



Shottisham Village Newsletter

Our vicar writes

Dear Friends

As I write the annual miracle of the coming of spring is taking place around me: birds are singing, bees flying collecting pollen and nectar from bursting buds and the grass is almost visibly growing. The warmth of the sun is encouraging growth everywhere and lifting our spirits. At the same time, either through our own personal experience or through television and social media, we are brought face to face with pain and loss.

The message of Easter is that God takes very seriously our human experience; so seriously that he took it upon himself, suffering the agony and shame of the humiliating death of crucifixion as a common criminal. But God also shows us, in the resurrection of Jesus at Easter, that His love and life are stronger than death and pain, and will ultimately win through.

“When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain

Thy touch can call us back to life again....

Love is come again like wheat that springeth green”

Easter Day is not just a happy ending to the sad story of Good Friday; the miraculous coming back to life of one person which holds no meaning or hope for anyone else. It is the transformation of human suffering and death into joy and life which offers hope to each and every one of us; the hope which is reflected in the natural world around us.

I wish you all a joyful and blessed Easter.

A reminder that everyone is invited to come to the Annual Church Meeting of their local church to elect two churchwardens to serve for the next 12 months. Churchwardens are your representatives and are responsible for making sure services are held in the church and that it is maintained in good order. The annual church meeting in Shottisham is Sunday 23rd April 9.30am in St Margaret’s Church

We enjoyed another packed pancake party in The Trust Hall on Shrove Tuesday with a colourful talk by Mike Daniell about his horse-drawn carriage business – thank you to everyone who made it a success.

There are two more lent lunches on Sat 1st April at Shottisham (church) - 12 noon and Sat 8th April at Boyton (village hall) - 12 noon

Enquiries about Christenings/Baptism, Confirmation, Weddings and Blessings are always welcome and are without obligation. Please contact Rev’d Ruth or a member of the ministry team (Lay Reader or Elder) for further details.

If anyone is able to help us with the monthly flower rota please get in touch with Pat 411470.

The annual Easter holiday club will be held at **All Saints Church Hollesley** on 3rd, 4th and 5th April 10 am to 12.30. Book on info@evnu.uk or phone 07717 497383 or 01394 460030 - FREE

April 2017	SHOTTISHAM	SUTTON	HOLLESLEY	ALDERTON
2 nd Passion Sunday	11.00 Holy Communion Revd Judith	9.30 Sutton Heath, Family Worship Mel Spurling	9.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Ruth	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Michael
Thursday 6 th			2.30 Glebe House Evensong Pat S/Mel S/Mel	Pat
9 th Palm Sunday	6.30 Evensong Mel Spurling	9.30 Family Worship Revd Ruth	9.30 Family Communion Revd Michael 6pm Reflection & Song Di Barnard	8.00 Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Ruth
13 th Maundy Thursday			6,30 pm Maundy meal & (optional) prayer watch	
14 th Good Friday	12.45 Sutton, Prayer walk to Shottisham 2.00 Shottisham, Good Friday reflections			
16 th Easter Sunday	9.30 am Shottisham Family Communion	11.00am Holy Communion (CW) Revd Ruth	5.30 am Shingle Street Sunrise Service Revd Ruth 9.30 am Family Communion Revd Ruth	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Michael



Thursday 20 th			10.30 Glebe House Holy Communion Revd Judith	
Sunday 23 rd St George's Day	9.30 am Shottisham APCM Revd Ruth	6.30 pm Evensong tba	9.30 am Sung Eucharist Revd Michael	8.00 Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Ruth

Gardening gems from Ivan Hello again, after a considerable break, during which time we have moved house and garden. Due to moving, I have seriously neglected my allotment. I have sprayed the weeds off, put some fertilizer around, but haven't turned a sod over as yet. So digging and planting is carrying on simultaneously, not ideal but needs must. Rhubarb is in full production, and there are the remains of the leeks to be used up. The new garden is a blank canvas, so we can fill our boots with the style and planting. We have moved our greenhouses, which are now rebuilt and glazed, a new shed has just been delivered so can get things under cover again. We did bring a few plants from Church Lane which are establishing well. The garden is not as wet as Church Lane, but the soil analysis is similar. Hoping to have it worth looking at by June, when the biennial open gardens is due to take place.



More news and comments next month, *Ivan*

Shottisham Parish Council Meetings are usually held on the 2nd Tuesday of alternate months in the Trust Hall. If you would like an email or hard copy of the minutes of the last meeting please contact the Parish Clerk shottishampc.clerk@gmail.com *Mike Hazelwood (Chair)*

Shottisham Trust Hall For Trust Hall hire please contact Terrie on 410134.

Shottisham WI meet at The Trust Hall on the second Wednesday of the month (usually at 2pm). Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Trish on 411735. The next meeting is a talk by **Andy Rankin** on The Management of Deben Farms at 2 pm on **April 12th**.

