



## CHURCH SERVICES

The following services will follow the government COVID guidelines. **Please bring a mask** to wear during the service **if** we are still required to wear one.

### December

5	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Marys	Dawn
12	9.30a.m.	Crib Service (interactivity Nativity)	St Mary's	Dawn
19	<b>6.30p.m.</b>	Candle lit Carol Service (see below*)	St Marys	Dawn
25	9.30 a.m.	Christmas Communion	All Saints	Dawn
26	10:00 a.m.	Informal service for all Benefice churches	Swainsthorpe	

**\*Important note:** For social distancing there will be no standing at the back of the church during the Candle lit carol service.

### January

2	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Marys	Dawn
9	9.30 a.m.	Morning Service	St. Marys	John
16	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints	Coryn
23	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	All Saints	Dawn
30	10.00 a.m.	Benefice Service	Tasburgh	

CHURCH FLOWERS *St Mary's* Valerie Crawl, Bernie Fenn and Betty Torbitt *All Saints* will be decorated for Christmas as usual. Thanks to all who help with this and during the year.

### WHAT'S ON -December

5	Village lights turn on	
8	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm Trinity hall
8	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove, 10.40 The street
10	<b>Film Night -Limbo</b>	7.30pm Trinity hall
11	Christmas Wreath making	10.30a.m. Hillside
12	Children's crafts	t.b.c. check website Hillside
12	Village walk	10.15am Trinity hall
17	Children's Party	4.00pm Trinity hall
24	Carols round the tree	5.00pm All Saints hill
28	<b>Film special -Snow Dancer</b>	4.00pm Trinity hall
30	Village walk	10.15am Trinity hall
31	Fun Run Shotesham	10.45am All Saints' hill

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5	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove, 10.40 The street
27	Garden group talk	7.30pm Trinity hall

Thanks to Florence Ellis -District councillor for Shotesham who has kindly sponsored this edition of 'Contact'



## SHOTESHAM CONTACT

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### Thought from Dawn

Most people, apart from Mary, Joseph and a handful of shepherds, were totally unaware of his birth, yet heaven resounded with the celebrations of angels. He slept in a backstreet manger, yet some months later, a unique star brought the wise and wealthy from faraway lands to worship at his feet. His birth went beyond the laws of life, his death defied the laws of death.

No miracle goes beyond his birth, his life, his death, his resurrection and his teachings. He was not a farmer or a fisherman – yet he provided a meal for 5000 with bread and fish to spare. He never walked the corridors of power, yet he walked on deep waters. He had no office in Harley Street, yet with a word or a touch he brought healing and wholeness.

When he was crucified, few mourned his passing, yet God hung a black shroud across the sun. Those who had put him to death did not tremble at what they'd done, yet the earth shook under them. Sin never touched him. Decay could not touch his body. The soil that was reddened with his blood could not claim his body for dust.

For three years he taught and lived the message of God's love. Two thousand years later, he's the central figure of human history, the pivot around which the ages revolve and the only Saviour of the human race.

In this season of celebration and gift giving – let's celebrate God's greatest gift to us. Let's remember, Christmas is all about – Christ!

With love and blessings

**Dawn** Team Rector dawndavidson@btinternet.com 01508 498924

**Christmas services will be almost back to normal (See back page)**

**12 December at 11.00a.m. Crib Service at St. Marys**

**19 December at 6.30pm. Candle lit Christmas Service at St Marys**

(But no standing at the back of the church)

**Christmas morning 9.30 a.m. at All Saints' there will be a short 45 -minute service with Holy Communion**

## Parish Council

Shotesham, along with other Norfolk villages, is soon to receive a plaque to be presented by Lord Richard Dannatt on behalf of his wife Lady Dannatt who is The Lord- Lieutenant of the County. This gift is to mark the efforts of the village supporting each other through the trials of the COVID lockdowns. Raz Woolacott is soon to step down from his duties as the tree warden for the village. We are grateful for his time and commitment. Thanks to him. We wish for a peaceful end to 2021 and look forward to a more settled and normal 2022.

