



# Shottisham Village Newsletter

Dear Friends

As Easter was early this year, in May we celebrate three Christian festivals which are not so well-known or observed as Christmas and Easter. 40 days after Jesus' rising from death on Easter Day, the bible tells us that the human Jesus was taken up into heaven. So on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May Christians celebrate this event on Ascension Day. Ascension Day is one of the earliest Christian festivals dating back to the year 68AD – little more than 30 years after the actual event and much earlier than Christmas. Our lovely east window in Hollesley church celebrates this event. Just 10 days later (so 50 days after Easter) – this time on a Sunday – all Christian churches celebrate the festival of Pentecost. Many of us remember the old name for this festival – Whitsunday, often abbreviated to Whitsun. It has been the start of a holiday since medieval times and it is only relatively recently in this country that we fixed what is now our Spring Bank Holiday as the last Monday in May rather than following the church's calendar. The name Pentecost comes from the Greek for 50 but the origin of 'Whit' Sunday is rather disputed. It could refer to the 'wit' or wisdom that was given to Jesus' eleven closest followers when they received the gift of the Holy Spirit on this day and were enabled to tell crowds of people of many different nationalities the good news of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. For that reason, Pentecost is often referred to as the 'birthday' of the Christian Church.

The Sunday after Pentecost is known as Trinity Sunday when we explore the mystery that the one God we worship is Creator (Father), Redeemer (son Jesus) and Sustainer (Holy Spirit). All these festivals – especially the idea of God as Trinity – raise many questions even for those who believe them. But the important thing that 'Trinity' affirms is that the divine reality we call God is a *relationship* of perfect love. I will be away on extended study leave from 1st May until 31st July. All requests for pastoral support, christenings, weddings etc. should be directed to Revd Michael Hatchett (07801 655199/01394 412052, [michael.hatchett@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:michael.hatchett@yahoo.co.uk)). For pastoral support, please contact Revd Judith Andrews 01394 411642 [judith.andrews@btinternet.com](mailto:judith.andrews@btinternet.com). Wishing you every blessing,

*Revd Hatchett*

May 2018	SHOTTISHAM	SUTTON	HOLLESLEY	ALDERTON
Thursday 3rd			2.30 pm Glebe House, Evensong Pat S/Mel	
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	11 am Morning Praise Revd Judith/Helene Berry	9.30 am Sutton Heath Family Worship David L/Andrew T	9.30 am Sung Eucharist Revd Michael	8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Judith
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Ascension Day 7.30 pm Bromeswell, Team Eucharist				
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm Evensong Mel Spurling	9.30 am Morning Praise Mel Spurling	9.30 am Family Communion Revd David Murdoch 6pm Reflection and Song Di Barnard	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Judith
Thursday 17th			10.30 am Glebe House Holy Communion Revd Judith/Pat S	
Saturday 19th			12.00 noon Messy church Di Barnard and team	
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost		11 am Holy Communion (CW) Revd Michael	9.30 am Sung Eucharist Revd Michael	8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Judith
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday	9.30 am Family Communion (CW) Revd John Hare	6.30 pm Evensong Mel Spurling	9.30 am Café Sundae Judy Foulger 6.30 pm Evensong Gill Whiffin	

**St Margaret's Churchyard Volunteers** -Please if you are free on **Saturday 12th May** at 10am -12noon , can we all meet up and work on our designated areas . Many of us have already started on our patches but it would be good to all work together. Other helpers welcome to join us . Refreshments provided. *Pat Bendon* (on behalf of PCC).

### Gardening gems from Ivan

It's been there all the time, just hiding behind the clouds. The warmer conditions and sun mean that plant development changes on a daily basis, so it's well worth having a look round the garden, greenhouse and allotment. I gave the grass a run over to trim down those long, tufty areas, cut down the sycamore seedlings and generally tidied the lawn. Plants in the greenhouse are really responding to higher day temperatures, having been kept warm at night with a fan heater. On the allotment the weedkiller has done a good job. The rhubarb is cropping well, and the asparagus is starting to show – in fact we are having our first asparagus of the season (April 16<sup>th</sup>, our daughter's birthday actually) and the normal season runs from Shakespeare's birthday to midsummer's day. Better late than never, I have planted some onion sets, and will drill some beetroot. We have some brassica plants and courgettes coming on fast, and will soon need planting under fleece. The fleece will protect the plants from pigeons and partridges and will hasten growth.

Once the soil surface has dried sufficiently and with the help of the sun it will be time to get the hoe going, disturb and kill those weed seedlings. Busy times ahead – sowing, planting and hoeing – time spent now will pay dividends in the weeks to come,

*Ivan Clark*



**Shottisham WI Wednesday May 9th 2.00 pm Resolutions**

**NOTE NEW DATE- TUESDAY MAY 1<sup>st</sup>** Shottisham Annual Parish Meeting at 7 pm and Annual General Meeting at 7.30 pm in The Trust Hall.

**SHOTTISHAM PLANT AND CAKE SALE** at the Trust hall, **Saturday May 5th**, 10.30-12.00 with refreshments, tombola, book stall and raffle. Contributions of plants, cakes and raffle prizes will be very much appreciated, please bring them to the hall from 9.30 am on the morning.

