



CHURCH SERVICES

4	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's	Dawn
11	9.30a.m.	Morning Prayer	St Mary's	John
18	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints	Dawn
25	9.30a.m.	Morning Prayer	All Saints	Dawn

Saxlingham services – 4th 9.30am, 11th 11.00am, 18th 9.30am
25th 8.00am HC 11.00am

CHURCH FLOWERS All Saints' Shirley Pull, South Window- Joy Moore
St Mary's Polly Gould, Betty Torbitt.

WHAT'S ON

3	Bell ringing open day	2.00-4.00pm Saxlingham Church
4	Walking Group	10.15am Trinity hall
10	Church Cycle Ride	9.00am-5.00pm
14	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove, 10.40 Street
16	The Velvet Queen – Film	7.30 pm Trinity hall
24	Bell ringing open day	10.00-12.00 Saxlingham Church
24	Barn Dance	6.00pm Playing Field
25	Walking Group	10.15am Trinity hall

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SHOTESHAM CONTACT

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Thought from Dawn

If you asked most people whether they had been missing the petrichor over recent weeks, I daresay you'd get a few blank looks. The petrichor is something that is quite familiar to most of us. We would easily recognise it and yet the majority would be hard pressed to give it a name....

I often wonder how many people recognise the presence of God and yet fail to name that presence – and therefore fail to identify God? Most people I talk to (even those who tell me they have no faith) describe circumstances, situations, conversations and so on where - it is very clear to me – God is present. Often what such people describe as 'coincidence' I may identify as a 'God-incidence'. Something they see as 'lucky' I may regard as God's blessing. It stands to reason that we are likely to 'miss' God if we're not looking for him in the first place.

Until just a few hours before I sat down to write this, we had all missed something that is very familiar to most of us – the petrichor. This is the name given to "a pleasant smell that frequently accompanies the first rain after a long period of warm dry weather".

Thankfully God (unlike the petrichor) is ever-present, whether or not we recognise him.... but when we choose to look for him and begin to identify his presence, we experience a refreshing that beats anything rain or the petrichor can offer!

With every blessing

Dawn

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Sponsored churches cycle ride Saturday 10th September

The Norfolk Churches Trust: Bike: Walk: Drive in the Norfolk Countryside. Annual Event on Saturday 10th September 9am to 5pm. Should you wish to take part and raise money for our Shotesham churches sponsorship forms are available at the back of All Saints and St. Marys churches and further details and sponsorship forms are also available on the Norfolk Churches Trust web site.

Shotesham Screen presents

The *VELVET QUEEN* (*Snow Leopard*)
documentary (2021, 92mins) French(subtitles)

Multi-award-winning nature photographer Vincent Munier and writer Sylvain Tesson on their quest to document the infamously elusive snow leopard. Through their journey in the Tibetan peaks, the two men ponder humankind's place among the magnificent and glorious landscapes they encounter along the way.

Friday 16 September 7.30 Trinity Hall

Tickets £5 **BOOKINGS ONLY** Raz 550122 razwoollacott@gmail.com

Shotesham Village Association

Return of the Shotesham Barn Dance – Sat 24th September 2022

Following an extended 4 year break, the SVA decided it's time for an old favourite to return so have planned a Barn Dance & Harvest Supper on the evening of Saturday 24th September on the playing field.

As in the past, this will be a ticketed event with a two course meal (main course and dessert) and one complimentary drink. People are asked to bring their own crockery, cutlery & condiments, & any further drinks if required.

Entertainment will be provided by the Marisca Trio (ex Red Herrings) so don't forget to also bring your dancing shoes.

Tickets are £12.50 per person with children under 12 going free, and can be pre-booked via Ken - resotan@aol.com, Simon - simonnisbet27@gmail.com, or any other SVA committee member.

Church Bell Ringing We need more ringers to maintain this traditional skill; otherwise the church bells will become silent! Ringing is well within the capabilities of most people from age 12 into retirement age. It is a team activity that **stimulates the brain and helps you keep fit**. Initial teaching takes several weeks after which a learner can begin to ring with the rest of the band with weekly practices.

If you think you may be interested there are open days at Saxlingham church on **Saturday 3rd of September 2.00 to 4.00pm and Saturday 24th September 10.00am to 12.00** when you could have a go under close supervision. Do not expect instant success!

More information contact Bob Harris, tel 01508550672 or e-mail hill.cottage@btinternet.com

Visit to Stoke Radar Station - 11am Saturday 1st October

The 'radio' masts in Upper Stoke are well-known to us all. This was originally the site of one of the 21 Radar Stations that were built just before the Second World War, in a chain running from Orkney to Hampshire. However, you may not know that in a nearby garden there are other remains of the Radar Station including the impressive concrete shell of the operations room, a pill box and a Guard Room, with an exhibition that has been curated by Derek Bales.

Derek, who lives on the site, has kindly agreed to host another small group visit at 11am on Saturday 1st October. (The last group visit from Shotesham was in October 2014 following the V2 Rocket exhibition in the Trinity). If you like to join the visit, please contact Sara Webber on 01508 550190 or webber.sj@btinternet.com

Big Sky Concert 8th October 7.30pm All Saints Church

An autumnal treat as Big Sky choir returns to All Saints Church on Saturday October 8th at 7.30. Celebrating performing live again, this acapella group will be singing a variety of songs across cultures and ages. To get tickets, £10/£8, follow the link to Big Sky Concert on shotesham.com. For more information contact Sue Astbury 550377 or Mike and Helen Lawrence on 558831

And of course there will be refreshments!

Walking Group dates

4th and 25th September -Meet at 10.15am Trinity hall

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