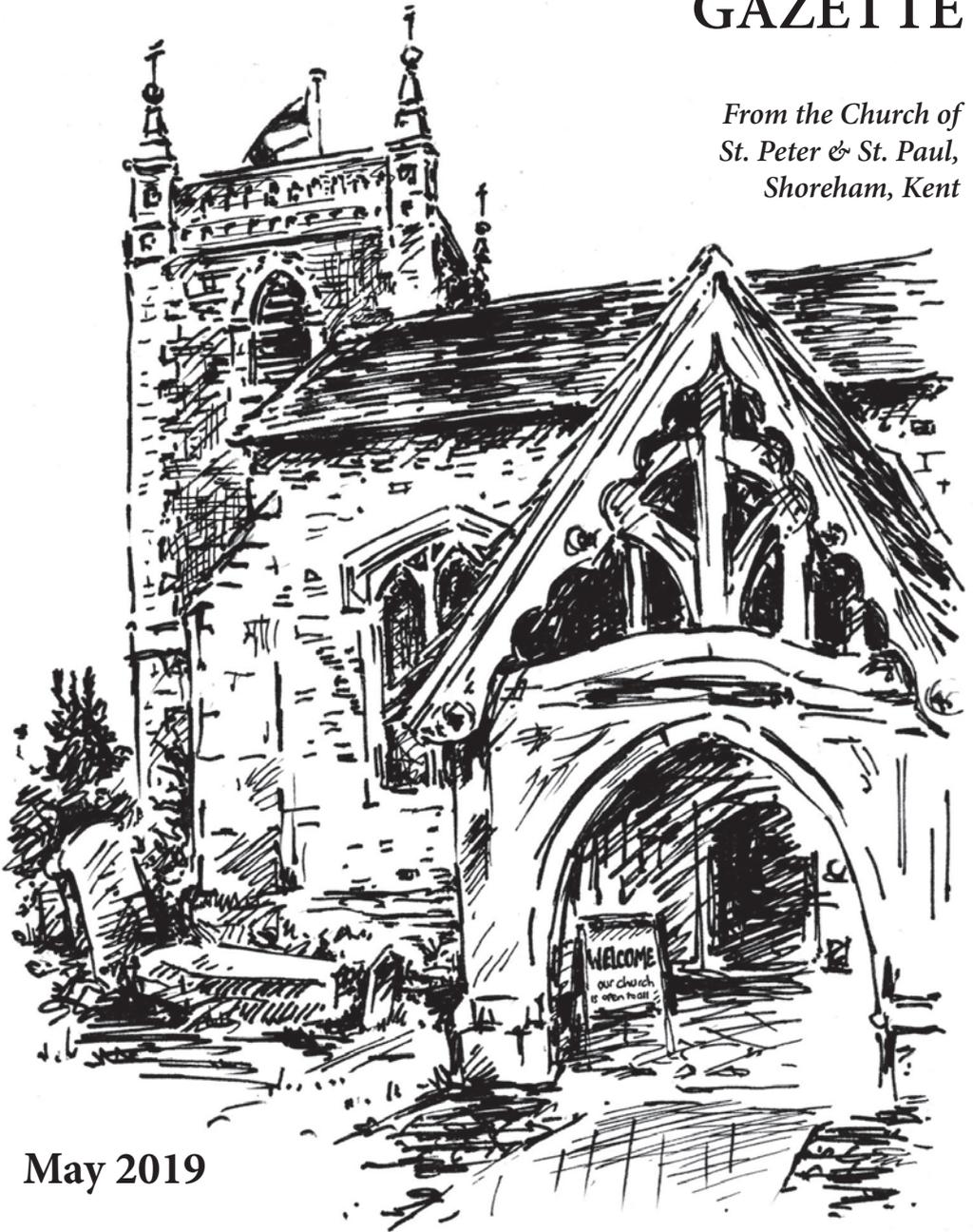


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12th May – 4th Sunday of Easter

