

St Giles' and Shipbourne Village
NEWSLETTER



May 2025

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PARISH DIARY – MAY 2025

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	1st	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	4th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Family Service with Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Zephaniah 3:14-end, Acts 9:1-6, John 21:1-19
Thursday	8th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
Saturday	10th	2.30pm	Licensing of Marius Carboni for Lay Ministry, Rochester Cathedral
SUNDAY <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	11th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Matins at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings	Acts 9:36-end, Revelation 7:9-end, John 10:22-30
Thursday	15th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	18th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		10.30am	Benefice Altogether at Plaxtol Church with Rev Dr Adrian Chatfield
		Readings:	Rector's 60th – Bubbly and cake afterwards Acts 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35
Thursday	22nd	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
Saturday	24th	9.30-11am	Community Bread Basket at Plaxtol Church
SUNDAY <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	25th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Ezekiel 37:1-14, Acts 16:9-15, John 5:1-9
Thursday <i>Ascension Day</i>	29th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
		TBC	Details of this service to be advised

WHO IS THIS RISEN SAVIOUR?

Every day of the month of May is part of the season on Easter. The greatest festival of Christian year last through Ascension (Thurs 29th) all the way to Pentecost (Sun 8th June). During this season we take time to read how the Lord Jesus appeared to his disciples after he had risen from the dead, and then the readings switch to things that Jesus said about his own identity: “I am the Good Shepherd” (May 11th), and his parting ‘new commandment’ that we should love one another (May 18th).



Selecting a little graphic for this page was an interesting exercise. As usual, I went to Google images and searched for ‘Face of Jesus black and white clipart’. There were literally hundreds of choices – many picturing Jesus with his Good Friday crown of thorns, but plenty of others that were perhaps more appropriate for Easter. But then I had to choose! Which one was right for the magazine, and relatable. And, of course, this raises the question ‘Who is Jesus to Jesus to you? Just a historic figure? But which part of his history speaks to you? Do you prefer a cartoon, an abstract, or one peeping over a wall, or one wearing sunglasses? There are certain things we can know about Jesus historically, and certain things we can’t. So, we have to know him by faith, too, and there’s a classic theological tension between the Jesus of history and the Christ of Faith. The jeopardy in that tension is that we make him who we want him to be. That’s why it’s worth reading what the bible says and sharing thoughts with others who read and who believe... and all that is the reason for Church.

Please note that, on Sunday 18th May, there is just one service – at Plaxtol at 10.30am a chance to be all together. We will welcome a guest preacher, Rev Dr Adrian Chatfield, and celebrate together the risen Lord who meets us in word and sacrament, and in one another. (There will also be cake and ‘bubbles’ for a significant birthday of a certain local clergyman!) All welcome, as always.

Peter Hayler, Rector



Community Bread Basket

9:30 – 11:00 on Saturday 24th May 2025

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.

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday 10th May

2.30pm – Rochester Cathedral

Licensing of Marius Carboni for Lay Ministry

Sunday 18th May

10.30am – Plaxtol Church

Benefice Celebration

Preacher: Rev Dr Adrian Chatfield

and refreshments afterward for the Rector's 60th birthday

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Please send any articles and adverts for the June Newsletter
by 15th May.

Please email articles to lindsay_miles@btinternet.com or
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THE WEATHER IN MARCH

The average day temp. was 19.0⁰c, the average night temp. was 2.2⁰c, the highest day was Thursday 20th with 23⁰c, the lowest night was Tuesday 4th with -5⁰c, the total rainfall was 8.5mm, the lowest for 35 years (my records) the average rainfall over the last 35 years for March was 56.95mm, the highest year was March 2023 with 144mm, the lowest year was this year with 8.5mm.

Lionel Stielow

SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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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.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

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

KENT POLICE

Our new beat officer is **Thomas Mead PC 46014468**, based at Tonbridge Police Station. For non-urgent matters, please call 101, for emergencies please call 999.

<https://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk/>

For information on community policing, My Community Voice is a messaging service that helps Kent and Medway residents, businesses, and community groups to keep in touch with their local policing teams. The service sends updates about your local area directly from the police officers themselves. You can sign up using the link or website address above.



