



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

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10th August – Trinity 8

10am Morning Worship

Lead: RO A/V: Rachel / Wendy

Steward: Ros

Welcome, Notices

RB 192 Praise my soul

Confession

Reading Joel 2:23-32 (Karen)

RB 172 Ye that know the Lord is gracious

Reading Luke 18:9-14 (Steve J)

Sermon

RB 246 Just as I am

Creed

Intercessions (David W)

MP 33 And can it be

Blessing

Church Café

Libby & Julie

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we ask that you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Rain

What do you think of the rain? For some, rain just spoils a picnic or an afternoon of sport (cricket, or tennis anyone?). The less rain the better. Although if you look at the garden turning brown and worry about hosepipe bans, maybe a bit of rain wouldn't be such a bad thing.

But that's all very 'leisure' centred. We do know that our food only grows when there is enough water – both crops and livestock need it. And our farmers have had enough 'no rain' already this year to be worried.

In ancient Israel there were two seasons of rain – the latter or autumn rains softened the soil for planting and promoted germination; the early or spring rains allowed the crop to be fully fruitful. No rain, no food. So rain was and is a sign of God's blessing. What a genius design to take undrinkable sea water, evaporate it into the atmosphere and let it condense on the land purified and drinkable!

Let's not delay our thanksgiving until Harvest Festival, when all the crops are safely gathered in. Let's be thankful today for all the signs of God's love and "praise the name of the LORD your God who has worked wonders for you" Joel 2:26.

Raymond

October Outreach

We are considering an outreach to the students at Trinity School, probably on 4 Fridays in October.

Please pray about this – and if you would like to be involved:

praying, planning, making drinks, buying donuts, engaging with the students, etc.
please have a word with Raymond or Ed.

Newbury Bible Society Action Group

What could be better than a sociable stroll along the Kennet & Avon Canal, 6 miles from Newbury to Kintbury, followed by a free Ploughman's Picnic, return on foot or by train.

To raise funds for aid and Bibles for those, desperately in need, in Gaza.

Two ways to give: make it a sponsored walk

or log on to GoFundMe (shortURL: <https://shawchurch.org/nbsag>)

When: **Saturday 30th August**, leaving Victoria Park at **10am**, expecting to reach Kintbury Lock at about 1pm. Returning by train for about **2.30pm**.

Myrtle Café is on pause for the summer and will reconvene on 8th September

Green tip

Soft plastics, crisp packets, picnic wrappers etc can't be put in your kerbside recycling but can go to supermarkets. Take to Co-ops or Waitrose to guarantee that they are actually recycled, and in a named British plant.

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, June Milsom, Brian Eaton, Ruth Fisher, Maggie Wiseman.***
- ***Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Pat Lee, Sheila Smith, Mansour Ashfari.***
- ***For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association***
- ***The residents of Curling Way, Rosemore Gardens & Riverside Community Centre***
- ***For the Bridge Church's 'Make Lunch' on Thursday in August***
- ***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.

What's on in the coming week:

Wednesday	13 th	Morning Prayer	09:15 – 10.00	Church Centre	Raymond
		Barnabas Group at Garden Centre	10:00	Garden Centre	Mary D
Thursday	14 th	Make Lunch	12:30-14:00		Bridge Church
Friday	15 th	Bell-ringing Course	13:45-15:15		

Next Sunday, 17th August – Trinity 9

10:00 Holy Communion

Leader	RO	Intercessions	Jane Y
Stewards	Jane Y, Lesley		
Sound	Heather	Visuals	Steve J
Readings	Amos 6:1,4-7		Judith
	Luke 16:19-31		Derek
Café	Heather & Mary R		