



CHURCH SERVICES

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

6	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's	Dawn
13	9.30a.m.	Morning Prayer	St Mary's	John
20	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints (tbc)*	Dawn
27	11.00a.m.	Morning Prayer	All Saints (tbc)*	Austin

*(All Saints is closed for major electrical work (see below) which is planned to finish in time for the service on 20 September and after)

St. Mary's church open times St Mary's will be open for private prayer 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
Similarly, **All Saints will be open from 20th September** on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays from 10.00am to 4.00pm (subject to completion of the works).

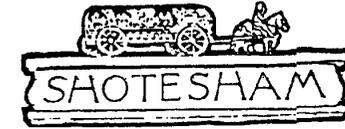
All Saints Church Electric and Heating

The electrics and heating in All Saints church was installed many years ago (1950's?) with various additions over the years but the appliances and switch gear needed renewing The copper clad cables throughout the church have all been tested and found to be in excellent condition fortunately as excellent material was used at the time.

Work is therefore being carried out to completely overhaul the system with new more efficient overhead radiant heaters and under pew heaters with a switch at the wall for each pew.

The opportunity was taken during the closure of the church to move some of the pews at the back of the church to give more space for activities and socialising. It is hoped that the works will be completed by the middle of September.

Thanks to Marcelle Pyne who has kindly sponsored this edition of Contact



SHOTESHAM CONTACT

September 2020

Thought from Dawn

Have you noticed that people tend to be either huggers or shakers? There are those who greet you with a hug and those who greet you with a handshake.

The reasons for a person's preference for either one or the other can be quite complex and of course it also depends on what is appropriate to the situation. In any case, the need for human touch is part of being human! One of the saddest things I've seen was a woman in hospital push away a nurse, who had reached out to gently touch her hands as she was pouring out her troubles to the nurse. She added crossly: "NO! I don't want 'paws'".

But what if you DO want to feel the connection of another person's hand in yours, the comfort of a friend's arms around your shoulders, or the gentle but reassuring touch of a hand on your arm?

It's a freedom we've been denied for quite a while. By the time some grandparents get to hug their grandchildren again, the children will probably have grown a size or two!! There's something oddly contradictory about that phrase 'social distancing'. We were made for connection and for community. We may be feeling isolated, lonely, troubled or just plain frustrated and fed up, but the Bible reminds us: *The eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms.* (Deuteronomy 33:27). We can take comfort in God. We may feel low but His arms are lower, preventing us from sinking deeper. Talk to God about how you're feeling – even if those feelings include impatience, anger, or unbelief. You may find yourself calmed, uplifted and reassured.

With every blessing

Dawn

Team Rector, Revd Dawn Davidson dawn@tasvalley.org The New Rectory, The Street, Saxlingham Nethergate, Norfolk NR15 1AJ 498924

Sponsored churches cycle ride Saturday 14th September

The Norfolk Churches Trust: Bike: Walk: Drive in the Norfolk Countryside. Annual Event on Saturday 12th September 9am to 5pm. Should you wish to take part and raise money for our Shotesham churches details and sponsorship forms are available on the Norfolk Churches Trust web site.

Shotesham Parish Council.

We have continued to hold any necessary meetings using Zoom. This has been adequate but we are very much looking forward to meeting in the hall, where we can be more open to the involvement of the parish.

Three and a half years ago, with the encouragement of the Trinity management, we formally submitted plans etc, asking to create a small play area for supervised younger children. Sadly despite all our efforts to follow this up nothing has come of it. How much support would we have if we tried to resurrect a scheme somewhere in the village?

Contact heather - heatherbelljackson@btinternet.com or Jeff - clerk.shotesham@outlook.com

If we hear nothing we will have to assume there is no interest.

Both the ex-BT telephone boxes are currently being repaired and made sound. Notice that the sign at The Grove has now changed to PHONE BOOKS, so please use it, as there are good books there, well looked after. Once read, happily, pass them on to friends and colleagues.

Would you be prepared to help with the repainting of the boxes when the work is done?

It seems as if life is a little more normal now, but if you are still isolating and need continuing help then please ask for that help.

A small group of us representing various groups in the parish still meet regularly and are able to find those helpers.

Ken 07880801674- Bob- 550672- Jeff- 550358. and Heather - 550785

Shotesham Village Association

SVA Events (or more correctly, non-events). Despite the best of intentions, it looks unlikely that the SVA will be able to put on any events this year. Certainly our thoughts of an outdoor event, like a Party in the Playing Field, have been scuppered by the continuing limitations on gatherings, particularly with the potential for a £10,000 fine if more than 30 people were to turn up. Even stricter limits on indoor gatherings mean it's also unlikely that indoor events at the Trinity will go ahead this year. Watch this space and roll on 2021!

Shotesham Walking Group

Intention is that the walking group will regroup in Mid- September following social distancing protocols, an email with dates later this week. Be good to see people (and their dogs!) again in a sort of organised manner!

The 2020 Lockdown Archive

Thanks to all who have contributed images, material and their time to the Archive. We would particularly like more images from lockdown: before and after haircuts, clapping for carers, VE day and other memorable lockdown events. Libby Pearson has joined the team and will be conducting interviews until she goes to University in October. Other volunteers are very welcome. So far, over 60 people of all ages have been interviewed. But there are many more we would like to speak to. Please contact us on 07889 821964 or email to ShoteshamArchive@gmail.com. *Jim Webber*

Thanks to all those who delivered this edition of Contact, we hope to continue with the paper copies in the future but will observe any guidelines which suggest that this is unwise.

Thanks also to Trish Leighton who has compiled the Trade Directory which is enclosed.

As no events are taking place we are short of copy for the next Contact so if anyone has any interesting article/story they would like to circulate please send to me Pat Harris (editor) email hill.cottage@btinternet.com Thank you