8am - BCP Communion

10.00am – Eucharist with Taize music

6.00pm – Songs & Poems

19th May – 5th Sunday of Easter

10.00am – Eucharist

6.00pm – Discussion + refreshments - No turning back: Thoughts on Luke’s gospel

26th May – 6th Sunday of Easter

8am - BCP Communion

10.00am - All-Age service

6.00pm – Compline

PRAYER TRAIL

Ascension Day Thursday 30th May until Pentecost Sunday 9th June

there is Reflective Trail in the church

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Life

It was magical. It was 5.53am, when nineteen of us, candles lit, watched the sun rise above the hill opposite the cross, as we greeted the Easter morning. It was one of those life affirming moments. There have been others took over recent weeks. Some of these happen at times we may expect, such as sharing a meal with family and friends, spending time doing something you love (one of which, for me, is creating glass art), achieving some goal we have been working towards, being awestruck by the beauty of a view or the joy of a child. Others happen at surprising times, such as doing the reflective walk around the village on Good Friday and noticing things for the first time, sharing laughter in a difficult situation, being told of the impact on people’s lives and health of a £15 water filter in Mpwapwa, feeling useful and valued when you do something for someone else.

If you type the words ‘New Life’ into Google, in a fraction of a second it tells you that there are over 19 billion references. These range from churches, IVF clinics, shop names, bargains, equipment suppliers to a computer based role playing game.

Each year, Spring heralds new life appearing after winter. There are Easter bunnies and chickens, shops full of chocolate eggs. But even more than this, Easter testifies that the resurrection wasn't just a happy ending to a tragic story but rather shows us that the light of the risen Christ penetrates even the darkest situation. Easter helps us challenge the cynicism and hopelessness all around. The Easter message of new life is at the heart of the Christian faith.

While mission statements might seem relatively new to us, they have been around for centuries. Jesus articulated his mission statement over two thousand years ago; "I came that they might have life, and have it more abundantly."

All that he did, turning water into wine, playing with children, teaching his listeners by story and example, challenging religious dogmatism, even his death and resurrection, was a consequence of Jesus' mission statement.

So, this Eastertide ... What sustains you? What puts a smile on your face and lights up your heart? What keeps the embers of your soul on fire? What really matters deeply to you? What will give you life in all its abundance?

Revd Diane



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(by A J Lewis)

SHOREHAM CHURCH EXTENSION UPDATE

Open Day Saturday May 11th from 10am to 12 noon

You are welcome to come and pass through the new nave entrance and inspect the Church Room.

Building contract

Apart from a slight set-back when, as a result of a break-in tools were lost, progress on site this month has been very good. More and more trades have been on site including carpenter, electrician, heating engineers, roof tilers and zinc man (for the small areas of flat roof). Everyone is delighted at the quality of the stonework.

Break through into the church



The extension connects into the main church at two points: into the nave at the back of the church and into the Lady Chapel (the vicar's vestry). The Lady Chapel connection has enabled us to dispense with the fire escape at the back of the extension and with the path which would otherwise have had to run along the outside of the extension: that saving is the same as the cost of the breakthrough and hence the breakthrough has paid for itself.

The breakthroughs have given rise to a few surprises but nothing unpleasant. In the nave wall at the point of breakthrough was discovered what was initially thought to be a bricked-up window. Upon reflection it was realised that it was at too low a level for a window. It is now thought to have been a coal chute or flue for the 19th century boiler.

The Lady Chapel breakthrough was at the point of a bricked-up entrance. Before breakthrough it was thought to be an entrance down to the barrel-vaulted crypt below the Lady Chapel. Breakthrough reveals that it is an old

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external entrance from the churchyard into the Lady Chapel. If only we had known this earlier we could have shown that objections of bodies such as Society for Protection of Ancient Buildings had no substance and it would have been much easier to get planning permission.

Memorials

The installer returned and (without additional cost) adjusted the level of the WWII memorial which despite being level according to the spirit level looked crooked. Since everything is out of true there could be no perfect solution, but it looks better than previously. The installer identified a serious crack in the bottom alabaster panel of the WWI memorial. As a result a piece of wood has been bolted into the wall beneath the alabaster panel to prevent the memorial collapsing and suffering irreparable damage. A more long-term solution will be sought.

