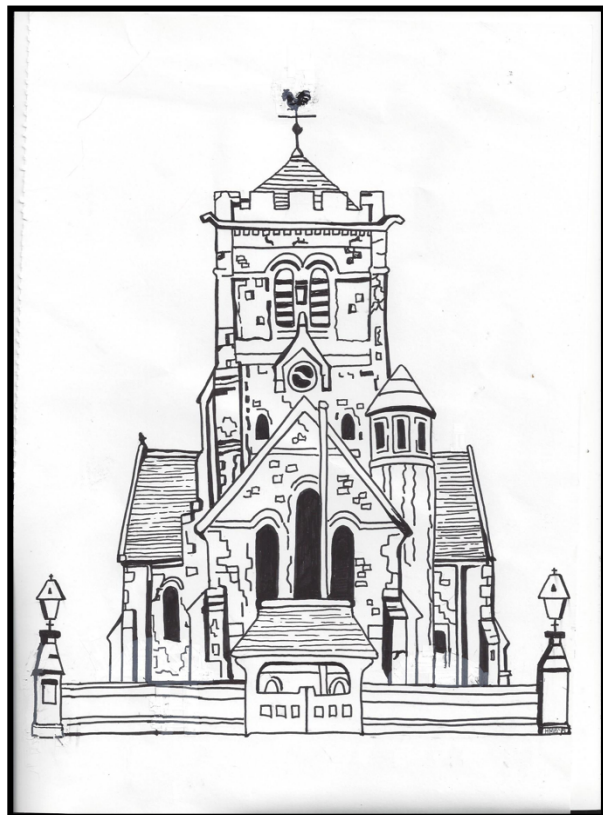


St Giles and Shipbourne NEWSLETTER



February 2022

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PARISH DIARY – FEBRUARY 2022

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/>

Thursday	3 rd	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY 4 th Sunday before Lent	6 th	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:	Isaiah 6: 1-8 [9-end]; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11
Thursday	10 th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne -
SUNDAY 3 rd Sunday before Lent Septuagesima	13 th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Matins at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Luke 6: 17-26
Thursday	17 th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY 2 nd Sunday before Lent Sexagesima	20 th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Community@11 at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-end; Revelatoin 4; Luke 8: 22-25
Thursday	24 th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
Saturday	26 th	9.30-11.30am	Community Bread Basket at Plaxtol Church
SUNDAY Before Lent Quinquagesima	27 th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Exodus 34: 29-end; 2 Corinthians 3: 12-4.2; Luke 9: 28-36

(St Giles readers and readings to be arranged)

Note from the Rector:

We are pleased to be back to a full programme of services in church on Sundays. These gatherings remain subject to Government restrictions and the Church of England's "Recovery Group" guidelines. Any events that we have planned in anticipation of new freedoms remain provisional.

**SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
 COVID-19 HELPLINE**

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Community Bread Basket



9:30 - 11:30 on Saturday 26th February
 In Plaxtol Parish Church
Café style Breakfast

All welcome

United Benefice of Shipbourne with Plaxtol
 Collections for Chatham Foodbank
Boxes will be placed in both our churches over the fourth weekend of each month for donations of food and toiletries, to coincide with our Community Bread Basket event.

Next CBB date: Saturday 26th March 2022

PASTORAL LETTER

GROWTH – SILENT AND INTENTIONAL

The weather throughout the autumn and thus far this winter has been unusually wet and unusually warm. Close inspection of our gardens shows us that growth has not simply stops but goes on silently, ready to surprise us. Our magnolia tree could bloom at any time, and there are many bulbs on the way too. I've also seen early blossom in one or two places. We're clearly not in control of this sort of growth, but the whole world of horticulture is the realm in which growth is made to be the outcome, whether through lighting, heating, fertilising or pruning. This sort of growth is intentional, and to a limited extent we can indeed exert control.



