



CHURCH SERVICES

3	11.00a.m. Morning Service	St. Marys	Dawn
10	9.30 a.m. Morning Service	St. Marys	John
17	11.00a.m. Holy Communion	All Saints	Austin
24	9.30a.m. Morning Service	All Saints'	Dawn
26	19.30 p.m. Compline	St Marys	John
29	19:30 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae service	St Marys	Dawn
31	11.00 a.m. Easter Holy Communion	All Saints'	Dawn

Saxlingham Services 3rd 9.30am HC, 10th 11.00am,
24th 8.00am HC & 11.00am 31st **9.30am Easter HC**

No church flowers during Lent

St. Mary's Julia Moncrieff 31st March
All Saints – Easter flowers 31st March

WHAT'S ON

3	Village walk	10.15am Trinity hall
7,14,21,28	Warm welcome	2-4pm Trinity hall
7,14,21,28	Table Tennis	6.30-8pm Trinity hall
8	Shotesham Screen - Are you there God	7.30pm Trinity hall
9-10	Litter pick around the village	
19	Garden Group -Film Nettle Dress	7.30pm Trinity hall
26	SVA AGM	7.30pm Trinity hall
27	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove, 10.35 The Street

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 Trish Leighton 01508 558487 or email mp95@btinternet.com. The entry should be up to 3 lines on A5 at this sized text. Entries by **10th March** please to be included in April directory.

Thanks to Ted and Christine Burton who have kindly sponsored this edition of Contact.



SHOTESHAM CONTACT

March 2024

Thought from Dawn

More Challenging than (giving up) Chocolate...

A friend announced that she was giving up using plastic for Lent – then looked rather horrified when I pointed out that her reading glasses had a plastic frame! Giving up plastic for Lent would be a huge challenge – but even thinking about it raises our awareness of just how pervasive it is. And since God calls all people to care for the environment, that's no bad thing. Not using plastic carrier bags would be easy enough – most of us gave those up a while ago.

My toothbrush has a plastic handle but they are available in bamboo, so I could get round that. The toothpaste itself could be tricky...

I rarely use plastic biro's and I have a couple of metal pens, so that would be ok. But I'm typing on a keyboard with plastic keys.... most of our household appliances have plastic knobs or handles.... milk and other foodstuffs are in plastic containers...

The idea rapidly loses its appeal when we realise just how restrictive it would be.... although thinking of the large pile of ironing that awaits me and looking at the iron which has a plastic body and handle... perhaps the idea of giving up using plastic for Lent has some attraction after all....

With every blessing – whether or not you observe Lent.

Dawn

Team Rector dawndavidson@btinternet.com 01508 498924

The New Rectory, The Street, Saxlingham Nethergate, Norfolk NR15 1AJ

Shotesham Parish Council....

A reminder that the litter pick is anytime around the weekend of the 9/10th of March. Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to help.

We applied for and have been given a grant of £300 from a fund called "Britain in Bloom" We hope to do more than one kind of flower, but initially we are intending to plant snowdrops in places that would enhance the village. If you would like to help with this in any way either, with ideas for places, giving a helping hand or even donating some from your garden when you split or move some of your own, then please contact Jeff - clerk.shotesham@outlook.com or heather on heatherbelljackson@btinternet.com

Shotesham Screen

-March Movie is **Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret** – Eleven year old Margaret moves to a new town and starts to contemplate everything about life, friendship and adolescence. She relies on her mother, Barbara, who offers loving support, and her grandmother, Sylvia, who's coming to terms with finding happiness in the next phase of her life. *Effervescent and refreshingly frank about the travails of puberty, this long-awaited adaptation does full justice to Judy Blume's seminal novel.* [Read critic reviews](#) - https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/are_you_there_god_its_me_margaret/reviews?intcmp=rt-what-to-know **Friday 8th March, 7.30pm, Trinity Hall, Shotesham.** Tickets £5, ice creams sold during interval. **Booking Details:** Call Lindsay on 07702 832033 / 01508 550285 or email lindsayheywood@comcast.net

Garden Group

On **Tuesday March 19th 7.30** at Trinity **Hall**, we will be showing 'The Nettle Dress'

This delightful documentary film traces textile artist Allan Brown's seven-year endeavour to weave a hand-spun dress from stinging nettles foraged in the woods surrounding his home.

We know this will be popular so please contact **Lindsay Heywood** to book tickets on 07702 832033 or email lindsayheywood@comcast.net

Cost £5 Everyone welcome

Shotesham village Association

SVA AGM will be held on **Tuesday 26th March, 7.30pm at Trinity Hall**, everyone welcome, as we elect a new Chair and Committee for 2024 and onwards, and there's always room for fresh input and ideas. In addition, helping hands are always required to organise our events through the year. If you think you could lend a hand please respond to Ken at resotan@aol.com, or just come along and on the night and let us know. Drinks, nibbles and informal chat will be available following the meeting. AGM time is also **SVA donation time** and, despite huge inflationary pressures, the ctte's suggested donation amount remains **only £3** per person. See attached leaflet for details and thanks in advance for continuing to support our village.

On **1st April Easter Monday**, why not bring the kids along for our annual Egg Hunt and Easter Crafts afternoon, to be followed (weather dependant) by egg and spoon races for all. **3pm start at All Saints Church.**

Saturday 6th July is now fixed as the date for the **Shotesham Mid-Summer Gala**, where Shotesham will show off what goes on in the village, and some outside, and let everyone have a try of what they fancy. More details info to follow soon, but in the meantime we'll be looking for some help, particularly on the day, so contact us at resotan@aol.com or let any of the committee members know, or come along to the AGM to find out how you can get involved.

A reminder for walkers, there is an organised village walk on the first Sunday of every month, so March on is on 3rd and April on the 7th, and so on. Always look forward to seeing new faces.

Wild Herb Discovery walk

Join Jessica on the **13th of April between 2:30-4:30pm** for this Spring day of Wild Herb Discovery. The event will take place at Trinity Hall and include a short walk. We will be learning about the amazing plants that live close to us and there will be the opportunity to make your own herbal product. There will also be a beautiful selection of foraged-themed refreshments.

£15 per person (concessions available), please RSVP as places are limited 07595350736

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Membership Application – 2024

I/We apply for annual membership of the Association (minimum donation of £3.00 per person per annum)

Name(s) (in block capitals please):

Address:

Tel No:

E-mail:

If possible, can you please pay your membership contribution by bank transfer to account name Shotesham Village Association, A/C no. 23782145, sort code 60-15-31. Please use reference of your surname & SVA (e.g. Munro SVA).

***Or return the completed form with your donation to –
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