

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH

3rd March – Sunday before Lent

10.00am – Eucharist

4.30pm – Songs & Poems

6th March – Ash Wednesday

8pm – Service for Ash Wednesday with Imposition of Ashes

10th March – 1st Sunday of Lent

8am - BCP Communion

10.00am – Eucharist with Taizé music

4.30pm – Lent Course 1 with refreshments

17th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

10.00am – Eucharist - Speaker from Hospices of Hope

4.30pm – Lent Course 2 with refreshments

24th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

8am - BCP Communion – Tim Hatwell

10.00am – Morning service with Baptisms (no Eucharist)

4.30pm – Lent Course 3 with refreshments

31st March – 4th Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

10.00am – All-Age Eucharist for Mothering Sunday

***6.00pm – Lent Course 4 with refreshments

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at 9am on Sunday 31st March



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From the Church Registers

Funeral Service

Friday 22nd February Cynthia Haysey

LENT

A bit of history ...the Saxons called March 'lencten monath' because in this month, the days noticeably lengthen. As the main part of the great fast, from Ash Wednesday to Easter, falls in March, it received the name Lencten-faesten or Lent. The fast of 36 days was introduced in the fourth century A.D. but it did not become fixed at 40 days until the seventh century, corresponding with Jesus' time in the wilderness.

Lent is: A time for a new and closer look at the way our lives are lived... A time for concern for others... A time for prayer... and underlying these, Lent is ... A time for a change of heart.

Sometimes people give up something for Lent. Giving something up that we enjoy doesn't mean that whatever is being given up is necessarily wrong in itself, but the act of giving something up for a period of time can help to remind us of all the things that we don't really need. It can help us to be more aware of the things that 'steal our light' and enable us to try and live life a bit more w-holy. It can help us to appreciate the gifts we have, when parts of the world have so little. Giving up something has more chance of being long lasting if it brings about some kind of 'change of heart'.

Another thing to do for Lent is the idea of taking up something, perhaps to benefit someone else, or to spend some quality time with God or others, or developing a positive habit. One idea for taking up something would be to come along to the Lent discussion groups.

Our Lent Course this year is called 'Daring to see God now'.

There are 5 sessions on the following dates and times:

10th March - 4.30pm

17th March - 4.30pm

24th March - 4.30pm

31st March - 6pm

7th April - 6pm

So if you want to:

- learn more about the Christian faith
- tackle the big questions facing humanity
- reflect on your own ideas and beliefs

... Please come along. The sessions will last about an hour and there will be plenty of time for discussion and questions. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME** ... for all five sessions ... or pop in for one or two of them.

Refreshments of various kinds will be served at each session.

Revd Diane

EASTER LILIES 2019



We will be creating Arrangements of Lilies in the Church at Easter.

Should you wish to name a Lily in memory of a loved one to be displayed in Church on Easter Sunday 21st April please contact Erica Dale by email: ericargdale@gmail.com or call 07812335902.

We ask for Donations of £3.50 for each Lily.

Lily requests need to be received with your Donation by Monday 1st April 2019 to give us time to purchase and prepare the Lilies.

Erica Dale

OPEN YOUR GARDEN



15 – 16 June 2019

Shoreham Open Gardens Safari 2019

In aid of Shoreham Church

We are pleased to have 15 gardeners participating in the Garden Safari so far, with large and small gardens, and would love to have more. Help us to welcome visitors to the village and to raise money for the church extension's landscaping.

There will be an art exhibition and sale of several local artists organised by Geraldine Field in the Village Hall where refreshments will also be served.

New for this year is our Garden in a Wheelbarrow, with special prizes for children's entries. Plant a wheely pretty barrow, visible in your front garden for visitors to admire as they pass by.

Jenny Knott, Jeremy Tooley, Jenna Leight & Peter Kasch

Contact: shorehamogs@gmail.com, or, kaschpeter@gmail.com, or ring 524 998.



Shoreham Church Extension Update

Building contract

Despite not being able to work for four days because of the cold temperatures the builders have made rapid progress over the past month and the extension is really taking shape. The stonework to the windows and doors is nearly complete and the brickwork has been constructed to a similar level. The builders have commenced the carpentry roofing works on the flat areas and the main roofs with the ridge beam and principal rafters on site are being installed.

Heating and Plumbing

Satisfactory quotations have been obtained for heating and plumbing with the extension and Lady Chapel capable of being heated (and hence used) independently of the church.