Growth is a really important theme for the Church at this time. It is a lead concern in the Diocesan of Rochester and every parish needs to be working out a 'Plan for Growth' to help us prioritise our attention and effort for intentional growth. This is not just about 'bums on pews' – but about growth in every aspect of the way we practice our faith. Do you wish you understood the bible better? Do you wish you felt more comfortable about prayer, whether private or public, whether intercessory (prayer for others) or contemplative (being still with God)? Do you wish the church did more or better of this or that?

Lent is a particular season in which these intentions are given a little more room in our life together, as part of our preparations for Holy Weeks and Easter. In the coming weeks we will be putting together plans for small groups which characterise this effort, and we hope to offer of range of different opportunities at different times of the day, and on different days of the week... but all as opportunities for growth. Ash Wednesday mark the beginning of Lent and this year falls on 2nd March. Our groups normally begin the following week, so the next edition of this should be the place to see the details of what's on offer and give you time to register an interest. Do, please, think about what would help you to grow and bear fruit (or flowers!) in the spiritual sense, and what would help our churches to grow in the length, breadth and depth of living out the love of God in our communities.

Peter Hayler, Rector
RectorSwP@gmail.com

FOODBANK COLLECTIONS FOR ALL SAINTS' COMMUNITY PROJECT, CHATHAM

Due to lockdown restrictions it has been difficult to support our link church All Saints', Chatham with food products. However, we are now able to resume our support and, now more than ever, our help is needed.

The All Saints' Community Project helps individuals and families who have an urgent need for food. They also have ongoing projects, groups and a café through which they support people. For more information on the project please visit their website: www.allsaintscommunityproject.org.uk

Here's how we can help:

- Each month: with Community Bread Basket (CBB), we will have boxes out in both Shipbourne and Plaxtol Churches for the collection of food items.
- The money raised by the sale of books at CBB will go into a fund that provides a free hot breakfast to those who otherwise couldn't afford it.

Thank you for your help

Donna Hayler

PLAXTOL PLAYERS

Next production: 22/23 April 2022

Further details to follow



THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE JUNE 2022

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS AND IDEAS!

Shipbourne will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee during the bank holiday weekend of Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5 June 2022

Further details will follow but right now we need volunteers for the organising committee, to cover all age demographics in the village. Please put your hand up to help!

*Please contact Viv Packer 07768 397936 /
viv.packer@outlook.com or Lindsay Miles 07932 746002
lindsay_miles@btinternet.com to become involved.*

Thank you!

SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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MEETINGS

The Parish Council are now meeting face to face. Our meetings take place on the second Monday of each month (except August) 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. Please visit our website www.shipbourne.com for further details.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Shipbourne Parish Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and are working towards net Zero by 2030. The Parish Council are putting together an audit and have found that our carbon footprint is low. Milage for Parish business is minimal as most Councillors walk to the meetings or only travel a short distance. Many external meeting and training sessions are now held virtually which had reduced the milage considerably. We only meet 11 times a year so use a minimal amount of electricity in the village hall. Councillors have been encouraged to view meeting papers online so we have also reduced the amount of paper and printing ink that we use. If you want to work out your carbon footprint, there are many resources online.

If you would like to become a Climate Change Champion and help lead change in the community, please contact the Parish Clerk at shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com

THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

Please see below extracts from a newsletter sent to Parishes from the Lord Lieutenants Office. Shipbourne Parish Council will be supporting this initiative by making a small amount of funding available to individuals who wish to take part in this initiative. Please email the Parish Clerk for details.

www.queensgreencanopy.org

On Sunday 6 February 2022 we will see the seventieth anniversary of The Queen's Accession, marking the first Platinum Jubilee in the long history of British Monarchs. Although the Platinum Jubilee year begins in February 2022, many of the celebrations will take place around the special Bank Holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June.

