



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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4th August Trinity 10

Holy Communion.

Leader: *Ed* Stewards: *Charles, Janet S*

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Welcome & Notices

RB125 O for a thousand tongues to sing

Confession

Collect

Gloria

Isaiah 35:1-10 (Karen)

MP31 Amazing Grace

John 9 (Judith)

Sermon (Ed)

Creed

Intercessions (Wendy)

RB199 Immortal, Invisible

Holy Communion

RB343 Be thou my vision

Blessing

Church Café

Libby & Gina

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Word for The Week

Time for a Spiritual Eye Test?

"I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see". Almost anyone who has been to church in the English speaking world (and many who haven't) will be familiar with those words from John Newton's iconic hymn *Amazing Grace*. Far fewer will be aware that, in a sad irony, Newton actually did go blind in old age.

Newton's hymn is clearly drawing inspiration from our passage this Sunday (John 9). Ordered to denounce Jesus as a sinner, the man in the passage says "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" (John 9:25)

A closer look at today's passage, however, reveals that the sign Jesus performs points to a much deeper and more devastating spiritual blindness than the loss of eyesight John Newton suffered from. And, disturbingly, one of the surest symptoms of this blindness is thinking you can see. If we understand what Jesus is saying rightly, we should all be asking for him to open the eyes of our hearts.

Ed

Parish Outing to Waterperry Gardens

Wheatley, Oxford

Including 5pm worship in the ancient Saxon church of St Mary the Virgin



On Sunday 8th September

Outward departure from Shaw: 1:15pm for 1:30pm.

Return departure 6.15pm for 6.30pm.

Coach fare plus group entry £22.00 per person.



Sign-up sheet at the rear of the church.



The team continue to ask for our **help with restocking**. Can you add any of these items to your shopping this week, and leave in the donation baskets on the way out? Thankyou.



Drop-off locations & latest lists:
(and links to the Foodbank App!)
<https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Monetary donations also gratefully received online

Urgently Needed, this week (w/c 4th Aug):

- Biscuits
- Shampoo, shower gel, deodorant
- Tinned vegetables
- Confectionery, sweets & treats
- Tinned soup or Cup-a-Soup
- Instant coffee
- Cereal or cereal

Well Stocked, NO MORE REQUIRED, thankyou:
Baked Beans, Pasta

Low on Stock:

- UHT Milk – full fat or semi-skimmed
- Long life fruit juice
- Squash drinks
- Tinned fruit
- Ketchup
- Size 2 Nappies
- Long-life sponge puddings
- Tinned custard or rice puddings
- Dried milk or Marvel
- Mug shots or Pot Noodles



Booking is now open, for local Heritage Open Day event

Reconstructing Donnington Castle

Saturday 14th September

9.30 for 10am start, 4pm finish

New findings about the castle's history

At St Mary's Church, Shaw, ending at the castle.

More emails at: www.eventbrite.co.uk

Full link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/heritage-open-day-reconstructing-donnington-castle-tickets-944176516377>

Read Mark

Mark 11:27 - 12:12 (NIV)



The Authority of Jesus Questioned

²⁷ They arrived again in Jerusalem, and while Jesus was walking in the temple courts, the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders came to him. ²⁸ “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you authority to do this?”

²⁹ Jesus replied, “I will ask you one question. Answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ³⁰ John’s baptism—was it from heaven, or of human origin? Tell me!”

³¹ They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’” ³² But if we say, ‘Of human origin’ ...” (They feared the people, for everyone held that John really was a prophet.)

³³ So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Jesus said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”

The Parable of the Tenants

Chapter 12: ¹ Jesus then began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a pit for the winepress and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ² At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants to collect from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. ³ But they seized him, beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴ Then he sent another servant to them; they struck this man on the head and treated him shamefully. ⁵ He sent still another, and that one they killed. He sent many others; some of them they beat, others they killed.

⁶ “He had one left to send, a son, whom he loved. He sent him last of all, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

⁷ “But the tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ ⁸ So they took him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

⁹ “What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰ Haven’t you read this passage of Scripture:

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
¹¹ the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes?”

¹² Then the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders looked for a way to arrest him because they knew he had spoken the parable against them. But they were afraid of the crowd; so they left him and went away.

Meeting Point is taking a summer break until Tuesday 10th September

when you can join us (9.30-11.15am) to have time together for you & your little ones

For more details over the summer, contact Libby: tel: 01635 30719 or by email: libby.goldsack@btinternet.com

For Prayer

At Shaw Church, we keep a list of people who have asked for public prayer. If you would like to be included, please let the office know.



- **Cynthia Lane, Mark Hutson, Ruth Fisher, June Milsom, Geoffrey Keegan.**
- **Laurie and Amanda Clarke (see note from Raymond below).**
- **Our nursing home fellowship members, including Mary Taylor, Joan Lamonby, Sylvia Reed, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Mary Curtis**
- **This week, the residents of Curling Way.**
- **That we will find a new Parish Administrator**
- **Our ministers Raymond and Ed, and all those who support us in services**

Shaw Church Prayer Chain is available if you would like confidential prayer, please contact Libby on 01635 30719 or libby.goldsack@btinternet.com and she will circulate your request.

Some of you will remember Laurie and Amanda Clarke, who were faithful members at Shaw, a few years ago.

Amanda died peacefully in her sleep last week. Her wish was for a funeral at St Mary’s, and we are looking at 3rd September (more details to follow).

Do pray for Laurie and their wider family.

What’s on this week:

Wednesday	7 th	Morning Prayer	09:15 –10:00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00 –12:00	Church Centre	Mary D

Note – no Flower Club meeting, this month.

Next Sunday, 11th August 2024

10:00 am Morning Worship Trinity 11

Stewards: Mary D, Lesley A Sound/Visuals: Steve J / Rachel

LCA: n/a Intercessions: Libby

Readings: *Isaiah 25:6-9 (Steve)*
 John 11:1-44 (Jane Y)

Café: Rachel & Diana

Green tip Try to use your LOAF (local, organic, animal-friendly, fairtrade) for your summer picnics, barbecues etc.

Downland Filling Station
 3rd Thursdays (exc. Aug & Dec)
Next fill: 19th September



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