Kitchen

An amended quotation of £8,900 (inclusive of £800 for the oven and extractor hood) has been obtained for a custom-made kitchen to accord with architect's plans. In view of the prominence of the kitchen in an important meeting room we want to go for this option rather than an off the peg kitchen, but because money remains tight the quotation will not be accepted until after the entrance into the Lady Chapel is formed and the floor of the Lady Chapel is removed in case there are unexpected extra works which need to be paid for.

Memorials

The WWII memorial has been moved to the left of the WWI memorial. Despite being level according to the spirit level it looks crooked and will have to be adjusted. The Copping memorial (which was in the area now occupied by the WWII memorial) will be erected above the Copping picture of Christ in the Mildmay Chapel.

Opening of entrances

The entrance from the extension into the nave will be created in mid-March and the entrance into the Lady Chapel in the week beginning 29 April, when the wooden floor of the Lady Chapel (erected in modern times above the medieval stone floor) will be removed and the low Victorian wood division from the nave taken off to the joiners to be incorporated into the new wooden dividing wall between nave and Lady Chapel.

Drainage connection

Work needed in Church Street to form the foul and fresh water connection was postponed because of a funeral. It will be carried out in the week beginning 8 April.

Fundraising

Money continues to come in, but more is needed.

Cheques for repairs and decorations should be made payable to Shoreham Church Repair Fund and sent to The Vicarage with an indication of whether gift aided.

Direct transfers: NatWest Sevenoaks, Sort Code 60-19-02, Account number 13785532, account name Shoreham PCC

Cheques for the extension should be made payable to Shoreham Church Extension Fund and sent to The Vicarage with an indication of whether gift aided. Direct transfers: NatWest Sevenoaks, Sort Code 60-19-02, Account number 13785524, account name Shoreham PCC Extension Fund.

Please 'Gift Aid' your donations. For every £100 donated we receive an additional £25. Alternatively give to the extension fund through Mydonate by clicking button at www.shorehamchurchkent.org/church-extension.

Frank Hinks - Churchwarden



COME AND HELP SHOREHAM SHINE!

The Shoreham Society Spring Clear Up event takes place on Sunday morning, March 10th, from 9 until 1pm. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Hi Viz jackets, 'litter pickers' and sacks are provided. Tasks to be covered include cleaning the road signs, clearing litter from footpaths and pulling up weeds from the pavements. All ideas for other clear up tasks welcome.

Refreshments will be available at the hall throughout the morning to keep up energy levels! This is a hugely important event to help maintain the beauty of our village. Even

if you can only spare a short time to volunteer, you will be very much welcomed. Vannessa Hills is leading the clear up so if you have any questions, contact shorehamsociety@gmail.com and she will respond.

Why is it a good idea to be a member of The Shoreham Society?

The Shoreham Society was founded in 1961 ‘to enhance the amenities of Shoreham village and to maintain the agreeable rural character of its surroundings’. Since then, it has campaigned - often in partnership with the Parish Council - against many proposals which have threatened to do harm to our parish, including gravel extraction, a reduction on village trains and a proposal for a traveller site in a field adjacent to the village which is both Green Belt and an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. In addition, the society promotes interest in the stunning surroundings we live in, arranging occasional walks and talks. We are keen to offer opportunities to bring the community together and our annual duck race on May Bank Holiday offers an opportunity for a fun packed afternoon for all ages. We are indebted to the 40 plus volunteers who help to ensure some sort of semblance of order amongst the chaos! Membership of the Shoreham Society is a minimum of £5 per household. Please consider joining us. The more members we have, the more effective we will be when we are battling against the next threat to our environment. Contact us at shorehamsociety@gmail.com and we will get back to you

Sheila Birkin

ECO-FRIENDLY POP-UP STALL IN THE VILLAGE HALL

SUNDAY 10TH MARCH 9am to 1pm

We welcome the ‘**Contain Yourself**’ pop-up stall for eco-friendly toiletries and household cleaning products. This is a one-off visit so not to be missed! Bring your own container to reduce packaging waste, or buy your own there. Products are all vegan, cruelty free and made from natural ingredients, including Bio D household cleaning and laundry products and Faith in Nature toiletries. There will be items such as bamboo toothbrushes, natural toothpaste, natural dental floss and natural deodorant. Full product list available at www.containyourselftw.com. This is a great opportunity to change to more eco-friendly products if you haven’t already.

Alice Stone

NEWS FROM SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

As many of you will be aware, Shoreham Village School is a small primary school with approximately 95 pupils located in the village of Shoreham in Kent and because of our nurturing approach, attracts a high percentage of pupils with Special Educational Needs. Our school has high levels of disadvantaged pupils from families who receive benefits or who are in poverty. Our building is small

and spaces for teaching small groups or individuals who need extra support are severely limited and in communal areas.

