

St Giles' and Shipbourne Village
NEWSLETTER



January 2026

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ST GILES' AND SHIPBOURNE NEWSLETTER

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Rector of Shipbourne with Plaxtol
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PARISH DIARY – JANUARY 2026

Except where indicated below, the main morning service at ST GILES, SHIPBOURNE is at 9.30am. Every weekday at 8.30am 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/>*

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| Thursday | 1st | | NO Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne – returns 15th January |
| SUNDAY <i>Epiphany</i> | 4th | 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 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12 |
| Thursday | 8th | | NO Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne – returns 15th January |
| SUNDAY <i>Epiphany 1 Baptism of Christ</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: | Isaiah 42:1-9, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-end |
| Thursday | 15th | 9-11am | Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne |
| SUNDAY <i>Epiphany 2</i> | 18th | 8.00am | Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church |
| | | 9.30am | Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne |
| | | 11.00am | Community@11 at Plaxtol Church (Refreshments from 10.30am) |
| | | Readings: | Isaiah 49:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42 |
| Thursday | 22nd | 9-11am | Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne |
| SUNDAY <i>Conversion of St Paul</i> | 25th | 8.00am | Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne |
| | | 9.30am | Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne |
| | | 11.00am | Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church |
| | | Readings: | Jeremiah 1:4-10, Galatians 1:11-16 ^a , Matthew 19:27-end |
| Thursday | 29th | 9-11am | Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne |

2025 RBL POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's RBL Poppy Appeal in Shipbourne, Plaxtol and Hadlow. Special thanks to our dedicated house-to-house collectors. Together, our communities raised **over £10,000** to help the RBL continue its important work supporting veterans and their families. To learn more about the work of the RBL, to donate or volunteer, visit britishlegion.org.uk.

Sean Waddingham

Poppy Appeal Organiser Hadlow District

Newsletter Trial: Where to get your copy

Collection Hubs: Hard copies are available for collection from the following hubs (thank you to all hubs!):

- St Giles' Church
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- The Kentish Rifleman

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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Please send any articles and adverts for the February Newsletter
by **15th January 2026**

Please email articles to lindsay_miles@btinternet.com or
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PLANS FOR THE NEW YEAR?

Who's got plans for the New Year? A holiday, maybe? A fitness target? Exam grades? It's part of the human condition that we make plans; we feel a sense achievement when plans come good, and frustration when they don't. There are plenty of proverbs to go with the habit of making plans, too: 'Without a vision, the people perish!' or 'best laid plans of mice and men...!' But does God have a plan... for you? The witness of scripture would suggest that the answer is 'Yes!':

2026

"For surely I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

These words were first spoken to the exiles in Babylon (c. 600 BC) by the prophet Jeremiah. You may feel the words aren't for you at all, but it is possible that they have an abiding truth, an open-ended value or an 'excess of meaning'. The verses that follow are instructive too:

"Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:10-11)

As our churches step into the New Year, we remain committed to our role as welcoming host to all who would come and pray and search for the Lord. We have a special plan too: **May 17th**, Simon Buton-Jones, the Bishop of Tonbridge will be with us for a **Confirmation**. Confirmation is for any (age 12 and over) who have been baptized (usually as infants) and who want to make their own public commitment and receive the prayers of the bishop for more of God's Holy Spirit in their lives. Confirmation has also become the traditional 'point of entry' for receiving the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Details to be published near the time.

Peter Hayler, Rector

**Community
Bread
Basket**



Bread Making Competition!

SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY

9:30 to 11:00am in PLAXTOL CHURCH

Open to all, there are four categories:

- any bread made in a bread maker
- Handmade Loaf e.g. granary, white, soda...
- Special Flavour Loaf e.g. beetroot & bacon, stout & apple, chocolate & cherry...
- Novelty Bread e.g. hedgehog, fish, flower...

10:00am Deadline for entries
 Judging

10:45am Presentations

For further information, please email Donna Hayler

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PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO COMMUNITY BREAD BASKET IN JANUARY

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.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

LOCAL PLAN

<https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/local-plan/local-plan-updates>

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council is preparing a new Local Plan. The Local Plan will look ahead to 2042 and will provide a long-term vision and growth strategy for new development in the borough, providing a policy framework to help guide and shape the future of Tonbridge and Malling.