Thursday 1 May	Circular walk from Tatsfield with wonderful views over the Weald and the City of London between the highest points of the North Downs at Botley Hill and Betsom Hill. Walk through beech woods, open pasture and across a Roman Road. Short break at the Cocolith, part of the North Downs Way Art Trail. Quiet lanes. One or two short climbs; moderate difficulty.	5.6 miles
Sunday 4 May	Leisurely circular walk from Peckham Bush through East Peckham and following the River Medway to Yalding, returning via Yalding Fen. Several stiles; a mostly flat walk with a very gentle incline up to Peckham Bush.	6 miles
Thursday 8 May	Leisurely walk along the Greensand Way from Linton church, taking in the deer park, goat sanctuary, orchards and some lovely views of the Kent countryside. A few stiles and some quiet lane walking, but most of the walk is on easy tracks. There is a gentle climb with a short, steep stretch towards the end.	6.6 miles
Sunday 11 May	Undulating walk around Plaxtol and Gover Hill. Moderate difficulty.	5.5 miles
Sunday 18 May	Circular walk from Westwell winery near Charing. We start with a short climb to the North Downs Way and then climb further on woodland-edge tracks, passing the Kent Gliding Club. Heading downhill, we join the Pilgrims Way near Dunn Street. Walking above the vineyards we head into Charing village via Pett Place. We return to the winery alongside the Alderbed Meadow, a special landscape of wet grassland and alder woodland. Moderate difficulty.	6.5 miles



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Shipbourne Village Hall News

VILLAGE GARDEN PARTY Saturday May 17th 3.00 – 7.00pm

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THE VILLAGE**

Put a note in your diary and make sure you come along to the hall.

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Further dates for your diary

GARDEN SAFARI – June 21st

WINE TASTING - October 4th – 7.00pm

QUIZ NIGHT - November 29th - 7.00pm

We are keen to keep everyone informed directly of village events and would greatly appreciate receiving your contact details; please email your name, address, telephone number and email address to:

shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com



A very big thank you to all who helped with our **SPRING CLEAN**. The weather was ideal and some 20 volunteers turned out to walk the footpaths, roads and scour the hedgerows for rubbish. A total of 15 full sacks were collected by TMBC from the hall, so very well done.

If you are a regular walker and want to continue the good work each time you walk, we have a number of pickers/grabbers that TMBC have now left with us and we are keen they are used routinely.

Please let me know if you would like one and I will get it to you: peter4inscope@yahoo.co.uk

Hall Repairs

Over the past month or so, we have undertaken a number of general repairs to the hall, easing doors, filling and painting walls and doors that have deteriorated and generally freshening the interior.

New blinds and curtains have been fitted which have made a big improvement.

We have now also ordered four new replacement windows for the main hall, which is excellent news. The existing windows have all rotted and are beyond repair. Due to the hall's Grade II listing, the new windows must be like for like. The replacements are therefore a major expense and it has taken some considerable time to source them.

We hope the work will be carried out sometime in June.

The next challenge is to tackle the heating. The existing system is not fit for purpose and hugely expensive to run and consideration has to be given to the issue of insulation.

Hall Garden

Our thanks to Ben Whitehead who has now spent time and energy tidying up, mulching and planting the flower bed which was in a very sorry state.

Thanks Ben!

ANYONE FOR CHESS?

We hope to start a chess club - details are being worked on - but we would like to hear from you if you are interested in playing and which evenings would best suit. All ages and ability welcome.

Please email to register your interest: peter4inscope@yahoo.co.uk

SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

Situated on the Green in the heart of Shipbourne, our village hall with its enclosed and safe garden, is the perfect venue for children's parties, family celebrations, pilates, yoga, exhibitions, fundraising events, training courses or seminars. It has a main hall, an adjoining side room ideal for meetings, blackout blinds, wheelchair access, a well-equipped kitchen, baby changing facilities and disabled toilet.

Wi-Fi with excellent download speed is provided by courtesy of Gigaclear.

In addition, 2 N° 8m x 4m marquees, 3 N° 3m x 3m and 2 N° 2.5 x 2.5m gazebos are available for hire.

