



CHURCH SERVICES

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| 6 | 11:00a.m | Holy Communion | St. Mary's | Dawn |
| 10 | 7.30pm | Holy Communion for Ascension day | Saxlingham | Dawn |
| 13 | 9:30a.m. | "My Church" Service with Baptism | St. Mary's | Dawn & John |
| 20 | 11:00a.m | Holy Communion with Baptism | All Saints' | Dawn |
| 27 | 9:30a.m | Morning Service | All Saints' | John |

Saxlingham services 6th 9.30am, 13th 11.00am, 20th 9.30am
27th 8.00am HC, 11.00am

CHURCH FLOWERS

Flowers – All Saints- Mary Seppings / Christine Howes

South Window—Gwen Porter

St Mary's –Fanny Wallis, Judith Pleavin, Sandra Coles, Betty Torbitt

Parochial Church Council At the Parochial Church Council annual general meeting in April churchwardens elected were John Torbitt and Jane Blease. The treasurer is Bob Harris.

WHAT'S ON

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| 1 | Mobile Library | Afternoon 3.30pm |
| 3 | Parish Council AGM and talk | 7.30pm Trinity hall |
| 4 | Village walk | 10.30 am Trinity hall |
| 5 | Garden Group Plant bring and buy | 10.00-12.00 Trinity hall |
| 6 | Shotesham Duck Race | 12.00 Hollow lane ford |
| 20 | Village walk | 10.30 am Trinity hall |
| 25 | Shotesham Film Night - | 7.30pm Trinity hall |
| 26-10June | Open studios | |
| 30 | Garden group visit | 6.00pm Trinity hall |

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Thanks to Jim and Jenny Clarke who have kindly sponsored this edition of 'Contact'.

SHOTESHAM CONTACT

May 2018

Thought from Dawn

People who meet me for the first time sometimes comment that they don't believe it's necessary to come to church in order to know God... I usually respond by agreeing that it is possible to know God without going to church and pointing out that church is not the building. Church is actually the people – the family of God.

However, if we really do know God, we will know that his desire is for us to grow as Christians. To this end he tells us not to give up meeting together. Gathering with other believers on a regular basis is the best way to nurture and maintain a growing faith. Relationship that is honest and real is something we work towards within the church. We don't always get it right and it is not easy. But it is within the community of the church that deep and lasting friendships are formed and we can both give and receive support and encouragement. It is here that we learn how to apply our faith to our daily lives, how to develop a satisfying prayer life, how to appreciate the benefits and blessings of belonging together – of being part of God's family.

There are times when we have to do this without a building. Within our group of churches, Newton Flotman congregation have been experiencing this recently – but have found a warm welcome in the congregation at Swainsthorpe who have readily embraced the wanderers during their 'season of essential repairs'.

I am richly blessed when I see church operating as God intended. If you are someone who is sceptical about the need for and purpose of 'churchgoing' why not come along to your local church building and check out what's going on inside... it's much more exciting than wood and stone!

With my prayers for all of you **Dawn** Team Rector
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SHOE BOX APPEAL Throughout the year I meet with a small group of ladies to collect and make items for the shoe box appeal (Samaritans purse). These are then sent at Christmas time to disadvantaged children in other countries. We currently need items such as small toys, stationary, sweets, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste to include in the boxes. We also require wool and ribbons for the ladies who knit hats and puppets. I would really appreciate your support to continue with this work and therefore have left a box at the back of All Saints church where you can leave these items. You can also ring or text me for any queries on 07767757732 Thank you very much **Jill Masters**

Shotesham Parish Council

On May 3rd we have our Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm in the Trinity Hall. This is your chance to raise any issues of interest with the council. Please come along. One of our and the nation's concern is effective recycling and so at this meeting we will focus on how and what we can recycle, and if there are alternatives for items that can be processed differently.

Please bring along any items that raise any doubts for you and we will try and get an answer. Helping us with this will be Lisa Fountain from SNDC.

Our AGM will follow on from this and everyone is invited to stay on.

During the recent bad weather it was very helpful to receive updates by e mail from Ken Monroe.

