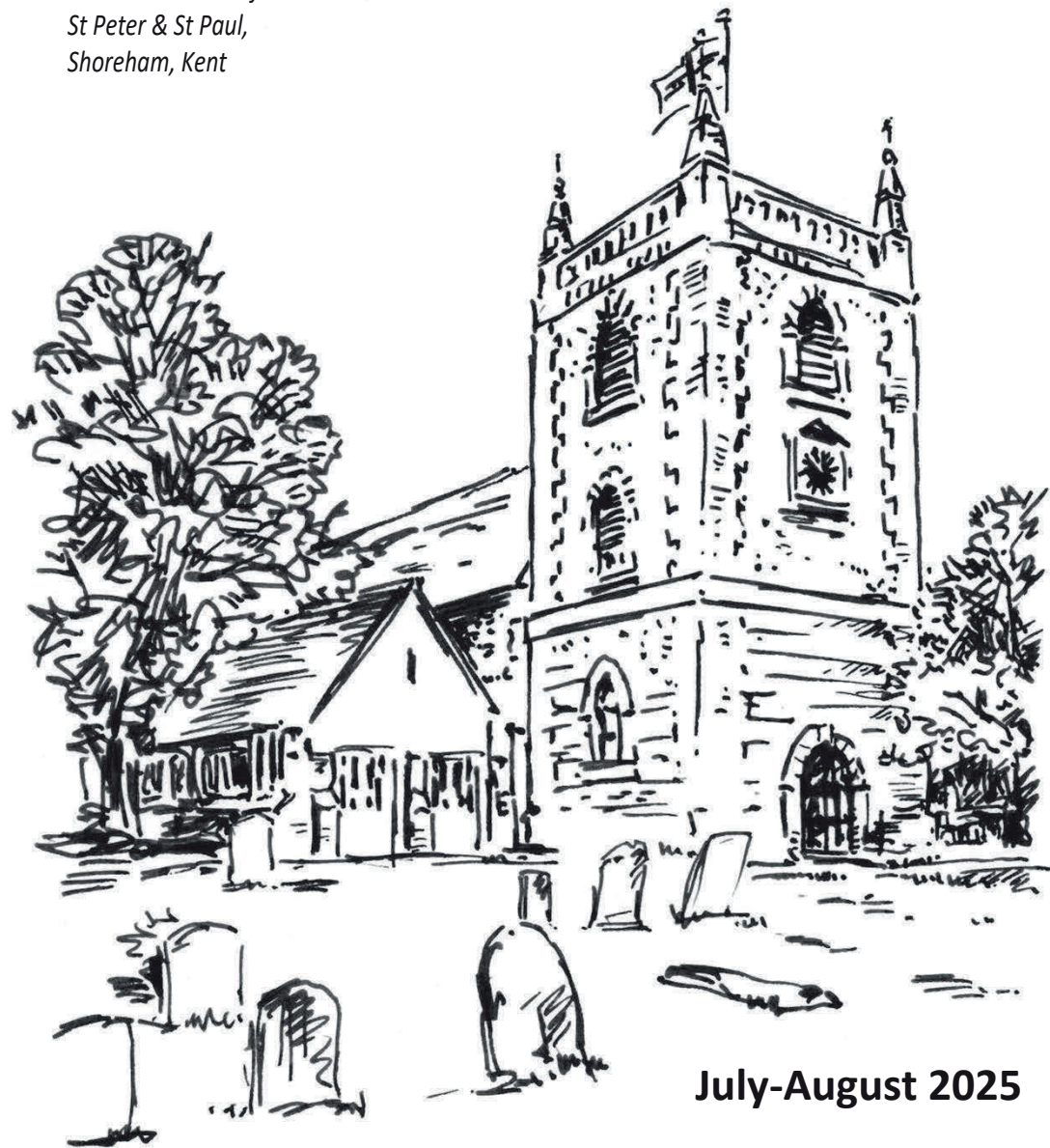


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What's Happening About The Vicar?

That's not meant to be a question about Revd Diane! (And those of you who are linked to her on Facebook will have seen that she is looking very well and catching up on some overseas travel which she and Alain have clearly been saving up for, including the penultimate few weeks of their pilgrimage along the "Camino" to Santiago de Compostela.) No, this is the question increasingly being asked about the future of our church and how it serves the village. So here is a brief update alongside a deeper question about vicars and us!

We've had plenty of interregnums before - indeed a 6-12 month gap every 10 years or so is almost baked into the way the Church of England runs its finances - but this one is different. That's because we know that many clergy are coming up to retirement and the Diocese of Rochester has started a process of "pastoral reorganisation" which may well result in joining parishes together. For many years Shoreham has only been able to "justify" a part-time vicar, originally shared with the part-time role of Chaplain at St Michael's School, and the vacancies in many nearby parishes mean that now is a good time to re-evaluate how we are organised. You may know that our previous vicar, Revd Richard Freeman, moved to the West Country to look after 7 churches!