I have decided to launch a Crowdfunder Appeal to try **to raise £3500** to enable us to offer a room for pupils to learn in a quiet, dedicated space with appropriate resources on hand to support their needs.

We love music in our school and value the benefits that music brings to all pupils. Having a dedicated room that could be used to teach a small group or one to one music lessons would extend what we could achieve with a greater range of pupils.

We currently use an outdoor room as a resources storage space and we would like to move the resources out into different storage and use the room to create a dedicated learning space.

How the money will be spent:

Insulating the roof and the floor: this will keep the space warm in the winter & cool in the summer.

Lighting, heating & electrical: the basics.

Fire door: changing the current door for a fire door.

Burglar and fire alarm systems: it's crucial that we're able to keep the space safe and secure.

Built-in furniture and storage: this will enable the space to remain clutter-free.

Other interior finishes such as floor coverings & fire retardant coating.

Labour for the above work.

We have already raised 20% of our target amount and we need to raise the full total of £3500 for the project to be funded. We would be very grateful if everyone in the village could share news about this exciting initiative with friends or business connections and certainly with any musicians who may be willing to support us. All donations, however big or small will be gratefully received and they can be made anonymously if that is a preference.

We have allocated 'rewards' for sponsors which range from a mention in our newsletter to your name on a plaque outside the room and an invitation to our opening ceremony. Donations can be made by visiting:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/shoreham-learning-space>

Mrs Gillian Lovatt-Young, Headteacher

SHOREHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5th March, commencing at 2.00pm. For members enjoying our soup lunch, they should be in the hall at 12.45pm. Our speaker for this month is Mr Ian Porter and his subject is 'The Real Mr Selfridge'. Our Community Coffee morning is on Thursday the 14th March between 10.00am and 12.00 noon where tea, coffee and cake is available. All welcome.

Sylvie Poynter

FOSS (FRIENDS OF SHOREHAM SCHOOL)

We are thrilled to announce that we have arranged for Happy's Circus to arrive on Wednesday 8th May for a spectacular performance starting at 6pm on Shoreham Village School Field.

This is an amazing opportunity for all of Shoreham Village School pupils, parents/carers and extended family & friends to enjoy this wonderful show together whilst raising funds for our children to benefit from.

Once the whole school have welcomed Happy's Circus on to the field, the performers will be holding fun & educational activities throughout the school day until all pupils & staff will gather together to watch the Big Top go up!

Gates will open at 4 pm for Hot Dogs, Games, Entertainment, Raffle, Drinks, Confectionary & much more. The two hour show for all of the family will begin at 6pm and is not to be missed!

To purchase your tickets please visit www.pta-events.co.uk/foss2019 , some tickets will be available in the school office and are priced at £8.50 each or £30 for a family ticket of 4 (must include 1 adult). All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult and everyone over the age of 2 must have a ticket.

We will be selling these tickets to the wider community and really need your support in sharing the event as much as possible to make this a success, but please don't delay in your purchase as there are limited numbers. This event cannot happen without the full support of all of you.

We cannot wait to put on this event for the community to enjoy and if you feel that you can offer help for setting up on the day or can offer sponsorship/donation or match funding please speak to Lorraine Ridley (07751950054), Jessica McEwen (07736048101) or Nicola Little (07815709204) or email fossinformation@gmail.com.

Karen Morash

TEMENOS CHAMBER CHOIR

Miserere and *Stabat Mater*. Saturday 30 March, 7.30pm in St Mary's Riverhead. Not to be missed. We are singing two settings of each of these amazing texts: Allegri's much-loved, stratospheric *Miserere* with a new version by the wonderful James MacMillan, and an early *Stabat Mater* by Palestrina in eight parts with Scarlatti's richly varied ten-part setting, one of the first works we ever performed as a choir. Soloists Nicola Corbishley and Nicholas Todd, with brilliant young local organist Jack Gonzalez-Harding.

Tickets £12.50 (£6.00 students) from Sevenoaks Bookshop (personal callers only) or telephone 01732 452715.

SHOREHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Pam & Mark Bathurst spoke with great enthusiasm about the Medway Queen Preservation Society. Built in 1923 the Medway Queen was a pleasure paddle steamer on the Thames Estuary before being requisitioned in 1939 by MOD, painted battleship grey and converted to a minesweeper for use in the English Channel. While en route carrying refugees from Southend up the east coast of England she was redirected for Operation Dynamo in Dunkirk; making 7 runs and rescuing over 7,000 men, including 500 French troops and shooting down 3 enemy planes. A chequered history followed until 1963 when it was withdrawn from service & sold, towed to the Isle of Wight and became a restaurant & nightclub, after the nightclub closure the hull became semi submerged in the river Medina. It was eventually towed back to the Medway. The Preservation Society was formed in 1985 with private donations and a Heritage Lottery Fund grant; eventually in 2013 it was re-dedicated. The Medway Queen is moored at Gillingham Pier & open for visitors on Saturdays 11am-3pm. Funds are still urgently needed to restore the engine.

