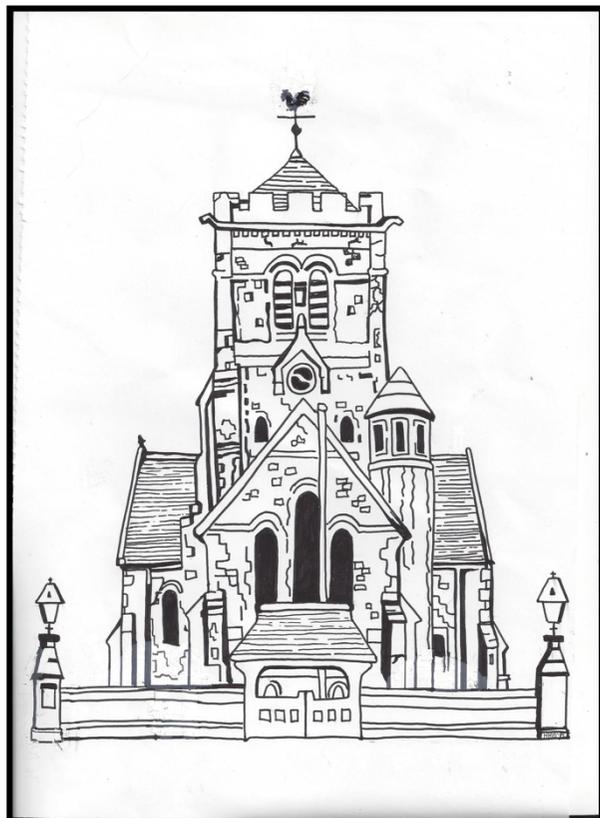


St Giles and Shipbourne NEWSLETTER



July 2022

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PARISH DIARY – JULY 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	28th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY <i>2nd Sunday after Trinity</i>	31st	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Morning Worship at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Hosea 11: 1-11; Luke 12: 13-21
		6.00pm	Joint Choral Evensong at St Giles, Shipbourne

SUNDAY St Thomas	3rd	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:	Habakkuk 2: 1-4; Ephesians 2: 19-end; John 20: 24-29
Thursday	7th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY <i>4th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Matins at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am Readings	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church Amos 7: 7-end; Luke 10: 25-37
Thursday	14th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY <i>5th Sunday after Trinity</i>	17th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Community@11 at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Amos 8: 1-12; Colossians 1: 15-28; Luke 10: 38-end
Thursday	21st	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
Saturday	23rd	9.30-11.30am	Community Bread Basket Café at Plaxtol Church
SUNDAY <i>6th Sunday after Trinity</i>	24th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Genesis 18: 20-32; Colossians 2: 6-19; Luke 11: 1-13

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PASTORAL LETTER

PETERTIDE

The period around the end of June and the beginning of July is sometimes known as Petertide. The red letter day at the heart of this is 29th June, the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. In the Orthodox tradition this is known as Holy Apostles, and is preceded by a fast, much like Lent, if not for quite as long.



In many of the Dioceses of the Church of England, Petertide is the time for ordinations, when those who have offered, been accepted, and completed their training come before the bishop and the gathered church, in the cathedral, for prayer with the laying on of hands and anointing. The candidates who have been Mr, Mrs or Ms suddenly become Rev and start to wear their collars back-to-front! They embark on a new phase of life with a new identity and a new role within the church, the foundation of which is the public proclamation of the Gospel. Donna and I shall be in Newcastle Cathedral this Petertide for the ordination of our second son, Nathanael. Please pray for him. I will also be celebrating 30 years since I first started out ministry.

Here in the Diocese of Rochester, our ordinations usually take place at a different time of year, being Michaelmas, which falls at the end of September. This year the service has been brought forward to accommodate the arrival and enthronement of our new Bishop of Rochester. So, on Saturday 3rd September, at 11am, our Curate, Mark Packer, will be returning to the Cathedral to be ordained Priest. Having completed his foundational year as a Deacon, he will be entrusted with the full sacramental ministry of the church. The following day Mark will celebrate the Eucharist (bless the bread and wine at Communion) in both our churches, and we plan to have a celebration 'picnic-in-the-paddock' afterwards. Please pray for Mark and Susan as they approach this important transition.

By the end of July, the school year will have finished too. Please remember school leavers, particularly those finishing Year 6, as they prepare for an important transition to secondary education.

Peter Hayler
Rector

Community Bread Basket

9:30 - 11:30 on Saturday 23rd July 2022



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.

**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



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- . When the box is full it will be collected by Jenny Porter who will arrange for these stamps to be forwarded to the RNIB.