Drainage connection

Work in Church Street to form the foul and fresh water connection was carried out in the week beginning 8th April. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Repairs and costs

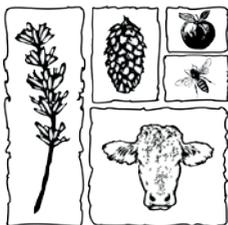
In relation to costs the Lady Chapel breakthrough and removal of the Lady Chapel wooden floor have been very important steps forward. There was no way of telling the state of the old stone floor prior to the removal of the wooden floor above it. In fact the stone floor is in good condition. The engineer has inspected the breakthrough and no structural problems were discovered. As a result on 18th April I gave the go-ahead for the custom made kitchen units: since the kitchen units are in the main room of the extension non-custom made units would not have been appropriate.

More worrying is the west wall of the nave. This wall should never have been rendered (on either the inside or outside). However, its problems go beyond the render. Beneath the cracked alabaster of the WW I memorial there is a crack in the very hard render. At present it is not clear what the best solution is or perhaps more to the point how we can afford the best solution. If anyone would like to come to the aid of a wall of a Grade 1 Listed Church please do give generously to the repair fund.

Fundraising

Cheques for repairs and decorations should be made payable to Shoreham Church Repair Fund and sent to The Vicarage with an indication of whether gift aided. Direct transfers: NatWest Sevenoaks, Sort Code 60-19-02, Account number 13785532, account name Shoreham PCC

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Frank Hinks - Churchwarden

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Johnny

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SHOREHAM OPEN GARDENS SAFARI

15th and 16th June In aid of Shoreham Church



We are pleased to say that preparations are going well with our 22 participating gardens scattered around the village, big and small. We could still use some more volunteers to help out serving refreshments at the Village Hall, overseeing the parking and staffing some gardens if you could spare the time.

Time now to think about planting a Garden in a Wheelbarrow, with special prizes for children's entries. Jenny Knott, Jeremy Tooley, Jenna Leight & Peter Kasch

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SHOREHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL – 13th SEPTEMBER

The next Shoreham Music Festival event will be on Friday 13th September at 7.30pm. A concert by Simon Standage and friends performing Brahms string sextets. Afterwards there will be jazz by Frances Rae and her band, during which drinks and refreshments will be served. Both events will be held in the newly extended church. More details in the June Gazette. *Linda Latimer*

SHOREHAM ANNUAL DUCK RACE



Bank Holiday Monday 6th May from 1.45pm. There will be more to enjoy than just the race, with biscuits, duck hooters and ice lollies for sale. Refreshments will be available in the Village Hall. This year the money raised will go to

Shoreham Village School to help fund their new quiet and dedicated learning space for individual and small group tuition. Entry £2 per duck.

We are always keen to have ideas on how the Village can be improved, so if you have any ideas, do contact us; our email is: shorehamsociety@gmail.com

SHOREHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our meeting for May will be on the 7th - it is our Annual General Meeting and is for members only, commencing at 7.30pm. This meeting is for the election of Officers and the voting on the Resolutions.

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We will also happily take plant donations on the day or contact me on 525818 for collection.

Tooley

Jeremy

SHOREHAM VILLAGE STORES

Our champion ducks are ready in the shop for the village's annual river extravaganza. Make sure you buy yours by May 6th. How you pimp and prink them for race day is, of course, up to you. Picking up a fishing net, too, might be a good idea in case your entry needs a little emergency help.

On the subject of fishing, Michael Janney's fish van is stationed outside the shop from about 2 to 3pm every Wednesday. His catch comes straight from Grimsby, and in his words "cooks nicer and is much fresher tasting" than anything you will find on the fish counter of a supermarket. Finally, a reminder of the Post Office hours – Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 3.30pm

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ROMNEY STREET CARAVAN PARK

In January Romney Street Caravan Park was acquired by Serenity Parks Ltd. The Residents of Romney Street Caravan Park have all been given notice to leave. Some of the residents have already left, some have been helped to find alternative accommodation by SDC and others are being offered help to purchase new homes on the site. Redevelopment of the site, which will take approximately twenty weeks, has already started and the park will be renamed Kings Meadow Residential Park when finished. Serenity Parks Ltd, aim to bring one, two and three bedroom single storey homes to the park for sale. The new homes, which will be for the over 45's, are currently being marketed and details can be found at serenityparks.co.uk/developments/kings-meadow A news letter regarding the development can be found at serenityparks.co.uk/development