At the meeting a new Shoreham & District Historical Society pamphlet 38 was presented for sale on "Reedbeds, The Lives of a Shoreham House" written by James Saynor.

The Historical Meeting on 15th March is the AGM when Christopher Bull from Kentish Libraries will talk on "The good, the bad and the ugly". *Lynda Alleeson*

TIME AND AGAIN THEATRE COMPANY presents *Greyhounds*

The year is 1941 and rehearsals for Henry V are underway. Set in a village hall (how appropriate!), 'Greyhounds' entwines Shakespeare's famous story of

‘warlike Harry’ with the everyday trials and tribulations of small village life during the Second World War. Whilst the war rages above them the residents of Shuttlefield struggle to stage a production of Henry V to raise money for their local Spitfire fund. You’ll find them rehearsing, gossiping and indulging in some seriously bad acting as the night of the performance draws ever closer.

This piece of new writing was a hit at the Edinburgh Festival 2018, and combines Shakespeare with a touch of comedy and some truly vintage flair. Suitable for 10 years +.

Sunday 3 March, 3.00pm, Shoreham Village Hall. Tickets £10, £8 under-16s; order from kb@shoreham.f9.co.uk or ring 523765.

Sponsored by Shoreham Village Players

SHOREHAM VILLAGE STORES

A German visitor was very complimentary about our bread not long ago, perhaps because our baguettes, poppy bloomers and crusty rolls are baked every morning on the premises. For a hearty snack, they go wonderfully well with our intriguing range of cheeses – whether it’s Curd and Cure’s Double Gloucester, Kingcott Dairy’s Kentish Blue or Black Bomber Extra Mature Cheddar from Snowdonia.

With Mother’s Day coming up at the end of March, you might be surprised what treats and gifts are in store – from Ruby’s hand-made cakes to Cava, champagne, chocolate boxes and cards. Meanwhile, whatever happens with Brexit this spring, remember we’ll always be here. *Santhosh, Kannan, Lorna and Prasanth*

HORTICULTURAL SPRING SHOW

Come along and join us at the village hall on Saturday 30th March for the first of our shows this year. Although this is a horticultural show there is so much more than just horticulture, you don’t even need to be a gardener, you may be an amazing baker and can enter something in the cooking classes, flower arranging may be your thing, we have classes for talented artists and crafters to show us their original designs, we see loads of wonderful pictures on social media but we would love to see your photos in the photography class and for children there are art and craft classes, so we think there is something for everyone and even if you don’t want to exhibit anything, you can be sure there will be a warm welcome to the show so why not come along and join us.

If you would like to request a show schedule, please email shorehamhortsoc@gmail.com

Schedules will be available from the village store approximately two weeks before the show. Entries can be staged at the hall between 10.00am and 12.00 prompt, please try to register your entry with Sylvia Poynter beforehand as this helps us on the day. Details are on the entry form. Doors will be open to the public at 2.00pm when you will be able to see the show and enjoy a drink and homemade cake. Prize giving will take place at 3.15pm There will be a display of work from the children from the school. We look forward to welcoming both seasoned and new members to the society or just drop in for tea and homemade cakes after 2pm, you will be made very welcome.

Sharon Desmond - Show Secretary

CITIZENS ADVICE

Having problems coping with energy bills? The CAB is currently offering help with making decisions about energy suppliers. Get in touch with the CAB and quote 'Energy Best Deal' for individual help with switching.

Having mobility problems at home? The CAB can assess your needs for any adaptation – ramps, grab rails, stairlifts etc – and help you to apply for non-means-tested grants. Struggling with managing your affairs? The CAB has expert advisers who can help you with setting up a Power of Attorney.

For help with these and any other problems, get in touch with Sevenoaks Citizens Advice. Use the drop-in service (10.00am-2.00pm T,Th, F) at the Sevenoaks bureau (next to the library); ring 0300 330 9001, accessible 24 hours every day; or email info@sevenoaksdistrictcab.org.uk. Or you can ring for an appointment or drop in at Otford Parish Council rooms on the first Tuesday of the month from 10.00 - 12.00.

