

CHURCH SERVICES



December

4	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Marys	Dawn
11	9.30a.m.	Interactivite Nativity Service	St Mary's	Dawn
18	6.30p.m.	Candle lit Carol Service	St Marys	Dawn
25	9.30 a.m.	Christmas Communion	All Saints	Dawn

January

1	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Marys	Dawn
8	9.30 a.m.	Morning Service	St. Marys	tbc
15	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints	Austin
22	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	All Saints	Coryn
29	10.00 a.m.	Benefice Service	Tasburgh	

CHURCH FLOWERS *St Mary's* Sandra Coles 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

1,8,15,22	Warm welcome	2-4pm Trinity hall
1,2,3	December Saxlingham Play	7.30pm Saxlingham
7	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm All Saints church
7	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove, 10.40 The street
9	Childrens film - Elf	4.30pm Trinity hall
9	Shotesham screen -The Duke	7.30pm Trinity hall
11	Christmas Wreath making	10.30a.m. Hillside
18	Village walk	10.15am Trinity hall
24	Carols round the tree	5.00pm All Saints hill
28	Village walk	10.15am Trinity hall
31	Fun Run Shotesham	10.45am All Saints' hill

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Village walks for December-

18th-10.15am Meet at Trinity hall -**28th** 10.15am Meet at Trinity hall

This edition has been sponsored by Shotesham Park Estate
Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"



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Thought from Dawn

Much of December is spent in preparation for the Big Day - and I don't mean the World Cup Final!

Preparing lists of gifts to give – will they be home crafted gifts, or shop bought? Christmas is a time to think about The Gift God has given to us.

Preparing menus of festive food - perhaps a traditional Christmas meal, something nourishing for the body. For a truly balanced diet, include some spiritual nourishment and join us at Church for a Christmas service or two.

Preparing to receive family or friends - clearing the spare room and making up the bed. Why not prepare room in our hearts to welcome Jesus afresh this Christmas? Preparing decorations – is your taste for tinsel and glitter? Do you favour vintage style paper chains, or do you enjoy a more natural, rustic style of decoration in keeping with the winter season? Whatever decorations you choose for your home, take time to reflect on the original and most spectacular Christmas decorations – the skies over Bethlehem festooned with countless angels giving glory to God as the birth of Jesus was announced.

Will your December include intentional preparations to celebrate the coming of Christ – both his historic nativity and his prophesied return? It won't really be Christmas otherwise...

Prepared or not, may you know God's abundant blessing this Christmas.

Dawn Team Rector dawndavidson@btinternet.com 01508 498924

11th December at 9.30a.m. Interactivite Nativity Service at St. Marys
18th December at 6.30pm. Candle lit Christmas Service at St Marys
Christmas morning 9.30 a.m. at All Saints' there will be a short 45 -minute service with Holy Communion

The Original Norwich Charity Christmas Card shop

is in St Peter Mancroft church this year.

It is open Monday -Saturday 10.45-3.00 until the 15th December.

There are cards from 25 different charities and every penny goes to the charities. www.oncccs.org.uk

Parish Council

Wednesday **7th of December at 7.30pm in All Saints Church.** The agenda will be on the notice boards and village website All Welcome to attend Sara Long, our village tree warden , will be at the meeting to share her thoughts on future tree activity in the village and how we can all be involved. We wish everyone a happy end to the year and hope for good times in 2023.

A ‘Warm Welcome’. The ‘Warm Welcome’ is on its fourth session on Thursday 1st of December from 2 to 4 pm. The feeling of all present at the last meeting was to extend the sessions until Christmas. We will, therefore, meet four more times in December. The 1st, 8th, 15th, and the 22nd. same time ...2 to 4 pm, with the usual gluten free delicious cakes and tea/coffee. No charge ...of course !! The session is just an opportunity to say “Hello “ to people you may not have seen for a while or have yet to meet. All the while enjoying completing a jigsaw, chatting, or other non-challenging activities whilst in a warm convivial atmosphere. Do come...pop in for half an hour or whatever suits you... and receive a ‘Warm Welcome’. Transport has been and can be providedjust contact Heather 550785 or Rosemarie and Jeff on 550358.

Shotesham Screen presents The Duke.

A 2020 comedy drama starring Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren.

In 1961, Kempton Bunton, a 60 year old taxi driver, steals Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. What happened next became the stuff of legend...

Friday 9th December, 7.30pm. Tickets £5. Also showing

The Elf Children's Christmas showing. for kids of all ages, with a Christmas treat or two for the younger ones.(Bring cushion for small child)

Friday 9th December, 4.30pm. Free Admission.

To gauge numbers, can you **please book via SVAChrisTmas@gmail.com.**

Shotesham Gardening group

Christmas is coming so to help you get ready we will be running our annual popular wreath making workshop. So come along on

Sunday December 11th 10.30 onwards to Christine Burton’s potting shed at Hillside, The Common, Shotesham NR15 1YD 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 **_PS. Don’t forget to bring your own secateurs or scissors**

The now famous Shotesham **Carols round the Tree on Christmas Eve,** will again be a mainly outside affair commencing at **5pm.** As always, mulled wine and mince pies (and perhaps a sausage roll!) will be on offer, along with the much appreciated Hot Chocolate/Coffee service! The Carol singing & children’s handbell event will be led by master conductor Ted Burton, with the normal Sunday bell ringing practices being held commencing on Sunday 4th - contact Ted on 07718 066159 for details. Youngsters can also assist by once again making Christmas/Nativity style decorations for the church, which can be left inside the church from Thursday 22nd. As always there will be **very limited parking on Church Hill**, so it will be reserved for disabled and infirm only. Please walk to the venue if you can and please bring a lantern or a torch and footwear appropriate for the ground/weather. For the protection of others, please observe common sense Covid guidelines.

Christine will be hosting **wreath making at Hillside on 11th Dec**, contact Christine via xylemandphloem@gmail.com or 550364

For the fittest and the bravest, **the New Years Eve Fun Run** will be on **Saturday 31st Dec.** Starters gun on All Saints Hill at 11am. You can check in beforehand by emailing Ken at resotan@aol.com or turn up from 10.45am onwards for registration. The route is three times round the village, approx 9km (5miles), a map can be found at www.shotesham.com, and look out for emails for further details of all events.

Some people will remember we have had several 'Entertainment Reviews', with the last one being in 2017. These consist of comedy sketches, singing/Karaoke, or other short performances making up an evening of diverse entertainment. Of course it takes people who are not necessarily professionally skilled, but are willing to perform! If you're interested in participating in one of these next year, contact Ken at resotan@aol.com.

Saxlingham Players present ‘Wind in the Willows’ **1st, 2nd and 3rd Dec** at 7-30pm and a matinee on Saturday at 2pm fun filled production with a mixed age cast telling the adventures of Toad and the other ‘riverbank’ people. Book your seats with Vicky on 499631 between 9am and 9pm Tickets are £8 adult and £5 for under 16’s.

Piano Concert“Thanks to all who helped at the Piano Concert and those who bought tickets. E.A.C.H. and Shotesham Bowls Club have both received donations of £615.86.