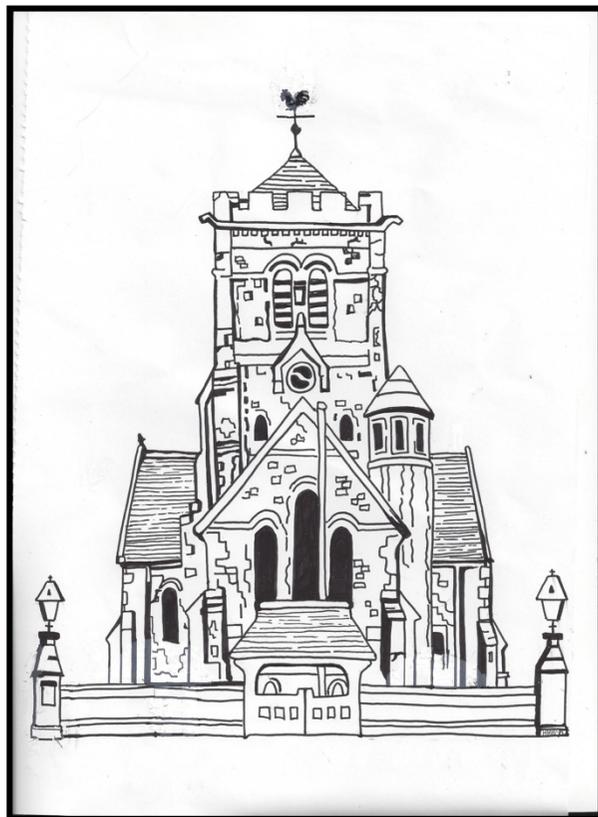


St Giles and Shipbourne NEWSLETTER



November 2022

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PARISH DIARY – NOVEMBER 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	3rd	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
Saturday	5th	4.15-6pm	Shipbourne School PTA Fireworks & Bonfire Night. Tickets available from school office, The Chaser and www.ticketsource.co.uk/shipbourne
SUNDAY	6th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
3rd Sunday before Advent		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Family Service with Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Job 19: 23-27; 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-end; Luke 20: 27-38
Thursday	10th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
Friday	11th	7pm for 7.30pm	Plaxtol Players – The Salty Flowers at Plaxtol Memorial Hall
Saturday	12th	7pm for 7.30pm	Plaxtol Players – The Salty Flowers at Plaxtol Memorial Hall
SUNDAY	13th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
2nd Sunday before Advent		10.50am	Act of Remembrance at St Giles, Shipbourne
		10.50am	Act of Remembrance at Plaxtol Church
		Readings	Matthew 5: 1-12
Thursday	17th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY	20th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
Christ The King		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Community@11 at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Colossians 1: 11-20; Luke 23: 33-43
Thursday	24th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne

Saturday	26th	9.30-11am	Community Bread Basket at Plaxtol Church
SUNDAY <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	27th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		6pm	Advent Carols at St Giles, Shipbourne
		Readings:	Isaiah 2: 1-5; Romans 13: 11-end; Matthew 24: 36-44

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Please send any articles and adverts for the December Newsletter by **12th November 2022** to allow enough time for printing and distribution. Unfortunately any items received after this date will be held until the next issue.

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.

PASTORAL LETTER

HELP YOURSELF SHELF

For weeks, now, we've been hearing about and beginning to experience the rise in the cost of living – energy, fuel and food. At our Harvest Festivals many people brought generous gifts of food and these were distributed both to local foodbanks (St John's Hildenborough, Tonbridge Baptist Church, Higham Lane Methodist Church) and to some individuals too. You can rightly infer from this that neither parish in our own benefice of Shipbourne and Plaxtol runs a formal foodbank.



We are told in general terms that many people are fearful of the forthcoming winter. We know, too, that both fear and real need are seldom voiced in our relatively affluent villages, but that doesn't mean they don't exist.

So, we have set aside one of the shelves in the welcome area just inside the door at Plaxtol Church as a **Help Yourself Shelf**. The church is open daily. No referral or voucher is needed. If you're in need – **HELP YOURSELF!** There are three sections: (1) Tins and Jars (2) Tea, Coffee, Sugar, UHT and non-dairy milk alternatives; (3) Packets of rice, pasta, porridge oats etc. The items in sections 2 & 3 are within sealed plastic boxes in case of hungry church mice!

Of course, the other side of this is that **you can contribute** to the needs of others by bringing a gift to this shelf, but please understand that **once the shelf is full, we have plenty**. In this way, the project should be **self-limiting**, and this is by design, because we simply don't have room to run a foodbank. So, it may be worth checking first to see where the gaps/needs are, rather than shopping 'blind'.