TALES FROM THE HILL

It all started when a day boy brought to school his Christmas gift a shiny new leather rugby ball.

This ball drew much attention and by the end of the day it was less shiny. I should explain the schools' winter term game was football.

This brief flirtation with an oval shaped ball prompted a sporty and brave sixth former to approach the head brother, requesting that the school might consider

changing the school's winter sport from football to rugby. His reasoning being that the school was not doing well in The London Schools Football League but perhaps more importantly it would improve the status of the school. Predictably the head brother was rather annoyed and said our football teams should try harder.

Later in the day the valiant sixth former was summoned to Brother Leo's study. "I have considered your idea" he said. "and it has a certain merit. What I propose is to hold a school referendum to see what the school thinks and it would be a good exercise for those studying constitutional history, in fact they could organise the vote."

The day came, there was much excitement, only senior school were allowed to vote and we were told the result would be published in the school magazine. Well it wasn't! A small brave deputation went to see Brother Leo.

He explained that he did not make any promises and besides the rugby posts were far too expensive and the games master didn't know the rules. We never discovered the result and the school never held another referendum on any subject.

Make of this what you will.

During recent centuries, one of the main objects of government has been to prevent any private individual or group obtaining too much power but, unless strong checks are established there is a natural temptation for government to end up taking too much power for itself. Since increasing government power reduces individual freedom, a point is reached when people feel driven to resist, even at the risk of disorder and sometimes revolution. So Brother Leo can we have our ball back?

John Bovington

SHOREHAM OVER 60S

We are delighted that the Yoga class, suspended because of the Thames Water works, will be returning to the Village Hall shortly.

March 13th at 2.15pm

Meeting in the Hall

March 27th at 2.15pm

Gardeners question time and plant swap

THANK YOU FROM KENT WILDLIFE TRUST



Thank you to everyone who kindly supported our Polhill Bank appeal last year. Your generosity saw us raise over £97,000 to go towards restoring this wonderful piece of chalk grassland. Polhill (known as Sepham) bank was one of Samuel Palmer's favourite places in the valley, a great place for wildlife, and one that locals have enjoyed walking through for centuries.

However this piece of chalk grassland was at serious risk, as our lease to manage the bank expired a decade ago; now, we have managed to secure not just the old nature reserve but a total 40 acres, taking on an old orchard, an eco-bridge over the railway line, and land between the railway line and M25.

Our volunteers and warden have already been hard at work reseeded eight acres of arable land, as we return it back to natural chalk grassland. This will create a wonderful wildlife corridor from the M25 to Filston lane and allow many species of orchid, butterfly and bird to colonise the new areas. Alongside this we have already started creating a new circular walking route for you, by adding a new route parallel to Filston lane. This will allow you to see more of the new reserve, in between taking in the view from the top across the valley.

New interpretation boards will follow in the future and you will see some of our new grazing animals getting to work on the grassland this year. In June there will be a guided walk of the site to say thank you to everyone who supported the appeal, so please look out for your invite, we would love to see you there. *Sam Campbell* Sam.campbell@kentwildlife.org.uk

FRIENDSHIP

WRITTEN BY ANN HILTON ON THE OCCASION OF THE CELEBRATION OF
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Friendship is the caring tool
We all carry within us

It is in the cups of tea and
Carrot cake we share
With the lonely and sad at heart

It manifests itself
In the shoulder to cry on;
The clasping hand in troubled times
And a big cuddle when they are
overcome

Friendship is what we share here
It must never be pushed to the side,
As Friendship is Love unspoken.

VILLAGE DIARY FOR MARCH

3 rd	Greyhound Play	Village Hall	3pm
5 th	Women's Institute	Village Hall	2.00pm
10 th	Let Shoreham Shine –	Village Hall	9am -1pm
13 th	Over 60s	Village Hall	2.15pm
14 th	Community Coffee	Village Hall	10am – 12
15 th	Shoreham Historical	Village Hall	7.30pm
27 th	Over 60s	Village Hall	2.15pm
30 th	Horticultural Spring Show in the	Village Hall	2pm
30 th	Temenos at Riverhead Church		7.30pm
<u>May 8th</u>	Happy's Circus in the School Field		6pm
<u>June 15th and 16th</u>	Open Gardens Safari		

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

March 2 nd	Alison Collins
April 20 th	All Flower Arrangers to create Easter Flower arrangements

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10AM SERVICE

3 rd March	Georgina Hopkins
10 th March	Elaine Clifton
17 th March	Valerie Turner
24 th March	Christine and Gary Weaser
31 st March	All age team representative

SHOREHAM GAZETTE INFORMATION

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