If you would like to be included on the list please pass your e mail address to Ken at resotan@aol.com *Jeff Gough The Clerk.*

Shotesham Village Association

Sunday 6th May will see the return of **The Great Shotesham Duck Race**, come along and go quackers as feathers fly on Shotesham Common! **The race will take place on The Beck, gathering around 12 noon for a 12.30 start at the Hollow Lane ford.** Ducks will be available for 50p each on the day, but to be able to spot your duck as they make their way through the raging torrent, you can buy yours in advance, decorate it in your own colours, and deliver it to the starting post prior to the duck off! Ducks can be obtained from Simon - simonnisbet27@gmail.com, 07710 183024; Ken - resotan@aol.com, 550736, or at The Globe. Prizes awarded in adults category (one) and under 14s (three).

A record 37 cyclists took to the course in somewhat damp weather for this year's Tour de Shotesham, including a fair number of youngsters all of whom very determinedly completed the course. Thankfully the weather brightened a little to allow the prizes to be presented at The Globe and for everyone to enjoy a refreshing cold drink or two. The winners were; Under 14s - Holly Saville and Cameron Guy; Under 60s - Teri Tickner and Steve Nicholls; Seniors - Jane Ellis and Paul Maddison. Photos available on the website - www.shotesham.com

As part of the Norfolk Festival, the Norfolk and Norwich Open Studios will take place from 26th May to 10th June. Lesley Munro at Flint Cottage, The Common, will again be participating, this year in collaboration with Mary Loudon from Lundy Green, and their opening times can be found at <https://www.nnopenstudios.org.uk>, or in the event brochures available at local landmarks.

We're trying to compile a photo library of the recent snow event in and around Shotesham for our archive, if anyone has any photos they wish to share, please send them to Ken- resotan@aol.com

Open Garden Weekend 23/24 June. HELP NEEDED

For making cakes, biscuits, flapjacks etc. We can freeze cakes made in advance. Also lots of help on the day to serve teas, take money and help with car parking etc. Please contact Lindsay on 550285, or Heather on 550785.

Shotesham Garden Group Two garden events in May

Firstly, the **Annual Bring and Buy Plant Fair** is on **Saturday May 5th 10-12** at the **Trinity Hall**, where both professional growers and local people will sell their plants. A if you have plants you would like to sell, bring them along, labelled, to the Trinity at 9.30 on the Saturday or take them to Sue Astbury's Rectory Farmhouse, The Street earlier in the week. 25% of all sales will be donated to the Shotesham Gardeners funds.

Secondly, on **Wednesday May 30th** there will be an evening visit to the fabulous **Norfolk Herbs Nursery** in Dillington, nr Dereham. A chance to learn about herb growing and to see, and buy, their diverse range of plants. Meet at the **Trinity Hall** at **6pm** to share lifts. **For more information phone Sue 550377.**

Volunteers needed We are looking for compassionate and friendly people to join us as Health Goal Volunteers for the Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust in South of Norfolk. This exciting new role involves supporting patients to achieve a particular goal that will improve their health and wellbeing; for example, joining a group to pursue a hobby and to make new friends.

If you have any questions about the role outside of my normal volunteering hours (Thursday mornings 9am – 11am), please contact Pavlina Parashkevova e mail Pavlina.Parashkevova@nchc.nhs.uk

Shotesham Screen presents Friday 25th May 7.30pm. Trinity Hall.

A South Norfolk Dementia Friends screening **"Away from Her"** (2006)

A tenderly told story about the effects of Alzheimer's on a couple's relationship. 2 Oscar nominations. Starring Julie Christie and Olympia Dukakis.

The evening will provide an opportunity for all to participate in a short Dementia Awareness session, supporting South Norfolk Council's initiative to become a Dementia Friendly district. Free refreshments provided by the East of England Coop. Tickets £5. Raz 550122/razwoollacott@gmail.com

Shotesham walking group 4th 10.30am Trinity hall David and Mary to lead
20th 10.30am Trinity hall Ronnie to lead

Diary note.... Concert in All Saints' church on Saturday 30th June . An evening of music with the Framingham Earl singers. Proceeds to the bell fund.