Luckily for us though, in some ways, the Church takes things slowly, maybe prayerfully, and any change won't happen immediately. So the good news is that we are now hopeful of placing an advert over the summer for a part-time priest for a three year tenure, during which they will help us join in shaping and preparing for the next stage. In the meantime, we're very fortunate to have a willing and varied band of retired clergy (there may be an official collective noun!) taking our weekly services, and a very dedicated congregation working behind the scenes to ensure it's very much "business as usual". But if there's something you're missing and which Revd Diane or any of her predecessors might have provided, please let us know.

Which leads to the deeper question of what a vicar really is and why we need them. The word itself, as with "vicarious", reflects the fact that they act *on behalf of* someone else. Technically that's the Bishop, in the same way that, as Churchwardens, Elaine and I have just been sworn in as "lay officers" of the Bishop.

But I don't think I'm alone in also thinking of vicars as representatives of *God* and maybe being a "hotline" to God. They've had years of training, they "know the right words" and they alone can preside at our special service of Holy Communion - so we definitely need them for that. Yet in truth, every Christian is a representative of God and, especially during an interregnum, we can all act on behalf of God to look out for each other and share His love.

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Friday 11th July

9.30am Friday Prayers

Sunday 13th July - Trinity 4

9am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Morning Worship

Friday 18th July

9.30am Friday Prayers

Sunday 20th July - Trinity 5

10am Morning Worship with Communion

Friday 20th July

9.30am Friday Prayers

Sunday 27th July - Trinity 6

10am Holy Communion with Choir

Friday 1st August

9.30am Friday Prayers

Sunday 3rd August - Trinity 7

9am Breakfast@Church

6pm Holy Communion

Friday 8th August

9.30am Friday Prayers

Sunday 10th August - Trinity 8

9am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Morning Worship

Friday 15th August

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Sunday 17th August - Trinity 9

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Sunday 31st August - Trinity 11
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MESSY CHURCH SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST 3-5PM

Shoreham Church is going Messy again at the end of the summer holidays! Calling all children aged 3-10 together with a parent or carer please. Craft, songs, puppets and prayer, including a light tea together. Book via email:

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTER

Saturday 24 May

Service of blessing of the marriage in Australia of
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SHOREHAM WI

Our next WI meeting will be on Tuesday 1 July in the Village Hall, when we will be celebrating Shoreham WI's 107th Birthday!! We will be welcoming Henry VIII to what we expect to be a funny and entertaining evening, including a light buffet for everyone to enjoy. Members are invited to arrive from 7.00pm for drinks before we officially start the evening at 7.30pm. New members and visitors will be warmly welcomed – please send any enquiries to Shoreham@wkfwi.org.uk

Our August meeting will be held during the afternoon of Tuesday 5 August in the beautiful garden of one of our members when we will have a delicious cream tea and auction. The date is Tuesday 5 August and further details will be provided to members nearer the time.

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS

We will be taking our usual summer break from coffee mornings during July and August, while lots of people are on holiday, so please put the date of the next one in your diaries – Thursday 11 September – and we look forward to seeing you then. Apart from the next two months, these coffee mornings are held on the second Thursday of every month in the Village Hall, from 10.00am until 12.00pm.

Shoreham WI

OVER 60s

Wednesday 9th July - a talk about The Shoreham Players by Kate Britten. 2pm in the Village Hall.

Wednesday 23rd July - a strawberry tea at Suna's house. Mildmay House, The Quadrangle at 2pm.

Wednesday 13th August - Trip to Ightham Mote. Details to follow.

Wednesday -27th August - What makes Shoreham Special to You. 2pm Village Hall

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NEWS FROM SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL, JUNE 2025

We are excited to announce that from September, we will be introducing a new and engaging Reading and Writing scheme across Years 1 to 6 called CUSP. To prepare for this, our teachers have been visiting other small schools within The Pioneer Academy to see the scheme in action. It has been inspiring to observe the scheme in action and we look forward to bringing these wonderful new texts and this enriching experience to our pupils in the new academic year.

Our children have continued to shine in every area of school life. Pupils representing the school at recent sporting events have demonstrated fantastic determination, skill, and courage. We are especially proud of the way they supported each other and played as a team—true ambassadors for our school values.

Year 1 pupils have now completed their Phonics Screening Check, and we are extremely proud of the effort and progress they have shown. Likewise, our Year 4 pupils have undertaken the Multiplication Tables Check with great confidence and resilience—well done to them all!

It has been a real pleasure to welcome our new Reception pupils and their families for September during their recent 'Stay and Play' sessions. It has been lovely to meet so many of them, and we are thrilled to see so much excitement as they take their first steps on their school journey. We are also very proud to share that we have a full Reception cohort and a waiting list this year—a reflection of our vibrant, caring school community.