The Sorrel Horse – the pub was popular in March with a coachload from Ipswich CAMRA and with Suffolk village pubs becoming 'endangered species' the club praised the villagers for keeping the pub open as a traditional drinking pub.

Quizes Quizes this month are on **April 12th and 26th** starting at 8.30 pm.

Music A great musical evening again in March with last minute replacements **Columbines**. On Monday **10th April** we have as our guests Alderton's own **Ross Burkitt Family**. Our local favourites Ross, Alison, Eliza and Sam promise an exciting evening playing a beguiling mix of traditional and contemporary music – expect a packed house! *Chris Harvey*

Regular Village Services

Community Car Service for Doctor/Hospital appointments Woodbridge and Ipswich. Part funded by Suffolk County Council. Cost Woodbridge £5 / Ipswich £10. Colin Beecroft Tel 411794

Mobile Grocer – every Thurs 10.30 - 10.45am at Heath Drive and 10.50 am – 11.15am at the Knoll - tel Sonya 07810370314 for info

Mobile Library – Tuesday April 4th at the Knoll from 3.00 pm – 3.20pm.

CATS Link Bus can be contacted on 01728 635938

Mobile Post Office Sutton Memorial Hall Car Park every Thursday 9.00 am to 10.30am

Fresh fish - Cath from Lowestoft visits the village weekly on a Tuesday. Tel 01502 530965 Mobile 07971 970836

Local events in April

1st St Mary's Church, Bawdsey Annual Spring Bazaar at Bawdsey Village Hall – 2 pm to 4 pm

7th Quiz with fish and chip supper at Sutton Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm – to book ring 411530 or 384659

8th Hollesley Community Café at Hollesley Village Hall 9.30 am to 12 noon

8th Bawdsey Market at Bawdsey Village Hall 2pm to 4 pm

9th Kings and Queens, Woodbridge Choral Society at Snape Maltings a 6.30 pm. Ring 01728687110 for details

13th Sutton Ladies Club - "A Military Life" by Jamie Lowther-Pinkerton - Sutton Memorial Hall - 7.30pm

15th Cake Stall - outside Hollesley Shop - 9.30am - cake donations welcome, proceeds to Hollesley Church

15th Easter Afternoon Tea - Sutton Bowls Pavilion – 2 pm to 4 pm in aid of Flower Festival fund

22nd The Green Children of Woolpit - St Bartholomew's Church, Orford - 6.30pm adult £7.50, child £2.50 01394 430090

22nd/23rd Holiday Flats Open House at Tranmer House, Sutton Hoo 11 am to 4 pm

22nd Bawdsey Market - Bawdsey Village Hall - 2pm to 4pm

23rd Suffolk Strings Orchestra concert with Wendy Brown, conducted by Geoff Lavery at All Saints Church, Hollesley at 2.30 pm

29th Annual WI Plant & Cake Sale - Shottisham Trust Hall - 10am to 12 noon

29th Nightingales at Sutton Hoo 8 pm to 10 pm. Join an expert on a walk to listen out for this skulking, secretive 'light-winged Dryad' and its melodious song. £8 includes a hot drink and a slice of cake – book on 01394 389714

Sutton Hoo is holding interesting days in April including history writing workshops for 12-19 year olds, watercolour workshops, myth and magic sunset tours and Cadbury Easter egg hunts. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sutton-hoo/whats-on>

PENINSULA 2018 POPPY PROJECT

The idea of the Peninsula 2018 Poppy Project is to create a community wide set of arts projects responding to the end of WW1 and culminating in a series of events, including an exhibition of artwork at the Suffolk Punch Trust in November 2018. It is envisaged that the artwork for the exhibition will be of a mixture of mediums and could include painting, sculpture, drawing, photography, mixed media, textiles, poetry, ceramics, stories and even gardening. Other events are being planned and suggestions for these will be very welcome.

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We hope that all parts of our community will take part in this project. All the proceeds will go to charity, the main ones being The Royal British Legion and The Suffolk Punch Trust. To start to bring concepts and ideas together, and possibly to get involved, we would like to invite you to attend a launch meeting at Hollesley Village Hall on Saturday 29th April 2017, 10.30am until 11.30am. We know there are some very creative people on the Peninsula and we would like ALL to be involved; all ideas will be explored. Should you require further information before 29th April please contact us at fmj@peninsula2018.org
Fanny Jacob Project Creative Lead, Peninsula 2018 Poppy Project

For further information about church related items please contact Revd. Ruth Hatchett 412052 or email ruth.hatchett@yahoo.co.uk.
For future contributions to the Shottisham newsletter please contact Nicky Beaven 411861 or nicky.rosecott@gmail.com by 20th of previous month.