



### CHURCH SERVICES

7	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's	Adrian
14	9.30 a.m.	Harvest Festival	St Mary's	Mark & David L.
21	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion with Bible Presentation	All Saints	Adrian
28	9.30 a.m.	<b>Helper's Service</b>	All Saints	Adrian

### Saxlingham services

7th 9.30am 14<sup>th</sup> -8.00am HC &11.00 21st 9.30am 28<sup>th</sup> 11.00am

### CHURCH FLOWERS

**Flowers All Saints** Daphne Sidell, Jane Blease -  
South Window Wendy Gissing **St. Mary's** Janet Sochon, Christine Howes

### WHAT'S ON

5	Cinema	Across the Pond	7.15pm	Trinity hall
6	St. Mary's churchyard	clear up	9.00-12.00	
12	The Artist	Film	7.30pm	Poringland
15	Coffee Morning		10.30am	All Saints Church
17	SVA Footpath	Open Evening	7.30pm	Trinity hall
19	Saxlingham Garden Society	talk	7.30pm	Saxlingham village hall
23	Mobile Library		Afternoon	
27	Primrose Day (Planting)		10.00am	St. Martin's Ruin

**Thank you** everyone who sat in the churches for the Norfolk Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride, and to those who cycled for Shotesham churches.

**Flowers** We have 2 beautiful churches in Shotesham which are open every day. We like to keep flowers in both to welcome visitors and worshippers. Are you interested in flower arranging? Would you like to have a go? Or do you prefer to see your flowers in a vase? We have all sorts of flowers in church and would welcome some more help at either St Mary's or All Saints. Please contact:

Betty Torbitt, 499541 (St Mary's) Jane Blease, 558787 (All Saints)

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### SHOTESHAM CONTACT

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**Good News!** "Good news brings health to the bones." That's what Solomon wrote in Proverbs 15:30. Good news is something we all love to hear and it is something that does us all good. Looking through the broad sweep of holy writ, we also find that good news is the life blood of the church and sharing good news is at the heart of our very reason for being. The news we have to share really is good, and for me it is the greatest joy and privilege of my job, to pass on the good news that I have discovered of the love of God in Christ Jesus, and of the hope and purpose and meaning and fulfilment that brings - I just can't keep it to myself.

That's one reason I am delighted that we'll have both churches equipped with great sound systems in the next few weeks - that means people will always be able to hear! If there's anyone in the village with a day or two spare and a willing pair of hands to help with the installation work, please do be in touch with me.

I am aware of the immense help and assistance that so many wonderful people in our village give to the life and work of the church and its buildings in Shotesham, and I do hope to be able to thank many of you in person at our special service on 28th October at 9:30am in All Saints Church. Every blessing,

*Adrian*

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Just a reminder that the information leaflets for the annual shoebox appeal have been in churches for a week or two, and that the final date for handing in the boxes will be on Remembrance Sunday 11th November. We hope that once again, with your help, we will achieve a really worthwhile result. Last year we were able to send 225 boxes + £126.00 in donations, which was a brilliant achievement. David Lancaster 01508 493159

**St Mary's Churchyard** In order to best preserve it for nature there will be a clear up of the churchyard on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October** from 9.00 am to 12.00. Please spare an hour or two and bring your loppers, secateurs etc. info from John Torbitt tel 499541

**Parish Council** Coffee Morning . The first open village meeting was successfully held by the Young Mums of Shotesham. Several villagers were present and enjoyed a chat with coffee and cake. It was agreed to hold further meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month starting 15<sup>th</sup>

**October the 19<sup>th</sup> November and the 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am at All Saints Church**, in the newly created social area. All are welcome. If you would like a lift please ring Claire Stevens 498868. A suggestion to form a Walking Group was discussed , would you like to take part?