We are seeking your views to help shape how our borough grows and changes. It is our second formal consultation and the last

chance to offer comments to help shape the Plan before it is finalised for publication at Regulation 19 stage with further consideration next year. After the Regulation 19 consultation, we are not able to update the Plan, and comments submitted are sent to the Planning Inspectorate to be considered during the Local Plan Examination.

We encourage everyone to take part in our consultation, which will run from today 10 November to midnight on 2 January 2026. This is your opportunity to help shape how our borough grows and changes. To read and comment on the Local Plan, as well as other supporting documents, or find out more, please visit our consultation <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/localplan> where you can explore the emerging Local Plan and share your feedback.

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.



For full details of all our walks, see www.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk

Shipbourne Village Hall News

Quiz Night

The Quiz Night was as enjoyable as it promised to be. Fifty-three competitive quizzers sat down all eager to win and avoid the NOT SO SMARTIE prize for the losing table.

There was no overall theme to the questions this year, so good general knowledge was required. Many thanks and well done to Lynne and Clive Buddle for a great evening, setting the questions, adjudicating as necessary and running the quiz. Everyone has said how much they enjoyed it.

The winning team on the night was made up of the Farmers Market volunteers - well done to them.

The mid-break supper was excellent with superb platters of cold meats, cheeses, quiches and fruits, followed by warm mince pies and boxes of sweets.

Prize for the best Christmas jumper went to the youngest quizzier – 12-week-old Maggie Chapman for her very festive Babygro (picture online as part of this report).

The raffle had some excellent prizes donated by local businesses and individuals.

2025 Roundup

The end of the year marks the completion of first full year that the social committee have been in place, with thanks for their time planning, organising, setting up before and clearing away afterwards. The events organised have not only raised £2,840 of additional funds for the hall, but have provided three well attended and thoroughly enjoyable village get-togethers.

2026 Events

Plans are already underway for next year's social calendar which will include a wine tasting, a garden party, jukebox bingo, and a quiz night. We will firm up dates for these and any others as early as possible so they can be put into your diaries.

Help us to keep in touch

If you want to be kept informed about this and future events, please email peter4inscope@yahoo.co.uk with your contact details.

We are keen to keep everyone informed directly of all village events, not just those at the hall, and would greatly appreciate receiving your contact details, so please do email as soon as possible.

Ideas for other events and activities are always welcome.



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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



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SHIPBOURNE WI

at Branded in Sevenoaks. The majority of our members were there, with many other diners in a festive and cheerful atmosphere.

Our Christmas party went very well with a murder mystery theme. Thankfully, it was a different murderer from last year's. Thank you again to Judy and her husband Paul for the preparation and organisation of the event.

Both the walk and a meeting of the Book Club have taken place, with dates for the new year scheduled.

A new venture has been planned for February, when a group of members is spending a night in a hotel in Canterbury, having been to a performance at The Marlowe Theatre. Something to look forward to in the rather dark weeks after Christmas before the spring takes off!

Our first meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday 14th January. Before that, Shipbourne WI members wish everyone a very happy and peaceful New Year.

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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INFORMATION AND EVENTS**

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Climate Action Shipbourne and Plaxtol CASP

www.casphub.org

Our children's wishes for 2026 At Plaxtol School Christmas Fair, we invited children to hang a wish for Nature on our tree. Our children love sharing their world with Nature and enjoy the excitements of Christmas. The most popular cut out was....the reindeer!

- I wish happiness 😊
- I want Father Christmas to come back
- I wish there always is water for plants
- I wish that there is snow for Christmas
- I wish there are more snow tigers
- I would like to see more deer
- I wish for a family holiday to Africa
- More trees and foxes and butterflies
- I wish that there are dragons
- I wish for more cats
- I wish for a big toy
- I wish for a dog
- I want to see an owl
- I wish to see more flowers

Christmas Carbon Tracker Did you manage to reduce your excess carbon footprint at Christmas? We shared our ideas at Shipbourne|Farmers' Market. Many people said they were on top of recycling wrapping paper, buying locally produced food, homemade decorations, charity donations as gifts and charity shops as a happy home for unwanted presents. Average emissions associated with Christmas Day are equivalent to about half a tonne of carbon dioxide per person. Help us reduce that in 2026. Send us your new ideas! info@casphub.org

Home Energy Project A big thank you to everyone who completed our questionnaire. Your responses have built up a picture of local housing types. Six varied homes have been selected for free assessments to make energy saving cheaper and easier.

