



### CHURCH SERVICES

7	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's	Austin
14	9.30a.m.	Morning Prayer	St Mary's	Philip Simmons
21	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints	Dawn
28	9.30a.m.	Morning Prayer	All Saints	Dawn

**Saxlingham services** – 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30am, 14<sup>th</sup> 11.00am, 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30am  
28<sup>th</sup> 8.00am HC 11.00am

**CHURCH FLOWERS** All Saints' Shirley Pull, South Window- Joy Moore  
St Mary's Judith Pleavin, Valerie Crowle

### WHAT'S ON

7	Walking Group	10.15am Trinity hall
8	Garden group visit	2.00pm Trinity hall
10	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove, 10.35 Street
12	Village screen -The Crime is Mine	7.30pm Trinity hall
13	Churches Cycle Ride	9.00am-5.00pm
27	Open Tower St Mary's Saxlingham	10.00-12.00 noon
27	Barn Dance	6.30pm Playing field

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## SHOTESHAM CONTACT

*September 2025*

### Thought from Dawn

The recent hot weather has been welcomed and enjoyed by some while to others it presents a challenge. Whatever you feel about the heat, it will eventually give way to a cooler season.

Life has its seasons too. We invest a lot of time and effort in raising our children and when the time comes for them to move away and live their own lives, many parents struggle with the transition. Our bodies change with age and that isn't always easy. We want to carry on exactly as we always have but we may need to adapt our routines and practices, which can be frustrating. The seasons of life are best handled with grace, so that rather than feeling the loss of what we're letting go of, we can be positive about what we're reaching towards. There's always more to learn and experience. New seasons can be exciting and refreshing if we approach them in the right way.

When faced with such a time of transition (in the words of a well-known hymn) I 'take it to the Lord in prayer' and find that I'm given the wisdom and resilience to cope.

With every blessing

**Dawn**

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### Sponsored churches cycle ride Saturday 13th September

The Norfolk Churches Trust: Bike: Walk: Drive in the Norfolk Countryside. Annual Event on Saturday 13th 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.

**A reminder that there are 2 collection points for Foodbank in the village; one in each church.**

Items donated are delivered to the Foodbank warehouse every month in the week following the second Sunday. This service at St Mary's is when those attending are encouraged to bring contributions.

### Parish Council

The Parish has 5 dog bins around the village which cost us all around £800 a year to have them emptied twice a week. If you see dog walkers when you're out and about would you draw their attention to this facility for their use. It seems many people are unaware.

The Shotesham ford is still closed after almost 2 years. We are working with Alison Thomas our County Councillor to get some resolution to this situation.

### Shotesham Garden group

On **Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>**, we have organised a visit, and tour, to another glorious garden at **Manor Farm, Coston, Wymondham NR9 4DT**.

This is a wonderful five acre country garden set in larger estate. It consists of several small garden rooms, with both formal and informal planting, includes a walled kitchen garden. There are many interesting trees, and a collection of sculptures dotted around the garden.

£10pp to include refreshments. All proceeds to their charity

To share lifts, meet at **Trinity Hall at 2, or 2.30 at the garden**.

Let David Averill know if you can go, and if you have any dietary requirements. davidhaverill@gmail.com

**The first Shotesham Screen film will be on Friday September 12<sup>th</sup>** at the Trinity at 7:30pm. All are welcome. Booking via Lindsay on 07702832033 or [lindsayheywood3@gmail.com](mailto:lindsayheywood3@gmail.com)

We will be showing "**The Crime is Mine**"

In 1930s Paris, Madeleine, a pretty, young, penniless and talentless actress, is accused of murdering a famous producer. Helped by her best friend Pauline, a young unemployed lawyer, she is acquitted on the grounds of self-defense. A new life of fame and success begins, until the truth comes out. The Crime Is Mine is a funny, beautifully charismatic film, full of brilliant characters, gorgeous costumes and captivating production design.

### Shotesham Village Association

I hope everyone is having a great Summer. Just one event to tell you about in September but it's the big one –

**Barn Dance**. This will be on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September** and will be held on the playing field. It starts **at 6:30** with a free glass of fizzy wine or soft drink followed by the traditional meal and then the dancing. We have the same band as in previous years so you should know the steps! Bring your own plates, cutlery etc and any other drink you want.

Tickets are £15 children under 12 free. They can be bought in advance from Jo Nisbet on [nisbetjoanne@yahoo.com](mailto:nisbetjoanne@yahoo.com) or on 07904 072977. Tickets will be issued on receipt of payment. Please put "Barn Dance" in the subject line if buying by email. If paying by bank transfer please make sure you say who you are. Do hurry if you want tickets – they're going fast!

Tom Higgin, Chair of the SVA at [tomm.higgin@gmail.com](mailto:tomm.higgin@gmail.com) or 07495 417887

### Open Tower at St Mary's Saxlingham - Bell Ringing

On **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September** between 10am and noon, we will be having an 'open house' event in the tower. If you've ever been curious about how we ring or would like to have a go at ringing a church bell, do drop in. It's free and there's no obligation. Suitable for all ages from about age 10 upwards. It's a great hobby!

**TABLE TENNIS** is due to recommence on Thursday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.00pm, starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 6.30pm, or for more information please call David Howes 01508 558458 and 07775 698799.

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