Another helpful tip is to bring a pair of items that 'work' together – a packet of porridge oats **and** a carton of UHT, or a packet of pasta **and** a jar of sauce, so that a complete meal can be put together easily by those in need. Please also note that we are asking for long-life provisions rather than fresh food. And do pass the word along: "One shall tell another and she shall tell her friend..."

Peter Hayler
Rector

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

Community Bread Basket

9:30 - 11:00 on Saturday 26th November 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.

ST GILES CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

The days are drawing in, the leaves are beginning to turn, growth is slowing - so it is time for us to meet as a churchyard working party.



We last met in April and achieved a great deal of valuable work in cutting back and tidying up. However, after another season of growth there is more to do! So do come to the churchyard on Saturday 5 November from 9.30am onwards, for a morning of clearing vegetation. Bring your own tools - secateurs, shears, trimmers etc - and protective clothing. With luck it will be reasonable weather. If you can't come then, don't worry - I can let you know what needs doing and you can work in the peace of the churchyard in your own time.

Felicity will serve coffee, tea and soft drinks and a cake or two, to keep our spirits up.

Let me know if you can join us on 5 November and I hope to see you there.

With best wishes

Nicholas Ward
Telephone 01732 810525



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2022

This year's appeal is from 27 October to 12 November. Every poppy counts, and your contribution will make a real difference to the lives of the Armed Forces community who have given so much for their country. If you can spare an hour or two to help with house-to-house collections in Shipbourne, please contact Sean on 01732 850048.

SHIPBOURNE WI

The October meeting of the WI was very well supported by virtually the full membership.

Plans are in place for our 'Bookworms' Bonanza' book sale, on Saturday 29th October. Naturally, being a WI event, coffee, tea and cake are involved!

Sharon Linn was our guest speaker this month with a talk entitled Wolves - Friend or Foe? Sharon very much considers wolves to be friends and gave us many statistics in support of her view. She explained how in their natural habitats they are crucial to the success of the eco-systems.

Members of the Book Club this month are to discuss Barbara Pym's amusing novel, "Crampton Hodnet".

The lunch is to be at The George and Dragon at Ightham, and on Friday 21st there will be a walk from Plaxtol to Ightham Mote, with a coffee interlude before our walk back to Plaxtol.

The next Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd November, and the full meeting on Wednesday 9th November, at the Village Hall, when visitors are warmly welcome.

Glynis Coates

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SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL NEWS

The school year has started very successfully – it seems hard to believe that we have only been back a month. Our new pupils and staff have settled in beautifully and we are all looking forward to the year ahead. We continue to be enriched by a range of visitors and visits: Hampton and Fairlawne Class are enjoying their fortnightly swimming; Tinley and Hampton continue to take part in Forest School; Namaste Kids leads weekly yoga for the whole school; EMC visit for weekly PE sessions; a parent leads weekly music for the whole school and Rev. Hayler leads regular assemblies, this term focusing on the stories of Abraham before moving on to Advent. On top of this, we have already enjoyed a PHSE day, Tinley have taken part in Balanceability and Year 6 are completing Bikeability as I write. Our visitors often comment on the behaviour and attitudes of our pupils, which makes us all feel so proud. We continue to work on developing our curriculum to ensure that it meets the needs of our pupils and mixed aged classes. As our World and Country continue to change and face challenges at such a fast pace, we feel it is vital that our pupils are as prepared as possible for the future that awaits them.

We are incredible grateful to our PTA who have already led a successful family social and scavenger hunt on The Common and are busy planning our much-awaited Fireworks Party. Tickets are now available via Ticket Source, from the School Office and at The Chaser. A particular 'Thank You' also goes to the Clark family for spending the summer building our new outside workspace 'Tinley Lodge' which groups will begin to work in from 10th October. We are very short of space in school so this addition is such a valuable contribution.

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Mrs Terri Daters

Head of Shipbourne School

**SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL PTA
BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS PARTY
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The contact details for the Parish Council are:

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Telephone: 01732 886402

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.

Planning Applications – October

<https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/planning-applications-appeals/planning-view-comment-planning-applications>

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation

Letter from Matt Boughton, Leader of TMBC

Tonbridge and Malling's new Local Plan will shape our community until 2040. As we start developing this Plan, we are asking for your thoughts on how you would like it to be approached. The Local Plan is key as it identifies how we can provide affordable homes, safeguard green spaces and deliver local jobs in our towns and villages.

Our requirement from Government is to plan for 15,941 new homes within the boundaries of Tonbridge and Malling during this time. No sites have yet been committed in developing our new Local Plan. First, we are asking you – through this consultation – for your thoughts on the principles that should determine where these

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homes should be built, and how we can deliver much needed infrastructure improvements across Tonbridge and Malling.