Your responses gave us valuable insights into what's holding us back from switching to green energy. We hope the home assessments will answer our questions. Come and see what we found out at a celebratory fair in Plaxtol Memorial Hall on **Saturday 25 April**. Please save the date and come along! To find out more, visit www.casphub.org

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FROM YOUR LOCAL MP

The Rt Hon Sir John Stanley, who served our community for 41 years, has died at the age of 83 following a short illness.

Sir John served Tonbridge and Malling as MP between 1974 and 2015. He dedicated much of his life to our concerns and cared deeply. I have learned so much from so many who have shared stories of his dedication to responding to those who needed his help.

Sir John was a tireless advocate of our rural community. He ran an extremely popular and successful Farmers and Growers Club which enabled him to make representations on behalf of those businesses who power our rural economy. I know he was extremely proud of what Shipbourne could contribute to this.

He also served with distinction in Parliament on the Foreign Affairs Committee and as a minister in government. Sir John had the privilege, as Margaret Thatcher's PPS, of being the one who welcomed her into Number 10 for the first time. He went on to bring through the law allowing council tenants to buy their homes, the biggest transfer of wealth in a generation.

From there he went on to serve as the Minister for the Armed Forces in the Ministry of Defence and later as a minister in the Northern Ireland Office. His unique style brought change and focus to each role. He served our country with distinction.

Even after he stepped down he was a kind friend and counsel to me and was the best predecessor I could ask for. No issue was too big or small for Sir John to deal with. In Parliament, he was devoted to serving his country in the same way he served our community.

I know I will not be alone in missing Sir John, he helped many of us in Kent, and across the United Kingdom. His life was one of dedication and service. I send my deepest condolences to Elizabeth and to his whole family.

Tom Tugendhat

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

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THE GRANGE

Just as most of us were originally of peasant stock rising to more elevated social status through the centuries so the properties we occupied would often grow in stature over the years. Cottages were renamed houses and houses grew into mansions and, occasionally, a mansion became known as The Grange, a grand sounding name applied to imbue it and its occupants with the appearance of grandeur.

Originally a grange was a grain store often attached to – or serving – a large monastic building. There may also have been a modest farmhouse growing crops such as spelt, with apple orchards or livestock raised on its medieval farmland. But The Granges of Shipbourne and Plaxtol had little to do with monastic or medieval granaries.

Situated on the north of Shipbourne common The Grange was originally built as a hunting lodge for Fairlawne mansion, described on maps of 1846 and 1868 as The Lodge. This small property had by 1895 doubled in size to a solid red brick Victorian mansion, still very manageable as it *only* required five live-in household staff. It was intended as a Dower House - with a garage, outbuildings and stables - and renamed The Grange, as seen on the revised 1868 ordnance survey map of 1895 and map of 1907. In addition, a handsome semi-detached pair of Kentish ragstone cottages shown on an 1868 map as Grange Cottages were also rebuilt by the Cazalets for The Grange staff in 1873.

During WWI The Grange was let to the Weston family and before WWII was occupied by Peter Cazalet and his wife Leonora. Their daughter, Sheran, was born there as was their son Edward in 1936. He remembers it with great affection until - when Fairlawne was no longer tenanted - the family moved into the 'big house' in Plaxtol. The Grange fell into disrepair after WWII and was demolished in the 1960's after which several detached houses were built within the red brick walls that surrounded it. Fortunately, the cottages remain fronting The Green.

The house now known as The Grange in Plaxtol was originally an Elizabethan farmhouse – possibly a Hall House – known as Hubbles then Hale House. It was re-fronted in the Queen Anne style in 1702 and a tithe barn and oast built, still in existence. The

name changed in the 1800's to Stanley Grange, a family name and one more suited to its elevated status. When this family association ceased it became, simply, The Grange, which Edwin Lutyens, the celebrated architect, remodelled in 1926.

The Grange in Plaxtol continues to exert its importance in the landscape as the lane on which it stands – formerly known as Fenne Lane - is now called Grange Hill. Sadly, The Grange is Shipbourne is now only a distant memory.