To mark this momentous occasion, there will be a unique tree planting campaign across the UK which will be known as The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC). It has been created to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. It will be an opportunity to thank Her Majesty for her exceptional service and promote the importance of trees to the environment, through the encouragement of tree planting and tree preservation across the nation.

How to get involved:

With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC will encourage the planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations. As well as inviting the planting of new trees, the QGC will dedicate a network of 70 Ancient Woodlands across the United Kingdom and identify 70 Ancient Trees to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.

The planting of new trees across the UK may take the form of:

- Individuals planting trees on their private land
- Corporates and Businesses planting trees on their land and creating tree planting projects with employees
- Platinum Jubilee Community Planting projects for youth groups, Parishes, Residents' Associations
- A Platinum Jubilee Avenue of medium-sized or large trees ideal for cities, large estates, new housing developments and parishes
- A Platinum Jubilee Copse on private land or land allocated by the County Council or Borough/District Council
- A Platinum School Tree on school grounds involving students and teachers

Individuals:

Everyone can get involved in the 'Planting a Tree for the Platinum Jubilee'. Whether you are a seasoned gardener or complete novice the QGC team will be able to guide people through the process of planting trees so that survive and flourish. People can plant a tree in their own garden and the QGC recommend that trees are ordered from a certified Plant Healthy nursery in the local area.

As part of the QGC, their Partner, The Woodland Trust will be giving away 3 million saplings free of charge to community groups on a first come-first served basis. Information on how to apply for these free saplings will be available through the Woodland Trust website from June 2021 <https://shop.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees>

Tree planting season - October to March

The QGC will encourage everyone to learn more about the best way to plant trees so that they survive and flourish for years to come. Trees and hedgerows must be planted with care, at the right time of year, in the right place and with species that are not prone to prevailing tree diseases. The QGC initiative will encourage planting during the official planting season, October to March, to optimise the chance of trees surviving and flourishing. People are encouraged to use this summer to plan their Jubilee tree planting projects and be ready for October.

Clear instructions on how and when to plant trees can be found on their website along with steps to put in place to ensure the trees remain protected and flourish

<https://queensgreencanopy.org/get-involved/plant/>
<https://queensgreencanopy.org/get-involved/protect/>

The Queen's Green Canopy Map:

From October, all planting projects can be uploaded onto an interactive map on the new QGC website so that everyone can share and inspire others, as well as creating a green canopy of projects to cover the country. The map is embedded within the QGC website <https://queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/>

BIODIVERSITY AT DUNKS GREEN

The Parish Council has been discussing the grass cutting schedule at Dunks Green and are seeking opinions on whether to have less cuts to help with biodiversity.

Cutting longer grass and collecting it at the same time will help to create the right conditions for wild flowers to flourish. This will create a greater overall diversity of plant species, which in turn will provide a wider range of habitat and food source for bees, butterflies and other insects.

Please email the Parish Clerk at shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com with your opinion on how this area should be managed.



TONBRIDGE AND MALLING RAMBLERS

Our friendly group is one of 13 Ramblers groups in Kent and part of the national Ramblers walking organisation. On our Sunday morning and mid-week morning walks we explore the beautiful countryside within Tonbridge & Malling and surrounding areas. Our group walks are mostly circular with a moderate pace over 5-6 miles. You don't have to be a Ramblers member to try out a couple of walks.

Advance booking is not required; you can just turn up on the day. However, if you are new to our walks, it's a good idea to contact the walk leader beforehand to check that their walk will suit you.

More details at: www.tonbridgeandmallingramblers.org.uk.

