

CHURCH SERVICES

7	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's	Dawn
14	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	St Mary's	Annette Uzoigwe
21	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints	Dawn
28	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	All Saints	Dawn
Saxlingham services – 7 th 9.30am, 14 th 11.00am, 21 st 9.30am				
28 th	8.00am	HC	11.00am	

Church flowers

All Saints Sylvia Harmer, Jane Blease South Window, Jane Blease

St Mary's Fanny Wallis, Julia Moncrief

What's on

6	Conservation Group Cutting & Raking	St. Marys churchyard	9.30am
7	Brick Kiln House Open Garden	10-4 Brick Kiln House	
17	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove	10.40 The street
20/21	Open Gardens event around the village 10-4		
27	Bowls for all	2-5 the Green	

Walking group

The walk in August, has been moved to Sunday 4th September, to avoid the Bank Holiday. It will be led by David Fox, who will guide us on looking for signs of the Ice Age in the soil around the village. He will have maps and samples to share with us. We will meet at the Trinity as usual at 10.15.

Shotesham Village association

SVA is still hoping to arrange a Barn Dance in September, go ahead and details still to be finalised but, if it goes ahead it will be on **Saturday 24th September** on the village Playing Field. Look out for details next month and at www.shotesham.com.

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SHOTESHAM CONTACT

August 2022

Thought from Dawn

A colleague of mine who was due to preach on the Good Samaritan, disguised himself as a homeless person and positioned himself outside the gate of the rural church where he was due to take the service. He sat on the ground, along with a dish containing a few coins, for 25 minutes as the congregation filed past him. Not one of them placed anything in his dish, spoke to him, or invited him inside the church.

He began his sermon by asking people to raise their hands if they had noticed the homeless person sitting outside the church gate that morning. Every hand was raised. He went on to ask if any of them had helped the man or spoken to him. Not a hand was to be seen...

My colleague had found a creative way of placing the congregation right inside the heart of one of Jesus' most famous parables. Hopefully the impact of this powerful lesson will remain for some time to come.

We can't respond to every need around us but when faced with such obvious need right on our doorstep, do we really have any excuse? We may not always have cash on hand to give – but kindness costs nothing. A smile or a kindly word can be beyond value to someone who is used to being ignored. We rarely see such depth of need in this parish – but people's needs are many and varied and not all of them are obvious. May we all be ready and willing to be (or continue to be) 'good neighbours' in whatever way we can. With every blessing

Dawn

Team Rector, dawndavidson@btinternet.com 01508 498924

All Saints church will be decorated for the Open Gardens weekend of the 20/ 21st August

Sponsored churches cycle ride Saturday 10th September

The Norfolk Churches Trust: Bike: Walk: Drive in the Norfolk Countryside. Annual Event on Saturday 10th September 9am to 5pm We are looking for volunteers to sit in All Saints Church between 9 & 5 Details from Trish Leighton 01508 558487 should you wish to take part.

Parish Council

Next year will be the local elections, including the Parish Council ones.

If you would like to take part and want to know more then please come along to meetings, where everyone is welcome, or speak to current councillors about what is involved.

We are delighted that the benches that have been cleaned are looking so good, so please notice and enjoy them.

Both telephone boxes are looking clean and renovated now. The books in the one at the Grove are a wonderful and updated selection so if you're in need of a book it's a good place to start.

The website is constantly updated for your interest with village events as well as Parish Council agendas and minutes. Hopefully something for everyone. Shotesham.com

Garden Open in Shotesham

Brick Kiln House, Priory Lane, Sun 7th Aug 10-4pm.

Jim and Jenny Clarke will be opening their garden at Brick Kiln House, Priory Lane again on Sunday 7th August 10-4pm for the National Garden Scheme. We will have home-made teas, stalls selling hand-painted ceramics, garden sculptures and Walnut Tree Nursery will be selling plants.

Shotesham Conservation Group

The following is planned for August

St. Marys churchyard: Cutting and raking **9.30am 6th August**

All Saints Church hill: Raking TBA

Tools will be provided. **All volunteers welcome** Subject to weather.

"BOWLS for ALL" Saturday 27 August 2-5pm

Shotesham Bowls Club welcomes you to join members for an afternoon on the "Green", followed by tea & cake.

Open to all ages; no experience necessary.

Please come along. further info: Raz

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A Trades' Directory for Shotesham with small personal ads.

is issued twice a year in September and March. The fee for a trade entry is £10.00 per year for both issues or £3.00 to place a small personal ad. The entry should be up to 3 lines on A5 at this sized text (extra fee for more lines) Entries by 15th August please to be included in September "Contact".

To advertise please contact Trish Leighton 01508 558487 or mp95@btinternet.com

Don't forget that Shotesham Open Gardens will be taking place on both **Saturday and Sunday August 20th/21st** between 10 and 4 each day. The village will be full of visual delights to enjoy, there are 19 varied gardens, big and small, this year includes 'open front' gardens. Some gardens may have Art & Craft displays and there will be an activity trail for children. Of course, there will be teas and delicious 'eatables' in the Trinity.

£7 entry per adult, this covers both days and ticket sales will be on the playing field. The proceeds from this year's Open Garden Event will support the project to safeguard St Martin's church ruin so it can continue to be a lovely place for all to visit. A percentage will also be going to the Red Cross. **Get involved, volunteers wanted** We need cakes or other 'tasties' for sale on the days, they can be made in advance and frozen for the event; also, if you can help for a couple of hours over the weekend with serving teas, parking etc contact Bernie 558407

Roadside verges

The Norfolk wildlife trust recently held a meeting in Poringland about their 'Claylands Project' which is all about preserving and promoting wildlife in South Norfolk. The project emphasises the importance of preserving and creating joined up habitats for wildlife, particularly small mammals and insects. Roadside verges are obvious areas to leave unmown whenever possible, as they are a ready-made 'web' of connections for small creatures to thrive in and travel along. Lots of people in our village are now leaving areas of unmown grass for this reason, and it would be great if we could do even better by providing continuous uncut verges.

Helen and Mike Laurence

Buckingham Palace

Early in 2020, I was delighted to be invited to an afternoon garden party at Buckingham Palace in recognition of my services to the community. Then came the Covid-19 pandemic and all garden parties were cancelled. In May this year I was pleased to be asked again, so Mike and I went along and had a really wonderful afternoon. We were privileged to be in the company of HRH Prince William and Catherine, Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. We were treated to delicious afternoon tea on the immaculate lawns behind Buckingham Palace. It was a real honour, but it struck me, although the invitation was addressed to me and my guest, that I was representing the fantastic community we enjoy here at Shotesham, which we are proud to have been part of for almost 40 years. Long may it continue!

Bernie Fenn