



## CHURCH SERVICES

All Saints and St Mary's will be open on Easter Sunday and there will be two services in our churches during April as follows

4<sup>th</sup> Easter Day 11.00am Morning Prayer All Saints David Lancaster  
18<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Holy Communion St. Marys Austin Uzoigwe

These will be within Covid rules (masks will be required, the congregation will be socially spaced and hymns can be played but not sung). The PCC is pleased to be able to welcome people back to church but request that you let Jane know in advance your numbers so she can organize a seating plan and ensure we can accommodate everyone safely.

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Should anyone wish to take Easter Communion there are services at Saxlingham with Dawn and Tasburgh with Austin both at 11.00 am. Please book in advance.

In addition there will be Benefice Zoom services at 9.30 am on Easter day and each Sunday during April.

Easter flowers will be in All Saints and St Mary's  
Both churches will be open daily from 10.00am to 4.00pm during the month from Easter Sunday.

## What's On

2-5	Easter Treasure hunt	
11	Village Walk	10.15 Trinity hall
17-24	Plant sales	
24/25	Willow weaving	Hillside 10.00-4.00

Check your website [www.shotesham.com](http://www.shotesham.com) for all up to date information

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'The family of the late Barry Smith would like to thank everyone for their kindness, following the sad loss of Barry, a lifelong resident of this village.'*



## SHOTESHAM CONTACT

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### Thought from Dawn

Resurrection!

Whether we are in lockdown or not, the Easter message remains a constant....

On the third day, following the most brutal of executions, Jesus rose from the dead. Details surrounding this earth-shattering news bear all the signs of the supernatural. The massive stone covering the entrance to the tomb, which had taken the strength of several men to roll into place had been moved aside, revealing, not a lifeless body, but an empty space.... as the truth gradually dawned on the disciples, their joy was made complete with the appearance of Jesus himself, proving beyond all doubt that he was indeed, alive.

Last year Easter fell at the very beginning of lockdown. This year, it heralds the beginning of a move back towards new life of a different kind. As restrictions begin gradually to lift, we may feel as though a heavy stone is being rolled away, allowing light and fresh air to fill our lives afresh, inviting us to step out of our 'tomb' and into a new day.

Jesus promises to set us free from our own darkness, the darkness of guilt, wrongdoing and regret and the biggest darkness of all – death. Many of us can testify to the God-given strength that has enabled us to cope with life under lockdown, to the God-given faith that has kept hope alive and to the constant presence of God in both our struggles and our celebrations.

Here is our chance – as this particular page of history turns – for us to make a new start. As a world, as a nation, as individuals. Will you walk into the future with God, who alone can give you the best new life of all?

May you all know God's richest blessing this Easter and beyond.

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**Shotesham Parish Council**

After going through the standard process to fill our vacancy we welcomed James Webber onto the Parish Council at our last meeting.

The response to volunteer for the litter pick this year was really good and as a result we were able to stretch to areas on the edges of the village. As always a small mountain of rubbish was collected and we are awaiting the collection by SNDC. A huge thank you to everyone who took part.

We have 2 well placed letter boxes in the village and it would be sad if we lost either of them, so if you can then please use them.

Pre lockdown we were intending to have, as an extra to the Parish Council meeting, a talk on internet scams, their recognition and how to deal with them. We will do this when we are able to, but in the meantime we are looking for some good internet links to help you to recognise problems so that you can pass information particularly to older friends and family. We will put these on the village website as soon as we can.

### **Shotesham Village Association,**

Spring is coming and so is the **Shotesham Easter Treasure Hunt**. From Friday **April 2<sup>nd</sup> until Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** there will be clues scattered in the village for you to discover as you walk around. You can either have a go at solving the riddles just for fun or, for the chance of 'egg-citing' prizes, download the trail map either from <http://shotesham.com/> or email [svaeaster@gmail.com](mailto:svaeaster@gmail.com) for a pdf copy. There will also copies in All Saints Church porch.

If you can't wait until then, why not have a go at our **Egg Decorating Competition**, open to all ages- either decorate a real egg or a picture of an egg, photograph it and send to [svaeaster@gmail.com](mailto:svaeaster@gmail.com) Please include your name and age if you're under 18, for the different categories.

Use the same email for more information and to send your treasure hunt answers.

Other things being looked at by the SVA are, the standard Tour de Shotesham (although this will be a little later in the year so watch this space!), a possible village gathering in lieu of the Village Fete in August (for Shotesham residents only unfortunately), the Shotesham Duck Race (again later than normal), and maybe even the much appreciated Barn Dance in September. All of these will, of course, depend on the progress of Unlockdown, so keep an eye on the website - [www.shotesham.com](http://www.shotesham.com) and our email system, which if you haven't already got your email address on the list, we'd be more than pleased to add it. Contact Ken at [resotan@aol.com](mailto:resotan@aol.com) or Emma at [emmahandbury@hotmail.com](mailto:emmahandbury@hotmail.com)

Lots of response to last months request for SVA donations, but obviously we would like to have everyone in Shotesham as members, and don't forget that for only £3 per adult, you can continue to get all the SVA service you know and love! Details in last month's Contact or email Ken at [resotan@aol.com](mailto:resotan@aol.com) he address opposite

### **Walking group**

Village Walks are resuming on **Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>**, meeting at the Trinity at 10.15 for a local consensus walk. We are still restricted to groups of 6 , sadly, and observing social distancing! Be good to start to move back to some sort of normality!

**Foodbank** As the churches are closed donations can be left at the supermarkets or it is also possible to donate money directly to Foodbank details at [www.networknorwich.co.uk/](http://www.networknorwich.co.uk/)

### **Garden Group**

Shotesham Gardeners Charity Plant Fair From **Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>** for a week there will be a village plant fair with a difference. Dotted around the village in gardeners' gateways there will be stalls selling home grown plants, all proceeds will be divided between St Martin's Housing Trust, Norwich and Norwich Food Bank. If you would like to take part either by having a stall or contributing plants to any of the existing stalls, please contact Sue Astbury on 550377 or [susan.astbury49@btinternet.com](mailto:susan.astbury49@btinternet.com) Christine Burton is delighted to announce that she will be running her spring Willow weaving workshop, with new ideas and old favourites for your garden. This is going to be held on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** of April from 10-4, inside and outside the Potting Shed at Hillside, The Common. **Get in touch with Christine to let her know which day you are going to be there either by phoning 07740842460 or email [xylemandphloem@gmail.com](mailto:xylemandphloem@gmail.com). Tea and coffee will be available or bring your own. Cost £5 to cover materials.**

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