



## CHURCH SERVICES

The following services will follow the government guidelines. **Please bring a mask** to wear during the service.

1	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion (All Saints day)	All Saints'	Dawn
8	<b>10.45a.m.</b>	<b>Remembrance Service</b>	on All Saints' Hill	:See below
15	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints'	Austin
22	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	All Saints'	Corin
29	10.00a.m.	Benefice Morning Service	Saxlingham	Dawn

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** is on the 8<sup>th</sup> Nov at All Saints. Please join us to honour the dead of two world wars and subsequent conflicts. Be at the war memorial by 10.45 that morning so that we can observe the silence at 11.00am

**Church open times** All Saints & St Mary's will be open on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays from 10.00am to 4.00pm (subject to change) and limited to 2 people in the church at any time

**Saxlingham Services** 1<sup>st</sup> 9.30am, 8<sup>th</sup> 10.45am, 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am, 22<sup>nd</sup> 8.00am HC 29<sup>th</sup> 10.00am

### WHAT'S ON

1	Walking Group	10.15am	Trinity hall
11	Walking Group	10.15am	Trinity hall
11	Mobile library	10.15-11.00am	
29	Walking group	10.15am	Trinity hall

### Greener Christmas greetings

In the December issue of Contact we will be including a separate insert for your Christmas greetings to friends and neighbours in the village. If you would like to be included please let us know by the 15<sup>th</sup> November your names and a short message. If you wish you could make a small donation to the charity EACH via the church bank account (Name of account -PCC of Shotesham Sort code 30 96 17 a/c no.00398514 Reference- For EACH) . This will be a greener way to send greetings to your village friends and also provide some funds for the charity as, of course, this year our usual village Christmas activities and collections for charity will be much reduced.

For your friends further afield there will be some cards available with village views suitable for use as Christmas cards. We will display examples of these in the church porch. The cost is 50pence each or 5 for £2 .

For inclusion of a greeting or purchase of cards please contact Pat Harris 01508550672 or email [hill.cottage@btinternet.com](mailto:hill.cottage@btinternet.com)

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## SHOTESHAM CONTACT

November 2020

### Thought from Dawn

Journeys through Caistor St Edmund are made breathtakingly beautiful these days by the stunning display of Autumn foliage near the Roman Town.

Recently, as Tim and I explored further, we discovered High Ash Farm and the wealth of walks on offer there. We've now added the area to our list of places to walk.

How often do we have something close at hand but miss the opportunity to dig deeper, learn more and thereby enrich our lives? 'Stay curious' is excellent advice to all of us and doing so keeps us interested and mentally agile. As the nights draw in and temperatures drop, now is the ideal opportunity to hunker down and research the flora and fauna you may have seen on your walks, learn more about a current interest, or cultivate a new one. What are you drawn to? Walking, sketching, music, knitting, gardening, history, the list is endless – why not set yourself the goal of furthering your knowledge and/or skill in such an area? Or pick a completely new subject and learn as much as possible about it. With such a plethora of information so readily available to us we have no excuse.....

Perhaps you're someone who reads the Bible regularly... instead of only reading the set passage for the day, why not do an in-depth study on a particular character, or a certain topic or learn all you can about one of the Gospels, or epistles? I can guarantee this will enrich your faith – especially if you allow it to be more than an intellectual exercise and seek to meet God through it. Perhaps you don't read the Bible at all.... this season could be your moment to dip in – *'Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.'* (Psalm 34:8)

With every blessing

**Dawn** Team Rector [dawndavidson@btinternet.com](mailto:dawndavidson@btinternet.com) 01508 498924

**Operation Christmas child** The annual Shoebox Appeal for children in need in Central and Eastern Europe and parts of Africa. The information leaflets are in church porch and the **final date for handing in the boxes will be on Remembrance Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** . Thank you, David Lancaster Tel. 01508 493159

## **SHOTESHAM PARISH COUNCIL.**

The Remembrance Sunday Service on November 8th will go ahead. We will assemble at the usual time for a 11.45am start and if you want to lay a cross please make us aware when you arrive.

There will be no service in the church afterwards but we will have a slightly lengthened end to our normal outdoors meeting of the congregation.

We know that everyone will respect the current rules around outdoor gatherings and will stay spaced into their family groups and are recommending the wearing of masks as a sensible precaution.

We have been made aware that some of the hedges that border pavements are overgrown and as a result making it difficult to use them safely, resulting in the road being used as an alternative. Can you check and see if you are one of the houses causing a problem, and when you can do some cutting back to clear the pathways.

These strange times continue and if you do need ongoing help please contact us. There are still lots of offers of help even though it may feel as if this help has faded away. Contact- heather 550785. Jeff 550358 or use the email addresses already provided

## **Shotesham Village Association**

The Globe PH has reopened and we are pleased to welcome Richard Cooper as the new land lord.

David and Ali 'retired' from The Globe and on their departure they received a number of thank you messages, including a presentation on behalf of all Shotesham Village Association (SVA) members of champagne, flowers and a painting of The Common by Lesley Munro as a lasting memento of their time in Shotesham.

**And talking of painting**, Lesley has once again received recognition for her work, having just won The Royal Watercolour Society Presidents award in the East Anglian Watercolourists Selected Exhibition 2020. You can visit the Exhibition at this link - <https://eastanglianwatercolourists.co.uk/seaw-selected-exhibition/>

**Check the [shotesham.com](http://shotesham.com) website for information and news**

**Walking group** 1<sup>st</sup> November Helen and Tim to lead . 11<sup>th</sup> November David and Christine to lead. 29<sup>th</sup> November Martyn to lead. All walks start at the Trinity at 10.15am

## **All Saints heating**

How can we heat a church?

Answer If it is only to be used for an hour or two once a week it's impossible.

Fortunately however there are several ways to keep those within the church warm even though the three feet thick masonry structure may be just a degree or two above freezing.

At St Marys church we keep ourselves comfortable by surrounding the congregation in warmed air from a gas heater and an air-source heat pump. The warm air which naturally rises is then recirculated to ground level by de-stratification fans located above the rafters.

When the spring lockdown came, and church services ceased, the PCC decided it was a good opportunity to have a close look at the heating in All Saints. This comprised radiant heaters over the aisle, and tubular ones under every other row of pews. We knew these were reasonably effective but expensive to run, particularly as they had to be turned on an hour before a service. But when were they installed? Nobody could tell us. We could find no record, but from the look of the heaters and the switchgear, they probably dated from the fifties. One way or another the system was overdue for replacement!.

We obtained quotes for air-source heating but opted for a conventional system which many prefer as it silent and simple to operate. We now have the latest in infra-red halogen radiant heaters overhead which give instant heat; and a convector under every pew. Every pew has its own heater switch, so each occupant can decide how warm they want to be.

Obviously while we were putting heaters under the pews it was wise to consider whether all the pews were in the best place. Pews in rows work well for a service but not for serving refreshments afterwards, or for a meeting. So it was we decided to rearrange the six pews nearest the main door to make them inward facing, around the walls. This has created a very attractive open area at the west end of church suitable for many purposes. There is seating capacity for eighteen people on these pews, and of course many more on chairs when arranged around the new oak tables we have on order. We can't wait to welcome you.

***John Torbitt***

*Please note that the next 'Contact' will be a joint December/January issue. Items to Pat Harris, Hill Cottage, tel. 550672 or [hill.cottage@btinternet.com](mailto:hill.cottage@btinternet.com) by 20<sup>th</sup> November please.*