For hall rates, enquiries and bookings, please call Helen Leach on 07762 241720 or email shipbourne.villagehall@gmail.com



SHIPBOURNE GARDEN SAFARI

SATURDAY 21st JUNE 2025, 1-5PM

Safari Gardens open from 1pm-5pm.

Tea and cakes available to buy in the Village Hall from 1pm.

Tickets/maps (£5 per person) will be available to purchase in advance at Shipbourne Farmers' Market throughout June and on the day from 1pm at the Village Hall. One ticket allows entry to all gardens (approx. 4-6 gardens).

Visitors are encouraged to park near the Village Hall and visit the gardens on foot as they are all located around the Shipbourne "block". All Safari Gardens will have a display board outside.

Please bring cash for payment. Proceeds will be donated to St Giles' Church to restore the wall paintings behind the altar.

Please remember this isn't Chelsea Flower Show! Safari Gardens are individual, interesting spaces, looked after and loved by their owners.

We still need one or two more gardens for the Safari. If you would like yours to be included please call Viv Packer on 07768 397936.

CASP



Climate Action Shipbourne and Plaxtol

Get free energy advice for your home!

Are you are interested in learning about the best retrofit options for your home and would like to play a part in working out how we can all reduce our energy bills, make our homes warmer and reduce our carbon footprints?

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Plaxtol Duck Race - 11th May.

Shipbourne Village Garden Party, Village Hall - 17th May

Plaxtol Church Fete – 7th June

Plaxtol Fayre – 14th June &

Shipbourne School Fair – 14th June

CASP warmer homes project launch in late June

and at Shipbourne Farmer's Market where we will be most Thursdays,

where there will be an opportunity to :

- Find out more about the CASP warmer homes project.
- Learn more about energy saving and warm homes.
- Play carbon and energy saving games for the young and not so young!
- Sign up for a chance to have a warm home upgrade assessment

We hope to see you there.

Do join us

Watch out for the CASP homes energy event in June in Plaxtol Memorial Hall and for the

emergence of OUR NEW CASP WEBSITE,

AND until then continue to keep up with our news through local newsletters, Shipbourne

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SHIPBOURNE WI

The WI's contribution of refreshments in order to support the Shipbourne litter-pickers was very worthwhile, both in terms of sustenance and a friendly social gathering.

Our main meeting this month was seasonally appropriate, as the talk was about "Gardening for Bees", by Michelle Ernolt. Extremely knowledgeable, Michelle developed her interest in bees through taking on an allotment. She relayed the information to us in an uncomplicated manner, which included very clear illustrations, and gave us food for thought.

Members of the Book Club, now meeting in The Chaser, have read "Lady in Waiting", by Anne Glenconner. The book was enjoyed, and her writing provoked discussion on social history as it evolved through her marriage and remarkable life.

Our meeting on 14th May will be our AGM, and our speaker, Sian Richard, will detail for us, the benefits of exercise; neither element should be missed!

Glynis Coates

USED STAMPS FOR THE R.N.I.B

Thank you to everyone who has left used postage stamps at the back of the church. So far I have managed to collect 5 kilos which should raise £100 for the R.N.I.B. Please keep collecting them for this very worthwhile charity.

Jenny Porter



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FROM YOUR LOCAL MP

While we're enjoying a perfect Spring and getting ready for the County elections on Thursday 1 May (don't forget to vote!), many are worried about their safety and their children. I usually write about what I'm doing locally in but this time I thought I would branch out and tell you a bit about what else I think matters.

Over the past five years I've been to Ukraine many times. I'll be going again soon because what is going on in the East affects us all in the West. We know that the full-scale Russian invasion, now in its third year, is killing children every day. We also know that it is costing us all. So it's worth remembering why it matters.

From food and energy to safety and security, what's happening makes life harder for us all. The price of energy is still higher than it should be and we're seeing food prices stay up, and now, because of the way the new administration in the United States is behaving, we have to increase our defence spending too.

In reality, we have needed to do that for a long time but now it is urgent. All this because a dictator in Moscow is threatening peace in Europe once again. We know what this is costing but many of us know that the price of failure is even more, so we have to prepare for the world as it is. I'm working making sure we're ready – whatever comes next.

