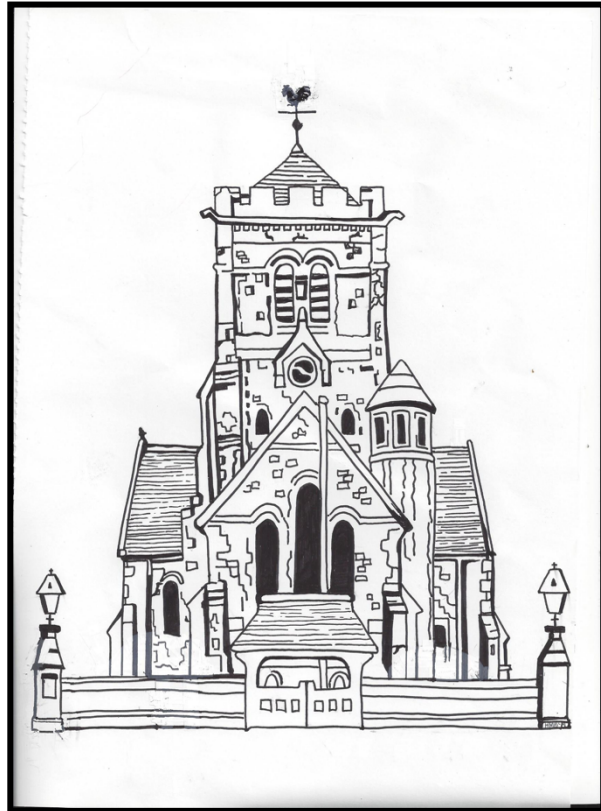


St Giles and Shipbourne **NEWSLETTER**



January 2023

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PARISH DIARY – JANUARY 2023

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/>

SUNDAY <i>Naming and Circumcision of Christ</i>	1st	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:	Numbers 6: 22-end; Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2: 15-21
Thursday	5th		NO Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne – Market returns 19th January 2023
SUNDAY <i>2st of Epiphany & Baptism of Christ</i>	8th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Matins at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		11.00am	Forest Church at St Giles, Shipbourne (see Rector's letter)
		Readings	Isaiah 42: 1-9; Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 3: 13-end
Thursday	12th		NO Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne – Market returns 19th January 2023
SUNDAY <i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	15th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Community@11 at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Isaiah 49: 1-7; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; John 1: 29-42
Thursday	19th	9-11am	Farmers Market returns to St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY <i>3rd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	22nd	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne

		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Isaiah 9: 1-4; 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18; Matthew 4: 12-23
Thursday	26th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY	29th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
<i>4th Sunday of Epiphany</i>		9.30am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Morning Worship with Holy Baptism at Plaxtol Church
		6.00pm	Benefice Choral Evensong at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	1 Kings 17: 8-16; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-end; John 2: 1-11

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PASTORAL LETTER

NEW YEAR – PRIORITY FOR PRAYER

As another year dawns I have in many different ways sensed a new priority for prayer – both for myself and for the church. Prayer is a collective term for the many different ways in which we raise our souls and bodies to God. It can be individual and corporate; it can be noisy and silent; it can use words or refrain from doing so altogether. Prayer is necessary – like the beating heart or the breathing lungs of the life of faith; without prayer we asphyxiate! It's easy to be distracted from prayer in the busy lives we all lead, so priorities need to be set, and time set aside.



For Anglicans, prayer is most often a formal thing, with books and hymns and readings. Consequentially some people feel less comfortable or less confident when prayer is extempore, and even silence can feel threatening. But unless these things are embraced, they will never be normalised, and without learning to be still, we may never learn to hear God... and, of course, prayer is very definitely a two-way communication.

So, this year we are going to begin putting new time aside for prayer, calling these new 30-minute sessions '**Still Small Voice**' - see (1 Kings 19:12).

- **Sunday 8th January – 11am** (after the morning service) at St Giles Shipbourne;
- **Sunday 8th January – 10am** (before the morning service) at Plaxtol Church.

Please consider setting a new priority for prayer and, if you think these sessions might be a helpful encouragement, you would be most welcome.

I've often said that being Anglican means being part of something bigger. As well as our parish and our benefice of two parishes, we are part of Shoreham Deanery. The Benefice of Eynsford, Farningham and Lullingstone, at the North end of our Deanery is now in vacancy and, because we now have two priests in our benefice, we have offered to share resources once per month. If Mark or I are not in church on Sundays, and not away for other reasons, it may be that we're away helping in the North of the Deanery. Please pray for us and for them as we seek to help in this way.

Peter Hayler, Rector

Community Bread Basket ...



*... will return in
February 2023*

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

SHIPBOURNE WI

2022 ended for the WI with two very enjoyable events. A Christmas lunch had been booked at The View, which is part of West Kent College. The restaurant does indeed have a spectacular view across Tonbridge to the North Downs, and the food and service were excellent. The food is all cooked and served by the students, and a visit is certainly recommended. It gave members a jolly start to the Christmas celebrations.

