



CHURCH SERVICES

3	8.00pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service	St. Marys	John Torbitt
5	11.00am	Easter Day Holy Communion	St. Marys	Dawn
12	9:30am	"My Church" Morning Service	St. Marys	John & Sally
19	6:30pm	Evensong*	St. Marys	David Sochon & All Team
26	9:30am	Matins BCP	All Saints	Dawn and David Hamilton

**A special Evensong service on 19th with David and Janet Sochon. We celebrate all that their ministry among us has meant as they move on to pastures new. Refreshments after the service. All welcome*

Saxlingham Services: 3rd 300pm 5th 9.30am, 12th 11.00am, 19th 9.30am, 26th 8.00am HC & 11.00am,

Church flowers

All Saints – Kim Dyke / Susie Hill South Window Trish Dunmore

St Mary's - Sandra Coles, Betty Torbitt and Joan Oldman

What's On

6	Easter egg fun and games	2.30pm All Saints church
7	Mobile Library	Afternoon 15.25-16.35pm
10	Village walk	10.00 Howe church
15-18	Saxlingham players play	7.30pm Saxlingham village hall
16	Parochial Church Council AGM	5.30 pm All Saints church
16	Parish Council AGM	7.00pm Trinity hall
17	Imitation Game-Film	7.30pm Poringland
17	Saxlingham Gardening Group	7.30pm Trinity hall
18	Garden group plant sale	10.30-1.30Trinity hall
18	Bowls afternoon	2.00pm on the Green
19	Tour de Shotesham cycle ride	12 noon The Globe
25	Bowls afternoon	2.00 pm on the Green
26	Village walk	10.00am Trinity for lifts

Check your website www.shotesham.com for all up to date information

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SHOTESHAM CONTACT

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A message from Dawn:

Remember those red marks the teacher would put across your homework? Ticks or crosses depending on whether you'd got things right or wrong... The crucifixion has been described as God's 'X' to all that is wrong and the resurrection as his 'tick' of approval and acceptance of what Jesus achieved on the cross.

Easter celebrates the heart of the Gospel (God's good news)- which is that by his death, Jesus paid the penalty for every wrong that has been or ever will be committed in this life and by his resurrection he offers the promise of a new life that will continue into eternity. The offer is made to everyone – the choice to accept or reject it is given to us.

Some have criticised the Gospel, saying it is simplistic and irrelevant.

However, those who choose to explore it further – those who through it have met with the living God - have a very different view. When we admit our need of God's forgiveness and invite him into our life we open ourselves to receiving his love, joy and peace at the deepest level. Entering into a relationship with God, getting to know him personally brings fulfilment – we were made for this!

The Alpha course is a wonderful 'no obligation' opportunity to explore what Christianity is about, to ask questions or just sit in and listen. A 'taster session' is being held at 7:30pm on Monday 13th April in Saxlingham Rectory – all are welcome to come along! Do give me a ring (01508) 498924 if you'd like to find out more beforehand or just turn up on the evening.

The Lord bless you this Easter and always.

Dawn

Shotesham Parochial Church Council

“The Annual Meeting of Parishioners “ and the “Annual Parochial Church Meeting” will take place on **Thursday April 16 5.30pm in All Saints' church.** All persons whose names are entered upon the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and such persons only) are entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity. All parishioners are invited.

Shotesham Parish Council News

A reminder that the Parish Council's Annual meeting will be held at **Trinity Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday the 16th April.** This is the meeting where you can question the Parish Council, and have your say on Parish matters. This will be followed at, approximately, 7.30 p.m. by a demonstration of the Defibrillator recently installed at the ex-telephone box on The Common. Martin Render, Chairman of The Community Heartbeat Trust, will be talking on how the Defibrillator can save victims of Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and will demonstrate how to operate the equipment in an emergency. The £1,000 compensation for the recent major water supply interruption has now been received by the Parish Council to be used within the Parish, on local projects.

Don't forget that the elections on **May 7th** also include the election of the Parish Council. It is not too late to be nominated, and play a role in the village's future. Contact South Norfolk Council [The SNDC Website or 533633] for more details.

Litter Pick. A big thank you to everyone who took part in the litter pick. The village looks so much better for it and we have a small hope that the absence of litter will deter others. *Heather Jackson.*

Shotesham Village Association

Come and have eggy fun on **Easter Monday, April 6th 2.30-4pm** in and around All Saints church, Shotesham. The Village Association is planning a treasure hunt, races and Easter crafty things to do for children of all ages. **Bring a hard-boiled egg!** For more details contact Bernie, 558407 or Sue, 550377

Shotesham Gardeners are holding their now annual **Bring and Buy Plant Fair** on **Saturday April 18th 10.30-12** at the **Trinity Hall.** Again there will be a wide, and varied, selection of plants and seedlings for sale. If you have plants you would like to sell bring them along, labelled, to the Trinity at 9.30 on the Saturday or take them to Sarah Cushion's, Dove Cottage, Wolford Green, Shotesham earlier in the week. 25% of all sales will be donated to the Shotesham Gardeners funds. For more information phone Sarah 550703 or Nancy Dyson 494977.

Tour de Shotesham Sunday 19th, meet at The Globe 12 noon. Very popular bike ride for all ages and abilities starting at the Globe at Cyclists, helpers and spectators all welcome. 10 circuits of the village with various prizes for different categories at the end. Any queries, please ask Ed Howard.

SAXLINGHAM PLAYERS PRESENT - The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society Murder Mystery
Thur 15th – Saturday 18th April 2015 @ 7.30pm
Saxlingham Nethergate Village Hall Tickets £7 or £5 for 12 years and under
Call Vicky Stocks on 01508 499631 (9am-9pm)

Shotesham Bowls Club 18th and 25th April 2.00pm

Once more we look forward to the new bowls season and are hoping that there is someone in the village who would like to try something new. On Saturday April 18th and 25th at 2pm we are holding open afternoons so that anyone interested in the game of bowls can come along to find out if it is something that they would like to do. It would be good to have more Shotesham residents playing as at present there are only 6 members living in the village and we want to keep the club open. Just come along with flat shoes, bowls will be provided and see what you think of us. Further details from either Alan Banham on 01508550574 or John Torbitt On 01508499541.

Village Walks- 10th 10.00 meet at Howe church
26th 10.00 meet at The Trinity for lift to Chedgrave church

Poringland Community Cinema

The Imitation Game (12A) Friday 17th April
at Poringland Community Centre Tickets £5 (includes free tea or coffee) From Poringland Budgens or on the door. Doors open 6.45pm film starts 7.30pm

Saxlingham Garden Society meeting April 17th 7.30pm Trinity hall
Shotesham - Keeping nature at bay -talk by Eddie Boosey.

Village Market

Thanks to all who supported the village market. The rabbit game was enjoyed by many, young and old! Some pictures on the village website.
Next market May 23rd.

