. Since then I've been determined to do all I can to help ensure all our communities are as resilient as possible to the threat which our rivers and streams pose.

However, the biggest scheme which will help everyone is the enlargement of the Leigh Flood Storage Area. Not only does this protect thousands of homes in Tonbridge, but it also ensures a reduction in water coming downstream from Leigh, allowing all tributaries such as the River Bourne and Hilden Brook to flow quicker into the Medway.

Here in Shipbourne we are lucky that our location means that, unlike others, we don't have a major river running through the village to increase flood risk. But we all know when we have heavy rainfall that we need our water to clear quickly. That means having rivers, streams and drains clear and any increase in capacity on the River Medway helps us achieve this.

At the time of writing I am preparing to speak at the public inquiry into the enlargement of the Leigh Flood Storage Area. This is an essential scheme and one that I will be supporting. However, we must make sure there are no consequences for those living further upstream.

I'm concerned that the Environment Agency's modelling causes further issues for Hildenborough, Leigh and Penshurst in particular. I'll be asking the Inspector to make sure the expansion goes ahead with suitable mitigation measures to address these concerns.

We urgently need the enlargement of the Flood Storage Area to better protect our communities. We've waited nearly 8 years for this moment. I'm keen this is accepted as part of the proposals, but that all upstream issues are resolved too. It is a once in a generation opportunity to best defend ourselves from flooding which all too often has had a devastating impact on the community.

***Tom Tugendhat***  
***Member of Parliament for Tonbridge and Malling***

## **FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

This month I write this column for the last time in this electoral cycle. The Kent County Council and Police and Crime Commissioner elections are being held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

The circumstances of this election are the most peculiar in all my local government experience. As a result of the restrictions brought in to control the Covid19 pandemic, almost no 'normal' election campaigning has been possible and there have also been unforeseen interruptions to all County Councillor candidate election preparations. For this reason, I tabulate below the formal details of candidates standing, as many residents with whom I have been in contact have not been aware of the extent of the elections, or received details of the candidates standing locally.

For the KCC elections the Malling West Electoral Division Candidates are:

- Kathleen Maria Garlick, resident of West Malling, Labour Party
- Helen Hobhouse, resident of Hildenborough, Liberal Democrat
- Richard Paul Mountford, resident of Tonbridge & Malling, Green Party
- Harry Rayner, resident of Wrotham, The Conservative Party Candidate

The Malling West Electoral Division includes the civil parishes of Borough Green, Hildenborough, Ightham, Plaxtol, St Mary's Platt, Stanstead and Fairseat, Shipbourne and Wrotham.

In most recent General Elections, the turnout in the Tonbridge and Malling Constituency is about 72-77% of the electorate. For most local government elections electoral turnout is around 33-36% of the electorate. As I write this, I am reminded that universal suffrage is a relatively recent phenomenon. In the lifetime of my mother many women were unable to vote, as they were disenfranchised. Our forefathers fought for the right to vote and I encourage you to do so. Many more electors will have chosen to vote by post or by proxy at the forthcoming elections and again I encourage you to do so, by whatever means is available to you.

When I first entered representative local government, now more than 35 years ago, more than half of the money spent by local councils came from some form of central government grant or allocation. These days in excess of 70% of the KCC budget is raised from Council Tax. I encourage you to vote to ensure that as many electors as possible vote for the candidate of their choice, because they are being elected to represent you. Their decisions are spending your Council Tax. Have your say.

As I mentioned in opening there will be more than one ballot paper on 6<sup>th</sup> May. The Police and Crime Commissioner elections, which were postponed from last year as a result of the pandemic, are being held contemporaneously with KCC elections.

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**CLEANER AVAILABLE** in the Shipbourne area. References from families I have cleaned for available. Please call 07593285320 or email [pearcecooper88@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pearcecooper88@yahoo.co.uk) (11/20)

**MARVELLOUS MEN BUILDING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:** We do all types of building work and construction and refurbishment kitchens, bathrooms, extensions, loft conversions, painting and decorating, plumbing, electrics to garden and landscape work and much more. Please don't hesitate to contact us on 07887 511411 or 07478 739947

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**IF YOU NEED HELP** with personal household costs or club activity details, I can help to organise your data in easy-to-understand spreadsheets to ease your workload and improve your presentation - charged @ £10/hr. Please contact Nick on 07784 231127 to discuss your requirements. (10/19)

**WEALD PRE-SCHOOL** local pre-school, established for over 50 years, offering a caring, safe and stimulating environment for children to develop friendships and have fun! Experienced and caring staff, spacious hall and garden, safe drop-off area. Open every weekday during term time for children aged 2-5 years old in St Georges Church Hall, Church Road, Weald. Breakfast club available from 7.30am. [www.wealdpreschool.co.uk](http://www.wealdpreschool.co.uk). Contact us on 07453 016132/ 01732 450272 (church hall) [weald\\_preschool@hotmail.com](mailto:weald_preschool@hotmail.com)

**GARDENING SERVICES:** Hadlow College and National Trust trained. Regular or one off jobs available. Please call Peter Zoephel on 01892 836866 or 07845 174936 (10/19)

**DOG WALKING FOR BUSY PEOPLE.** I'm a local dog owner and have worked at a kennels/ homing centre and am happy to offer dog walking 7 days a week on a regular or occasional basis. Reliable and responsible with references for reassurance. Looking forward to meeting your 4 legged friend. Call Laura 07922077552

**DOG WALKER.** I am a nineteen year old university student back for the holidays offering dog walking services. Whether you need your dog walked or looked after during the day, I'd be happy to help. Philippa 07752 304272 **UNLOCK MY PAST:** Local Photo, Negative & Slide Scanning, Cine, Video & Audio Transfer Services. We also author slide shows, assist with compiling celebratory photo books, family history services and other related bespoke work. Please view our website [www.unlockmypast.com](http://www.unlockmypast.com) for details or contact us on 0333 011 8514 (local rate call). (05/19)

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**CHIROPODIST/PODIATRIST** Alice Neale BScHons MChS, HCPC registered. Effective and caring foot care provided at my clinic in Hildenborough or home visits by arrangement. Established 10 years +. Please call 01732 832524

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**SALLY OSBORNE – ELECTRICIAN:** NAPIT Part P approved. All domestic electrical work undertaken. To arrange a free quote please contact me on 07710 443079 or email [salvioz@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:salvioz@blueyonder.co.uk) (03/17)

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