THE WEATHER IN MAY

The average day temp. was 24⁰c, the average night temp. was 7.0⁰c, the highest day was Tuesday 17th with 30.5⁰c, the lowest night temp. was Sunday 8th with 1.5⁰c, the total rainfall was 80.5mm, the average rainfall over the last 30 years was 62.26mm, with the highest year May 2000 with 136mm and the lowest year was May 2020 with 4.5mm.

Lionel Stielow

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Please send any articles and adverts for the August Newsletter by
15th July 2022.

A digital version of the Newsletter is also uploaded on
www.shipbourne.com.

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



THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE IN SHIPBOURNE

Shipbourne's celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee started with the special Jubilee Farmers' Market on *Thursday 2nd June*. The bells were rung to start the market and then Tonbridge Community Choir sang songs in the sunshine. Debra made a special Platinum Jubilee cake which was cut and shared between customers and stallholders and the market drew a record breaking 300+ customers which was amazing!

The sun stayed shining for the rest of the celebrations which took place later on at Shipbourne Cricket Ground. The BBQ was very popular with meat provided by Renhurst Farm and Kieron's Game and brioche bun supplied by Pierre at Halstead Bakery (all stallholders at the Farmers' Market) and the beer keg donated by The Chaser Inn had almost emptied by 6.30pm, necessitating an emergency beer run! Teas and coffees were served in the pavilion, crowns were decorated at the craft table and traditional games including tug of war and wellie wanging took place on the grass, in between the many picnic goers. The day drew to a close in magnificent style with Hamish the piper playing at the lighting of the spectacular Platinum Jubilee Beacon, kindly provided by The Fairlawne Estate and lit by Mr Swartz.

Friday 3rd June continued the celebrations with the Queen's Posy competition at St Giles, where locals were invited to bring along their home made posy which could be presented to Her Majesty on one of her many engagements. St Giles looked beautiful, with the posies displayed in the colour coordinated window sills. Congratulations to the winners. - Elizabeth Topiwala and Winnie Burke-Molloy. Huge thanks to Felicity Ward for organising such a wonderful initiative.

The bells of St Giles rang again for 30 minutes at 11.30am to coincide with the Service of Thanksgiving taking place at St Pauls in London.

Saturday 4th June involved Nick Tyler and Mary Perry walking around the village to judge the best decorated house for the Jubilee. So many houses had put such effort into their decorations and Nick and Mary had a difficult job deciding on the winning house. Highly commended houses included Amhurst Farm, 5 New Cottages, 4 Grange Cottages and Bear Manor Oast but the overall winner was 4 New Cottages – congratulations to Edward and Wendy!

Sunday 5th June was the final day of celebrations, starting with the Benefice Altogether "Open Air Service" on Shipbourne Green which was extremely well attended and included readings and details of all of the Queen's previous Jubilees. During the service, Mr Swartz of The Fairlawne Estate planted a red oak tree to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee and this was followed by refreshments and canapes in the Village Hall, kindly hosted by The Fairlawne Estate. Over 30 people then attended a street party and picnic outside the Village Hall to finish the celebratory weekend.

It is fair to say Shipbourne certainly celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in style! Many thanks to everyone who was involved with the planning of the events and to everyone who attended the events – a once in a lifetime celebration!



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Competition Winners

- Best Decorated House:** Wendy and Edward Hawkins at 4 New Cottages
- Best Decorated Crown:** Helen Martis
- Best Queen's Posy:** Elizabeth Topiwala (adult category)
Winnie Burke-Molloy (14 and under category)

SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The contact details for the Parish Council are:

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Please visit the website for Shipbourne Parish Council Meeting Agenda's, Minutes and News. (<http://www.shipbourne.com/>) If you have any ideas or would like something added, such as a news item, please email the Parish Clerk.

PARISH MEETINGS

The Parish Council meetings usually 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. For information on planning applications, in Shipbourne, you can sign up for an alert with TMBC. You can also access all details pertaining to planning: <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/planning-applications-appeals/planning-view-comment-planning-applications>

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

UKRANIAN REFUGEES

We currently have a number of host households from across the borough who are supporting refugees or are waiting for their arrival. These are the three organisations experienced in providing support for refugees and can give helpful information:

<https://www.tw-welcomesrefugees.org/>

<https://www.sevenoakswelcomesrefugees.org/ukraine-crisis>

<https://www.tonbridgewelcomesrefugees.co.uk/contact/>

Please contact us at shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com if you are hosting a family as we will endeavour to put people in contact with each other and share information about community events.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – JUNE – Please visit tmbc.gov.uk/planning for full details

TM/22/00546/FL - Hookwood Farm, Puttenden Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9QY. Change of use to incorporate land into the residential curtilage.

TM/22/00852/FL - Shipbourne House, Stumble Hill, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9PE. Renew front right hand gate to match existing. Remove existing front bolted on section of garage and renew to match existing and replace its feather edged roof with tiles. Repair defective pointing in numerous locations and renew some defective brickwork in places where faces have eroded.