Tom Tugendhat

MP, Member of Parliament for Tonbridge, Edenbridge and North Downs Villages

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**NEW: SEE BACK COVER FOR SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE
2025 EVENTS DIARY**

PLANT A TREE, LOVE A LAWN & CAPTURE CARBON

By planting a tree – or trees – and laying or maintaining a lawn those of us with a garden can make a significant contribution to removing CO₂ from the atmosphere. Trees store more carbon than grassland in most situations but both can play an important role in reducing global warming with the added benefit of increasing biodiversity.

There are few gardens that cannot be enhanced with the right tree in the right place. It is often thought that some gardens are too small for a tree. Counter-intuitively - from a design point of view - a large tree can often make a small garden seem larger.

Admittedly an oak tree would be far too large for the average domestic sized garden but there are smaller species – cherry, birch, maple or juniper - that will capture carbon effectively. And if a garden is truly only a pocket handkerchief then a tree grown in a pot - or trained against a wall - can do its part.

Those of us with a lawn are also – possibly unconsciously – making a difference to the net carbon emissions of this country. Grass absorbs carbon dioxide during its growth and stores it in different tissues. It can also be stored in the stalks and roots of wildflowers that grow in the turf. The carbon dioxide removed from the atmosphere is therefore held – captured - in the solid mass of soil that lies beneath our grass sward. Our lawn is in effect a valuable carbon sink.

Mosses also capture carbon dioxide through photosynthesis reducing atmospheric levels of the gas - the main contributor to the greenhouse effect – which causes global warming. If we could only learn to love the moss that grows in many of our shaded lawns that would further increase carbon capture and also play an important role in retaining rainwater - so decreasing water run off – an essential consideration when our weather is increasingly extreme.

And, of course, every tree, shrub, hedge and perennial that is planted needs and absorbs water. And if that is not tap water but rainwater and we have fitted money-saving rainwater butts to each downpipe for garden use, then that too is saving the environment and reducing run-off.

Talking of run-off - the cause of so much of our recent flooding – front gardens replaced by an impermeable surface adds to it. Laying a permeable surface – often only gaps between paving qualifies - means that rainwater can filter down and be absorbed into the soil which will obviously benefit our planting as well as relieving storm drains and rivers from flooding.

By adapting our own personal outdoor space we can make a significant contribution - both individually and collectively – to mitigate climate change. No flogging, no gnashing of teeth or beating of chests – if only it was all so simple!

Libby Cohen

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MAY AT SHIPBOURNE FARMERS MARKET

(Local produce made/grown by Local producers)

Shipbourne Farmers' Market stallholder Tom Cannon from **Roughway Farm** recently appeared on BBC2 as part of Michael Portillo's new series of "Great British Railway Journeys". Tom and his Uncle Giles showed Michael around the farm, roasted cobnuts and chatted about Tom's Grandpa, John Cannon MBE, and his important role in cobnut growing - in Michael's words "a legend in the cobnut world". The series is available to watch on BBC iPlayer (*Tom features in episode 2 – Hildenborough to Robertsbridge*).

With the longer days and the warmer spring sunshine the first signs of the bounty to come has arrived. **Asparagus**, one of the great treats of the season. It is at its best when picked and cooked within hours, something easily achievable when bought locally at the market. Make the most of the delicate flavour by serving simply steamed with melted butter or a hollandaise sauce. As the season progresses use in risottos, tarts, salads and soups.

Will's **wild sea trout** is one of the season's great treats and **lemon sole, cod, halibut** and **sea bass** are all good at this time of year.

Beef and pork will be at their most succulent as the grazing starts to green up. 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.

Alongside asparagus other spring vegetables are also starting to appear after the cold of the winter. Look out for tender little early **new potatoes**, leaves such as **spinach, watercress, rocket** and **lettuces** can now be found sitting alongside the last of this year's main vegetable crop of purple sprouting broccoli, spring cabbage, cauliflower, spring greens, spring onions and radishes. **Radishes, spring onions and samphire** mean that lighter eating is now an easy choice for the cook.

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 (pick away from roads or sprayed fields and shake to remove bugs) 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 brûlée and panna cotta.

