



CHURCH SERVICES

5	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's	Dawn
12	6.30pm.	Harvest Thanksgiving	All Saints	Dawn
19	11.00am.	Holy Communion	All Saints	Rachel with Dawn
26	9.30 am	Morning Service	All Saints	Dawn

Saxlingham services – 5th Harvest Service 9.30am, 12th BCP Matins 11.00am,
19th 9.30am HC 26th 8.00am HC & 11.00am

CHURCH FLOWERS

All Saints' Jane Blease, Pat Harris South window Julie Chilvers
St Mary's Betty Torbitt, Britt Riches

WHAT'S ON

2, 9, 16, 23,30	Table tennis	6.30-8.00pm	Trinity hall
5	Walking group	10.15 am	Trinity hall
8	Mobile Library	10.15am	Grove 10.35am
9	Poringland W I	2.00pm	Poringland Community hall
10	Film Night - Small things like these	7.30pm	Trinity hall
24	V2 Rocket talk	7.30pm	Trinity hall

Thanks to Zelia Dickinson who has kindly sponsored this edition of Contact in loving memory of her husband David.



SHOTESHAM CONTACT

October 2025

Thought from Dawn

At harvest time the church celebrates God's generous provision through services of thanksgiving, with donations of food and finance often going to support local Foodbanks. Even when our national harvest has not been as abundant as expected, we are not in danger of starvation. In countries where there is famine or war, it's a very different story. Although we have plenty, we remember those less fortunate and make sure that out of our bounty, we share so that others may be blessed.

Friends in the parish recently brought some home-grown vegetables to the rectory, along with a batch of delicious home-made tomato soup for us to enjoy. This expression of generosity was not prompted by poverty (clergy do receive a monthly stipend!) it was a gesture of friendship, a gift from the heart, a desire to share the blessings God had given them.

We can all bless others throughout the year – and not only with garden produce or cooking. Most people (especially those who live alone) appreciate the gift of time spent with them, conversation, and a listening ear. Perhaps we can pass on books that we've enjoyed, or teach a neighbour a new craft, introduce them to new friends or offer to do practical jobs in house or garden.

Think of ways to share your blessings – and you will be blessed once more in the sharing.

With every blessing

Dawn

Team Rector, Revd Dawn Davidson , dawndavidson@btinternet.com

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All are welcome to the Harvest thanksgiving service at 6.30pm on the 12th October , The service will begin at 6:30pm last about 45 minutes with light refreshments and a glass of wine afterwards.

Shotesham Parish Council.

An early reminder that Remembrance Sunday will be on November the 8th, with our ceremony on Church Hill at 10.45. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you to those who have cut back the hedges that were encroaching on the pavements in the village. If we all can continue to make that effort it helps everyone to stay safe.

Local government reorganisation for Norfolk is very much in the news at the moment. If you want more information about the various options then information is available on norfolk.gov.uk

On Monday 17th November, 7-9pm,

Rhodri Coleman our First Responder is holding a resuscitation evening to demonstrate CPR and use of the village defibrillators this will be at the Trinity. He can accommodate 15 people only in this session.

Please email me kimelizabethdyke@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to attend. If the response is more than 15 interested parishioners I will organise another event.

Kim Dyke on behalf of the PC

TABLE TENNIS

is due to recommence on Thursday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.00pm, starting on **2nd October**. The group has been playing in Shotesham at The Trinity Hall for over 20 years, but interest last season had reduced to just 3 or 4 players. If the group is to continue we need some new members. The club welcomes members of all ages and abilities, both male and female. If you are interested please come along to The Trinity Hall on 2nd October at 6.30pm, or for more information please call David Howes 01508 558458 and 07775 698799.

Walking group

5th October start 10.15 am Trinity hall

Poringland W I

Our next meeting is on **Thursday October the 9th, 2pm** until 4pm, when Wally Webb will be telling us about his 40 years at the BBC. Please feel free to come along and meet us at Poringland Community Centre call Zelia Dickinson on 01508 550388/ 07955834106 for more info.

Film Night

The October Shotesham Screen film will be on **Friday October 10th at the Trinity at 7:30pm**. All are welcome. Booking via Lindsay on 07702832033 or lindsayheywood3@gmail.com

We will be showing "**Small Things Like These**" based on the book by Claire Keegan.

"Small Things Like These" is a poignant and understated drama that packs an emotional punch. Cillian Murphy delivers a masterful performance as a hardworking coal merchant grappling with a moral dilemma that threatens to shatter his comfortable existence. The film is visually stunning, with a quiet beauty that perfectly complements its introspective narrative. While the film may not be for everyone due to its slow-burn pace, it's a deeply moving and thought-provoking experience. It doesn't need to shout in order to be heard, effectively conveying its powerful message through subtle observations and understated performances"

Shotesham Village Association

I hope you all had an excellent Summer break and the return to school for those with children hasn't been too traumatic. We had no SVA events during July or August but as I write this preparations for the Village Barn Dance are in full swing. It will have happened by the time you read this so if you went I hope you had a very good evening.

The next SVA event is on **Friday 24th October at 7.30pm in Trinity hall** a talk to be given by **Mike Knights on the V2 rocket that landed in Shotesham in October 1944**. This promises to be a thoroughly enjoyable and highly informative talk. There will be slides and possibly a video as well as refreshments. There's no charge for this talk but to make sure we don't go over the fire limit for the Hall please contact Jo Nisbet on either nisbetjoanne@yahoo.com or 07904 072977 to sign up. This promises to be a popular talk so sign up soon!

After that the next event is **Damian's Quiz on 21st November, also** at the Trinity Hall. Damian will be bringing his hugely popular quiz from the Globe to a larger audience. Full details in the next Contact but do put the date in your diary to avoid missing out on this.

Tom Higgin, Chair of the SVA at tomm.higgin@gmail.com or 07495 417887