TM/22/00614/LB - Great Budds House, Mote Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9QD. Conversion of the Granary to Let accommodation including externally insulating the structure, forming new internal partitions to separate the existing spaces, new rooflights an alterations/forming of new window and door openings.

TM/22/01206/FL & TM/22/01207/LB - Great Budds House, Mote Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9QD. Works to the existing barn to include new barn doors, windows and rooflights and formation of toilets within the exiting tool store.



TONBRIDGE AND MALLING RAMBLERS

Our friendly group is one of 13 Ramblers groups in Kent and part of the national Ramblers walking organisation. We explore the beautiful countryside of Tonbridge and Malling and surrounding areas.

You don't have to be a Ramblers member to try out a couple of walks with us, to help you decide if you'd like to join. Advance booking is not required; you can just turn up on the day. 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. Always check our website for latest details, including any late changes due to weather or other conditions.

Walks usually start mid-morning. There's a short break half-way through the walk (bring refreshments) and we finish near a pub.

For full details of our walks and walk leader contacts, see www.tonbridgeandmallingsramblers.org.uk or email info@tonbridgeandmallingsramblers.org.uk.

Sunday 10 July	Hawkhurst Hike: a circular walk including fields, woodland, orchards and farms, with stiles and hills but very little road walking. Moderate difficulty.	5.5 miles
Wednesday 13 July	Circular walk from Ightham Mote to Godden Green through grassland, woods and lavender fields. Some steep climbs up and down; walking poles would be handy. Moderate difficulty.	5.6 miles
Sunday 17 July	A circular walk from Shoreham up the side of the Darent Valley for good views and along to Lullingstone, returning along the river bank. Moderate difficulty.	7 miles
Wednesday 20 July	A short early evening walk from Wrotham up the Downs to build an appetite for a fish supper at the Rose and Crown. Moderate difficulty.	3.5 miles
Wednesday 20 July	Gentle walk from Wrotham along the Pilgrim's Way before a fish supper at the Rose and Crown.	3 miles

Sunday 24 July	A circular walk from Shipbourne via Ightham Mote and Dunks Green. Moderate difficulty.	4.6 miles
Sunday 31 July	A leisurely to moderate walk in the High Weald, from Rolvenden to Benenden and along the High Weald Landscape Trail.	7 miles
Thursday 4 August	An undulating circular walk around Birling via Paddlesworth and Ryarsh. Moderate difficulty.	5 miles
Sunday 7 August	Plaxtol circular walk in beautiful countryside with amiable people. Moderate difficulty.	5 miles
Sunday 14 August	Circular walk from Ide Hill to French Street and Emmetts with great views of the South Downs. Moderate difficulty.	5.2 miles
Wednesday 17 August	Circular walk from Meopham to Luddesdown, then along the Wealdway and back via Priestwood Green. Moderate difficulty.	6 miles
Sunday 21 August	A leisurely flat walk from Bearsted into the surrounding fields and woods, returning to the village where there are two pubs for refreshments.	5 miles



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Monday	4th	20:00-22:00	PCC Meeting
Tuesday	5th	11:00-13:00	Scent Training Class
Wednesday	6th	10:00-11:00	Pilates
Wednesday	6th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	7th	10:30-12:30	Scent Training Class
Thursday	7th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Saturday	9th	15:30-19:30	Private Hire
Monday	11th	19:00-21:00	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	12th	11:00-13:00	Scent Training Class
Wednesday	13th	10:00-11:00	Pilates
Wednesday	13th	14:00-16:00	WI
Wednesday	13th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	14th	10:30-12:30	Scent Training Class
Thursday	14th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Wednesday	20th	10:00-11:00	Pilates
Wednesday	20th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	21st	10:30-12:30	Scent Training Class
Thursday	21st	13:00-17:00	Private Hire

If anyone is interested in joining the Pilates classes, please contact Emma Foyle at emma.foyle@sky.com / 07967 645695

Alison French has moved her Yoga class to new premises in Hildenborough. If anyone would like to start or continue with Yoga Alison can be contacted on fitalison1@googlemail.com / 07966 257027

Please see separate advertisement for general hall hire enquiries

Helen Leach
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Shipbourne Village Hall
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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

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JULY AT SHIPBOURNE FARMERS MARKET

The Jubilee Bank holiday on June 2nd broke all records at the market. We had 315 visitors (vs an average of 140 to-date). 67% of you opened the newsletter (vs 50%) !! (if you would like to receive our weekly newsletter please go to our web site www.shipbournefm.co.uk and click on 'Reminders')

July really is the month to pay a visit to the Market. Not only is it full of locally grown fruit, vegetables and other produce at their peak but where else can you shop with views overlooking the Greensand Ridge on one side and the Common on the other.