COOKERY CORNER

ASPARAGUS AND MUSHROOMS ON SOURDOUGH

Serves 4 / 20 mins / Super Easy

- 4 cloves of garlic
 - Olive or rapeseed oil
 - 4 slices of sourdough bread
 - 2 handfuls of mushrooms
 - 500g fresh asparagus
 - 1 small handful of fresh flat-leave parsley
 - 8 tbsps Worcestershire sauce
 - 1-2 knobs of butter
1. Peel and finely slice 4 cloves of garlic. Put a large frying pan on a high heat and add a good lug of olive or rapeseed oil. Put 4 slices of sourdough bread into the toaster.
 2. Slice 2 handfuls of clean mushrooms and 500g of washed asparagus (woody ends snapped off) into bite-sized chunks. Add them to the hot pan with the sliced garlic and toss and fry for around 4 minutes.
 3. Finely chop a small handful of fresh flat-leaf parsley and add most of it to the pan, along with 8 tablespoons of Worcestershire sauce and a knob or two of butter. Take the pan off the heat and shake and stir around for 30 seconds or until the sauce has reduced down.
 4. Season to taste, then spoon over the slices of hot toast and top with the rest of the parsley.

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NEW: RECLINER CHAIR AND RISER BED: Does anyone need (or know of anyone who might need) an electronic riser/recliner chair – used only for a few months so as new.
Also a 4 ft riser bed (both ends of the bed can be raised) with neutral covered head and end boards and storage drawers underneath – also as new.
Please contact 07881 621036 and I will send photographs.

NEW: FOR SALE: Two retro sun loungers in bright 70s colours. £5.00 each
Small wooden coffee table. 77cm long x 32cm wide x 37cm high. £5.00
Office swivel chair. £5.00
Contact Lynne on 07799 258000 or Clive on 07773 151796

TD BRICKWORK LOCAL RELIABLE BUILDER

All aspects of Brickwork, Garden, Walls, Steps, Patios, Repointing, Landscaping. Please Contact Terence 07742831875 or Email douseterence@gmail.com. (12/25)

YAMAHA ELECTONE HS-4 ELECTRIC ORGAN SYNTHESISER WITH STOOL

Model introduced 1987 and probably bought that year. Inherited recently. Seems good order but cannot give any assurances. One careful lady owner! We live in Ivy Hatch. No charge but donation to St Giles' Church Restoration Appeal suggested. Please message 07584 517383. (02/25)

JOANNE LOUISE BEAUTY - Offering Gel Nails, builder gel, ELIM pedicures and LVL

lashes from my home studio in Shipbourne. I am fully insured and accredited, offering evening and Sunday appointments. Keep an eye on my Instagram for updates [@joannelouisebeauty](https://www.instagram.com/joannelouisebeauty). For any questions or to book an appointment I can be contacted on 07894054015 or email joanne@joannelouisebeauty.co.uk (02/25)

FOOT CARE PODIATRIST/CHIROPODIST at my clinic in central Hildenborough. Gentle and effective care for your feet. Alice Neale MRCPod BSC Hons HCPC registered. Contact telephone 01732 832524 or text 07951949015 (02/25)

HAIR BY SHARON - Mobile hairdresser, for prices or to make an appointment please call 01732 773043 (02/25)

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 (02/25)

DAVID ROWE Plumbing & Heating, a reliable engineer for all your domestic requirements including: boiler installation, servicing and repairs, full heating systems, radiators, hot water cylinders, power-flushing, gas fires, gas cookers, bathrooms. Please contact David, 07715266311 or email droweph@virginmedia.com (02/25)

LOCAL WASP NEST TREATMENT: Fast, efficient, reliable. Andy Wasp 07833 558773 (02/25)

SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE 2025 EVENTS DIARY

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday 1 st May	7am-10pm	KCC Local Elections
Saturday 11 th May	1pm	Plaxtol Duck Race, Spoute Rec
Saturday 17 th May	3-7pm	Village Hall Garden Party
Sunday 18 th May	After 10.30am service	Rector's 60 th Birthday refreshments and cake, Plaxtol Church
Saturday 24 th May	9.30-11am	Community Bread Basket, Plaxtol Church
Saturday 21 st June	1-5pm	Shipbourne Garden Safari
Saturday 4 th October		Village Hall Wine Tasting
Saturday 29 th November		Village Hall Quiz Night

Cut out and keep