



CHURCH SERVICES

11	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's	Dawn
25	9.30pm.	Morning Service	St Marys	John

Saxlingham services –

4th 9.30 Harvest Festival 18th 11.00 Morning Prayer

CHURCH FLOWERS

All Saints' Jane Blease, Pat Harris South window Julie Chilvers

St Mary's Elaine, Britt

WHAT'S ON

1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Table tennis	6.30-8.00pm	Trinity hall
4	Walking group	10.15 am	Trinity hall
7,14,21	Yoga	6.30pm	Trinity hall
7	Mobile Library	10.15am	Grove 10.35amThe Street
8	Poringland W I	2.00pm	Poringland Community hall
9	Film Night -	7.30pm	Trinity hall
16	Talk by Jim Clarke	7.30pm	Trinity hall
29	Warm Welcome	2-4pm	Trinity hall

TABLE TENNIS

Table Tennis at the Trinity will start again on **Thursday 1st October at 6.30pm** until 8.00pm and every Thursday throughout the Autumn and Winter months.

We look forward to welcoming existing players back but also any new players.

The standard of play is for all levels and both ladies and men can join the group.

For more information contact David Howes on 01508 558458

Poringland W I Our next meeting is on **Thursday 8th October at 2pm** until 4pm in the Community Centre. We will be making Christmas Cards with Margaret Collingwood. If you would like to have a go, please feel free to join us. New members and visitors, will always be warmly welcomed

Thanks to David and Gill Tewson have sponsored this edition in celebration of 30 years at Skeets Hill Farm.



SHOTESHAM CONTACT

October 2026

Thought from Dawn

We live in a culture that craves comfort, leisure, the avoidance of pain, success in all things – anything that comes under the heading of ‘smooth sailing’.

When things don't go right – a leaky roof, a slip on ice, car trouble, financial setbacks – there is a prevailing attitude of resentment, a feeling of failure as if we should have been able to prevent the problem, a strong sense that life is unfair and cruel.

The apostle Paul, a survivor of every sort of calamity from shipwreck to wrongful arrest and harsh imprisonment, challenges this mindset.

Not only are difficulties inevitable, but they present opportunities to grow – and can even pave the way for better things to happen.

I know several people who are quick to say; ‘Things happen for a reason...’ but Paul, writing to the Christians in Rome, said; ‘And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.’

Instead of wasting energy and making things worse by bemoaning our difficulties, why not look for the lessons they contain? Why not use them to grow in integrity and resilience? You might feel pain temporarily, but the long-term rewards will be great.

Don't worry, I'm working on it too!

With every blessing

Dawn

Team Rector, Revd Dawn Davidson , dawndavidson@btinternet.com

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Thanks to all those who sat in the church for the bike ride day. **Trish**

Shotesham Parish Council.

We have come to the end of the Summer warm welcomes- we finished on a lovely busy afternoon. We will start our Winter weekly get together on the 29th October, in the Trinity Hall 2pm until 4pm. Everyone welcome.

Next **Parish Council meeting is November 10th.** Please come along if you've any interest in being part of the council after the 2027 elections, or if you're interested in what we do.

EastPyeSolar- the Planning Inspectorate meeting was held at Dunston Hall for 3 days this month. Parish Councils and individuals had the chance to give their thoughts on the application. The last day and a half was the P.I. asking questions of the applicant with a chance for other questions from the others attending. We now await the next stages in this process.

Shotesham Village Association

The End of the Summer Party was a great success - up to 100 people attended. A special thanks to all the SVA committee who worked so hard to make it a memorable evening, and the many folks who turned up to help with the marquees, both putting up and taking down, and decorating them with wonderful lights and flowers. It was truly a village effort - so thank you. Also thanks to Mike, Ed and Alan for giving us such great music to dance too! Lovely to see families and friends having so much fun. We also raised £60 in donations, which will go towards covering the costs - thank you for your generosity.

Coming events

Friday October 16th. 7.30 at the Trinity. A talk by **Jim Clarke** about local surgeons Benjamin Gooch and Astley Cooper - their life and times, who in different ways, significantly impacted modern medicine.

Saturday November 21st 7.30 at the Trinity. The popular **Village Quiz Night** hosted by Damian. Tables of 6 people, £1 per person payable on the night. Numbers are restricted so please contact Jo Nisbett to book a place on jomccall71@gmail.com or 07904072977.

And thinking ahead to Christmas (only 85 shopping days left!), we are planning to have the ever-popular handbells at this year's Carols on the Hill. If you or any of your children are interested please contact Tom Higgin at tomm.higgin@gmail.com or 07495 417887.

Hi all, it appears that some people in (and perhaps around) Shotesham are unaware that we have a village email distribution which provides information about, news, events, lost dogs (and cats) and loads of other stuff. If you'd like to be on the list to receive these emails and keep up to date with all the goings on in Shotesham, please contact ken at resotan@aol.com or 07880 801674 and provide your email address. All emails are private.

Film Night **The Love That Remains** will be shown on **Friday October 9th at the Trinity** at 7:30pm. Tickets £5. All are welcome.

Booking via Lindsay on 07702832033 or lindsayheywood3@gmail.com
Anna, an artist, and Magnús, a fisherman, live with their three children and charismatic sheepdog in the quiet grandeur of the Icelandic countryside. As the fractures in their marriage come to the surface, the couple try to hold onto the afterimages of a life together and make sense of a deep and lingering devotion. Filmmaker Hlynur Pálmason brings surprising humour and emotional weight to this gorgeous, intimate, and brilliantly expansive scenes from a marriage, amidst the majestic backdrop of the changing seasons.

The Trustees of Shotesham Common

The Common was effectively created through an Enclosure Act Award in 1781. In 1929 the Parish Council applied for a new Scheme to manage the Common, along similar lines to the original Award, and the Common was registered as a Charity.

Until the late 1990's the income generated by the Common could barely cover its costs, despite help from the various Lords of the Manor. However, in 1987 the Common was designated an SSSI (a Site of Special Scientific Interest) and in 1997 it qualified for the Government ESA grant. Since then, the Common's main source of income has been 2 grants from Defra, which require the Trustees to comply with their land management criteria. One of these grants has now ended and the long-term future of such grants is uncertain. The normal annual maintenance cost of the Common is usually about the same as the income. However, there is now a reserve of funds and the Trustees invite any parishioner in need of one-off financial assistance to apply in writing to the Secretary of the Trustees, Mrs Bernie Fenn, Floracot, The Common, Shotesham NR15 1YQ or by email to floracot@btinternet.com. The village is very fortunate to have The Common, which includes Stubbs Green. You can find out about its wildlife on the website compiled by one of the Trustees, Andy Musgrove, who has recorded over 3,300 species!
<https://sites.google.com/view/shoteshamwildlife/home>