



CHURCH SERVICES

4	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's	Dawn
11	9.30a.m.	'My Church' Morning Worship	St Mary's	John
14	19.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Swainsthorpe	Dawn & David Lancaster
18	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints	Dawn
25	9.30 a.m.	Morning Service	All Saints	John

Services in Saxlingham

4th 9.30p.m. 11th 11.00a.m. 18th 9.30a.m 25th HC 8.00a.m. & 11.00a.m

CHURCH FLOWERS

All Saints'-Jane Blease,
St Mary's- Sheila Warne,

WHAT'S ON

1	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm Trinity hall
8	Mobile Library	Afternoon 3.00-4.25pm
6	Walking group	10.30 Trinity hall
9	Shotesham Film Night Daphne	7.30 pm Trinity hall
10	Village market/ coffee morning	10.00-12 Trinity hall
21	Shotesham Garden Group visit	9.30pm Trinity hall
25	Walking group	10.30am Trinity hall

For all up to date information and news go to www.shotesham.com

Thanks to Glynis Lawson who has kindly sponsored this edition of 'Contact' in memory of her husband Alan who loved this village. Glynis wishes to thank everyone for their kindness.



SHOTESHAM CONTACT

February 2018

Thought from Dawn

Easter is early this year, so Shrove Tuesday (pancake alert!) is on 13th February. The following day, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of Lent – traditionally a season of fasting during which we are encouraged to review our spiritual health and perhaps to give something up – in order to release extra time for prayer or some other spiritual discipline.

What people choose to give up varies from eating chocolate, to reading the newspaper, to playing electronic games... we take these things up again, once Lent is over, as we celebrate the new life Jesus brings on Easter Sunday.

But Lent can be an opportunity to declutter the home as well as the heart. Minimalism is a growing lifestyle choice among a wide range of people and for many reasons – maybe out of care for the environment or care for our mental health. And this too is linked to our spiritual wellbeing.

Decluttering the heart involves leaving behind things that hold us back. It will be different for each of us but if we put our lives in God's hands, He will wipe away our tears, heal our pain, enable us to learn from the past, give us peace for today and hope for the future – for a life enriched with the wisdom and character that is found in Him.

Lent calls us back to basics – to get our priorities in order. To prepare ourselves to appreciate even more the heart of Easter – the new beginning God longs to give us.

God bless you during this Lenten season!

Dawn Team Vicar dawn@tasvalley.org 01508 498924

Thanks to Jenny Clarke and the wonderful choir for the carol service and also **Thanks to everyone** for their great generosity in donations to charity at the Christmas services. A total of £301 was sent to The St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital.

Shotesham Parish Council

Our first meeting of 2018 is planned for **7.30pm on the first of February** when the expectation is that the redecoration work on the Trinity will be completed. Members of the village are always welcome to attend.

As part of the village tidy up we are scheduling our spring litter pick for around the weekend of the **17th /18th of March**. This year we are also going to do some clearing up of the scrub and woodland around the playing field edges. If you would like to join in these efforts we would be really pleased to have your help. Litter picking is when you can fit it in over the weekend. We will be at the playing field from 10am on the Saturday morning. If you would like to take part in either or both activities, then please e mail - heatherbelljackson@btinternet.com

Film Night at The Trinity Friday February 9th 7.30pm

Shotesham Screen presents DAPHNE (90MINS) 15

Daphne truly is a fascinating character study. Emily Beecham (award winning actress) is astounding, portraying a young woman on the threshold of a much needed change. A layered and complex character, and one that we rarely see on screen.

Tickets £5. Raz 550122/razwoollacott@gmail.com

Village Market February 10th 10am-12 Trinity Hall

Local produce pork, honey, cakes, pickles, marmalade. Also **coffee morning** with warm scones proceeds to EACH hospice.

Last year for the charity Nelson's journey we made £295. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Shotesham Garden Group are planning a visit to **Anglesey Abbey for a Snowdrop Walk on Wednesday 21st February at 11am**. The entry prices for non National Trust members will be £11.90 for entry into the house, mill and gardens and £7.20 for entry into the gardens and mill only (excluding the house). That's assuming we have a group of 15+, if we are less than 15, the cost will be slightly more. Any National Trust members will of course be free. We will meet at Trinity at 9.30am to share lifts. You can see more information about Anglesey Abbey on their website. **If you would like to go, please let me know - Bernie Fenn 558407 or floracot@btinternet.com.**

Shotesham Village Association Excellent festive month in the village with lots going on from our kids Christmas party, Carols round the All Saints Christmas tree and an Old Year's Day run, to mention a few. Many thanks from the SVA to everyone who attended, and hopefully enjoyed themselves and, of course for the collections which raised £280 for **All Saints' Bells** project and £374 for **EACH** (East Anglia Children's Hospices) on behalf of **Max Muntingh**, who very sadly passed away in July last year after struggling with cancer.

Shotesham Open Gardens

The Shotesham Village Association is planning an Open Gardens and Art Work event for weekend **June 23/24** open to the general public in support of the Improvement of the All Saints' Church Bells Project.

We already have 15 parishioners willing to participate in opening their gardens. If you would also like to open your garden please contact Sue Astbury (tel. 550377) or Jane Blease (Tel. 558787) by 15th February.

Even if you don't want to open your garden there will be plenty of other opportunities to get involved, so watch this space!

News of other 2018 events will be in the next Contact and on the website - www.Shotesham.com.

Walking Group.

Tuesday 6th Meet at 10.30 a.m. at Trinity hall

Sunday 25th Meet at 10.30 a.m. at Trinity hall

A Trades' Directory for Shotesham with small personal ads

Issued twice a year. Next issue will be with April 'Contact'. The fee for a trade entry is £10.00 per year for both issues or £3.00 to place a small personal ad. To advertise please contact Ruth Maddison 01508 558701 or ruthemaddison@gmail.com The entry should be up to 3 lines on A5 at this sized text (extra fee for more lines) Entries by **10th March** please to be included in April directory.

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