



Wishing you Joy this Christmas
from St Mary's Church, Shaw cum Donnington

**We warmly invite you to join us as we celebrate
the birth of Jesus, The Light of the World**

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
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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
bring a torch, a light, or a candle*
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**

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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