The second event was hosted by the WI, but our guests were children, from both Shipbourne and Ukraine. Masses of food was available, and the entertainer and Santa were superb. It was a very successful and pleasurable event. Huge thanks are due to the people who worked so hard, both from the WI and from the village, THANK YOU SO MUCH.

The WI party, which was due to take place on December 14th, unfortunately had to be cancelled, but we are now all looking forward to the activities planned for 2023.

Glynis Coates



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NEWS, INFORMATION AND EVENTS**

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The New Year at Ightham Mote

The winter is here and the house is taking a rest for some conservation until March - but that doesn't mean that there isn't lots to see!

In the garden, the first snowdrops have arrived and even now; amongst the bare beds, there's signs of spring. The garden provides a calm space to wander, see the structure and winter beauty of the garden whilst under the soil, bulbs are working their magic until they are ready to burst through.

Until March, your four legged friends can also join you in the garden on leads.

If you need some replenishment, enjoy a coffee and light bite in the café, dogs can join you on the covered veranda too.

If you are looking for a new challenge for the new year, we're looking for volunteers to help us bring the magic of Ightham Mote to our visitors. If you are interested in volunteering, please email: IghthamMoteVolunteering@nationaltrust.org.uk

To see what else we have going on, please visit:
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THE WEATHER IN NOVEMBER

Weather, the average day temp. was 15.5°C, the average night temp. was 5.5°C, the highest day was Sunday 13th with 18.5°C, the lowest night was Tuesday 22nd with – 1.0°C, the total rainfall was 230mm, with an average over the last 30 years of 85.5mm, the highest month was November 2009 with 242.5mm and the lowest month was November 2021 with 15.5mm.

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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. ***The first meeting of 2023 will be held on Monday 9 January at 7pm.***

CLIMATE CHANGE

Shipbourne Parish Council Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan launch – February 2023. Please refer to the flyer with this Newsletter. Any queries please contact Peter Leach 07889 362462.

You are invited to a winter get together to hear about Shipbourne's recently adopted Climate Change Strategy. Join us at our meeting at 7.00pm for refreshments to hear more about our strategy and how we can all contribute to mitigating climate change and reduce our carbon footprint.

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. This is now available on our website under Policy or via the Parish Clerk at shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – DECEMBER

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



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.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk or email info@tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk

Sunday 8 January	A circular walk from Ryarsh up to and along the Pilgrims Way. Moderate difficulty.	5.5 miles
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Sunday 15 January	Four Churches walk: a fairly flat leisurely circular walk from West Malling.	5.5 miles
Sunday 22 January	Gentle circular walk from The Dorset Arms in the East Sussex village of Withyham	5 miles
Sunday 29 January	A leisurely circular walk through Platt Woods and across Wrotham Health golf course and farmland to Offham. We then walk through Moorlands Wood and the hamlet of Aldon, returning to Platt via the Wealdway.	6 miles

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL - PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER CONSULTATION

The Borough Council is currently consulting on its proposals for Public Space Protection Orders. As well as continuing with current restrictions (around dog fouling, public urination and use of drones etc) they are also proposing four new restrictions on nuisance parking in public open spaces and car or motorcycle meets, a ban on fishing at Tonbridge Town Lock and on swimming, boating and bathing at Holborough Lakes, near Snodland.

You can find further details of the proposals on their website, as well as a link to the consultation - Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) consultation – Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council (tmbc.gov.uk)

We would like to encourage as many people as possible to complete the consultation. The consultation will close on 15 January. If residents are unable to complete the online consultation they can also contact TMBC in writing:

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FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

Now that the Christmas period is well behind us we can begin to look forward to what 2023 has in store for us. Over the last few months both myself and Tonbridge and Malling Conservatives have been campaigning for a regeneration of the former Beales unit in the heart of Tonbridge.

For many of us Tonbridge is the nearest town, where we look to for services we can't find in the village. We all need to make sure it continues to thrive. By letting Sainsbury's know how important the former Beales unit is to us, we can ensure they bring forward plans for regeneration as quickly as possible.

As the long-term leaseholder Sainsbury's are the only organisation who can do this. It's been three years now since Beales closed. Three years empty is plenty.

Tonbridge Civic Society and Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council have many good ideas on what the space could be used for, from an extension of the current Sainsbury's store, to a potential location for the Post Office. Either way, it is important for not just the town of Tonbridge, but for all of our communities that we continue to level up locations such as the former Beales so that shoppers and visitors are greeted by an exciting community hub, instead of a tired, empty building.

However, the only way that Sainsbury's will take action is if they see what it means to our communities.

You can make your voice heard by signing the petition via the website address below, or if you do not have access to the internet then please do write to me to express your wish to be added to the survey.

www.tonbridgeconservatives.org.uk/campaigns/3yearsemtypisplenty

Tom Tugendhat
Member of Parliament for Tonbridge and Malling

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