

CHURCH SERVICES



2	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Marys	Austin
9	10.45a.m.	Remembrance Service	on All Saints' Hill and afterwards in All Saints church	John
16	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints	Dawn
23	10.30a.m.	Benefice Service	Newton Flotman	Dawn /Bishop Ian
30	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	All Saints'	Rachel

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY is on the 9th November 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

Saxlingham Services 2nd 9.30am, 9th 10.30am, 16th 9.30am HC, 30th 8.00am HC & 11.00am

Church Flowers

All Saints -Jane Blease ,
St Mary's Polly Gould, Julia Moncrieff, Betty Torbitt

WHAT'S ON

2	Walking group	10.15 Trinity hall
5	Mobile library	10.15Grove 10.35 Street
6, 13,20,27	Warm welcome	2.00-4.00pm Trinity hall
6, 13,20,27	Table tennis	6.30pm Trinity hall
14	Shotesham Film Night - Touch	7.30pm Trinity hall
17	Resuscitation demo	Booked places only 7pm-9pm Trinity hall
18	Garden group talk	Herbaceous garden 7.30pm Trinity hall
21	Damian's Quiz Night	7.30pm Trinity hall
29	Craft Fair	10.00am-3.0 pm Stoke Holy Cross

Please note that the next 'Contact' will be a joint December/January issue.

Items by 22nd November please. Editor Pat Harris

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SHOTESHAM CONTACT

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Thought from Dawn

Along with the glorious foliage we enjoy at this time of year, temperatures are becoming decidedly autumnal. Autumn brings respite from the seemingly endless routine of mowing the lawn and the longer evenings are bliss for those who like to cosy up indoors with a good book and some 'comfort food'. Our lives go through seasons too. Entering our later years can be described as coming into the autumn or winter of life. In the natural cycle of the seasons, winter is followed by spring with its promise of new life and fresh beginnings. God offers each of us a fresh beginning not only with the changing seasons of life but each and every day as he holds out the promise of a better future through faith in Jesus.

It was this faith that sustained many a soldier who fought for the peace we enjoy today. And that same faith comforted many a mother whose sons did not return. In a recent news interview, a tough looking Ukrainian man, surrounded by the rubble of his home town, broke down as he said through tears that he believed that evil would not prevail and that one day all would be well. When faced with life's changing seasons may we know the resilience - and joy - of a steadfast faith.

Every blessing

Dawn

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Operation Christmas child The annual Shoebox Appeal for children in need in Central and Eastern Europe and parts of Africa.

Boxes and information leaflets available in All Saints church.

The final date for handing in the boxes will be on Remembrance Sunday, November 9th.

Poppies

If, after Remembrance Sunday, you no longer need your red paper, British Legion poppies, could you pop them into the little boxes in either of the village telephone boxes, please and I will use them on the village War Memorial during next year. Thank you, Rosemarie Gough.

SHOTESHAM PARISH COUNCIL.

Remembrance Sunday is on the **9th November** on Church Hill starting around 10.45.am Everyone is welcome.

In the village footpath booklet a line was put through the extension of FP 8 from Stubbs Green to Market Lane but this was incorrect. We are currently taking steps to remedy this and hopefully there will be signage there soon.

Warm Welcome started on October 30th. We will now meet weekly on Thursdays from 2-4pm in the Trinity Hall. Open to everyone.

We have been notified that there is to be a change of ownership of our bus service. It is a time when they are asking for your input on the future of all our bus services If you would like to put forward your thoughts then contact the clerk shoteshampc.clerk@outlook.com or 01508 550358

Rhodri Coleman our First Responder is holding a resuscitation demonstration Monday 17th November – **booked places only.** Please email me kimelizabethdyke@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to attend a future session
Kim Dyke on behalf of the PC

Shotesham Screen film 'Touch' Friday Nov 14th. 7:30pm A deeply moving, delicate, and spellbinding romance. An adaptation of the novel by Ólafur Jóhann Ólafsson, *Touch* is the achingly poignant story of an elderly widowed man who, on receiving a troubling medical diagnosis, embarks on an epic quest to find his long-lost first love. He sets off from Iceland on a seemingly impossible mission. Decades earlier, the young Kristofer met his first love, Miko, in London. A student of economics, he decides to give up his studies and work in a Japanese restaurant. There he meets Miko, the owner's daughter, and romance blossoms. Then she disappears without a trace. All these years later, with limited time left, Kristofer tries to track her down, eventually leading him to Japan and an astonishing discovery. Tickets £5. Booking via Lindsay on 07702832033 or lindsayheywood3@gmail.com

Garden Group As one gardening season comes to an end, you can start to plan a glorious border for next year. So, on **Tuesday 18th November** at 7:30pm in the Trinity Hall **Luci Skinner** will be talking about **The Herbaceous Border**. Luci is RHS qualified and has worked in horticulture for over 15 years. She runs her own business; Greenways, offering gardening and plant advice. Her main passion is her National Collection of Pelargoniums. Everyone welcome. Cost £3

Shotesham Village Association

We had our main event of the year on 27th September – the Barn Dance. This was a great success despite the major setback of the wind damaging our marquees. This meant we had to hire a marquee and a change in format to having everything under one roof, something we will think carefully about for the next Barn Dance. I would like to record our thanks to all the people who helped make this event such a success by cooking and preparing food and responding to the emergency call to help with the damaged marquees. The other event since the last Contact was the talk by Mike Knights about the V2 rocket that landed in Shotesham in 1944. This was very well received and despite only 30 people booking we ended up with over 40 people, some standing at the back! Many thanks for Mike for giving his time and audio-visual material.

The next event **Damian's Quiz Night on Friday 21st November. 7:30 p.m. Trinity Hall.** There is a charge for this event. It will be £5 for each table with a maximum of 6 people per table. We will only be able to fit in 8 tables so do book early to avoid disappointment for what promises to be a fun and educational event. Contact Jo on nisbetjoanne@yahoo.com or 07904 072977 to book.

We will be putting on the hugely popular Carols on the Hill on Christmas Eve and then the traditional Fun Run on 31st December organised by Ken and Dudley – details of both events to follow in next month's Contact.

Christmas Craft Fair, Community Centre Stoke Holy Cross NR15 8LY November 29th 10-3pm

Craft stalls ..Raffle ..Refreshments Proceeds to Cancer Unit NNUH. If anybody would like to donate a raffle prize this could be dropped off at Gwen Jacksons, Hillside Farm. 07788932646

Shotesham Screen Advance notice Paddington in Peru

The film will be shown on **Sunday 14th December at 3pm** in the Trinity Booking via Lindsay 07702832033 or lindsayheywood3@gmail.com Adults £5, children 12 and under free In Paddington in Peru, Paddington and the Brown family travel to Peru to visit Aunt Lucy at her retirement home. When they arrive, they discover Aunt Lucy has gone missing in the Amazon rainforest, prompting a new adventure as they follow clues from a mysterious map to find her. Along the way, they journey through the jungle and up mountains, meeting new characters like the boat captain Hunter and his daughter Gina, and uncovering secrets about Paddington's past.