Sunday 6 February	A leisurely loop around Sevenoaks Weald using fields and tracks, and a section of the Greensand Way. Hills and stiles included with the lovely views.	4 miles
Wednesday 9 February	A moderate circular walk to the edge of Trottscliffe village, then through fields and woodland to Ryarsh, before heading back to Trosley Country Park. Splendid views on a clear day. Steep slopes at the start and end of the walk.	6.5 miles
Wednesday 16 February	A moderate circular walk along flat paths, passing Hartlake Bridge, along the Medway to East Lock and back to Tudeley Hale.	4.5 miles
Sunday 20 February	A moderate circular walk from Otford up and along the Darent valley. Be prepared for mud and bring walking poles if you need them.	5 miles
Wednesday 23 February	Leisurely circular walk from Matfield to Brenchley through orchards, pasture and woodland.	4.5 miles
Sunday 27 February	A moderate circular walk to discover the new permissive footpaths between the North Pole and Barming.	5.5 miles

**** Please note that some of the footpaths in Shipbourne and towards Ightham Mote are very wet and muddy at this time of the year.*

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Dunks Green Road, Hamptons Road and School Lane, Shipbourne and Roughway Lane, Roughway - 17th January 2022 (Tonbridge and Malling District)

Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on the below roads as per the following schedule.

School Lane, Plaxtol and Shipbourne will be closed from 17th January 2022 to 20th January 2022. The road will be closed south of the entrance to Plaxtol Primary School to Hamptons Road. The alternative route for any through traffic is via The Street, Long Mill Lane, Dunks Green Road, Hamptons Road and vice versa.

Hamptons Road, Shipbourne will be closed from 1st February 2022 to 13th February 2022. The road will be closed between School Lane and Dunks Green Road. The alternative route for any through traffic is via School Lane, The Street, Long Mill Lane, Dunks Green Road and vice versa.

Dunks Green Road, Shipbourne will be closed from 21st February 2022 to 8th March 2022. The road will be closed in the vicinity of Silver Hill Cottages. The alternative route for any through traffic is via Hamptons Road, School Lane, The Street, Long Mill Lane and vice versa.

Roughway Lane, Roughway will be closed from 16th March 2022 to 18th March 2022. The road will be closed in the vicinity of Woodbine House. The alternative route for any through traffic is via The Hurst, Long Mill Lane and vice versa.

These roads will not be closed at the same time at any point.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while Openreach install a new fibre broadband service.

For information regarding this closure please contact Openreach on 0800 023 2023, who will be able to assist with the scope of these works.

This bulletin contains public information and can be forwarded to any other road users who may be affected. Every care is taken to ensure the accuracy of the information, but no liability can be accepted for any changes or errors.

Road names are taken from the National Street Gazetteer, which can be viewed on one.network, with alternative names given where known.

For details of roadworks, please see one.network

THE WEATHER IN DECEMBER

The average day temp. was 11.1^oc, the average night temp. was 5.5^oc, the highest day was Friday 31st with 15^oc, the lowest night was Tuesday 21st with - 4.5^oc, the total rainfall was 98mm, with an average over the last 30 years of 86.46mm, the highest month was December 2013 with 163mm and the lowest month was December 2016 with 12mm. Happy new year.

Lionel Stielow



Shipbourne Village Hall Registered Charity No 1074519

The Hall can be hired for £15 per hour with a minimum of 4 hours (£60.00).

It has an attractive secure garden with a good gate that can be closed. Inside there is wheelchair access through the rear door, a well-appointed kitchen, the main hall and an adjoining side room plus all usual facilities.

For Village Hall **enquiries and bookings** please call 01732 811144 or 07762 241720 or email shipbourne.villagehall@gmail.com

Further details can be found on the Shipbourne website
www.shipbourne.com

FEBRUARY IN SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

Wednesday	2nd	09:30-10:30	Hatha Yoga
Wednesday	2nd	11:00-12:00	Pilates
Wednesday	2nd	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	3rd	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Saturday	5th	12:00-17:00	Private Hire
Tuesday	8th	11:00-13:00	Scent Training Class
Wednesday	9th	09:30-10:30	Hatha Yoga
Wednesday	9th	11:00-12:00	Pilates
Wednesday	9th	14:00-16:00	Shipbourne WI
Wednesday	9th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	10th	10:30-12:30	Scent Training Class
Thursday	10th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Monday	14th	19:00-21:00	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	15th	11:00-13:00	Scent Training Class
Wednesday	16th	11:00-12:00	Pilates
Wednesday	16th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	17th	10:30-12:30	Scent Training Class
Thursday	17th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Wednesday	23rd	09:30-10:30	Hatha Yoga
Wednesday	23rd	11:00-12:00	Pilates
Wednesday	23rd	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	24th	10:30-12:30	Scent Training Class
Thursday	24th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Saturday	26th	14:00-18:00	Private Hire