Meeting this need will be difficult given how much of our beautiful landscape is protected, and the constraints on growth in many of our communities. We will continue making the case to the Government that our need should be reduced.

In the meantime, we must adopt a Local Plan as soon as possible so we are not vulnerable to inappropriate development that places an unsustainable burden on our infrastructure. There are many issues to tackle, and different options on how to do so. These documents are designed to seek your views on the best way to meet these challenges and there are various questions we would welcome your thoughts on.

Please have your say now.

<https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/news/article/73/consultation-opens-on-homes-and-growth-plan>

Cllr Taylor of Borough Green Parish Council and Ward Member has set out the important documentation via the link: www.boroughgreen.gov.uk

There are numerous public meetings taking place and if you have been unable to attend one of them, Matt has set up an online session on Monday 24 October 2022 from 7.30pm to answer any other questions. The link is below:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 364 425 934 762

Passcode: RzktYW

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.

At our October meeting, we adopted a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan and this will be available on our website shortly or via the Parish Clerk at shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com



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.tonbridgeandmalligramblers.org.uk or email info@tonbridgeandmalligramblers.org.uk

Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Policing Survey 2022

Matthew Scott is currently appointing a new Chief Constable for Kent, following the retirement of Alan Pughley.

He is asking the public what qualities and what priorities the new Chief should have.

He also wants to know if you've been a victim of crime and if so, what sort of service you received from the police. Please click on this link and fill in the survey. Its anonymous and will take about 5 minutes of your time.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PCC2022/>

Kent Country Parks Draft Strategy 2023-2028



Kent Country Parks

Hello,

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The draft five-year strategy sets out how we intend to protect and manage these natural environments at the same time as providing high quality opportunities for individuals, families and communities to play, learn and relax.

We would like to hear your views to ensure that we do all we can to meet the needs and expectations of Kent residents.

Visit <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/countryparksstrategy> before the 12 December to find out more.

Kind regards,

KCC's Engagement and Consultation Team
consultation@kent.gov.uk

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Friday	4th	13:00-15:00	Scent Training Class
Sunday	6th	13:00-17:00	Private Hire
Monday	7th	19:30-20:30	Power Yoga
Wednesday	9th	10:00-11:00	Pilates
Wednesday	9th	14:00-16:00	WI Meeting
Wednesday	9th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	10th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Monday	14th	19:00-21:00	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	15th	10:30-12:30	Scent Training Class
Wednesday	16th	10:00-11:00	Pilates
Wednesday	16th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	17th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Friday	18th	13:00-15:00	Scent Training Class
Monday	21st	19:30-20:30	Power Yoga
Wednesday	23rd	10:00-11:00	Pilates
Wednesday	23rd	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	24th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Monday	28th	19:30-20:30	Power Yoga
Wednesday	30th	10:00-11:00	Pilates
Wednesday	30th	19:30-20:30	Pilates

There is now space in the Wednesday morning Pilates class. To register your interest please contact Emma Foyle at emma.foyle@sky.com.

A Power Yoga class is starting in the Hall this month. Fully booked at the moment but watch this space for more information.

Please see separate advertisement for general hall hire enquiries

Helen Leach
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OCTOBER AT SHIPBOURNE FARMERS MARKET

The drought now seems a long way off but the hosepipe ban is still in force and could well be till early 2023. Now the clocks have gone back and it's that time of year again when short days and cold nights mean we all crave comfort from the kitchen. Slow-cooked casseroles, homely dishes such as the mashed topped game pie, rich flavoured roasts and warming pud's all fit the bill perfectly. So head out to the Farmer's Market for inspiration.



Game: Make local game the meat of choice this month as the season is well under way. However, because of a major outbreak of bird flu in France earlier this year (where the majority of our young birds/eggs are grown) shoots in the UK have not been able to purchase them. Fortunately there is plenty of **venison** which has to be healthy game of choice.

Meat: If you want to slow cook for great comfort eating, try some of the cheaper cuts of beef, lamb and pork such as **shin of beef, belly pork, or lamb neck**, all cook down to meltingly wonderful mouthfuls of flavour, perfect for colder days. Remember that most stews, pies and casseroles actually improve in flavour from being cooked and stored for a day or two in the fridge before serving. Buy and cook for double and put half in the freezer ready for another meal.