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Two large memorials dated 1712 and 1732 have been found under the Victorian wood floor in the vestry of the D'Arandas who are buried in the crypt under the chapel. They are related to the Polhills and history shows that John Polhill, the eldest son, resided at Preston, which continued in his descendants, who seem to have removed their residence in general to Burwash, in Sussex, where several of them lie buried. One of them, John Polhill, of Burwash, at length passed away Preston by sale to Paul D'Aranda, esq. who died possessed of it in 1712. His son of the same name, was of Putney, in Surry, esq.

and possessed this estate of Preston. He died in 1732, and lies buried in this church. Before his death; in 1715, he sold this estate to John Borrett, esq. who was originally of the county of Westmoreland, was master of the Inner Temple, and afterwards one of the prothonotaries of the court of common pleas, and bore for his arms, *Ermines, three boars heads erected and erased or*. He was twice married; first, to Anne, daughter of Bartholomew Partridge, merchant of London, by whom he had a son, Thomas, who survived him; secondly, to Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Sir John Trevor, secretary of state to Charles II. by whom he had six children; of whom Elizabeth married David Polhill, esq. of Chipsted. Trevor settled in the bishopric of Durham, and died anno 1770, whose son Thomas, afterwards married the youngest daughter and coheir of Thomas, only surviving son of John Borrett, by his first wife, father of the said Trevor; Edward married Susan, the daughter of Thomas Dixon, esq. of the county of York; Mary; and Ruth was the second wife of Sir Isaac Shard. John Borrett, esq. above mentioned, built a handsome seat, close to the river, at the south end of the village of Shoreham, which he called *Newhouse*, where he resided to the time of his death. He died in 1739, and was succeeded in this seat of New-house, with Preston, and in his other estates in this parish, by Thomas Borrett, esq. his only surviving son by his first wife, to whom he had resigned his office of prothonotary many years before his death.

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The theme of the trip is to visit small towns and sites on the Wanson Channel that existed in medieval times and earlier and show how Thanet back then was indeed an island.

David Carder will lead the outing, and he is to give an explanatory talk on Thanet at our meeting in the Village Hall on May 17th

Lynda Alleeson

SIDNEY WILSON

On May 18th at 11.10am Sid's ashes will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance and we would welcome his friends who would like to attend.

Lorna Playfoot and family

R. O. G. U. E. S GOLF

My first game as Captain went well, everybody seemed to enjoy the day at Kingshill .

The winners were 3rd Paul Murphy, 2nd Dave Calderwood and 1st Bob Wincap who also won the straightest drive (lucky man). The next venue is Poul Wood near Tonbridge on 24th May.

If you are interested in becoming a member (cost just £20) or if you just wish to play as a guest please email Martin Finch, (Captain 2019) at widgemartin@gmail.com or Wyn Melville-Jones (Vice-Captain 2019) at wyn.mj@btinternet.com

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6 th		Duck Race	from 1.45pm
7 th	Women's Institute	Village Hall	7.30pm
8 th	Happy's Circus at the Village School from 4pm		
8 th	Over 60s	Ruxley Garden Centre	2.15pm
9 th	Community Coffee	Village Hall	10am – 12noon
17 th	Shoreham Historical	Village Hall	7.30pm
18 th	Allotments	Plant Sale	10am – 12 noon
22 nd	Over 60s	Village Hall	2.15pm
31 st and 1 st June		Village Hall	Jeeves

Advance Events

June 8 th	Temenos Concert in Church at 7.00pm
June 12 th	Over 60s to Hastings car park at 9.30am
June 15 th and 16 th	Open Gardens Safari
June 21 st	Historical outing to Thanet
June 29 th	Cavendish Singers in the Church
July 7 th	Well Hill Mission Church Annual Concert at 2.45pm

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