If anyone is interested in joining the Pilates or Yoga classes, please contact:

- Pilates: Emma Foyle at emma.foyle@sky.com / 07967 645695
- Yoga: Alison French at fitalison1@googlemail.com / 07966 257027
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Please see separate advertisement for general hall hire enquiries

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January has been a time to reflect as to how well the market has fared. Our main measure for the analysis is 'footfall', collected every week by Ken (who does much more than just help you across the road !!). Since we ended our 'Online/Drive-Thru' system in May we have consistently been 20-25% down on equivalent 2019 months. However, our December numbers were considerably better and down only 5% on 2019.

We had two visits from Shipbourne School in January. Every year, since the start of the 'Big Breakfast' promotion, held many years ago to promote the importance of eating a good breakfast, we have sponsored the event. On the 20th January a group of children come to the market to decide what they would like for breakfast. Then they created a menu and determined overall food requirements. On the 27th they came to the market, purchased their food and then took it round to the Chaser where they 'helped' the chefs prepare their breakfast, and of course, ate it!

Did you spot yourselves on TV? If you missed our TV appearance you can find it again on BBC i-Player

This programme will be available shortly after broadcast

Shipbourne Farmers' Market

Series 6 Episode 14 of 20

Shipbourne Farmers' Market in Kent is a vital shop window for self-taught local farmers Carla and Robin, who use the milk from the family dairy herd to produce their own cheese. Since starting 15 years ago, they have become completely carbon neutral and have also picked up lots of awards for their cheese. Today at the market, Carla is looking to make plenty of sales. Meanwhile, Kent fruit farmer Tom helps run the family business and is keen to carry on his grandfather's work promoting the home-grown Kent cobnut. As a local, Shipbourne Farmers' Market holds a lot of childhood memories for him. However, today he is hoping for a windfall of fruit sales and that customers will be interested in bagging some of his new cobnut granola.

20 January 2022

43 minutes

Though it may not seem like it, the days are actually starting to lengthen! Which means the growing season can't be far away. February is a month for some serious comfort eating.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE AT THE MARKET?

FISH: Lemon sole, halibut, skate and turbot are all good at this time of year and scallops come in at the end of the month .

MEAT: For meat eaters, game is an excellent choice for seasonal healthy eating – it is lean and full of flavour so cook it simply on the griddle or quickly stir-fried, venison, guinea fowl, wood pigeon, partridge are all good in February. However serious comfort eaters should try slow cooked mutton for its rich flavour or pork. It's an old fashioned taste that we can all appreciate over its blander modern mass produced cousins!

VEGETABLES: Serve your meat with cabbages and brassicas that are around now.. Savoy cabbage, red cabbage, cauliflower, sprouts and purple sprouting broccoli. All work perfectly in stir fries and curries or serve them simply shredded and steamed tossed with a little seasoning and a dash of our cold pressed rapeseed oil. Main crop potatoes, Jerusalem artichokes, parsnips and turnips provide the starch that keeps us going in the cold so mash them together to go with your dishes.

FRUIT& NUTS: There are still apples to be enjoyed – the storing varieties keep well until April. The flavour is still sweet and fragrant for many crops. Walnuts and Cobnuts are plentiful and an excellent health supplement

MILK:- Don't forget Carla now has both pasteurised and unpasteurised milk straight from the dairy.

Don't forget pancakes for Shrove Tuesday!

