

On Whit Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup> it will be nearly six months since Christmas; twenty four weeks to be precise. How time flies. Do you remember what presents you received, or that it was the time we celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ? That day will also be seven weeks since Easter, when Christians remember the death of Jesus on the day we call Good Friday, and his rising again from the dead on Easter Sunday. But what is special about Whit Sunday or Pentecost? Jesus said to his disciples a few days before he was put to death, that it was in the plan that he must die, leave the world and go back to his Father in Heaven. But he said he would not leave his followers destitute but would send them a Councillor, a Guide, a Friend, the Holy Spirit, who, Jesus said "will teach you all things." The first appearance of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was a most dramatic event and you can read about it anytime in the Bible, Acts Chapter 2. The almost unbelievable truth is that 2000 years on, this God sent friend, The Holy Spirit is still there 24/7 to help and support us with everyday matters and concerns, and to guide us towards leading a better and more fulfilling life. That truth and the "Fruits of the Spirit" Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Self-control, etc will be the subject of discussion, after our half hour modern language service "My Church" on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30. Do come and think about this subject so pertinent in this day and age. On the first, fourth, and fifth Sundays of June our traditional services namely Holy Communion or Matins, which many people like, will be held as usual, details overleaf. However if Traditional C of E services do not inspire you but you have an enquiring mind then try "Debatable Sermons" at 11.00 on 15<sup>th</sup> June. The subject for our panel could hardly be more fundamental namely "Does God Exist?"

Enjoy the good weather but let's make Sunday special and meet up in church soon.

John Torbitt

#### Shotesham Village Fete and Shindig Saturday 12th July 2014.

Please note the change of date from the previously published draft programme.

Shotesham Village Association is delighted to announce details of this year's annual Fete and evening musical extravaganza. The fete will run from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. There will be free entry and the afternoon will include many of the events that proved so popular last year: A fun dog show -Archery -Face painting- football competition-Tea Stall- Tug of War and side stalls.

This year's **Evening Musical Extravaganza** features the excellent live band 3 Up & 2 Down, licensed bar and Fish & Chips plus puddings & salads from the SVA, all for the princely sum of £8.50 per person. Tickets are available for the evening from either Bernie Fenn at 558407 or, Anthony Lister at 558719 or any other SVA committee member.

**Help is required** for marquee erection on the playing fields on Thursday 10th July, 6.30 p.m. loading up at Ed Howard's Hill Farm or straight to the playing field.

Help is also required by the catering team. If you can spare some time to help, please contact Sue Astbury 550377

And if you love games, help is required by the side-stalls team on the day. If you can spare one hour on the day, please contact Anthony Lister on 880517

Please put the date in your diary and tell all your family. It is always a really good fun day out rain or shine.

#### **Fundraising for Japan**

#### An evening with the artist John Patchett Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July Trinity hall 7.30pm

Entrance £4 to include Pimm's or soft drink. John will be giving a talk, demonstration and signing of his book- *Painting from the heart* 

# **Parochial Church Council**

At the Parochial Church Council annual general meeting in April churchwardens elected were John Torbitt, Jane Blease and Sandra Coles. The secretary is Joan Oldman and the treasurer is Bob Harris.

#### Shotesham Garden group

# On Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm onwards David and Janet Sochon have

invited Shotesham Gardeners to come and enjoy a summer evening in their Shotesham village garden at The Bungalow, Wolferd Green, NR15 1YP. A varied and informal garden, with some unusual features, developed from an overgrown wooded area.

Phone 558495 for directions. Everyone welcome

#### If you cannot make the above date the garden will also be open Saturday, 21st June between 10.00 and 12.00

If anybody would like a stroll around Janet and David Sochon's garden on they will be most welcome. Entrance  $\pm 1.00$ . Tea and coffee available. Any proceeds will be donated to aid for Syrian refugees.

The Bungalow, Wolfer Green (at the junction of Chapel Lane and Shotesham Road).

SHOE BOX APPEAL Throughout the year I meet with a small group of ladies to collect and make items for the shoe box appeal (Samaritans purse). These are then sent at Christmas time to disadvantaged children in other countries. We currently need items such as small toys, stationary, sweets, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste to include in the boxes. We also require wool and ribbons for the ladies who knit hats and puppets. I would really appreciate your support to continue with this work and therefore have left a box at the back of All Saints church where you can leave these items. You can also ring or text me for any queries on 07767757732 Thank you very much *Jill Masters* 

### Walking Group

<u>6<sup>th</sup> June</u> David Howes to lead- Walk from Loddon. Meet at Trinity at 10.15am for lifts.

<u>22<sup>nd</sup> June</u> Ronnie to lead meet at Trinity at 10.15am

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## **CHURCH SERVICES**

1 11.00a.m. Holy Communion St. Mary's David & Sally

8 9.30a.m. Short 'My Church' Service St. Mary's Sally & John Torbitt

15 11.00a.m. Morning Service with 'Debatable Sermon All SaintsMartin & Jessie

David

22 9.30a.m. Matins BCP All Saints

29 11.00a.m. Holy Communion St. Mary's Jenny

**Saxlingham services** – 1<sup>st</sup> 9.30am, 8<sup>th</sup> 11.00am, 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am

22<sup>nd</sup> 8.00am HC, 11.00am 29<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Pet Service

# **CHURCH FLOWERS**

<u>All Saints</u>- Trish Dunmore, Britt Riches South Window - Sue Astbury ST Mary's- Christine Howes, Bernie Fenn, Betty Torbitt

#### Church Opening –

All Saints -1<sup>st</sup>-Christine Howes, 8<sup>th</sup> –Frank Mitchell 15<sup>th</sup>- Lou Albert St Mary's 1<sup>st</sup>-John Torbitt, 8<sup>th</sup>-Joan Oldman, 15<sup>th</sup>- Colin Purdom,

22<sup>nd</sup>-Judith Pleavin, 29<sup>th</sup>-John Chandler

# WHAT'S ON

3	Mobile library	Afternoon
6	Village walk	10.15am Trinity hall
8	Games Day	Saxlingham
18	Garden Group Open Garden	7.00pm The Bungalow
20	Saxlingham Garden Soc.	7.30pm Saxlingham village hall
20	Newton Flotman school fete	6-8pm
21	Open garden	10-12 The Bungalow
22	Village walk	10.15am Trinity hall

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