

## You may also be interested in

Mondays 12:00 noon Myrtle Café

a safe place and a warm welcome for all—with soup and a roll for lunch

Tuesdays term-time 9:45 am Meeting Point

where pre-school children and parents can meet together - just turn up

Wednesdays Barnabas Group

a group for those who have been bereaved please contact the church office

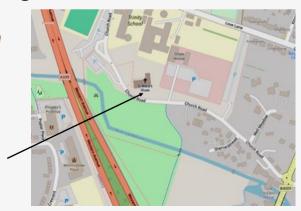
Wednesdays term-time 6:15 pm Boys Brigade and Girls Association

a uniformed group for Primary and Secondary-age children e: 1newbury@boys-brigade.org.uk

Tuesday once a month Lunch Club

a social lunch for retired people please contact the church office

> St Mary's Church is on Church Road RG14 2DR



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Church Family at St Mary's Church in Shaw cum Donnington, we wish you a happy, joyful and peaceful Christmas, and a blessed New Year!

The nights draw longer as the year nears its end, A parable of a world in groaning despair?
We fumble and flounder—what else can we do?
Can darkness be beaten? Is there a way through?



What we need is a light—a light in the world. A light in the darkness, to root out the bad. A light to bring peace; a light that gives hope; a light saying 'no' to our spiralling down. A Light, not more Darkness; a Light that's for me: a mother, a baby, new life to bring New Life.

Do come and join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, The Light of the World: come with children (or without) to the Christingle or Nativity service;

come and sing carols; or

join us for Holy Communion on Christmas Eve (11:15pm) or Christmas morning (10am).

The church is here for you throughout the year, so do get in touch if you would like to talk, or if you would like a wedding, a baptism, or a funeral. And we are always here to pray for you.

We look forward to welcoming you to one, or more, of our Christmas services.

**Revds Raymond Obin and Ed Yates** 

## The Church is here for you at Christmas...

Sunday 8 Dec 3:45 pm Walk of Light Starting from Trinity School roundabout

4:00 pm Christingle

The Gospel of Jesus Christ told through candles, an orange, a ribbon and some sweets

Tuesday 17 Dec 2:30 pm Daytime Carol Service

Sunday 22 Dec 5:00 pm Carol Service

Tuesday 24 Dec 4:00 pm Nativity Service

The Christmas Story for children: do come dressed as a shepherd or an angel

Tuesday 24 Dec 11:15 pm Midnight Communion

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Wednesday 25 Dec 10:00 am Christmas Day Family Communion Service

## ... and throughout the year

Every Sunday 10:00 am Morning Worship

Contact the Church Office for more details:

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bring a torch, a light, or a candle