**BT Boxes** Work is nearly completed on the box along The Street and it will become a Village information kiosk as suggested by the parish. The BT box in The Grove has had no suggestions for its future use and it is deteriorating and unsafe . One suggestion is to disconnect the electricity and sell, if you have a better idea. Contact Philippa Grant on 550563.

**Shotesham Village Screen Friday October 5<sup>th</sup> 7.15pm** Trinity Hall, Shotesham is taking part in 'Across the Pond' a film festival celebrating the best of British and American cinema. The film being screened is the great 'Way to the Stars', starring Michael Redgrave and John Mills.

To get us in the mood, the evening will start at 7.15 with an exhibition, pre-film chat and refreshments ( we've promised spam and pop!) and music from the era to swing to. So dig out your vintage clothes, there will be a bottle of wine for the most authentic 1940's dress, and come along for an evening like no other. **Tickets £4 from Raz Woollacott 550122.** (last year was sold out so get in quick) Also if anyone would like to help Raz setting up for the evening, let him know.

**Michael Knights** is trying to find out more information about the V2 rocket attack on Shotesham in October 1944. The crater is located in the woods not far from All Saints Church which lost roof tiles from the rear of the Church and the School windows were also apparently blown out. Michael is particularly interested to hear from anyone who witnessed this spectacular event. Telephone Michael on 498151 or email [mchlknights@gmail.com](mailto:mchlknights@gmail.com)

**St. Martins Ruin** Very good progress is being made to preserve the ruin. The scaffolding has been brought down from the tower which is now safe. There remains some consolidation work to be done at the base of the tower and on the walls. An information board will be installed.

In the churchyard a **Primrose Day** is planned for **Saturday 27th October at 10.00am** to plant primroses along the bank on the North side. **Bring your children.** We will provide primroses for them to plant

**St. Mary's tapestry** There is a long altar kneeler in St. Mary's that has been in use since the late 1800's. The kneeler was designed specifically for the church and was probably sewn by the ladies of Shotesham. Sadly we have been advised that it has deteriorated beyond repair. I am looking for volunteers to help to sew a replacement in the same design, stitching and colours as the original. The plan at the moment is to try to set up three teams to work on individual sections. We will provide instructions to try to maintain uniformity in the project. If you are interested in helping please could you contact Sandra Coles on 01508 558944 or email [s.coles@paston.co.uk](mailto:s.coles@paston.co.uk) I would also be very interested If anyone has any knowledge on the history of the kneeler. Thank you.

**Shotesham Gardening and Conservation Group** **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. An open meeting to discuss what is going to happen to our public footpaths. Trinity Hall at 7.30** Shotesham has a superb set of public footpaths and other public rights of way (PROWs) and we are rightly proud of them but they are under threat of neglect and deterioration now that NCC has made substantial cuts in its budget for footpaths. If you regularly walk on the village paths you may have noticed the effects already of reduced maintenance and if nothing changes this is likely to get steadily worse until some paths become unusable. We would like to work out what we can do to ensure that our footpaths are kept open and in good condition. If you have any interest in this subject please come along. The Parish Council will be represented and you will have a chance to meet the new volunteer Footpath Warden. This will also be your opportunity to hear about the new Parish Walks booklet which is currently being prepared.

**Hearts for breast Cancer Patients** Workshop **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** Trinity hall Two sessions 9.30am-12,30 1.00- 4.00 Very informal come to either session or stay all day. I would appreciate a call if you are able to help. Beryl keen 01508 550357

**Village Market - Special Christmas market** is planned for **December 1st.** This will be with local crafts and any available produce. Make plans for your stall now!! Call Bob on 550672. This will be the last market that we shall organise. If anyone would like to take this on next year contact Bob.

**Shotesham Village Association** Thank you to everyone who helped to make Saturday's Harvest Supper and Ceilidh a success. Putting up and taking down the marquees was made much easier by many willing hands and the puddings were delicious! Special thanks must go to Ed, who once again allowed us to invade his home, and as always put in a huge effort.