The flavours and textures you find at the market exceed anything you get at the supermarket. Summer leaves such as spinach, mixed salad leaves can be used in salads, sandwiches and are the perfect match with grilled and barbecued meats and fish. Look out for tender new potatoes combined with lovely summer herbs.

Cherries are at their best now and far exceed the fluffy tasteless versions imported from other counties. Try them poached in red wine and served with vanilla ice cream or in a classic cherry pie, enlivened with chopped fresh mint. Raspberries are already in full swing and you will find the variety Maravilla, (as sold by Tom) is not only tasty but lasts longer (see menu). You will also find really fresh strawberries and again you'll soon realize why the supermarkets just can't compete!

We hope you enjoyed the burgers and sausages at the Jubilee BBQ supplied by both Annabelle and Kieron (wild boar and apple) and are now ready for more. The sourdough bread rolls were supplied by our Pastry chef Pierre.

We not only have food at the market. Paula creates her many varieties of 'Handmade Soaps', wax melts, bath bombs all designed to enable you to pamper yourself using the best quality ingredients.

Her soaps are based on two basic recipes:- one containing coconut oil, palm oil, olive oil and sweet almond oil, and the other containing olive oil, coconut oil, avocado oil, shea butter and rice bran oil (palm oil free).

So with a combination of fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, meat and game to provide health inside the body and soaps to relax and improve the outside skin, the market provides for all bodily needs!

To find out more about our Farmers Market see www.shipbournefm.co.uk

SEASONAL COOKERY CORNER

RASPBERRY SORBET

Serves 8-10

Ingredients

- 200g granulated sugar
- 500g raspberries, plus more to serve (optional)
- 1 lemon, juiced

Method

1. Stir sugar in 270ml water over a low heat until dissolved.
2. Raise the heat and simmer for 5 mins, until the liquid has become a syrup. Set aside to cool.
3. Put the raspberries and lemon juice in a food processor and blitz until smooth. Strain to remove seeds.
4. Combine with the sugar syrup, then pour into freezer-proof container.
5. Freeze for 1 hr 30 mins, then whisk with a balloon whisk or fork to break up any ice crystals that have formed and return to the freezer.
6. Then whisk again once an hour for 4 hrs to break up the ice crystals.

Serve with extra raspberries!

SHIPBOURNE WI

Following the Jubilee celebrations, in Shipbourne members of the WI celebrated their birthday, in time-honoured style with a tea party.

During the national Jubilee celebrations, some members spent an afternoon walking to Hadlow across the fields, starting in Puttenden Road. After tea and cake at Weathered & Worn, the return walk was something of a necessity!

Book Club members have been reading Mrs England, by Stacey Halls. The story, set in 1904, has a definite gothic feeling to it, with the atmosphere of the Yorkshire Moors as the background.

It has been decided to defer the event originally planned for July until the new year. We do however, have our regular monthly meeting on July 13th, when John Yarrow will present a talk on The Crime Scene Examiner. Then after a short break in August, we return in September with renewed energy and a full programme.

Glynis Coates



POSTPONED
NEW DATE COMING SOON

*Shipbourne WI
invite you to
Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall*

New date to be confirmed soon

FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

We have so many fantastic businesses on our doorstep. Some are small branches of big national companies, with many others being smaller local business. No matter the size of the business, they are often staffed by brilliant, friendly, and welcoming local people.

I have visited so many of them that I've got a good idea of the talents different businesses bring to our community as they each invest in Tonbridge and Malling. They create jobs, and a better service for everybody.

For some, the results are international – NIAB EMR in East Malling have transformed the science of agriculture, looking at ways that we can farm and grow more efficiently. They've just seen £11 million invested in their new Green Tech Hub, a state-of-the-art research facility, that they kindly asked me to open.

For others, their national – Trooli is an amazing, ultra-fast broadband network that has only just opened new offices in Kings Hill. This nerve centre of the new online economy will help many of us stay connected and see opportunities grow for businesses.

Both of these wonderful investments in our local community connect us to the wider world and demonstrate the importance Kent's economy has to the country and the globe. With investment on this scale comes jobs for our friends and neighbours giving us all the chance to grow and invest in our futures. This has never been more important.

Major businesses have to start somewhere and the start-up generation that is coming through is inspiring. So many new small businesses are popping up around our community started by people who have the courage to give it a go and believe in themselves. I have noticed so many in recent months offering opportunities to so many. That's inspiring and will create the roots for a stronger economy here in Kent, and across the United Kingdom.

If you are thinking about starting up a new business, or know of somebody who may be, please let me know. I'd always be happy to promote those who take a chance on us, and I will do all I can to support the growth of our community and the wider area.

Tom Tugendhat
Member of Parliament for Tonbridge and Malling

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