



CHURCH SERVICES July

5	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	Dawn
12	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	St. Mary's	John
19	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints	Dawn
26	9:30 a.m.	Morning Service	All Saints	Lesley
August (Subject to changes, please check Tas Vally benefice website.)				
2	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	TBA
9	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	St. Mary's	TBA
16	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints	TBA
23	9:30 a.m.	Morning Service	All Saints	TBA
30	TBA			

Saxlingham services – July 5th 9.30am HC, 12th 11.00am,
19th 9.30am 26th 8.00am HC & 11.00am

CHURCH FLOWERS

July	All Saints - Jane Blease, Pat Harris
	St Mary's - Polly Gould, Julia Moncrief, Christine Howes
August	All Saints - Sylvia Harmer, Britt Riches, Gwen Porter
	St Mary's –Christine Howes, Fanny Wallis, Betty Torbitt

What's On July

1,8,15	Yoga	6.30pm Trinity hall
6	Village walk	10.15am Trinity hall
9	W I Meeting	2.00pm Poringland
10	Garden open	6pm 3 the Row
15	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove, 10.35 The Street
16-27	Legacy - Art exhibition	11-4 Artspace Cromer Prom
30	Warm Welcome	2-4pm Grove Farm
31	Relive the Glory days	6.30pm Trinity hall

August

2	Open Garden	Brick Kiln House 10.00-4.00
2	Village walk	10.15 am Trinity hall
12	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove, 10.35 The Street
28	Warm Welcome	2-4pm Grove Farm

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SHOTESHAM CONTACT

July / August 2026

Message from Dawn

As summer approaches bringing 'open garden season' I'm reminded of the significance of gardens in the Bible. From Eden to Gethsemane, gardens feature as places where God is encountered in powerful ways

There is a popular saying "You are closer to God in a garden than anywhere else on earth". While I appreciate the sentiment behind these words which evoke feelings of beauty, peace, and solitude, I take issue with the statement itself. Closeness to God does not depend on a physical venue; be that a garden, a church building, or any other idyllic setting you care to name. Some people have felt an incredible intimacy with God within the walls of a prison cell, in refugee camps, and countless other places of suffering and deprivation.

For those of us whose circumstances are easier by far, it's often up to us just how close to God we want to be. A beautiful garden may be conducive to meeting with God but it isn't a requirement. God is everywhere – we simply have to learn to be attentive to his presence.

May your summer be filled with God's blessings

Dawn

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A Trades' Directory for Shotesham with small personal ads.

is issued twice a year in September and March. The fee for a trade entry is £10.00 per year for both issues or £3.00 to place a small personal ad. The entry should be up to 3 lines on A5 at this sized text (extra fee for more lines) Entries by 15th August please to be included in the September "Contact". To advertise please contact Trish Leighton 01508 558487 or mp95@btinternet.com

Parish Council

Summer Warm welcome started in June and will now, subject to any extreme weather, be happening on the last Thursday of the month, between 2 and 4pm, in the garden at Grove Farm.

Our next routine meeting will be on September 8th at 7.30 in the Trinity hall. We will however call extra meetings should it be necessary for items such responses to the EastPyeSolar process currently with the Planning Inspectorate.

Everyone is welcome and, as there are elections next year, if you have an interest in being part of the Council please come along and see what we do.

Garden Group

Shotesham Open Gardens over the weekend of June 13/14th was a fantastic success in all ways. We raised £8,675.94 for the NSPCC, with a further £1,203.15 from the plant stall which went to Street Child. An amazing result and thanks go to everyone who made it happen.

Another glorious Shotesham garden to explore, Lindsay has invited us for an evening visit on **Friday July 10th 6ish in her garden at 3, The Row, Shotesham.** There will be liquid refreshment but offers of nibbles would be very welcome. Donations please on the night for Each Siblings Day, which aims to give sisters and brothers of sick children a special day. Any questions please contact lindsayheywood3@gmail.com

Open Garden, Brick Kiln House

National Garden Scheme open garden. Jim and Jenny are opening their garden on **2nd August 10-4pm at Brick Kiln House, Priory Lane.** Come and enjoy a cup of tea, home-made cake and live piano music. Oh, and by the way do go round the garden!

Art exhibition Legacy 16th -27th July 11.00am – 4.00pm

Artspace on the Prom Cromer NR27 9FA

A collaborative exhibition by Sarah Caputo and Brenda Unwin.

Ceramics, prints and sculpture

If anyone would like further info. please contact me, Brenda Unwin

I shall be sitting the show on the 16th, 21, 22, 25, 26 and 27th. July

All welcome to the private view on 16th July. 5.30 - 7.30.

Shotesham Village Association

The Shotesham Park Walk was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thanks to all at Shotesham Park for their hospitality and generosity.

Future events -

31st July - Relive the glory days - 1966 when England won the World Cup.

Kick off 6.30 at the Trinity, with refreshments at half time. Bring your football gear and flags, and enjoy the excitement.

12th September - End of the Summer Party. 6.30 onwards at the Playing Field. Music and dancing. Bring your own picnic and drinks, and cash BBQ available

W I Meeting Poringland Thursday July 9th, 2pm

Our next meeting is on Thursday 9th July, 2pm until 4pm in Poringland Community Centre. Our speaker will be Lynton Johnson talking about 4 Season Gardening. Visitors always welcome. Please feel free to come along, to find out what the WI does. If you would like more information, I can be contacted on 01508 550388 or 07955834106. *Zelia*

Sponsored churches cycle ride Saturday 12th September

The Norfolk Churches Trust: Bike: Walk: Drive
in the Norfolk Countryside. Annual Event on Saturday 13th September
9am to 5pm We are looking for volunteers to sit in All Saints Church
between 9 & 5 Details from Trish Leighton 01508 558487