WE ARE HIRING!

Shipbourne Farmers' Market are looking for someone who can manage the signage boards for the market, putting them up at various locations on Wednesdays and collecting them after the market has finished on Thursdays. Approx 3 hours of work per week. Car essential. **This is a paid position of £40 per week.**

If interested, please contact David Porter on 07940 825428/davidporter30@hotmail.com or Bob Taylor on 07768 643614/bob@kfma.org.uk

COOKERY CORNER

BRAISED CABBAGE WITH GARLIC AND MACE

Try this simple cabbage dish with game dishes, Sunday roast, bangers and mash or a chicken casserole.

- Rapeseed Oil
- Butter
- 2 garlic cloves
- Savoy (or red cabbage) cabbage

Melt a slug of local cold pressed rapeseed oil with a large knob of butter in a flameproof casserole until foaming.

Add two finely chopped garlic cloves and cook for half a minute until pale golden but don't let it burn or the flavour will be bitter.

Add a finely shredded Savoy (or red) cabbage and plenty of seasoning.

Stir to coat in the oil then cover the pan tightly and cook over a very low heat for about 10 minutes until the cabbage is really tender. Season with ground mace (the outside 'bark' from a nutmeg – use nutmeg instead) and serve.

Perfect match to any game dish or casserole

With thanks to Mary Gwynne for the recipe



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SHIPBOURNE WI

The first meeting of the New Year was so well attended with enthusiastic members that we finally felt things had moved on from the pandemic. It was particularly pleasing to see friends who for one reason or another had been unable to attend on previous occasions. We had a stimulating talk from Brian Nobbs on the birds and geology of Iceland. The talk was beautifully illustrated with photographs which Brian had taken. As a result there were several members who were inspired to consider Iceland as a holiday venue as travel opportunities increase.

A walk has been planned for Haysden Park; we shall be using the paths in the hope of avoiding a mud-bath!

Over the Christmas period we have been reading *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn. A novel based on Bletchley Park, we shall be discussing it at our next Book Club meeting on 17th January.

A small group of members will be trying out their painting skills at Potterati, in Plaxtol on 19th January.

Our next Committee Meeting is on 2nd February, the time yet to be arranged, and our main meeting will be on 9th February, at 2.00 pm in Shipbourne Village Hall. We are looking forward to meeting Sarah Fenn who is going to speak to us about her work with Riding with the Disabled.

Glynis Coates

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Please send any articles and adverts for the March newsletter by **15th February 2022.**

A digital version is also always uploaded on www.shipbourne.com.

Please email articles to lindsay_miles@btinternet.com or call 01732 810439.

FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. This Christmas has been difficult for many. The challenges we've all got used to in recent years seem to be more constant, but at least this year was a step closer to normality. Families and friends have been able to reconnect and spend time together. That has been a blessing for me, and I hope for you too.

As we look forward to New Year, I am hoping that the path out is now clear. I know nothing can be certain but the amazing response of our medical teams, scientists has given me more hope than I have had for a long time.

While this is great news, and the evidence that Omicron is not as severe as the Delta variant is encouraging, we must remain cautious as the pandemic is not over. We must continue to take steps to keep one another protected and to make sure that the NHS does not get overwhelmed.

One way to do this is to make sure that you are fully vaccinated if you can. We have a wonderful team in our local area that are eager to help protect us. Anyone over the age of 18 and who has received their second dose of the vaccine at least three months ago is able to get a booster and many younger people can get their first dose now. Any child aged over the age of 12 is able to get both doses of the vaccine. It is important that schools remain open and a safe place for our children to learn and by getting the vaccine is just one way to do this.

By looking out for one another we are able to continue doing the things we enjoy and seeing the people we love. I hope everybody has a very Happy New Year and remains safe over the coming months as we all learn to live with Coronavirus.

Tom Tugendhat

Member of Parliament for Tonbridge and Malling

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