## Shotesham Village Association

For all who put lights up outside, in the build up to Christmas, hoping we could aim for a mass light up on the **5th December**.

**Alternative kids Christmas Party** will be on **17th December, 4pm** at Trinity but with a themed movie, The Elf, still some Christmas goodies to eat but unfortunately Santa is booked up that afternoon and can't be there.

**Carols** round the tree on Christmas Eve will also have a slightly different theme this year. Recognising we can't pack everyone into All Saints Church, partly due to increasing numbers every year and more importantly under Covid circumstances, so mostly it will be outside (with fingers crossed for the weather). **The event will start at 5pm**, mulled wine and alternatives will be served and, for those who wish to, accompanied by a 'controlled' walk through (in the main door and out at the south end) of All Saints Church which will hopefully be decorated with children's Nativity based posters & decorations etc. **Workshops will be held at Hillside (Christine and Teds) on Sat 11th Dec for wreath making, and on Sunday 12th for children's crafts.** The walkthrough will be followed by kids handbell ringing, led as always by Ted, and of course carol singing. **In the interests of safety**, there will be very limited parking on Church Hill, so for disabled and infirm only, if you can walk to the venue so much the better and, as last year, bringing a lantern will add something special. Either way, please bring a torch and appropriate footwear for the ground and, for the protection of others, people are requested to follow Covid guidelines by wearing a mask and carry hand sanitiser for use when indoors. Other events, as advertised last month, include a live performance of **The Snow Dancer on 28th Dec**, limited numbers for obvious reasons so booking is essential, and on 31st. **New Years Eve Fun Run** – you can check in beforehand, email Ken at [resotan@aol.com](mailto:resotan@aol.com) or turn up at 10.45am for registration and 11am starters gun. Friday 31st Dec on All Saints Hill.

Details of all events can be found at [www.shotesham.com](http://www.shotesham.com)

## Shotesham Gardening and Conservation group

I'm delighted to announce the return of the Shotesham Christmas wreath making workshop. On **Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup> 10.30 onwards in** Christine Burton's potting shed at Hillside, The Common, Shotesham NR15 1YD there will be a workshop to make Christmas wreaths and decorations from willow and other natural materials. Everybody welcome and bring anything from your own garden you might wish to use. We will be providing soup and bread at the end of the morning, but any offers of mince pies, flapjacks will be gratefully received. £5 to cover costs Phone Christine on 550364 for directions or more information

To start the gardening year on **Thursday January 27<sup>th</sup> 7.30 at The Trinity Hall** there will be an invaluable question and answer session on **how to make your garden easier to manage**. This will be led by Jonathan Darby a freelance horticultural tutor and consultant who teaches at Norfolk School of Gardening. Everyone welcome For more information contact Sue on 550377 or [susan.astbury49@btinternet.com](mailto:susan.astbury49@btinternet.com) Cost £3

**Shotesham Screen** presents

**LIMBO** comedy/drama (2020) 103mins

Winner of four Scottish Baftas, the film centres on four asylum seekers who are staying on a remote Scottish island, and taking cultural awareness classes, while awaiting the results of their refugee claims.

**Friday 10 December 7.30 Trinity Hall**

Tickets £5 **BOOKINGS ONLY** Raz 550122 [razwoollacott@gmail.com](mailto:razwoollacott@gmail.com)

*Mulled wine on arrival, donations to a refugee charity*

**\* Snow Dancer \*By Badapple Theatre Company**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December 4pm Trinity Hall, Shotesham** original festive theatre show guaranteed to delight the whole family. **Tickets £8 Adults £5**

**Children. BOOKING ESSENTIAL contact Raz**

**550122 [razwoollacott@gmail.com](mailto:razwoollacott@gmail.com)** Payment by bank transfer to Shotesham Village Association, A/C no 23782145, sort code 60-15-31, reference your surname & Snowdance.

**Village walks for December-**

**12th-10.15am** Meet at Trinity hall -**30<sup>th</sup> 10.15am** Meet at Trinity hall

*Please see the enclosed flyer for the Globe opening hours over the Christmas period.*