



# St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

*Knowing Jesus, Sharing God's Love, Caring for People*

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## Sunday – Mothering Sunday Service

Leader: Ed

Steward: Mark

AV: Heather Rachel

Welcome & Notices

**RB 407 O God in Heaven**

Confession

Reading Romans 5:1-11 (David Willets)

**RB 459 Give be joy in my heart**

Reading John 2:13-22 (Judith)

Sermon (Ed)

Creed

**RB 360 For Mary Mother of our Lord vv1245**

Intercessions (Karen)

Collect

**RB 104 For the beauty of the earth**

Blessing

## Church Café

Jane Y & Lisa Wilson

## Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

## Even more compassion than a mother

Here in the UK, the fourth Sunday in Lent is traditionally a time to remember – and give thanks for – mothers. Scripture teaches us to honour our mothers and to remember how much their care and provision shapes our lives and the lives of everyone around us.

As Christian, we are more used to thinking of God as a Father, because that is how he reveals himself in Scripture. Nonetheless, there are a few passages where God likens himself to a mother. These passages often underline his compassion or care for us. In Isaiah 49:15, for example, God asks his people “Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne?” Constant care and compassion are at the heart of motherhood.

But sadly, we all know – whether from reading in the news, or from painful personal experience – that the answer can sometimes be “yes”. God replies “Though she may forget, I will not forget you!”. In the Gospel, we meet a God whose care and compassion for us goes even deeper than that between mother and baby.

Ed

# Shoemakers

## 20th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

Join us as we celebrate 20 years  
of God's wonderful provision

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm  
St Mary's, Shaw

The Shoemakers' Memorial Church Centre is a company limited by guarantee  
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### Understanding Dementia

Led by Sue Butterworth  
Senior Public Health Programme  
Officer

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 10am – noon  
Newbury Methodist Church (Wesley  
Hall)

A two-hour workshop learning about  
dementia, diagnosis, and the support  
available for people living with  
dementia and their carers

To book a place contact:  
Karen on 07444 851606 or email  
[pastoraldevelopmentworker@outlook.com](mailto:pastoraldevelopmentworker@outlook.com)

### Meeting Point

Time together for you and your little  
ones, 9.45 to 11.15 am on Tuesdays in  
term time (refreshments from 9.15)  
Small, informal, friendly group - all in one  
room . Chat, discussions etc for adults  
Play and crafts with little ones  
Carpet time and singing for everyone  
Come along to any meeting, but if you  
would like more details,  
contact Libby on 01635 30719  
or [libby.goldsack@btinternet.com](mailto:libby.goldsack@btinternet.com)

### March 2024

- 12 Mar Motherhood
- 19 Mar Easter Crafts
- 26 Mar The Easter Story (interactive)



Help us give Shaw-cum-Donnington  
a Spring Clean!

Community Litter Pick

Meet at The Castle Pub car park on  
Saturday 16 March 10am to 12 noon

Please bring your own gloves. Litter picks and bags provided.  
Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.  
Organised by Shaw-cum-Donnington Parish Council

The poster features a stylized illustration of three people (two adults and one child) participating in a litter pick. They are shown with litter bags and tools on a path in a green, hilly landscape under a blue sky with clouds.

# Read Mark

Mark 4:35-41



<sup>1</sup> They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup> When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. <sup>3</sup> This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. <sup>4</sup> For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. <sup>5</sup> Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

<sup>6</sup> When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. <sup>7</sup> He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!" <sup>8</sup> For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you impure spirit!"

<sup>9</sup> Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." <sup>10</sup> And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

<sup>11</sup> A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. <sup>12</sup> The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." <sup>13</sup> He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

<sup>14</sup> Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. <sup>15</sup> When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup> Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. <sup>17</sup> Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

<sup>18</sup> As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. <sup>19</sup> Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." <sup>20</sup> So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis[b] how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

## **Steve Bowey in Concert At Shaw Church, 3pm Saturday 6th April 2024**

Including works by Bach, Mendelssohn and Stanford

There is no charge for the concert and donations will be received for the work of St Mary's. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

## 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 Milson, Angie Mackoon.*
- *Our nursing home fellowship members, including Mary Taylor, Joan Lamonby, Sylvia Reed, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Pat Troughton and Mary Curtis.*
- *Pat Troughton, who has moved to WestBerks Hopsital for palliative care.*
- *This week, the residents of Oxford Road, Donnington Elms & Castle Lane*
- *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](mailto:libby.goldsack@btinternet.com) and she will circulate your request.

## Things taking place this week

Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Myrtle Café	12:00 –15:00	Church Centre	David Willetts
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting Point	9:45 –11:00	Church Centre	Libby
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	COINS Easter Eggsplored	9:00 –12:00	Church/Centre	
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Course	19:30 –21:00	Church Centre	Ed
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	9:15 –10:00	Church	Raymond
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Barnabas Group	10:00 –12:00	Church Centre	Mary D/Judith
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Shoemakers' Thanksgiving	10:00 –12:00	Church Centre	Mary D/Judith

### Lent Course 2024 Tuesday evening: 7:30 – 9pm in the Church Centre

All are welcome to join us for our Lent Course this year.

Each week we will be reflecting on and digging deeper into the things talked about from Romans on the previous Sunday. Our journey through Romans is gently following Andrew Ollerton's Romans: A Letter that makes Sense of Life.

20<sup>th</sup> Feb Romans 2:1-15 Sin in our Attitudes

27<sup>th</sup> Feb Romans 3:21-31 Justified by Faith

5<sup>th</sup> Mar Romans 4:1-25 Living by Faith

**12<sup>th</sup> Mar Romans 5:1-11 Peace with God**

19<sup>th</sup> Mar Romans 5:12-21 Peace for you

28<sup>th</sup> Mar Romans 7:1-25 Sin brings death

### Next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Mar 2024: Lent 5, followed by APCM

10:00 am Holy Communion

Leader: Raymond Steward: **Lesley A**

Readings: Rom 5:12-21 **Lisa**

John 12:20-33 **David Wilson**

Intercessions: **Jane Y** Café: **Barbara & Janet**