Fish: Colder coastal waters at this time of year make for the highest quality fish and as the temperature drops the range available just gets better. **Dover sole, turbot and halibut** are rightly considered to be the very finest eating. However, why not try some of the lower cost alternatives as many are at their best. **Brill** is a real discovery if you haven't tried it before – a firm white flesh full of clean flavour that only needs simple cooking. Or opt for healthy **mackerel and herring**, full of valuable Omega 3 fish oils. Shellfish including **oysters, scallops and mussels** are also all good this month.

Veg: Root vegetables are at their tastiest now and perfect for mashes, gratins and roasts – they improve with the cold and you will notice a marked difference in flavour from locally sourced varieties compared to supermarket specimens. Look out for **parsnips, Jerusalem artichokes, swede and turnips**. Try cooking peeled, cubed **celeriac** with a couple of cloves of garlic in the cooking water then mash with a big dollop of butter to go with

venison or roast beef. Main crop **potatoes** are full of texture and flavour and the varieties available in your own area are worth exploring. Brassicas really come into their own this month too – **kale, spring greens, Brussels sprouts** and all kinds of **cabbages** are wonderful in stir-fries, soups, and hashes or just steamed with grated nutmeg and more butter! Red cabbage, cooked with apple, spices and red wine is another seasonal treat to go with rich pork.

Fruit: Apples and pears suffered from the drought this year but most have caught up and are now available. Bramleys are perfect for using in mincemeat and Christmas pudding so buy them ready for 'Stir-up Sunday' at the end of the month. Carry on making chutneys and pickles and remember the eating varieties can also be used in tarts, puddings and cakes.

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SEASONAL COOKERY CORNER

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Serves 4 – 6 / Prep 20 minutes / Cook 1 hour

- 2 tbsp olive or rapeseed oil
 - 1 large onion, finely chopped and 1 large carrot, finely chopped
 - 500g venison mince and 250g minced pork
 - 1 - 2 tsp Ras al Hanout spice (the classic Moroccan spice mix)
 - 1 - 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
 - 2 tbsp redcurrant jelly
 - 4 tbsp chopped flat-leafed parsley
 - 500ml good beef or game stock
 - 500g floury potatoes, such as King Edward, peeled and cubed
 - 1 large swede, peeled and cubed and 2 parsnips, peeled and sliced
 - 30 - 50g butter (for the mash !)
 - 50g strong cheddar-style cheese, grated
 - salt and freshly ground black pepper
1. Preheat the oven to 200C/fan oven 180C/Gas mark 6. Heat the oil in a large non-stick frying pan and cook the onion and carrot for 3 minutes until softened. Add the minced venison and pork and break up with a fork. Sprinkle with the Ras al Hanout and fry for a few minutes until lightly browned.
 2. Stir in the Worcestershire sauce, redcurrant jelly and chopped parsley. Add stock and seasoning and bring to the boil. Simmer, half covered, for 25 – 30 minutes, stirring occasionally until the liquid is reduced.
 3. Place the potatoes, swede and parsnip in a pan with enough cold water to just cover. Bring to the boil and simmer for 15 - 20 minutes until tender. Drain thoroughly and mash until smooth, add the milk and the butter. Season well and spoon over the top of the mince mixture.
 4. Rough up the surface with a fork then scatter with the cheese. Bake for 25 – 30 minutes until the top is golden and bubbling. Serve with peas or steamed broccoli.

FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

In September I was honoured to be asked to join the Government as Security Minister. I am enjoying my work, although it was a particularly demanding start with preparations for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II.

Joining Government means it is the first time since 1988 that Tonbridge and Malling has been represented by a Minister, when Sir John Stanley was at the Northern Ireland Office. I am humbled to follow in his footsteps.

My role as Security Minister covers responsibilities including counter-terrorism, fraud, illicit finance and hostile state activity. Over the past few weeks I have had the opportunity to meet some wonderful people and visit some fantastic places. I headed over to the Olympia Exhibition Centre in London for the International Security Expo 2022. Britain is at the cutting edge of innovation and the ideas to keep us safe and protect our freedom by enabling us to gather and travel securely. It was great to see so many brilliant companies in attendance.

Although I am now in Government my first duty has always been to our country, and in particular our community, so work across Tonbridge, Edenbridge and Malling continues as always. I hope to see many of you while out and about over the coming weeks. Meeting you all is my favourite part of being your MP so please, if you see me, do come over and say hello!

Tom Tugendhat

Member of Parliament for Tonbridge and Malling

THE WEATHER IN SEPTEMBER

The average day temp. was 24.2^oc, the average night temp. was 10.3^oc, the highest day was Monday 5th with 31.5^oc, the lowest night was Wednesday 28th with 0^oc, the total rainfall was 123mm, the average rainfall over the last 30 years was 62.41mm, with the highest year being September 1995 with 137mm, the lowest year was September 1997 with 9.5mm.

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