A big thank you to FOSS for organising the Father's Day Superhero Shop, giving all our children the chance to choose a special gift for their dads. We also loved welcoming so many fathers and other family members to our Father's Day Breakfast today. There was a wonderful atmosphere, with plenty of smiles, games, and shared moments—thank you for being part of it.

As a small village school, we thrive on the generosity and support of our local community. We are currently seeking volunteers to help in school with activities such as reading or supporting class projects. If you have some time to spare and would like to make a difference in the lives of our pupils, we would love to hear from you. All volunteers will be subject to DBS and safeguarding measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children.

We still have some limited spaces for pupils available in some year groups, so if you know anyone who is looking for a small friendly school with high standards and lots of lovely outdoor space, please ask them to call us to arrange a tour. Phone: 01959 522228 or email: office@shoreham.kent.sch.uk

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We know how much the Pre-School is valued by our community and provides a pathway into our Village School. Right now, we need to do everything we can to make sure they can continue. We would like to thank the Shoreham Society for the generous donation from the Duck Race and Shoreham Parish Council who have also supported us. We are continuing to fundraise to ensure that Shoreham Village Pre-School can provide the best possible learning environment and to build up a significant fund to replace our ageing roof.



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So, if you have your phone nearby, scan the QR code here and make a donation on our gofundme page, any amount welcome! And, if you have ideas we would be very keen to hear from anyone who may be able to open doors to more significant funding for the expensive roof repairs that are needed.

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DANNY KINGSHILL 1953-2025 - SHOREHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS

Danny was part of the Players for over 50 years. He was not chiefly an actor, but he was memorable in the lead role in the Scottish play, as Konstantin in *The Seagull* and Edgar in *King Lear*, and perhaps most of all as a very moving Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*, his singing voice being perfect for the part. (It was in the latter production that he fell victim to one of props manager Joan Cornwell's mischievous tricks (not suitable for publication)).

Danny's musical talent was outstanding. From 1979's *Toad of Toad Hall* on he accompanied any production which involved music: musicals, Old Time Music Halls, and the ten pantomimes which Katie wrote for the Players, for which he also composed the delightful, inventive tunes. And he sang beautifully, in classical duets with David Nash and with barber's shop quartets.

But most of all it is Danny's character which we will remember - his self-deprecating modesty, his sense of fun, his imagination and especially his selfless kindness and thoughtfulness. He was a very special, unique person whose loss will be deeply felt for a long time throughout the village, where he touched so many people's lives. Our sympathies go to Katie, Sophia and Mary.

SHOREHAM VILLAGE DIARY FOR SUMMER 2025

JULY

Tuesday 1	Shoreham WI's 107 th Birthday Party	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sunday 6	RBL Cake Sale	43-45 High Street	11am
Wednesday 9	Over 60s Shoreham Players talk by Kate Britten	Village Hall	2pm
Wednesday 23	Over 60s strawberry tea	Mildmay House, The Quadrangle	2pm

AUGUST

Tuesday 5	WI cream tea	Details to follow	
Wednesday 13	Over 60s trip to Ightham Mote	Details to follow	
Wednesday 27	Over 60s What makes Shoreham Special to You	Village Hall	2pm
Sunday 31	Messy Church	Church	3pm

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Framed works must be no larger than 50cm x 60cm and photographs should be printed at A4 or 8" x 10". If you would like to contribute, please contact us at the email below by 29th August. We'll provide more details about when and where to drop off work nearer the time, but it's likely that we'll ask you to bring your work to the Village Hall on Friday evening 3rd October.

Please email Amanda at shoreham.art@gmail.com if you would like more information or if you would like to submit some art for the show.

The exhibition will be free to enter for all and all are welcome to see the range of artistic talent that we have in Shoreham.

Shoreham Shine – the village clean up day – is on **Saturday 11th October**. On the same day, in a joint event with the Cricket Club, a **First Aid training day** is being organised. Both events are in the Village Hall.

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Summer is the ideal time to take the kids for an outing by train. Don't forget that on trains from Shoreham, you can sit in the 'First Class' carriages (at each end of the train) at no extra cost. Enjoy the Summer!

John Saynor, Chair; Sarah Andrews, Vice Chair; Rachel French, Secretary



Betony and lady's bedstraw in a churchyard

Late flowering Betony

Depending on the weather, July can be a month full of grassland flowers or one where many of them are over, having peaked in June. It is certainly the month when you need to start to cut and rake your long grass, particularly if it did not receive a spring cut.

Have a look out for late flowering plants, however, do you have Betony present? If so, then consider delaying the cut or cutting around the betony plants allowing them to flower, they are one of our most attractive wildflowers. Betony is a member of the woundwort family, close also to the dead-nettles. It has an angled stem, which if you were to cut it, would be square in cross section, has distinctive toothed leaves and lovely deep pink flowers.

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