Libby Cohen

THE WEATHER IN NOVEMBER

The average day temperature. was 14.4⁰c, the average night temperature. was 3.8⁰c, the highest day was Thursday 13th with 21⁰c, the lowest day was Wednesday 19th with 6.5⁰c, the highest night was Monday 3rd with 13⁰c, the lowest night was Friday 21st with -4.5⁰c, the total rainfall was 88mm with an average over the last 35 years of 96mm, the highest year was November 2022 with 230mm, the lowest year was November 2021 with 15.5mm.

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JANUARY AT SHIPBOURNE FARMERS' MARKET



Following the Christmas rush, the stallholders and volunteers take a well-earned break and the Market reopens on **Thursday 15th January 2026**.

We have had footfall ups and downs in 2025 but finished on a high with over 180 attending the final Market of the year. We look forward to building our numbers in 2026 and welcoming returning and new customers.

An easy resolution to make this year is to eat well and enjoy good local food. With some planning and research, you should not only manage to eat better but also save money by shopping locally with the seasons. Not only that but supporting small local producers adds to your feel-good factor.

With short days and chilly nights we all crave comfort foods but after the excesses of the Christmas period, budgets are tight and healthier menus are in everyone's minds. So it's time to go minimal in the kitchen and enjoy simple clean dishes that satisfy. The brassica family neatly fits the bill. Kale, Savoy cabbage, sprouts and spring greens are all full of flavour now and don't need to be boiled to death. In fact they work perfectly in stir fries, hearty soups and curries, or serve them simply shredded and steamed tossed with a little seasoning, and a dash of cold pressed rapeseed oil (from our new supplier, Kentish Oils). Main crop potatoes, Jerusalem artichokes, parsnips, celeriac, swede and turnips provide the starch that keeps us going in the cold so mash them together to go with your meat dishes.

Lemon sole, halibut, skate and turbot are all good at this time of year – try them simply cooked on a griddle with a little oil to prevent sticking and a squeeze of lemon juice. Then sit back and really appreciate great fish at its very best. Venison is plentiful and with its lean flesh and high mineral content is great for those watching waistlines. The feathered game season comes to a close around the end of the month so now is a good time to use wild duck or pheasant in a casserole or pie.

See you back at Shipbourne Farmers' Market on **15th January 2026!**

COOKERY CORNER

CRISPY NEEPS 'N' TATTIES CAKE

This Scottish take on a rösti goes well with game, duck breast or roast chicken. Perfect as an accompaniment for Burns Night on 25th January.

Serves 6 as a side dish / Easy / Prep: 20 mins / Cook 1 hr

- 1 large swede peeled and cut into chunks
 - 4 baking potatoes peeled and cut into chunks
 - 50g butter
 - Rapeseed oil for greasing
 - 8 thin slices of pancetta or bacon
1. Boil the swede and potatoes in salted water for about 20 mins until completely tender, then drain well. Return to the pan under a very low heat for a few mins to dry out. Off the heat, bash the veg into a chunky mash with half the butter, a touch of salt and lots of pepper.
 2. Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Grease an ovenproof frying pan with a splash of oil and line the pan with the pancetta or bacon so it meets in the middle (like the stripes on the Union Flag). Press the veg into the dish (you can get up to this stage up to a day ahead and keep in the fridge). Dot with the remaining butter, then bake for about 40 mins until crisp and golden. Remove from the oven, turn out onto a board and cut into wedges.

Stallholder Shopping List

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The team of amazing volunteers will be collecting trees Between the 10th and 12th January.

For more information and to find out and how to register for a collection, please visit the events section of our website hospiceintheweald.org.uk

All proceeds help to fund the free care and support Hospice in the Weald offers to adults and children in our community facing life-limiting illness.

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Editor's Note: Please note Mote Farm will not be organising a Christmas tree collection this year

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Business Advertisements up to four lines are charged at £1 per monthly issue or £10 for a whole year of 12 issues. Also available are up to half-page display advertisements, charged at £10 per monthly issue, or £100 for a full year of 12 issues.

All revenue raised from Shipbourne Classifieds goes towards St Giles and the printing costs of the Newsletter.

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GIRL'S 2-WHEELER CYCLE 13 inch Carrera aluminium white and blue frame. 24 inch wheels. Telephone David on 07940 825428 - £25.00

BELFAST SINK suitable as a garden planter £25. For more details or photos please 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)

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)