The long-awaited postponed illustrated talk about **Suffolk Swifts** will now take place at the Trust Hall on **Saturday May 12th** at 7.30 p.m. Doors open 7 p.m. Refreshments and raffle. Entry - donations welcome. Edward Jackson is an experienced ornithologist from Save Our Suffolk Swifts. We hope he will enthuse us all to start the survey project, build and put up swift boxes and raise sufficient funds to have a webcam on the Church Tower. We hope to see you all there. *Diana Bickerton, Helen Kemp and Bruce Chapple*

**ROYAL WEDDING STREET PARTY Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May** 3 pm onwards outside The Sorrel Horse - Food, entertainment and music by Urban Myth. The Sorrel Horse has been very generous in hosting this event. We need numbers by 30th April to confirm Catering and Facility needs. Will you please return the slip at the bottom of your invitation either to The Sorrel or Brook Cottage by the due date. If you need to respond by e-mail ([dawnrosemarykay@aol.com](mailto:dawnrosemarykay@aol.com)) please include all of the information on the slip in your e-mail. If we have missed anybody please can they contact by e-mail above or 01394 410331. Please Note: We have permission to close Church Lane/The Knoll and cars normally parked outside The Sorrel will need to be moved, there will be access for emergency vehicles. Thanks, *Gary & Leila, Ray & Dawn.*

**SHOTTISHAM CAMPSITE NEWS** [www.shottishamcampsite.com](http://www.shottishamcampsite.com) Come and join in with 'egg collection' – an extravaganza of alpaca feeding, piglet tickling, goat cuddling, electric fence jumping and of course egg collecting at Shottisham Campsite every Saturday at 6pm (and every day in school holidays) – everyone welcome. We are currently selling eggs from our free-range hens and ducks, honey from our bees and our own rare-breed, free-range sausages and bacon - proper local food. We also sell gluten-free sausages. The Blue Rabbit Café – the place for good coffee and home-made cakes in Shottisham - is nearly ready and will be opening in a few weeks on the campsite *James and Claire*

**THE SORREL HORSE in May** - [www.thesorrelhorse.co.uk](http://www.thesorrelhorse.co.uk)

Richard Mallen joins us as manager of the Sorrel Horse in early May. Upcoming events in May are:

**Music – Sunday Acoustic Session 6<sup>th</sup> May** - Hosted by Harry, starts 3.30pm, everyone welcome.

**Monday music** – another tremendous evening with the Burkitt family and Harry in April.

**May 14<sup>th</sup>** at 8.30 pm our Guests are **The Columbines** plus **Anni Mehan (from Ireland and Tom Crosthwaite from Scotland)**

The Columbines are a Folk and Americana trio specialising in original songs and their own arrangements of traditional and lesser known folk songs using a diverse range of instruments such as Irish bouzouki. Free admission. *Chris Harvey*

???? **Quizzes** this month are on **9<sup>th</sup>** and **23<sup>rd</sup>** starting at 8.30 pm

Best wishes from The Sorrel Horse *Gary Miller*

## THE MOBILE GROCER

**My white van is in Shottisham every Thursday at Heath Drive 10.25 – 10.50am The Sorrel Horse 11.00 – 11.15am**

**Bread Dairy Greengrocery Free Range Eggs**  
**Sugar Free Food Bacon/Coldmeats**

**Part of my range of groceries is produced in Suffolk and East Anglia. For info contact Sonya on 07810 370314**

**Mobile Library – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>** at the Knoll from 3.00 pm – 3.20pm.

### CAFES AND FERRY

**Deben Ferry** operates daily 10am to 6 pm. Cross the Deben for fresh fish, Winkles seafood café and The Ferry Café or a walk along the river.

**Bawdsey Boathouse café** is open every day except Tuesday and Wednesday 11 am to 4 pm and the half term week from 28<sup>th</sup> May.

**The Wild Tayberry café** at the Suffolk Punch Trust is open from Friday to Monday 10.30 to 4 pm and the half term week apart from Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Shelby's cafe** Warren Hill is open weekdays 8am to 4pm and weekends 8.30am to 3pm

### LOCAL EVENTS IN MAY

**SUFFOLK WALKING FESTIVAL 2018 May 12<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup>** – over 120 walks! Find out more on [www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk)

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>** 10.30 am– Bees Please! Come and help sow wildflower seeds at Boyton village hall herb garden and take home some seeds to encourage bees in your own gardens. Also stickers for children!

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>** Christian Aid 'Big Brekkie' 9.30am to 12.00 midday at Hollesley Village Hall. All profits to Christian Aid. Community Cafe style breakfast - anything from tea/coffee to full English breakfast.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>** Bawdsey Market Village Hall 2-4pm

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>** Plant Sale at Hollesley Community Garden 2-4pm

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>** Spring Market Sutton Memorial Hall 10am-1pm

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>** Annual Bank Holiday Fete 2pm Recreation Ground.

For further info about church related items please contact Revd Michael Hatchett (07801 655199/01394 412052, [michael.hatchett@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:michael.hatchett@yahoo.co.uk)). For contributions to the Shottisham newsletter please contact Nicky Beaven 411861 or [nicky.rosecott@gmail.com](mailto:nicky.rosecott@gmail.com) by 20<sup>th</sup> of previous month.